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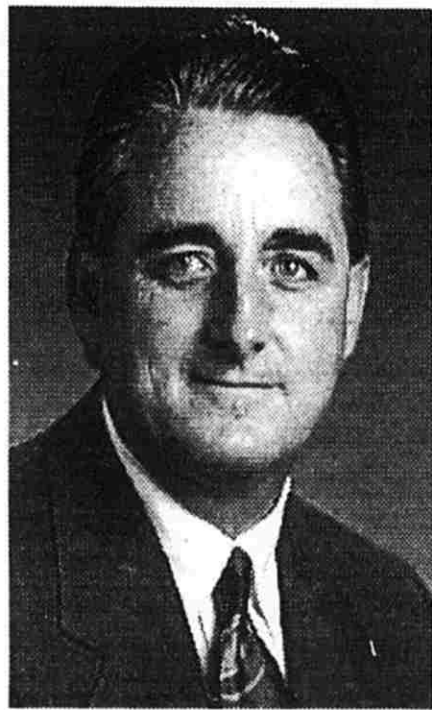
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Wednesday, August 30, 2000

Quada's love and passion for Lowell documented in his tireless efforts

City leader's legacy is lasting imprint his work had on community.

By Roger Brown
Lowell Ledger Publisher



Ray Quada

Former Lowell City Manager Ray Quada, 56, died Sunday, August 27 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on August 19. Quada suffered a fractured skull in the accident and remained unconscious until the time of his death. Quada was alone on his motorcycle when he lost control at I-96 and U.S. 131 northbound. No other vehicles were involved.

As word of Quada's death filtered through the community, Lowell residents who knew him were deeply saddened by the news. A typical reaction came from Lowell School Board President Pete Gustafson who described Quada as "tireless" in his dedication to the school district and the city of Lowell. "Ray cares about this community and has done a great deal to improve education and the quality of life in Lowell," Gustafson said.

Originally from Marshall, Michigan, Quada graduated from high school there, served two years in the United States Army, then attended Michigan State University. In 1970, he received a degree in political science and began his career in municipal government. He first took a job as assistant city manager in Midland. Later he moved to a similar position in Plymouth. In early 1976 Quada was hired to fill the vacant city manager position in Lowell. Along with his wife Kathie and their two young sons, Matthew and Andrew, the Quada family became a part of the community.

During his ten-year run as Lowell City Manager, Quada earned the friendship and respect of nearly all who came in contact with him. Given his big smile and hands-on approach to the job, most people in Lowell did come in contact with Quada at some time or another. You expect to see a city manager in a suit and tie at the council meetings. In Quada's case, you were just as apt to see him driving a plow truck on a snowy night.

While city manager, Quada served on various committees with the Michigan City Managers' Association and

was the city's representative to the West Michigan Regional Planning Committee.

When attending a Michigan Municipal League Conference, Quada was able to have Lowell included as a stop for the "ArtTrain" touring the state. The ArtTrain visit provided the impetus for community support of what has evolved into the Lowell Area Arts Council. Quada and his wife Kathie were very active in the formation of L.A.A.C.

Other highlights of Quada's tenure as city manager include the final construction of the water treatment plant on Bowes Road. The old Division Street Bridge was deemed as unsafe in the late 1970's. Quada spearheaded efforts to secure funding for a new bridge which now spans the Grand River. Always a big promoter of parks and recreation, Quada oversaw the establishment of Creekside Park, improvement of Richards Park and securing land for the present Stoney Lakeside Park. Quada was instrumental in the establishment of Lowell Cable TV, one of a very few municipally owned cable systems in the state.

From his letter of resignation in 1987, Quada cited a partial list of changes in the community of which he was proud to have been a part. The list included: the construction of a new public works facility, the creation of a volunteer rescue service (on which Quada served as a fully trained on-call volunteer for five years), the purchase of additional fire apparatus through cooperation with the townships, successful annual contract negotiations with the police officers, the revitalization of the Master Plan and the updating of the Zoning Ordinance. With a little research the list could go on and on.

The position of city manager can easily become a lightning rod for criticism. Quada's open enthusiasm, winning personality and honest approach to any problem kept him popular and well-respected throughout his term as city manager. When Quada announced his decision to resign in February of 1987, the community was not at all ready to see him go.

When an enticing opportunity in the corporate world presented itself, he decided it was time for a change. Quada left city government for a position as president of Wendy's of West Michigan, a limited partnership that owned approximately 30 Wendy's restaurants in the area. Through several changes and much growth, he remained at the helm of the chain over the years. Now called Meritage Hospitality Group, Quada was its C.E.O. at the time of his death.

In his letter of resignation in 1987, Quada noted that the decision was made easier by the fact he could continue to reside in Lowell. Lucky for Lowell, as Quada continued to serve the community by volunteering on numerous boards.

Dating back to his early years in Lowell, Quada was always active on the Lowell Showboat Board and served as its president three times. In the early 1980's Quada and his supporters on the board made a tough decision to curtail Showboat productions until approximately \$45,000 in long-

term debt was paid. Through various fundraisers the debt was finally erased. Despite these efforts, the Lowell Showboat would never gain the success of its early years.

In the years since his job as city manager, Quada served various terms on the Lowell Light and Power Board, Lowell Cable TV Board and a special advisory committee to the mayor. He also served on the Downtown Development Authority Board from its inception in 1992 until early this year.

In the late 1980s it became apparent that Lowell was quickly outgrowing its educational facilities. Quada volunteered to help and ended up as chairman of the school's Strategic Planning Committee. He also chaired the millage drive to raise taxes for a new school. This involvement prompted a run for the Lowell School Board. Quada was elected to a four-year term which began in 1990. In 1993-94 he served as president of the Board. During his term the new high school was built and all existing school buildings were updated.

At the time of his death Quada was vice president of the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation. The foundation raises money to help support educational excellence in Lowell schools.

Along with Chris Van Antwerp, a local art teacher, Quada created and introduced the "Youth Art Month" program to the Wendy's restaurant system. Each March, elementary school children display their art work in the restaurant dining rooms. The project started in 18 restaurants eleven years ago and has now grown to include 120 facilities in Michigan and Indiana.

Quada was also Lowell's unofficial "toastmaster." He was called upon to emcee various functions, most notably Lowell's annual "Person of the Year" event. In 1993, the award went to Quada and organizers of the event had to be very inventive about keeping the secret and turning the tables on the toastmaster at the award's banquet.

If all this, and more, weren't enough, Quada made a run for the Lowell City Council in last fall's election. When he was elected to serve on the body that hired him and brought him to this community so many years ago, it would seem he had come full circle. He began his term in January of this year.

Quada was preceded in death by an infant son Mark and his wife Kathie who died in 1985 following her long struggle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Beverly (Babs) Quada, two sons, Matthew (Susan) Quada, Andrew and the "Sunshine of his life," granddaughter Kaitlyn Quada. A complete obituary appears in this issue.

Family visitation will be held at the Roth-Gerst Chapel on Wednesday and Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9. Services are to be held at the Lowell High School Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

With few changes, commission sends wireless communications tower ordinance back to council

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

With little discussion, the Lowell Planning Commission passed on a revised wireless communications tower ordinance to the Lowell City Council.

The planning commission had been assigned the task of revising the proposed ordinance after a couple of the councilmembers raised concerns over it. Those concerns included allowing such towers in the suburban residential areas, setback requirements, and radius from one tower to another.

The planning commission met at a special meeting Aug. 7 to work on the ordinance. At Monday night's meeting, planning commission chair, Dan Brubaker noted that the commission did not change a lot from the original.

The changes included a setback regulation equal to the height of the tower, a radius of one mile between towers, and the elimination of towers being a monopole design only. The commission did leave in that wireless towers would be allowed in the suburban residential area.

"The reason for this is

that by excluding this area we were eliminating too many areas of the city," said planning commissioner, James Hall.

A large group of residents on Gee Drive have contended that such towers should not be allowed in the suburban residential area, which is the zoning of their properties. This would prohibit AT&T from constructing a tower next to the current water tower located on Gee Drive.

City manager, David Pasquale did ask why the planning commission decided to allow other designs

besides monopole; the planning commissioners responded by saying that other designs may be more fitting to an area.

"We also thought if there is a pole that allows for several carriers, reducing the number of towers in the city, that we should be able to consider that," Brubaker explained.

As for holding a public hearing on the revised ordinance, the planning commission decided to let the Lowell City Council handle that. The group unanimously voted to send the revised ordinance to the council for review and adoption.

The council will receive the

ordinance at its Sept. 5 meeting and probably set a public hearing for its Sept. 18 meeting.

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OBITUARIES

CHAMPAGNE - Charlotte (Billie) C. Champagne, of Saranac, passed away August 24, 2000. She was born May 11, 1952, in Rienzi, Missis-

siippi, the daughter of William and Imogene (McGaughy) Green. She married Orvil Champagne on May 14, 1970, in Benton Harbor. She is sur-

vived by her husband Orvil Champagne of Saranac; son William Champagne of Caledonia; daughters Linda and Edwin Williams of Saranac, Melissa and Dave Miller of Lyons; brother Jim Green of Ionia; sisters Linda and Frank Manley and Carolyn Gooch all of Mississippi; grandchildren Marissa, Heather, Shianne, Holly. She was preceded in death by one brother Edgar Carroll Green. Funeral services for Mrs. Champagne were held Monday at the Easton United Methodist Church with Rev. Judy Downing officiating. In-

terment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Ionia Area Hospice.

DANCER - Rosamond Verleigh Dancer, aged 85, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000. She was preceded in death by her son Michael Curran. Mrs. Dancer is survived by her husband Edward; children Jerome (Janet) Curran of Denver, NC, Margo (Fay) Sterling of Lowell, Suzanna (Jay) Blevins of Portsmouth, OH; stepdaughter, Jacqueline Brooks of New Haven, IN; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Snow United Methodist Church. Funeral Services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Thurian Meredith officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow, Lowell, MI 49331.

LITSCHESKI - Barbara Katherine Litschewski, aged 85, of Lowell, passed away Friday, August 25, 2000. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Adolph; daughters Carol (Arthur) Shimmel of Allegan, Linda (Gerald) Dykstra of Lowell, Rita (Roger) Kropf of Comstock Park; seven grandchildren David (Noel) Shimmel, Teresa (Tom) Zimmerman, James (Tammy) Shimmel, Karen and Andrew Dykstra.

Amy Kropf and fiancée Kenneth Jacobs, Anthony Kropf; four great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday at St. Mary Church of Lowell. Rev. Robert George J. Fekete, Celebrant. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church or Hospice of Grand Rapids.

LOWDEN - Gerald F. Lowden, aged 58, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly August 24, 2000. He was preceded in death by his father Frank and brother Gene. Mr. Lowden is survived by his wife of 35 years, Janice; children Sam Lowden of Lowell, Dorothy (Tim) Bregg of Chase, James (Dianne) Lowden of Rockford; mother Mary Lowden; brothers Harry (Velma) Lowden, Luther "Bud" Lowden, Paul (Alice) Lowden, Frank (Sandy) Lowden, Jeff (Sandy) Lowden; sisters Joyce Thebu, Pat (John) Clark, Sue (Denny) Bueno; granddaughters Amber and Megan Bregg. He worked at Stephenson & Lawyer, Inc. for 35 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel.

PHILLIPS - James D. Phillips, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, August 23, 2000. He was born December 25, 1932. He is survived by his loving wife Judy K. Phillips; his children Mary Decker, Barbara Looman, Patricia Livingston, James D. Phillips Jr., Tonya Gorby and Mark Phillips; stepchildren Bill, James, Scott, Laurel and Shiela VanHeulen and Jim and Rick Merklinger; special stepchildren and good friends Matt VanHeulen and Darci Salinas; sisters Myrtle Williams, Josephine Morris, Viola Avilla, Lois Werkema and sisters-in-law Becky Phillips, Linda Colburn and Lorna Emelander; several grandchildren and one great-grandson; many very good friends. Jim was a Korean War Veteran, a member of VFW 3023 Creston Post, Alto American Legion, Lowell Moose Lodge 809 and Greenville Eagles

4321. He retired from the city of Grand Rapids Engineers as land surveyor in January 1995. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Robert Bos of Hospice of Michigan officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

QUADA - Ray Quada, 56, of Lowell, passed away of accidental injuries Sunday, August 27 at Spectrum Downtown Hospital. Ray was preceded in death by his father, Ray Edward Quada, his mother, Virginia Quada, his infant son, Mark Quada and his first wife Kathie Quada. He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Babs) Quada, their two sons, Matthew (Susan) Quada, Andrew (Melissa) Quada and the "Sunshine of his life" granddaughter Kaitlyn Quada. Ray is also survived by his mother and father-in-law, Wes and Madonna Bigelow and previous mother and father-in-law Arnold (Marian) Whitney; his brothers Fred (Janice) Quada, Ron (Charlene) Quada, Don (Shirley) Quada, Roy (Dawn) Quada, Roger (Dorothy) Quada and sister Joyce (Dave) DeShonas as well as sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. Mary and Jack Harrall, Nancy and Dan Fansher, Cindy and Bruce Boyce, Rose and Randy Maxim, Penny Webster, Jane Mott and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Lowell High School auditorium, 11700 Vergennes N.E. Rev. Gordie Barry of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. The family will greet relatives and friends Wednesday and Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home and on Friday from 10 - 11 a.m. at the school auditorium. Memorials may be made to the Ray E. Quada Scholarship Fund, c/o Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes N.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

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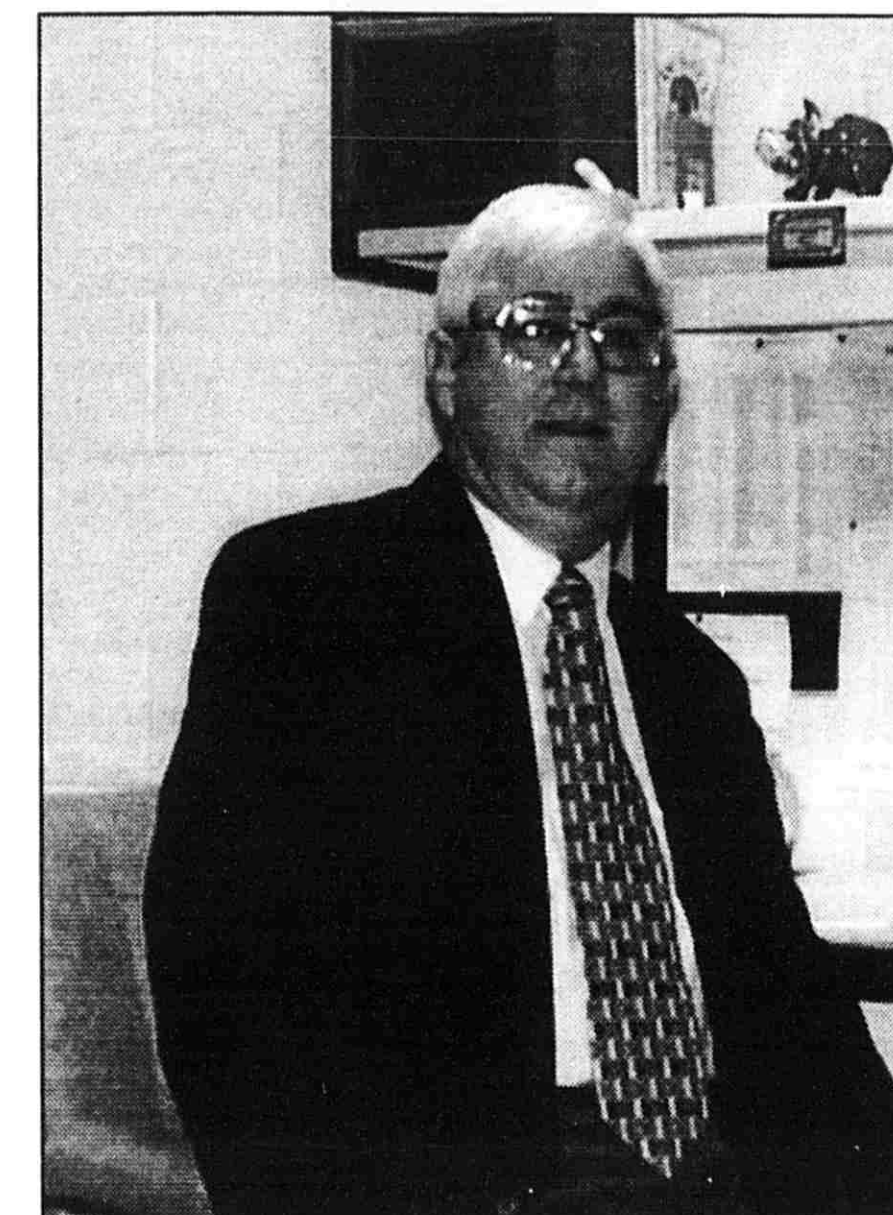
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THIS ORDINANCE IS IN EFFECT YEAR AROUND AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS ARE ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.


James Valentine
 Chief of Police

Akers keeps title, changes buildings



Ken Akers will serve as interim assistant principal at Cherry Creek Elementary during Pam Hayes' maternity leave.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Ken Akers enjoyed his interim administrative position so much last year that he decided to try a new one in 2000-01.

He filled in for Lowell Middle School assistant principal Mark Weber last year. With Weber back and his health 100 percent, Akers was scheduled to return to the classroom where he had spent the past 30 years.

That changed when Maureen Dorrough, Cherry Creek Elementary principal, asked Akers to fill the assistant principal role during Pam Hayes' maternity leave.

"It is a major switch... one I gave some thought to before answering," Akers said.

A positive administrative experience last year helped him in his decision. "It worked well and I liked it," Akers said. "The Cherry Creek po-

sition will be a different challenge... an exciting challenge."

The two weeks leading up to the start of school helped Akers learn some of the ins and outs of his new role.

"As a middle school as-

sistant principal, 90 percent of my time was spent dealing with discipline issues," Akers said.

At Cherry Creek Elementary, most of his time will involve interaction with kids and volunteer parents.

"I'll miss the middle school environment and staff, but I look forward to the new challenge that Cherry Creek Elementary brings," Akers concluded.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance No. 52-08-00 was adopted by the Township board of the Township of Lowell on August 21, 2000. A summary of the Ordinance follows:

The Ordinance repeals existing Ordinance No. 5, and adopts a new Sewer Use Ordinance governing connections to and use of the Township's publicly owned treatment works ("POTW").

The Ordinance sets forth uniform requirements for direct and indirect contributors into the Township's wastewater collection and treatment system and enables the Township to comply with all applicable state and federal laws as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the "Clean Water Act"), as amended, 33 USC 1251, et seq.; and Part 31 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1994, MCLA 324.3101 et seq., as amended ("Water Resources Protection").

The purposes and objectives of the Ordinance are: (a) To establish standards, rules, and regulations with respect to the use of the Township's POTW; (b) To prevent the discharge of pollutants into the POTW that do not meet applicable standards and requirements; that would interfere with the operation of the POTW; that would pass through the POTW into the receiving waters or the atmosphere; that would inhibit or disrupt the POTW's processing, use, or disposal of sludge; that would cause health or safety problems for POTW workers; or that would result in a violation of the Township's NPDES permit or of other applicable laws and regulations; (c) To regulate the discharge of wastewater to the POTW and to enforce the requirements of the Ordinance; (d) To authorize and require all inspection, monitoring, and enforcement activities as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and (e) To provide for equitable distribution of the costs of the Township's wastewater system.

The Ordinance applies to all persons within the Township of Lowell and to persons outside the Township who are, by contract or agreement with the Township, users of the POTW. Except as otherwise specifically provided by the Ordinance, the Township Supervisor is authorized to enforce the provisions of the Ordinance and the POTW Superintendent is authorized to administer other operations of the POTW.

The Ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to discharge any wastewater or pollutant to the POTW or to any storm sewer or natural outlet within the Township or in any area under the jurisdiction of the Township, except in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance. If any user discharges or proposes to discharge wastewaters or pollutants that are prohibited or limited by the Ordinance, the POTW Superintendent or other authorized representatives of the Township may take any action as provided by Ordinance or other applicable laws or regulations to assure and require compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

The publication of this summary of the Ordinance is intended to meet the requirements for publication as authorized under the provisions of Public Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, State of Michigan, as amended (MCLA 41.184, as amended). No further publication of the Ordinance is required or contemplated by the Township. A true and complete copy of the Ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the Township Clerk, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, Michigan 49331.

Linda S. Regan
 Township Clerk

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 Fri., Sept. 1 Ten cent kid clothes & shoes, camper, woodstove, snowblower, trailer, firewood, toys. 13351 36th St.

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 Aug. 30, 31 & Sept. 1, 9:30 a.m. - ? Honda mini bike, runs, needs work, \$100; new sewing machine, \$130; used couch & loveseat, \$20; dresser, \$20; scroll saw, \$200; glass top dining room set, \$45; TV, \$15; pair of butterfly chairs, \$30; pair of outdoor iron chairs, \$40; wedding dress, \$35; stereo equip., \$20; Nintendo, wood crafts, yard & garden misc., flower pots, seasonal decorations, loads of misc. 897-7589. 10415 36th St. SE, Lowell.

MOVING GARAGE SALE
 Sept. 1 & 2, 8 - 5 p.m. Antique table & chairs, rattan table & chairs, 5282 Pointview Ct., Big Crooked Lake.

GARAGE SALE
 Sept. 1 & 2, 8 am - ?, 1619 Stonewood in Eastgate. 90 yr. old upright piano, boy clothes 3-16, many other clothes, travel playpen, toys & more.

YARD SALE
 2827 Segwun Aug. 30, 31, & Sept. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Smaller adult and children's clothing, shoes, jewelry and goodies, too many to list.

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
 home school supplies, school clothes, toys, books, Beanies, adult clothes, king size waterbed, household misc., Sat., Sept. 2, 9-7. 3688 Oak Meadow, W. on 36th, off Alden Nash.

HUGE GARAGE SALE
 Namebrand clothing, antiques, new riding boots, dishes, furniture, too much to list. Fri. & Sat., Sept. 1 & 2, 9-6 p.m. 11899 Bailey Dr.

YARD SALE
 Aug. 31 - Sept. 1, 9-?, 11326 Denise #120, Key Heights. Waterbed, living room chairs, toys, jewelry, baby to X large clothes, lots misc.

CASCADE SALE
 Sat., 9-5. Jewelry, old bottles/jars, clothing, collectibles, 3235 Behler Dr.

GARAGE SALE
 1735 Woodgate, Lowell. Sept. 1 & 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Girls clothing & much misc. A to Z.

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Gregory and Emily May Intrain

Intrain/Cooper

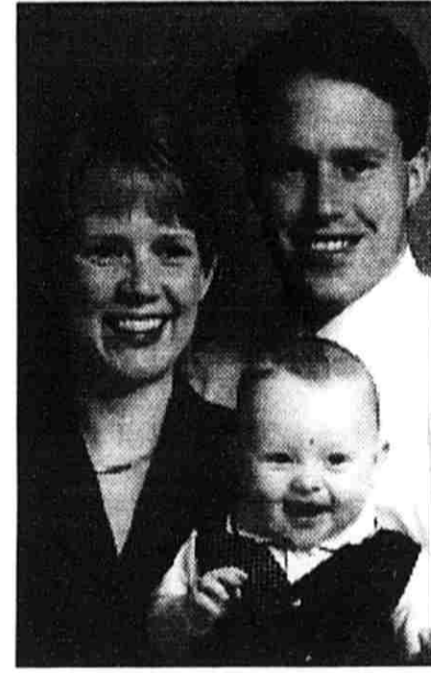
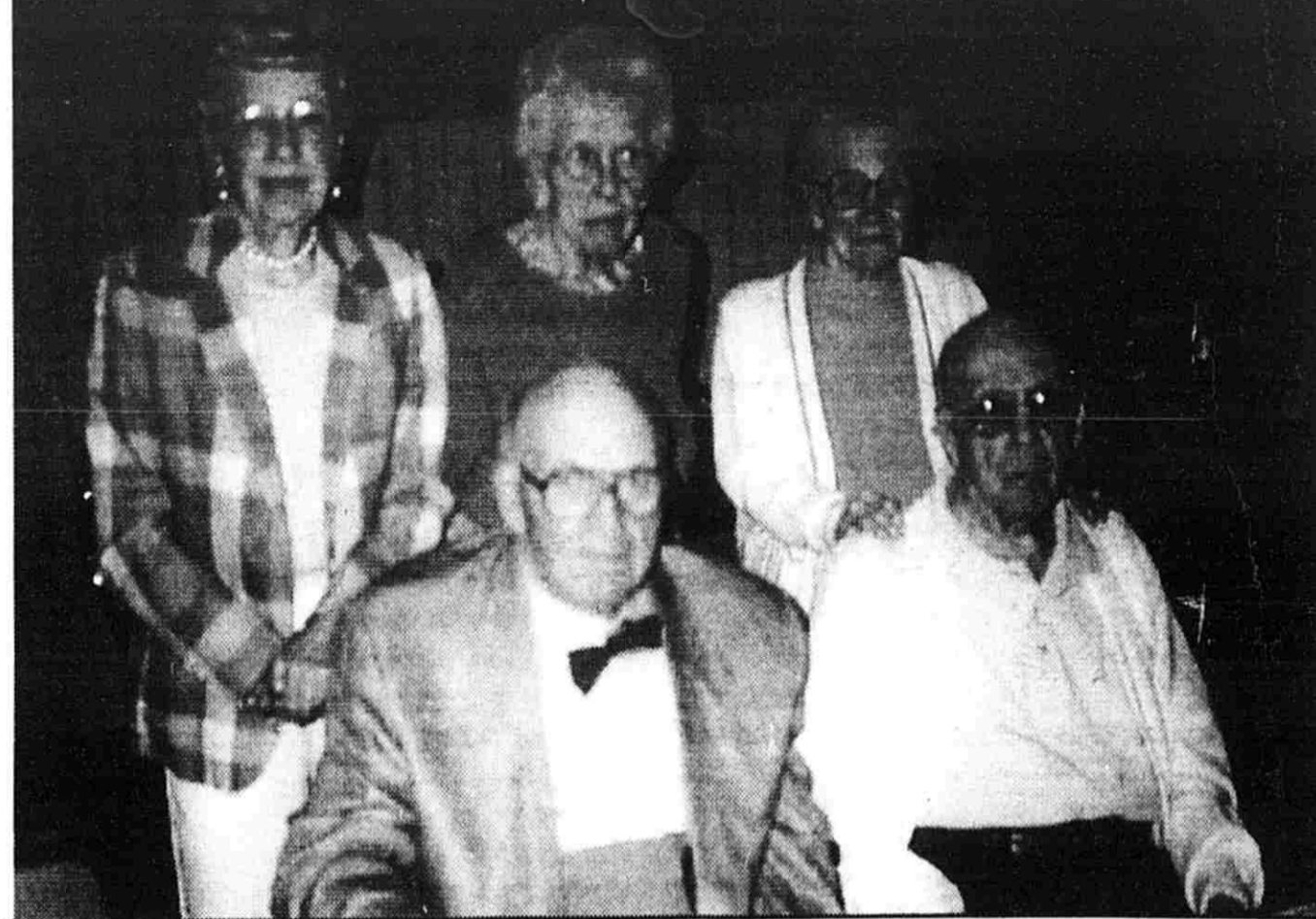
In an early June wedding, Emily May Cooper, daughter of Judson and Janet Cooper of Reese, became the bride of Gregory J. Intrain. The groom is the son of Richard and Mary Intrain of Lowell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- AUGUST 31: Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe.
SEPTEMBER 1: Jerry Bellah, Todd Mahalic.
SEPTEMBER 2: Eric Elzinga, Whitey Tubergen.
SEPTEMBER 3: Bailey Allen.
SEPTEMBER 4: Walt Dickerson, Mark Smith, Ron Merriman, Theresa Engle.
SEPTEMBER 5: Barb Vezino, Kohlton Scott Clouser, Joanne Miller.
SEPTEMBER 6: Brian Haan, Mitch Mercer.

Class of '30 Celebrates 70th

The Lowell High School class of 1930 met on July 29 at Keiser's Kitchen for their 70th reunion. Pictured from left to right, back row: Emma Kropf Herron, Alice Johnson Coles, Ruth Winons Wingeier; front row, left to right: Clarence Klahn and Everett Gulembo.



Riemersmas celebrate 50th.

Gerald and Helen (Start) Riemersma of Rockford will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15, 2000. Their children are Larry and Joann Riemersma, Bob and Pam Boelens, Randy and Janice Riemersma, Steve and Joni Thome and Dennis and Linda Riemersma.

Wesleyan Church to welcome new reverend

Lowell Wesleyan Church will welcome the Rev. Jason Aaron Leininger as its new pastor on Sunday, Sept. 3. Rev. Leininger comes to Lowell from Falconer, N.Y., where he served for three years as the pastor of Falconer First Wesleyan Church.

AREA BIRTHS

Jennifer and Ronald Ripley Jr. are pleased to announce the arrival of their precious baby girl, Kayla Ann, born Monday, August 14, 2000. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Lowell Wesleyan Church will welcome the Rev. Jason Aaron Leininger as its new pastor on Sunday, Sept. 3. Rev. Leininger comes to Lowell from Falconer, N.Y., where he served for three years as the pastor of Falconer First Wesleyan Church.



Week of 9/4 - 9/8

ELEMENTARY "Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options."

MON: Labor Day

TUES: Pizza pocket or chicken patty on bun, pears, peas.

WED: Grilled cheese sandwich or ham & turkey sub, tomato soup, applesauce, carrots & dip, homemade cookie.

THURS: Macaroni & cheese or corn dog on stick, cinnamon roll, jello, celery w/peanut butter.

FRI: Soft shell taco w/lettuce & cheese or cheeseburger on bun, apples, bean dip w/cheese, nacho pieces.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

"Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options."

MON: Labor Day

TUES: 2 hot dogs on bun, chicken parmesan on bun, pears, peas.

WED: Chicken nuggets or bacon cheeseburger on bun, applesauce, whipped potatoes, cookie.

THURS: Pasta bar, Macaroni, spaghetti, rotini, meat sauce, veggie sauce, cheese sauce, garlic toast, steamed vegetables, fruit choice.

FRI: Pizza wedge or chicken salad croissant, fruit choice, vegetable choice.

Viewpoint . . .



Writing this week's lead story about the death of Ray Quada was a terribly hard thing to do, but at the same time it was a very uplifting experience.

Ray and I were old, old friends, and trying to summarize the nearly 25 years he devoted to this town was simply one of the most difficult things I've ever had to do.

This story might help illustrate how far Ray and I go back. I bought the Ledger in November of 1975. I covered city council meetings for the paper, and in the spring of 1976 a young man was introduced as the probable choice to fill the vacant city manager position.

After the meeting there was the customary second meeting out on the sidewalk where things can be said off the record. The councilmembers, the mayor, chief of police, etc., were all talking to Ray. Since the press isn't privy to these after-the-meeting meetings, I said my "goodnights," jumped in my rusty brown Dodge station wagon and headed for home.

Years later Ray told me that my Main Street u-turn departure in front of all those city officials solidified his decision to take the job this time. "I knew Lowell was my kinda town when I saw that," he said. I'm glad my less than exemplary driving habits have accounted for at least one good thing over the years.

We were awfully young back in those days. I was 26 and

Ray 31 when we first met. One thing I forgot to mention in the article about Ray is the fact, he was at the time, the youngest city manager in Michigan.

We had a lot in common. We were new to the town, we were married, we had young kids, we had no money. For years our social life consisted of burgers on the grill, a few beers and euchre or a board game while the kids tore up either their house or ours.

As time wore on, we drifted apart socially. We became more and more occupied with our jobs, families and other commitments. The tragic death of Ray's wife Kathie and his eventual departure from city government both had a big impact on our relationship.

Even though we didn't see each other nearly as much, the old bonds were still there. The roots were there. The core of our friendship remained as strong as ever.

to Grand Rapids not only has the village franchise but an option to buy Lowell Light and Power.

Meanwhile, the new shirt factory being set up in the woolen mill may also have a rivet button factory on the premises. Housing for new employees may be a problem.

Three young men in a speeding buggy cause damage to a buggy occupied by two ladies Friday evening in a hit-and-run accident.

The sixth semi-annual reunion of Ledger correspondents is held at editor Johnson's home with supper served by Mrs. Johnson plus music and literary program.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 27, 1925

The Ada Pioneers' Association annual picnic has several hundred attending in spite of rain.

The former Chase Furniture Co. building, now owned by the Board of Trade, is leased for two years to George L. McCarthy of Grand Rapids, to manufacture airplanes of "the monoplane type" which can make the trip from Grand Rapids to Detroit in 45 minutes on 4 1/2 gallons of gas and will cost \$1800.

A two-month-old baby girl is abandoned on the porch of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Andrews; the county nurse takes her to Grand Rapids.

Melville B. McPherson, president of the Kent County Farm Bureau, vows a phone rate protest to Michigan Bell. "It looks as if someone wanted to lower Detroit's rates by six percent and make up the loss on the rest of the state."

Heavy rains cancelled the Farmers' Picnic at Island Park last week; the speech was delivered at City Hall, but no games.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 31, 1950

Duane Butcher of Saranac is the first from this area to be signed with the Detroit Tigers.

First the Showboat, then the 4-H Fair, break all records this year although the first accident in the Fair's 16-year history involves a runaway horse and two fair visitors. Revenues from special events wipe out the worrisome debt load too.

Hartman's Drug Store is handling all school books this year and requests that grade-schoolers buy theirs before school starts. Only high school will be served the first day. Other school supplies are available too: filler papers, 5 cents; notebooks, 19 to 39 cents; "transparent ball point pencils," 25 cents.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE AUGUST 28, 1975

Lowell Showboat will offer a Sunday afternoon program with seven circus acts next week.

The full-page Back to School information shows photos of the new Alto Elementary addition and the new library at Bushnell Elementary.

Steve Harrington, Lowell High School Naturalist, suggests that the public do nature study on the schools' "South 80," an 80-acre parcel owned by the Lowell Schools on 28th Street.

The late Dr. Ruth Herrick's collection of Greentown Glass is exhibited at the Grand Rapids Museum.

The State Savings Bank advertises automatic deposit of social security checks, starting September 1.

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MONONUCLEOSIS

Fall is just around the corner and the school season is about to begin. Colleges are getting ready to pack their students into their dorms once again, to live and study in such close proximity that Mono can live there too.

Mononucleosis is generally caused by a virus known as Epstein-Barr virus or EBV, for short. EBV is popularly known as the "kissing disease" and there is some truth to this name. Close contact is the way by which the virus moves through a population, but sharing a glass can provide a suitable vehicle as well. Symptoms start with an elevated temperature and this is usually followed by a worsening sore throat. The lymph nodes under the jaw and the back of the neck become enlarged and, in some cases, a profound fatigue will set in. Some people who get the disease will become so fatigued that they will sleep even 23 hours a day.

Fortunately this is a self-limiting virus, meaning it runs its course and eventually the symptoms disappear on their own. Because it is a virus, antibiotics will do nothing to shorten the process, but because it is principally characterized by a sore throat, patients should be screened to ensure they do not have strep throat. In some very rare instances, sufferers are treated with steroids to reduce the swelling of the tonsils and lymph nodes but this is reserved for only extreme cases because of the negative effect steroids have on the immune system.

Mono is out there and the college age people are prime targets for this disease, but for most it is only a nuisance. The only real precaution to observe if the disease is diagnosed is to avoid contact sports for six weeks because the spleen becomes enlarged temporarily and is at risk for trauma. Light activity, plenty of rest, Tylenol for fever and time will usually see Mono through.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer for many people, but to me it means it's time for the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. Not only does this broadcast bring nationwide attention and support to the fight against neuromuscular diseases, it also energizes our family and all the great people involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association here in Lowell.

My family is among those facing the onslaught of challenges caused by progressive muscle wasting, and we take great comfort in knowing that MDA funds hundreds of the world's top scientists with contributions made to the Telethon. These investigators are working around the clock to find treatments and cures for neuromuscular diseases. We also know that thanks to public support of the Telethon, MDA provides unparalleled help through a network of some 230 clinics from coast to coast.

We can count on excellent doctors, nurses and therapists at the MDA clinics at Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids and at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo. Their guidance has been a godsend, and MDA experts have answers for us when other doctors might not. MDA also helps pay for wheelchairs and leg braces, and hosts support groups in which families can network with others facing similar challenges.

Each summer, thanks to the Telethon, my child and other kids with neuromuscular diseases spend a week of fun and freedom at MDA summer camp in Holton. It's a fantastic time for the kids, and a welcome respite for families who otherwise provide year-round care.

The MDA Telethon broadcast airs locally Sunday, Sept. 3, at 9:00 p.m. on WOTV ABC, Channel 41. On behalf of our family, and families everywhere who've been touched by muscle-wasting disorders, please tune in Labor Day weekend and make a pledge by calling 800-FIGHTMD, or by visiting MDA's Web site at www.mdaua.org.

Sincerely, Robert VanderMaas

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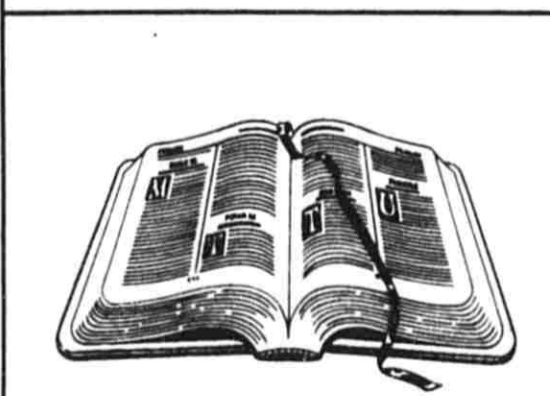


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JC Penney grant will help 'Y' fund after school program at middle school

Lowell Branch YMCA has received a \$5,500 grant from the JC Penney after-school program designed to help start a much-needed after-school program for middle school kids in the Lowell community.

"We are honored and thrilled to be selected as a recipient," said Will Welsh, executive director. "This contribution empowers the Lowell community to develop a program for middle school kids. This certainly will help with opening a teen center complete with computers, study area, recreation

and wholesome activities. These funds will enable us to provide a safe place for our kids to build healthy spirits, minds and bodies when they are most vulnerable to at-risk behavior, from 3 to 6 p.m. on school days."

More importantly, Welsh added, this grant will enable the Y to staff the program with caring adults who can serve as mentors and role models.

Grant proposals were submitted by 1,259 YMCAs nationwide seeking funding to enhance and expand after-school

programs in under-served communities, emphasize literacy and engage more teenagers. During the first year, 58 reading awards, 114 youth awards and 129 teen awards were presented to YMCAs of all sizes, from all parts of the country. These awards range in amounts from \$800 to \$15,000.

"This overwhelming response indicates that Ys all across America recognize the importance of developing structured, positive after-school programming for youth and teens," said Welsh.

YMCA conference geared toward building teen programs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Teen Thing 2000 focused on "all things teen."

It brought together YMCA staff and volunteers from all levels, all teen programs, and all parts of the country for an experimental gathering.

Through fellowship and intensive learning, they shared the best and most practical ideas and gave one another guidance on how to make them work.

The first-of-its-kind conference brought together over 300 YMCA staff from around the country at the YMCA of

the Ozarks just south of St. Louis, MO.

This is just the first step in the Lowell YMCA's commitment and desire to establish more of a focus with the different age groups.

Andy Retberg, YMCA community development director, was certified as an afterschool (middle school)

director. It enables him to open and operate a teen center that will focus on serving middle school kids and working with 15-18 year olds.

YMCA sports coordinator Jonathan Smith was certified working with 10-14 year olds.

"The conference was a good opportunity to network

to others from around the country and gather ideas on how to better our programs," Smith said.

YMCA executive director Will Welsh attended group sessions on group work, asset building, challenge initiatives, anti-drug media campaign and media issues.

"The conference was

geared toward programs and the hands-on people running them," Welsh explained.

What Welsh, Retberg and Smith learned and brought back with them will help involve more teens, more effectively in the Y's mission of building spirit, mind and body.

Iraq missionary to visit Congregational Church

During the 10 a.m. service of worship on Sunday, Sept. 3 at the First Congregational Church, the public is invited to hear Gretchen Hahn Hawley preach. She has returned from a 12-day mission trip to Iraq, having transported \$500,000 of medical equipment distributed to seven hospitals in Iraq.

She will tell of the human suffering brought on by the U.N. sanctions to Iraq. Her sermon is titled, "The Children of Eve." Time for dialogue will follow the service during the follow-

ship hour. Information on the U.N. sanctions will be available.

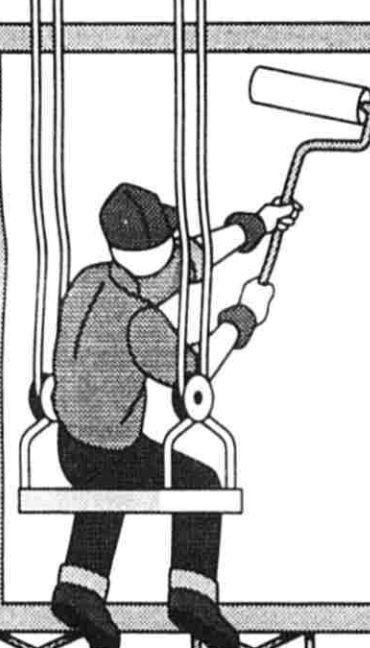
Hawley grew up in Lowell attending the Congregational Church and graduating from Lowell High School in 1950. She holds an M.A. in elementary education having attended the University of Michigan. She is married to Rev. Edward A. Hawley, and lives in Denver, CO. They have three daughters and four grandchildren.




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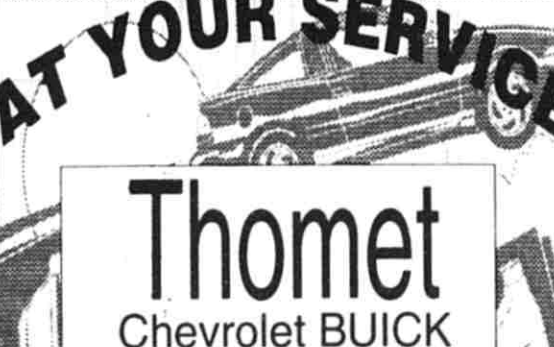
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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



BE PREPARED

It's hard to believe that we are getting close to the fall hunting openers. What ever happened to summer? If you haven't done so, it's time to get ready for the upcoming big-game seasons.

The new gear catalogs came out in midsummer and you may have fallen victim to the "I just have to have it" new product fever. If your new equipment—like a bow sight—must be installed, get it mounted and check it out. You will want to know about any difficulties with your equipment early enough to be able to rectify problems well before you need to use it. For example, find out if the new sight is going to work for you. If not, then you will need time to fix it or get another one.

You can check out to see if that expensive rain gear leaks or if those fancy boots will give you blisters. Can you hang that

tree stand by yourself? Human nature what it is, a lot of folks will wait until the last minute to get ready, so you will usually have to take a number at popular sport shops. A week before the season opener is not a good time to expect prompt service from a dealer.

Ethical hunting requires that one must be competent with a bow or gun. Take time to develop the skill and confidence necessary to make a clean and humane kill. Properly sight in the bow or gun and be sure to know the limits of your equipment and your capabilities. Determine what—for you—would be a high percentage shot before going afield.

Now that your equipment is checked out and you feel confident using it, there is one more factor in the equation to be considered. That's you! Because we all have different physical limitations, you should determine what yours are and what level of fitness will be required for the hunt. Easing in and out of a ground deer blind in your own back forty will be less strenuous than climbing around the Brooks Range of Alaska for dall sheep. The idea is to start an exercise regimen early and gradually work up to a level that will insure a safe and enjoyable hunt. As usual, if you have any doubts about your health, check with your doctor before starting a conditioning program.

You should do pre-season scouting in your hunting area to verify the presence of game and to locate stand sites. Secure permission to hunt private land well before season. This shows respect for the landowner and conveys the impression that you are a serious hunter.

The ideal plan would be to address all of these issues on a year-round basis. However, most of us can't or won't, so the next best thing is to at least start early. My personal schedule requires that I begin preparations no later than August 1. Hopefully, I will meet all of the technical, skill and physical objectives by hunt-time. Like the Boy Scout motto says: "Be Prepared."

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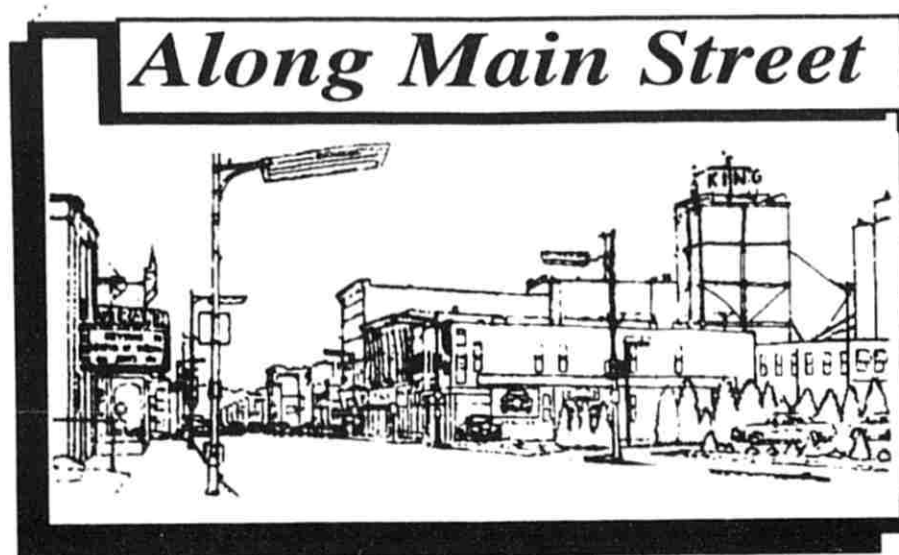
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For those who are interested, you can meet outside the gate of the high school stadium at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday to attend the home football game vs. Catholic Central. Arrangements have also been made for a guided tour of the high school on Saturday at 3 p.m. (corner of Alden Nash and Vergennes).

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YMCA SOCCER REGISTRATION
The Lowell YMCA is still taking soccer registration for grades K-8 and 3, 4, and 5 year olds. For more information please call 897-8445.

YMCA SOFTBALL TEAMS ARE STILL NEEDED
The Lowell YMCA is still taking Adult Fall League softball teams for Wed., Thurs., and Fri., night men's league and Monday night Co-ed League. Call 897-8445 if interested.

RIVERWALK PARADE
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Riverwalk Parade, Sept. 2. Downtown Historic Lowell. Call Liz at 897-9161 to sign up.

RIVERWALK FESTIVAL
Riverwalk Festival will take place on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Township prepares to resubmit DNR grant application

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in three attempts, Lowell Charter Township failed to qualify for Grand River Riverfront Park grant money from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Its most recent application was turned down because it failed to garner enough points.

Lowell Charter Township has until September to resubmit an application for a matching grant from the DNR.

"A way to increase our points is to provide more matching dollars," township supervisor John Timpson said.

The township has asked for \$250,000 in each of its three applications.

The township's first application garnered \$50,000. A

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The community is invited to the dedication of the Wittenbach Agri-Science and Wege Natural Area on Friday, Sept. 8. These facilities will provide students and the community training and learning experiences in agriculture and the environmental sciences. Festivities will take place between 4 and 7 p.m. which include scavenger hunts, pig roast fundraiser, tours and dedication ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

DECORATIONS NEEDED FOR FALLASBURG FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fallasburg Fall Festival, sponsored by Lowell Area Arts Council, is Sept. 23 and 24. Cut flowers such as marigolds, sun flowers and cone flowers are needed for table decorations. Also plumes, corn stalks, pumpkins and gourds are needed by the stage and pavilion entrance. Please call Carol Briggs at 897-5501 by Sept. 9 if you can donate.

CUB SCOUT SIGN UP

Lowell Area Cub Scouts are now signing families up for the 2000-2001 school year. There are three programs for 1st thru 5th graders. Registration is \$15 for an 18-month program. For more information call 897-8751 or email pack3188@yahoo.com.

second application to the DNR in July of '99 resulted in a grant for \$141,785.

If successful, monies from the third grant application will be used for, but not limited to, an irrigation system and utility building.

The Grand River Riverfront Park project has also received \$250,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund, a donor advised fund of the Grand Rapids Foundation; \$40,244 from a state of Michigan grant and \$10,000 from V-Tech Engineering. In all, the township has received \$492,029 in grant monies and donations.

The estimated cost for the park is over a half million dollars.

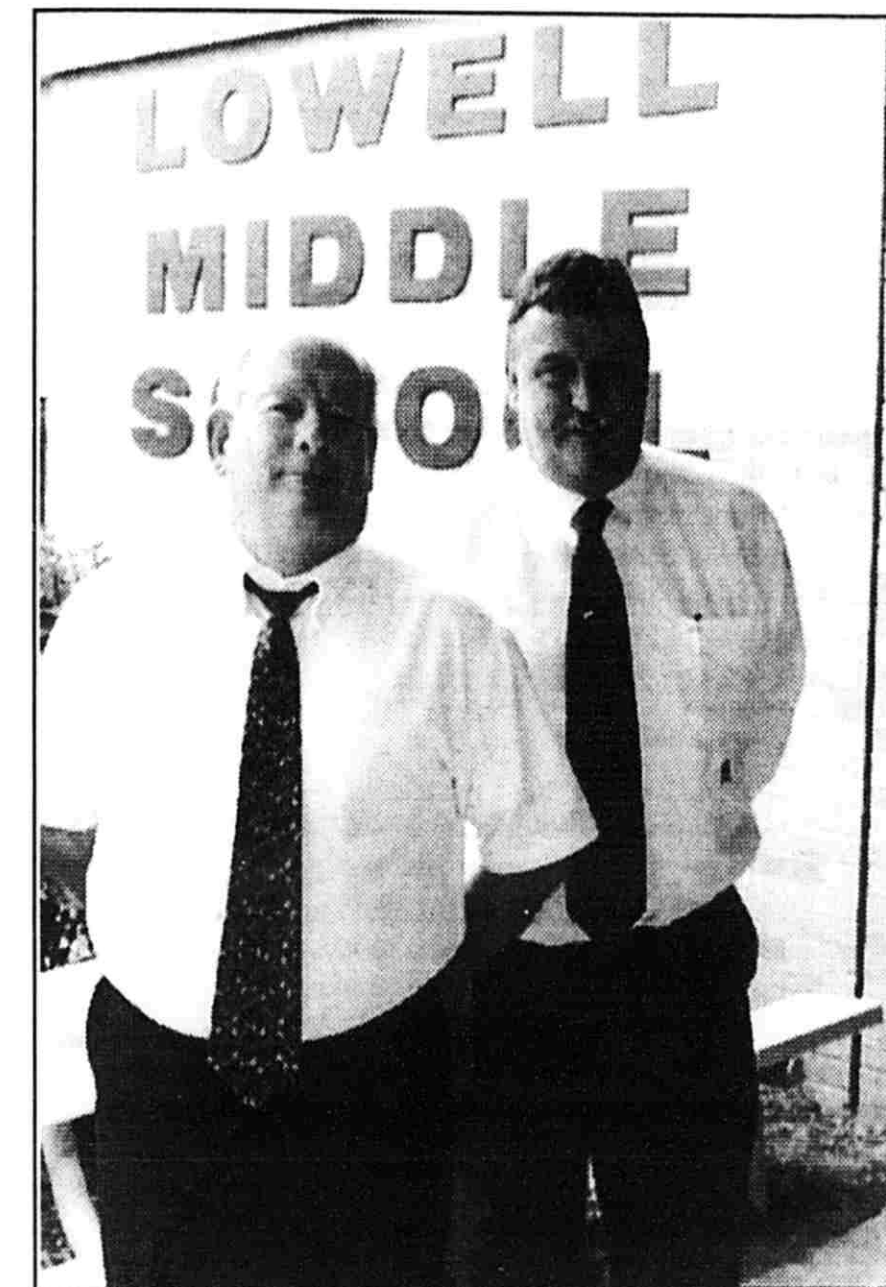
"I can't believe how much you can spend on a park if you really want to get serious about it," Timpson said.

Change of roles won't change approach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jim Harden's charge as Lowell Middle School principal was always how best to move the building forward.

It should come as no coincidence, then, that his decision to switch positions with assistant middle school principal Mark Weber was based on the same criteria.



Jim Harden, Lowell Middle School assistant principal, and Mark Weber, Lowell Middle School principal, are working their seventh year together as building administrators.

"The last two years I have dealt with some personal tragedy. It has been difficult for me and has had an effect," Harden explains. "I just think this is what's best for the kids, this building and the community."

Because of the good working relationship between Weber and Harden over the last six years, neither feels the change will be noticeable.

"I have never made a decision as principal without first sitting down with Mark to make sure the right decision was being made," Harden said. "Now, final decisions will rest with Mark."

The role of assistant principal is not a new one for Harden. Prior to his six-year tenure as middle school principal, he served nine years as assistant principal.

"The change does allow me to work more closely with students in the day-to-day operation," Harden says.

Weber adds that the close interaction between the two will not change. "Jim and I have worked well together because the goal has never been self. He remains an important cog to this organization."

Weber remains excited and anxious about his new role. "The focus of my new role is curriculum, teachers and parents," he says.

Their time spent together has brought them closer both in thought and in actions.

Last week they both arrived at work with a McDonald's breakfast and clean clothes from Curtis Cleaners.

City purchases new signs for public properties

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

In an effort to provide uniformity with its signs, the Lowell City staff presented a proposal to the Lowell City Council to purchase two new signs for three city-owned properties from a Wyoming signmaking company.

DeRuiter Woodcrafts of Wyoming created the city limit signs and cemetery signs and with that in mind, Lowell city manager, David Pasquale said staff approached the company about creating two more signs ... one for the city's Department of Public Works and Fire Station, the other for Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road.

"The sign at Stoney Lakeside Park has completely deteriorated to the point that it has been removed," Pasquale said. The sign for the DPW/Fire Station is for location recognition.

The cost of \$4,495 for the Public Works/Fire Station sign would come out of the two organization's budgets. The cost of the sign for Stoney Lakeside Park would be \$3,695 and would come from the Park's General Fund.

The sign for the DPW/Fire Station would highlight the Lowell Showboat and images representing both the Public Works and Fire Station. The sign for Stoney Lakeside Park would feature a tree, setting sun and water.

Councilmember Charles Myers asked about getting bids

from other signmakers. DPW director, Dan DesJarden said even if he were to go with another company, he would still have to hire DeRuiter for the engineering design to make the city signs all uniform. In the prices mentioned, such design services are already included.

With that said, the council unanimously agreed to the purchase of the two signs at its Monday night regular council meeting.

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We are in need of 3 teams for Wednesday night league 6:30
Teams or singles, please call:
Chris 897-9347 or
Lowell Lanes 897-8443

Lowell Branch YMCA 40th
Birthday Fest

Saturday, September 16
4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
at Creekside Park

In case of rain, event will be held at Cherry Creek School.

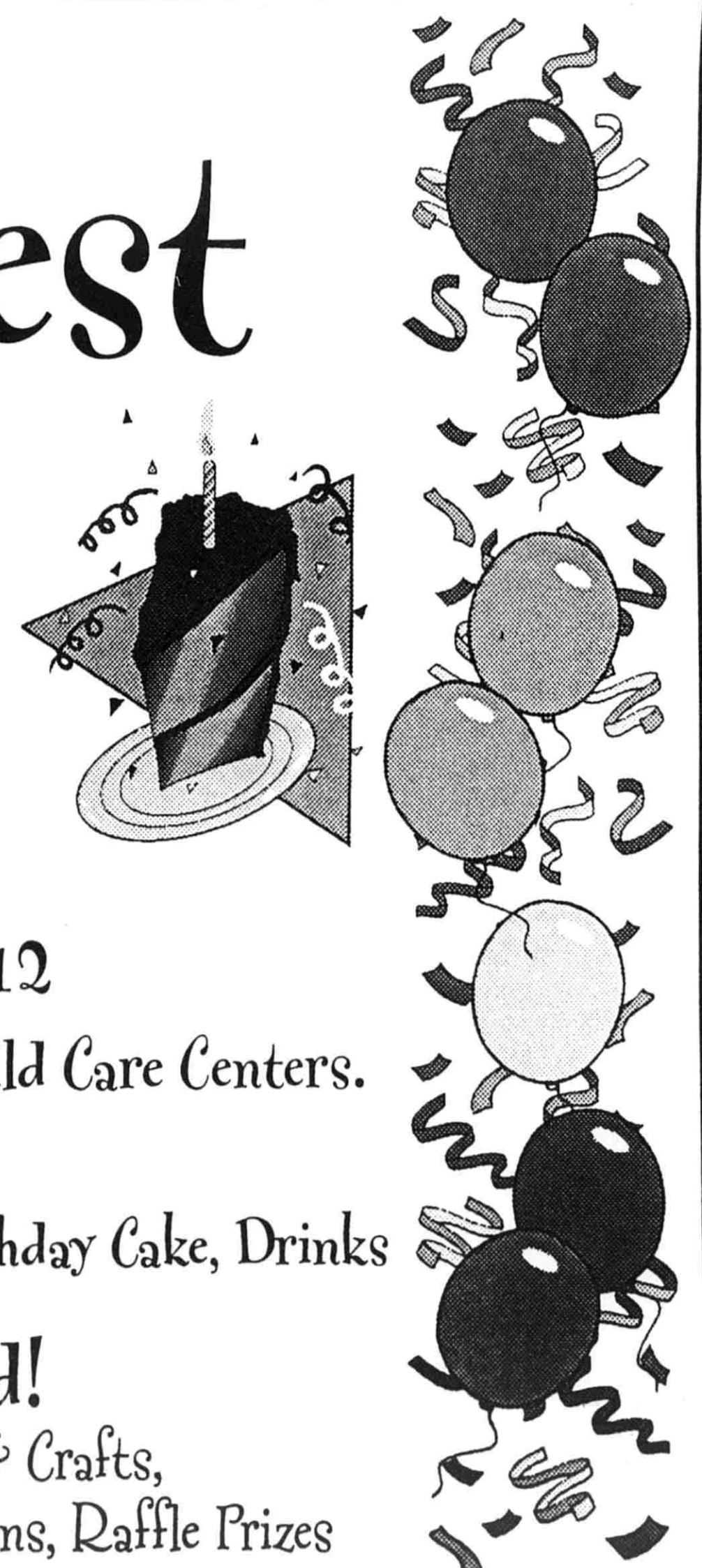
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What's All the RAVE About?

••• All-night dances barely noticed by community; minimal attention, however, moves local businessman to nix plans of any future dance parties.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

They came in while many in Lowell were sleeping and they left before many in Lowell were awake.

The all-night dance parties, often identified as RAVES, barely stirred the community.

There were eight all night dance parties held at the former Rite Aid store during the month of June. The orderly and extremely quiet manner in which they unfolded is in stark contrast to the essence of horror stories identified with the

growing popularity of RAVE parties.

"There was no visible appearance of the problems often associated with RAVE parties," said Lowell chief of police James Valentine. The police department never received a complaint call during any of the eight dance parties.

I was not pleased that the police were busy in the parking lots. That's not the direction I'm heading or the perception I want to give the Lowell community.

Bob VanNoller
Owner Roll Away Family Fun Center

The problems Valentine refers to are alcohol, ecstasy, marijuana, nitrous oxide, and overt signs of abuse or use. None of these were visible.

"I'm not saying they didn't exist, but there were no overt signs," Valentine said. "I don't condone these parties, but the ones at the old Rite Aid building were orderly and extremely quiet."

The police chief said the patrons (250-300) of these all night dances were an amazing cross section of people ranging in age from 18-30.

Recent all-night dance parties in Wayland and Lowell, however, showed what all the RAVE is about.

An all-night dance party in Wayland ended in a miniature riot.

An all-night dance party at Roll Away Lanes, while not reaching the level of Wayland, had a different air to it.

"There were overt signs of use and abuse, and we had roughly six MIPs (minors in possession) in the parking lot.

There was no alcohol, drugs or weapons inside, according to Roll Away owner Bob VanNoller.

"All patrons were checked at the door. Pop, water and coffee all went into the waste basket before they were allowed to enter. Fliers were sent out prior to the dance, stating that this all-night dance party would not have alcohol or drugs," Van Noller said.

Medicinal Productions, the organizers of the event, had a list of persons who would not be allowed in because they had caused problems at other events.

"I was not pleased that the police were busy in the parking lots. That's not the direction I'm heading or the perception I want to give the Lowell community," said VanNoller.

He held three all-night dances/RAVES; only on the third one were there complaints of noise or evidence of alcohol.

Stephanie Schulte, 19, of Lowell, attended all three dance parties at Roll Away. She said there is a large segment of people who attend those parties because they love to dance and not because they are out looking for drugs and alcohol.

Schulte said she did not notice drugs or alcohol at any of the dances. "I do know cops were checking cars in the parking lots at the third dance," she said.

Once, however, was enough for VanNoller. "I will not be holding another all-night dance," he said, although he will continue to offer all-night opportunities for kids.

VanNoller has booked three all-night skating parties for area churches. He will once again host a skate-a-thon for Jerry's (Lewis) kids.

"In looking at the needs for kids, they like doing all-night things," Van Noller concludes.

Deb Pipe, owner of Rupert's Drop, commended VanNoller for all the good things he has tried to do and has done in this community. "If the problem could have been worked out, I would have liked Bob to continue with the dances," Pipe said.

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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOWNE
TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUGUST 21, 2000 - 7:30 P.M.

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Johnson, Merchant and Hendrick.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

Minutes of July 17, 2000 meeting. Treasurer's report/invoices. Motion to budget \$10,000.00 for the K.C. Road Commission 2001 Local Road Program. Motion to authorize closing of local streets for 5K Run/Walk on September 23, 2000. Motion to accept roofing bid from Weather Shield Roofing Systems to replace roof on Township Office. Motion to pass resolution for POW/MIA Recognition Day September 15, 2000. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

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TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
FOR REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2000

Called to order at 7:00 P.M. 7 Board members present.

Minutes of July 17, 2000 and August 7, 2000 approved.

Bills paid:

General Fund.....	\$42,834.23
Sewer Fund.....	\$7,901.43
Water Fund.....	\$14,856.33
Trust & Agency.....	\$1,025.00

Business Conducted: Moved to adopt Sewer Ordinance No. 53-08-00; moved to sign a petition to have the Kent County Drain Commission take over the drain near Meijers; heard a presentation by Will Welsh from the YMCA; received an update on the Township Park and DNR grant; tabled the Use By Right amendment.

Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
VERGENNES
TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED REZONING

Public notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan 49331** (location across the street to the Township Hall due to setup of hall for school bond voting the next morning) concerning the application by Richard and Shirley Cooper, owners of 910 and 970 Alden Nash Ave. S.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331 to amend the zoning ordinance map to rezone the following described property from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Special Residential (R-3). The property is approximately 157 acres at the N.E. corner of Foreman and Alden Nash and is legally described as:

SW 1/4 of section 34, Town 7N Range 9W, except the W 158 Ft. of the N 663 Ft. of the S 912 Ft. thereof, permanent parcel #41-16-34-300-019 and the N 133 Ft. of S 1553 Ft. of W 300 Ft. of SW 1/4 also N 20 Ft. of S 1420 Ft. of W 183 Ft. of SW 1/4 Sect 34 T7N R9W, parcel #41-16-34-300-018.

The application for the proposed zoning map ordinance amendment by Richard and Shirley Cooper is on file at the Vergennes Township Hall and may be inspected during regular office hours between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the public hearing and written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received prior to 6:00 p.m. on September 25, 2000.

Vergennes Township
Planning Commission

Donations help Rotary surpass educational endowment goal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Upon the passing of Bob Hahn, Lowell Rotary learned that the Rotarian left \$10,000 to the club so that a perpetual scholarship fund could be started.

Since receiving that gift, the club has donated \$5,000.

"We started the year with \$15,000 in the Rotary Club of Lowell Community Scholarship Fund," said Rotary president Tony Asselta. "Our goal is to bring the endowment up to \$175,000."

Giant steps were taken toward that goal with recent contributions by fellow Rotarians.

King Doyle and his wife Marie donated 400 shares of their Sun Microsoft Systems

stock valued at \$50,100.

"Our interest is to help create an educational fund for students in the Lowell area. We also want Rotary to continue to be a leader in the community and to continue to foster and nurture leaders."

Wendall Christoff and his mother, in memory of his grandfather/her father, donated \$43,000.

That would have been enough for any club, but there was more. An anonymous donor committed to contributing a matching grant fund (will match dollar for dollar donated by individuals up to \$40,000).

Brian Doyle and his two sisters Dr. Louise Doyle Berasi and Sharon Doyle

Hawkins, in honor of King and Marie, answered the offer with a donation of \$15,000 toward the scholarship fund, leaving a balance of \$25,000 in matching grant.

For each donation of \$10,000 or more, Lowell Rotary will award a scholarship in that person's name or in a name of their choice.

The donations bring the Rotary Club of Lowell Community Scholarship Fund to \$188,100.

Asselta said he believes Rotary will be able to give away \$12-\$15,000 annually in scholarships. "The Rotary will be adding additional funds to it through its fundraisers," he concluded.



Sharon Ellison found plenty to do her first day on the job as secretary to the Lowell Middle School principal.

Ellison adjusts to fast pace of Middle School

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Just when it was apparent the work at Amway was grinding to a halt, Sharon Ellison found hope in a newspaper ad.

Hope led to good fortune which came in the form of a new job.

Ellison replaces Judy Ellison who served 25 years as Lowell Middle School secretary to the principal.

The former Lowell United Methodist Church office assistant, school volunteer and Amway lab tech

(the past two years) is pleased with her good fortune.

"Amway had begun getting rid of workers at the upper and peon levels when I saw the ad," Ellison explains.

Two weeks after she was offered the job with the school district, her lab tech position at Amway was discontinued.

Ellison began Aug. 4 and has slowly become familiar with the job ... more importantly, where everything is.

Judy Ellison has been extremely helpful in getting Ellison up to speed. She has been coming in a few hours a

week to answer any questions.

"I always have a little Judy pile waiting for her," Ellison says with a smile.

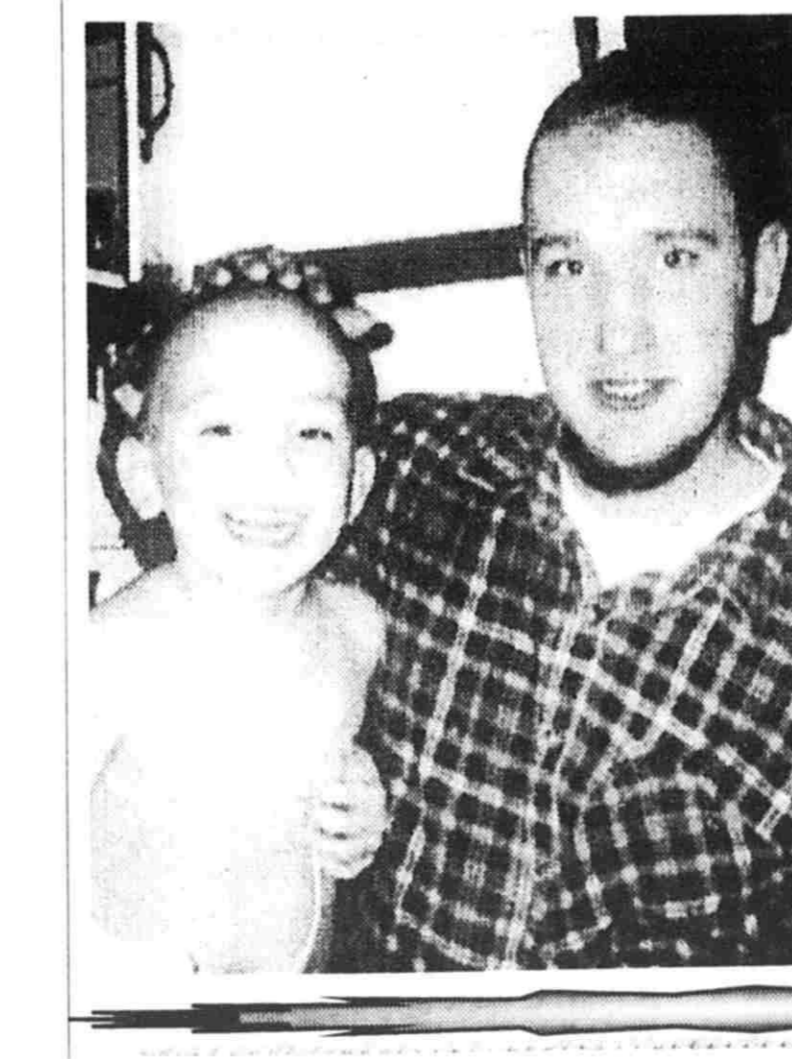
One noticeable difference in her new job compared to the last is the pace.

"I knew the pace would be fast, but it's even faster than I anticipated," Ellison said.

The pace quickened Monday when approximately 900 students came through the doors on the first day of school.

We would like to thank
our family, friends and
the entire community
for their thoughts,
prayers and gifts for
Tyler during his illness
and for the loss of
our son, Steven, who
unexpectedly passed
away on April 28, 2000.

Sam, Betty,
Jamie & Tyler Morlock



To our son, who went away,
You're in our hearts every day.
You came to this earth for us to love,
Now you watch us from up above.
The days are long; we miss you so,
But in this life we must let you go.
Part of you will be with us as the days pass by,
So when we think of you, sometimes we cry.
Some day you will return and take us by the hand,
Into Heaven to the Promise Land.
You were caring and loving, we want you to know,
Our life is a little empty, because we miss you so.
We thank God every day for 21 years with you,
But in Heaven we will meet and be with you too.
Tyler asks about you, I think he understands,
And some day you will return and take him by the hand.
I sit here writing this poem to you,
And wish I could kiss and hold you too.
So Dear Son, until then,
I hope to see you soon again.
When you left our life, it is not the same,
That's why we want the world to know that STEVEN is your name!

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Celebrate Our 40th Anniversary.

It was a real joy to celebrate our 40th with our children, grandchildren, relatives, friends and neighbors. We will have lots of memories from the presence of all and the beautiful cards and gifts. Special thanks to our children Ron and Ann Wittenbach, Bert and Karen Baker, grandchildren Kevin and Cherre, Chris, Andrea, Courtney, Jake, Adam and Caleb.

God Bless all of you - Bob & Velma

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WHO IS INVITED: Any Lowell area senior citizen and family members interested in learning more.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 12 • 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cumberland Retirement Village of Lowell

Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors Center and Cumberland Retirement Village

Refreshments will be served!

Sixth annual Riverwalk Festival to introduce "grand" idea for parade

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Riverwalk Festival returns with many of the same attractions and some new twists. The arts and crafts booths will open to the early bird shoppers at 10 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. Riverwalk Parade. Lined along the scenic Flat River banks will be an

antique tractor show beginning at 10 a.m. For the first time ever, limited grandstand seating will be provided along the parade route for its viewers.

"Ron Wenger (fair board president) thought it would be a grand idea. After talking to Jim Valentine, we also liked the idea. It gives senior citizens a place to sit. If it goes well, we'd like to do it again for the Christmas parade," said chamber executive director, Liz Baker.

The festival's main event, the Riverwalk Duck Race, will start at 4:30 p.m. This year's race is being sponsored by Huntington Banks. Tickets may still be purchased for \$1 apiece or six for \$5. The person with the winning duck wins \$500. Emceeding this

year's race is Bob Van Noller, owner of Roll Away Family Fun Center.

This year, 8,000 duck tickets were printed. Riverwalk Festival entertainment, sponsored by Old Kent Bank, will be live from the Lowell Showboat.

Up first is Maui Murphy & Tomas Esparza's acoustic blues, jazz and folk music. They will begin playing at 11:30.

Ionia Christian music group, Ekho, will take to the mic at 1 p.m.

Lowell Music Ensemble, a hometown string instrument group, will play an array of musical pieces beginning at 2 p.m.

The final musical group of the afternoon is Hawks and

Owls, a premiere Appalachian string band, playing at 3 p.m.

Again this year, the Lowell Area Arts Council will furnish a children's area which will include face painting.

Chain saw sculpturing will be provided by Scott Shotwell and his 13-year-old son Blain, and Lowell's Chris Borton.

Food booths will be provided by the Alto Lions Club, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Carolyn's Popcorn Wagon and Rupert's Drop (ice coffee).

"My goal is to see the festival grow so that it raises \$15,000 in revenue," said Baker.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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.

EVERY SUN.: Misner House and Fallasburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallasburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park.

SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 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."

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society will hold its monthly board meeting, to which the public is invited, in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m.

SECOND MON. 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 MON. 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.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

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 MON.: 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 10210, 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.

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TUES.: 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.

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

TUES.: Summer play group for 3-year old/preschool age children. They meet weekly in the mornings and rotate houses. Also field trips. Interested in some summer fun with your little one? Call Kim 897-5257. Space limited - call soon.

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 TUES.: 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. Luke's 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.

Girls ages 8-13 are welcome. Call 897-8694.

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at the Masonic Temple. Programs for July include: Pam Nation, exec. director Habitat for Humanity; Clarence Underwood, athletic director for MSU & A Michigan Outdoors program. Members plan on attending & bring a guest.

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

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

EVERY FOURTH WED.: 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 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.

EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

THURS.: 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.

THURS.: 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 ado-

lescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H 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.

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURS.: 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 THURS.: 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 THURS.: 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. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

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

THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURS. 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.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m.

ENGLEHARDT 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 held third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

SAT., SEPT. 2: The Riverwalk Festival will take place in downtown Lowell from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Don't forget to buy your ducks for the Duck Race!

THURS., SEPT. 7: Vergennes Cooperative Club

will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses: Norma Noall, Evelyn Tichelaar and Jeanne Shores. Program: A trip to the Philippines by Betty Yeiter. Sponsor: Pauline Burtle.

WED., SEPT. 13: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style turkey & dressing dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$7; Children 5-12, \$2.

SAT., SEPT. 16: Lowell Athletic Boosters 5th annual Golf Outing, 8 a.m. Shotgun start. Quail Ridge Golf Club 8375 36th St., Ada.

WED., SEPT. 27: The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.



Thomas Jefferson invented the calendar clock.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

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

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

Special Events

WED., AUG. 30: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast. **FRI., SEPT. 15:** 1:15 p.m. Saint Andrew's Cathedral.

MON., SEPT. 4: Center closed. **TUES., SEPT. 19:** 7:15 a.m. McDonalds - Rockford - music.

TUES., SEPT. 5: 2 p.m. Chef O's Broadcast WKTU-GR. **WED., SEPT. 20:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 2:30 p.m. Open house at Central office - G.R.

WED., SEPT. 6: 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure. **THURS., SEPT. 21:** noon, dance Westside complex.

WED., SEPT. 6: 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. **FRI., SEPT. 22:** 12:40 p.m. Gerontology Network.

THURS., SEPT. 7: Noon, Dance - Westside complex. **FRI., SEPT. 22:** 12:40 p.m. Shop - Meijer.

FRI., SEPT. 8: 12:40 p.m. Shop - Meijer. **TUES., SEPT. 26:** 7:15 a.m. Soaring Eagle.

MON., SEPT. 11: 12:40 p.m. Shop - Walmart. **WED., SEPT. 27:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

WED., SEPT. 13: noon, movie "On the Waterfront". **FRI., SEPT. 29:** 12:40 p.m. Tour Fallasburg Park & Village.

THURS., SEPT. 14: 9 a.m. Salute to seniors - Crossroads Village.

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

LOWELL CITY AIRPORT (2AG)
Dawn Patrol Fly-In

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 24, 2000
8:00 a.m. - Noon
Adults . . . \$4.00 • Children . . . \$2.00 (under 8)

INVITED STATIC DISPLAYS:
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Grand Rapids Aero-Med
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Hawks and Owls, West Michigan's premiere Appalachian string band, will perform at Saturday's festival. Pictured left to right are: Bruce Mason, David Dombrowski, Teresa Dombrowski, Rebecca Shilt and Bruce Ling.

*** Profit is both the result and the reward of doing things right and doing the right thing. —David McNally ***

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV will be closed from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 1, 2000 to allow staff to attend funeral services for Ray E. Quada.

If you need Police Services, please call 897-7123 for assistance.

David M. Pasquale
City Manager

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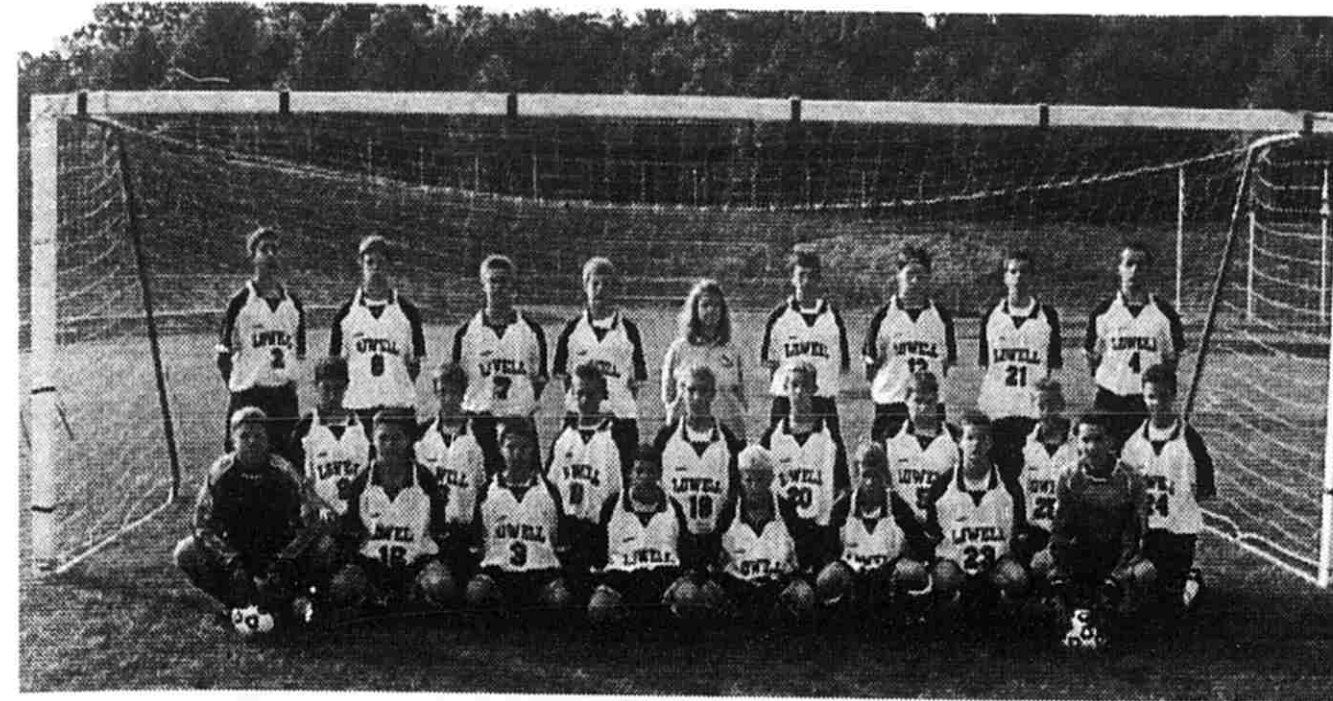
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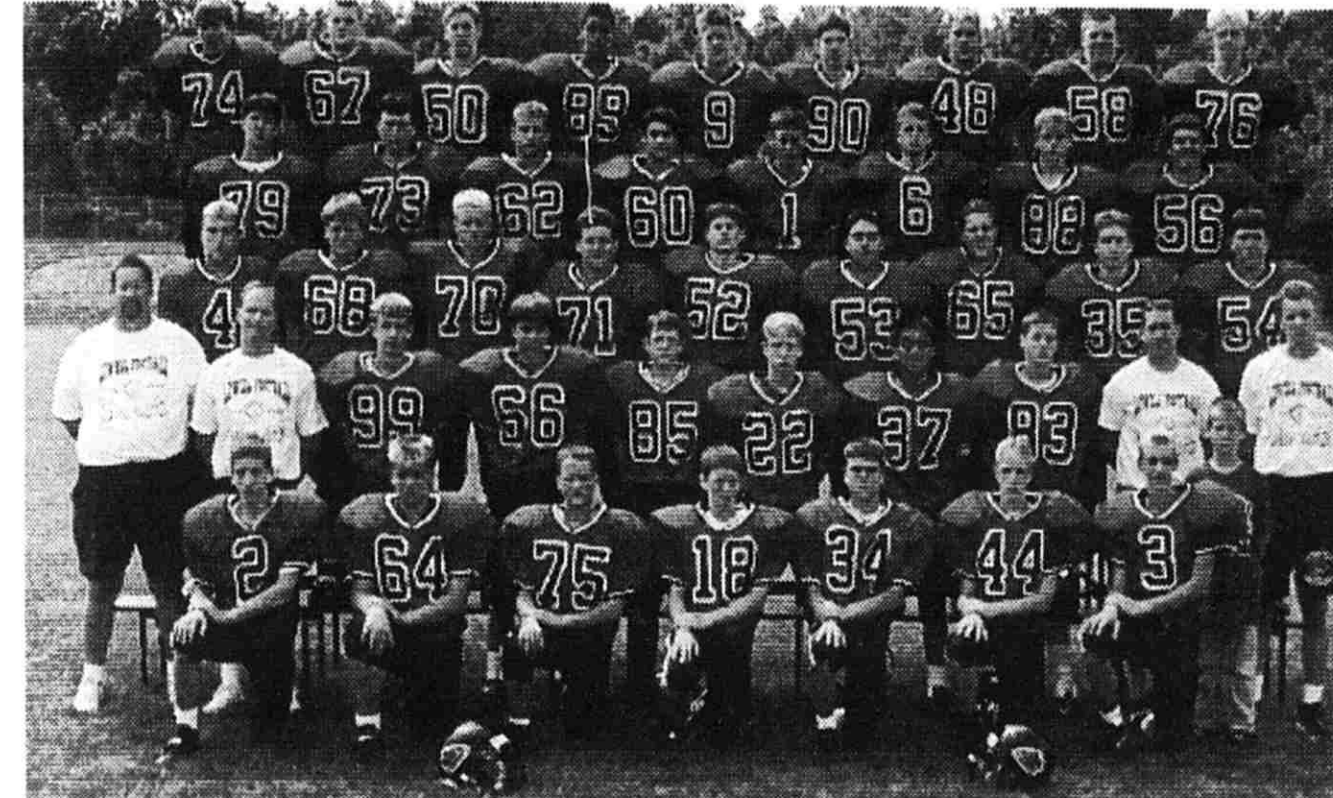
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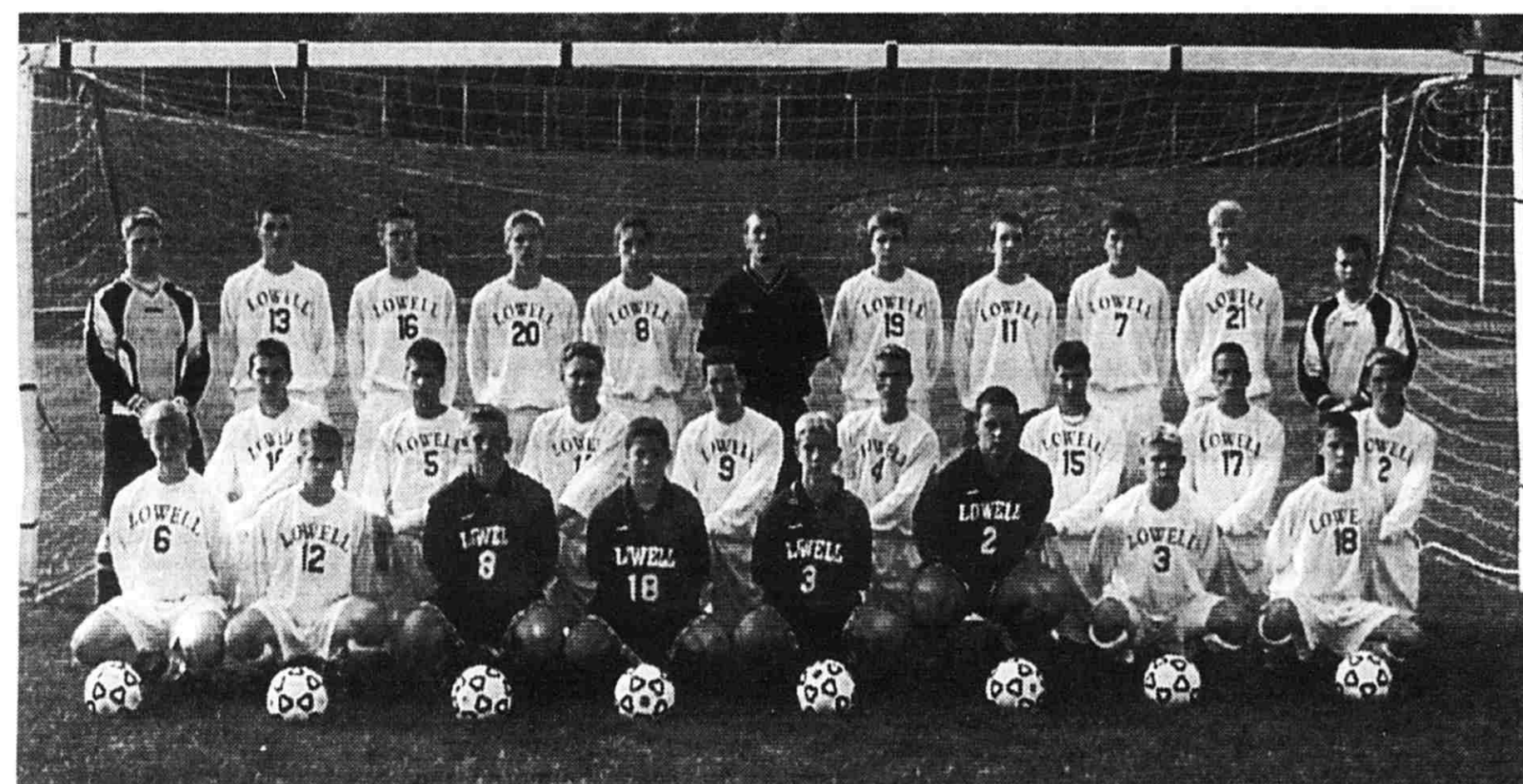
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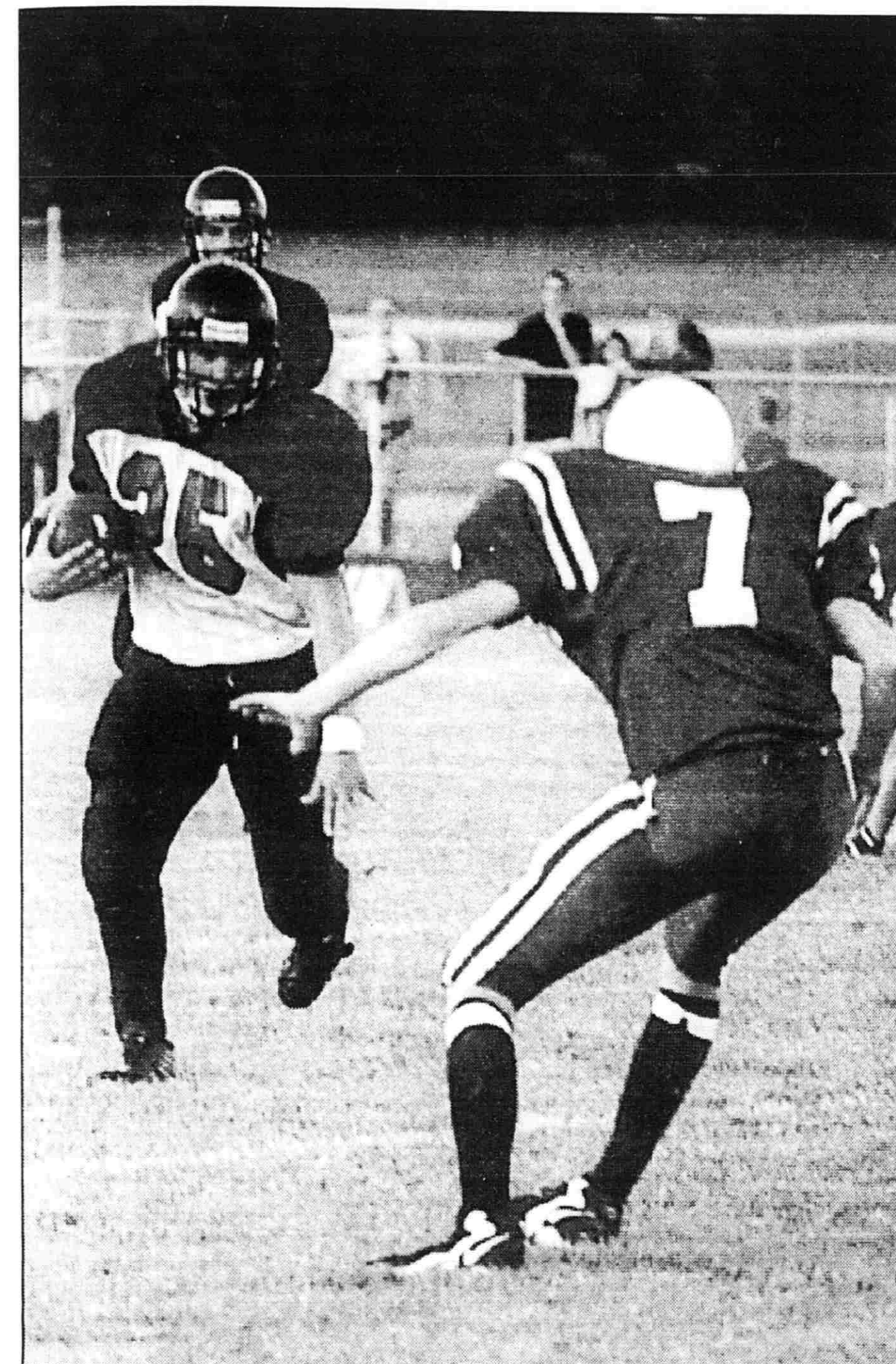
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Stronger, faster Lowell bruises Ionia, 33-6



Travis DeVoid races 25 yards for a second quarter touchdown against Ionia.



Mark Catlin (#3) follows his blocks while returning a first-half punt.

.... Slow starting Red Arrows get up to speed with a 19-0 run late in the second quarter.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The enthusiasm of Ionia appeared to be a step ahead of a more athletic Lowell football team for most of the first half.

"That changed midway through the second quarter when Lowell's athleticism took over. They are bigger, stronger, faster and more athletic than we are," said Terry Johnson, Ionia's first-year football coach.

The Red Arrows turned a 7-0 first-quarter lead into a 26-0 halftime advantage with three touchdowns during the final four minutes of the second quarter en route to a 33-6 win over Ionia.

"We were lethargic and sluggish," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean, following his fifth consecutive season-opening win against the Bulldogs. "We (the coaching staff) did not have the boys mentally ready to play."

Lowell's offensive unit tallied its first touchdown of the year at the four-minute marker of the second quarter. Travis DeVoid did the honors from 25 yards out, diving the final three yards to give Lowell a 14-0 lead.

Two minutes later, Josh Brown connected with Mark Catlin on a 24-yard scoring strike, giving the Red Arrows a 20-0 lead. Lowell missed

the extra point.

After holding Ionia to three plays and a punt, the Red Arrows got the ball back at Ionia's 18-yard line with 31 seconds left to play in the half.

Brown connected with Catlin again, this time on a three-yard pass with 13 seconds left to play, giving Lowell a 26-0 halftime advantage.

"I was pleased that our boys didn't fold, and came out and played hard in the third quarter," Johnson said.

Lowell's only score in the second half came on a 21-yard touchdown run by Brown.

The Red Arrows' first touchdown of the 2000 campaign was tallied by its defense.

Pete VanLaan intercepted an Albert Castillo third-down pass and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown.

Ionia's only touchdown came with 36 seconds to play in the third quarter on an Eric Castillo one-yard dive.

"I have great respect for Lowell's football program and what coach Dean has done over there," Johnson said. "His boys work their tails off for him year round. We want our program to be where Lowell's is."

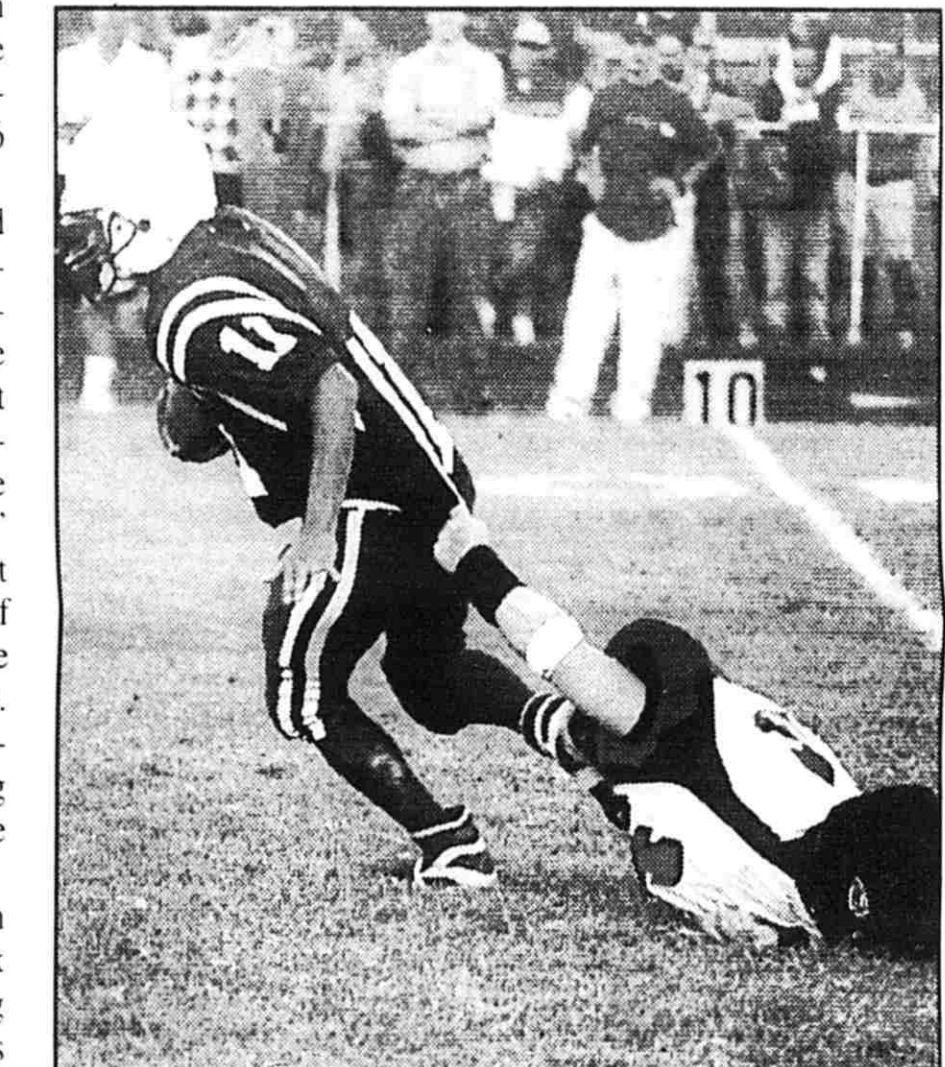
Lowell rushed the ball 41 times for 207 yards. Brown led the way with 62 yards. Ken Palcowski rushed for 40 yards and Alan Stiver netted 34 yards.

"It was nice to see Alan get some playing time. He is a hard working kid and the quintessential team player," Dean said.

Brown was four-of-five for 43 yards and two touchdowns through the air. Bill Harrison completed the only pass (six yards) he attempted.

Lowell's defense held Ionia to 83 yards rushing and one-of-seven through the air for 17 yards.

Lowell's home opener is Thursday (Aug. 31) against Catholic Central. Kickoff is 7:30.



Ionia's Eric Castillo has a difficult time breaking away from the Lowell defender's grasp.

Freshman football team defeats Ionia

Lowell's freshman football team chalked up its first win of the year with a 22-14 win over Ionia.

The Red Arrows took an 8-0 lead with a first-quarter touchdown and two-point conversion.

A second-quarter score by

Ionia cut Lowell's lead to 8-6 at halftime.

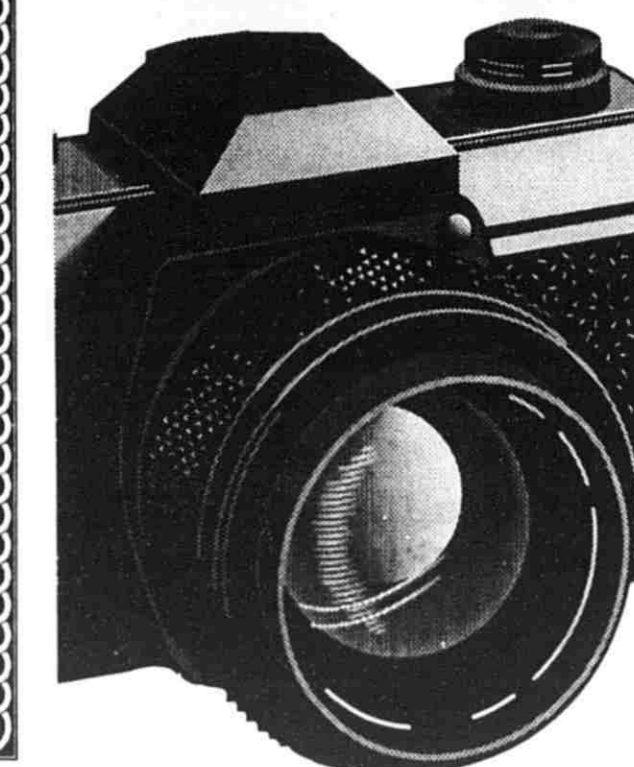
Lowell tallied two second half scores. Both touchdowns were scored by Justin VanLoon.

Lowell also got strong offensive efforts from Chris Curtis and Sean Myers.

Nathan Pabon, Cody Merklinger and Roy Juarez led the Red Arrow defensive effort.

The Lowell freshman football team travels to Catholic Central on Wednesday (Aug. 30).

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Non-conference games begin Lowell's learning and building process

••• The toughest tennis conference in the state will teach new Red Arrow faces plenty of lessons along the way in 2000.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With many new faces on the 2000 Lowell girls tennis team, there are many lessons for coach Bonnie Wall to teach. The learning curve will be a small one as her inexperienced Red Arrows reside in the state's toughest conference, and that was before one of the top tennis programs (Forest Hills Northern) in the state joined the OK White.

"It's going to be a tough year, but the girls have to keep working to get better," Wall explained.

The Lowell coach and her Red Arrows were encouraged by their tournament victory at the Ionia Quad on Saturday. "We're thrilled to have won. We got contributions from everyone," Wall said.

Lowell finished first with 10 points followed by Middleville eight; Ionia and Charlotte finished with seven.

Winning championships in their flights were singles players Jenny Gunberg and Kelly Riddle.

Gunberg, playing second singles, defeated Charlotte in the finals 6-1, 4-6 and 7-5 in the tiebreaker.

"Jenny dominated from the backcourt. She had excellent footwork, moved well and handled her position at the net well," Wall said.

Riddle, fourth singles, defeated her Ionia counterpart 7-5, 1-6 and 7-2 in the tiebreaker. "Kelly mixed her shots up and volleyed well from the baseline," Wall said.

Kristie Noall, playing third singles, finished second. She won her opening match 6-1, 6-0 before losing to Ionia in the finals 5-7, 1-6. "She is consistent and keeps the ball in play," Wall said.

The third doubles team of Melissa Neubecker and Marta Garrido Alonso (exchange student from Madrid, Spain) won their opening match 6-4, 6-3 and lost in the finals to Middleville 3-6, 4-6.

Lowell players netting wins in the consolation round were: Kate Gunberg, first singles, 6-4, 6-0; Virginia Bultema and Erin Barnes, first doubles, 6-3, 7-5; Becky Raymor and Jodi Laux, second doubles, 6-3, 6-7 and 7-3 in the tiebreaker; and Megan Fleet and Mandace Tawney, fourth doubles, 6-1, 6-3.

Lakewood 5 Lowell 3

All three of Lowell's wins against the Vikings came in doubles.

The Red Arrows' number one doubles team of Virginia Bultema and Erin Barnes posted a 6-2, 6-3 win.

Becky Raymor and Melissa Neubecker, second doubles, were 7-5, 6-3 victors.

Megan Fleet and Jessica DenHouter won their doubles match in three sets, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Union 6 Lowell 2

Singles players' Kristie Noall and Melissa Neubecker posted Lowell with two wins against Union.

Noall, third singles, defeated Meg Kuzma 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. Neubecker, fourth singles, was also victorious in three sets 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Lowell's varsity roster is balanced. Wall is carrying four seniors, four juniors and four sophomores.

Returning with varsity experience are Katie Gunberg, Jenny Gunberg, Kelly Riddle, Virginia Bultema and Erin Barnes.

Playing at the varsity level for the first time are Becky Raymor (played a limited amount at the varsity level in '99), Melissa Neubecker, Jessica DenHouter, Megan Fleet, Kristie Noall, Marta Garrido Alonso, Jodi Laux and Mandace Tawney.

Added depth may not be enough in unbelievably tough OK White

••• Lowell splits non-conference duals with Sparta and Ionia.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The task of the Lowell boys golf season will be a

challenging one, as the courses and competition have both gotten tougher.

"This league (OK White) is unbelievable. This year is the best it's ever been," said Lowell golf coach Jack Ogle. "Normally it's Central and East. This year you can add Zeeland, Hudsonville, Forest Hills Northern and Northview. We're not bad, but in this league it's going to be tough."

With Wyoming Park no longer in the conference, the

Ironwood Golf Course is replaced by Egypt Valley (Northern's home course). "All the courses will be long and tough," Ogle said.

Entering his 16th year as the Red Arrow golf coach, Ogle will field a good mix of underclassmen and seniors.

Leading the way will be junior Wade Gilchrist, who is described as strong and athletic. "Wade is long off the tee and

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City to seek funding from Lowell Community Fund for Creekside irrigation system

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

After some debate by its council, the city of Lowell will seek a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt Trust) for funding of an irrigation system at Creekside Park.

City manager, David Pasquale approached the city council last week with two possible grant requests: one for the irrigation system and the other for the cemetery storage/office buildings. The irrigation system would cost about \$40,000. A grant is being requested in the amount of \$30,000 plus an additional \$5,600 for irrigation at the Recreation Park ballfields. Pasquale said he would look for matching funds from the Look Memorial Fund.

The cemetery buildings are estimated to cost approximately \$75,000. A grant would be requested in the amount of

\$25,000 with matching funds coming from the Look Memorial Fund.

"I know there are people on the Look Memorial Fund who would oppose money going toward the cemetery project," said Mayor Mike Blough, adding that he did not feel the city should be looking for the fund to help with capital improvement projects.

Councilman Charles Myers agreed and said he believed funds for the cemetery buildings should come from city expenses.

"I have no problem with asking the fund for the money for the cemetery," said councilwoman Jeanne Shores. "It is a personal place with sentiment and emotion connected to it."

Councilmember Don Green said he too did not have a problem with asking the Look Memorial Fund to help with the cemetery building project, which was cut from this year's budget.

Even with holding off asking the Look Memorial Fund, Blough said the real question before the city is where the remaining \$50,000 will come from to help with the project.

"I don't think seeking \$25,000 is a proper use of the funds when we don't know where the other \$50,000 is coming from," Blough said, adding that he felt it was unfair to tie up the Englehardt money with this project when there are still financial uncertainties about it.

Other councilmembers and city staff indicated that the grant request could be made, but doesn't necessarily mean it would be granted. Still, the city decided to put the cemetery storage/office buildings on hold and seek only money for the irrigation systems.

Applications for the Lowell Area Community Fund are due in by Sept. 1.

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can putt," Ogle said.

Playing behind Gilchrist will be a slew of players with equal talents. "We have depth this year which we haven't had in the past. There are probably about eight players who all shoot right around 42-44," Ogle explained.

Joining Gilchrist will be juniors David Dawe, Steve Palasek, Jeff Telman, Mark Kimberlin and Jordan Gallagher. "David was the team's second lowest qualifier and Jeff has great potential and is going to be a good player before he is through at Lowell," Ogle said.

Senior members on this year's team are Kyle Hines, Dave Rozema, Jordan Gallagher, Eric Ostrander and Erik Hays. "They are steady players," Ogle says.

Lowell 176 Sparta 188

Wade Gilchrist led Lowell to a 12-shot victory over Sparta.

The Red Arrow fired a round of 42 at Alpine. Jeff Telman finished a stroke back at 43 and Mark Kimberlin and Kyle

Hines carded rounds of 45 and 46 respectively.

Ed Mooney and Eric Emmons led the Spartans with scores of 46. Blake McKorg and Karl Kent were two strokes back at 48. Adam Simkins finished with a 51.

Ionia 161 Lowell 176

The Bulldogs carded two scores under 40 in defeating the Red Arrows.

Nick Colvin was the match medalist with a 38 and Nate Grant was a shot behind with a 39. Jared Thompson and Nick Lemke shot rounds of 41 and 43 respectively.

Wade Gilchrist led the Red Arrows with a 41. Jeff Telman followed with a 43 and Jordan Gallagher and Kyle Hines finished with rounds of 44 and 48 respectively.

Lowell Invitational

South Christian won the annual Lowell Invitational at Deer Run on Wednesday.

The Sailors finished with a 315 team total. They were

followed by Zeeland and Hudsonville 319; Calvin Christian 322; West Catholic 323; Wyoming Park 328; Grand Rapids Christian 330; Rockford 331; Northview, Catholic Central 341; Lowell (B) 350; Rogers 355; Greenville 362 and Lowell (A) 374.

Scores carded by Red Arrows were Eric Ostrander 104, Erik Hays 100, Mark Kimberlin 97, Steve Palasek 90.

In the best ball format, Jeff Telman and Dave Dawe each shot an 88 and Jordan Gallagher and Dave Rozema fired an 80.

In the scramble, Matt Scheider and Chris Lechner finished with a 90 and Wade Gilchrist and Kyle Hines placed third overall with a 75.

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Eric Castillo, Ionia, gets the pass through the arms of Brandon Briggs (#73) while in the grasp of Brennan Huisman (#15).

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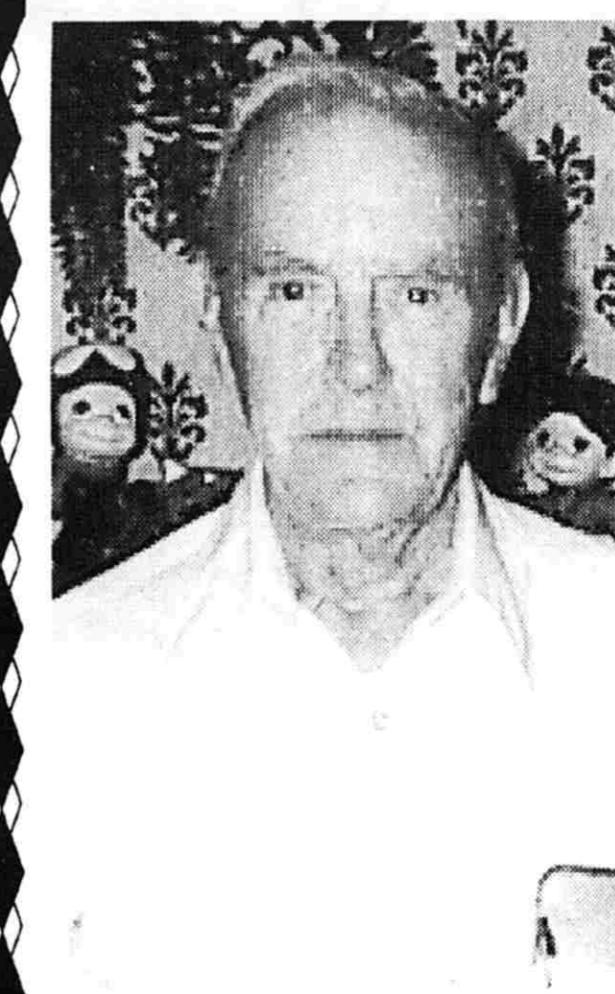
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DDA parking lot plans on hold; allows more time for designer revisions

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Those looking for an answer to what the Downtown Development Authority has planned for three parking lots in the city of Lowell will have to wait a little longer.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission, at the recommendation of city manager, David Pasquale, decided to postpone any discussions on the parking lots so the designer, Pete Lazdins of Design Plus, could have time to make revisions to the plans that were discussed at a combined DDA and planning commission meeting August 24.

"We are not planning to start construction on this project until next spring," Pasquale said. "There is no use in pushing so hard on the project since we are coming to the end of the construction season."

The discussion centers on three parking lots: One is located near King Milling and includes Veteran's Memorial Park; the second is located on the east side of Monroe Street and the third will be constructed with the new City Hall/police

station building. This parking lot will also be located off Monroe Street.

The planning commission, at its August meeting, had raised several concerns with the plans including plantings, safety issues and traffic islands. These items were addressed at the Aug. 24 meeting. It was felt that Lazdins would not have enough time to make the changes and revise the plans for last night's meeting, Pasquale said.

Several local merchants did show up to the planning commission meeting hoping to get an idea of some of the changes being considered. Their concerns centered on the parking lot located on the east side of Monroe Street.

"It seems that parking lot keeps getting pushed further and further back because of the amount of trees and the need for sidewalk behind the buildings," said Bob Ford, owner of Hahn Hardware. "If they are at Meijer or the shopping mall, people will walk the distance, but they won't do it here."

Ford also raised concerns about the number of spaces, which seem to be decreasing again due to trees and the need for islands, which is required by the city ordinance.

Planning commissioner James Hall, who indicated he

was not interested in talking about the changes until the parking lot plans were officially presented to the planning commission, said he did believe some compromises were going to have to be made.

"There is going to be a brand new parking lot [across the street]," Hall said, adding that employees will be able to park there, freeing up spaces close to the building.

Planning commissioner John VanderWilp said access to the parking lot would increase since the redesign would include entrances from the east off of Monroe Street as well as one from the north off of Avery Street. Currently, there is only access to the lot from the north.

"We do not want to do anything that is going to hurt the businesses," VanderWilp said.

The general consensus from the planning commission was that the merchants probably will like the new plans, which will be presented to the planning commission at its Sept. 25 meeting.

"They looked pretty good to me," said planning commission chair, Dan Brubaker, who added that the plans do meet all of the city's zoning requirements.

Kent District Library introduces science safari centers

A visit to the library becomes a scientific adventure with Kent District Library's new Science Safari Centers, opening at KDL branches this September. These hands-on learning centers, each with a different scientific theme, consist of books and videos on the topic, activities and experiments to do in the library, and take-home handouts that include activities and experiments to do at home and an overview of the topic with a list of resources where children can find more information. The 18 centers will rotate among the Kent District Library branches on a two-month basis.

The Science Safari Centers are funded by a donation from the Carol Ann Fleet estate and a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation which were given to the Kent District Library Alliance of Friends. The centers are designed to spark an interest in science and involve the family in learning activities by providing ideas for simple things to do at home, such as making an animal print, making clouds with water and ice or

demonstrating how to clean up an oil slick.

In conjunction with the arrival of the Science Safari Centers, KDL is offering Science Saturday programs this fall - Ms. Frizzle in Outer Space in September, Wildlife Safari in October, Dr. Zap's Science Safari in November and Super

Science Saturdays, presented by KDL staff, throughout the fall.

If you have questions about the Science Safari Centers, please call Kent District Library at 336-3250, the Englehardt Library at 897-9596 or the Alto Library at 868-6038.

Township awards paving bid to Rieth-Riley

Rieth-Riley was awarded the paving project for Lowell Charter Township's Grand River Park.

The contractor's bid of \$51,680 to pave two parking lots and a road was approved by the township board.

"The bid was less than we anticipated," said Lowell Charter Township supervisor, John Timpson. "We're fortu-

nate to get a bid that low from a company as well-known as Rieth-Riley."

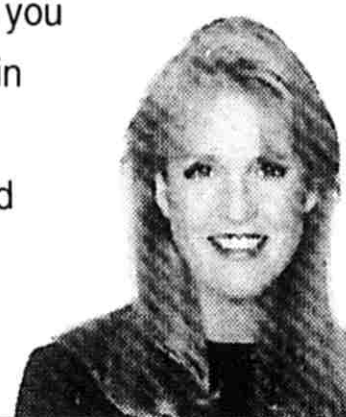
The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of fall.

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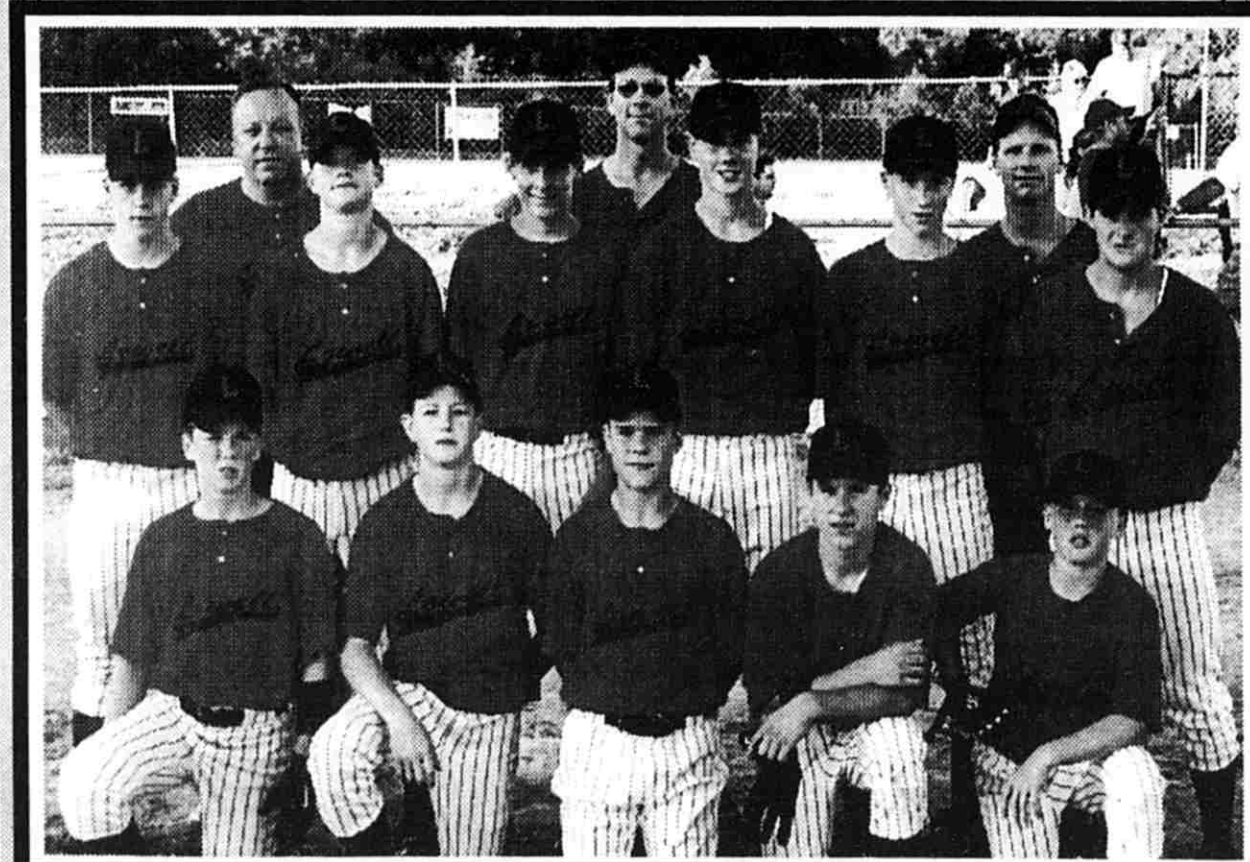
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Baptist church's week-long AWANA program gets underway

The AWANA program at First Baptist Church of Lowell begins on Wednesday, Aug. 30. AWANA commander, Bill Green, and his staff cordially invite the children of the Lowell area communities to participate in weekly club activities.

AWANA is an acronym for "Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed" based on 2 Timothy 2:15. Created in 1950 in Chicago, Illinois, AWANA is an international, Bible-centered program designed for children who are pre-schoolers through those in 6th grade. Children 3 and 4 years old are classified as Cubbies; Cubbies are led by Frank and Mary Long. Rich and Gina Doorn lead the Sparks - children who are in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2. Older children are divided into Chums (3rd and 4th grade girls) and Pals (3rd and 4th grade boys) Guards (5th and 6th grade girls) and Pioneers (5th and 6th grade boys). The 3rd - 6th graders are considered senior clubbers and are

led by AWANA leaders, Don and Lynn Green.

AWANA evenings are divided into three sections. One section is game time where unity, teamwork, and discipline are stressed in an atmosphere of fun. A second section is handbook time during which participants learn the importance of memorizing scripture verses. During the final section, council time, children are encouraged to apply the truth of scripture to their lives. Participation in AWANA provides each child with many opportunities to grow and develop spiritually as well as emotionally, socially and physically. Each child is able to earn awards as he completes an orderly progression through his handbook.

The weekly program begins at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Lowell at 2275 West Main. The events of each evening are completed by 8:00 p.m. The First

Baptist Church bus-The Master's Transit -is available to transport children on the west side of town as needed.

To register your child, or to receive more information about AWANA, please call the church office (897-7168) or email your questions to firstbaptistoflowell@juno.com.

Planning commission considers adding vehicle repair shops to industrial districts

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

So why aren't vehicle repair shops allowed in the industrial district?

Good question, according to the Lowell Planning Commission, which unanimously decided to revise its ordinance to allow such businesses in light industrial and industrial zones.

It was a question asked by property owner, Joice Smith. According to city staff, Smith and a person interested in her property asked why auto shops were not allowed in the industrial zones.

"They saw that it was allowed in the general business district," said zoning administrator, Sarah Larson. "They asked why it wasn't allowed in industrial, and I told them it was probably just an oversight."

Under the revision, vehicle repair shops, which do

not include body shops, would be allowed in light industrial zones as a special use permit and in industrial zones as a right.

The planning commission will review the change and hold a public hearing on the matter at its next meeting set for Sept. 25.

P.I.E. searching for Lowell area host families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific International Exchange (P.I.E.) executive director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a

retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Latvia, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Mongolia, Italy, Paraguay, Australia, Sweden, Yugoslavia, China, Belgium, Vietnam and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a nonprofit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for Inter-

national Educational Travel Programs. Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time. Lowell area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Lowell Board of Education of August 14, 2000

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Kyle Hines, a member of the High School Student Council, reported that the Student Council would be meeting prior to the opening of school to discuss goals and plan activities for the 2000-2001 school year.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts:
• Heather and Ken Kohtz donation for 3 books valued at \$58 to be used by the Cherry Creek 4th grade Michigan curriculum.

Ratified the contracts for the following groups: Bus Mechanics, Lowell Education Association, Lowell Educational Support Personnel Association, Bus Drivers, Central Office Support Staff, and Non-Certified Staff.

Cast a ballot for Director positions at the Michigan Association of School Boards.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:
• Approved the minutes for July 10, 2000 Organizational Meeting, July 10, 2000 Special Meeting, and July 27, 2000 Workshop Meeting.

• Approved the following payment of bills:
GENERAL FUND \$794,959.63
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND \$8,902.29
A. Food Service Fund

B. Athletic Fund \$7,769.81
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND \$7,480.50
SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$1,200.00

• Approved the following new hires/transfers:

New Hires:		
Marilyn Hughes	Alto Elementary	First Grade Teacher
John Schut	High School	Science/Agriculture Teacher
Lindsay Bredin	High School	English Teacher
Patricia Sinen	District	Occupational Therapist
Peter Frommeyer	District	School Social Worker
James Christians	Middle School	Language Arts Teacher
Transfers:		
Mark Weber	Middle School	Principal
Ken Akers	Cherry Creek	Interim Assistant Principal

WITTENBACH AGRISCIENCE CENTER AND WEGE NATURAL AREA - Tammy DeBaar, Director of Outdoor Education Programs, gave a brief overview of the construction progress to the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center with the opening scheduled for the beginning of the school year. She also reported on the curriculum and activities planned for the 2000-2001 school year.

BOARD GOALS - The Board discussed potential Board goals for the 2000-2001 school year with the item being brought back for adoption at their September meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH BOND ELECTION UPDATE - Bert Bleke shared Why the Need, What is Included, Why 2 Phases, Location of Potential New

Schools, and Cost to the Taxpayers as it relates to the vote on Tuesday, September 26th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke reported that the Alto gymnasium should be repaired by the opening of school. The Board will be holding subcommittee meetings on Thursday, August 31 rather than conducting a workshop during the month of August. The official dedication of the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center and Wege Natural Area will be held on Friday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m., the late Gary Rivers received the honor of being inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches "Hall of Fame," and the Lowell Chamber of Commerce is looking for a Board volunteer to help with their strategic planning process.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Board Finance/Personnel Committee - Thursday, August 31, 2000
- Runciman Administration Building - S. Conf. Rm. - 7 a.m.
- Board Curriculum/Policy Committee - Thursday, August 31, 2000
- Runciman Administration Building-S. Conf. Rm. - 5 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting - Monday, Sept. 11, 2000
- Runciman Administration Building-Board Rm. - 7:30 p.m.

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THE REPLACEMENTS (PG-13)
11:00, 3:15, 9:35
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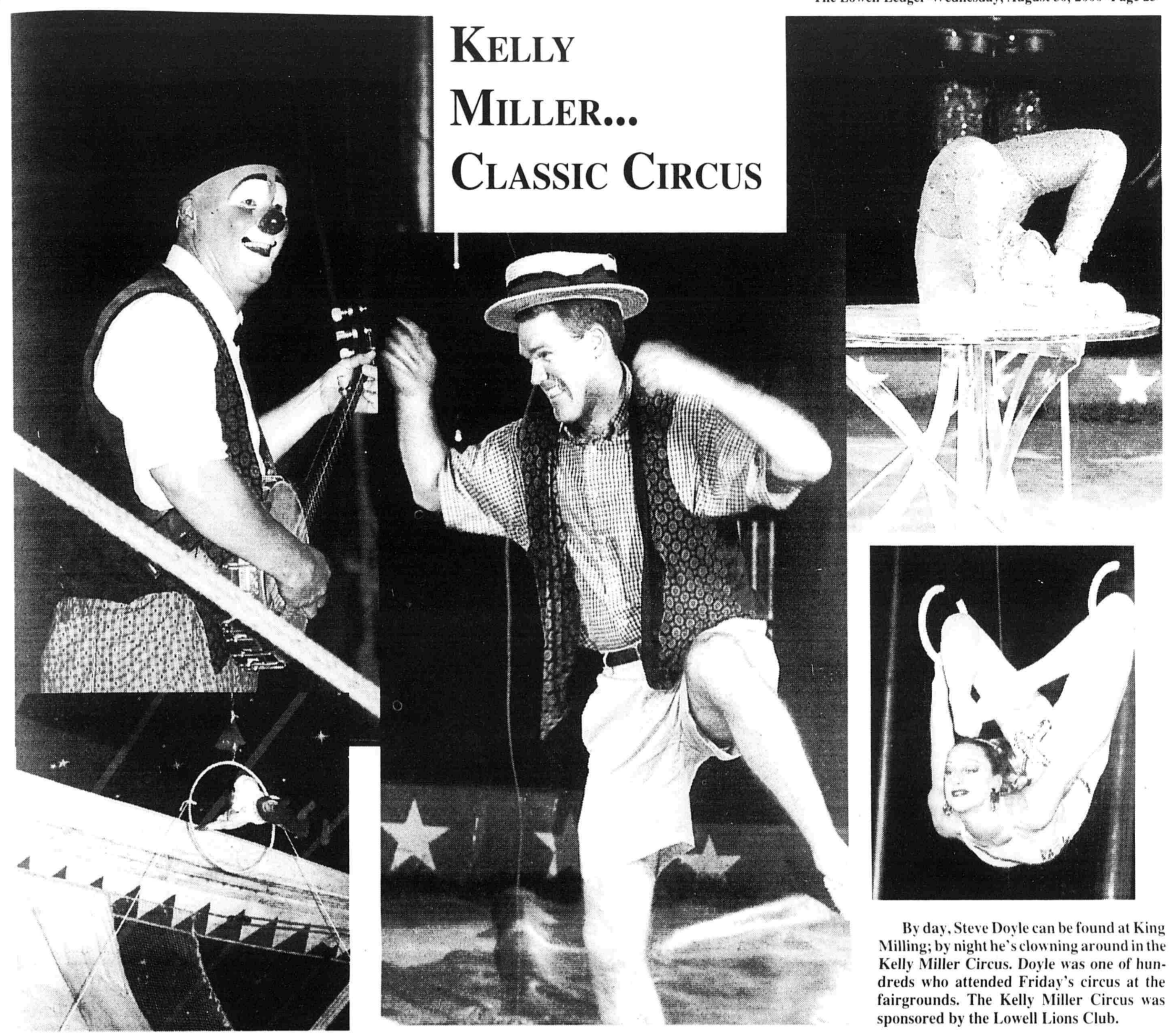
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Love, Willis & Arlene Hatch.

CARD OF THANKS
A special heartfelt thank you to the Lowell Fire Dept., the Lowell-Rockford Ambulance, the operators who answered the 911 call Tues., Aug. 22. Their immediate response was greatly appreciated, as well as their skill in saving Ray from further harm. Thank You!
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