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## ENCOURAGING WORDS

••• Lowell Area School District is hopeful positive comments parlay into passing vote tally.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Voters of the Lowell Area School District were last asked to vote on a bond issue in 1992.

Now, eight years later, the school administration is hoping for similar, successful results.

Tuesday (Sept. 26), voters will be asked to vote up or down on a \$27.5 million bond issue.

"From our meetings, people seem quite positive and that's encouraging," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "I think people are reasonably comfortable with the work and planning the district has put into this. They see and understand the growth concerns.

"The administration has worked hard to be trustworthy, inform the community and to gain its respect."

The bond is designed in two phases. Phase I, approximately \$13 million, consists primarily of a new elementary school, technology for all students in all schools, and a gymnasium at Alto Elementary School.

Phase II, approximately \$14 million, will consist of a second new elementary school and an addition to the current high school. The second phase of the bond issue would not go into effect until student growth meets projected numbers.

The two-phased approach is designed to achieve several goals, according to Lowell Superintendent Bert Bleke:

1. provide adequate facilities for children when projected growth figures become a reality;
2. protect taxpayers by building facilities only when necessary;
3. maximize the district's current general fund budget by utilizing existing facilities to the fullest;
4. provide excellence in both short-term and long-term planning.

"It provides excellence in planning, minimizes taxpayer expenditures, and provides adequate facilities for our children," Bleke explained.

Several different technological components are part of phase I: classroom internet stations in all schools, upgraded computers and additional terminals, wide area network,

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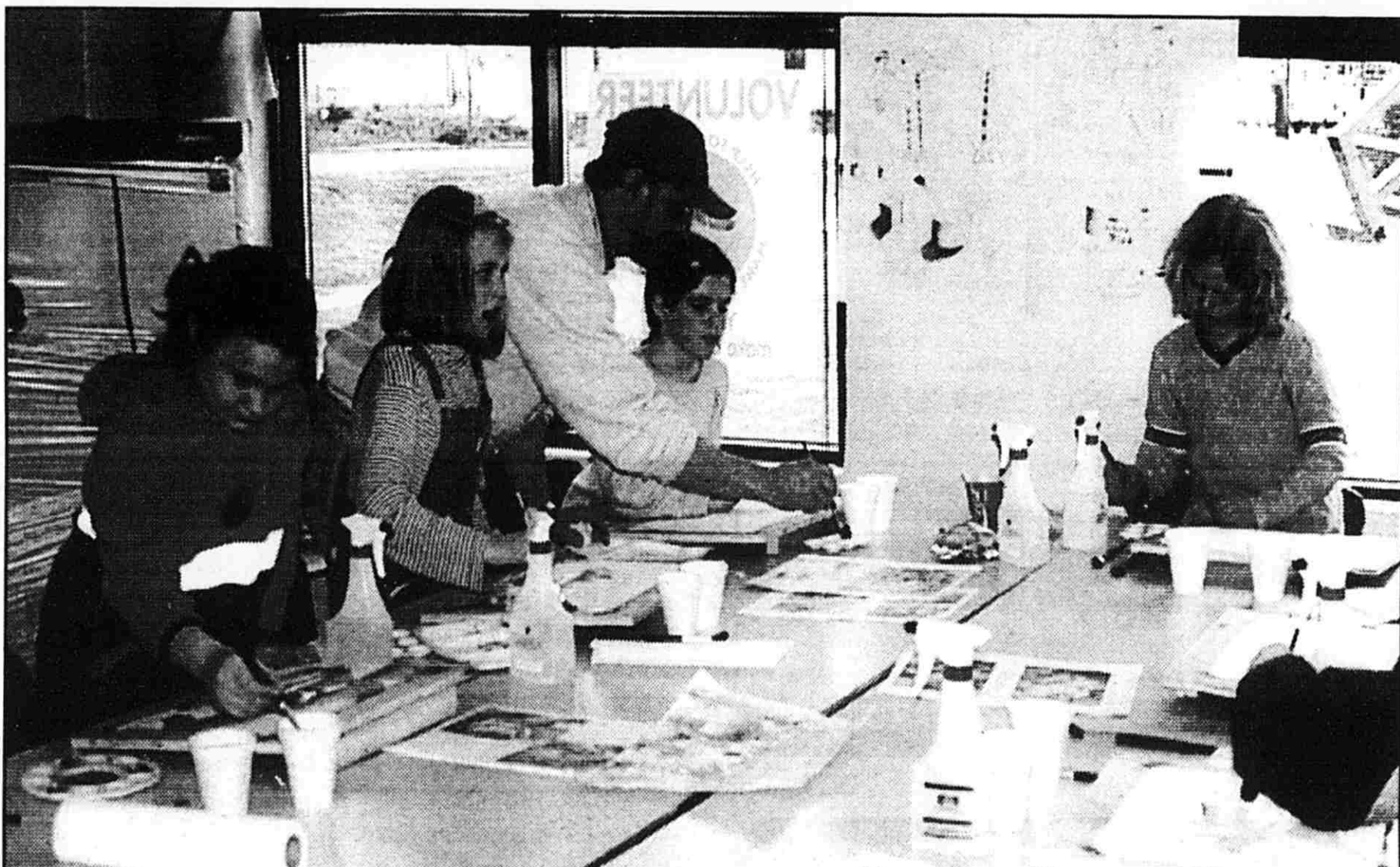
## VOTING PRECINCTS

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Old Bowne Township Hall;  
corner of 84th St. and Alden Nash.

Runciman Gymnasium,  
300 High St.

Vergennes Township Hall,  
10381 Bailey Dr.



Don Holstine, local watercolor artist, works with Lowell students during a summer class at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

## Arts' Affluence

••• The Lowell Area Arts Council was awarded \$57,200 from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. It marked the first time in nine years that LAAC has received any funds.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Arts Council last received state grant funds for the arts in 1991.

Nine years later, the LAAC is celebrating its return to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs winners list.

LAAC executive director Lorain Smalligan said the \$57,200 awarded to the agency on Friday enables the council to talk about "what we can do" as opposed to "what we could do if we had funding."

The grant recognizes the Lowell Area Arts Council's impact on a predominantly rural community.

"The panelists who reviewed the grant were impressed by the broad community support for Lowell's art agency and the history of volunteerism that built the organization to the high level it is today," Smalligan explained. "They were also impressed by the letters of support provided by

community leaders, and by artists, students, and community residents."

LAAC was awarded \$37,200 in grant money which goes directly to programs and services provided by LAAC with a specific focus on compensation to artists for exhibitions, performances, and instruction of classes and purchase of art supplies for special events and classes.

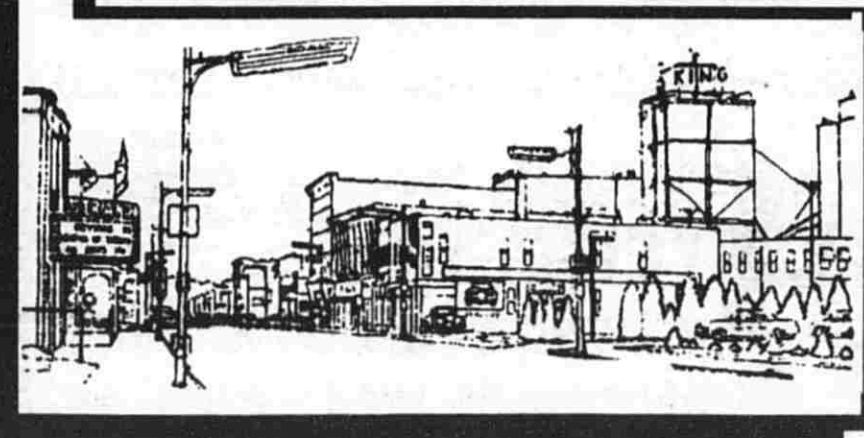
"This support will allow the arts council to offer these programs and services to the public at minimal or no cost.

LAAC also received a \$20,000 grant for arts organization development to implement two phases of the agency's strategic plan: 1.) to create a systematic marketing and public relations program; 2.) to develop a more comprehensive fund development program. In May, the Lowell Area Community Fund provided \$14,000 as the matching portion for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

"LAAC will hire an outside consultant to work with the board of directors and staff to develop these programs."

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## Along Main Street



THIS WEEK ON LOWELL CABLE CHANNEL 20

The following events will be shown on Cable channel 20 this week: Lowell City Council: Tues. - Fri. 7 p.m.; Riverwalk

Festival 2000: Wed. 12 p.m., Thurs. 3 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.; Lowell Calvary Church: Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m.

### LOWELL AREA CUB SCOUT FUN NIGHT

Join the Lowell Cub Scouts for 5 hours of fun - mini golf, roller skating and bowling on Sept. 23 from 5-10 p.m. at Roll-Away Family Fun Center. Admission is \$6 per person, free to registered cub scouts from pack 3188.

To join the scouts, applications will be taken all day (parent must be present). For more information call 691-7753.

### CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT DURING FALLASBURG FESTIVAL

On Sept. 23 and 24, a Civil War Reenactment will take place in the village of Fallasburg, north of Lowell. Demon- Main St., cont'd. pg. 8

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## OBITUARIES

**GEELHOED** - Barbara Faye Geelhoed, aged 63, of Cascade, passed away September 16, 2000. She was preceded in death by her father Stoy Rowley. She is survived by her husband Donald; children Daniel (Ann) Geelhoed of Saranac, Steven Geelhoed, Karen (Brian) Woodhead; mother Theresa Rowley, all of Lowell; grandchildren, Jeff, Michael, Steven Jr., Jo-

Church officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Hospice of West Michigan.

**HOSTLER** - Orville Chester Hostler, aged 63, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord Friday, September 15, 2000. He was preceded in death by his parents Orville Hostler Jr. and Dorothy Bower. He is survived by his wife Gayven; children Carolyn (Mark) Lessens of Lowell, James (Teri) Hostler of Saranac, Dorothy Fitzgerald of Virginia; grandchildren Sarah, Melissa, Amanda, Tyler, Annika, Ashley, Jami, Jodi, Stephen, Thomas and Faith; mother-in-law Myrtle Jacobson of Belmont; sister Dorothy (John) Smedley of Aston, PA; brother-in-law James (Jeanne) Wallin of FL; sister-in-law Sandra Ryan of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Ronald DeMute of Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society.

**JOHNSON** - Ann Cecelia (Mooney) Johnson, 69, passed through heaven's gate beginning her eternal life on Wednesday, September 13, 2000. Mrs. Johnson was born in Ionia and was a longtime Lowell resident. In her new life she joins her spouse,

Theodore (Ted) Johnson; her parents John and Anna (Nolan) Mooney; brothers (and sisters-in-law) Joseph (Floy); Francis (Letha); and Ray Mooney; and several dear friends and beloved relatives, including special nieces and nephew. She is survived by a loving daughter, Monica (Johnson) Ryan; son-in-law Jay Ryan and three wonderful grandchildren: Nicole, Jay and Shane Ryan. Also surviving are brother Bob (Eileen) Mooney of Alden, MI; sisters: Josephine (William) Heintzler of Lowell; Betty (Darwin) Holzgen, Middleville; Bernadette Mooney, O.P., of Grand Rapids; Catherine (Elwood) Ruhl of Jackson, MS; Esther (Arnie) Johnson, Grand Rapids; and Martha (Mike) Baczewski, Sand Lake; as well as sister-in-law Deborah Mooney of Summit, IL. In addition, many surviving nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends are thankful and better off for having been touched by her. Her family held a wake in her honor and memory on Sunday at St. Robert of Newminster Catholic Church in Ada. The funeral mass was held Monday. Burial at St. Mary Cemetery in Lowell. Expressions of sympathy and thanks may be delivered by mail to 1402 Laurie Gail Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

**PAWLOSKI-WOLF** - Eleanor Johanna Pawloski-Wolf, aged 78, the sunshine of our life, has gone to join our silver-haired daddy Ed-

ward. Their rays continue to shine in their children, Mary Jean (John) Havenaar, Donna Mae (Thomas) Kinnane, Carol Ann Pawloski, Rose Sela (James) Ennis, James Edward (Dawn) Pawloski, Loue Ella Kintigh, Kaye Lynn Pawloski, Nancy Lee Pawloski, Sophia De (James) Radlinski, Michael Andrew (Heather) Pawloski; 33 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her sisters Berdean (Forris) Pitsch, Arlene (Loren) Pitsch; sister-in-law Lois Wolf; her husbands' Edward and Al Wolf families, stepchildren, multiple friends and family. Eleanor touched everyone throughout her life, bringing sunshine into everything she did, creating memories for her families and friends, sharing her wisdom and teaching always as she went. She loved to design and decorate creating something out of nothing. As a master gardener, her seeds will ever be sown. She was an active member and past president of Altar Societies at St. Mary's, New Salem, St. Augustine, Kalamazoo and St. Sebastian, Byron Center. We all know that Eleanor, mother, grandma and great-grandma's love is now somewhere over the rainbow radiating over all of us. Memorials may be made to Eleanor J. Pawloski-Wolf, St. Sebastian 150th Anniversary Fund. If you are unable to attend the service or visitation please sign the family's memory book at [www.webobit.com](http://www.webobit.com).

**PRITCHETT** - Mr. Edgar "Buddy" Pritchett, aged 75, passed away on Saturday

morning, September 16, 2000. He proudly served his country in U.S. Army - Signal Corp. as a Cryptographic Technician. He was employed as a construction superintendent at Owens, Ames and Kimball, retiring in 1990. Buddy was a master bass fisherman. He was also very good with plants, especially roses. Going back to his roots in Florida was a special joy as was being a member of the "Mosquito Beater." His children and his neighbors like his "Mr. Fix-it" talents. He worked at the "Old Rockford High School" at 10 Mile Rd. - the school that cost a million dollars to build. He also worked on St. Mary's Mercy Medical Center, and many other Grand Rapids landmarks that were built, including working as a superintendent of the construction of The Oval Office at the Gerald R. Ford Museum. He is survived by his wife Maxine whom he met while she was working at a bakery and whom he married on March 24, 1950; his daughters Leslie and Chris Plescher of Lowell, Marcy and David VandeGrift of Birmingham, MI; grandchildren Lindsey and Brittany Plescher, and Drew VandeGrift; brother Robert E. Pritchett of Orlando, FL; sister-in-law Helen and Henry Merskon of Melbourne, FL; and many cousins in Florida. The funeral service will be announced later.

**VILHARDOUIN** - Vilhardouin "Bill" Smith, aged 77, of Lowell and St. Marc, Haiti, passed peacefully to his Lord at home, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000. He is survived by his devoted companion and caregiver, Joy Sargeant; his family in CA, GA, FL and NY and special friends, Bob Buege, David Quillan and Kate Landis. Services were conducted in NY. Cremation has taken place according to his wishes. Memorials to Hospice of Michigan.

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## VFW and Ladies Auxiliary offer scholarship opportunity for students

Commander Gordon Marshall of Lowell VFW Post 8303 announced the start of this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest." Students in our local area have the opportunity to compete in the 54th annual audio essay contest and win valuable scholarships and awards. According to the local VFW Post Commander, the students achieve much more when they participate in "Voice of Democracy."

Additional benefits for students include increased self-confidence and poise, experience in polishing communication skills, and the opportunity for self-expression. Students that advance to become their state's first place winner are given the opportunity to expand their knowledge of our nation's capital city during a full four-day tour of Washington, D.C., plus the chance to meet and befriend students from every state.

During the many years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with Voice of Democracy, more than seven million high school students have participated. Interested students need only write and then record a three- to five-minute audio/essay while expressing their view of the patriotic theme "What Price Freedom?" All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 National Scholarship...but could win the \$25,000 first place award. A total of \$139,500 in National Scholarships are awarded to student national finalists. The deadline date for student entry is Nov. 1.

The contest is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade public, private or home schooled students.

Commander Marshall said, "Young people who participate in the contest benefit by gaining a better understanding of their country, their freedoms and their obligation to America." Applications and rules may be obtained at the Lowell High School counseling office or by calling VFW Jr. Vice Commander Louis Dudek at 897-5605.

## 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 NE 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 Friday. 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

## 32nd Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival begins Saturday

... Festival, which offers unique arts, crafts and music, is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

The 32nd annual Fallasburg Fall Festival, sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council, will be held Sept. 23 and 24 at Fallasburg Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A group of 80 artists have been chosen to sell their work in a juried art show. Booths include jewelry, pottery, glass, leather, wood, painting and photography. Demonstrations include rug-hooking, origami, quilting, basketry, wood-carving and caning, to name a few.

Food booths will be offered as well as musical entertainers including the Lowell Music String Ensemble, Roger MacNaughton, That String Thing, Monique Doolittle, Prairie Road, October Street, Beats Settin' Home, Greg & Kathy Proulx, and the Hill People.

On Saturday, Fancy Nancy the Clown will perform juggling acts and lawn games. On Sunday, the Grand Rapids Children's Museum will provide hands-on displays. Both days will include pumpkin painting and face painting along with other crafts.

As in previous years, the once active Fallasburg Village Post Office will be reinstated by the U.S. Post Office and offer postal services, featuring a cachet and cancellation designed by Alto artist Ann Breckon. The LAAC annual Quilt Raffle features a quilt with a millennium theme,

designed and created by Karla Mitchell & Shellie Benson. There is no admission price to the festival and supervised parking is available for a \$1 donation. No pets will be allowed at the festival.

For more information call Lorain Smaligan, director of the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

## Civil War Reenactment at Fallasburg

A Civil War Reenactment, hosted by the Fallasburg Historical Society, will take place on Sept. 23 and 24 in the small historic village of Fallasburg, just across the Covered Bridge.

See history come alive as the lives of both soldiers and civilians of the North and the South are portrayed.

Demonstrations of early crafts will also take place on the weekend of the annual Fallasburg Festival; two museums in the village whose heyday was the 1860's will be open to tour.

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2:00 - 2:45pm  
Monique Doolittle  
3:00 - 3:45pm  
Maui Murph & Tomas Estarza  
4:00 - 4:45pm  
Prairie Road

**SUNDAY**  
11:00 - 11:45am  
Lowell Music Ensemble  
12:00 - 12:45pm  
October Street  
1:00 - 1:45pm  
Beats Settin' Home  
2:00 - 2:45pm  
Greg & Kathy Proulx  
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**SUNDAY SPECIAL**  
Grand Rapids Children's Museum Traveling Exhibits

While at Fallasburg Park visit the Fallasburg Historic District's Civil War reenactment!

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# Reflections

Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre, Pastor  
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Have you ever stopped thinking about the appointments, the responsibilities and duties that face you and taken a moment for self-reflection? Where am I directing my life? After I am gone, what will be said of me by those who have known me?

I can imagine the writer of Proverbs doing just that kind of reflection as he faces the challenges and trials of his day. There is evidence that Proverbs arose out of a time of social dislocation and

moral dissolution in Israel. Corruption and the weakening of Israel's moral fiber were strongly evident. In fact, the times out of which Proverbs arose can be seen as similar to our own times.

The writer of Proverbs gives us some wise sayings to contemplate. As stated in Proverbs 22: 1: A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. This is not the wisdom that arises from Wall Street. It is not the banner that you and I find flying in the day to day activities of our work places. Proverbs tells us, Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fall. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. (Chapter 22: 8-9)

Erich Fromm in the book, "The Art of Loving" describes a person of modern society as one who has transformed him/herself into a commodity. The individuals who make up modern society have experienced their life energy as an investment with which they should make the highest profit, considering their position and the situation on the personalty market. Each person is alienated from himself, from his fellow men and from nature. His main aim is profitable exchange of his skills, knowledge, and of himself.

## School News

Week of 9/25 - 9/29

### ELEMENTARY

\*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.  
\* Lunch: \$1.35 \* Milk: 30c

**MON:** Crispito w/cheese stick & French bread or egg, ham & cheese or English muffin, corn, fresh grapes.

**TUES:** French toast sticks or cereal choice, baked ham slice, choice of juice, crispy hash brown wedge.

**WED:** Nachos w/meat & cheese & roll or chicken patty on bun, rasp-peach cobbler, bean dip w/cheese.

**THURS:** Staff Development day

**FRI:** Pepperoni pizza or NEW!! pretzel dunkers w/cheddar cheese sauce, veg. & dip, cinnamon apples, cake.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

\*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.  
\* Lunch: \$1.50 \* Milk: 30c

**MON:** Crispito w/chips & cheese or macaroni & cheese, cinnamon roll, fresh grapes, corn.

**TUES:** 2 turkey & cheese on buns or cook's choice, fruit choice, vegetable choice.

**WED:** Chicken nuggets or nachos w/meat, cheese & roll, rasp-peach cobbler, carrot slices, whipped potatoes.

**THURS:** Staff Development day.

**FRI:** Pizza wedge or cook's choice, fresh vegetables w/dip, cinnamon apples, cake.

his "personality package" with others who are equally intent on a fair and profitable exchange.

When we truly get to the point when we are willing to assess our lives and the success that we have achieved, if the yardstick of success consists of what we own, the money we have in the bank, or the profit we have made in our pensions and our investments, we will be remembered primarily by those who are our heirs. A memory with a duration equal to the time it takes to settle the estate and distribute the wealth.

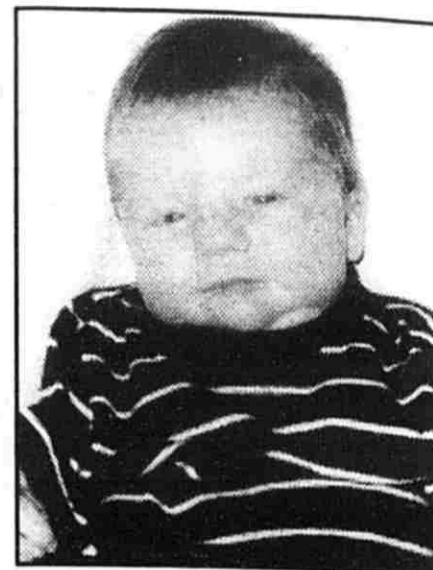
However, if our life follows the wisdom of Proverbs and we live a life that builds a "Good Name" and sows the seeds of "Generosity" and "the sharing of bread," then our life is more than a commodity to be exchanged for profit, and our success is more than bank accounts and property.

In the wisdom of Proverbs we find meaning for our lives through our connection with God and the community of God's people. We will be remembered for friendships we have built with our families and people of the community. We will be remembered for the way we have shaped the systems of life and for the goodness to others we have shared.

## AREA BIRTHS

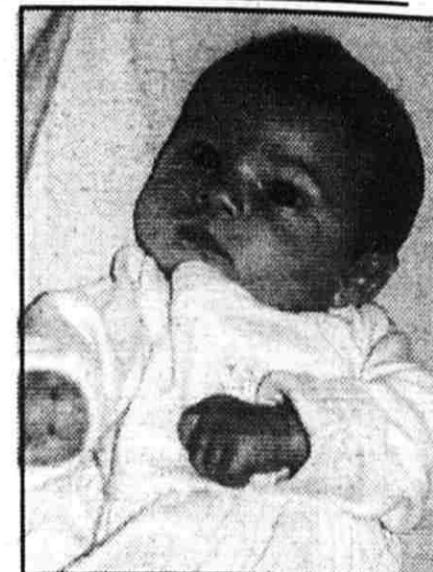
Rick and Amy Zimmerman are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **Regan Cole**. He arrived at 1:00 p.m. on June 29, 2000 at Spectrum Health East Campus. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.

and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Welcoming Regan home are big brothers Brandon and Briar along with aunts, uncles, grandparents and his special cousin, Kennedy.



Kanon and Zeth Dean are pleased to announce the arrival of their new little sister, **Darby Noel Dean**. She was born at Spectrum East on August 10, 2000

at 6:43 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Her proud parents are Noel and Jill Dean.



## American Girl picnic at Kent District Library

Kent District Library celebrates the American Girl book series and dolls - including the newest American Girl Kit - with a fun-filled fall picnic at various KDL branches. Children, ages 6 and up, are invited to bring their American Girl doll or other favorite doll to the library for lemonade, doll-sized finger foods and a paper doll craft. The program will be held outside, weather permitting, so participants should also bring a blanket to sit on.

*The American Girls Collection* is a bestselling fictional series that brings history to life through the adventures of a group of lively girls growing up long ago.

The picnic is scheduled for the Englehardt branch on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Phone 897-9596 for information.

Call Kent District Library at 336-3250 for other schedules.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**SEPT. 21:** Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno.

**SEPT. 22:** Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan.

**SEPT. 23:** Steve VanLaan.

**SEPT. 24:** Hillary J. Boss, Kenneth Gregersen II, David Powell.

**SEPT. 25:** Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier.

**SEPT. 26:** Micah Soyka, Ila Phillips, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.

**SEPT. 27:** Brooke Brown.

## Kent District Library holds Homeschool open house

Kent District Library invites homeschooling parents to learn what the library has to offer homeschool families with open houses at several KDL branches this fall. Registration is required for this program.

The open house creates a forum to share information about homeschoolers' needs and educates parents about the library's resources, helping area homeschoolers utilize the library to its full potential. The program includes a tour, an introduction to library computers and a showcase of new materials.

Library staff will share the best new books and Internet sites to enrich the home school curriculum. In addition, KDL has prepared a list of resources and a brochure for homeschoolers.

The homeschool open house is scheduled for the Englehardt branch on Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m., phone 897-9596.

For more information about the homeschool open house or to register, please call Kent District Library at 336-3250.

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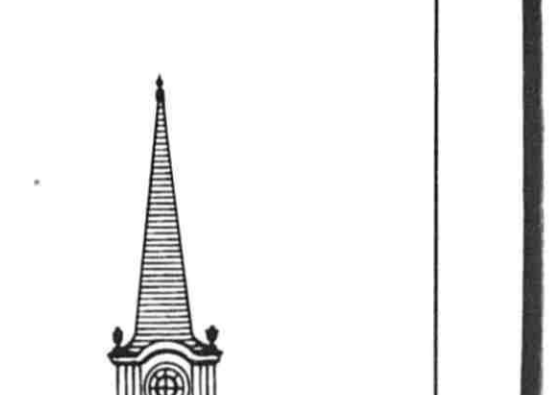
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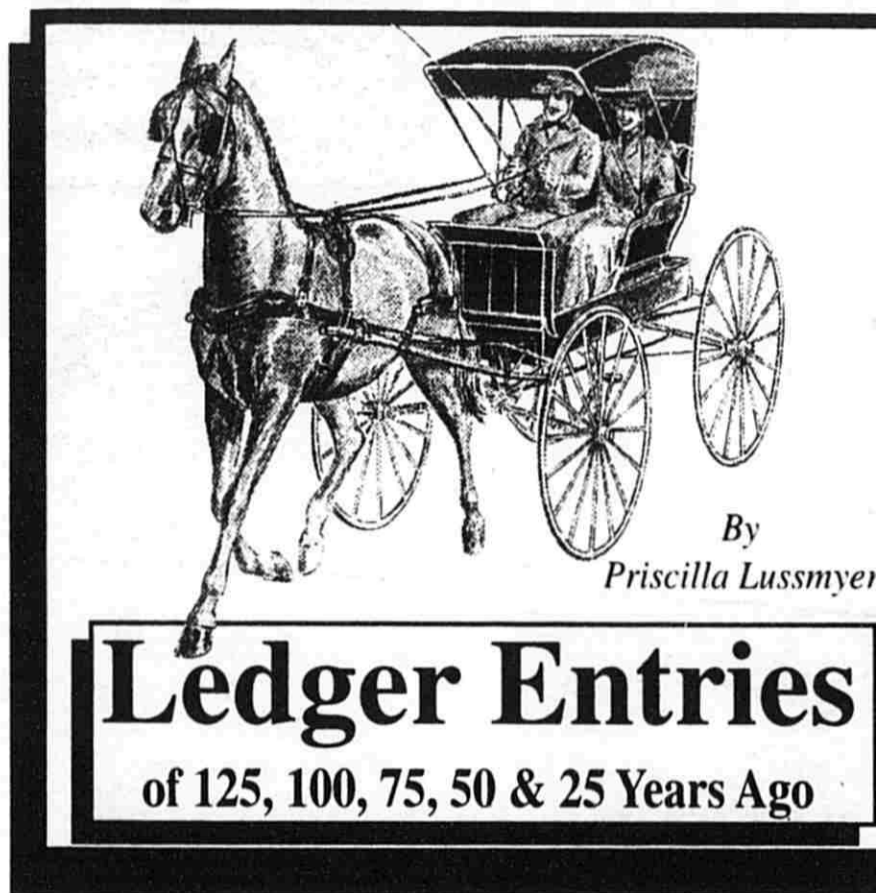
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# Viewpoint . . .



## Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 22, 1875

The Journal printed the tax sales this year. Lowell has 35 properties in arrears.

"It is a dull day in Jackson when from early dawn til dewy eve there isn't a fire or a fight."

A ten-cent trial bottle of Green's August Flower should cure you of whatever complaint you have. Two doses will relieve.

B.J. Daniels M.D. is here to give lessons in crayon drawing.

The marshal, upon finding any stovepipe or chimney "out of order," will pull it down on the spot.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 20, 1900

Three holdup men attempt to stop Frank Dolloway's buggy, but he fires two shots and whips the horse to get away. One man shoots a hole in the buggy top.

A Bryan and Stephenson Club has been organized at Freeport to support the presidential candidate.

The H.W. Booths here may have lost their daughter Katherine to the Galveston hurricane and flood.

Total enrollment at the high school is 110, with 40 "foreign" pupils (out of town).

The future shirt factory will receive a 20x20 addition this week, to be used as laundry and boiler room.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 17, 1925

A 20-year-old permit for a dam above Cascade Bridge will likely combine with a power development of a dam at Ada to produce 8 million kilowatts.

Total enrollment of Lowell schools, kindergarten-grade 12, is 591. Sports are underway, but the loss of a star football end who decided not to finish high school, is deeply felt.

The school flag got stuck at half-mast Tuesday, until an athlete was able to climb and free it.

The new telephone directories are being delivered by Bell Telephone Co.

5000 Civil War veterans paraded through Grand Rapids Wednesday, perhaps for the last time, as few are equal to the effort.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 21, 1950

Divorces have dropped since 1946, and only 5.1 persons of every 1000 are divorced.

15,000 school children in Michigan are attending half-day sessions because of overcrowding.

Michigan State Police will now take married men.

The draft is in force, taking more than 1,200 men a week in Michigan for the Korean war.

And wartime consumer credit regulations are back in force: higher down payments, shorter payoff time.

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE SEPTEMBER 18, 1975

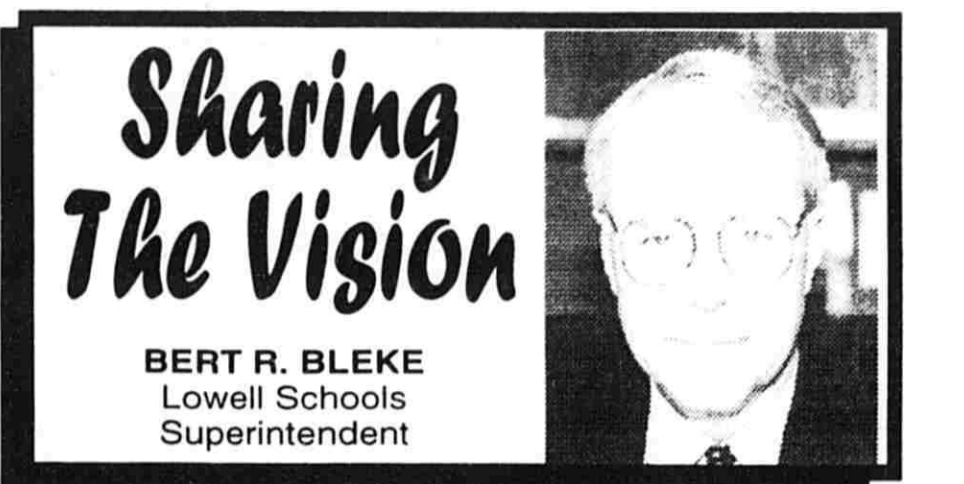
Tony Siciliano is the acting city manager as of September 20 and Nancy Wood, acting city clerk.

The northeast corner of Hudson and Main (library corner) is rebuilt with a wider turning radius.

Fall salmon fishing near the King Milling dam has begun.

The city will plant a tree in front of your house this fall or next spring for \$15.

Councilman Jim Hall endorses the editor's urging people to attend city council meetings, adding that the same seven, only seven, people regularly attend.



## Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools  
Superintendent

After months, indeed years of planning, the community will vote on Tuesday, September 26th to accept or reject the school bond proposal. This proposal, necessitated by community and school growth, will ask citizens to support a "phased-in approach" to resolve the issue of increased student numbers. **Phase one** would add a new elementary school, a new gymnasium at Alto, and technology improvements to all schools. **Phase two** would include a second elementary school and an addition to the high school.

This approach is somewhat unusual but given the unique demographic challenges facing our district, the Board of Education feels this is the right solution that is fair to children, parents, and taxpayers. Clearly a "phased-in approach" raises the question of trust, particularly in **Phase two** where this Superintendent and the Board have promised no new school unless absolutely necessary.

For many years this district has worked hard to earn both the respect and trust of the community. It is our belief that our schools are increasingly competent and responsive to your needs. We are proud of our efforts in providing an excellent education for our children in a cost-effective manner. We believe that we have earned your respect, your trust and your support.

We want to assure our community that this commitment will continue in the future regardless of the outcome of the bond election. While we do desire to see a successful election, the most important factor to us will continue to be your ongoing respect and trust.

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

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends:

We write this letter asking your support in passing the Tuesday, September 26th school bond election. As you know, the community of Lowell continues to grow, and as our community grows so does the number of children. This continued growth has filled our existing schools almost to their capacity, necessitating a plan to provide more space for our kids. A lot of people in our community looked at possible solutions. We believe the proposal that they came up with and submitted to you is necessary, fair, and a conservative approach to short- and long-term planning.

Our schools impact everyone in the Lowell community. Many have children in school or will have in the near future. Even if you currently do not have children in school, the value of a quality school system is critical to both a quality community as well as to your most important personal investment - your home and property. Few things are more important to a community than the education of its children.

We are convinced that the bond issue for the Lowell Area Schools is logical, well thought out, and fiscally conservative in its approach. Lowell's quality school system continues to play a pivotal role in our children's education and in the quality of our community. We believe this is an investment in the future of our children and our community. We urge your support of this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
Dick Posthumus  
Lieutenant Governor

Doug Hart  
State Representative

Letter to the Editor,

I think that one of the most difficult decisions a school board makes is asking voters for more millage for operating or building additional schools.

As a former board member, I know many hours of study, deliberation and research are needed before making this difficult decision of asking the voters for additional millage.

In reviewing the material presented to the people of the Lowell School District, I am convinced that the necessity and time for the YES vote is Sept. 26.

It has always been my opinion that the best return received on any taxes is when those tax dollars are being spent close to home. As our tax dollars travel further, i.e., to the county, state or federal spenders, the return on your money decreases at each step. This gives another important reason to vote yes on the Lowell Area School Bond Proposal Sept. 26.

Sincerely  
R.E. Reagan D.D.S.

Dear Editor,

This week we begin a journey with our two youngest children that will take us all over the U.S. and into Canada and Mexico. It may last two years. Besides the enormous task of selling our home and cars, storing our belongings and saying good-bye to dear friends, one of our biggest challenges was how we would continue to build upon the excellent education our children had received in the Lowell Schools.

We shouldn't have worried. Superintendent Bert Bleke and curriculum director Jim White made sure we had curriculum guidelines for the state of Michigan. Then Mark Weber,

Cheryl Blodgett and Marianne Schramm at Lowell Middle School and Alto Elementary arranged and participated in meetings with our kids' teachers, who generously donated their free time at the busy beginning of the school year to answer our questions and supply us with additional materials.

Perhaps 15 or more people took the time to make sure we were well equipped before we left. To us, this demonstrates an overreaching commitment on the part of Lowell Schools for the education of all children - not just those for whom it will receive tax dollars this year.

Our children have been well served by Lowell Schools and you can bet we'll be voting on September 26 by absentee ballot from somewhere on the road. We encourage our friends and neighbors to do the same.

Sincerely,  
Craig and Kate Convisor

Dear Taxpayers,

Millage increases raise your property taxes. If you live in Vergennes Township, your property taxes were increased to pay for gypsy moth spraying. Also, the township now wants to increase your taxes by an additional one half mill.

If you live in Lowell Township, your property taxes were increased to pay for gypsy moth spraying.

If you live in Kent County, your property taxes were increased for the library system.

If you live in the city of Lowell, your property taxes were almost increased to pay on the Englehardt Library and the new City Hall/police station.

If you live in the Lowell School District, on September 26, the school district wants to increase your property taxes to fund a \$27.5 million bond issue for new school buildings, etc.

It won't stop until you say no.

Wilma Fallstrom

## Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity, and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



## Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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Technology has been the word for some investors over the past couple of years. But when tech stocks short-circuited in the spring of 2000, investors whose portfolios weren't well-diversified learned a hard lesson.

Some investors mistakenly believed the technology sector had unlimited growth potential. But when it fell, it fell hard. The Nasdaq Composite Index, home to many technology stocks, dropped 13 percent in the second quarter of the year — its largest drop in a decade. Then, in July, the Nasdaq fell another 10 percent.

Market experts attribute this rapid decline to several factors. For one thing, many technology stocks had become tremendously expensive — too expensive for investors' liking. Also, investors began to get nervous over the lack of earnings exhibited by many of the dot.com companies.

The reasons behind the market meltdown are actually less

important than the fact that some people had large percentages of their portfolios tied up with technology stocks. As a result, they got burned.

Were these people foolish to put their investment dollars in technology stocks? Not necessarily. Several areas of technology offer attractive prospects for growth. However, too many people put too much money in technology, leaving themselves over-exposed to just one sector — and that's an invitation to trouble. It's never a good idea to put a large majority of your investment dollars into one particular market segment, no matter how strong it may look at a given time. As the events of this past spring showed, it takes very little time for a soaring market to plunge.

Sometimes, you can become over-concentrated in one area without even being aware of it. For example, rapid or sustained growth in the total value of a particular group of stocks can contribute to "unbalancing" a portfolio.

That's why it's important to periodically review your holdings and, if necessary, rebalance your portfolio. If you're too heavily weighted in an area, think about ways you can diversify. By spreading your dollars across many different industries and types of investments, you'll reduce the risk of having most of your assets exposed to a sudden downturn in one area. And, by having your money invested in a variety of areas, you'll have more chances to take advantage of upswings.

Furthermore, you can diversify in more ways than one. First, of course, you can invest in different industries. Then,

you can invest in different types of companies within each industry. Some industries may offer you more investment possibilities than others, but all industries will give you some choices. And striving for maximum diversification is generally a good idea.

There's not much "sizzle" in diversification; it's a basic, common-sense approach to investing. But when the winds of change cool off the "hot" sectors, you'll probably be glad to have a well-diversified portfolio.

### Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



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Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark.

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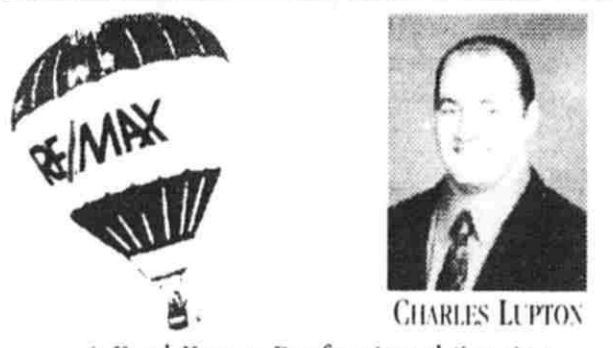
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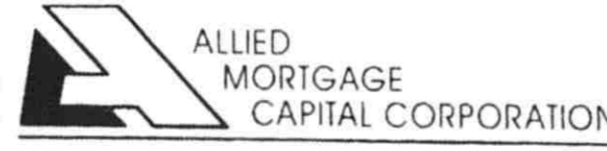
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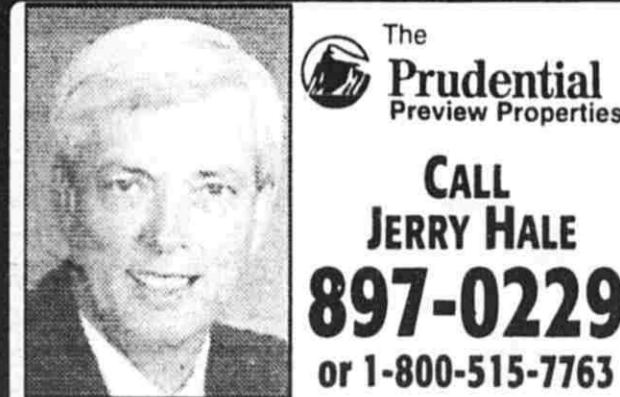
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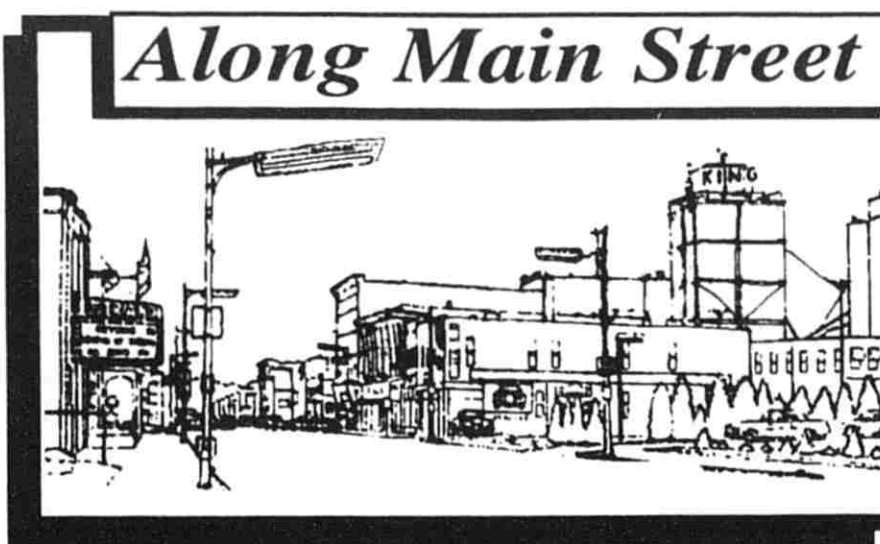
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## Art Grant, cont'd... From Page 1

Smalligan said. "The big focus will be on marketing and professionally promoting what the arts council is doing."

Smalligan applied for the grant in May. The panel review came in mid summer. "I was encouraged by the panel review. I felt it was a good strong review."

Longtime Lowell arts supporter Chris VanAntwerp said the grant monies position the arts council to become what it's had the potential to be for years.

"It needs someone to focus on the operation of council.

## Bond Issue, cont'd... From Page 1

new high school C.A.D. and donated computers faster (Computer Assisted Design) and better.

Lab. expanded web access. The elementary school and a new system to run older proposed in phase I would be

### What will the bond issue cost taxpayers?

HOME MARKET VALUE	ADD'L. YEARLY TAXES FOR PHASE 1	YOUR COST PER WEEK	YOUR COST PER DAY
75,000	\$ 69.38	\$ 1.33	19c
100,000	\$ 92.50	\$ 1.78	25c
150,000	\$137.25	\$ 2.64	38c
200,000	\$185.00	\$ 3.56	51c

HOME MARKET VALUE	ADD'L. YEARLY TAXES FOR PHASE 2*	YOUR COST PER WEEK	YOUR COST PER DAY
75,000	\$ 36.75	\$ 0.71	10c
100,000	\$ 49.00	\$ 0.94	13c
150,000	\$ 73.50	\$ 1.41	20c
200,000	\$ 98.00	\$ 1.88	27c

\*REMEMBER: PHASE 2 WILL NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL STUDENT GROWTH NECESSITATES IT.

**LOWELL ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE**  
The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wed., Sept. 27 from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**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. Contact Carol Briggs at 897-5501 to donate.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED**  
Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Sept. 28

from 8 a.m. to ? at the Lowell Moose Lodge Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St. The state requires that your card be current in order to receive commodities.

**1995 CLASS REUNION IS SCHEDULED**  
The Class of 1995 will be holding its 5-year reunion at Creekside Park on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 2-6 p.m. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to pass. Your family/children are welcome. Please RSVP to Kerry Nugent at 691-8557 or Krista Beach (Posthumus) at 517-355-8093 by Oct. 1.

**ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**  
The Lowell Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Please come and support our athletes.

## Seniors are special at John Ball Zoo

Wednesdays in October will be special for senior citizens at the John Ball Zoo. Free admission will be given on Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 to all senior citizens (63 and older). The Monkey Island Café will offer hot coffee for 50 cents and cookies two for the price of one. Senior citizens will receive a 10 percent discount in the Gifts of the Wild shop at the zoo. Take a mini-color tour of the zoo's fall foliage and enjoy the animals as they become more active in the cooler weather.

The zoo is open every day of the year, except Christmas Day. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children ages 5-13, and free for children 4 and younger. The zoo is located at 1300 W. Fulton in Grand Rapids. For additional information call 616-336-4301.

Bringing Lorain aboard as executive director has done that and it begins moving the LAAC to the next level," VanAntwerp said. "She is a fabulous grant writer and scored well in the review - otherwise we wouldn't have gotten the grant."

Last year, \$14.3 million of the \$21.5 million handed down went to Detroit's tri-county area. This year, \$14.5 million of the \$24.3 went there. Of the monies awarded \$1.7 went to cultural institutions in Kent and Ottawa counties.

built in the northern end of the school district, close to Murray Lake.

The elementary school built in phase II would be located where the student population has developed most rapidly.

"Most likely, this would be placed across from the high school or in the south end of the district," Bleke said.

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## LIVE working to enhance volunteer excellence in Lowell community

•••The six-month program will help establish and enhance leadership skills in volunteers.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Power, oftentimes, is associated with money and job titles.

The Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence (LIVE) believes there is another way... through establishing groups of people who can develop leadership skills, step forward and lead community programs, and serve on boards and committees.

LIVE, a program developed through the Lowell Leadership committee, is

designed to promote volunteer excellence in the Lowell community.

The Lowell Leadership Committee is sponsoring 15 people to attend six classes over a six-month period from which they will develop and/or enhance their communication, board membership, public and media relations, and problem solving skills, as well as their ability to work with difficult people.

"We hope that through the months, they find it to be

an excellent program... one they will not only recommend to others, but will sponsor someone for next year's program," said Lowell Area Schools TOTS director, Kathy Cole, who along with YMCA executive director Will Welsh developed the program.

Telling someone that you believe in them and their skills can have an impact.

Cole sponsored Michelle Theisen, a mother of three who, through her connection with Cole and LIVE, has stepped forward and volunteered to co-chair the Kids Care Club Ann Welsh.

"LIVE will give me the skills and confidence to run this group which was inspired by Kathy Cole last year."

Theisen explained. "We all learned what to do from her. I want to be a part of my kids' education and know what's going on in the classroom. I will do the best I can. It may not be good enough, but at least I will have tried. Kathy is a terrific lady who has given me confidence in myself. I don't want to let her down."

The program was going to be discontinued because there was not an individual to

lead it. Theisen, because of her kids' positive experience in the program, has stepped forward to lead.

"Telling someone that you believe in them and their skills has a powerful impact on a person," Cole said. "LIVE enhances skills, a person's confidence and helps them to connect with people."

The program, which provides individuals with a history about Lowell and knowledge about the resources

available to them, has been designed for the long term.

Enhancing the leadership skills of 15 people in each of the next 10 years can be a powerful tool for a community. "What a significant role they can play in the development and improvement of this community," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke. "The volunteers' commitment to the community can make a significant difference."

## Martinez crowned with Miss Pre-Teen honors

Lowell's Emily Martinez was crowned Miss Pre-Teen in the Nationals' 2000 Grand Rapids Pageant held at the Godwin Fine Arts Auditorium.

The 12-year-old also earned Miss Congeniality and Miss Photogenic in her division, and overall Miss Photogenic for the pageant.

She is the daughter of Chris and Pam Cavanaugh of Alto and Greg Martinez of Lowell.

Martinez competed in modeling routines which included casual and formal-wear, and interviewing skills.

The Caledonia Middle School seventh-grader com-

peted against 49 other girls in the 10-12-year-old division. There were 255 girls in the whole pageant.

She focuses most of her spare time on modeling. Martinez is currently modeling for Pastiche Modeling and Talent Agency.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, biking, swimming and spending time with her family and friends.

She participated in the Kent County Youth Fair as a member of East Kent Beef. Martinez graduated from Barbizon Modeling and Acting School.

She recently was crowned Miss Alto.



Emily Martinez

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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
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For the Regular Meeting of TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2000.

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

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

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV employee Ron VanOverbeek and Planning Commissioner James Hall, Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker and Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Boardmember Norman Borgerson.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2000 regular meeting as corrected.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers questioned a bill paid to Sams Club for \$175. He wanted City employees to utilize the local businesses for purchases. City Manager Pasquale noted accounts are held with such City businesses as Bernard's Ace Hardware and Hahn Hardware. Whenever possible, local businesses are used.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (09/05/00)	
GENERAL FUND .....	\$72,105.92
MAJOR STREET FUND .....	\$2,308.97
LOCAL STREET FUND .....	\$1,310.71
DDA FUND .....	\$3,005.96
BUILDING AND SITE FUND .....	\$5,647.50
AIRPORT FUND .....	\$1,668.84
WASTEWATER FUND .....	\$223.15
WATER FUND .....	\$44,624.53
DATA PROCESSING FUND .....	\$370.79
EQUIPMENT FUND .....	\$1,501.31
CURRENT TAX FUND .....	\$95,137.80

**Item #1. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR COMMERCIAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS - REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION REVISIONS - ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (9/18).** As directed by the City Council, the Planning Commission once again reviewed the Commercial Wireless Communication Towers ordinance. At a worksession held on August 7 and which was approved by the Commission during the August 28 regular meeting, the following changes were provided:

- no inclusion of amateur radio antennas, consistent with federal regulations
- keep Suburban Residential District by special land use for towers, allowing greater flexibility for location
- eliminate just a monopole design, allowing more types of poles.
- increase set back distances from one-half tower height to full height of tower
- include an enclosure as an option along with a security fence
- no new commercial wireless communication towers within one mile (rather than half mile) of existing towers
- allows for placement of commercial wireless communication on existing towers or structures by right if the height of the tower is not increased along with the footprint of the related buildings, structures or supports. Otherwise, a site plan review is needed.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing for September 18, 2000 to consider the proposed zoning ordinance amendments regarding commercial wireless communication towers.

Councilmember Shores questioned the Planning Commission's decision leaving Suburban Residential Districts as designated. Planning Commission Chair-

man Daniel Brubaker explained the Planning Commission would have greater planning flexibility. There are different Suburban Residential districts, such as an area east of the City which may be an appropriate location for a cell tower.

Mayor Blough asked what is the process if a tower was proposed in a Suburban Residential District. Brubaker explained the applicant would need to file for a special use permit and submit a site plan for review.

City Manager Pasquale noted property owners within 300 feet of the site would be notified and a public hearing held. Blough inquired if a public hearing was a requirement of a special use permit. Brubaker responded yes.

Commissioner Hall mentioned the Commission wished to allow towers in the Suburban Residential District because there are a few parcels which may be acceptable. The towers would not be quite so obvious if they are off the Main Street area.

Councilmember Green questioned if there was a place within the city limits where such a tower could have a one-mile radius. Brubaker was unsure.

Councilmember Myers questioned the statement "include an enclosure as an option along with a security fence". Hall explained this would entail replacing chain link fencing with a permanent structure such as a block wall.

Myers also questioned the elimination of a monopole design. Hall stated a monopole design may be appropriate at one location while a different design may be needed for another. He noted some tri-pod designs appear to be less visible. Myers asked if one design was safer than another. Hall responded no.

Blough mentioned all safety standards would have to be met.

Myers questioned the set back of the tower changing from one half the tower length to the full length of a tower. He felt a tower may be appropriate in an Industrial area which may not be able to meet such a setback. Hall stated approximately 150 feet is all that is needed to meet this requirement and thus should be met.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Myers noted written correspondence was received from Kent McKay (1775 Gee Drive) who opposed the proposed ordinance allowing communication towers in areas which are zoned suburban residential.

**Item #2. STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (2000-2004).** The current maintenance contract with MDOT involving M21 expires this year. After reviewing the proposed four-year extension, City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council approve the contract designating the City Manager as Maintenance Superintendent and authorizing him to sign the agreement.

Councilmember Myers questioned if City Attorney Richard Wendt approved the contract which is similar to the document currently in effect. Pasquale responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (2000-2004) as proposed.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. EXTENSION OF F-65 REPORT AND CITY AUDIT TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.** City Treasurer Sue Olin is required to submit the filing of an "Annual Local Unit Fiscal Report" (F-65) by October 31. In order to properly fill out this report, the audit must be completed. With the document not being finished by Biggs, Hausserman until early December, a resolution must be adopted by the Council to extend filing of the audit and subsequently the Local Unit Fiscal Year Report to December 31, 2000.

Councilmember Myers questioned when the audit was performed by Biggs, Hausserman. Olin stated the audit would start this month. City Manager Pasquale explained the City would not be penalized as long as an

extension is filed.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to authorize the request for an extension of the F-65 report and City audit to the State of Michigan to December 31, 2000.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. NORTH KENT TRANSIT SERVICE - APPROVAL OF 1999-2000 AMENDMENT NO. 2.** Due to increased ridership of senior citizens and the handicapped, a contract amendment between the City, County and North Kent Transit is necessary to finalize total amounts charged. Based on riderships, \$4,438.83 is allocated from the Federal Community Development Block Grant Fund administered by Kent County based on a total of 362 rides.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the 1999-2000 amendment No. 2 for the North Kent Transit Service totaling \$4,438.83 as allocated from the Federal Community Development Block Grant Fund administered by Kent County.

Councilmember Myers commented on the chart provided by North Kent Transit regarding the use of the service from the surrounding townships. He noted the results from Lowell Township showed \$677 and Vergennes Township \$304, indicating the township residents use the service much less than the City residents. Pasquale stated the numbers within the City are much higher due primarily to Schneider Manor and Laurels of Kent.

Green noted the use of the service has almost tripled over the past months and suggested revisiting the budget.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. PAINTING OF WOOD EXTERIOR AT THE LIBRARY.** Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated the exterior of the wood at the library is in poor condition. He believed the original paint job was done poorly and probably applied during cool weather. He wanted it painted properly so that this will last longer and preserve the wood.

The following bids were received:

• Diversified Pressure Clean (Lowell)	\$7,400.
• Jerry Adams Painting (Lowell)	\$7,500.
• J&J Painting & Powerwashing (Stanton)	\$11,875.
• Faber Painting (Ada)	\$16,489.

After reviewing this with Cemetery Sexton/Maintenance Worker Don DeJong, the staff recommended Diversified Pressure Clean undertake the library painting project for \$7,400, allocated from the Library Budget.

Councilmember Myers questioned if DesJarden was familiar with Diversified Pressure Clean and also questioned their bonding for liability purposes. DesJarden responded the company has painted the Public Works building and are now in the process of providing the same work to the Chamber building.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the bid of \$7,400 from Diversified Pressure Clean to repaint the wood exterior at the library as allocated from the Library Budget in the General Fund.

Councilmember Green suggested contacting the company who did the original paint job regarding any type of warranty.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** No comments were received.

**Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores stated the Riverwalk Festival was successful. She liked the idea of placing the bleachers along the side of the street.

Councilmember Myers questioned if the City of Lowell had a web site. City Manager Pasquale responded the City is in the process of establishing one.

# Asset Development: How it fits and works in your community

By Will Welsh  
YMCA Executive Director

*What follows is the first in a three-part series designed to introduce our community to the process of Asset Development.*

Picture if you will the Savannas of Africa. A wide-open space of tall grasses. In the middle of the Savanna, surrounded by miles and miles of tall grass is a tribe. One day a mother went to the tribal leader and said, "Please, my child, he is lost in the grass." The tribal leader and the tribe have placed all of their children at the top of their priority list. Everything the tribe does relates to the proper upbringing, training and education of their future... their children. The tribal leader sounded the drum to call all members of the tribe together to help find the child. The tribal leader explained to the tribe that a child was lost and all members needed to help find the child. You see, in the tall grasses of the Savanna are lions, so this situation is an emergency.

Now picture the scene, from your birds-eye vantage, all of the tribal members walking among the grasses looking for this lost child. Each member of the tribe in his or her heart, knowing the importance of this one child, of all the children in their tribe, has a sense of urgency about the search. As the

search continues, for what seems like an hour, the tribal members individually feel confident that "someone else" will find the child, will "save the child." The drums sound, calling back the members of the tribe. Each member has a sense of relief while returning to the tribe because surely "someone else" found the child, "saved the child."

When all the tribal members returned, the tribal leader said, "We still have not found the child." You could feel the anguish washing over everyone. The tribal leader said, "Let us join hands, and search the grass again." Now picture the scene, from your birds-eye vantage, of all of the tribal members searching the grass in a line-formation. Moments later the child is found. Unfortunately, it was too late... the lions had found the child first. The tribal leader, realizing the loss, fell to the ground crying and screaming, "My God, My God! If only we had joined hands earlier we may have saved this child!"

While this story has a tragic ending, it points to many facts and many lessons we as adults and organizations need to be aware of. Raising children should be the responsibility of all of us. Does Lowell have "lions preying on our children?" Absolutely Lowell has lions. Does our "Lowell tribe" have tribal members who care about the upbringing of our children?

In addition to the parents we have neighbors, churches, the schools, the YMCA, police department and many other organizations working with children. We have a number of individuals and organizations that are working, either directly or indirectly, for children. Now this is a tough one...do some of us feel that someone else will find the child, will "save the child?"

Lowell, like most other communities, is very similar to the tribe above. We have children at the top of our priority. Our school system is doing a great job of giving them a solid education, a solid foundation. The need to build additional school facilities and Lowell residents passing the bond to do so will demonstrate our children's importance. We have "lions" preying on our children. Idle time, curfew, truancy and vandalism, underage smoking, drinking and drug use are some of our lions and as Lowell grows, they will grow too.

One of the most important questions of all is "Do we have a drum?" If we were to find a drum, a way to call all of us together, to reorganize our efforts so we are all working together to find the child, to "save the child," would we use it? And who will be the "tribal leader" that will sound the drum?

The answer to both these questions: Asset Development.

# Council approves tower ordinance amendment after removing suburban residential

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell Planning Commission was unanimous in its decision to send back a revised commercial wireless communication ordinance amendment to the city council.

It wasn't unanimous, however, in all the points included in that amendment.

The planning commissioners differed on whether suburban residential should be allowed by special land use.

After a lengthy discussion on suburban-residential as a special use, setback distances

and tower height, Lowell's City Council approved a motion by a vote of 3-1 to eliminate suburban residential from the amendment, limit tower height to 250 feet and setbacks in permissible districts to one-half the tower height.

The only descending vote came from Lowell mayor Mike Blough. He felt that there needed to be a fixed distance on setback and that the height should be limited. The motion only addressed one of those concerns.

The amendment, consistent with federal regulations, does not include amateur radio antennas. Instead, it is

listed in section 4.22 of the ordinance.

The council's decision to not allow towers in any residential area was encouraged by Gee Drive residents Bob and Mary Oils, 2177 Gee Dr.; and Gary Ayres, 12329 Gee Dr.

Not having towers in a residential district is a price Ayres said he and his neighbors don't want to pay. The only view obstruction they want in their back yard is the sight of deer.

The argument for allowing towers in suburban residential was that it would allow for greater flexibility.

Planning commission chairman Daniel Brubaker said there are different suburban residential districts, such as an area east of the city which

may be an appropriate location for a cell tower.

Blough said it behooved the council to make sure the towers were not limited to the

community corridor.

Other changes to the ordinance approved by the council included eliminating Tower, cont'd. pg. 12

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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

As a member of the Kent District Library, Myers noted he received a report which refers to web sites, links and first amendment rights. He stated a particular City had a web site and allowed the Chamber of Commerce to link into it. The City raised concerns about others wanting to link to their web site, noting the municipality did not feel this was appropriate. He read a sentence from the publication which stated "the case suggest that the only clear way to avoid first amendment issues involving request from private entities for links from local government web sites is to not allow links at all".

Mayor Blough commented on a few letters received. He stated the first one from Mrs. William Doyle, a former resident from Hillside Court, sent greetings and would wish the City residents well. The letter indicated she thinks about Lowell and always believed Lowell had great potential having the rivers run through it.

A letter was also received from the Grand Valley Metro Council. The Council will hold two public meetings this year to comment on the draft copy of the year 2025 Grand Rapids Metropolitan Long-Range Transportation Plan. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kent County Road Commissions conference room, 1500 Scribner in Grand Rapids. The second will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. in the Kent County Board of Commissioner's meeting room, Room 310. Blough wanted to note the plan is on display at the Englehardt Public Library from August 24 to September 29. It is also available at most other library branches throughout Kent County.

The County Board of Commissioners has indicated there are many positions open to citizens seeking appointment to the County Committees for 2001. Interested parties should come to City Hall.

Blough stated there is an exhibition of Michigan City flags in Lansing City Hall from October 2 through October 8. This is in conjunction with the North American "NAVA". There is interest in receiving a copy or picture of the City of Lowell flag with relevant history.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to send the City of Lowell flag and history of it to the Lansing City Hall for the exhibition.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

The following meetings minutes were presented:

- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of July 15
- Planning Commission meeting of July 24

2. In talking to General Manager Tom Richards, the Light and Power and Cable TV budgets won't be ready for City Council presentation until the October 2 meeting. The Board will review these documents prior.

3. The Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) will hold its annual meeting in Grand Rapids from September 20-22. An employer delegate of the City must be appointed by Council. Tom Richards was recommended for approval as delegate while Dan DesJarden would be selected as the alternate.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to appoint Tom Richards as delegate and Dan DesJarden

as alternate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System's annual meeting.

YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Char McNab was elected as the employee delegate and Tom Russo is the alternate.

4. As discussed at the last meeting, the number of complaints were tallied involving Pitsch Companies refuse and recycling services. These were as follows:

August 7-21	14
August 21-31	9

5. As discussed previously with the Planning Commission, a workshop will be held on variances. Steve Langworthy, who helped author our most recent zoning ordinance, would be available for a worksession on Monday, October 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Langworthy would organize a workshop for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission on variances.

Mayor Blough stated that was the second night of the Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence and would not be available.

**Item #9. APPOINTMENTS.** No appointments were made. IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, September 18, 2000

Michael K. Blough, Mayor  
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk



## Brubaker appointed to fill council vacancy

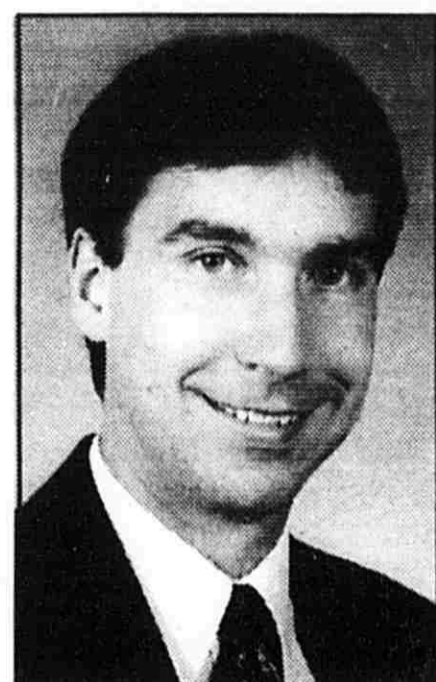
Lowell Planning Commission chairman Daniel Brubaker was appointed by the city council to fill the vacant city council seat.

Brubaker will serve in that seat until the Monday following the November 2001 city election.

At that election, the remainder of the term (two years) will be decided.

Brubaker fills the vacancy created by the untimely death of Ray Quada.

"Dan has served on the toughest commission the city has to offer and served as its chairman," said Lowell mayor Mike Blough.



Daniel Brubaker

Brubaker will be sworn in at the Oct. 2 meeting.

## KDL planning wildlife safari

Kent District Library gets up close and personal with the animal world and goes on a Wildlife Safari in October. This program, for ages 6 and up, gives children the chance to see, touch and learn about fascinating creatures such as the Siberian lynx, the armadillo, the yellow python, the Fennec Fox and other mammals, birds, reptiles and insects. Registration is required, and participation is limited to 35.

Nelson Pearson, a wildlife biologist who presents exotic animal shows all over the state, will lead the wildlife safari. Pearson teaches children about ecosystems and introduces them to the beauty of the natural world with a close-up look at a variety of wild animals from the furry to the slimy.

Wildlife Safari is one of the Science Saturday programs at Kent District Library this fall; the others are Ms. Frizzle in Outer Space in September, Dr. Zap's Science Safari in November and Super Science Saturdays presented by KDL staff throughout the fall. These programs are being held in conjunction with the arrival of the new Science Safari Centers at Kent District Library branches. These hands-on learning centers, funded by a donation from the Carol Ann Fleet estate and a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation, will rotate among the KDL branches on a two-month basis.

The Wildlife Safari is scheduled at the Alto branch for Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m., call 868-6038; at the Englehardt branch on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 3:30, call 897-9596.

If you have any further questions, please call Kent District Library at 336-3250.

## Tower, cont'd... From Page 11

just a monopole design (allowing more types of poles); including an enclosure as an option with a security fence; and allowing placement of commercial wireless communication on existing towers or structures by right if the height of the tower is not increased along with the footprint of related buildings, structures or supports. Otherwise, a site plan review is needed.

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# 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 Fallsburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallsburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg 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:** Fallsburg 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.

**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. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Bellline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen 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.

**EVERY WED.:** Pioneer Clubs 6:30 - 8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for more details.

**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 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 Station, 315 S. Hudson. 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.

**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

**THURS., SEPT. 28:** Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to ? at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, E. Main. Current cards are required by the state in order to receive commodities.

**MON., OCT. 2:** Lowell Athletic Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

**SAT., OCT. 7:** Class of 1995 5-year reunion at Creekside Park, 2-6 p.m. Bring side dish or dessert to pass. RSVP to Kerry Nugent at 691-8557 or Krista Beach (Posthumus) at 517-355-8093 by Oct 1.

**TUES., OCT. 17:** Harvest Dinner at Lowell 1st United Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m. \$7 adults; \$3 children 6 thru 12; free 5 & under. Buffet style turkey dinner; take-outs available.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS NOTICE OF TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2000 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the September 26, 2000 Special Election will be conducted on Thursday, September 21, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

### 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., SEPT. 20:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 2:30 p.m. Open house at Central office - G.R. **FRI., SEPT. 22:** 12:40 p.m. Shop - Meijer.

**THURS., SEPT. 21:** noon, dance Westside complex. **TUES., SEPT. 26:** 7:15 a.m. Soaring Eagle.

**FRI., SEPT. 22:** 12:40 p.m. Gerontology Network. **WED., SEPT. 27:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

**FRI., SEPT. 29:** 12:40 p.m. Tour Fallsburg Park & Village. **WED., SEPT. 27:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

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

# SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Tuesday, September 26, 2000.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

### BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million Five Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$27,505,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in two or more series, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping two new elementary school buildings and additions to existing school buildings; partially remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing educational technology improvements; acquiring additional land for site purposes; developing and improving playgrounds, play fields, athletic facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes:

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 30 years, exclusive of refunding. The estimated millage rate for the first year is 1.56 mills (\$1.56 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and the estimated simple average annual debt millage rate for the repayment of this bond issue is 2.38 mills (\$2.38 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.**

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Runciman School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

#### PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

#### PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan.

Pat Nugent  
Secretary, Board of Education



# Cole and Bleke to speak at GVSU character education conference

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A form of character education can be found in classrooms of some towns, entire schools in others. Better yet, some promote character education communitywide.

"Community involvement and service is wonderful to see and is the best of all," said Jackie Melin, Grand Valley State University student teacher supervisor and character education conference committee member.

Grand Valley State University will be hosting its second character education conference on Nov. 29.

Lowell TOTS program director Kathy Cole, who has facilitated district committee meetings in the area of character education, and superintendent Bert Bleke have been asked to speak in a break-out seminar on the success of Lowell's community-wide character education effort.

"To the best of my knowledge, Lowell has been one of the pioneer school districts when it comes to character education," said GVSU dean Bob Hagerty. "Lowell's has been a ground floor and up, community-wide program."

The charge of the character education conference is to help kids do right, find success and become better, more

kinder, caring people through community service involvement.

In Lowell this has encompassed its schools, nonprofit organizations, clubs, athletic teams, scouts, churches, boards, committees and individuals.

The outgrowth from this is a community which has taken character education seriously.

"Last year we held a conference on character education and because there was such interest we decided to do a little more this year," said GVSU special program coordinator.

# Red Arrow football team to be featured in Sports Illustrated

In next week's edition of Sports Illustrated (available on the newsstand Thursday Sept. 21), the Lowell High School football program is featured in an editorial project titled "TeamWork." It is sponsored by Ford Super Crew.

"It features high school athletic teams across the country who not only have athletic success but have shown involvement in their communities," said Sports Illustrated editorial project department reporter Alec Morrison. "Lowell's football team works and interacts together off the field as well as on the field. We found that to be a nice aspect of this feature."

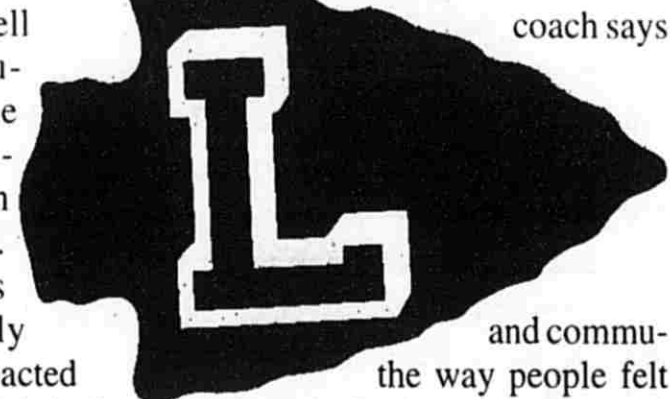
Sports Illustrated started this project in March and has featured a boys or girls athletic team from around the country every third week.

"People feel pretty good about themselves when they do community service projects. No one ever feels rotten about it," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "After doing some-

thing nice, the boys feel warm and fuzzy. That's a good way to feel."

The Lowell coach said he was influenced by the community-minded person his father was. "He served his church, family and community. That impacted the way people felt about him and it had a great impact on me," Dean concluded.

Lowell High School's football team is the 12th team featured in the TeamWork series. The other teams are: DeMatha Catholic High School, boys basketball, Hyattsville, Md.; Carmel High School, swimming, Carmel, IN; Southington High School, baseball, Southington Conn.; Punahou School, tennis, Honolulu, Hawaii; Xavier College Prep School, girls golf, Phoenix, Ariz.; Miller Place High School, badminton, Miller Place, N.Y.; Farmington High School, softball, Farmington N.M.; Jenks High School, football, Jenks, OK; St. Xavier High School, various sports, Cincinnati, OH; Arapahoe High School, soccer, Littleton, CO; and Cardinal Gibbons High School, volleyball, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



# LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-170,129-DE

Estate of TOM KOOL, Deceased Date of birth: May 4, 1954 September 12, 2000

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, TOM KOOL, who lived at 2401 Horton S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died August 21, 2000. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CRAIG A. BRUGGINK, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK (P29358) 429 Turner N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 456-5048

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# Pioneer netters defeat Red Arrows

Over the last two weeks Lowell girls tennis team has gotten a close look at what the top of the OK White looks like.

"They've come away "feeling like we've gone through a civil war," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall.

On Wednesday, at East Grand Rapids, the Red Arrows were defeated by the Pioneers 8-0.

"They are top ranked at all levels," Wall said of the Pioneers. "Their team is filled with club and tournament players. Our girls did their best and played hard, but it is difficult to evaluate your play when your opponent is so good."

The Lowell coach said playing East gives her girls a perspective of how hard they have to work to improve their games.

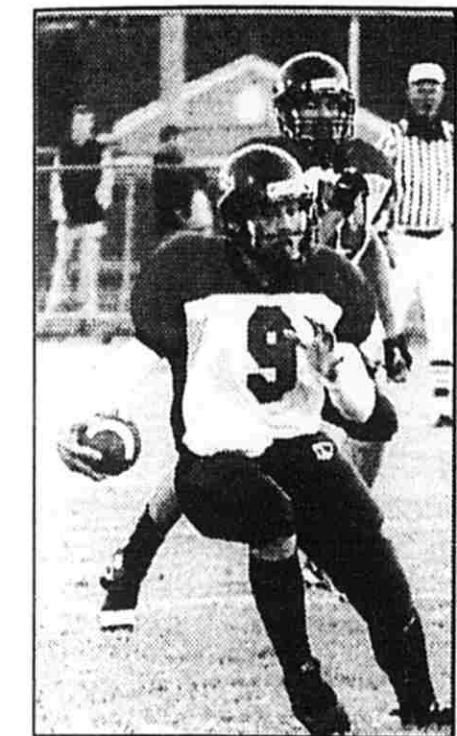
"I moved some junior varsity players up to play at third and fourth doubles to give them a feel for it and to help encourage them to continue to improve their game," Wall explained.

# Lowell plants first loss on Pioneers

••• The Red Arrows scored 19 first-half points against EGR and then stayed the course for a 19-7 O-K White victory. Lowell's defense held the Pioneers to 75 yards rushing and just 55 yards passing.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With what sounded like duck calls coming from the Lowell stands Friday night, the Red Arrows gave the appearance of a team in hunt of an OK White conference title with a game effort in their 19-7 win over East Grand Rapids.



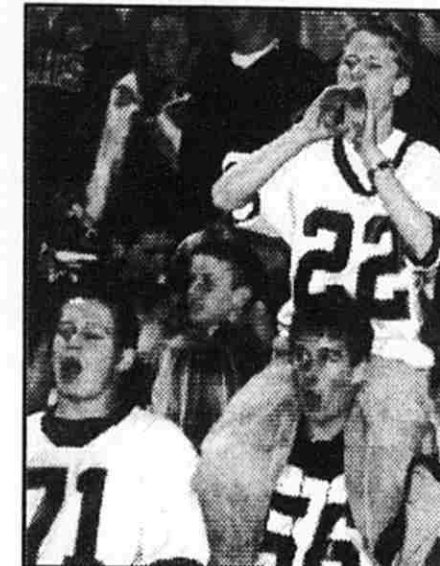
Josh Brown rushed for 89 yards and threw for two touchdowns.

Lowell, 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the OK White, came out firing all cartridges.

The Red Arrows scored on drives of 49, 73 and 60 in the first half.

After quarterback Josh Brown returned the opening kickoff to the EGR 49, Lowell needed eight plays to stuff it into the Pioneer end zone.

The big run of the drive was a 31-yard rumble by Travis DeVoid. The junior



Mike Nearing yells for the Red Arrows over the shoulders of Brendan Harden. Standing to their right is Paul Schellenberger.



Travis DeVoid rushed for 51 yards and scored the game's first touchdown in Lowell's 19-7 win over East Grand Rapids.

was responsible for 37 of the drive's yards, including a two-yard touchdown run.

Lowell's second and third scores came within two minutes of one another.

A 33-yard touchdown strike from Brown to Mark Catlin gave Lowell a 13-0 lead with 2:38 to play in the half.

Lowell's defense held East and got the Red Arrow offense back on the field with 1:39 to play in the second quarter.

Ken Palcowski rambled for 27 yards on first down,

pushing the ball to the Pioneer 33. The next play, Brown found Catlin over the middle and the sophomore made a handful of Pioneer defenders

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# Center hosts kids program Oct. 10

"Buggies, Mud & Slime," is a program which will be held at the Wittenbach Agriculture and Science Center on Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Young children are invited to come and make nature crafts and enjoy some refreshments.

# CITY OF LOWELL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, September 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- To consider a special use permit request from Conservation Woods for a 54-unit townhouse development south of Gee Drive and west of Sibley behind Family Fare. A portion of this acreage is in the R-2 district, thus a special use must be sought for multiple family development.

- To amend the zoning ordinance to allow vehicle repair facilities and vehicle service stations in the Light Industrial district by special use and Industrial district by right.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

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Red Arrow freshman football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Mike Nearing, running back/outside linebacker and Chris Gallagher, receiver/cornerback.

Lowell junior varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Nathan Clark, running back/outside linebacker and Neal DeVoid, offensive guard/inside linebacker.

Lowell varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Chris Rittersdorf offensive tackle and Brandon Biggs, defensive end.

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# Lowell shuts out Northview; loses in O.T. to Huskies

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was far from their best performance of the year, but it was still good enough for the Red Arrow soccer team to defeat Northview.

Lowell (4-2, 2-2) got two first half goals and two goals with less than two minutes to play in the game to post a 4-0

shutout over the Wildcats.

"After playing two high class soccer games, I'm more disappointed with this win than I was with our losses to EGR and Forest Hills Northern," said Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge. "We couldn't connect two passes today."

Matt Foster, with an assist from Zach Stauffer, scored Lowell's first goal of the game in the opening half.

Tom Hobbs creased the Wildcat net a short time later with the help of an assist from freshman, Sam Oberlin.

Troy Gillan netted two goals with less than 90 seconds to play on the clock. The first was assisted by Hobbs; the last goal was unassisted.

"I expected some lag coming off two emotional games, Soccer, cont'd. pg. 20

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Lowell's Chris Cress (#2) marks up against his Northview counterpart.



Travis Gillan (#22) plays the ball out of the Red Arrow defensive end.

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## Lowell equestrians ride away from Rockford

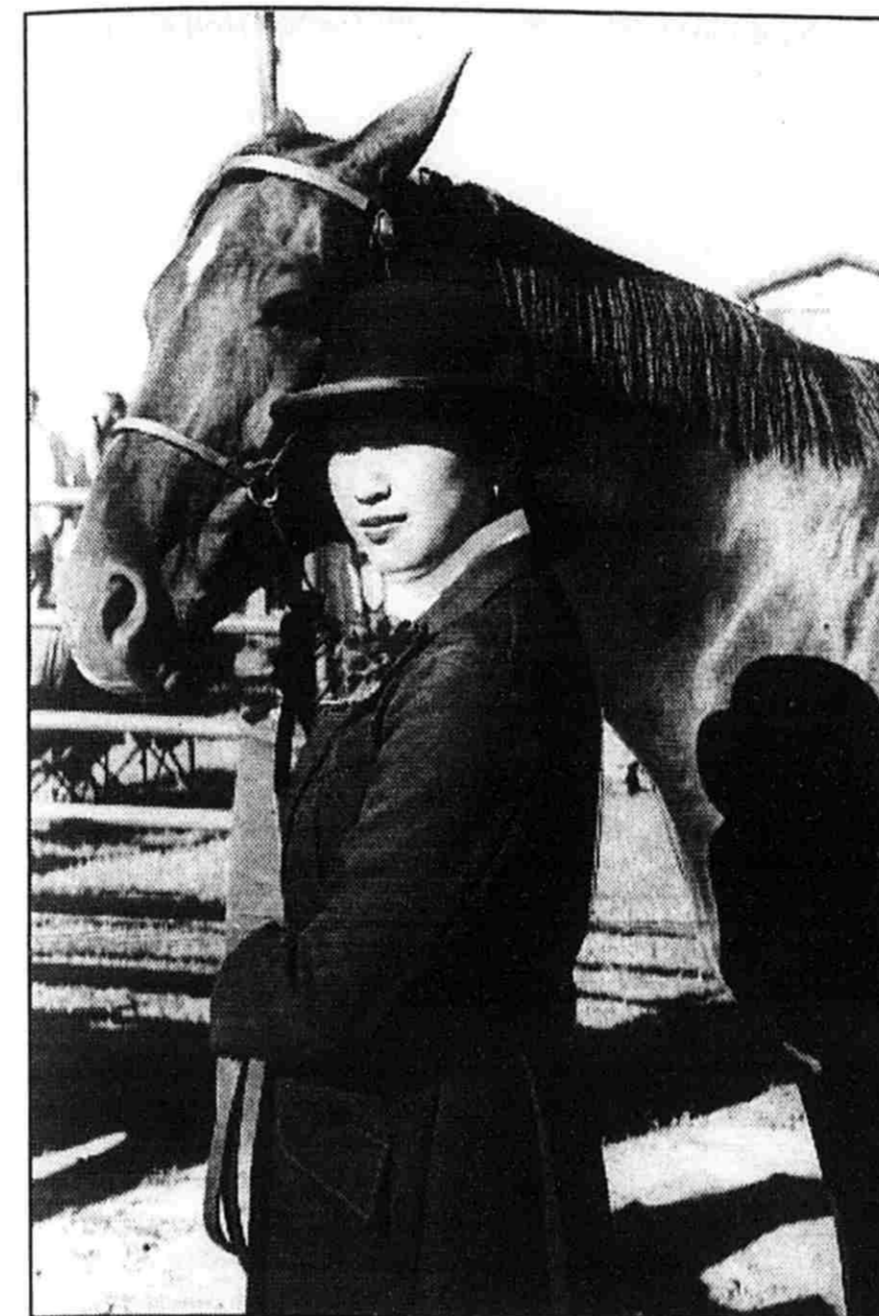
For the second time in as many weeks, Lowell's equestrian team defeated Rockford.

Led by sophomore Katelyn Bush, Lowell rode past Rockford 285-102.

Bush finished the day with an incredible five firsts. Lowell got out to an early lead with top placings in the

Lowell should be very proud of these young riders. This talented team is the envy of the district.

Gail Parker  
Lowell Equestrian Coach



Molly Balaam with her horse "Days Destiny."

showmanship classes by Bush and junior Jessica Richardson.

Junior Molly Balaam won both the saddle seat equitation and the saddle seat pattern class.

Top honors in the equitation over fences class went to junior Jeanie Dunn and sophomore Kim Huyser.

Lowell's speed riders ran for first in three events with wins by Kirk Johnson, Jordan Steele and Steve Koning.

Lowell assured itself the win when all six entrants placed in trail class. They were Bush, Kelsey Scheider, Jessica Hamp, Jerry Parker, Laura Miller and Grace Boylan.

"Lowell should be very proud of these young riders. This talented team is the envy of the district," said Lowell coach Gail Parker.

The final regular season meet is Saturday at Cedar Springs. The district championship will be announced at the conclusion of the meet.



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**JOSH MIDDLETON** - This sophomore & outside midfielder brings quickness & a great outside shot to the team's attack.

**PATRICK VOGEL** - The intensity in transition of this sophomore & right defender is a definite asset.

**TOM HOBBS** - Senior Defensive midfielder

**TROY GILLAN** - Senior Offensive midfielder



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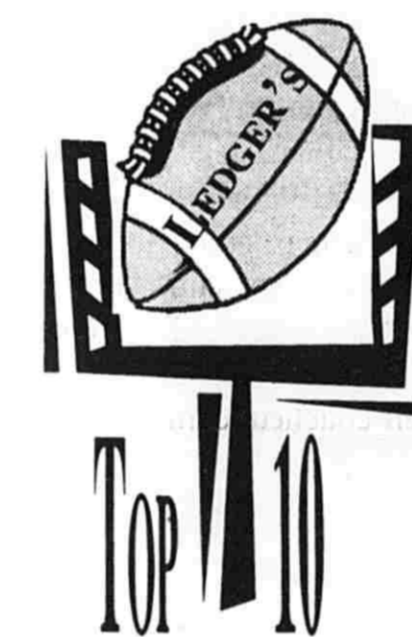
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1. Creston (4-0) - Ottawa Hills, Polar Bears' latest victim.  
2. Hudsonville (4-0) - Eagles shut down Hastings 20-2. The 2-2 Chix are next.

3. Lowell (4-0) - Red Arrows breakthrough Pioneer defense in huge 19-7 win over EGR. Next up the 3-1 Huskies from Forest Hills Northern.

4. Forest Hills Northern (3-1) - Irv Sigler gets 200th win against Northview. He'd trade that in for a win against the Red Arrows Friday.

5. Jenison (3-1) - Wildcats tied for first in the OK Red with Grand Haven following big win over Rams.

6. South Christian (4-0) - Sailors spank Sparta. Christian in comfortable spot atop OK Gold with Cedar Springs and Caledonia. Wyoming Park this week and the Fight 'n Scots on the 29th.

7. Rockford (2-2) - Rockford loses grip on top spot in OK Red with 42-21 loss to Jenison.  
8. East Grand Rapids (3-1) - Pioneers unable to overcome 19-0 first-half deficit to Lowell. They may take frustrations of first loss out on Northview.

9. Coopersville (4-0) - Broncos hammer Hamilton. Look for Coopersville to be 5-0 after Friday's game with Calvin Christian.

10. Cedar Springs (4-0)/Caledonia (3-1) - The three-way tie in the OK Gold will be broken Friday when the Red Hawks host Caledonia.

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Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.  
-Don Marquis  
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## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Lowell Board of Education of September 11, 2000

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Matt Trierweiler, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Student Council met on September 7 to review activities for the school year and discuss the upcoming Homecoming.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF** - Connie Gillette introduced the new teaching staff to the Lowell Board of Education.

**ACTION ITEMS** -  
• Adopted a resolution to not participate in the PA 297 Section 105c Choice Program but to continue providing choice to out of county students through mutual agreements of superintendents.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved were:  
• Approved the minutes for August 14, 2000 regular meeting.

• Approved the following payment of bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$760,721.31
1990 DEBT FUND	\$17.75
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$43,631.75
B. Athletic Fund	\$7,485.04
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$2,758.55
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$9,500.00

• Approved the following new hires:

New Hires:		
Patricia O'Brien	Unity Alternative High School	School Social Worker
Clay VanderWarf	High School	Social Studies Teacher
Daniel Young	High School	Earth Science Teacher
Dawn Steiner	Bushnell/Cherry Creek	Art Teacher
Karen Koch	Middle School	Reading/Drama Teacher
Jacqueline Dimmink	Cherry Creek/Bushnell	Art Teacher
Danielle Gallert	Unity Alternative High School	Math Teacher
Heidi Greer	Alto Elementary	3rd Grade Teacher
Krista Beach	High School	Health & Physical Ed Teacher
John Stempien	Unity Alternative High School	Social Studies Teacher

• Adopted the 1971 Debt Budget Resolution.  
• Appointed election workers for the Tuesday, September 26, 2000 special School Election.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th BOND ELECTION UPDATE** - Bert Bleke reported that all systems are "go" for the upcoming election with nothing new to report.

### LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS 2000-2001

The Board will:

1. Monitor:
  - district educational programs with emphasis on reading, science, and social studies, and
  - life and career/work skill programs for all children.
2. Actively encourage parent and community involvement in student learning.
3. Assure a safe, secure, healthy learning environment that places a high priority on student responsibility and behavior, as promoted by the district's character and diversity programs.
4. Assure the long-term financial integrity of the district to provide the necessary tools for quality teaching and learning.
5. Develop a sustainable vision of Board leadership in the critical areas of district culture, use of data, and the communication of programs to the community.

**AUDIT UPDATE** - Connie Gillette reported that the 1999-2000 audit has been completed and was very positive. Auditor, Phil Saurman, will give a formal report to the Board in October.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke reported that the Wittenbach/Wege dedication was very well attended. The school year is off to a very good start. Lowell will be mentioned in the next issue of Sports Illustrated indicating our football program gives back to the community. Bert also announced that Pete Siler was chosen as the 2000 Michigan Farm Bureau Agriscience Educator of the Year.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Board Meeting -  
Monday, October 9, 2000 • 7:30 p.m.  
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

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# Lowell girls improve record to 4-2 with wins over Hastings and Lakewood

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls varsity basketball team trailed Hastings 4-0 with roughly a minute to play in the first quarter.

Red Arrow coach Dee Crowley, however, wasn't nervous. "We were doing things right, just missing the layups. We were trailing, but I felt we were doing what I wanted. We're going to finish those shots 80-90 percent of the time," she said. Lowell scored the last six points of the first quarter to tie Hastings at 6-6.

Lowell turned things around in the second quarter as it began to hit its shots. The Red Arrows outscored the Saxons 16-6 to take a 22-12 halftime lead en route to a 38-25 victory.

"To hold that team (Lowell) under 40 points is quite a defensive accomplishment," said Hastings' first-year coach Steve Laubaugh. "If we hit some foul shots, we've got a game going down to the end."

The 6'2" frame of Amanda Stoutjesdyk proved a difficult matchup for Hastings. The Red Arrow center tallied 15 points despite encountering double- and triple-teams in the second half.

Lowell's defense never allowed Hastings to get into much of a rhythm. "I was pretty happy with our defensive play," said Crowley. "We got beat a few times going into the middle and

then we didn't get any help to stop the penetration."

Laura Dipert led all Saxons with 13 points. With the loss, Hastings falls to 1-4. Lowell improved its record to 4-2. Next for the Red Arrows is three-time defending OK White conference champion, East Grand Rapids.

**Lowell 54  
Lakewood 33**

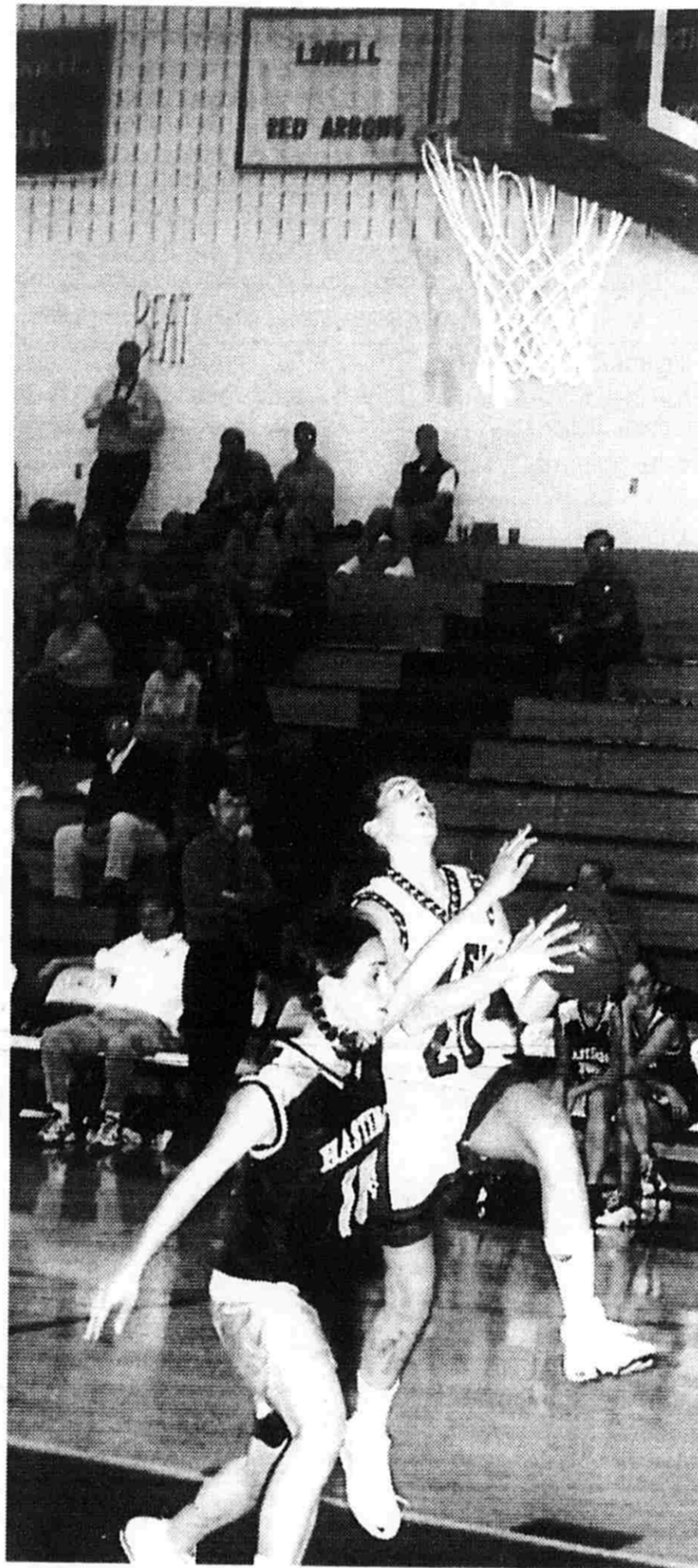
Three Lowell players scored in double figures as the Red Arrows routed the Vikings in a non-conference high school girls basketball game.

Lowell outscored Lakewood 15-9 in the first quarter and 12-4 in the second stanza to build a 27-13 halftime advantage.

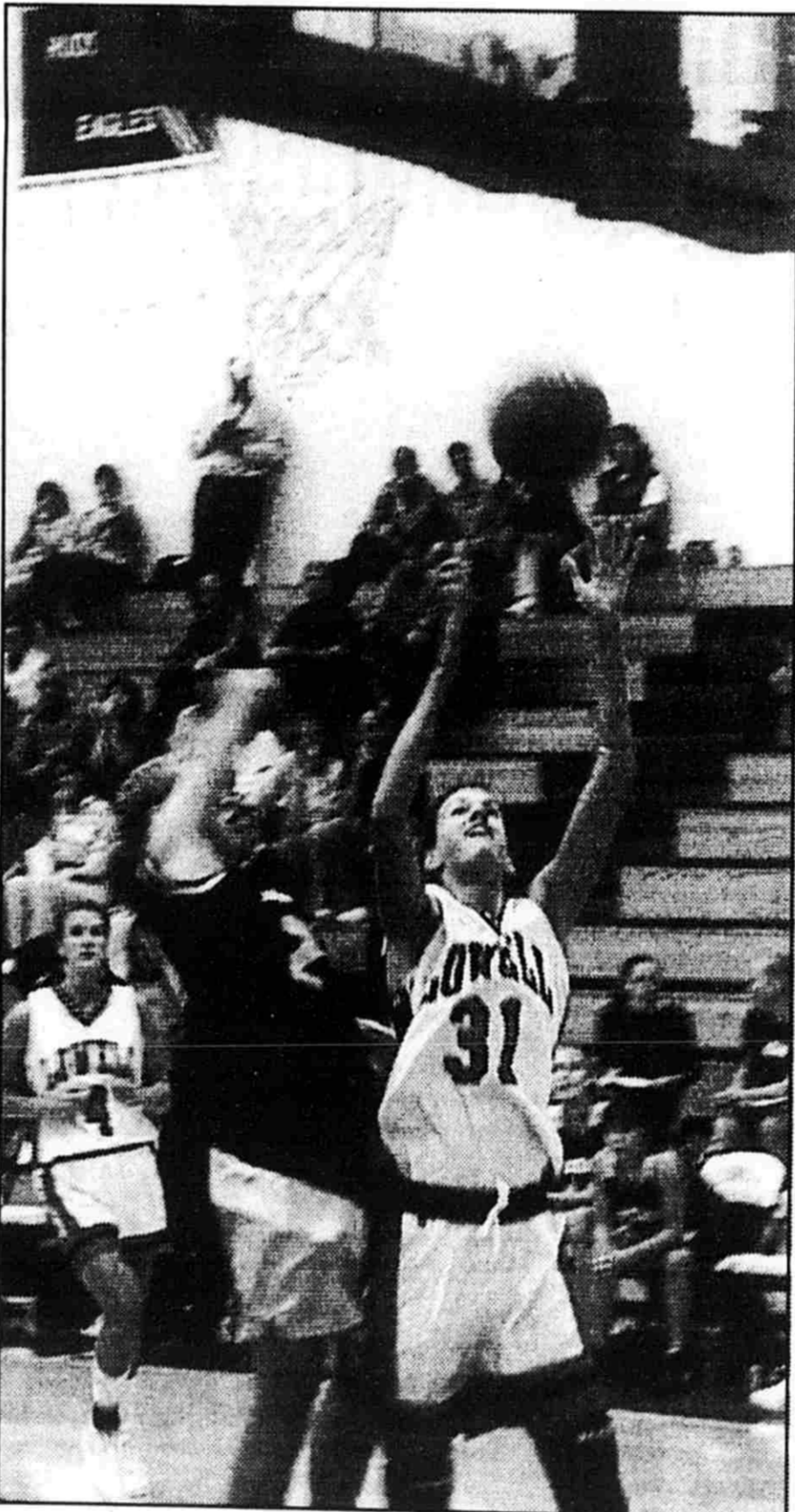
The Red Arrows were led by Leslie Crowley's 19 points. Lauren Vashaw and Blair Meyereach tallied 10 while Amanda Stoutjesdyk netted eight points.

"We were aggressive shooting tonight and got some threes by Lauren (Vashaw) and Leslie (Crowley)," Lowell basketball coach Dee Crowley said. "I thought we did a good job of applying defensive pressure on their guards and wings. They had a number of turnovers attempting to make a pass from the guard to the wing."

Audra Love led Lakewood with 14 points.



Becky Bosserd drives to the hoop following a steal against Hastings.



Lowell's Leslie Crowley goes up strong against her Saxon defender.



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- Do you want 157 acres of property zoned to allow up to six "dwelling units" per acre in an area where all other housing is limited to only one per acre?
- Do you care about the effect this huge development will have on the water quality of nearby Cherry Creek and the pond behind Cherry Creek Elementary?
- Do you care about the effect of this huge development on sewage and water systems and on police and fire protection?
- Do you care about the effect of this huge development on local traffic patterns and noise in our rural atmosphere?
- Do you care about the effect on school enrollment and the necessary millage increase to build more space for our student population?
- Do you want zoning changed to allow 900 "dwelling units" on this property, or would the current R1 zoning for approximately 150 on this property be more consistent with the rural atmosphere of Vergennes Township and neighboring Lowell?

If you, too, are concerned about this proposal, please plan on attending the public hearing at the Vergennes United Methodist Church (corner of Bailey & Parnell) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25. If you cannot attend the meeting, your written comments must be received by mail, in person, or in the mail slot located at the office entrance of the Vergennes Township Hall prior to 6:00 p.m. on September 25.

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# Lowell boys cross country team upended by East Grand Rapids

East Grand Rapids ran away with six of the top seven spots in posting a 17-45 win over the Lowell boys cross country team Wednesday at Johnson Park.

Matt Casillas led the way, stopping the clock in 17:37. Teammate Nick Fisher was second in a time of 18:42. Eric Syverson, third, came off the 3.1 mile course in 19:07.

Lowell's Kevin Frazier broke the Pioneer string as he came home in 19:14, placing fourth. EGR's Donald Chaffee was fifth in a time of 19:25 and Andy Faulkner was sixth at 19:59.

Lowell's Craig Myers was eighth with a time of 20:07. He was followed by Caleb O'Boyle, 11th, 20:21; Pat Cavanaugh, 13th, 20:30; and Dave Anderson 20:46.

### Sparta Invitational

In a field of 13 schools, Lowell placed 10th. "All five of our runners were in the 19's," Red Arrow cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said. "The boys ran

against some quality competition. We keep improving." Lowell's top five runners were Kevin Frazier, 49th; Pat Cavanaugh, 53rd; Craig Myers 54th; Caleb O'Boyle 60th; and Scott Riddle 61st.

Finishing the race but not figuring in the team score were Bobby Gingerich, 74th; and Michael Wierenga, 82nd. Times from the invitational were not available.

## To the Community of Lowell

- From The Ray Quada Family:

*We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and love for all of your support and outpouring of kindness with the passing of Ray. We have felt such comfort and joy by all of your cards, letters, phone calls, and shared memories of time spent with him.*

*As our family continues to grieve such a tremendous loss, we would like to remind all of you the love Ray had for this community. He was a great visionary and he strongly believed that our future belonged in the education of our children, our most precious gifts from God. Ray wholeheartedly supported the upcoming bond issue for our schools.*

*We, as his family, hope you will do the same. By assuring our children the best education and schools possible, we can look forward to a brighter future not only for them, but for ourselves and generations to come.*

*Ray gave so much of himself to his community that he called "HOME." As a family, we can think of no greater tribute to Ray than to support this upcoming bond issue. Please vote "YES" on Tuesday, September 26th.*

*With Respect and Gratitude,  
The Ray Quada Family*



## Lowell girls second at Sparta Cross Country Invitational

The Red Arrow girls cross country team saw victory slip away as East Grand Rapids swept spots six through eight to garner a 26-29 win over Lowell.

Lowell led by one (10-11) after the top three runners from each team came home.

The Red Arrows grabbed the lead when Lisa Wojciakowski came home in second at 21:28 and Holly Plattner placed third with a time of 21:51. Sarah Swab made it three-of-five when she raced home in 22:46 for fifth place.

East, then, got the surge it needed as Pioneers Jenny Lohner (23:03), Katie Smith (23:11), and Katie Southwick

(23:25) finished in succession. EGR Kim Humphries took top honors with a time of 21:16 and teammate Betsy Frayer was fourth at 22:11.

Lowell's fourth and fifth runners were Molly Kirsch, 23:33 and Natalie Kent 23:46. They placed ninth and 10th respectively.

"It was a close race. The girls ran their hearts out. It was a real gutsy race they turned in," Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said.

### Sparta Invitational

The Lowell girls cross country team defeated Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern, Hudsonville and Northview of the OK White

en route to a second-place finish at Sparta.

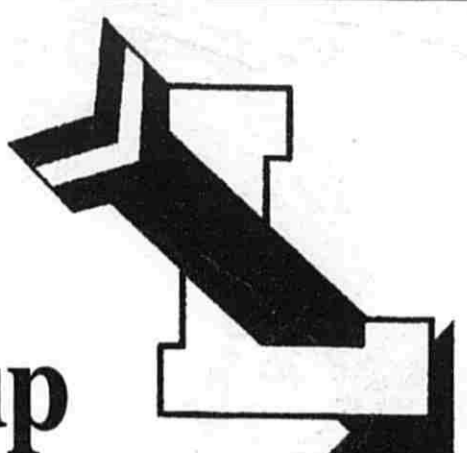
The Red Arrows finished behind only Grand Rapids Christian in the 10 team field.

Lowell's top five runners were Lisa Wojciakowski, third; Holly Plattner, 10th; Sarah Swab, 18th; AbbyVos 29th; and Natalie Kent 30th.

Running but not figuring in the team score were Abbie Blanding 42nd and Katie Anderson 63rd.

"Many of the girls ran personal record times. Not bad, considering they've run four races over the last seven days," said Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf.

## Red Arrow Roundup



Lowell junior varsity's soccer team shutout Northview 2-0.

Red Arrow Josh Middleton scored the game's first goal with a perfect chip, from 25 yards away, over the Wildcat keeper and under the cross bar.

Jeremy Goff earned the assist. The Red Arrow also scored on a free kick in the second half.

Josh Abdo and Patrick Vogel were recognized for their tough defensive play. Lowell keepers Josh Anderson and Jordan Schaefer recorded six and seven saves respectively.

Lowell's freshman basketball team improved to 4-1 with a 49-24 win over Hastings. Lowell was led by

Larinda Markee's 18 points; Heather McQueen added 11. Lowell coach Kim Griffiths praised the outstanding defensive game of Amanda Grochowalski. Lowell travels to Forest Hills Northern on Thursday.

Lowell's freshman football team suffered its first loss of the year to East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows were defeated by the Pioneers 20-2.

Lowell's only score came in the form of a safety, following a blocked punt.

Lowell was hindered by a number of fumbles throughout the game.

The Red Arrows will host Forest Hills Northern on Thursday at 5 p.m.

## Soccer, cont'd... From Page 16

but not what I saw," Legge said. "It's like they were showing sympathy for Northview."

The Lowell coach did make an exception. "Jon Tenwalde, defenseman, played well and with intensity and heart throughout," Legge said.

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Everything the Lowell soccer coach didn't see in Lowell's win over Northview was evident against the Huskies.

"The boys played at a level I doubt they have ever

played at before," Legge said. "It was one of the best high school games I've seen. The intensity and atmosphere were great."

The Red Arrow possession game controlled play in the first half against a team considered one of the five best in the state.

"We played well against East, but tonight we were far better and our play was much more entertaining," Legge explained.

Out of gas and nearly out of starters Zach Stauffer left the game at the 18 minute mark of the second half with a migraine and did not return. Ryan Phillips hurt his

back at the 10 minute mark and did not return.

John Webb suffered a concussion at the 25 minute mark and did not return.

"We just ran out of gas against one of the top five teams in the state," Legge said.

Northern scored the game's only winning goal seven minutes into overtime.

"I thought we had more speed and in the end overpowered them," said Northern coach Erwin VanEls. "Lowell plays with a tremendous amount of work ethic and intensity. Their goalie (Billingsley) is very good."

## Lowell linksters fall to Rangers

Lowell's golf team traveled to the Watermark Club to battle league golf power, Forest Hills Central.

The Rangers handed Lowell a 158-180 defeat.

"We still haven't got six players to shoot good scores

on the same day," said Lowell golf coach Jack Ogle. "When that happens, we're going to beat a few people."

Wade Gilchrist and Eric Ostrander carded team-low rounds of 43 for Lowell. Kyle Hines and Dave Dawe came

home in 47.

Central's Pat Weibel was the match medalist with a 37. Dan Koenke and Mike Deming were three shots back with rounds of 40. Dan Schulte finished with a 41.



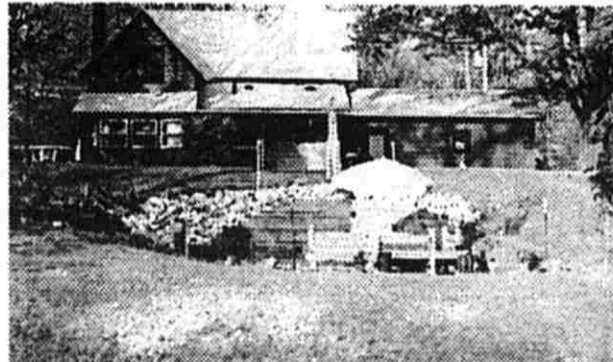
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## What issue(s) will play a significant role in how you vote in the presidential election this November?



**Kirk Jackson**  
Social security and cutting taxes. Gov. George Bush is the one who initially came out with a plan to cut taxes.



**Justina Hunter**  
Social security and medicare.



**Salena Grames**  
Abortion and the right to life.



**Jim Piercefield**  
I think we should take care of the elderly, so I am interested in social security and prescription drugs.



**Deb Stoutjesdyk**  
Cutting taxes.



**Norma Gardner**  
Prescription drugs and medical costs.

**Sandra Stuart**

Abortion. People should follow the Lord.

**Beatrice Mallia**

Social security and prescription drugs.

# Clean-up with the great Fall deals in the Ledger Classifieds

## SALES SERVICES

**GARAGE SALE** - Downsizing & cleaning out! Clothes, adults & kids, household items. 9/22, 9-5 & 9/23, 9-12, 292 Donna Dr.

**HUGE END OF THE SEASON SALE** - lots of name brand clothes, sizes infant - adult, also baby accessories & knick knacks. 7671 Pratt Lake Rd. Fri., Sept. 22 only! 9-5 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE - Sat., Sept. 23, 9-4 p.m. 950 N. Hudson.** Snowmobiles, furniture, clothes, misc. Something for everyone!

**4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE** - Sept. 21 & 22, 9-5 p.m. 10111 Peck Lake Rd. Clothing for all ages, some furniture, toys, household items, stuff for the guys too! Lots more, too much to list!

**GARAGE SALE** - 618 Lafayette, Fri & Sat., 10-5, Chairs, furniture, jewelry, doublewall oven, Toro vacuum and blower, variety household, etc. etc.

**HUGE ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** - 9/21 & 9/22. Thurs. 9-5 & Fri. 9-3. Lots of STUFF. Furniture, clothes, toys and bikes, luggage, gadgets, dishes, books & more. At Calvary Church, across from Burger King in Lowell. Sponsored by Coffee Break. See you there!

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE - RAIN OR SHINE!** - 5 family garage sale Fri., Sept. 22, 9-5 & Sat., Sept. 23, 8-3. 286 Jane Ellen. Lots of baby items in great cond., pull-out sofa, bedding items, Sega system & games, weight bench, infant boys & girls name-brand clothing, toys and much more.

**GARAGE SALE** - Sept. 23, 9-5 pm. St. Mary School, 322 Amity St. To benefit the Catholic Girls Club for their upcoming trip to Rome. Donations also are appreciated & may be dropped off at the school on Thurs., Sept. 21 from 6-7 pm or Fri., Sept. 22, 3-5 pm.

**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Sept. 22 & 23, 9-5.** Lots of girls name brand clothes, generator, English saddle, turned porch posts dated 1904 & lots more. 9774 Hastings Rd. (corner of 64th & Hastings Rd., 5 miles east of Alden Nash)

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