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Mississippi native arraigned in 63rd District Court

••• Jeffrey Trigg confessed to exposing himself to area children Monday night during questioning.

Jeffrey Trigg was arraigned on eight counts as a sexual delinquent and one count of home invasion third degree Tuesday in the 63rd District Court in Cascade.

Trigg, 36, confessed to Lowell police after being brought in for an interview Monday night.

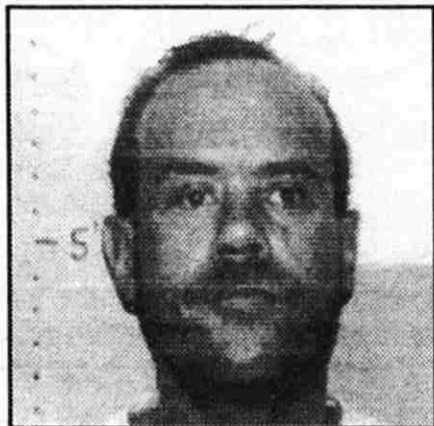
The Waynesboro, Mississippi native was lodged in the Kent County Jail.

He is being held on a \$300,000 bond. The preliminary exam will be in 12 days.

A background check on the suspect revealed that he had been arrested several times for indecent exposure and for window peeping while living in Mississippi.

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said the suspect was seen on the Riverwalk Sunday afternoon.

"Officer James Hinton made cursory contact with



Jeffrey Trigg

him Sunday," Valentine said. "From that contact we were pretty sure he was the guy. The resemblance from the composite sketch was pretty close."

Following the encounter, Lowell police went to work and gathered background information from Mississippi, a photo lineup from the Kent County Sheriff's Department and patrolling assistance from the state police.

"We wanted to make sure before we brought him in for questioning that if he exer-

cised his right to not talk to us that he was still going to jail," Valentine said.

Trigg moved to Ionia toward the end of August and worked in Lowell. Later, he rented a room on the east side of Lowell after incurring car problems.

"This has been a nightmare for us (department) over the last month," Valentine explained. "We have put in more time and resources on this case than a lot of major crimes due to the horrific nature of the crime."

Indecent exposure is a one-year misdemeanor. Valentine is hopeful that with the suspect's background and the terror he put the community through, Trigg will receive significant jail time.

Mother-son rescue saves Lowell woman's life

••• A vehicle driven by Lowell's Hope Ayers burned moments after it left the road late Thursday evening.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The fact that Hope Ayers, 21, of Lowell, was resting in serious condition at Spectrum Health Downtown Thursday evening was good news.

Moments after her westbound car ('99 Toyota Corolla) left the road (M-21, just west of Cumberland) Thursday night, it burst into flames.

Ayers suffered lacerations to her head and face and also complained of pain in her foot.

Ayers was saved from certain death by Ionia passers-by Chad Wakeley and his mother Trudy.

"We were coming east on M-21 when we saw her headlights go off into the trees," the young Wakeley explained. "At first I thought she had pulled off into a driveway. But as I looked back I told my mother (who was driving) that I had a gut feeling something wasn't right."

Trudy Wakeley, sensing the urgency, turned her car around and went back to where Ayers' vehicle left the road. "Had we continued home and then heard she had died, I would have been sick to my stomach," she said.

Had they not stopped, more than likely Miss Ayers would have died.

**Deputy Tom McCutcheon,
Kent County Sheriff's Department**

by a tree.

"The door was pinned shut by a small tree," Trudy Wakeley explained.

Moving the tree out of the way, they found Ayers in a fetal position and smoke rolling into the car from underneath the passenger's side of the console.

With Ayers lying on her stomach, the Wakeleys pulled her from the car, rolling her away to shield her from any possible fire and explosion.

A couple of minutes after a safe rescue, the car went up in flames.

Kent County sheriff deputy Tom McCutcheon said had the Wakeleys not stopped, Ayers would more than likely have died.

The deputy also noted that Ayers was cited for operating her vehicle under the influence of alcohol.



The single-car accident occurred west of Cumberland Thursday evening around 11 p.m.

LAHA embarks on \$200,000 historical museum campaign

The Lowell Area Historical Association announced that Lowell will soon have its first museum, to be called the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

"Preserving Our River of History Campaign" will work to raise \$200,000 to establish the museum in the historic Graham building, located at the corner of Main and Hudson streets.

The museum is slated to open in September of 2001. It will display history and artifacts from the Lowell area as well as provide programs of historical interest.

Funds raised from the campaign will primarily be used to renovate the museum space, design and build exhibits, construct handicap facilities and provide fire protection to the building.

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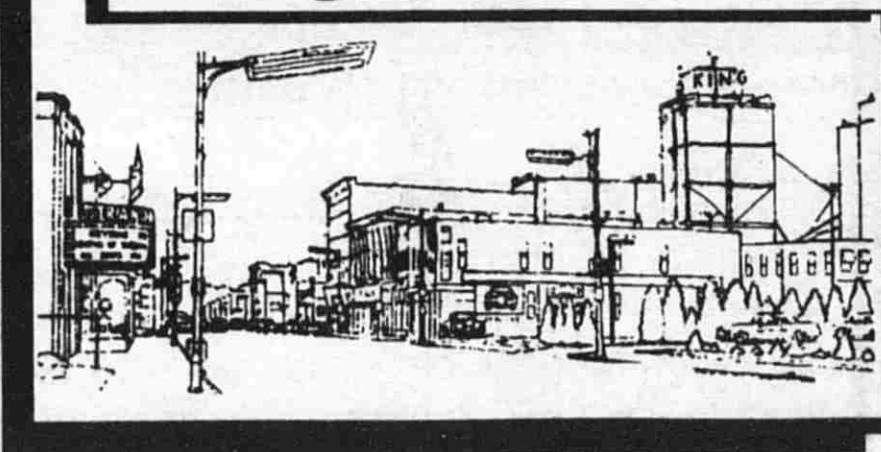
"We have an excellent group of professionals from Media Rare who will be designing and creating the museum exhibits," said Jim Doyle, Lowell Area Historical Association president.

The Lowell Area Community Fund has granted \$40,000 toward this effort.

Settled in 1831, Lowell is the third oldest community in Kent County. "Lowell has a long and rich history and this museum will provide the community with both a place to view this history as well as preserve it," said Doyle. "We are planning a museum that will play an active part in Lowell's cultural fabric. The museum will present permanent and changing exhibits, educational programs, speakers and other events related to local history."

Built in 1873 by Robert Graham, this large, Italianate style building is now owned by the city of Lowell. It was formerly the Lowell Library from 1922 to 1997 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Along Main Street



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.

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OBITUARIES

FONGER - Merle Jack Fonger, aged 82, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, September 27, 2000. He was preceded in death by his brothers Mac Fonger and James Fonger. Mr. Fonger is survived by his wife Virginia; children Bradley (Linda) Fonger of Schoolcraft, MI, Curtis (Susan) Fonger of Jupiter, FL, Gilbert (Paula) Fonger of Oviedo, FL, Lindsay (Janice) Fonger of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Reid, Evan, Judson, Cullen, Curtis,

Jr., Jacquelyn, Kyle, Celia; great-granddaughter Josephine; brother Richard (Dorothy) Fonger of Spring Lake; sisters Marjean (Hollis) Brillhart of Grand Rapids, Marcia (Lawrence) Bentley of Groton, CT, Sandra Fonger of Utah. Mr. Fonger was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, American Legion, VFW Post #8303, and was a City Councilman who served the City of Lowell for 34 years. Funeral Services were held Saturday

FRAZIER - Francis B. (Frank) Frazier, aged 58, of Lowell, died September 27, 2000. Frank was a loving, supportive father and husband. He was raised in the New England area spending many happy years in Bennington, VT. He loved teaching. As a father his greatest joy were his children. Frank will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him: his wife Hilda; sons Frankie Frazier of Bennington, VT, Ed Masselink of Grandville, B.J. and Kevin at home; a very loving and special grandson, Niklas; brother Mike; step-mother Madeline Frazier both of Vermont; mother-in-law Tina Gratter; brothers and sisters-in-law Tina (Clair) Holstege, Jane Perry, Clarence (Kathy) Rietsema, Wilma Rietsema, John (Teresa) Rietsema and all their children. Also close and very special friends David and Heather Strejc of Lowell. The

funeral service was held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel in Lowell. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Frank's sons' B.J. and Kevin Frazier Education Fund.

LOWTHER - Juanita Brantley Lowther, mother of Mary Ellen Moore and Jim Lowther Jr. She chose us and raised us with her guidance, wisdom and love. We were blessed. In addition, she loved and cherished her son-in-law Tim Moore and her grandchildren Anna and Brantley Moore. Now she goes into the arms of Jesus and once again joins our father, Jim Lowther Sr. Her brother Joseph R. Brantley of Jacksonville, FL, also survives her. We wish to thank all of the staff and volunteers of Breton Manor for helping to make her final days comfortable and her passing peaceful. Funeral services including committal were held Monday at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel with Dr. Edward Pike officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

POE - Rev. Beulah Patton Poe, aged 90, passed away September 27, 2000. She was preceded in death by her hus-

band Rollie and daughter Pearl. Rev. Poe is survived by her son David (Rebecca) Poe of Lansing; granddaughter Julia Poe of Lansing; brother Charles (Euna) Patton of Winfield, AL. Locally Rev. Poe served as pastor of Alto and Bowne Center United Methodist Churches and associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Graveside services were held Saturday at Bowne Center Cemetery, Pastor Dominic Tommy officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan State Holliness Campmeeting Association (Eaton Rapids Camp Grounds) P.O. Box 74, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

ROTTIER - Louis L. Rottier, aged 83, of Alto, went home to be with his Lord on September 30, 2000. He was preceded in death by his wife Wilma and grandchildren Matthew and Maria Rottier. He is survived by his sons Terry and Linda of Alto and Bob and Mary and Ron and Cathy all of Lowell; daughter Nancy and Rev. Tim Pierce, missionaries in Ghana, West Africa; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister Jo

Sutton; brother-in-law Floyd Bass both of Grand Rapids, Gordon and Elin McClure of Alto; sister-in-law Dorothy McClure of Caledonia; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft, Rev. Steven Harduk and Rev. George Coon officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Alto and Alpha Women's Center.

STEGENGA - Ellen N. Stegenga, aged 77, of Alto, passed away at home with her family on September 29, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband William J. Stegenga. She is survived by her children Sue (Robert) Woudstra, James (Debra) Stegenga, Janis (David) Plants; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000 at Faith United Church of God. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

Layne-Northern contracted for well work

Layne-Northern has been awarded the rejuvenation project of city well No. 2.

The work will include pulling the pump for inspection and repair. The cost for Northern's work is not to exceed \$14,900. The funds will be allocated from the water fund.

"Well No. 2 has never been out of the ground in 23 years," said Lowell Water Treatment Plant superintendent George Regan. "Both wells No. 1 and 3 have been repaired."

Layne-Northern did repair work on well No. 1. "They did an excellent job. I have no reservations about the quality of work they do," Regan said.

The superintendent said it will be his call as to what parts are replaced once taken out of the ground.

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ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing west of the Flat River will occur the week of October 2-6, and east the Flat River will be undertaken the week of October 9-13.

Some customers will experience low water pressure.

City of Lowell
Water Department

Former city councilman passes 2000 CROP Walk sets new mark

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In 1935 this Lowell High School graduate and accomplished student athlete established a record by being neither absent nor tardy for 13 years.

In his post high school years, Jack Fonger displayed the same discipline when it came to attending games in which his children played.

"I don't think Dad ever missed a game we played in," said his eldest son, Brad. "He also never missed commenting on the games."

Fonger, aged 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000.

With the exception of the four years he spent in WW II, Fonger lived in Lowell his entire life.

The Lowell resident opened the Lowell Beer Store in 1941 and operated it until 1968 when he sold the store to George King in partnership with Gary Laux.

Fonger worked at the Lowell Post Office from 1959 until 1977.

The city of Lowell presented Fonger with a plaque commemorating his 34 years of service to the village and city of Lowell.



Merle Jack Fonger

Fonger served as a village trustee from 1953-60; city councilman from 1960-61 and 1980-93; Mayor pro tem from 1984-87 and 1992-93. He also served on the Lowell Light & Power Board from 1964-76.

"Jack was an excellent councilman. He did his homework and thought through things," said friend and former councilman, Charlie Doyle.

Fonger remained an avid gardener up through this past year.

"Every year he had six-10, 80-foot rows of green and yellow beans," Brad recalls. "As kids, helping him pull them was not fun."

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Mac and James Fonger.

Fonger is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia; children, Bradley (Linda) Fonger of Schoolcraft, Curtis (Susan) Fonger of Jupiter, FL, Gilbert (Paula) Fonger of Oviedo, FL, Lindsay (Janice) Fonger of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Reid, Evan, Judson, Cullen, Curtis Jr., Jacquelyn, Kyle, Celia; great-granddaughter, Josephine; brother, Richard (Dorothy) Fonger of Spring Lake; sisters, Marjean (Hollis) Brillhart of Grand Rapids, Marcia (Lawrence) Bentley of Groton, CT, and Sandra Fonger of Utah.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell for 62 years, American Legion and VFW Post #8303.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, with Rev. Gordie Barry, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell or Hospice of Michigan.

It took six years, but Lowell is now home to one of the top 100 CROP Walks in the country.

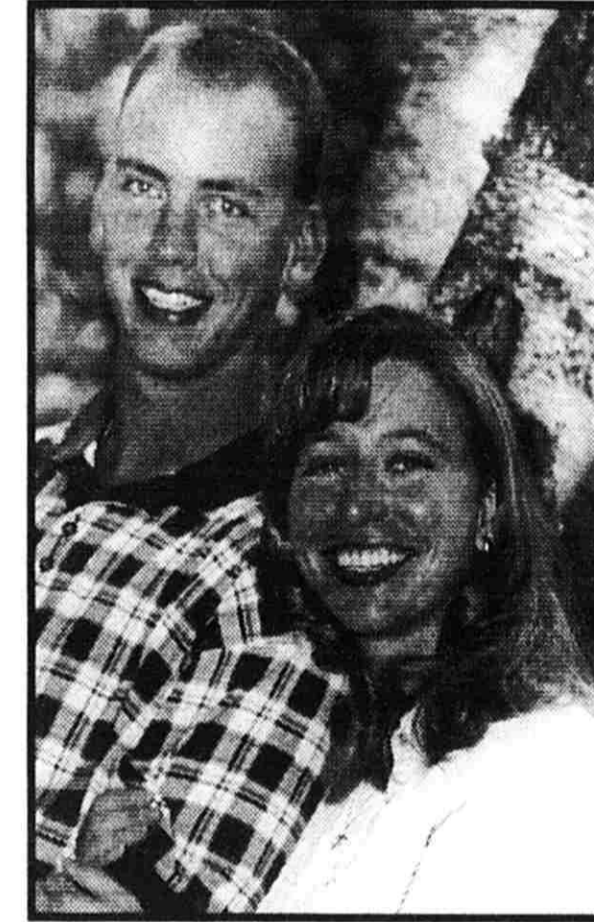
The sixth annual Lowell Hunger CROP Walk raised a little over \$29,000, earning it the distinction.

"This is quite an accomplishment for a community

of this size," said Gordie Barry, co-coordinator of the 2000 walk. "We exceeded our goal by over \$3,000."

Of the money raised, \$7,250 will stay within the community. It will be split between the Flat River Outreach Ministries and the Lowell Senior Neighbors.

"It is exciting to see community involvement in action and having the results exceed all of our expectations," Barry said. "The walk is fun and takes just a little bit of a person's time. The impact they have on others near and far is immeasurable."



Houlihan/Lillie

Mike and Diane Houlihan of Belding announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri to Jeff Lillie, son of Jim and Carol Lillie of Lowell.

The bride-to-be graduated from Belding High School and Ferris State University. She is employed at St. Mary's Hospital and Grand River Cardiology.

The future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School. He is employed at Amway Corporation and Lillie Diggins' and Dozin'.

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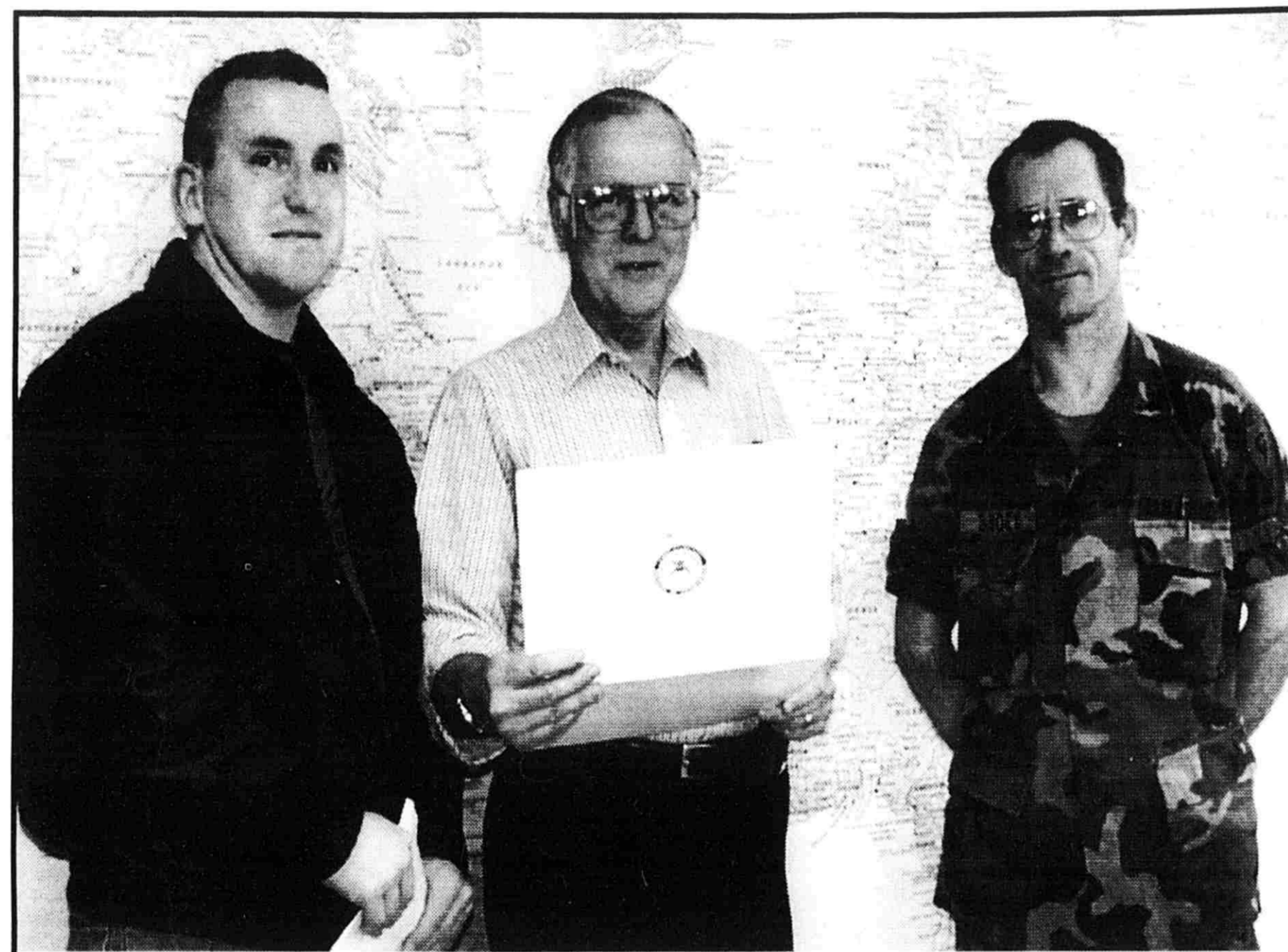
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METRIC & NATIONAL GUARD... A COLLABORATIVE TEAM

Gary Gilbert, general manager, of Metric Manufacturing, is presented with a certificate recognizing the company's support of the National Guard. Allen Smith, 1st Lt. of the 125th First Infantry, stated that Metric has been extremely cooperative in allowing employees in the National Guard time off for last minute training events and special circumstances. Pictured, from left to right, are Smith, Gilbert and James DeBoer, Metric machinist and a member of the National Guard.

LHS to be considered for low power radio station license

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell High School has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a low power (100 watts) radio station.

It will be four-six months before the high school learns whether or not its application has been successful.

"The window to file was short," said Al Eckman, instructor/proponent of Lowell's amateur radio club.

The FCC allows 10 states to apply at a time. Applicants must respond during the specified time frame for their state license. Early or late applications are not accepted.

A limit has not been placed on the number of licenses to be awarded. Spacing will be a key element in that decision.

"Radio stations have to be spaced far enough apart so as not to interfere with others," Eckman explained. "They cannot operate on channels adjacent to them. I think Lowell has an advantage over applicants in Grand Rapids, based on the fact we're pretty isolated."

A signal from a 100 watt radio station would cover approximately three-four miles.

Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw sees a radio station serving the following applications:

1. providing general information to people nearing the high school on athletic events, musicals and conferences, etc.;
 2. announcing emergency information on closings and delays;
 3. offering educational opportunities on radio broadcast communications and developing programming; and
 4. using it for self-directed tours of the Wege Natural Area and the Wittenbach Environmental and Agriculture Center.
- "Jerry Thompson (Lowell Amateur Radio Club) approached me about the radio station idea and my immediate thought was this is a neat opportunity," Vashaw concluded.

Sharing The Vision

PETER L. GUSTAFSON
Lowell Board of Education President



A good deal of conflicting information is circulating about the school voucher proposal to be decided by Michigan voters in November. I sympathize with parents of private school students who would welcome state funding for tuition payments. As an elected public school official, however, it is my responsibility to consider the potential impact of vouchers on the Lowell schools.

Under the proposal, students would receive annual state tax payments of at least \$3,000 to be used for private/parochial school tuition in districts with low graduation rates (such as Detroit), and in districts where the school board or voters approve vouchers. Of course, any money that is received by

private/parochial school students will come out of the state education budget, and will decrease the amount of tax dollars available for public schools. Unfortunately, this is likely to have a greater negative effect on districts such as Lowell, who already receive less per pupil funding from state tax revenues than some of our more well-to-do neighboring districts.

With this in mind, here are some questions about the proposal.

1. If vouchers are truly intended to benefit the inner-city poor, why are they not targeted specifically to that group? In Detroit, for example, there are already some 15,000 students who attend private and parochial schools. These are not the underprivileged Detroiters supposedly "trapped" in public schools. But if vouchers pass, these 15,000 students will immediately begin receiving at least \$3,000 in annual tuition payments, which will drain \$45 million from the state education budget - just for Detroit.

2. It is clear that students who are already attending private schools will receive a great deal of money if the voucher proposal passes. But what about the urban poor? Are significant numbers of them likely to use the tuition vouchers and then pay extra money from family funds to attend private schools (the \$3,000 stipend will cover only part of the cost)? Will vouchers merely skim the cream off of the student body

of inner city public schools, and leave the poorest students in even worse shape than they are now?

3. In some states that target vouchers to the underprivileged, there are financial qualifications to receive state tuition payments. But this is not so with the Michigan proposal. Everyone in a voucher district would be eligible for the \$3,000+ tuition payment, whether they need the help or not. We can be fairly sure that well-to-do students wishing to attend costly private schools will take advantage of the program, but again, is it likely that a significant number of poor, inner city students would do so? Why doesn't the Michigan proposal attempt to focus the tuition payments on families who truly need help, rather than those who can easily afford private school tuition?

These are some of the questions that come to mind. I believe they may help explain why Gov. Engler does not support the Michigan Voucher proposal. I intend to discuss other aspects of this important ballot issue in a future column, including the part of the proposal that would allow a bare majority of a given school board - even in the most wealthy district in the state - to determine for all time that students in that district would be eligible for tuition payments to private schools.

DDA District amended to include amphitheatre and Recreation Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Downtown Development Authority boundaries will now include Recreation Park.

While the DDA Board does not have any project in mind, it believes it is a good idea to have the park in the downtown district.

City councilman and parks and recreation chairman Don Green admitted that the park board is excited about the prospect of the DDA helping with future Recreation Park projects.

The council had tabled the issue on amendments to the Downtown District and the Development and Tax Increment Financing plans for the DDA until it could confirm if the Showboat Amphitheatre property was also included in the district.

Dave Pasquale, Lowell city manager, confirmed Monday night at the city council meeting that the entire Showboat Amphitheatre property is within the district. The DDA Board

amended the Development and Financing Plan to include the extension of the Riverwalk to King Street, extension of street lighting for South Hudson and assistance toward the renovation and construction of City Hall-Police Station projects including work in the parking lots.

Jim Hall, Lowell Plan-

ning Commission chairman, who brought the Showboat Amphitheatre issue up at the Sept. 18 meeting, asked the council why city-owned property (two parcels divided by railroad tracks) behind the

King Milling parking lot was not included.

"If the 4-H grounds are included, why not include these city parcels for future and potential development," Hall explained.

Pasquale said reasons for not including it were never discussed. "Future proposed projects could bring about an amendment," he concluded.

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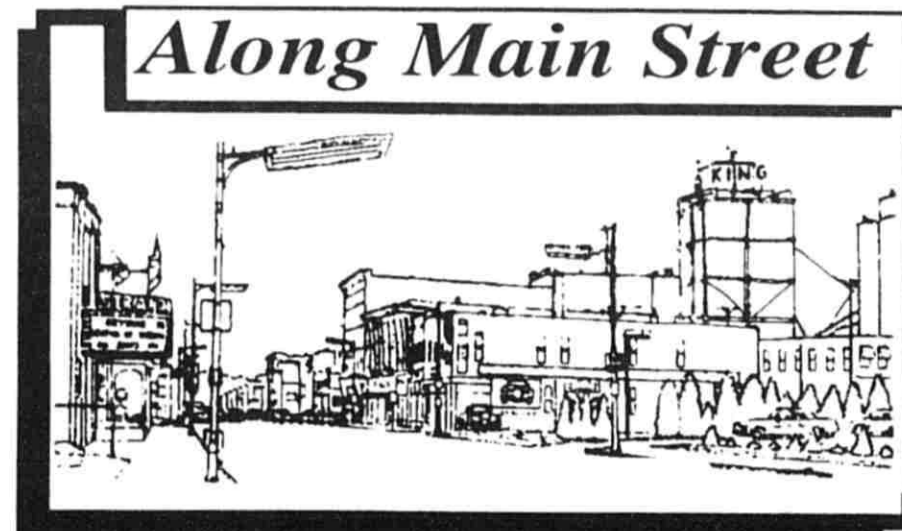
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CHERRY CREEK CRAFT SHOW

Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman Rd., will host the Cherry Creek Craft Show on Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Hourly raffles, crafts and a bake sale will highlight the event. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission fee.

RENAISSANCE PARTNERS TO MEET

There will be a meeting on Monday, Oct. 16 for all interested Renaissance parents and partners. It will be held at Lowell High School conference room A at 7 p.m. Call Pat Yeo at 676-1761 if you have any questions.

HARVEST DINNER AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Harvest Dinner will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell from 5-7 p.m. Tickets for the family style turkey dinner are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6 thru 12 and free for children 5 and under. Take out dinners are also available beginning at 5:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Lowell YMCA will have a Monday night men's 5 on 5

basketball league from Oct. 16 thru Dec. 11 Registration deadline is Oct. 11. Call the Y for more information at 897-8445.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR PETE SILER

The FFA will be honoring Pete Siler for his many years of dedication and service to education and the FFA at the annual hog roast and auction at Lowell High School on Friday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. Please join the FFA in this celebration.

LAAC PRESENTS "HARVEY" IN OCTOBER

The Lowell Area Arts Council presents *Harvey*, a three act comedy by Mary Chase, at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Performances are on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for LAAC members, students and seniors, and \$6 for general admission. Tickets are available at the LAAC, 149 S. Hudson (897-8545) and at Family Fare in Lowell.

LOWELL CABLE TV PRESENTS ...

This week on Cable TV Channel 20: Wed., 10 a.m. Calvary Lowell, 7 p.m. Lowell City Council, 9 p.m. Calvary Grand Rapids; Thurs., 10 a.m. Calvary Lowell, 7 p.m. Lowell City Council; Fri., 10 a.m. Calvary Lowell, 7 p.m. Lowell City Council, 9 p.m. Calvary Grand Rapids; Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m. Fountain Street Church; Mon., 9 p.m. Calvary Grand Rapids;

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Tickets are on sale at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, and Family

Fare, 2153 W. Main in Lowell.

Sue Stephenson-Bradford will direct the production with co-production by Jim Marron and Debra Duiven. Ticket prices vary and are available through the Lowell Area Arts Council or by calling 897-8545.

The cast includes Laura Leasure, Diana Roush, James J. Ball, Evelyn Marron, Debra Duiven, Brent G. Alles, John Butler, Jim Marron, Susan Veenema, and Don Silvis.

Harvey is a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit - an imaginary friend of Elwood R. Dowd. When Elwood starts to introduce Harvey to guests at a dinner party, his sister, Vera, has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle

Tues., 10 a.m. Calvary Lowell, 9 p.m. Calvary Grand Rapids.

LOWELL FFA HOG ROAST AND AUCTION

The Lowell FFA and Lowell Agriculture Supporters are hosting their annual hog roast and auction on Friday, Oct. 13 in the high school cafeteria. Dinner is from 6-7:30 p.m. and the auction is at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults; children 5 and under are free.

LOWELL COMMUNITY ED. OFFERS MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons for elementary, middle school and high school students who want to learn to play the violin, viola, cello and bass will be offered by Lowell Community Education. Group lessons are available for beginner and intermediate beginners following the school day. An orchestra class is held at the high school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Private string lessons are also available. Call Community Ed. at 897-8235.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a flu shot clinic Thursday, Oct. 26 from 1-5 p.m. at 300 High Street, Superintendent's office. The cost of the shot is \$7.50. Please call Liz at 897-9161 to schedule your appointment.

Mae, and their family from future embarrassment.

Problems arise, however, when Vera herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the fringe of lunacy when she explains to doctors that years of living with Elwood's hallucination has caused her to see Harvey also. The doctors commit Vera instead of Elwood, but when the truth

comes out, the search is on for Elwood and his invisible companion. When he shows up at the sanitarium looking for his friend Harvey, it seems that the mild-mannered Elwood's delusion has had a strange influence on more than one of the doctors.

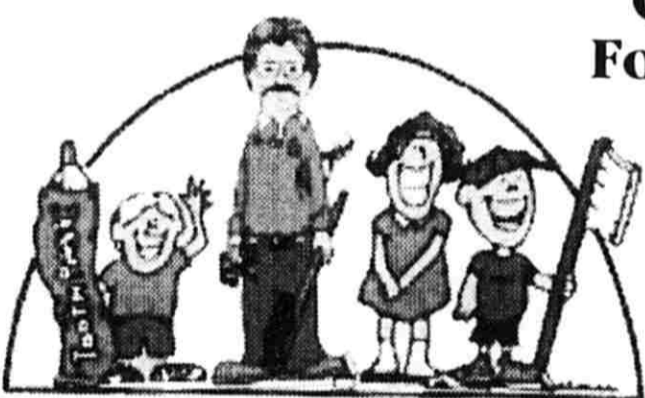
Only at the end does Vera realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all.

CORRECTION...

The Lowell School District residents in Bowne Township passed the \$27.5 million bond issue 160-153. The results attained by the Ledger Tuesday night indicated that Bowne voted down the bond 153-150. That was incorrect. The final vote tally was 1,671 "Yes" to 1,106, "No."

Ottawa Custom Homes moved Jeffrey Dodson's log home from Alden Nash to Godfrey St. Last week's Ledger incorrectly identified the Coopersville company as Ottawa Custom Hills.

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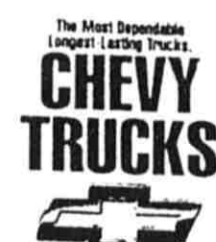
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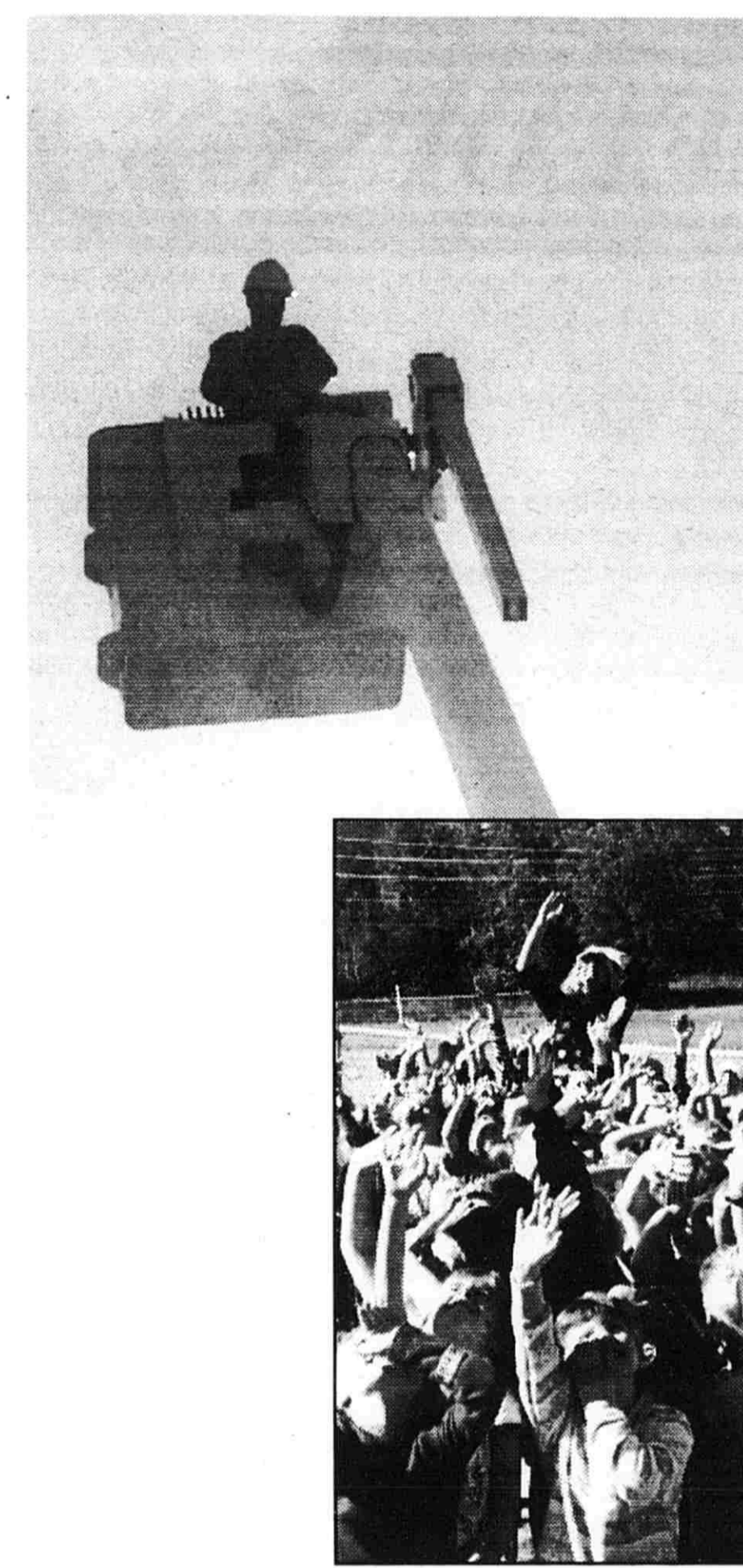
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LL&P celebrates power week with kids

As part of a national observance, Lowell Light & Power is celebrating Public Power Week, Oct. 1-7, along with more than 2,000 other electric utilities whose communities provide their citizens with electricity on a not-for-profit basis.

"Public Power Week is an annual event that celebrates benefits of community-owned electric utilities," said Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light & Power. "Our electric utility operates to benefit the entire community, as well as provides safe, reliable power and high-quality customer services at competitive rates."

On Friday, Lowell Light & Power visited children at Bushnell Elementary School. LL&P's Ron vanOverbeek presented a 10-minute video "Play it Safe Around Electricity," discussed safety tips with the kindergarten and first grade children, and gave them a demonstration with the "Big Bucket Truck."

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's duck mascot was also paid a visit.

LL&P will make a second educational presentation at Bushnell on Oct. 6 from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

"Our community's prosperity and our families' wellbeing are based on the ability to flick a switch and get electric power for all our needs. Public Power Week reminds our citizen-owners that Lowell Light & Power was created by and for its citizens. It is part of our democratic tradition that allows local residents to make important decisions about their public services," Richards concluded.



TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 11, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Cheryl S. Tolley, for a special land use amending the special land use that was approved April 14, 1999, covering lands commonly described in part as 11530 Ten Mile Road and legally described as follows:

to the place of beginning for said centerline; thence S34°05'48"E 128.48 feet; thence S3°26'07"W 91.98 feet; thence S31°28'27"W 206.06 feet; thence S27°24'54"W 448.06 feet; thence S54°23'22"W 74.23 feet; thence S77°53'16"W 149.78 feet; thence S65°22'29"W 161.80 feet; thence 48°48'28"W 186.65 feet to the place of ending for said easement. AND ALSO, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence N89°20'55"W 100.0 feet along the North line of said section to the place of beginning of this description; thence S01°22'25"W 290.40 feet along the West line of the East 100 feet of said Northwest 1/4; hence N89°20'55"W 300.0 feet; thence N01°22'25"E 290.40 feet; thence S89°20'55"E 300.0 feet along said North line to the place of beginning, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan,

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence N89°20'55"W 1043.85 feet along the North line of said section; thence S0°46'31"W 1600.59 feet along the East line of the West 250 feet of the East 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4 to the place of beginning of this description; thence continuing S0°46'31"W 509.28 feet; thence S88°28'37"E 439.61 feet to Reference Point "A", thence continuing S88°28'37"E 50 feet more or less to the water's edge of Little Muskrat Lake; thence Northeastly 534 feet more or less, along the water's edge of said lake to a point which bears S56°21'29"E from Reference Point "B"; thence N56°21'29"W 8 feet more or less to Reference Point "B"; (said Reference Point "B" bears N9°32'18"E 211.60 feet and N35°37'45"E 315.63 feet from said Reference Point "A"); thence N56°21'29"W 169.43 feet; thence N57°46'07"W 456.85 feet; thence S23°44'53"W 307.89 feet to the place of beginning. Together with a 66.0 foot wide easement for ingress and egress, the centerline of which is described as: commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section, thence N89°20'55"W 100.0 feet along the North line of said section; thence S01°22'25"W 290.40 feet along the West line of the East 100.0 feet of said Northwest 1/4; thence N89°20'55"W 63.71 feet

such amendment being for the purposes, among others, of deleting from the previous special land use a parcel of approximately 14.99 acres and having frontage on and access from Ten Mile Road, and to delete from the previous special land use and to approve as a separate special land use, the establishment and use of a greenhouse and a residential accessory building on a 10.25-acre portion of the above-described lands having frontage on and access from Ten Mile Road.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: October 2, 2000

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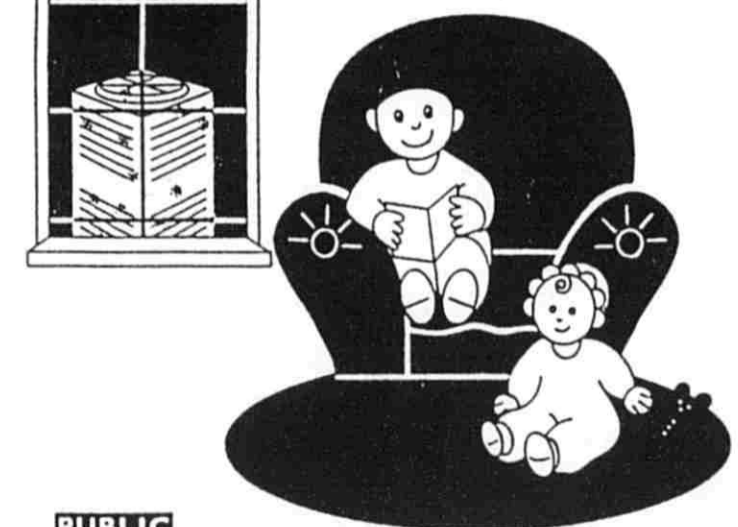
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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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CITY OF LOWELL**

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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: Acting City Manager James Valentine, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV employee Ron VanOverbeek, Planning Commissioner James Hall, Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker and Lowell City Airport Manager and Boardmember James Sowle.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **GREEN** to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2000 regular meeting as corrected.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (09/18/00)

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 100,167.00 |
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| LOCAL STREET FUND | \$91.78 |
| DDA FUND | \$229.93 |
| AIRPORT FUND | \$431.29 |
| WASTEWATER FUND | \$31,408.78 |
| WATER FUND | \$6,308.97 |
| EQUIPMENT FUND | \$2,086.34 |
| CURRENT TAX FUND | \$755,645.82 |

Item #1. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING CITY COUNCIL VACANCY. As noted in Section 4.9 of the City Charter, when a Council vacancy occurs in mid-term, the City Council shall appoint a person until the Monday following the next regular City election. Then, the position is placed for election to handle the remainder of the unexpired term.

Thus, the Council will provide an appointment until November, 2001. At the City election, this position would be placed separately for a term expiring December, 2003.

Mayor Blough received a letter of interest in serving on the Council and read it into record as follows:

September 14, 2000

Dear Mayor Blough,

I would like to offer my services to fill the vacancy to the Lowell City Council. I believe my experience as Chair of the Planning Commission and my legal work with other local governments will enable me to make a positive contribution to the Council and the City itself. Although I would regret leaving the Planning Commission, my decision to seek appointment to the Council is made easier by my knowledge of the competence, dedication and professionalism of the other Planning Commissioners. They are a great group of people and the City is lucky to have them.

My participation in the Lowell community includes the following:

- Six years on the City Planning Commission serving as Chair from January 1998 to the present
- Former President and Board Member, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce
- Board Member, Lowell Area Schools Educational Foundation
- Board Member, Flat River Outreach Ministries
- Member and Former President, Lowell Lions Club
- Former Board Member, Lowell Area Historical Association

I believe my experience with these various groups has given me a good grasp of the issues currently facing the

growing Lowell community and its city government. I recently worked with the Chamber of Commerce, for instance, in applying for funding and selecting a planner to develop a strategic marketing plan for the Lowell area. If appointed to the Council, I would do my best to serve Lowell's residents by working to enhance the many strengths of our community, while working toward improvement in those areas where there is room for progress.

I hope you will consider my name as you deliberate on the appointment to the City Council. If I can answer any questions you may have or provide any additional information, please feel free to call me.

Very Truly Yours,
Daniel C. Brubaker

Brubaker was present at the meeting and stated he was offering assistance to the Council to fill this vacancy. He felt he could contribute to the Council and the City.

In order to initiate discussion, Blough offered for appointment Dan Brubaker as City Councilmember. Blough sought for a motion and support.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by **MYERS** to appoint Daniel Brubaker to the vacancy on the Council.

Councilmember Myers questioned if there were any other inquiries. It was noted there were no other inquiries.

Blough stated Brubaker has served as Chair to the Planning Commission. This is the toughest Commission to serve on in the City. He has provided many services to the Commission and to the City of Lowell.

Blough asked for a call to the question by roll call.
YEA: Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

The process is by Charter. Brubaker needs to take the oath of office.

Blough asked Brubaker to be prepared for this on Monday, October 2, 2000.

Item #2. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR COMMERCIAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS - PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION. 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
- No new commercial wireless communication towers within one mile (rather than half mile) of existing towers
- Allow for placement of commercial wireless communication on existing towers or structure 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 MYERS and seconded by **SHORES** to open the public hearing regarding Commercial Wireless Communication Towers.

Planning Commission Chairman Dan Brubaker noted Commissioner Jim Hall was also present for discussion

Brubaker explained the above amendments. He said the Commission also considered if these towers should be allowed in Suburban Residential Districts. After much debate and discussion, the Commission decided such an option should be available. Brubaker stated the zoning map indicates a few areas in the Suburban Residential area which may be acceptable for a tower. These areas are secluded and the tower would not be very noticeable.

Mary Ellis of 2177 Gee Drive questioned the possible locations for such a tower. Brubaker responded specific areas were not discussed. He stated a few applications have been brought before the Planning Commission and

only the site plan from AT&T has been reviewed. Her proposal provided a tower on the west side of town near the water tank. Brubaker also noted another location could be near the Chamber of Commerce on the existing Lowell Cable TV tower.

Brubaker explained there are also a few areas on the east in the Suburban Residential District which may be appropriate for a tower.

Councilmember Myers believed all areas, except for the far west side of town, would be eliminated with a one-mile radius requirement for the towers.

AT&T Representative Paul Weisberger believed the City had a good ordinance and concurred with many of the considerations provided by the Planning Commission. He believed it was wise to keep most of the districts open from a flexibility stand point and provide a hierarchy as to how the Council would want to receive towers. He also believed the Federal Tele Communications Act was what was driving this flexibility and said the Act states "communities can not prohibit providers".

Weisberger encouraged the Council remain open to different type poles noting this may reduce the number of towers in the community. He did not believe a one-mile radius setback was appropriate stating approximately five carriers can fit on a single tower. The bottom carrier would get a minimum amount of coverage and this would also not allow a second tower to be installed near the area.

Weisberger stated towers should be encouraged in the Industrial Districts and suggested setbacks be half the height of the tower in these districts. This would allow smaller Industrial properties the ability to have such a tower located on their parcel. Otherwise, there would only be a limited amount of Industrial parcels able to meet the setback.

Blough questioned if there was height limitation relative to the tower being presented. Brubaker responded no. Blough noted the ordinance states it is limited to the setback of the property line by being an equal distance to the property line.

He noted there are already two existing towers in the City. Weisberger asked if Blough was including the Cable tower, noting the tower is filled with paging systems. He believed the tower would have to be taken down and reconstructed with a 10-foot separation from each carrier.

Blough questioned if there was a statement in the ordinance referring to the City giving preference to the Industrial District, secondly Commercial Districts and then Suburban Residential District as a last option. Brubaker believed this would come naturally.

Blough confirmed the Planning Commission required special use permits. Brubaker responded yes. Blough questioned if a Public Hearing was required. Brubaker responded yes.

Gary Ayers of 1329 Gee Drive stated the residents in the area do not want towers in the Suburban Residential District.

Bob Ollis of 2177 Gee Drive also opposed the towers in any residential areas.

Todd Landman of 2399 and 2401 W. Main stated there will be a greater need for these towers in the future. He liked the idea of placing several antennas on one tower. Landman stated it would be difficult to have a setback equal to the height of the tower in an Industrial District. He also suggested giving an incentive for having these towers located on a specific parcel of property. This may provide for more flexibility with regard to the style and setbacks of the tower.

Weisberger believed the Commission established such a setback based on aesthetic and safety issues. He explained the towers are very safe and could only fall down during a disastrous tornado. Weisberger suggested eliminating guy wires and accept monopoles, with a lattice tower available if height was needed. Engineering studies could also be given showing evidence the tower would not fall unless disaster strikes.

Airport Board Member Jim Sowle noted any tower which falls within a 10,000 square foot radius of the Airport must be reviewed by the Airport Board.

Blough verified the Planning Commission held a public hearing. Brubaker responded yes.

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Blough questioned the vote. Brubaker responded the Commission was not unanimous on whether or not Suburban Residential Districts should be left in the ordinance. The vote to pass the proposed ordinance on to the City Council was unanimous.

Blough noted the letters received from Kent McKay and former Mayor Robert Christiansen and others on Gee Drive. Both were concerned about such towers being placed in the Suburban Residential District.

Landman stated he did not believe such towers should be placed in the Residential District.

On behalf of Terry Abel, Dr. Orval McKay's family and former Mayor Robert Christiansen and others on Gee Drive, Ayers stated the tower was not wanted.

Brubaker explained when the Commission reviewed the idea of towers being placed in the Suburban Residential District, it was not based upon a particular application. The vote was not meant to imply or pass approval of the AT&T application by the water tank off Gee Drive. The Commission was simply examining the zoning map and reviewing areas where it may be feasible within the district.

He also explained the Commission needs to address these issues when presented to the Planning Commission and the community. It is not feasible to not have any regulations. If there was an ordinance against the towers, the City could be challenged in court and probably lose. The Commission needs to address these concerns and adopt an ordinance for future reference.

Ollis questioned if AT&T would seek another location if this was not passed. Weisberger noted AT&T selects a site after much research has been completed. He stated it would depend on what the ordinance would allow. Weisberger noted if a parcel in the Industrial District meets their needs, they would proceed in this district.

Blough reminded the public the Council was not here to decide upon the AT&T tower, but to discuss the ordinance and what restrictions should be placed concerning communication towers.

Councilmember Shores questioned the average height of the tower. Weisberger stated in rural areas approximately a 250 foot height and between 75 to 150 feet in larger cities.

Commissioner Hall noted the proposed height of the AT&T tower was 180 feet.

Councilmember Myers asked if it was possible to place a tower next to another one. Weisberger responded some communities have "tower farms", where this is allowed. Weisberger noted AM towers interfere with one another and need a 10-foot separation between the two heights when located on a single tower.

Myers also questioned if Weisberger thought the height of towers would increase or decrease in the future. Weisberger was unsure.

Blough noted the Europeans avoid land-based structures by using satellite structures. Weisberger stated satellite structures are extremely costly and did not believe phones worked well inside structures.

Myers liked the idea of placing a hierarchy when deciding where to place a tower. He also believed it made sense to limit the setbacks in a favored spot.

Myers believed the focus should be toward the Industrial District.

Myers questioned the concern of a tower collapsing. Weisberger responded he has received letters from engineering firms indicating this should be of no concern.

Councilmember Green questioned the requirement of having a one-mile radius and this limiting the number of towers. He asked if there could be any type of recourse because of this. Weisberger responded the legal standard is whether telecommunications providers are prohibited. The City would eliminate many Industrial areas with the one-mile radius requirement. At this point, a carrier would seek a variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Green did not have a problem with the tower being located in a Suburban Residential District. He stated if the City is concerned about aesthetics, a tower would have to be approximately 250 to 260 feet in height, if

placed in an Industrial District and would be visible to the entire City.

Councilmember Shores did not want such towers placed in the Suburban Residential District. She would rather see the setbacks addressed in the Industrial District. Shores sympathized with the individuals who have purchased homes in the Suburban Residential District.

Blough stated he works with a number of organizations in Europe and has had no problem communicating with them through satellite technology.

Blough was concerned limiting to such districts as Public Facilities, Industrial or Commercial. He believed some Suburban Residential areas would not want a tower. Blough believed limiting the setback to the height of the tower would provide for very few opportunities for a tower to be placed in the Suburban Residential District. However, there may be some parcels tucked away on a hill in the district away from homes, which may be very good tower locations. He felt if it is restricted to no usage in Suburban Residential District, this would hurt the City from the service which might be provided.

Myers questioned the one-mile radius requirement and raised concerns this could cause the request of additional variances.

Brubaker believed it would be difficult to obtain a variance. He stated a one-mile radius within the ordinance would strongly encourage providers to look outside of the one-mile ring.

Green stated he would recommend the increase of the setback distances. He questioned if this was mainly for a safety or restriction issue. Brubaker explained when the Commission eliminated the monopole design requirement, the issue arose because monopoles do not tip over but collapse on themselves. Therefore, he believed it was a safety and aesthetic concern.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adopt the proposed ordinance with an amendment non-Suburban Residential areas have a setback distance of one-half the tower height.

Motion died due to lack of support.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **SHORES** to support the commercial wireless communication towers ordinance as amended with eliminating the Suburban Residential District and by special land use for tower location, shortening the setback to half the height of the tower.

Blough felt the tower height should be limited in some form.

Myers questioned if a 200-foot tower height would be too constricting. Weisberger believed AT&T could find a parcel if the setback was half the height of the tower on the west side of town, if the tower height could be 250 feet high.

Myers requested to amend his motion to limit the tower height to 250 feet. Shores was in agreement.

Blough clarified the motion stating to support the ordinance as amended with elimination of the Suburban Residential District by special land use for tower location, limiting the tower height to 250 feet and the setback requirement for all permissible districts would be one half the tower height.

YEA: 3. (Myers, Shores and Green)
NAY: 1. (Blough)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. AMENDMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLANS FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - PUBLIC HEARING. At its August 17, 2000 meeting, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved a resolution expanding the boundaries of the DDA District to include Recreation Park (for future projects). It was noted the entire City Hall - Police Station project is already in the district. The Development and Financing Plan was also amended by the DDA to include the extension of the riverwalk to King Street, extension of street lighting for South Hudson and assistance toward the renovation and construction of the City Hall - Police station project including the parking lots.

City Clerk Betty Morlock explained Recreation Park is being added to the district.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **MYERS** to open the public hearing.

Planning Commissioner Jim Hall asked if the Showboat Amphitheater property would be included in the district. Morlock stated she would review the map.

Mayor Blough suggested tabling the item until further information is provided.

Councilmember Myers was in agreement. He suggested a map also be provided.

Hall questioned if the two City parcels on the east side of town could also be added to the Downtown Development District. Blough suggested this be brought to the DDA.

Jim Sowle of Lowell Water Works, 1941 W. Main, suggested the west side of town also be included in future discussion for the DDA.

Acting City Manager Jim Valentine stated the DDA is proposing sidewalk lighting toward the west end of town on Main Street.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **GREEN** to table the issue on Amendments to the Downtown District and the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans for the Downtown Development Authority until the October 2, 2000 meeting.

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

Item #4. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC POWER WEEK. Marketing/ Programming Director for Light and Power/Cable TV Debbie Deane read the following proclamation into record as follows:

To Commemorate Lowell Light & Power and Its Tradition of Service October 1-7, 2000

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Lowell, place high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utility and, as consumers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct influence in utility operations and policies; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Light & Power provides our homes, businesses, farms, social services, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity employing sound business practices ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Light & Power is a valuable community asset that contributes substantially to the well-being of local citizens, through customer service, economic development, energy efficiency, safety awareness, environmental protection, and the preservation of our unique local identity; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Lowell Light & Power will continue to work to ensure that consumers benefit from any changes in the electric utility industry, just as it has since 1896, the year when the utility was created to serve and provide its customer-owners an essential public service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the week of October 1-7, 2000, be designated the 14th annual Public Power Week in order to honor **Lowell Light & Power**, for its contributions to the community and to make its consumer-owners, policy makers, and employees more aware of its overall contributions to their well-being.

Proclaimed by the Lowell City Council - September 18, 2000

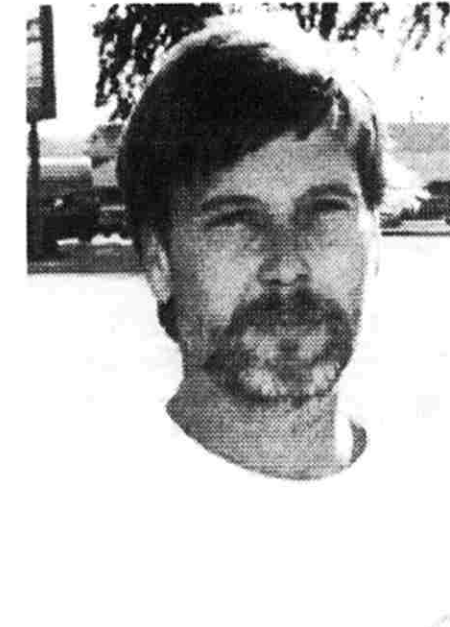
IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **SHORES** to proclaim October 1 - 7, 2000 as Public Power Week.

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

Item #5. SELLING OF 1988 CHEVROLET C-70 DUMP TRUCK. At its October 4, 1999 meeting, the Lowell City Council approved the purchase of a new International dump truck. At the time, no bids were received to purchase the 1988 Chevrolet C-70 vehicle.

TOWN TALK

The U.S. government is considering making the abortion drug RU-486 available in the United States. Are you in favor or opposed to it?



Mark Friesner
I do not favor it. I do not think abortion is a good idea.



Steve Hartmann
I'm not opposed to it. I am opposed to legislating what the moral values of people should be.



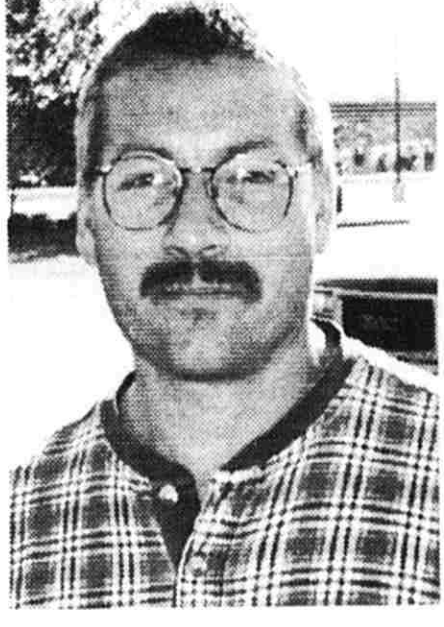
Gordon Maylone
No, I do not favor it. I don't believe in abortion.



Pete Verburg
Leave the decision up to the woman. I don't like it being offered but if it's being issued through doctors, then I favor it being available.



Kim Newell
No. I'm opposed to abortion all together. There are many people who want to adopt.



Scott Jackson
No. I don't believe in abortion.

Amy Christensen
I'm not for abortion. If it's going to be available, it should be done through a physician.

Gloria VanMyhr
It's a bad idea. I don't approve of abortion.

LEGAL NOTICES

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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-170,242 DE

Estate of
ROGER ANTHONY
KROL, Deceased
SSN: 364-50-7691

KROL, who lived at 1838 Preston Ct., N.W., Apt. A-44, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 9/01/00.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to LYNN KROL, c/o JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney at Law, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 27, 2000

JOHN D. MITUS
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410 Bridge Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 774-4001

LYNN KROL
2033 Tremont, N.W.
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ids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Rotary, cont'd.... From Page 12

The auction is slated for April 20, 2001. The idea to have Rotary build a house for Habitat for Humanity was borne from a Habitat session Asselta and Wendell Christoff attended at Davenport University where Senator Jack Kemp and Dick DeVos spoke.

"We just felt it was the type of project Rotary could be totally behind," Asselta said. Asselta's proposal to build a house was passed by Rotarians by more than a 2-1 margin. "We've already received commitments from Home Depot and other laborers," Asselta said. "We're looking for anyone interested in helping with the project."

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent,
ROGER ANTHONY

We think in generalities, we live in detail
—Alfred North Whitehead.



Thank You!

The Lowell Area Arts Council would like to thank everyone who helped make the FFF another successful event.

Join us at the Fallsburg Park Pavilion on October 12 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm for a potluck and social gathering.
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CITY OF LOWELL

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

2000 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
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| October 10 | October 11 |
| October 17 | October 18 |
| October 24 | October 25 |
| October 31 | November 1 |
| November 7 | November 8 |
| November 14 | November 15 |

Red Arrows boot Eagles and Saxons

Chris Cress netted two goals and assisted a third one in Lowell's win over Hudsonville. James Bosserd slid in the game-winner in overtime to defeat Hastings.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys soccer team controlled play from start to

finish in posting a 3-1 win over Hudsonville.

"We were on the ball all night long and did a great job of controlling play," Lowell

soccer coach Paul Legge said. "I would have liked to have seen us score a few more goals."

The Red Arrows outshot the Eagles 19-6.

Lowell scored the game's first goal in the first half when Ryan Phillips creased the net off an assist from Chris Cress. The second half was

much the same, as the Red Arrows controlled play and Cress found the Eagle net twice, increasing Lowell's lead to 3-0. Cress's first goal came on an assist from Sam Oberlin.

With less than a minute to play in the contest, Hudsonville scored its only goal of the game on a penalty kick.

"It was almost a perfect game the boys put together," Legge said.

Lowell's Jacob Billingsley recorded six saves and Hudsonville's Matt Dumond had 15 saves.

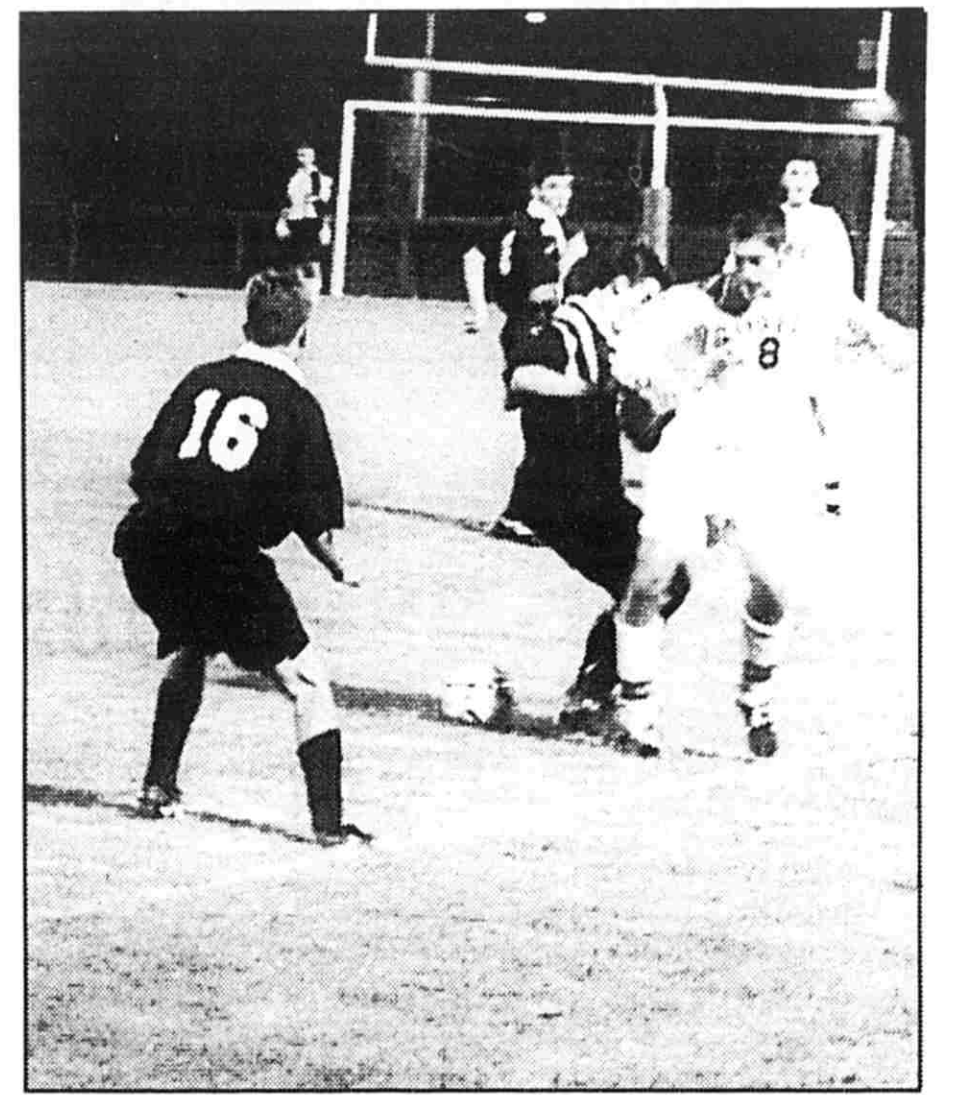
**Lowell 1 (O.T.)
Hastings 0**

James Bosserd slid one by Hastings' goalie on the rebound to give the Red Arrows the victory.

Lowell dominated the game, but was unable to fin-



Troy Gillan checks out the field to see where he goes from here.



Matt Trierweiler battles for possession along the sideline in action against Hastings.

frustrated Lowell coach yelled to his club. "What are you doing... waiting for them to beat us?"

The win improves Lowell's league record to 5-3 and overall record to 7-5.

The Red Arrows play East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern at home this week.

At one point in overtime,

Jenny Gunberg shines in losses to FHC and Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There were few bright spots in Lowell girls tennis team's losses to Forest Hills Central and Zeeland.

Both, however, were provided by Red Arrows' second singles player, Jenny Gunberg.

The Lowell netter lost a three-set match to the Rangers' Molly Koernke. Gunberg won the first set 6-4 and had match point in set number two, before Koernke rallied to win 7-5 and 6-0 in the third set.

"Jenny has had good matches against tough competition," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall. "Playing second singles is a tough spot."

In other singles play Katie Gunberg, first singles, lost 6-0, 6-1; Kristie Noall, third singles, lost 6-1, 6-1; and Kelly Riddle, fourth singles, lost 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, Virginia Bultema and Erin Barnes, first doubles, lost 6-1, 6-0; Jessica DenHouter and Tegg, second doubles, lost 6-1, 6-0; Becky Raymor and Marta Alonso, third doubles, lost 6-1, 6-3; and Melissa Neubecker and Heather Geelhoed were defeated 6-4, 6-3.

third doubles, lost 6-0, 6-0; and Melissa Neubecker and Jodi Laux, fourth doubles, lost 6-1, 6-0.

**Zeeland 7
Lowell 1**

Jenny Gunberg netted Lowell's only win against the Chix.

The Red Arrow defeated Courtney Bruner 7-5, 7-5. Katie Gunberg, first

singles, lost 6-1, 6-4; Kristie Noall, third singles, fell 6-2, 6-1; Kelly Riddle, fourth singles, lost 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, Erin Barnes and Jodi Laux lost 6-1, 6-2; Jessica DenHouter and Tegg, second doubles, were upended 6-3, 6-2; Becky Raymor and Marta Alonso, third doubles, lost 6-1, 6-3; and Melissa Neubecker and Heather Geelhoed were defeated 6-4, 6-3.

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—Arthur Schopenhauer

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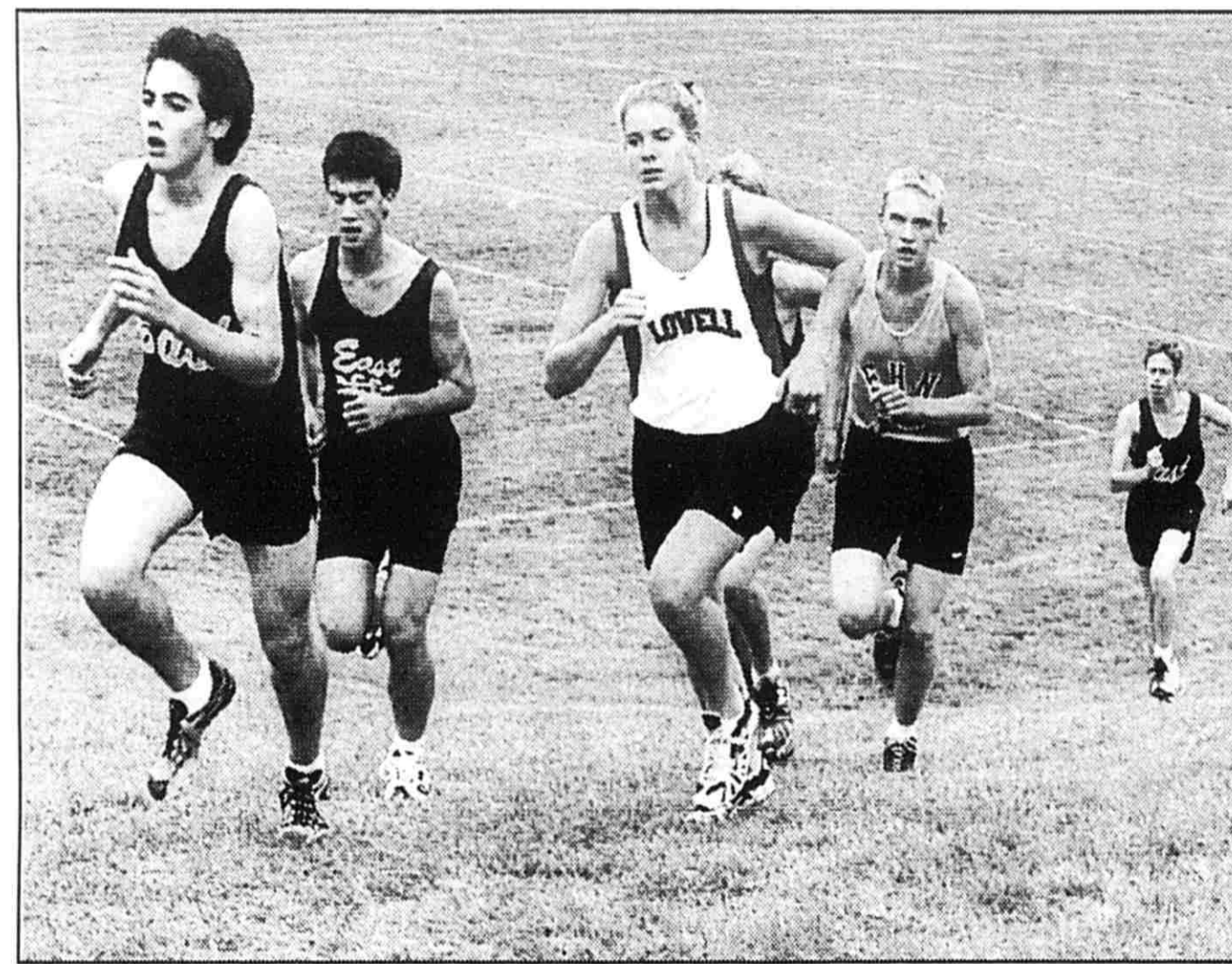
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Lisa Wojciakowski was the meet medalist in Lowell's cross country win over Northview.



Katie Anderson, left, and Natalie Kent, right, work their way up the hill together.

Lowell races past Northview; showdown with Central next

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls cross country team followed an emotional win over Forest Hills Northern with a breather at home against Northview.

The Red Arrows defeated the Wildcats 19-44. The victory improved Lowell's record to 4-1 in the OK White and keeps the Red Arrows tied atop the conference with

East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central.

"This was a meet we expected to win. Now we prepare for a tough race with Central Wednesday," Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said.

Lisa Wojciakowski led the way coming off the home course in a time of 20:15.

Northview's Bekah Hill was second in a time of 20:23. Lowell took the next four spots. Holly Plattner, third, 21:13; Sarah Swab, fourth, 21:32; Abby Vos, fifth, 22:15; and Molly Kirsch, sixth, 22:23.

Northview's other four finishers were Beth Yeiter, ninth, 23:07; Wendy Welch, 12th, 23:42; Emily Hautamaki, 13th, 24:07; and Liz Rieck, 14th, 24:23.

Carson City-Crystal Invt'l - A-B Division

Lowell was 11th in a field of 21 schools which included the nation's top ranked team from Rockford.

The Rams took four of the top five spots, and finished with 22 points.

Lowell finished with 270 points. The Red Arrows had two runners finish in the top 50 and all five were in the top 80.

Lisa Wojciakowski came home in 27th place with a time of 20:41. Holly Plattner, 38th, finished in 21:05 followed by Sarah Swab, 53rd, 21:24; Molly Kirsch, 72nd, 22:01; and Abby Vos, 80th, 22:13.

"Most coaches consider this meet to be a preview of the state meet," said cross country coach Clay VanderWarf. "The girls ran pretty well. Our times were down."

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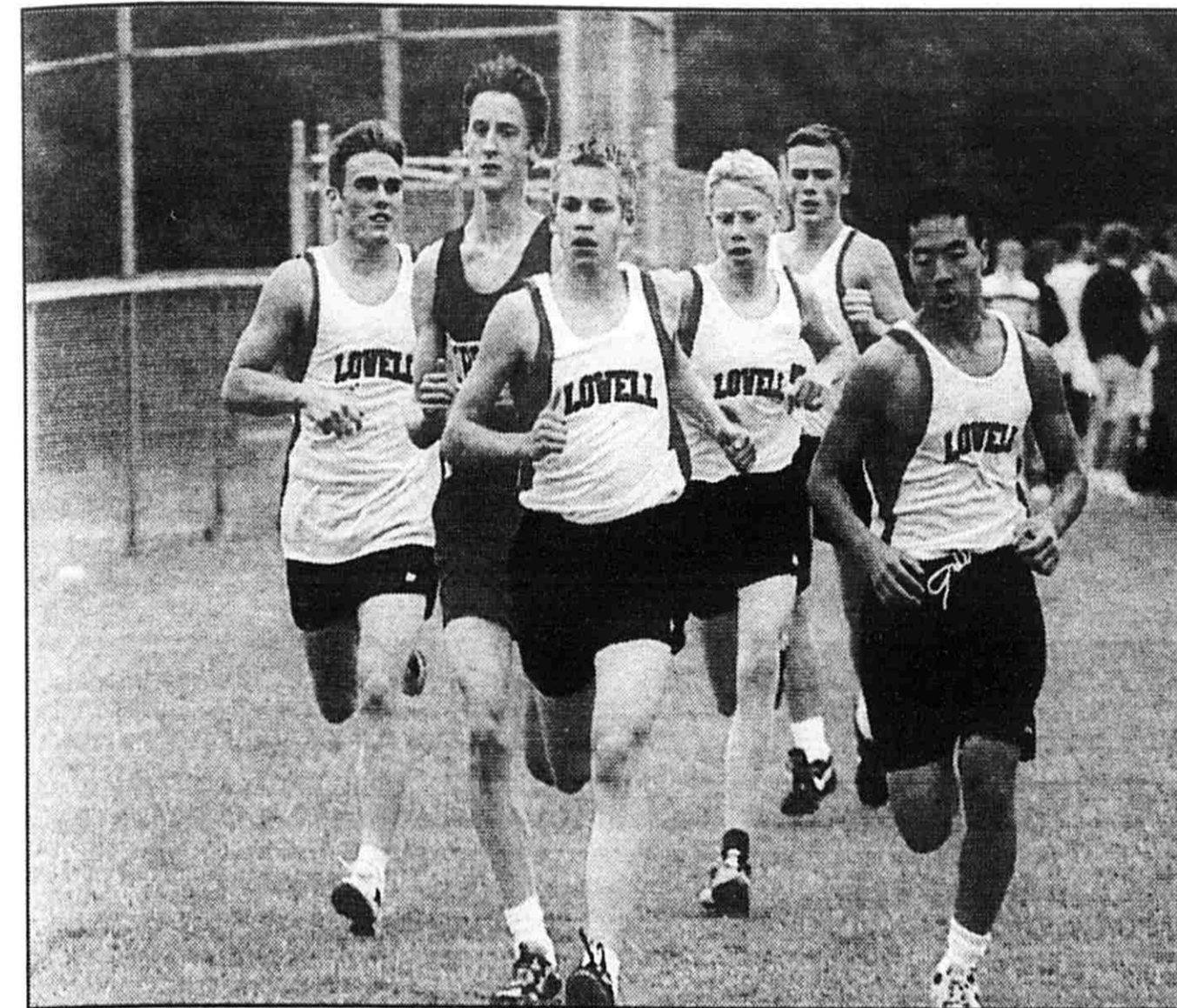
REMINDER NOTICE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Lowell Township, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Township office, at any Secretary of State branch office, or other designated places for the general Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000.

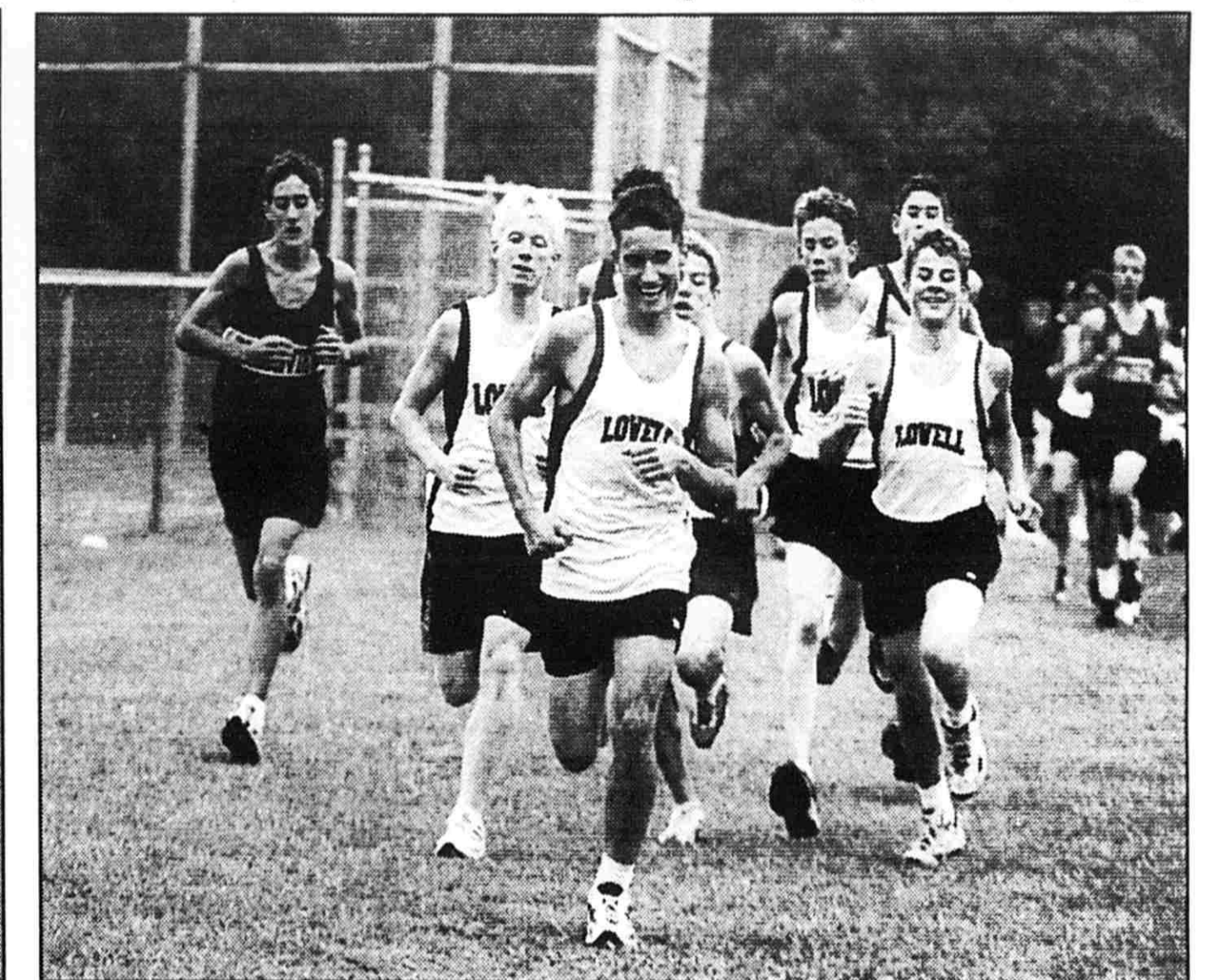
THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000

The Township offices will be open Tuesday, October 10, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Linda S. Regan
Lowell Township Clerk
(616) 897-7600



A pack of Red Arrow harriers.



Kevin Frazier leads this contingent of Red Arrow runners.

Red Arrow boys claim first league win against Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys cross country team chalked up its first win in the OK White, recording a 23-38 win over Northview.

The Red Arrows claimed five of the top seven spots. Kevin Frazier came home in second place, stopping the clock in 18:36. He finished behind Northview's Derek Scott 18:08.

Red Arrow Craig Myer was third, coming home in 18:49. He finished five seconds ahead of Northview's Ben VanGessel 18:54.

Scott Riddle 19:02; Pat Cavanaugh, 19:18; and Dave Anderson, 19:45 were fifth, sixth and seventh respectively. "I'm happy with our times, we continue to improve,"

Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said. "We're steadily getting our times down."

Northview's Davis Wright, 11th, was clocked in 20:19 while Dan McGee 13th and Matt Danley, 15th, came off the course in 20:30 and 20:39 respectively.

Carson City-Crystal Invt'l - A-B Division

Scott Riddle was Lowell's top runner, placing 109th in a time of 19:1. Craig Myers was 119th at 19:27 followed by Pat Cavanaugh, 129th, 20:08; Dave Anderson, 134th, 20:29; and John Mendez, 139th, 21:04.

Grand Ledge won the event with 77 points. Big Rapids was second with 119 followed by Gull Lake, fourth, 135 and Rockford, fifth, in a field of 21 teams with 141 points. Lowell placed last with 630 points.

Lowell's defense shuts down Northview and FHC

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrow girls basketball team ran its league record to 4-1 in preparation for a showdown with the league's top team (Zeeland) on Tuesday.

"Zeeland is quick, they press and they shoot the three," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley of the 10-0, 5-0 Chix.

Lowell's defensive play shut down a decent Northview squad 54-33 and followed that up by blasting Forest Hills Central 56-25.

"Our defense played pretty well to hold Northview to 33

sure really hurt Central. They had a difficult time getting shots off.

Kathryn Babcock led the 1-8 Rangers.

I'm very pleased with our performance; it was nearly perfect. We moved the ball around quickly on offense and got good, open jump shots. Our defensive pressure really hurt Central. They had a difficult time getting shots off.

Dee Crowley
Lowell Girls Basketball Coach

points," Crowley explained. "I thought we did a good job of defending their back screens and picks."

Lowell outscored Northview 12-6 in the first quarter and 10-5 in period two to take a 22-11 halftime lead. The Red Arrows doubled up the Wildcats in the second half 24-12.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk led all scorers with a season-high 24 points. She also grabbed 13 rebounds.

Leslie Crowley tallied 13 points while Blair Meyer added eight.

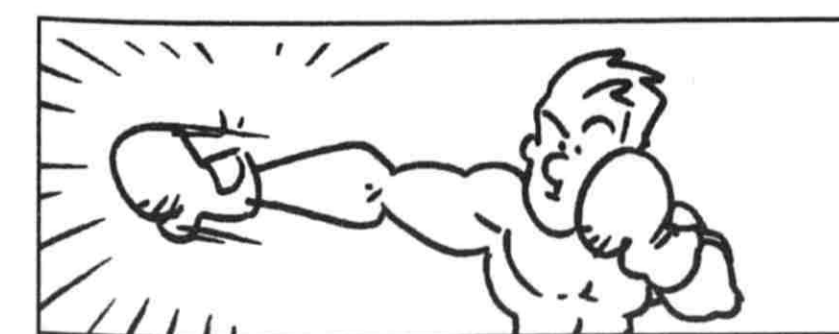
Emily Matilla led Northview with 10 points. In its 21-point win over the Rangers, Lowell jumped out to an 18-0 first quarter advantage and never looked back.

The 7-3 Red Arrows led 34-8 at halftime.

Meyer led all scorers with 14 points and Stoutjesdyk added 12.

Crowley contributed with eight points, eight rebounds, eight steals and six assists.

"I'm very pleased with our performance; it was nearly perfect. We moved the ball around quickly on offense and got good, open jump shots," Crowley said. "Our defensive pres-



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Lowell overcomes penalties and mistakes to bury Northview, 33-6

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrows may have had as many turnovers and penalties as they did points in their 33-6 homecoming win over Northview Friday night.

Not really, but there were far more than Lowell football coach Noel Dean cared to see from his 6-0 Red Arrows.

"Of all the 6-0 teams in the state, we have the most room for improvement," Dean said.

Lowell's overall strength and speed far surpassed that of an overpowered Northview club. "It was obvious from the start we couldn't play smash-mouth football with them," said Wildcat coach Scott Robertson. "That's the difference between four years in a weight room and one year. It showed and looked in the play."

The other difference Robertson said, is "That number 9 (Josh Brown) is a hell of a player. With that said, I think we can do a better job of tackling than what we did out there tonight."

Lowell's talented backfield trio of Brown, Ken Palcowski and Travis DeVoid rolled up 514 yards on the ground in 54 attempts, averaging nine-and-a-half yards every time they touched the ball.

That average was bolstered by runs of 36, 62, 73 and 81 yards.

Palcowski rushed for 225 yards and two touchdowns. Brown ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns while DeVoid garnered 110 yards.

Lowell had plenty of ground game. It also lost three fumbles and had one of five passes picked off.

"We have to fix some things. We have a long way to go to improve and get better," Dean said.

Lowell scored the game's first touchdown, on the second play from scrimmage, on a 62-yard touchdown run by



Ken Palcowski rushed for 225 yards and scored two touchdowns in Lowell's 33-6 win over Northview.

Palcowski.

A 36-yard touchdown run by Brown on Lowell's second possession gave Lowell a 14-0 lead.

On its next three possessions Lowell turned the ball over. Northview's Nick Harkes picked up a Lowell fumble and raced 40 yards for the Wildcats' only score of the game.

Lowell made it 21-6 early in the second quarter on a six-play, 68-yard drive, capped by a four-yard touchdown run by Brown.

Brown added a 73-yard touchdown in the waning seconds of the first half.

The only score in the second half was Palcowski's 81-yard touchdown run.

Lowell travels to Forest Hills Central Friday to do battle with the 3-3 Rangers, 34-0 losers to Hudsonville Friday.

Of all the 6-0 teams in the state, we have the most room for improvement. We have to fix some things. We have a long way to go to improve and get better.

Noel Dean
Lowell Varsity Football Coach

Red Arrow Roundup

The Lowell junior varsity tennis team won championships in all four doubles flights and in third singles.

Erin Curtis won the championship in third singles.

Winners in doubles action were Mandy Tawney and Megan Fleet, first doubles; Heather Geelhoed and Shannon Levingston, second doubles; Maggie Mayhew and Marissa Tawney, third doubles; and Mellissa Blattner and Melissa Warner.

Shepard was the Red Arrows' leading scorer with 12 points.

Lowell lost a close game to East Grand Rapids by the score of 17-15. Shepard tallied 10 points and grabbed four rebounds.

J.J. Wilder scored four touchdowns including a 98-yard first half scamper. Landon Trierweiler scored the game's final touchdown on a 60-yard punt return.

Lowell freshman football team defeated Northview 38-0.

Lowell's junior varsity soccer team exacted revenge to its previous loss to Hastings with a 5-1 win over the Saxons.

Travis Gillan and Branden Gillikin each scored in the first half with driving shots past the Hastings' keeper.

Great containing and aggressive defense by Eric Staal and Josh Abdo left keeper Josh Anderson needing to save only four shots.

Jeremy Goff scored Lowell's third goal right before half on a penalty kick.

Goals by Zach Horan and Goff in the second half completed Lowell's scoring.

Lowell's seventh-grade girls basketball team defeated Greenville 26-12. Nicole

Scoring first half touchdowns were Chris Curtis and Dustin VanLoon.

Leading 16-0, Lowell got on the board in the second half when Curtis scored on a 30-yard run. Later, VanLoon intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown. Kyle Rozema scored Lowell's final touchdown of the game with 19 seconds remaining on the clock. Lowell is now 5-1.

The Red Arrow junior varsity football team started slow but finished strong in defeating Northview 44-20.

J.J. Wilder scored four touchdowns including a 98-yard first half scamper. Landon Trierweiler scored the game's final touchdown on a 60-yard punt return.

Opinions cannot survive if one has no chance to fight for them.

—Thomas Mann

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Lowell junior varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Landon Trierweiler, tight end safety; Jordan Moore, outside linebacker.

Lowell varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are: Matt Jackson, offensive tackle; Pat Kaufman, defensive back.

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Golf team drops a pair at Crestview

Lowell boys golf team lost to Zeeland and Northview in a triangular meet at Crestview on Thursday.

Wade Gilchrist led all Red Arrows with a round of 39 on the par 36 course. Teammates Jordan Gallagher and Mark Kimberlin were three shots back with 42s; Steve Palasek fired a 43.

Lowell finished with a round of 166. Zeeland carded a 150 and Northview shot a 158. The match medalist was Zeeland's Jeff VandenBeldt with a nine-hole total of 35.

Kegan Rule was two shots back at 37. Joel Smith shot a 38 and teammate Mike VandenBrink recorded a 40.

Northview's Hans Papke led the Wildcats with a 37. Chris Sanchez followed with a 39 while teammates Chris Debraber and Ben White carded rounds of 40 and 42.

Goodrich offers free movies

This fall children and parents can enjoy the ancient search for gold, help Elmo find his way home, learn about life as a mouse, have a Snow Day, or help the chickens fight for their freedom! All of this is possible as the Ada Lowell 5 Theater presents its Free Fall Matinee Series which started Sept. 30.

Local children and their families can enjoy movies free of charge every Saturday and Sunday at 11 am for the next eight weeks from Sept. 30th through Nov. 19th at the Ada Lowell 5 Theater.

The series is designed to allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy quality family oriented films. Each week the theater presents a different movie free of charge. Anyone wishing to see one of the free films simply goes to the theater. No ticket purchase is necessary.

"We know that basic monthly expenses can add up

and make the decision of where to have a good time a question of economics," says Matthew Johnson, Marketing Manager for Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc. "This series is designed to provide the quality family entertainment of going to the movies at our facilities absolutely free. It's our way of saying 'thanks' to the local communities for their support every year."

The Goodrich Free Matinee Series began in 1991 in order to meet the demand for quality family entertainment. The circuit-wide event continues every fall and spring for nine weeks at a time. Each theater is encouraged to promote a festive atmosphere by providing such activities as

face-painting, magicians, clowns, fingerprinting services and the like. Over 550,000 fliers are printed company-wide.

Goodrich Quality Theaters owns and operates 35 theaters with over 293 screens throughout Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

The movies in this series are: El Dorado, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1; Elmo In Grouch Land, Oct. 7 & 8; My Dog Skip, Oct. 14 & 15; Thomas and the Magic Railroad, Oct. 21 & 22; Stuart Little, Oct. 28 & 29; Pokemon 2000, Nov. 4 & 5; Snow Day, Nov. 11 & 12; and Chicken Run, Nov. 18 & 19.

The eye sees not itself but by reflection.
—William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

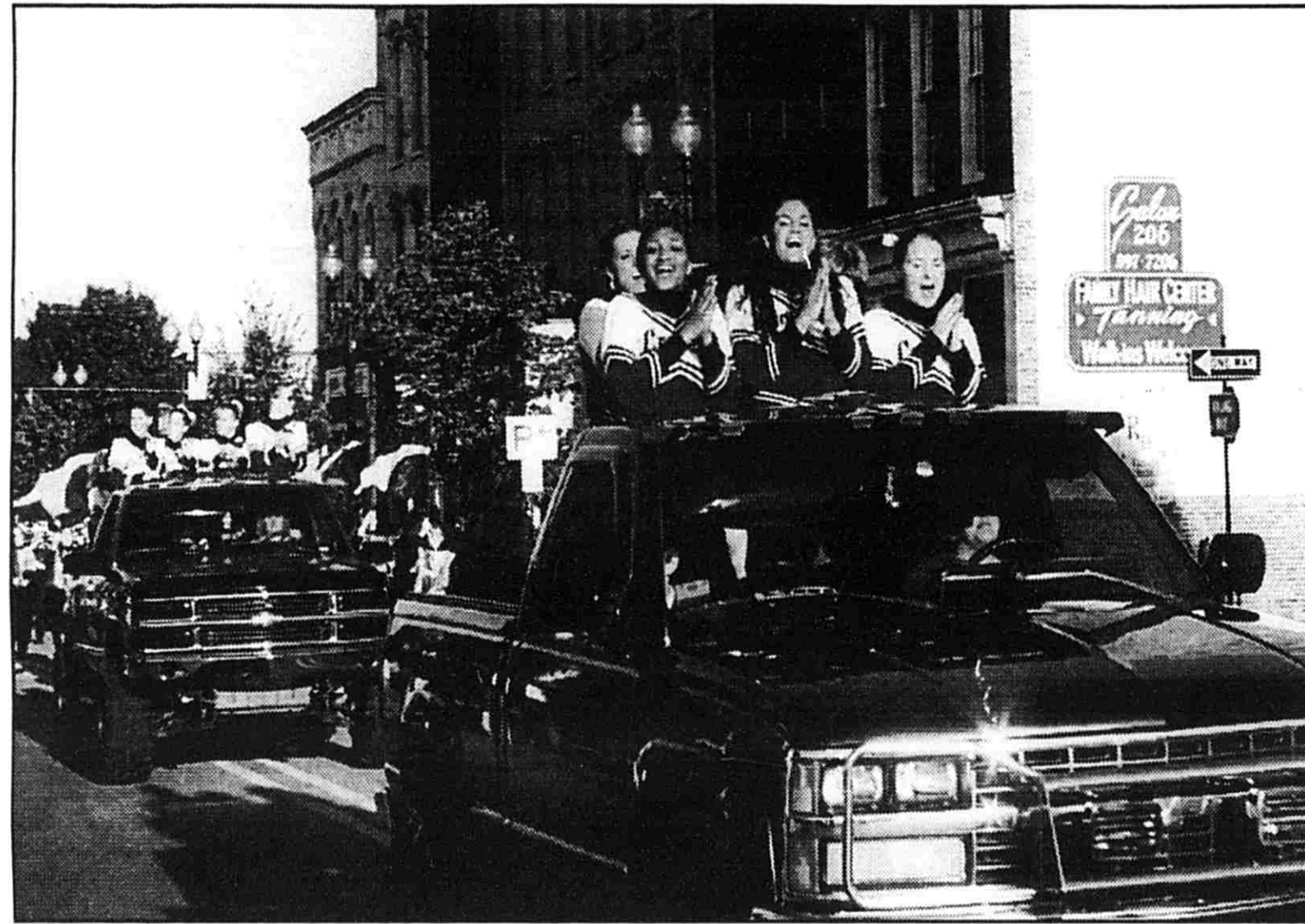
ZACH HORAN - This freshman outside midfielder has good vision of field and accurate ripping shot.

BRANDEN GILLIKIN - This sophomore outside midfielder excels in corners and crossed balls.

CHRIS CRESS - Junior Outside Midfielder

MATT FOSTER - Sophomore Outside Midfielder

HOMECOMING



LHS cheerleaders rally support during the parade.

THEME...
CRAZY UNCLE LUIGI'S
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Queen Rochelle Becker and King Josh Brown.



Members of the Homecoming Court included: front row, left to right: Wendy Bischoff, Sunny Moyer, Queen Rochelle Becker, Ashley Cunningham and Heather Posthumus; back row, left to right: Collin Vincent, Ryan Dorough, David Rozema, King Josh Brown and Gavin Vincent.



Troy Gillan and Christy Akers, master and mistress of ceremonies, sang and introduced the court.



At right, Queen Rochelle Becker is escorted in front of the crowd.



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That's why health care, as an investment area, rarely goes out of style. Regardless of what's going on in the markets, people still get sick, visit doctors, require prescriptions and use other medical procedures.

The health care industry has grown rapidly over the past few years — and it could be attractive to investors, due to several important trends:

Aging populace— Of course, we're all getting older. But now, more Americans are getting older than ever before. In fact, the over-65 segment will expand by 55 percent over the

next 20 years, according to a Census Bureau estimate. And, despite a movement toward healthier lifestyles, people still generally need more health care services as they age.

New international markets — Developing nations and third-world countries spend only a fraction of what the United States spends on health care. However, as these developing nations build their economies, they will likely devote a higher percentage of their total income toward health care.

Medicare reform — Congress continues to debate Medicare reform proposals. Various bills — ranging from significant government involvement to a subsidized, private-payer system — are being drafted. Ultimately, a middle-of-the-road settlement may well emerge — one that helps consumers and continues to provide growth opportunities for the health-care industry.

Within the broad heading of "health care," companies typically fall into four segments:

• **Drug companies** — Although prescription medicines are extremely costly to develop, a "blockbuster" drug, such as Viagra or Vioxx, can prove lucrative to the drug company involved.

• **Medical devices** — Medical-device manufacturers produce products and equipment used to diagnose and treat medical conditions. Some of the most promising companies offer products designed to combat cardiovascular disease.

• **Health care services** — Health care service providers, such as hospitals and health maintenance organizations

(HMOs), must overcome considerable obstacles. Facing increased competition, HMOs have been hurt by not being able to pass higher costs on to consumers. And the hospital industry is in the midst of rapid consolidation.

• **Biotechnology** — Biotechnology firms use genetic engineering and DNA technology to produce therapies and products. Although biotechnology draws a lot of attention, there are some substantial risks involved in investing in this sector. Smaller biotech firms, for example, often operate at a substantial loss, and they typically lack product diversification. Furthermore, these firms tend to rely on outside sources to fund their research and development. Finally, there's no assurance that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will approve the drugs that biotech firms are developing.

Although some health care segments are riskier than others, the industry in general has a bright future. So, if your portfolio doesn't currently contain much in this area, you may want to consider some of the possibilities. It's a good way to diversify your holdings — in a healthy way.



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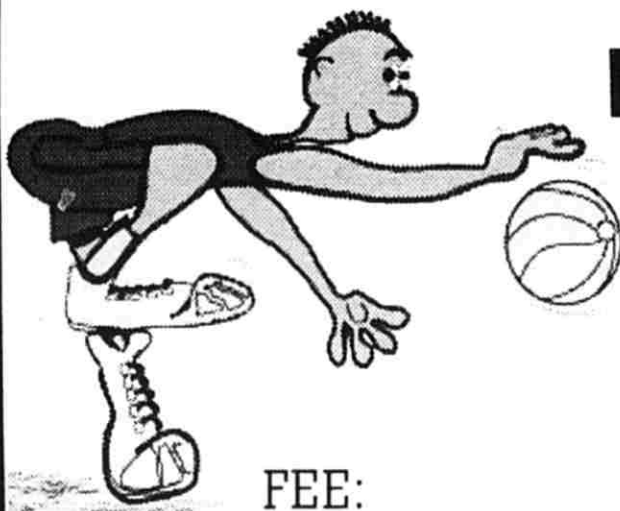
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PROGRAM INFORMATION... The Lowell YMCA will again be offering basketball programs for boys and girls in kindergarten, first and second grades; separate leagues for boys and girls in grades 3-4 and 5-6. There will be two separate programs in Lowell and Alto schools. Both programs will focus on the very basic fundamentals as well as having fun! The programs will be great warm-ups for the winter program and will not interfere with fall soccer!



GRADES K-1st & 2nd

LOWELL AREA STUDENTS...MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM - 6 Weeks

K-1st grade:.....Mondays starting November 6 through December 11 • 5:30 - 6:30 pm

2nd grade:.....Mondays starting November 6 through December 11 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

WHERE:.....Cherry Creek Elementary School

NOTE:.....The 2nd grade program will be slightly more advanced than the 1st grade program.

FEE:

YMCA Member - \$25;
Non-Members- \$37

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K-1st & 2nd grades:.....Thursdays starting November 2 through December 14 - right after school,
3:30 - 4:30 pm at Alto Elementary School



FEE:

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Preschool:.....Saturdays starting November 4 - December 16 • 12:00 - 1:00 pm

WHERE:.....Cherry Creek Elementary School

LOWELL AREA STUDENTS...SATURDAY PROGRAM - 5 Weeks

K-2nd grade:.....Saturdays starting November 4 - December 16 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

WHERE:.....Cherry Creek Elementary School

REGISTRATION DEADLINE • OCTOBER 26

GRADES 3-4th & 5-6th

Practices begin the week of October 23

The teams will practice 2 times a week until games start.
Coaches will call players with their practice days and times.

Games will be played on Saturdays for grades 3-4 and 5-6 and will begin on Nov.11.

Practices will be at area elementary gyms.

Games will be played at Cherry Creek Elementary or at the Lowell Middle School.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE • OCTOBER 16

FEE:

YMCA Member - \$29;
Non-Members - \$40

VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE NEEDED!

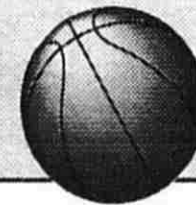
The success of the program depends on parental involvement with their children.

Call the Lowell YMCA if you can volunteer to coach your child's team!

Coaches meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 19 at 6 PM at the Lowell YMCA office.



897-8445



THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. IN PERSON: Stop in at the Lowell YMCA, 323 West Main, Lowell, MI 49331

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