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## Preserving the Past - Protecting the Future

•••• The Wege Foundation Nature Area will be preserved in perpetuity. Reg Cridler's 60 acres was purchased by the Wege Foundation and then deeded over to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan which will be the steward of the property.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Wege Foundation Nature Area for the Study of Ecology at 11700 Vergennes ensures that its past is preserved and that its future is protected.

"This natural area touches our body and soul," said Roger LaWarre, pastor of First Congregational Church of Lowell at the Wege Foundation Nature Area dedication on Friday. "We dedicate ourselves as residents of this community, this world, this planet, to manage and preserve this place so that all who come after us, young and old, will know its wonder and beauty that is life-sustaining and life-shaping."

Reg Cridler Sr. purchased the property back in 1960. It abuts against the 80 acres of property purchased from Steve

Wittenbach in 1993 by Lowell Area Schools.

Cridler's family (Reg, Anne, Steve and Judy), in keeping with their father's wishes, has seen to it that the property not be turned into a housing development.

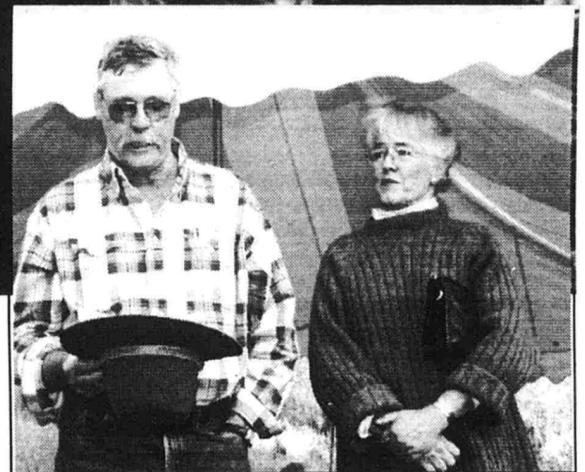
"My father would be pretty proud that the effort he invested in conservation practices is being continued," said

tion. It was deeded over to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan which will own and manage the nature area.

"Unlike most other preserves, the Wege Nature Area will have a close connection with a school," said April Scholtz, executive director of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan. "This preserve will be used by students in an educational



April Scholtz, executive director of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, leads a group of area residents along the trail of the Wege Foundation Nature Area. Reg Cridler and his wife Diane addressed those in attendance at the dedication ceremony on Friday.



longtime friend, Roger Roberts.

The Cridler property is home to Lee Creek, a hardwood forest, as well as spruce and pine trees.

The Cridler family sold the property to the Wege Founda-

setting for forestry controlling, exotic plant and other type projects."

The dedication of the Wege Foundation Nature Area included walking tours of the property.

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## Cross section of 140-year-old tree will clock minutes at Vergennes Township Hall

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two recommendations as to what should be done with the log from the oak tree which was cut down on the corner of Bailey and Parnell were accepted by Vergennes Township.

A committee of Doug Olin, Mac McPherson and Pete Gustafson recommended a slab cut be used with its rings depicting a time line/calendar of historical happenings. A second slab cut would be used for a clock face for the township meeting hall.

The cost estimate for the time line/calendar is between \$700-\$900. The work will be contracted out to Chuck Bowman of Wyoming.

Several historical events in characteristic with Vergennes Township dating back to 1840 would be noted on the tree slab with plates. The slab is three-four feet in diameter and about eight inches thick, according to McPherson.

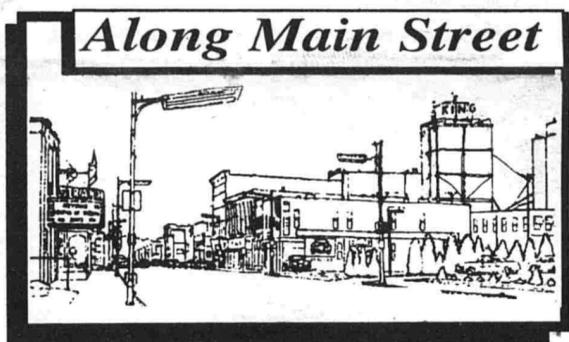
The cost estimate for the clock (18-20 inches wide) is \$350. The clock work would be completed by Craig

Convissor.

The township board moved to pay for the clock and to apply to the

Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund for revenues for the historical time line/calendar.

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Along Main Street

### LAAC PLAY SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK

"Father's Been to Mars" opens Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center and runs through Saturday, Oct. 23. Each show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for reserve seats or \$5 general admission and may be purchased in advance at Cousin's or the Lowell Area Arts Center.

### FLU SHOT CLINIC

The LACC is sponsoring a flu shot clinic at the Laurels of Kent, Friday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call Liz at 897-9161 to schedule an appointment. Shots are \$10.

### LMS PRESENTS HERCULES

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present a humorously modernized version of the great Greek tale *Hercules* on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

The public is invited and admission is free.

### ODYSSEY OF THE MIND INFO MEETING

An Odyssey of the Mind Informational meeting will be held on Wed., Oct. 27 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the music room at Cherry Creek Elementary School.

Teams will be forming for March competitions. To be considered for a team, you need to bring a parent to the information meeting. Please call Tamela Spicer with any questions, 897-8264 evenings.

### SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER PAYMENTS DUE

Seniors and parents: The all-nighter is coming in May 2000. You can pay \$100 or make payments on the last Thursday and Friday in the months of Oct., Nov., Jan. and Feb. The first payment dates are Oct. 28 and 29 during lunch hours or you can pay Dianna Lyons, Gary Fredline or Marsha LaHaye.

### SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL SIGHT-IN

The Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club sight-in for rifle.

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# OBITUARIES

**ANDERSON** - Shirley I. Anderson, aged 71, of Ada, joined her Lord on Saturday, October 9, 1999. She was born May 6, 1928, in Vergennes Twp. and was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Mabel and a brother, Arthur Gross. She had a drive for life, to always help her neighbors in any way she could. She married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth B. Anderson, August 7, 1948. She is survived by her husband of 51 wonderful years; four sons Daryl (Barbara) of Lowell, Glenn (Bonnie) of Alto, Douglas (Julie) of Eaton Rapids and Gordon (Deborah) of Ada; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; sister Marjorie Potter of Lowell; many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral service was held Tuesday at the First Congregational Church of Ada. Rev. Gary Burdick officiating. Interment Findley Cemetery, Ada. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Ada, 6330 Ada Dr., Ada, MI 49301.

**FULLINGTON** - Eileen Fullington, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord October 16, 1999. She was born November 19, 1916, to William and Hazel Putnam-Nims. She leaves behind her loving husband of 25 years, Lyle of Lowell. Eileen retired from Chrysler after 36 years having lived in Ann Arbor. She is survived by her daughter Ireta (Robert) Butler of Ann Arbor, stepson Stanley (Dorothy) Ruse of Manistee, stepdaughter Arlene (George) Harding of Pinckney; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her three brothers

Arthur, Ernie and Orval. Funeral services will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson of Vergennes United Methodist Church officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

**HAINER** - Clare David Hainer, aged 71, of Ada, passed away Oct. 13, 1999. Mr. Hainer was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Betty; children Karen (Eric) Onufer of Belleville, David (Sally) Hainer of Cascade; sisters Dorothy (Vern) of Carson City, Alice (Martin) Richmond of St. Johns, Gladys (Bruce) Irish of St. Johns; six granddaughters. Mr. Hainer attended the Alto United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held Friday at the Alto United Methodist Church, Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas officiating. Interment Merriman

Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alto UMC.

**McCLELLAN** - Mr. Robert E. McClellan, aged 69, of Grand Rapids, died Friday, October 15, 1999, at his home. Surviving are his wife Barbara; daughters Michele McClellan of Grand Rapids, Stacey (Chad) Smith of San Diego, CA; stepdaughters Kimberly (Kim) Scheuneman of Greenville, Vicki (John) Swanzy, Jr., of Grand Rapids, Pam (Scott) Runner of Gowen, Julie (Mike) Sawyer of Wyoming, MI; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his sister Molly Pynn of Virginia; sister-in-law Cheri (Russ) Geurink of Allendale; brother-in-law Lee Hildenbrand of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. An infant granddaughter also preceded her in death. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Monday at the Galilee Baptist Church in Saranac with Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment of ashes Highland Park Cemetery in Ionia.

**SARANAC**, passed away October 12, 1999, after a lingering illness. She was born July 2, 1920, in Gratiot County to the parents of Simon P. (Anna Leland Helms) Guernsey. She married Gerald Robinson June 14, 1941, in Ohio who preceded her in death March 25, 1997. She is survived by two sons Arden C. Emery of Belding and Gerald J. Robinson III of Ionia; two daughters Charlett (Jack C.) Rutz of Saranac and Lesa R. (Charles William) Theisen of Lake City; Bernice Hills of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Lee Saigeon of Lexington, OH, Suzette Harden of Grand Rapids, Theresa (Dean) Gravitt of Apex, NC, George Saigeon of Lowell; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by two brothers Howard Vincent and Lewis Vincent and a sister Jane Jozwiak. Funeral service will be held Saturday (10 a.m.) at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Lake City, Rev. Roy Zebrowski officiating. Burial Lake City Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Stephen Catholic Church Building Fund.

**SAWYER** - Leona T. Sawyer, aged 89, of Zephyrhills, FL, formerly of Lake City, passed away October 9, 1999 at the Hartland Nursing Home in Zephyrhills. She was born December 20, 1909, in Jennings to Bassett and Tressa

**ROBINSON** - Marion Eloyce Robinson, aged 79, of

# Smart Adjuster a welcome replacement for twists and pulls of hand adjustments

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor



Dr. Anthony Trombly checks for tension using the Smart Adjuster on the neck of Dr. Paul Tuthill.

The lack of motion in a person's spine contributes to many common problems (e.g., muscle spasms, headaches, lower back pain).

Smart Adjuster, a medical device that applies a light amount of pressure, challenges movement in the vertebrae to bring about normal mobility and can help alleviate these common problems.

This scientific instrument which measures and then adjusts mobility has been rated a Class I medical device by the Federal Drug Administration.

It has been available in the United States a relatively short amount of time (three years).

This cutting edge technology can be found in just 20 chiropractic offices statewide.

Lowell's Doctors Chiropractic, 11827 E. Fulton, is one of three in the Grand Rapids' area.

"This scientific instrument measures what we do and what the results are," says Dr. Paul Tuthill. "The Smart Adjuster probes and finds the troubled areas by testing for

tightness and flexibility of joints and discs. It uses percussion, a kind of gentle jackhammering motion calibrated by the computer, to nudge wayward discs and joints into better position."

Tuthill explains that the Smart Adjuster is quantum leap above hand adjusting.

Currently, approximately 95 percent of the adjustments Tuthill makes are through machine analysis. "There is just a small percent of hand adjusting."

Smart Adjuster replaces the pulling and twisting that comes with hand adjustments. It is viewed as a welcome change by pediatrics and geriatrics.

Tuthill predicts most chiropractic offices will be using the device in 10 years. "It gives good, measurable results without creating problems associated with the traditional adjustments," he said. "It never hurts a patient or over-adjusts."

Tuthill says as part of the analysis, the Smart Adjuster shows the location of the vertebrae and their movement. "Through this device we're able to identify trigger points and pain-sensitive areas," he explained.

The difference in approach has been noticed by patients.

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VERGENNES TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

In accordance with Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959, as amended, the Township Planning Act, Vergennes Township is preparing a Comprehensive Plan. The Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed new Comprehensive Plan on Monday, November 22, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. The purpose of the hearing is to accept public comments on the proposed changes. A copy of the Comprehensive Plan and maps are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular business hours. There will also be copies available for viewing at the Lowell Public Library. The hearing will be conducted at the Lowell High School Band Room located at 11700 Vergennes SE, Lowell, MI. The Band Room is located on the West side of the school, and parking will be available in the West lot. All Township residents are encouraged to attend the hearing and express their opinions.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission  
Rick Gillett, Chair

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# LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN fore DECEMBER 1, 1999.  
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 99-09174-DM A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

CRUZ MARIA PEREZ PLAINTIFF  
SS# 138-62-8681  
1214 Whiting, S.W. Wyoming, MI 49509

vs.

JUAN PEREZ DEFENDANT  
SS# 150-34-0046  
Whereabouts Unknown

September 20, 1999  
Judge Dennis B. Leiber

TO JUAN PEREZ, DEFENDANT:  
IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for a DIVORCE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or be-

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN BY: Leslie C. Curry (P31222) Attorney for Plaintiff 89 Ionia NW Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672, ext. 116

# CARD OF THANKS

Architectural Building Restoration would like to thank the following Businesses for being committed in allowing us to "Preserve" and "Restore" the natural charm of their buildings. We are grateful to have been involved with these projects and are also proud of the service we provided to each of these Businesses and to the Community as well.

- Cousin's Card & Gift Shop
- Dream Pieces
- Larkin's
- Main Street Antiques
- Salon 206
- Shorebird Gallery & Gifts
- State Farm Insurance

# Full-time/Part-time Employment

ICNB is currently offering employment for smiling, people person individuals interested in becoming a part of our professional organization as Bank Tellers. Are you looking for full or part time work? Do you enjoy working with people in a teamwork environment? Can you be flexible, dependable and have the ability and eagerness to learn? If you feel your personality fits some of these qualities, ICNB would welcome the opportunity to meet with you. Our tellers are responsible for providing superior customer service as well as identifying and providing professional personalized client service.

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Ionia County National Bank, Human Resources,  
302 W. Main St., Ionia, MI 48846. E.O.E.

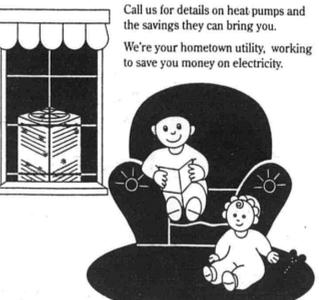


# CREATE A CLIMATE OF SAVINGS

These days, everyone is interested in saving money. One way to save is to install an energy-saving heat pump to warm your home in the winter and keep it cool in the summer.

Properly sized and installed heat pumps generally use less than half as much electricity as conventional electric systems to heat homes during the winter. In the summer, the heat pump reverses operation to become a central air conditioner, pumping hot air out of the house. No matter what the season, a heat pump can bring a climate of savings to your home.

Call us for details on heat pumps and the savings they can bring you. We're your hometown utility, working to save you money on electricity.



897-8402  
127 N. Broadway  
Lowell, MI 49331



# NOTICE OF REVIEW OF BIG CROOKED LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvements to the property benefited therefrom:

Information regarding the cost of the proposed project is provided below:

BIG CROOKED LAKE PLANT CONTROL PROJECT - ANNUAL COST BREAKDOWN' 2000 TO 2003		
Herbicide Treatments	50 acres @ \$310/acre	\$15,500/year
Mechanical Harvesting	40 acres @ \$200/acre	\$8,000/year
Administration/Inspections		\$4,000/year
Contingency		\$2,500/year
	TOTAL	\$30,000/year

Note that the amount of herbicide treatments and harvesting in any given year will be dependent on the type and location of aquatic plants and Department of Environmental Quality permit requirements.

The Special Assessment District for the Big Crooked Lake Project includes all lakefront parcels and backlots with deeded or dedicated lake access. Contiguous lots in common ownership are being assessed as a single parcel provided only one house exists on the parcel. The \$30,000 annual cost of the project is being assessed equally against all parcels within the Special Assessment District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will meet at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party in interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board c/o Grattan Township, 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan 48809-9367. Notice is also given that the owner of or party in interest in any real property within the Big Crooked Lake Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board

# VOTE TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 2, 1999

# Re-Elect Mike Blough Lowell City Council

Paid for by Citizens for Mike Blough 724 Riverside Dr.

# CITY OF LOWELL FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting the second full week of October, leaves will be picked up. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

- City Hall
- Family Fare
- Hahn Hardware
- Crystal Flash (1002 W. Main)

These bags are sold in lots of 20 for \$5.00. They hold 30 gallons and are made of a paper, biodegradable material. The leaves are taken to a compost area.

This is a leaf composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation cannot accept leaves in plastic bags.

If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is Tuesday and if your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is Wednesday.

If there are any questions, please contact City Hall at 897-8457.

# 1999 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Mon - Tues. Trash Pickup	Wed. - Thurs. Trash Pickup
October 12	October 13
October 19	October 20
October 26	October 27
November 2	November 3
November 9	November 10
November 16	November 17

# Reflections

Of Faith

## LEGAL NOTICES

First United Methodist Church  
Pastor Gordie Barry

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -  
FAMILY DIVISION  
IONIA COUNTY

NOTICE OF HEARING  
TERMINATION OF  
PARENTAL RIGHTS

FILE NO. 99M14-AD

In the matter of MORGAN  
ELIZABETH-SMITH  
WOHLSCHIED, adoptee

TO: THOMAS J.  
WOHLSCHIED, JR.

TAKE NOTICE: On October 29, 1999 at 2:00 p.m., in the Ionia Probate court room, Courthouse 100 Main Street, Ionia, MI, before Hon. Gerald J. Supina, a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED.

October 7, 1999  
CASEY WOMBOLDT  
360 TUTTLE ROAD #48  
IONIA, MI 48846  
(616) 527-6302

wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71 percent more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson 1: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

2. When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front.

Lesson 2: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will join in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

3. When the goose gets tired, it rotates back into the

1. As each goose flaps its

formation and another goose flies at the point position.

Lesson 3: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership...with people, as with geese - interdependent with one another.

4. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson 4: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging...not something less helpful.

5. When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation or to catch up with their own flock.

Lesson 5: If we have as

much sense as geese, we'll stand by one another like they do.

Thoughts like:

1. Sharing a common direction and sense of community;

2. Joining in with those heading where we want to go;

3. Taking turns in doing the hard tasks, sharing leadership and responsibility;

4. Encouraging one another; and

5. Standing by one another are all characteristics that we, as members of this community, can take on and exhibit. As pastor of one of our churches in Lowell, I see these, not as options or choos-

ing which ones, but as our WAY of living, of speaking and of treating one another. My faith calls me out of my safe and secure boxes and moves me to become involved in the lives of others. This faith reminds me that my silence many times speaks as loud as my words, and that my inaction is as much a statement as my action.

We can learn from parables of nature how to live and be in community with one another. The next time you hear the geese and you look up and see them in formation, think of our community and see where you are and who you are in it.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 20: Jack Thomet, John DeHaan, Bob Hildenbrand, Michael V. Johnson.  
OCT. 21: Al Seeley, Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker.

OCT. 22: Troy Abel.  
OCT. 23: Bill Stoffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.  
OCT. 24: Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller.  
OCT. 25: Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison.

OCT. 26: Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings.

## AREA BIRTHS

Raymond and Melody Kastanek of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl, Abigail Josephine Kastanek. She was born October 8, 1999, at 12:57 p.m. at Spectrum Health Downtown in Grand Rapids. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big brothers Aaron, Abbot and Cody.

Grandparents are Sharon Kastanek of Saranac and Larry and Arlene Stahl of Alto.

Great-grandfather is Raymond Melcher of Wyoming, MI.



Week of 10/25-10/29

### ELEMENTARY

\*White & chocolate milk offered daily.  
\* Lunch: \$1.35

MON: Pizza pocket or turkey, ham & cheese sub, corn, sweet cherries.

TUES: Chix nuggets/roll or rib BQ on bun, peaches w/cherries, mashed potatoes, ice creamwich.

WED: Grilled cheese sandwich/soup or fish nuggets w/roll, cinnamon apples, tossed salad.

THURS: Chili & soft pretzel or hot ham & cheese on bun, icy juicee, tater tots.

FRI: Footlong hot dog on bun or chicken fajita, cherry applesauce, beans, cake.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

\*White & chocolate milk offered daily.  
\* Lunch: \$1.50

MON: Turkey & ham sub sandwich or cheese quesadilla, corn, applesauce.

TUES: 2 ham, egg, cheese English muffins or chix nuggets, sweet cherries, potatoes, ice creamwich.

WED: Grilled cheese sandwich w/tomato soup or burrito with breadstick, salad, apples.

THURS: Chili with soft pretzel or ham & cheese on bagel, icy juicee, tater tots.

FRI: Footlong hot dog on bun or chicken fajita, baked beans, peaches w/cherries.

# Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner  
by Roger Brown

Have you seen the TV commercial (please say yes, else this entire column will be lost on you) which begins with a young x-generation weirdo trying to make a picture of himself on the office copier? The young man's name is Stuart and he is resplendent in multi-colored hair of assorted lengths, sideburns and a braid here and there. A half-hearted attempt at office attire includes a rumpled white shirt and some sort of tie. An old office buddy is trashing poor Stuart when the big boss, Mr. "P" calls him into his office. You think, "Oh, oh, Stuart's gonna get it."

On the contrary, Mr. "P" has just signed on to an internet stock trading service and he wants Stuart's help. The ensuing conversation between Stuart and his pudgy, balding, well-into-middle-age, conservatively dressed boss is a hoot! They manage to buy some Kmart stock and Mr. "P" is invited to a party at Stuart's place on Saturday. It is technology bringing the generations together. It's a beautiful thing!

The husband of one of my real estate agent customers here in The Keys is another Mr. "P". I just met the guy last month. I'd stopped at their home to pick up her ad copy. They were just moving in and her husband was the only one there. He was hot and sweaty from his efforts and seemed eager for a break. We ended up chatting for an hour or more.

In that hour I got his life story. I learned that he and his wife are both 56, a fact that perhaps she wouldn't share so readily,

It is a second marriage for both of them. They each had two kids by the previous marriages and there is a 15-year-old son, a so-called mistake, between them. At the mention of the young son, Chuck's eyes lit up and he shifted the conversation into overdrive. I don't recall the son's name, but I don't think it is Stuart.

Chuck showed me his computer. It impressed me that there were boxes stacked everywhere but the computer was up and running in the middle of the mess. Chuck called his son his seeing-eye-dog. On the computer was a customized program that had instant online trading capability, real-time price information, the latest analysis, tips, trends and just about anything a person would need for at-home trading. Continually scrolling along the bottom of the screen were stock prices just like those on the cable business report, except they are just Chuck's stocks. His son, a sophomore in high school, set the whole thing up, and keeps it running. Cool! As Stuart says in the commercial, "Party on Mr. "P".

Stock trading isn't Chuck's business, but he says it has been a lifelong sideline. With all this new technology, he is like a kid in a candy store and his seeing-eye-dog son has a key to the store's front door. He admits that without his son he can barely turn the computer on. I don't know the first thing about stock trading, but I came away wondering where can I get one of these seeing-eye-dogs?

Only one problem... these seeing-eye-dogs apparently don't come cheap. There is a shiny red sports car out in Chuck's driveway. The son doesn't even have a driver's license yet, but he has earned a fancy car from his tech support for his dad. No wonder Chuck's son is so eager to help his old dad. "Rock on" Stuart, or whatever your name is.

Anyway, it's way late in life for me to be thinking about a seeing-eye-dog kid. With luck, maybe my grandkids will move close by. Until then, guess I'll continue buying stocks through a broker and watching my VCR blink 12:00 at me because I don't know how to set it.

nying data as a springboard for public discussion of student growth and facility needs in our school system. Beginning immediately, parent groups from the high school, the middle school, Cherry Creek/Bushnell and Alto will begin a four-month dialogue with our community to discuss the challenge of our growing student population.

It is the purpose of these parent groups to listen and dialogue with as many community members as possible. It is the desire of the Board of Education and the parent committee that all interested citizens in our community will both understand the challenges facing our schools as well as have the opportunity to contribute their ideas and opinions as how to best resolve these issues.

We need and want your opinions and ideas. Please look for the community meeting most convenient for you where your input and opinion will be welcome. If you have any questions or concerns or need additional information, please call either Bert Bleke or Kay Jones at 897-8415.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

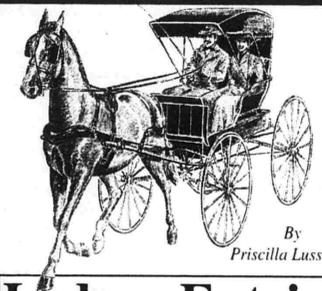
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By Priscilla Lussmyer

## Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 21, 1874

The Rev. Mrs. Gillette of Rochester, Michigan, will speak at Fallsburg Thursday on the question of woman suffrage.

With elections approaching, all sorts of political meetings are going on. Amendments to the state constitution including salary raises are provoking heated discussion.

An article debates about whether cows and chickens produce more if the hired hands talk less.

Vacationers to the White Mountains in New Hampshire have been coming back with typhoid and "slow fever." Poor sewerage conditions at hotels and boarding houses appear to be the cause.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 19, 1899

A. Levitt has a "Slaughter Sale" for 15 days only. The middle part of the bridge on Bridge Street is temporarily repaired, as the editor again pushes for a permanent stone arch.

A Dr. Melville gives a lecture on the marvels of the new X-ray machine, and then she allows members of the audience to try it out and see their own bones.

Since many sidewalks are being laid in town, owners are reminded that salting in winter destroys the cement walk.

King Milling Co. paid four cents a bushel higher than Grand Rapids for wheat all last week.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 16, 1924

Postmaster Borgerson announces that city delivery will start Nov. 1; residences will receive one delivery per day, businesses three. Mail can still be picked up at the post office by boxholders.

There are no known cases of diphtheria in Lowell now. There have been three verified cases, one death and closing of the East Ward school.

The proposed east side sewer project faces arguments for and against at City Council.

An Ada youth reports being held up while walking, by two men in a car. They relieve him of \$22 at gunpoint.

Kent County supervisors deny liability for the deaths of three and injuries of one Lowell and Saranac High School students last November, when their car went into the Flat River at the Consumers Power dam.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 19, 1949

The future Lowell Village Players Group plans a kickoff meeting at J.B. McMahon's.

Johannes Gwiklis was chosen by the U.S. Military government and German Board of Agriculture to go to high school here for a year. He lives with the Deardorff's of Clarksville.

The Kent County airport expansion vote goes over by 2300.

Lewis Electric sponsors a free cooking school, running for two evenings. Reservations must be made.

A & P Food Stores has been mounting a campaign of full-page ads in response to a U.S. Antitrust suit.

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE OCTOBER 17, 1974

The school board votes to add ice hockey to the athletic program on a one-year trial basis.

It also decides to meet with city officials one more time to try for a joint arrangement with city offices instead of adding administrative space to the Bushnell School.

The Lowell Senior Center adds blood pressure readings on Wednesday afternoons to its services.

Surprising facts: 84 percent of the U.S. population hasn't yet flown in an airplane; 50 percent have never used a credit card.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



### CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL

Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060  
1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI  
Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Nursery available at both services  
Barrier-Free

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL  
621 E. Main Street • 897-5936  
Worship.....8:30 A.M.  
Coffee & Fellowship Time.....9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School.....9:50 A.M.  
Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Kid's Club (Wed.).....After school 11:50-1:30  
REV. B. GORDON BARRY  
Nursery & child care available at both services  
Barrier - Free Entrance

EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH  
10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185  
Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship.....11 A.M.  
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.  
GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110  
STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
(Barrier-Free)

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)  
3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service  
Robert W. Holmes, Pastor  
Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor  
SUNDAYS:  
Morning Worship : 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Night Alive: 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAYS:  
Family Night: (for All Ages) 7-8 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)  
Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21  
www.iserv.net/~goodshep  
Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
(Nursery available)  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M.  
Joseph Fremmer, Pastor 897-8307  
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL  
2275 West Main Street • 897-7168  
Internet: http://www.tbclowell.org  
Rev. Burland Margesson & Rev. W. Lee Taylor  
Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M.  
AWANA/JV.....Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M.  
Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times  
Nursery Provided • Barrier Free  
A Family Friendly Fellowship

ALTON BIBLE CHURCH  
Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road  
897-5648  
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M.  
(Sept. - April)  
Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.  
Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418  
YOU ARE WELCOME!

LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
201 N. Washington • 897-8800  
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.  
TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister  
Staffed Nursery Provided  
Barrier-Free Entrance

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ)  
404 North Hudson • 897-5906  
Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M.  
Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor  
Cindy Talcott.....Christian Ed Director  
Megan Culver.....Music Director  
Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided



## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Kevin Miller & Jim Lang



### THE FLU SHOT 1999-2000

It's time to get your annual flu shot. Several reports are indicating that the flu season will arrive earlier than usual this year. Outbreaks in our area usually begin in December and last through the end of March. We recommend receiving the vaccine in October or November so that protective antibodies peak at the proper time and last throughout the entire flu

season. Protective antibodies generally last up to six months after the vaccine is given.

Anyone who wishes to reduce their chances of getting the flu and experiencing possible complications is eligible to receive the vaccine. It is important that the following individuals at higher risk get the vaccine:

1. anyone over the age of 65.
2. residents of nursing homes or chronic care facilities.
3. anyone with a chronic medical condition like asthma, emphysema, kidney disease, diabetes or a heart condition.

Unfortunately, 10,000-40,000 deaths occur in the U.S. from complications of the flu which may have been prevented if those individuals had been vaccinated. Only 20 percent of those at high risk of complications will receive the vaccine.

The flu vaccine is made from inactivated virus grown in eggs. Except for some minor soreness at the injection site, adverse reactions are uncommon. A fever, muscle aches and malaise can occur in less than 10 percent of received.

The vaccine can be given in your physician's office and through other public health agencies. We strongly urge all who are at high risk to receive the vaccine.

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
"CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT"**

**1998 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source consists of four wells located at the water plant. They draw from a ground aquifer that is free of external influences. The wells vary in depth from 84 to 109 feet.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact George Regan at 1596 Bowes Rd., Lowell, Michigan 49331 or call 616 897-5234. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled City Council meetings. They are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm at the Englehardt Public Library.

The Lowell Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 1998, unless otherwise noted. All data presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

**Terms and Abbreviations**

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Lead and Copper Monitoring	
Round 6	October 1998
90 <sup>th</sup> percentile for Lead = 3 ppb.	Action Level is 15 ppb
90 <sup>th</sup> percentile for Copper = 14 ppb.	Action Level is 1300 ppb

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detect ed	Unit Measurem ent	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	ND		0	presence of Coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
2. Fecal coliform and E.coli	N	ND		0	a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	Human and animal fecal waste
3. Turbidity	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	TT	Soil runoff

As you can see by the tables, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

**Nitrates:** As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

**Lead:** Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions.

We at City of Lowell Water System work hard and diligently to provide top quality water to every tap, said George Regan, Water Plant Superintendent. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detect ed	Unit Measurem ent	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>						
*Alpha, Total	N	<3	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
*Beta, Total	N	<4	mrem/yr	0	4	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Fluoride	N	1	mg/L	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	N	0.8	mg/L	10	10	Run-off from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural resources
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Bromoform	N	1	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product
Chlorobromomethane	N	1	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product
Chloroform	N	Trace	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product
Dichlorobromomethane	N	0.7	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product

\* The data presented is from testing done during the 1997 calendar year.

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY**

**LABORATORY  
RESULTS**

**Official Laboratory Report**

**Report To:**  
Lowell Water & Filtration Plant  
301 East Main  
Lowell MI 49331

**Sample Number:**  
**Customer Number:**

**System Name/Owner:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
**Collection Address:** Plant Tap 1596 Bowes Road, Lowell 49331  
**Collected By:** H G REGAN  
**Twps/Sec/Well #:** Lowell/7/2 & 4  
**County:** Kent  
**Collector:** Public Water Supply Operator  
**Sample Kit #:** 36NV  
**Chlorination:** Yes

**WSSN/Pool ID:** 3955  
**Sampled:** 12/02/1998 0:00:00AM  
**Received:** 12/04/1998 11:42AM  
**Source:** Type I  
**Purpose:** Routine Monitoring  
**Water System:** Pressure Tank/Plant Tap  
**Sample Point:** PLANT TAP  
**Site Code:**

Test Result	Analyte Name	Tested	Supplemental Information Related To Reported Result		
			Health Limit MCL	Minimum Rpt. Limit	Test Code
Not Detected	BENZENE	12/08/1998	0.005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	BROMOBENZENE	12/08/1998	0.005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	BROMOCHLOROMETHANE	12/08/1998	0.10 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	BROMOFORM	12/08/1998	0.020 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	BROMOMETHANE	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	BUTYL BENZENE, NORMAL-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	BUTYL BENZENE, SEC-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	BUTYL BENZENE, TERT-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	12/08/1998	0.005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	CHLOROBENZENE	12/08/1998	0.10 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	CHLORODIBROMOMETHANE	12/08/1998	0.020 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	CHLOROETHANE	12/08/1998	0.10 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	CHLOROFORM	12/08/1998	0.10 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	CHLOROMETHANE	12/08/1998	0.005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	CHLOROTOLUENE (COMBINED)	12/08/1998	0.025 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE 1,2-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DIBROMOMETHANE 1,2- (EDB)	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DIBROMOMETHANE	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROBENZENE 1,2-	12/08/1998	0.6 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROBENZENE 1,3-	12/08/1998	0.0004 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROBUTANE 1,4-	12/08/1998	0.075 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE	12/08/1998	0.10 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROETHANE 1,1-	12/08/1998	0.001 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROETHANE 1,2-	12/08/1998	0.005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROETHYLENE 1,1,1-	12/08/1998	0.007 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROETHYLENE 1,2-CIS	12/08/1998	0.1 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROETHYLENE 1,2-TRANS	12/08/1998	0.0003 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROPROPANE 1,2-	12/08/1998	0.003 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701

Test Result	Analyte Name	Tested	Supplemental Information Related To Reported Result		
			Health Limit MCL	Minimum Rpt. Limit	Test Code
Not Detected	DICHLOROPROPANE 1,3-	12/08/1998	0.00 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROPROPANE 2,2-	12/08/1998	0.001 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROPROPENE 1,1-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROPROPENE 1,3-CIS	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	DICHLOROPROPENE 1,3-TRANS	12/08/1998	0.001 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	ETHYL BENZENE	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	FLUOROTRICHLOROMETHANE	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	HEXACHLOROBUTADIENE	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	HEXACHLOROETHANE	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	ISOPROPYL BENZENE	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	ISOPROPYL TOLUENE, PARA-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	METHYL ETHYL KETONE	12/08/1998	0.02 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	METHYL ISOBUTYL KETONE	12/08/1998	0.02 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER	12/08/1998	0.001 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	METHYLENE CHLORIDE	12/08/1998	0.005 mg/L	0.0006 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	NAPHTHALENE	12/08/1998	0.001 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	PROPYLENE, NORMAL-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	STYRENE	12/08/1998	0.1 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TETRACHLOROETHANE 1,1,1,2-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TETRACHLOROETHANE 1,1,2,2-	12/08/1998	0.0004 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	12/08/1998	0.005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TETRAHYDROFURAN	12/08/1998	1 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TOLUENE	12/08/1998	0.0004 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES*	12/08/1998	0.10 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TRICHLOROBENZENE 1,2,4-	12/08/1998	0.07 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TRICHLOROBENZENE 1,1,1-	12/08/1998	0.2 mg/L	0.0004 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
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Not Detected	TRICHLOROPROPANE 1,2,3-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TRIMETHYLBENZENE 1,2,4-	12/08/1998	0.0005 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	TRIMETHYLBENZENE 1,3,5-	12/08/1998	0.002 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	VINYL CHLORIDE	12/08/1998	10 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	XYLENE, ORTHO-	12/08/1998	10 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	XYLENE, META-& PARA-	12/08/1998	10 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701
Not Detected	XYLENES (TOTAL)	12/08/1998	10 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L	CVXO 19960701

**System Name/Owner:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
**Collection Address:** 1596 Bowes Road, Lowell 49331  
**Collected By:** H GEORGE REGAN  
**Twps/Sec/Well #:** Lowell/7/2 & 4  
**County:** Kent  
**Collector:** Public Water Supply Operator  
**Sample Kit #:** 36ME  
**Chlorination:** None

**WSSN/Pool ID:** 3955  
**Sampled:** 7/2/97 0:00:00AM  
**Received:** 07/03/1997 02:44PM  
**Source:** Type I  
**Purpose:** Routine Monitoring  
**Water System:** Public System Well  
**Sample Point:** PLANT TAP & WELL#4  
**Site Code:**

Test Result	Analyte Name	Tested	Supplemental Information Related To Reported Result		
			Health Limit MCL	Minimum Rpt. Limit	Test Code
Not Detected	ANTHONY	08/02/1997	0.006 mg/L	0.0006 mg/L	CSB 19960701
Not Detected	BERYLLIUM	08/02/1997	0.004 mg/L	CBE 19960701	
Not Detected	LEAD	08/02/1997	0.10 mg/L	CN 19960701	
Not Detected	NICKEL	08/02/1997	0.1 mg/L	CHPB 19970305	
Not Detected	THALLIUM	08/02/1997	0.002 mg/L	CTL 19960701	

Laboratory Comments and Result Notes: None

**System Name/Owner:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
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**Collected By:** H GEORGE REGAN  
**Twps/Sec/Well #:** Lowell/7/2 & 4  
**County:** Kent  
**Collector:** Public Water Supply Operator  
**Sample Kit #:** 36NV  
**Chlorination:** Unknown

**WSSN/Pool ID:** 3955  
**Sampled:** 7/2/97 0:00:00AM  
**Received:** 07/03/1997 02:44PM  
**Source:** Type I  
**Purpose:** Routine Monitoring  
**Water System:** Public System Well  
**Sample Point:** PLANT TAP & WELL#4  
**Site Code:**

Test Result	Analyte Name	Tested	Supplemental Information Related To Reported Result		
			Health Limit MCL	Minimum Rpt. Limit	Test Code
Not Detected	ALACHLOR	07/07/1997	0.002 mg/L	0.0002 mg/L	CXPT 19960701
Not Detected	ALDRIN	07/07/1997	0.001 mg/L	0.001 mg/L	CXPT 19960701
Not Detected	AMETRYN	07/07/1997	0.001 mg/L	0.001 mg/L	CXPT 19960701
Not Detected	ATRAZINE	07/07/1997	0.003 mg/L	0.0002 mg/L	CXPT 19960701
Not Detected	BROMACIL	07/07/1997	0.002 mg/L	0.002 mg/L	CXPT 19960701



Longtime friend of Reg Cridler (Sr.), Roger Roberts.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Reg Cridler, Dick Posthumus (Lt. Gov.) and Peter Wege.



Reg and Diane Cridler spoke a few words at the dedication on Friday.

Lowell Area Schools superintendent Bert Bleke pauses to reflect on the words spoken by First Congregational Church of Lowell pastor Roger LaWarre.



shotgun and pistol, will be held Saturday, Oct. 30; Sunday, Oct. 31; Saturday, Nov. 6; Sunday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.  
This will be held at the club, 11400 Foreman Rd. and the cost is \$4 per gun. Call 897-7635 for more information.

**SEGMENT II SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FOR DRIVERS TRAINING**  
Lowell Area Schools will offer Segment II for drivers training on Nov. 8, 9 and 10 at Lowell High School. Those who took the first session last summer should attend from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Those who attended the second session should attend from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students who attend Lowell High School should sign up in advance with Mrs. Phillips in Room A105. In-district students, not attending Lowell High School, should call Mrs. Phillips at 897-4125 to pre-register.

**Dedication, cont'd....**  
**From Page 1**

Bank One's Mark Michon marveled at the land's beauty. "It is really neat that this kind of diversion is so close to home," he said. "Bank One has been a supporter of the Wege Foundation and the wonderful work Peter Wege has done. His focus and commitment to the environment and ecology is compelling. If Peter Wege is involved, it's usually a wonderful project."

Priscilla Johnson, who taught at the Howard Christian Nature Center for 24 years, said when she heard Peter Wege was involved, "I had to come and see."

A stewardship committee will guide management of the nature area. In setting up the natural area, remnants from past usage and restoring the natural flow of water to the stream will need to be completed.

"This is being done for future kids and grandchildren," Wege said. "West Michigan is blessed with a wonderful environment. We must raise the level of intelligence about our environment/ecology."

The Wege Foundation Natural Area will help spawn an ecology curriculum at Lowell High School.

Roger Roberts, a longtime friend of Reg Cridler, called the project very satisfying. "Yes indeed, Reg would be very proud."

**BOOK REVIEW**  
By Joan Wittenbach

Recently I read a second book in the series, Dear America. I liked the sound of the title, *I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly. The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl*. Patsy is a slave girl, with- out parents, who lives on a

plantation and works in the house of her master. While the children in the family play school with Patsy, they play at teaching her to read. Not thinking that she can learn anything, Patsy catches on and learns to read and write by

herself. She would practice writing words with a stick in the dirt when she was alone. In 1865, reading and writing was forbidden for slaves. When the children in the family have to leave because the War was over, they gave Patsy a diary, ink and a pen. But it was not given as a gift. They give it to her in a sarcastic manner, thinking her a dunce and not capable of having any "beautiful thoughts." Still making fun of her, the brother gives her a great tip about writing in a diary, when he says, "Don't forget to put a date first each time you write your beautiful thoughts. To-

day is Friday, April 21, 1865. You must tell what happens in your life."  
The first entry in her diary was also the beginning of this book on the life of Patsy. When I read it I knew I was

going to like it. She writes: "I am so frightened my heart is dancing a reel in my chest. I've never written in a book before."  
Patsy's diary is a growing

experience that takes you with her in all of her encounters. Not only does Patsy grow, so does the reader. This series is for middle school-age through adult.

**School bus safety week - Oct. 17-23**

AAA Michigan is reminding motorists that Oct. 17-23 is National School Bus Safety Week. This year's theme is "Stop on Red - Kids Ahead."  
"It's hard to believe, but many drivers fail to recognize the fact that overhead flashing red lights on a stopped bus mean stop," says Jerry Basch, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "Not only is this the law, but of more importance, it helps prevent needless loss of life."  
In 1998, there were 1,274 recorded school bus crashes in Michigan, in which 479 people were injured and three killed.  
To help increase school bus safety awareness, AAA Michigan offers the following safety tips:

**MOTORISTS**  
• Stop no closer than 20 feet when the bus's overhead red lights are flashing and the bus is stopped.  
• Proceed by a bus with caution when yellow hazard warning lights are flashing.

**PARENTS**  
• Assure that your children are at their bus stop on time and wait well off the traveled road.  
• Children need to understand the importance of not being disruptive on a school bus. Noise and commotion are contributing factors with most school bus crashes.  
• Make sure your children participate in emergency evacuation drills.  
**CHILDREN**  
• Follow the bus driver's instruc-

tions when crossing in front of the bus, being sure to stay out of the "danger zone" (a 10-foot area around the perimeter of the bus).  
• When crossing in front of the bus, always check for traffic and make eye contact with the driver.

• Never go back for anything you've left on the bus and never bend down near or under the bus. Seek an adult's assistance.  
National School Bus Safety Week is sponsored by: National Association for Pupil Transportation, National School Transportation Association, National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation, National Safety Council and School Bus Manufacturers and Suppliers.

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**CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF BIDDERS**  
Sealed bids for a two year contract for the mowing and trimming of various City properties will be accepted at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 until Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Mark envelope "MOWING BIDS."  
On site inspection must be scheduled with Scott Fosburg between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by calling 897-5929 and specifications will be given at that time.  
The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

**Clock, cont'd....** From Page 1  
The township board agreed the historical time line/calendar could be placed in an area where kids could view it (e.g., school library) for a period of time and then be moved back to the township hall.  
There were 140 rings counted on the slabs.  
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# PlastiVan travels increase awareness of plastics in students' everyday lives

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Can you skewer a balloon with a knitting needle like a shish kebab without popping it? Have you ever held an entire glass of water in hand with no cup, without spilling a drop?

Lowell High School students did fun, highly visual experiments and more... as part of an educational outreach program on plastics.

The program features one of the PlastiVan minivans sponsored by the National Plastics Center & Museum.

## Smart Adjuster, cont'd...

From Page 3

"I have definitely noticed a difference," said Priscilla Lussmyer. "The sensitivity of the instrument allows him to focus in on what is needed," Lussmyer said.

Jim Hummel, a patient of Tuthill's for the past four years, calls the Smart Adjuster a much gentler approach.

"I feel much calmer when I'm there. It's a regimented situation. It's not a stop and start. It's continuous," Hummel explains. "Before I may have felt a little pain, but not now."

Leominster, MA (the birthplace of plastics), a nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the awareness and usage of plastics.

The PlastiVan travels throughout the nation to share the resources of the Museum by making presentations to children at all grade levels, teachers, and the general public.

"Plastics are so very important to our everyday lives," states Robert Krebs, director of state and local communications for the American Plastics Council in Washington, DC, which supports the PlastiVan program. "This program enables us to teach science and physics principles using plastics in a fun and memorable way, and to showcase the industry as a major player in the U.S. and Michi-

gan economies. We also discuss career opportunities as



Mike Carr, an education associate for the National Plastics Center and Museum, empties a glass of water into his hand without spilling a drop.

well." The PlastiVan visits are sponsored by the Western Michigan Chapter of the Soci-

ety of Plastics Engineers (SPE) and their education foundation.

Established in 1995, the foundation has focused on reaching teachers and counselors at the high school level over the last few years, thus increasing awareness of the growing plastics industry.

In 1998, the foundation began to focus on high school students, promoting industry and education working together.

"One of our goals is to plant the seed for possible careers in plastics with these students," commented Ricardo Ramirez, engineering manager at Engineered Plastic Components in Mattawan, who also serves on the board of the Western

Michigan SPE Educational Foundation. "Many high-paying technology-related jobs are available in the plastics industry, and some require only a high

Plastics, cont'd. pg. 10

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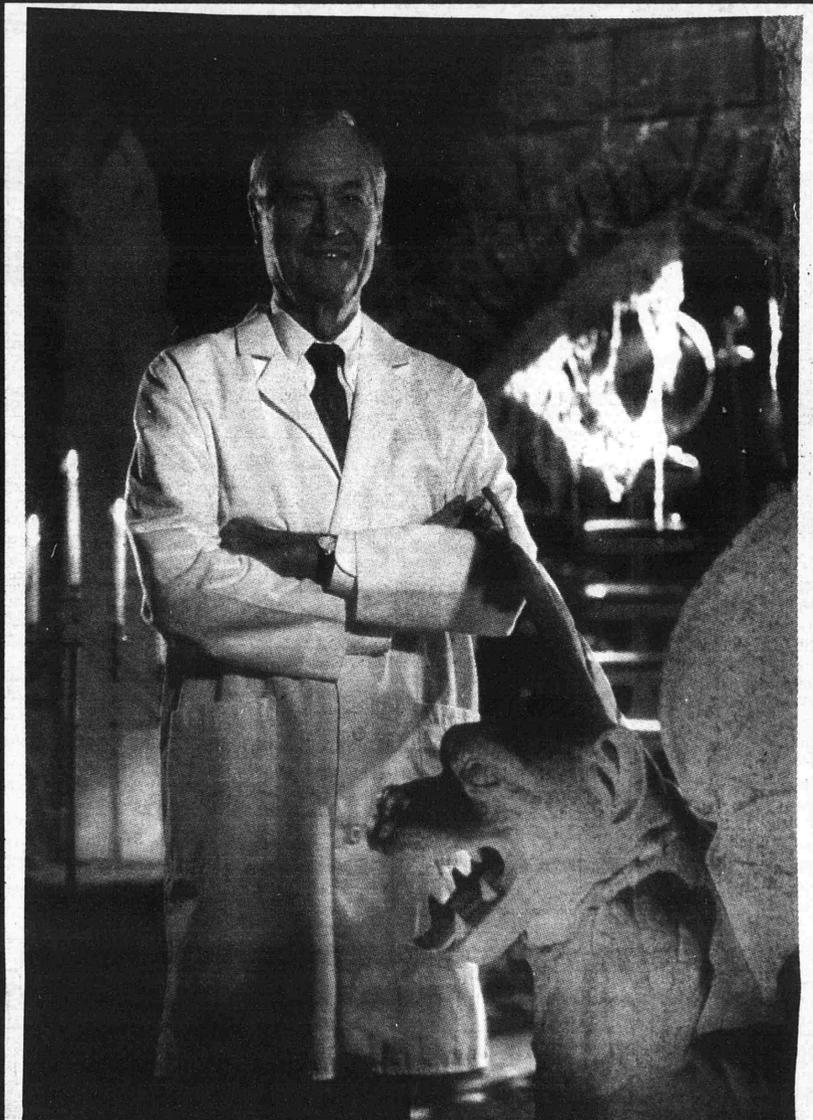
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FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 22, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast and cable channels.

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SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

SOCCER

FOXDT 31 Sun. 1 a.m. English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped) FOXDT 31 Tue. 1 p.m. Women's College Soccer Washington at Southern California. (Taped) ESPN 23 Wed. 7:30 p.m. Major League Soccer Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Teams to Be Announced. If necessary. (Live)

TENNIS

ESPN 23 Thu. 1 p.m. Tennis ATP Eurocard Open -- Early Rounds. From Stuttgart, Germany. (Same-day Tape)

GYMNASTICS

ESPN 23 Sun. 8:30 p.m. Gymnastics World Championship. From Tianjin, China. (Taped)

CHEERLEADING

ESPN 23 Mon. 11 p.m. Cheerleading College Stunt Partner Championships. From Orlando, Fla. (Taped)

EQUESTRIAN

ESPN 23 Sun. 3 p.m. Horse Racing West Virginia Breeders' Classic. From Charles Town, W.Va. (Taped)

BASKETBALL

TNT 23 Fri. 8 p.m. NBA Preseason Basketball Golden State Warriors vs. Miami Heat or Phoenix Suns. From Los Angeles. (Live) TNT 23 Fri. 10:30 p.m. NBA Preseason Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Miami Heat or Phoenix Suns. From Los Angeles. (Live) FOXDT 31 Thu. 7:30 p.m. NBA Preseason Basketball Detroit Pistons at Orlando Magic. (Live)

HOCKEY

FOXDT 31 Fri. 7 p.m. College Hockey Ohio State at Michigan State. (Live) ESPN 23 Fri. 8 p.m. NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at New York Rangers. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live) FOXDT 31 Tue. 7:30 p.m. IHL Hockey Orlando Solar Bears at Detroit Vipers. (Live)

OUTDOORS

ESPN 23 Sun. 1 p.m. Fishing FLW Tour. From Lake Fort Gibson, Okla. (Taped) ESPN 23 Tue. 11 p.m. Timbersport Series From Pigeon Forge, Tenn. (Taped)

RODEO

TNN 23 Sun. 9 p.m. Championship Bull Riding Anaheim Open. From Anaheim, Calif. (Taped) ESPN 23 Wed. 3:30 a.m. Rodeo PRC A Wrangler World of Rodeo. From Ellensburg, Wash. (Taped) TNN 23 Thu. 10 p.m. Championship Bull Riding PBR Bud Light Cup World Championship. From the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. (Live)

RUGBY

FOXDT 31 Wed. 7 p.m. Rugby World Cup Quarterfinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)

SKATING

TNN 23 Fri. 9 p.m. Rollerjam Teams to Be Announced. (Taped) TNN 23 Fri. 10 p.m. Rollerjam Teams to Be Announced. (Taped) WOOD 23 Sat. 4 p.m.; WILX 23 Sat. 4 p.m. Figure Skating Star Skates Salute to Barry Manilow. Kristi Yamaguchi, Elvis Stojko and others skate to songs written and sung by Barry Manilow. From Las Vegas. (Taped) WXYM 23 Sun. 4:30 p.m.; WSYM 23 Sun. 4:30 p.m. Figure Skating ISU Grand Slam -- World Super Teams Challenge. Olympic skaters are paired into four teams to compete in technical and artistic programs. Hosted by Jeanne Zelasko. (Taped) ESPN 23 Mon. 9 p.m. Figure Skating Professional Championship. From Huntington, W.Va. (Taped)

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TUESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 26, 1999. Broadcast Channels: WWMT, WOVY, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX. Cable Channels: FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TNM, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTN.

WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 27, 1999. Broadcast Channels: WWMT, WOVY, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX. Cable Channels: FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TNM, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTN.

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1999.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.  
Absent: None.

Also Present: Acting City Manager Jim Valentine, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock and Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the September 20, 1999 meeting be approved as submitted.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/04/99)

Table listing financial items: GENERAL FUND (\$64,915.28), MAJOR STREET FUND (120.83), LOCAL STREET FUND (120.83), DDA FUND (11,659.08), CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION (1,200.00), AIRPORT FUND (26.86), WASTEWATER FUND (211.39), WATER FUND (2,861.06), EQUIPMENT FUND (1,424.63), CURRENT TAXES (64,753.51).

### Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**A. 743 Grindle - Mark Osburn - variance from hard surfaced driveway and waiver regarding sidewalk requirements - tabled from previous meeting** As discussed at the last session, Mark Osburn proposed to construct a new house on a back lot (variance given) off of Grindle. Because of its location, a variance from Section 19.03B involving a hard surface driveway measured to the street had been requested.

At their August 23, 1999 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the request with the applicant. Based on not meeting criteria D, E and F, the Commission did not recommend the variance involving hard surfaced parking be granted. However, the Commissioners did suggest the petitioner meet with DPW Director Dan DesJarden to determine the length of driveway pavement necessary to avoid washout onto Grindle.

As directed by the Board and upon further examination, DesJarden recommended an asphalted driveway measuring 75 feet from the centerline of Grindle.

Previously, the sidewalk requirement was waived since there are no nearby walks.

DesJarden felt asphalt to the right of way line would be adequate. He stated the homeowner has agreed to 75 feet of asphalt, if necessary. DesJarden did not believe the entire drive was in need of pavement, due to the elevation of the property. He noted if the entire drive was paved, there would not be enough room for the installation of spillways, which in turn would create a river.

DesJarden noted he was following the Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Thompson asked what DesJarden recommended. DesJarden stated 30 feet from the centerline to the right of way would be adequate.

Councilmember Myers asked why 75 feet had been suggested. DesJarden responded 75 feet had been his second recommendation, if additional paving was found to be necessary.

Myers asked if the chart provided by DesJarden reflected the current grade of the property. DesJarden responded the chart represents the finished grade.

Councilmember Blough asked how far from the property line could a garage be built. He also questioned the set back requirements. DesJarden responded 30 feet. Councilmember Green noted the set back at his residence was 30 feet from the property line.

Councilmember Green questioned if the property was located in R-1 Residential or SR Suburban Residential.

Green clarified that DesJarden was referring to 22 feet from the road to the property line and Blough was referring to the 30 feet beyond the 22 feet. Blough noted this would be a difference of approximately eight feet. He stated if this driveway was wholly owned on the parcel in question and a garage was built, it could be located within thirty feet of the property line. This would total eight feet more than what is recommended from the center line of the road. DesJarden did not believe this would be in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. He noted it would have to go back 52 feet. Green stated 30 feet is the set back from the property line to the garage and 22 feet is from the edge of the road.

Osburn asked if he was responsible for taking care of the easement granted to him. He did not believe he should be responsible for the care of the easement, because it strictly allows a passage back to his property. Mayor Thompson stated the right of way was granted under unusual circumstances. He wanted to review the easement before responding.

Myers had concerns regarding storm water run off and dirt flowing into the street. He also questioned if Osburn felt it was appropriate to shift the financial responsibility to his mother for the driveway. Osburn responded no. However, he believed the City should install ditches to assist with washout. Myers did not believe the property owners along the street would enjoy a ditch in front of their houses.

Osburn did not have a problem complying with the recommendation received from DesJarden, but wanted to see this written in the ordinance.

Blough agreed with Myers and felt Osburn must decide who will pay for the drive. Osburn felt the decision should be left between him and his mother.

Osburn questioned if paving a drive 30 feet into the property would be added into the Zoning Ordinance. Green responded the ordinance actually states the entire drive must be paved.

Osburn asked if he would have to maintain the easement. Thompson responded that was between him and his mother. Green added if an easement had not been granted, he would not have been able to build a house.

Osburn requested a temporary occupancy permit. Blough said according to the seminars he has attended there is no such device as a temporary occupancy permit. Blough noted there may be a time limit issued on the permit.

Thompson thought the Council had approved the delay of the paved drive until the construction was completed. Large trucks would no longer be traveling on the drive as long as this is done in a reasonable amount of time.

Thompson also stated the maintenance of the easement would be between Osburn and his mother. He noted the City would have no responsibility of maintaining the driveway.

Blough noted the Planning Commission determined criteria D, E and F had not been met. However, the Commission recommended a compromise and the length of pavement is still questionable.

Blough also stated the Zoning Ordinance has a minimum set back requirement on accessory buildings for every parcel. He believed the most prudent action would be to take the minimum set back requirement distance and ask for this to be hard surfaced. This would then meet the intent of the ordinance. Blough said Osburn could install a hard surface to the minimum distance from the set back. He also believed this would be less than 75 feet.

Green said Osburn would have to pave from the approach and then from the approach to the easement to the minimum setback, noting City staff would determine the length of the paved drive.

Osburn wanted to know where it states he must maintain the easement, if a variance is granted. He noted his property begins 345 feet from the road.

Myers asked Osburn if he was driving on an unpaved driveway every day and large potholes appear, would he expect his mother to fill in the potholes. Osburn responded it would depend on who would want to do this.

Thompson stated this would be between him and his mother. He stated the City would have no obligations with the property until it meets the City right of way.

Osburn said he would be willing to pave 30 feet from the center of the road.

Blough did not think paving would take place before winter and therefore withdrew his motion. He thought it would be best to receive clarification from City Attorney Richard Wendt. He asked the item be tabled until questions can be answered. Green agreed.

Green questioned what should be done with the occupancy permit. DesJarden responded Building Inspector Doug Hopkins would allow one year for completion on the building permit.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by GREEN to table the request for a variance at 742 Grindle submitted by Mark Osburn until questions are reviewed and answered by City Attorney Richard Wendt regarding the driveway.

Thompson requested City Manager Pasquale respond to Osburn's questions in letter format.

**B. 215 James - Habitat for Humanity of Kent County - variance for minimum square footage of floor area for new home - public hearing.** Habitat for Humanity wished to construct two new homes approximately 900 to 1100 square feet of floor area at 215 James. With the property zoned R1, 1500 square feet is required. In order to keep the project affordable, Habitat for Humanity has requested a variance from the minimum floor area requirements.

At its September 27, 1999 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended the variance be granted for both proposed homes as long as 900 square feet is kept as a minimum. The Commission believed all six criteria were met for granting this variance.

Also, the Planning Commission recommended the sidewalk requirement for both homes be waived.

Steve Nation of Habitat for Humanity was present to answer any questions. He noted the lot has been split into two separate parcels, which would allow two homes to be built. Nation stated each would be a 1,050 square foot bi-level home and consist of three bedrooms.

Charles Myers, speaking as a resident, of 1019 E. Main said his property borders the 100 block of James Street. He noted approximately 3 years ago a variance was approved for the adjacent lot to the north. The minimum square footage requirement was 1,500 and a variance was given allowing 950 - 1000 square feet of floor area. He noted the owner has since added a carport, which looks very attractive. Myers stated a 1000 square foot home would look appropriate in the neighborhood. He felt this would be a great improvement to the property and neighborhood. Myers said as an area resident, he would be in full support of granting a variance for the particular property.

Richard Doezy of Snow United Methodist Church, who is involved with building of the Habitat homes, strongly encouraged the Board to approve the variance.

Shores thought the house recently built by Habitat for Humanity was very attractive.

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Myers believed an effort should be made to provide lower income housing within the community and thought this was one way to facilitate this. He said Habitat for Humanity has stipulations set which prohibits a resident from moving in, taking ownership and then reselling for profit.

Blough noted the Planning Commission recommended the house be at least 900 square foot and asked Nation if they planned to comply with the request. Nation responded the house would be 1,050 square feet.

Myers mentioned he attended the Planning Commission meeting held on September 27, 1999 and noted there was no negative discussion. He stated at that time the Commission also waived the sidewalk requirement.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to grant a variance at 215 James Street allowing Habitat for Humanity to build 1,050 square foot homes. At this time, a waiver is granted on the installation of a sidewalk.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #2. SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE CONTRACT - CONSIDERATION OF BIDS.** At its August 16, 1999 meeting, the City Council instructed the City staff to pursue bids for the solid waste, recycling and yard waste contract. A pre-bid meeting was held on September 14, 1999 with bids received on September 28, 1999 as follows:

Waste Management of Michigan (Ionia)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Refuse	\$2.25 per bag	\$2.32	\$2.39
Recycling	\$2.75 per res. per mo.	\$2.83	\$2.92
Yard Waste	\$1.38 per bag	\$1.42	\$1.46

Pitsch Hauling and Disposal (Grand Rapids)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Refuse	\$ .90 per bag	\$ .90	\$ .90
Recycling	\$2.45 res. per mo.	\$2.45	\$2.45
Yard Waste	\$ .75 per bag	\$ .75	\$ .75

Arrowaste (Zeeland)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Refuse	\$1.38 per bag	\$1.46	\$1.54
Recycling*	\$ .69 per bag	\$ .73	\$ .77
Yard Waste	\$ 1.18 per bag	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.30

Sunset Waste Services (Jenison)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Refuse	\$ .96 per bag	\$ .99	\$ 1.02
Recycling	\$2.55 per res. per mo.	\$2.63	\$2.71
Yard Waste	\$1.05 per bag	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.11

Currently, refuse bags cost 90¢ each (the resident pays 60¢ while the City pays 30¢), recycling costs \$2.50 per month per residence (City cost) and the yard waste bags cost 80¢ (resident pays 25¢ while the City provides the remaining 55¢).

After reviewing the proposals with DPW Director DesJarden, Pasquale recommended the City enter into a three-year agreement with Pitsch Hauling and Disposal based on low bid.

Since a new contractor is involved, a period of transition will take place. It is estimated that Pitsch would start collection by November 1, 1999. Residents would be kept informed.

Councilmember Myers questioned if the recycling cost per resident was based on the number of tubs being used or the number of residents. DesJarden responded the number which have left City Hall.

Councilmember Blough asked if there was a provision in the proposed contract which would allow Pitsch Hauling and Disposal to increase their rates before the end of the 2002 contract because of landfill increases. DesJarden responded the contract contains such a clause.

Myers noted the other companies show a rate increase each year.

Mayor Thompson thought Pitsch owned its own landfills.

Blough questioned how Pitsch proposed to handle complaints. DesJarden responded residents should call City

Hall. He stated a meeting would be held with Pitsch to establish the transition. A price list would also be requested to give to each of the residents within the City limits.

Councilmember Green stated he currently pays \$33 quarterly to Denny's Disposal for a 30 gallon cart handling refuse. He asked if the company would continue coming through town for customers with these carts. DesJarden responded yes, however the schedule may change and prices increase.

Thompson questioned what would happen with the remaining trash bags, once the change has been made. Deputy Clerk Morlock stated this issue is currently being discussed.

Councilmember Shores stated Denny's Disposal has been a very good vendor in town. She asked if any references had been received from Pitsch. Thompson responded references were received from Ionia, Sparta, Ionia Public Schools along with several others.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the solid waste, recycling and yard waste contract from Pitsch Hauling and Disposal (Grand Rapids) for a three year period (October 15, 1999 to October 14, 2002).

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. PRIVATE STREET APPLICATION - RIVER WOODS (730 GODFREY) - DAVID ANDERSON - CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL.** David Anderson proposed to construct a private street on the south side of Godfrey west of Beech Street for the purpose of supporting residential four duplex units. In reviewing Section 4.20, the proposed street meets the zoning requirements.

At its September 27, 1999 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed private street for the City Council as it provides final consideration.

Anderson noted the Planning Commission voted unanimously for the approval. He stated the street would be approximately 185 feet in length with a cul-du-sac. The road would support four lots consisting of .62 acres.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the private street application on River Woods (730 Godfrey) as submitted by David Anderson.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. REQUEST BY KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY TO ERECT A GROUND SIGN FOR THE ENGLEHARDT PUBLIC.** John Van Valkenburg, Public Relations Manager of the Kent District Library, thanked the Council for allowing him to be present at the meeting. He said it was his responsibility to promote the Kent District Library as a governmental agency and organization. He felt one of the best ways to accomplish this was with signage.

Van Valkenburg received a quote from Sign Source for approximately \$2,000 to erect a ground sign. He stated this would be allocated from the Publicity Budget through the Kent District Library.

Councilmember Myers questioned the location of the sign. Van Valkenburg stated the sign could be located on either side of the sidewalk. However he believed the sign would look best closer to the flagpole.

Myers asked if the sole purpose of the sign was for the benefit of Kent District Library. Van Valkenburg responded there would be benefits for the residents, such as the sign indicating whether the library is open or closed.

Myers questioned if Van Valkenburg had considered placing the sign on the building. Van Valkenburg responded he had not explored that option. He believed the proposed sign was adequate but would consider his suggestion.

Van Valkenburg noted the Kent District Library currently has five ground signs at various locations.

Deputy Clerk Morlock asked if the hours would be dis-

played on the sign. Van Valkenburg responded the hours would not be listed on the sign. However this could be lit when the library is open.

Councilmember Blough noted Van Valkenburg was also requesting the cost for electrical hookup.

Blough questioned if the ground signs were all the same style. Van Valkenburg responded yes, these all consist of a white panel and same style lettering. He added the library in Cascade has a wooden sign.

Myers suggested the sign also include "public library".

Blough asked DesJarden if he knew how much it would cost for electrical hookup. DesJarden was unsure.

Myers wanted to be involved in the placement of the sign. Thompson suggested Pasquale also have input.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to allow the installation of a Kent District Library sign at the Englehardt Public Library, noting the sign would be funded by the Kent District Library costing approximately \$2,000. Further, the sign should also adhere to all zoning requirements and should include the wording "Public Library". Also, the City of Lowell would support the electrical hookup costs not exceeding \$500.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. DISCUSSION - DISPLAY OF GOODS IN CENTRAL BUSINESS AND GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS.** As noted from a previous meeting, several merchants in the Central Business District have and wish to continue to display goods on sidewalks. But, Section 11.02D states retail stores in the Central Business District must provide goods within a completely enclosed building. The Planning Commission input was requested.

Second, the General Business District appears to have a conflict within its text. Section 12.02D provides, "retail stores, providing goods within a completely enclosed building". But, Section 12.04A allows outdoor storage or display of goods. City Attorney Richard Wendt had stated there needs to be an amendment. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their September 27, 1999 meeting along with the downtown sidewalk issue.

The Commission decided to have a committee formed composed of Commissioners Jahnke, Thompson, Pipe and Barry to meet with merchants at the Fire Station on Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. to seek a resolution on both issues. Recommendation would be provided to the City Council.

Morlock stated all business owners along M-21 would receive a notice concerning the meeting. She noted the meeting would be held immediately following the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Barbara Carpenter of Blue Ribbon Feed (420 W. Main St.) stated their business has been in the General Business District for 17 years and always has followed the zoning. She believed with the new businesses in town, zoning issues are getting shoved aside. She wanted a moratorium, stating this was getting out of hand.

Mrs. Carpenter wanted the Council to consider the fact that everyone does not have the same idea of what looks attractive along the street. She stated her tax dollars have gone to improving the City and now it is a free for all fight. The only time she has ever displayed any goods outside was when she had direct competition in front of her doing the same. Mrs. Carpenter felt placing items outside for display made the area appear trashy.

Mrs. Carpenter noted she had asked the Planning Commission where it stated within the ordinance that items can be placed outdoors for sale. The Commission could not find anything. Mrs. Carpenter thought an open air business was supposed to have a special use permit. She questioned if it was an open air business when products are outside the business totalling more floor space than what is in the building.

Mrs. Carpenter also noted produce is being splattered onto the building of Blue Ribbon Feed.

Valentine noted this particular property is not the only one in question, but also everything west of Hudson Street. He mentioned Sections 12.04A and 11.02D state businesses must maintain their goods within the con-

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finances of their building. The next section then allows outdoor storage or display of goods. Valentine said until City Attorney Richard Wendt reviews the wording, the City can not enact any enforcement.

Jeff Roys of Cumberland Market (11250 Fulton) stated this has been a constant problem, specifically with Michael's Farm Market. He recommended the Council video tape and record all meetings. He felt there was a huge degree of ambiguity between what is heard from the City Council and the Planning Commission.

Roys believed Mrs. Carpenter has been thought of as being final regarding what she has been told and what is actually happening. He mentioned he has sat through these meetings and has heard exactly the same information Mrs. Carpenter has heard. He did not understand how the City can complete a zoning process, without any consideration of what was written down or discussed in the meetings.

Roys also thanked the Lowell Police Department in apprehending the two individuals who broke into Cumberland Market on October 1, 1999.

Councilmember Shores did not believe the issue specifically involved Michael's Farm Market. She stated the idea of goods being displayed on sidewalks was discussed before the market opened.

Councilmember Myers noted a committee had been formed to evaluate the situation at the Planning Commission meeting he had attended.

Myers stated he has a strong feeling for the Central Business District. There is a limited amount of space in front of each business. He stated a few opt to be open on Sundays and should be able to have some identification these are open.

Mrs. Carpenter urged area businesses to advertise in the community papers.

Myers commented on smaller communities in the state of Vermont. He stated many businesses will display their goods on the street. This is done in a very tasteful way and reminds one of long ago.

Councilmember Green questioned if it was the Council's role to determine what is and is not attractive. He did not understand why there had to be any restrictions other than safety issues. Green commented on a picture from a block during the 1940's when there were no sign ordinances. The windows were covered with signs and merchandise was placed outside.

Mrs. Carpenter stated there are a few businesses within the downtown area, which sell the same products as her. She felt these must be able to compete fairly.

Myers said the sidewalk within the Central Business District is the front porch of Main Street. He questioned if specifications could be drawn which businesses must follow if displaying goods outside.

Mrs. Carpenter wanted the discussion meeting taped. Mayor Thompson responded minutes are taken from each meeting. However, some comments may be missed. He stated there are nine members on the Planning Commission and just because one person said something does not mean that everyone else has agreed to what was said.

Thompson thought Michael's Farm Market was a blessing to the corner. He felt it has been an eyesore for many years and has made a big difference. He also stated it has been tastefully done and the landscaping appears attractive.

Mrs. Carpenter noted their business has followed the ordinance for 17 years and felt it should be followed through. Green stated J&J's Outlet has had merchandise outside for many years. Bernard's True Value also has items outside and both are located in the same district as Blue Ribbon Feed. He noted the ordinance contradicts itself in a few areas. But, obviously it has been acceptable because it has been allowed all this time. Green stated this has been going on long before Michael's Farm Market opened.

Mrs. Carpenter noted J&J Outlet received a variance for items to be placed outside.

Myers mentioned there was discussion held at the Planning Commission meeting concerning the differ-

ence between the Central and General Business Districts. The General Business District requires a set back of 35 feet from the inside of the sidewalk. He did not believe Michael's Farm Market should be allowed to fill parking spaces with merchandise. Myers stated Bernard's True Value has a much larger area.

Thompson suggested this be tabled until the next meeting when the Planning Commission can report back.

**Item #6. PURCHASE OF NEW DUMP TRUCK.** As part of the adopted budget, a new dump truck has been planned for purchase replacing the 1988 Chevrolet C-70. An underbody plow would later be acquired and installed.

Three bids were received as follows:

Woodland International Trucks, Inc. (G.R.)	\$45,751.08
Model 2000 - 4700 4 x 2	
Good GMC (G.R.)	\$44,932.30
Model 2000 Truck C7H042	
Reed City GMC Truck, Inc.	\$44,149.00
Model 2000 GMC C-Series	

After a review by City Mechanic Tom Hartman, the purchase of the dump truck through Woodland International was recommended because this was the only bid to meet specifications. Woodland was the only vendor to provide a 5-speed transmission and a 12,000-pound front axle. (TOTAL BUDGET \$80,000.)

No trade in offers were provided. The Airport Board has requested the Council loan the truck for maintaining the runways for a few years. The City may seek to sell the vehicle (estimated value \$13,000).

Councilmember Myers asked if this would be the only use of the vehicle. DesJarden responded yes, noting the Airport would have to store, maintain and provide insurance for the vehicle.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to purchase a new dump truck from Woodland International Trucks, Inc. for the amount of \$45,751.08.

Mayor Thompson questioned why the other companies did not meet specifications. DesJarden responded Good GMC and Reed City GMC offered the truck size in a four speed, noting all City trucks have been upgraded to a five speed. These companies can offer a five speed, but air brakes are included which the City did not want.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Blough questioned what currently happens when the runways need to be plowed. DesJarden responded the Airport contacts the DPW, if there is much snow.

DesJarden noted the DPW would contact other cities concerning the sale of the truck.

Myers felt the existing operation was working. He did not believe the City should maintain a \$13,000 vehicle for an occasional run up and down the runway.

Myers questioned the cost of the underbody plow and asked if it was included in the budget. DesJarden responded it was included in the budget.

Myers inquired regarding the color of the truck. DesJarden responded yellow.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to refuse the request from the Airport Board concerning the City loaning of the 1988 Chevrolet dump truck to use for maintaining the runways.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Thompson asked who would respond back to the Airport Board. Valentine responded Pasquale.

**Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** No comments were received.

**Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores stated she was happy to see the motel taken down. She also was very happy to see Michael's Farm Market had opened.

Councilmember Green was also glad to see the motel taken down.

**ITEM #9. MANAGER'S REPORT.** Acting as City Manager, Valentine reported on the following:

- The following meetings' minutes were provided:
  - Downtown Development Authority meetings of August 26 and September 9, 1999.
  - Planning Commission meeting of August 23, 1999.
- The Michigan Department of Transportation has given its permission for a crosswalk on M-21 between the King Milling parking lot and the riverwalk.

Valentine stated according to the letter received from MDOT, the agency had originally granted this in 1990. MDOT also wants to meet with City staff to discuss additional signage and other measures to help increase pedestrian safety.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by GREEN to allow the installation of a crosswalk between the King Milling parking lot and the riverwalk on M-21.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

3. A City Council worksession is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 7 p.m. at the library to discuss the City Hall-Police Station project.

4. The tornado sirens were installed on October 1, 1999. The final hookup is still pending. Valentine said one is near the First United Methodist Church on Division, south of Avery. The other is on Ridgeview, south of Sibley. Valentine stated a number of sirens will be activated by the Sheriff's Department in Kent County. He mentioned the monthly testing ended on the day of installation so these were not able to be tested. Once final electrical hookup has been completed, Light and Power will test each siren individually.

Valentine noted each siren is tested the first of every month from March through October.

Councilmember Myers suggested testing dates be advertised in the paper.

5. Valentine said Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. He has received many calls concerning which night trick-or-treating will be allowed. After speaking with a number of people, Valentine recommended this be observed on Sunday, October 31, 1999.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to support Chief Valentine's recommendation and observe Halloween on Sunday, October 31, 1999 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**ITEM #10. APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Thompson noted the vacancy on the Airport Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, October 18, 1999

William F. Thompson, Mayor  
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

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—John Adams  
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**EVERY MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

**FIRST MONDAY:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

**EVERY SECOND MONDAY:** Attention mothers of preschoolers. MOPS meetings are held at Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St. Cost is \$3 and meetings are from 9:45 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy crafts, food, free child care and new friends. For information call Meghan at 616-642-6748 or Trisha at 616-527-1333.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

**EVERY 1ST MONDAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off

**Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372** meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**TUESDAYS:** Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

**EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

**EVERY FOURTH TUES.:** Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township office.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

**EVERY TUES.:** Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY:** Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info, call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY 1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All Girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

**WEDNESDAY:** Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

**WEDNESDAYS:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

**EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY:** G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

**SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

**EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY - 6:45-8:45 p.m.** G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

**THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333.** Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**THURSDAYS:** Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.**

**FIRST THURSDAY:** 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY:** Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Rebecca, 897-6734 for more information.

**SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

**SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

**THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) meets at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, 7 p.m., Discovery Room. Contact person, Danni Smith, Chapter leader 897-2544; Oct. 21: Guest speaker John Stroh, Stroh Funeral Home. Informal sharing; Questions & Answers; refreshments.

**FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

**EVERY SAT.** Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

**ENGLHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

**SAT., OCT. 23:** American Sewing Guild New Member Tea Social and Style Show at Wyoming Library, 1-4 p.m. Both Guild and 4-H members will be sharing their new fashions. Interested parties should call Rosebud 897-5424, Joan

**SAT., OCT. 30 - Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES** invites their families and friends to the Open Installation of Officers at 1 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Center.

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**WEEKENDS OCT. 30 - NOV. 7:** Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club Annual Sight-In, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine, 11400 Foreman Rd. \$4 per gun, targets, rests & spotting scopes provided. Call 897-7635 (Sun. a.m. or Tues. eves.) for information.

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**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR**  
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**MON.:** 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall; Mon. Madness, noon.

**WED.:** 12:40 p.m. Shopping assistance at Family Fare.

**THURS:** 9 a.m. Walk at the malls; 9:30 a.m., Crafts; 1 p.m., Euchre.

**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

**Special Events**

**WED., OCT. 20:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council. Historical Museum & Klackles Orchard.

**THURS., OCT. 21:** Noon, Dance, Westside Complex.

**WED., OCT. 27:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

**FRI., OCT. 29:** Halloween pot luck lunch.

**FRI., OCT. 22:** 11:15, Lunch Greenville Senior Center & tour of Greenville

*(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)*

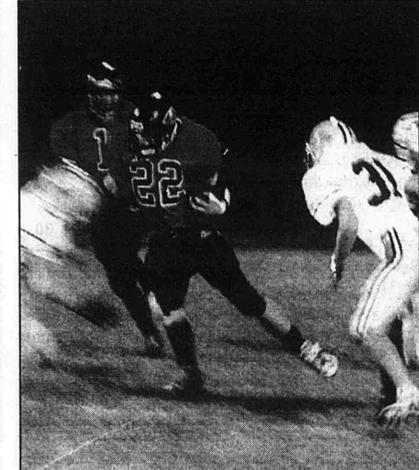
# Zeeland zaps Lowell, 27-14

\*\*\*\* Fumbles and miscues send Red Arrows to their third defeat. Lowell needs a win Friday to assure itself a spot in the playoffs.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sometimes things aren't what they seem to be. Following Zeeland's 27-14 win over Lowell Friday night, two things were clear: Zeeland was somewhat better than its 2-5 record and the Chix can execute as well from the power I as from the wing-T.

Zeeland football coach Stan Jesky has seen a number of close football games turned upside down against his Chix this



Ken Palcowski lowers his shoulder in an effort to fend off the Zeeland defender.

season in the second half. The Chix built a 13-7 halftime lead against the homesteading Red Arrows by running the wing-T. Jesky crossed Lowell up in the second half by running out of a power-I formation.

"I decided to go to the power-I in the second half. Lowell had done a pretty good job on our back in the wing-T set," Jesky explained.

The Zeeland coach challenged his Chix to knock Lowell's defense off the line in the second half. "I told them we would need two more scores to win the game."

The Chix, running out of the power-I, moved Lowell off the line and chewed up 89 yards in three plays. Mike Austin rumbled the last 70 for a touchdown and a 20-7 Chix lead with less than two minutes gone in the second half.

"I thought that scoring drive was the key to the game. Our boys came out in the second half and knocked Lowell off the line," Jesky said.

"Zeeland did a nice job offensively and defensively," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "We were hurt by penalties, turnovers and our inability to throw the football."

The Red Arrows fumbled the ball away twice and threw three interceptions.

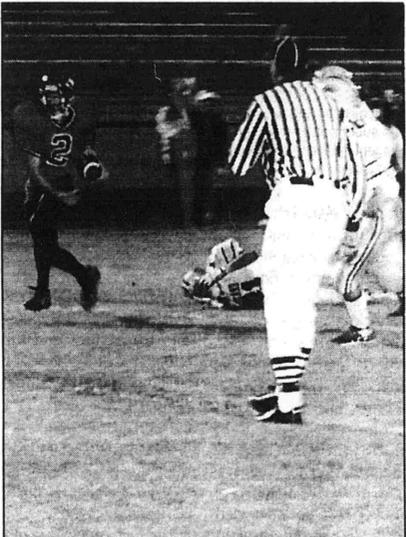
Both of Zeeland's first scores were set up by Lowell fumbles. Zeeland's first scoring drive started at the Lowell three, following a Red Arrow fumble. Brian Bonzelaar scored from the one-yard line three plays later.

Late in the first quarter, a Lowell fumble gave Zeeland the ball on the Red Arrow 24. Four plays later Keith Bonzelaar ran it into the end zone from the 10-yard line.

Lowell's only score in the first half came on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Josh Brown to Brent Lyons. The touchdown pass capped an 80-yard drive.

Lowell's next and final score of the game came with 2:47 to play on an incredible, multiple-effort 51-yard run by Brown. Prior to Brown's run, Zeeland's Brian Bonzelaar pushed the Chix' advantage to 27-7 on a 19-yard scoring scamper.

Zeeland finished with 210 yards rushing. Austin led all runners with 109 yards. The Chix were two-of-six for 25 yards through the air with one interception.



Brent Lyons turned this reception into a 24-yard touchdown.

Lowell rushed for 259 yards. Neil Reibold led the way with 101 yards.

Brown was seven-of-25 for 101 yards and three INTs. Lowell (5-3, 3-3) closes out its regular season with a trip to Hastings on Friday. The Red Arrows will need a win to assure that they make the playoffs.

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—Herman Melville

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**Pictured above, Lowell junior varsity team members, (l to r): Logan Dykstra, tight end, and Zach Beachum, wide receiver.**

**Pictured above, 78er Red team members Kyle Rozema, quarterback/defensive back, and Luke Beachnaw, guard/inside linebacker.**

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**Pictured above, 78er Black team member Thomas O'Donnell, guard/cornerback. Missing from picture is Nick Stormzand, tackle.**

# Lowell girls extend winning streak to three

•••• The Red Arrow girls basketball team (7-5) posts nonconference victories against Belding and Ionia.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrow girls basketball team was able to keep Ionia's sense of urgency under wraps for three quarters and then withstood a late Bulldog charge in posting a 39-37 win.

"You can't play one good quarter and expect to win a game," Ionia basketball coach Jim VanSyckle said. "Part of how we played over the first three quarters had something

The Bulldogs were held to just nine first-half points. "Ionia can shoot the eyes out of the basket if you don't play good defense. We gave up some open looks late but overall played well defensively," Akers explained.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk, who has netted 62 percent of her shots this season, led Lowell with 16 points.

"We're doing a better job of getting Amanda the ball inside. She's doing something

netted eight points and claimed four rebounds.

"Kelly along with Jodi Seif and Moyer is also playing outstanding defense," Akers said.

The win represented one final clash against VanSyckle, a coaching rival and friend. "Jim is a good coach and class guy," Akers said.

VanSyckle also has fond memories. "I first met Ken 15 years ago. We were both coaching boys basketball. He is a good coach and his kids have always played hard. I guess I will always remember that district game we played a few years back when Walters and Castillo played for us and Ken had Stauffer."

Lowell 54  
Belding 35

Ken Akers  
Lowell Basketball Coach

to do with the way Lowell plays defense."

Since Bethany Fredline, starting point guard, went down with a knee injury in a loss to Zeeland, Lowell's defense has been smothering.

The Red Arrows held Hastings to 35 points, Belding to 35 points and Ionia to 34 points.

"Our girls have played pretty darn good team defense over the last three games," Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers said. "That has been the key to our success. I am so proud of the way these girls have stepped up after losing Bethany."

with it once she gets it," Akers explains.

When teams double up on Stoutjesdyk inside the box, the Red Arrows are finding a wide open Blair Meyer. The freshman tallied 10 points and pulled down eight rebounds against the Bulldogs.

A key play late in the game was when Sunny Moyer found Meyer with a pass to the opposite side of the box while Ionia was doubling Stoutjesdyk.

"That was a big pass by Moyer which resulted in a bucket and a foul shot," Akers said.

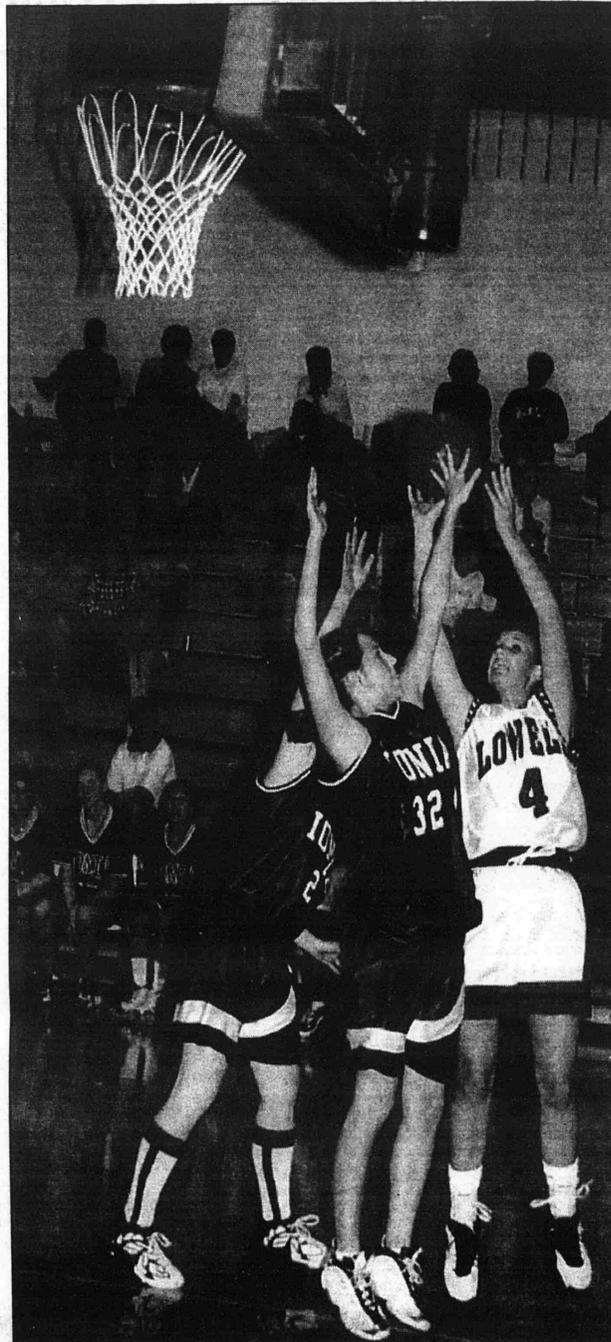
Senior Kelly Chapman

Katie McPherson came off the bench to score seven points and grab four rebounds as she sparked Lowell in its come-from-behind win over the Redskins.

"Kate scored a couple of baskets in the third quarter and that seemed to open things up for everybody else," Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers said.

Lowell received a number of solid performances from many different players. Lauren Washaw and Sunny Moyer stepped up and led the Arrows in scoring with nine points apiece.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk contributed with eight points and 13 rebounds; Blair Meyer added seven.



Lowell freshman Blair Meyer scores two of her 10 points in Lowell's 39-37 win over Ionia.

## Zeeland's depth the difference in win over Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Zeeland's overall depth was too much for Lowell boys cross country team as the Chix ran out a 19-42 win over the Red Arrows.

"Zeeland has a tough team. They are very deep," Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said. Zeeland's Scott Parrott led all runners as he finished in a time of 17:34.

Lowell's Dan Rottier, second, came in four seconds off the pace with a time of 17:38.

"Dan ran a strong race. That was his fastest time at Johnson Park this year," VanderWarf said. "Dan is peaking when he needs to. He runs better when facing stronger competition."

The Chix claimed spots

three through six with Brandon Wright, third, 17:53; Josh Hulst, fourth, 18:17; Matt Plaska, fifth, 18:20; and Dmitri Brown, sixth, 19:01. Red Arrow Caleb O'Boyle placed eighth with a

time of 19:11. Mike Armstrong was ninth, stopping the clock in 19:26.

Mike Wierenga was 11th in 19:49 and Andy Oetman finished 13th in 20:22.

## JV and frosh football teams win

Lowell's freshman football team broke open a close football game in the second half to post a 36-0 win over Zeeland. Freshman coach Bob Jackson praised the defensive play of Kyle Rollins, Peter Serne, Jordan Moore, Bryan White, CJ Hauck, Brian Posthumus, Nathan Clark, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Nugent and Brian Williams.

Three interceptions (two by Matt Barry) and two fumble recoveries helped Lowell's junior varsity football team defeat Zeeland 41-19.

Scoring touchdowns for the Red Arrows were Barry, Travis DeVoid, Bill Harrison, Nick Onan, Brad Eldridge, and Todd Drenth.

Lowell plays Hastings at Red Arrow Stadium on Thursday.

# Lowell dominates in 3-0 shutout over East Grand Rapids

•••• The boys' play was excellent. Our box defense set the tone early and eliminated any of their fastbreak opportunities. We were able to eliminate their pass from midfield.

Chris Barlow  
Lowell Soccer Coach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In their first meeting of the year, Lowell was never able to slow down East Grand Rapids' fastbreak.

With the installation of a box defense, the Red Arrows not only stopped the breaking Pioneers, but they shut them out 3-0.

"The boys' play was excellent," Lowell boys soccer coach Chris Barlow said. "Our box defense set the tone early and eliminated any of their fastbreak opportunities. We were able to eliminate their pass from midfield."

On offense, Lowell passed and moved the ball effectively. The payoff came 45 seconds into the contest with Troy Gillan creating the net on an assist from Mark Maatman.

Jeff Herral, later in the first half, tallied his first varsity goal on an assist from Matt Foster. Herral was called up from the junior var-

sity club to help fill in some of the spots created by injuries.

The sophomore wasn't through - he also scored the game's only goal of the second half with help from an assist by Jim Jastifer.

"It's a big, quality win for us," Barlow said. "The boys have played hard all year. It's nice that the end result was good."

Barlow recognized the play of Zach Stauffer and Tom Hobbs. "They did an excellent job of stepping into East's passing lanes," he said.

The win came on the heels of a 1-0 overtime loss to Hudsonville earlier in the week.

"It was a game where we dominated but couldn't capitalize on our scoring opportunities," Barlow said. "We had some golden opportunities toward the end of regulation but didn't hit them."

Lowell's defensive play



Mark Maatman works the ball around a falling Pioneer during first-half action. Lowell defeated East 3-0.

was solid again. Jay Blair filled in for an injured Jake Billingsley (goalie).

Lowell finished the week at 5-6-1 in the OK White and 7-6-2 overall.



Lowell's Jim Jastifer heads the ball up field.

Bye

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Northview

Wed., Oct. 27 - 7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 30 - 7 p.m.

FHC (H)

Monday, Oct. 25 - 7 p.m.

Hastings

Greenville (H)

Mon., Oct. 25 - 4 p.m.

Lowell

\* H denotes home team

# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of October 11, 1999

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Keith Valentine, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported that Homecoming was a lot of fun but that there may be changes for next year to make it better. Student Council members helped with the food pantry on Saturday for 3 hours with the whole student council scheduled to work an entire Saturday sometime in October. There was a big turnout for the Adopt-A-Road clean-up and the blood drive is scheduled for the first of November.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION** - The Board of Education presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sue Beute who was named State Finalist for the National Science Award for Excellence in Teaching.

**CHERRY CREEK 5TH GRADE CAMP STUDENT REPORT** - Karen Cornell, teacher at Cherry Creek, along with five students and a parent, reported on the great learning experiences they received during the 5th grade camp held in September.

**ACTION ITEMS** -

- Accepted the 1998-99 Audit Report
- Ratified the following employee contracts: Bus Mechanics, LEA, LESA, Bus Drivers, Central Office Support Staff

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/Adopted were:

- September 13, 1999 Regular meeting minutes and September 13, 1999 Closed Session minutes
- The following payment of bills:  
GENERAL FUND \$441,704.26  
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND  
A. Food Service Fund \$61,463.24  
B. Athletic Fund \$23,051.72  
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND \$10,701.33  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$4,550.00
- The overnight trip for students to attend the FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky from October 26-30, 1999

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT** - Rob Stevens and Cari Slot reported on the technology taking place throughout the district and plans for the future.

**HSPT RESULTS** - Scott Washaw shared the results of the HSPT (MEAP) examination taken by high school students last spring.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke thanked Connie Gillette, her staff, and the control officers for the great job in budget control to produce an excellent audit. The Demographics Committee is now comprised of sub-groups containing parents at each building level. They will be meeting for the next 4 months to receive public input on the growth in student numbers and overcrowding of facilities. The HSPT/MEAP is considered to be a very important tool in helping teachers and administration continually improve student learning.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Regular Board Meeting -  
Monday, November 8, 1999 - 7:30 p.m.  
Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room

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# CHECK OUT THE MONEY-SAVING ADS IN THE LOWELL LEDGER TV MAGAZINE

## Red Arrow girl harriers outdistance Zeeland, 25-30

•••• Lowell's win improved its OK White conference record to 5-1 with Hastings remaining.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Zeeland got a school record, and Lowell's cross country team got its fifth conference win of the season.

The Red Arrow girls cross country team improved its league mark to 5-1 with a 25-30 win over the Chix.

The only blemish on Lowell's league record is an early season loss to Forest Hills Central.

"We're a young team that continues to run well," said Lowell first-year cross country coach Clay VanderWarf.

Zeeland's Ginger Wiermas set a school record finishing in a winning time of 20:09.

Lowell's freshmen trio of Katie Clements (21:10), Lisa Wojciakowski (21:10) and Holly Plattner (21:11) took spots two, three and four respectively.

Chix' Anna Tattan (21:15) was fifth and Sarah Velderman (21:50) finished sixth.

Lowell's Molly Kirsch was seventh with a time of 22:03 while Zeeland's Dawn Schout placed eighth in a time of 22:26.

Abby Vos was on the Chix' heels as

*We're a young team that continues to run well.*

Clay VanderWarf  
Lowell Cross Country Coach

she also finished in 22:26.

Zeeland's Jolene Bremer was ninth, stopping the clock in 22:28.

"With Katie Anderson out, Abby Vos stepped up and ran a strong race for us," VanderWarf said.

Lowell closes out its regular season conference schedule against Hastings this week (Wednesday).

# City looks to provide street and sidewalk improvement guidelines

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

What street in Lowell should get improved next? Which areas should have sidewalk and which ones should wait?

These are the questions city officials are hoping to

answer with a new street and sidewalk master plan.

"These have been major issues (street improvements and sidewalk) since I've been here and were probably long before that time," said city manager David Pasquale. "We need to have a plan in place that will provide us a guide-

line to use for both sidewalks and street improvements."

The primary reason for having such a plan is the ability to be able to explain to residents why a certain street will be worked on while another will have to wait, based on a set of criteria the city uses, explained Public Works director, Dan DesJarden.

At its Monday night meeting, Lowell City Council unanimously approved hiring Rowe Incorporated to put together a master plan the city could use in evaluating what streets should be worked on first and what areas should have or need sidewalks. The firm, one of two engineering firms bidding on

the project, was the low bidder, with \$14,000, compared to Williams and Works, which came in with a bid of \$16,000.

Both firms' proposals were very similar with only a few differences, Pasquale said. Both firms evaluated the street system utilizing a computer-based program which takes into account surface type, width and drainage. Pavement condition is analyzed. From the information received, options for rehabilitation, resurfacing and reconstruction will be given as well as priorities submitted for an implementation plan.

As for the sidewalks, both firms proposed to evaluate the condition of the existing

sidewalks and include topographical constraints and the feasibility of constructing new sidewalks in areas. A ranking system would be developed based on condition, pedestrian destinations and adjacent land use.

The key for both proposals, however, was that both firms planned to incorporate public input into the plan.

"This way everybody knows up front what we are going to be doing," DesJarden said. David Austin, of Williams and Works, was at the meeting and did interject that his firm's proposal was based on information provided from the city on funds available. Such

funding is determined in advance by checking with area firms, Pasquale explained.

Austin said a concern of his was that his firm never received any formal bid specs on the project and would recommend that in the future the city try to send specific specs out to firms so that the bids coming in would be more representative of the time involved.

Later in the meeting, councilmember Don Green said he would like to see city officials include the spec sheets sent out for bids so that the councilors would have a clearer picture as to exactly what was being asked.

## Plastics, cont'd.... From Page 10

school education or a few years of college," Ramirez emphasizes.

Shawn Eshragh, Concept Industries, concurred that high school students with math and reading skills and good work habits can find jobs in the plastics industry right out of high school such as machine operators and quality technicians can be found.

There are big demands for design operators and CAD designers, Eshragh notes. These jobs require two years of post secondary education.

In fact, there are more than 95,000 jobs in Michigan alone, representing an annual payroll of \$2.7 billion.

The total number of plastics industry jobs has grown by 31 percent since 1996, with Michigan ranking third behind California and Ohio in the number of plastics industry employees.

## No east end traffic lights, but turning signal at Hudson/M-21 possible

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

For now, the city of Lowell may not be getting any additional street lights on M-21, but city officials are still hoping to get at least a left turn signal for the intersection of M-21 and Hudson Street.

At Monday night's city council meeting, city man-

ager David Pasquale said he had received a report from Joseph K. Finch, which stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation had conducted a preliminary traffic study at the intersections of Washington, Monroe, and Jefferson streets along M-21.

The study, which was conducted during afternoon peak traffic hours, indicated there was not enough volume to warrant lights at those intersections. "At least not

enough traffic on the side streets themselves," Pasquale said.

Discussion at the meeting quickly turned to the request of a left turn light at M-21 and Hudson Street.

"I was at Hudson and Main not too long ago at around 6 p.m. and in three lights only one car got through," said mayor, Bill Thompson. Drivers are getting so impatient they are ei-

ther trying to beat the light or cutting through the Shell station, according to councilors' comments.

Pasquale said a request for MDOT to do a traffic study for the turn light was made last spring and that staff will follow up to see what has happened to that request. Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said the light has been wired for a turn signal.

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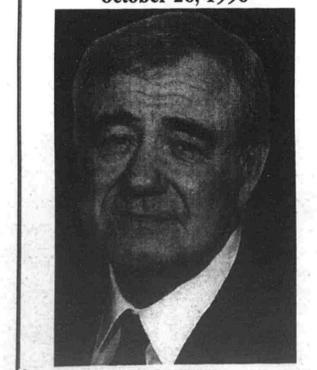
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# Unable to come to terms with VFW, city looks at alternatives

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

After a positive preliminary discussion with Lowell school officials, the Lowell City Council has unanimously voted to investigate alternative plans for its City Hall-police station project.

Since last spring, city officials have been working out details in renovating and adding on to the existing City Hall. These plans were to include the construction of a new police station located behind City Hall with two buildings being connected by a lobby area.

Recent developments, however, in purchasing property from the VFW Flat River Post #8303, located next door to City Hall, have forced city officials to consider other options.

At Monday night's regular city council meeting, city manager David Pasquale said he was encouraged by recent talks with Lowell Area Schools' officials about purchasing some property located on the north side of Avery, east of the residential property.

"I have talked to Superintendent Bert Bleke about it and he said he has talked to the board and received positive response about a sale," Pasquale said. "I have written a letter to Bert [Bleke] so as to get a formal response from the district."

Because of the good vibes from school officials about the possibility of the city purchasing the property from the district, Pasquale recommended and the council approved having the engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, Inc. work up an alternative plan for the City Hall-police station project. The alternative plan would look at moving the police station to the property acquired directly north of City Hall across from Avery Street in lieu of the current plan to connect the two facilities together.

"You would lose that access," Pasquale said. However, the

alternative plan would allow the city to consider moving ahead with the entire project, he said.

The City Hall-police station project hit a snag when city officials went to talk to representatives from the VFW Post about swapping parking space. Currently, the VFW Post owns two-thirds of the parking lot located behind City Hall. The city needs some of the space to develop the proposed police station addition and talked about trading parking space in a new city lot for the space the VFW currently owned.

Mayor Bill Thompson said VFW representatives indicated they wanted the city to purchase the lot and building; the city made an offer of \$150,000. According to earlier reports, this offer was about \$30,000 over the estimated value. The VFW has rejected the offer, with post officials indicating they would need about \$300,000.

At the meeting, the city council also voted to send a second letter to the VFW Post along with the new appraisal. Pasquale said in the letter, he planned to reaffirm the city's bid of \$150,000 for the building and the parking lot, which the city council believes is fair. He also plans to officially notify the post that the council is looking at other alternatives but is open to negotiate on a sale.

VFW Post 8303 commander Gordon Marshall said the VFW isn't trying to hold anything up, but it is seeking a fair deal so it can survive. "The VFW Post cannot survive without the parking lot. We are not interested in selling just the lot or both for \$150,000," Marshall said.

The cost for the study on the alternative plans is not to exceed \$4,000, including expenses.



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