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## LAAC presents the magic of "Harvey"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

"Harvey" will be the sixth Lowell Area Arts Council play Sue Bradford has directed.

"I have a friend who came through Lowell and couldn't understand why community theatres are popping up," Bradford said. "That bothered me. I think they are great and want them to continue."

Bradford was first introduced to Lowell Area Arts Council's annual play ensemble by George Dey.

This marks the 23rd year the LAAC has presented a community play. "Harvey" is, however, the 24th play it has performed (two in one year).

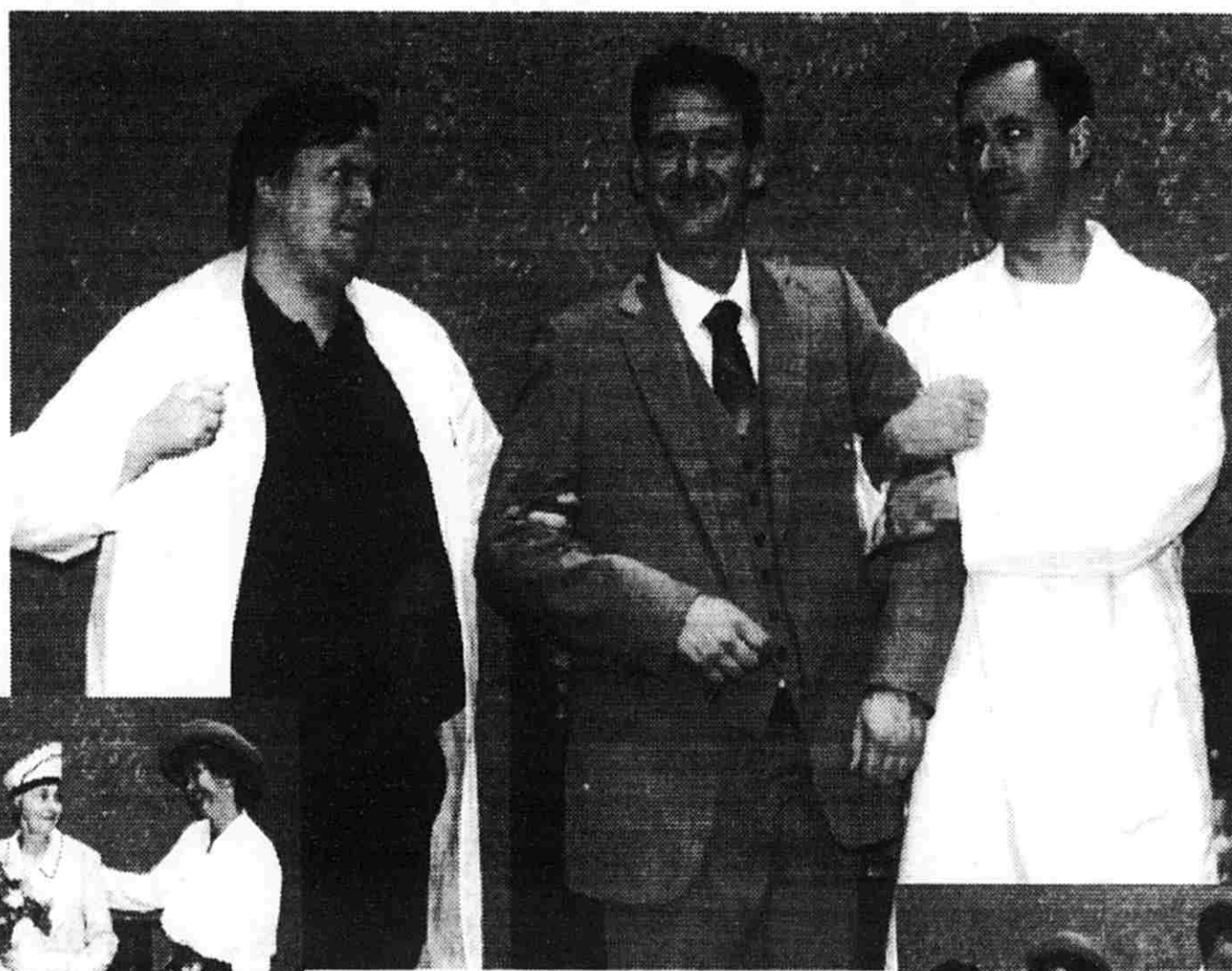
Bradford has also directed "Father's Been to Mars," "Strange Bedfellows," "Savage Dilemma," "Play On," and its sequel "Sing On."

"Harvey" was a Broadway hit and maybe best remembered by Jimmy Stewart's classic movie portrayal.

"Harvey has a magic to it. It's a slight step out of reality, but I don't think it's that far out there - it's like clapping for Tinkerbell," said Jim Ball who will portray Elwood R. Dowd in the LAAC presentation.

For Ball, this is his first stage appearance since 1995. "I guess you could say I've been choosy. I was attracted to "Harvey" because it's a classic," Ball said. "It's also challenging. The language is a unique, upper class, proper dialect."

Ball says he caught the acting bug when he took part in the school play "Bye, Bye Birdie." "It's a gas getting out in front of people and transforming into another human being. And then to hear the audience reaction



vary and are available through the Lowell Area Arts Council or by calling 897-8545. Co-producing "Harvey" are Jim Marron and Debra Duiven.

Pictured, left to right, are: Brent Alles, Wilson; James Ball, Elwood Dowd; and John Butler, Dr. Sanderson.

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, Veta, 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 Mae, and



Pictured, left to right, are: Laura Leasure, Myrtle Mae; Eby Marron, Miss Johnson; and Dianna Roush, Veta Simmons.

(applause) - well who doesn't like apple sauce," he explains.

"Harvey," is a three-act comedy by Mary Chase. Performances will be on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School on Vergennes Road. Tickets are on sale at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, and Family Fare, 2153 W. Main in Lowell. Ticket prices



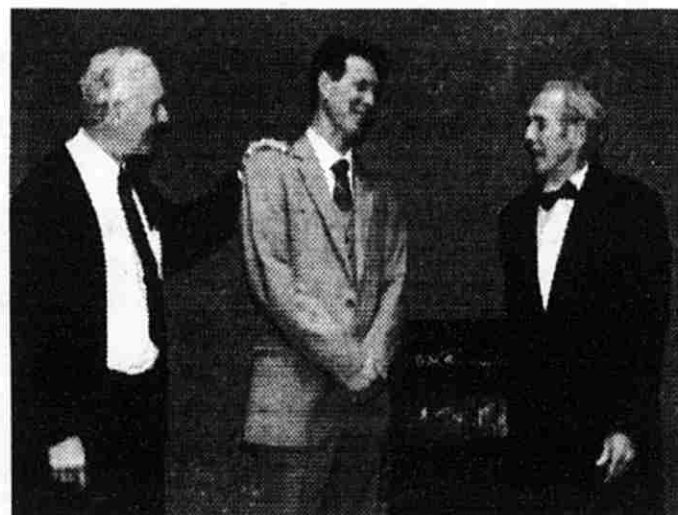
Pictured, left to right, are: Laura Leasure, Myrtle Mae; Dianna Roush, Veta Simmons; James Ball, Elwood Dowd; and Susan Veenema, Mrs. Shauvenet & Betty Chumley.

their family from future embarrassment.

Problems arise, however, when Veta 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 Veta 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 Veta realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all.

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



Pictured, left to right, are: Don Silvis, Judge Gaffney; James Ball, Elwood Dowd; and Jim Marron, Dr. Chumley.

## Lowell City Council approves budgets for power and cable despite lingering questions

By J. N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable finally got approval for its 2000-2001 budgets ... even though the Lowell City Council still had questions and concerns over what was presented.

Representatives from the two boards and Tom Richards, general manager for Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable, presented the budgets to the council at its regular Monday night meeting. The budgets showed

both organizations ending on solid financial ground at the end of the fiscal year. The Lowell Light and Power is expected to more than double its financial reserves, from \$185,367 to \$308,229, while Lowell Cable is expected to go from a deficit of \$134,885 to about breaking even at the end of the fiscal year.

Richards said he credited this mostly to the fact that several reductions in expenditures had taken place. One item targeted by the council during Monday night's budget review was conference and special meetings' ex-

penses which for the two budgets totaled more than \$29,000 for 1999-2000. For the 2000-2001 fiscal year, those expenses are estimated at \$17,500.

The council raised questions over employee pension and benefits along with other compensations, employee salaries, and capital expenses.

"Those are the type of issues we should be notified of," said councilmember Donald Green. Green said the council should not hear from other sources about benefits. In fact,

councilmember Jeanne Shores said she had heard that the Lowell Light and Power staff was receiving different benefits than other city employees, and questioned why the light and power employees were being treated differently.

Some of that stems from the fact that in its charter, the Lowell Light and Power Board is granted the power to make certain decisions, such as payroll, without council approval, noted boardmember Charlie Doyle. Such was the case when the Lowell Light and Power

Board decided to loan Lowell Cable \$150,000 to start its digi-

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# OBITUARIES

**BUCK** - Brian Alan Buck was sent to be with the Lord, Tuesday, October 10, 2000. Brian was 48 and a resident of Grand Rapids. He was a leather tailor and designer for rock greats such as: Kiss, Charlie Heun and Ted Nugent. Some fashion him an icon. He will be missed by his many friends and his family: parents Dortha Buck of Cascade, Keith Buck of Lowell; sisters Debby (Dr. Rob) DeJonge of Ada, Paula (Scott) Beak of Cascade; nephews Jordy and Reid DeJonge; niece Paige DeJonge. Funeral services were held Friday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordie Barry of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment South Sidney Cemetery.

**LAYNE** - Esther H. Layne, aged 76, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Southfield, passed away October 16, 2000. Loving wife of the late Chester, beloved friend of Connie Frank, beloved mother of Larry and Carol, Rickey and Linda, Timothy and Lori and Victoria and Steve Frey. She is survived by 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Wed. from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, 291 Orchard, Saranac. Luncheon immediately following service. Burial will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi at 2:30 p.m.

**MILLER** - Howard Dale Miller, aged 55, of Lowell, passed away suddenly, Monday, October 9, 2000. He was preceded in death by his parents, H. Isaac and Gladys and sister Shirley Babcock. Mr. Miller is survived by his wife Roberta; children Howard Michael (Cathy) Miller of Walker, Barbara (Thad "Buster") Burger of Middleville, Allen Dale (Pamela) Miller of Lake Odessa, James William Miller of Lowell; Robert Schroeder of Belmont, Jonathan (Tricia) Schroeder of Lowell; sisters Marilyn (Donn) VanOort of Dutton, Maxine (Gary) Jackson of AZ; mother-in-law Frances Pugsley of Belmont; nine grandchildren; also nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Masonic Service Lodge in Lowell, #90F and A.M. Masonic Services were held Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Ken Ford of Alton Bible Church officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

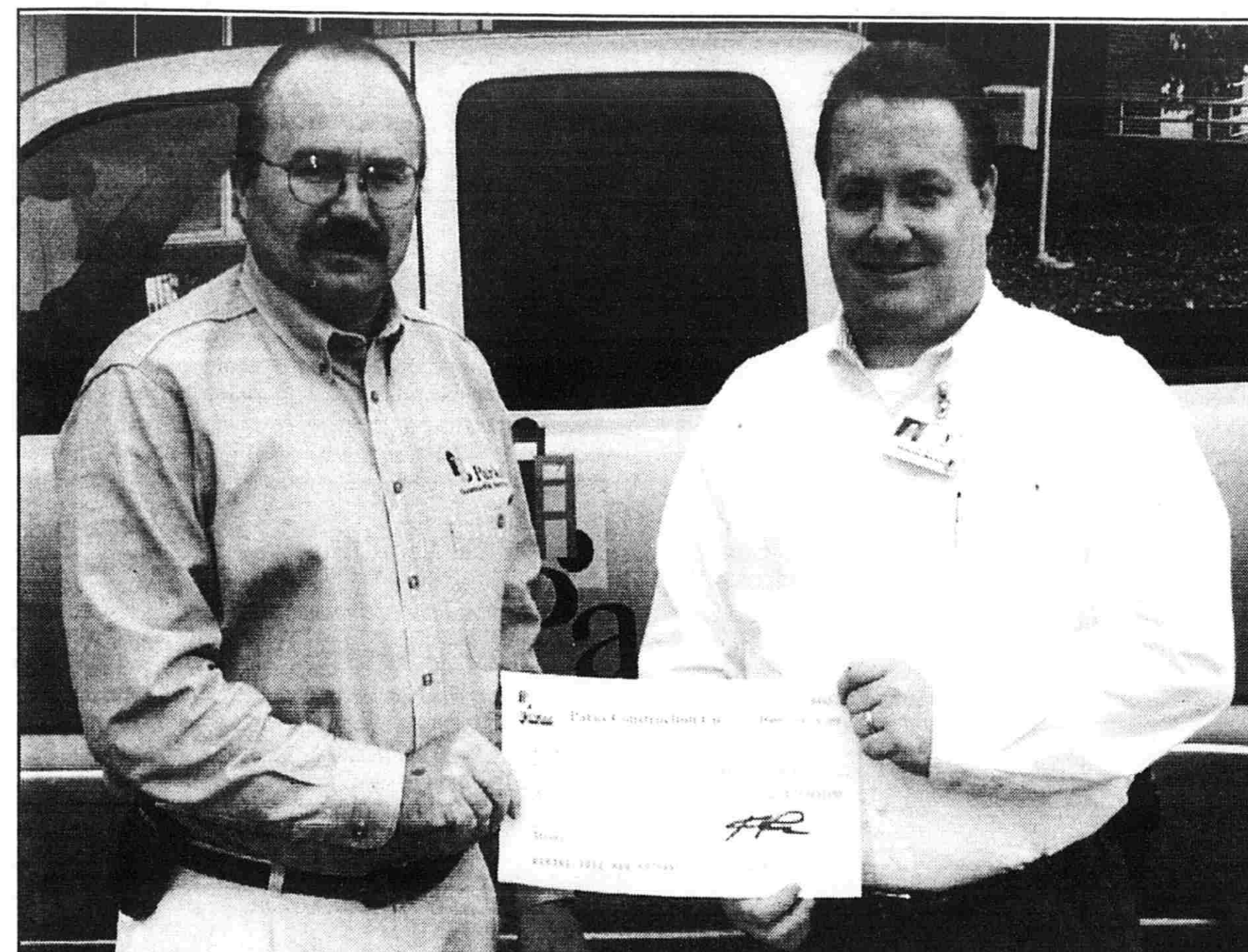
**STANARD** - Robert E. Stanard, aged 79, of Ada, passed away October 14, 2000. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth; sons Randy (Doreen) of Comstock, Rodney (Sue) of Ada, Scott (Sheri) of Grand Rapids; daughters Tracie Short of Ada, Susan Stanard of Grand Rapids; sister Betty (Bob) VanderLinde of Cedar Springs; special sister-in-law Rosalee Kroes of Grand Rapids; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; also other brothers and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Paul Krupinski of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Interment Findlay Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of West Michigan.

**WIELAND** - Carol Ann Conyer Wieland, aged 51, of Lowell, passed away peacefully at her home in her sleep after a courageous struggle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her sister Vicki Longfield. Carol is survived

by her husband Bill; children Jennifer (Philip) Dougherty, Debra (Stephen) Hoeksema, Sarah (Sean) Larson, Christian Wieland; grandson Joshua; parents Charles and Nancy Conyer; sister Cheri (John) Pomeroy; brother Michael Conyer; sisters-in-law Marie (William) Frederick, Norma (James) Peterson; mother-in-law Agnes Wieland; several nieces and nephews and many special friends. She was a member of Alto United Methodist Church of which she was treasurer, a Lowell Township trustee and a Kent District Library board member. Her hobbies included quilting, genealogy and most of all being with her family. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Dominic Tommy of Alto United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alto United

Methodist Church or The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

**VAN TIMMEREN** - Leone J. VanTimmeren, aged 86, of Lowell, passed away October 10, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Neil. Mrs. VanTimmeren is survived by her children Terry (Marilyn) Vincent of Cedar Springs, Delores (Cliff) Bonn of Lowell, Judith (James) Allen of Rockford, Marvin (Carol) VanTimmeren of Holland, Gordon (Sharon) VanTimmeren of Lowell, Edward (Sharon) VanTimmeren of Grand Rapids, Joyce (Tom) Root of Grand Rapids; sister Dorothy Bristol of Gowen; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday at Ada Community Reformed Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice - Visiting Nurse.



## DONATION TONES UP YMCA CENTER'S FINANCIAL FITNESS

Kurt Parks, owner of Parks Construction Services and a Lowell YMCA branch board member, presents Lowell Y executive director Will Welsh with a check for \$25,000 to be used toward the construction of the proposed fitness center. A week ago, the YMCA learned that it will receive \$160,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund to support the fitness and teen centers. The completion date for the projects is Monday, Jan. 1, 2001.

## Magician/storyteller at First Baptist Church of Lowell

Sheldon Rhodes, an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians, will be performing at the First Baptist Church in Lowell on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.

Since 1973, Rhodes, who resides in Nashville, Mich., has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada using magic, juggling, puppets and

storytelling to teach Bible truths. He received his bachelor's degree in Communication Arts and Science from W.M.U. and taught in both public and private

schools until deciding to become a performer. Rhodes is also the author of several books dealing with performing arts ministries. The public is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Sheldon Rhodes will perform at the First Baptist Church of Lowell on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.

No great racing driver has been known for his modesty.

—Brock Yates

## Creatin' costumes

Children can design and create a costume for Halloween with professional artists at the Franciscan Life Process Center. This two-day "create your own costume" workshop is for children ages 6-12.

Children are asked to bring an old, over-sized t-shirt along with any old costumes and accessories to add to the many other materials provided for the costume workshop.

The cost is \$25 per child; the event is on Thursdays, Oct. 19th and 26th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. For more information or to register please call the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

To understand everything makes one tolerant.

—Germaine de Staël

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## Christian Life Center to host "Creation First" seminar

A "Creation First" seminar will be conducted at Christian Life Center Assembly of God, 3050 Alden Nash SE, for the next three Sunday evenings, Oct. 22 and 29 and Nov. 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

Charles Bultman, a science teacher for over 30 years, is the instructor. This multimedia presentation is designed for audiences Jr. High through adults. Bultman said, "I have witnessed that the belief in evolution is one of the major reasons people reject the Bible and the creation of the world. My goal is to show that the Bible is completely accurate and that those who believe in the authority of Scripture can be intellectually honest with science and themselves."

This seminar will include such topics as "Creation ... Education ... Evolution ... Confusion - Solution," "Evidence for the Age of the Earth" and "Dinosaurs with Man?"

Robert Holmes, pastor of the church, invites the public to attend; infant nursery will be available.

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE OPTTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM TESTING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IS WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2000, 11:00 a.m. at the Historic Township Hall 8240 Alden Nash.

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3. Vandalized or smashed pumpkins
4. Shaving cream residue
5. Egged premises

The holder of this policy must submit a Halloween prank claim via the telephone by calling the Lowell YMCA office (897-8445) between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 (weekend pranks) and/or Wednesday, Nov. 1.

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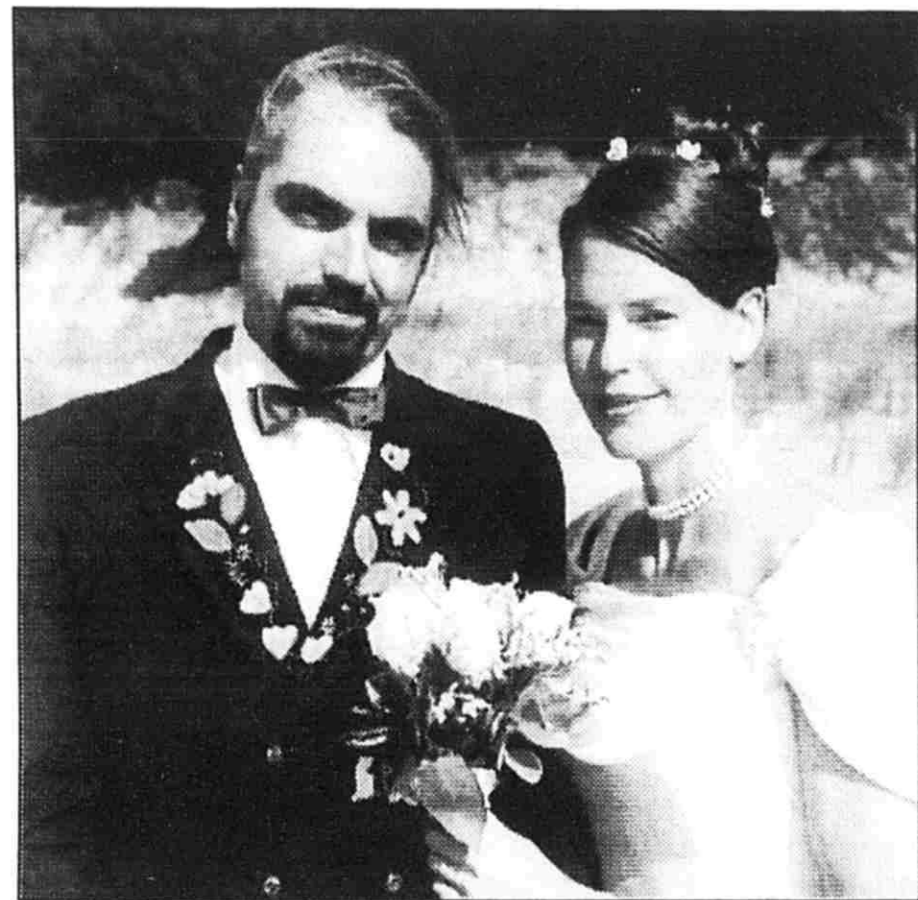
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## Johnson/DeHoog

Christy Joy DeHoog and Marc Richard Johnson were married on Aug. 19, 2000 in an outdoor ceremony at Saugatuck.

Parents of the bride are

John and Peg DeHoog of Muskegon and the groom's parents are Dick and Sally Johnson of Alto.

Matron of honor was Joan Dykstra. Best man was John Tewsley.

The couple reside in Grand Rapids.

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Experience is by industry achieved, and perfected by the swift course of time.  
—William Shakespeare, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*

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**ELEMENTARY**  
\*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.  
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**TUES:** Turkey gravy w/biscuit, pizza burger on bun (w/mozzarella & pizza sauce) blueberries, whipped potatoes.

**WED:** Hot dog on a bun or beefy burrito w/roll, pineapple tidbits, peas, vanilla raspberry pudding.

**THURS:** Ravioli w/cheese & garlic toast, grilled mozzarella sandwich w/pepperoni, Rainbow apples, tater tots.

**FRI:** Chicken nuggets or baked ham, grapes, mixed vegetables, cornbread.

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**WED:** Chicken nuggets or French dip on bun au jus, peas, potatoes, peas.

**THURS:** Soup & potato bar: baked potatoes, soup, diced ham, cheese sauce, broccoli, bacon bits, sour cream, black olives, onions, choice of fruit.

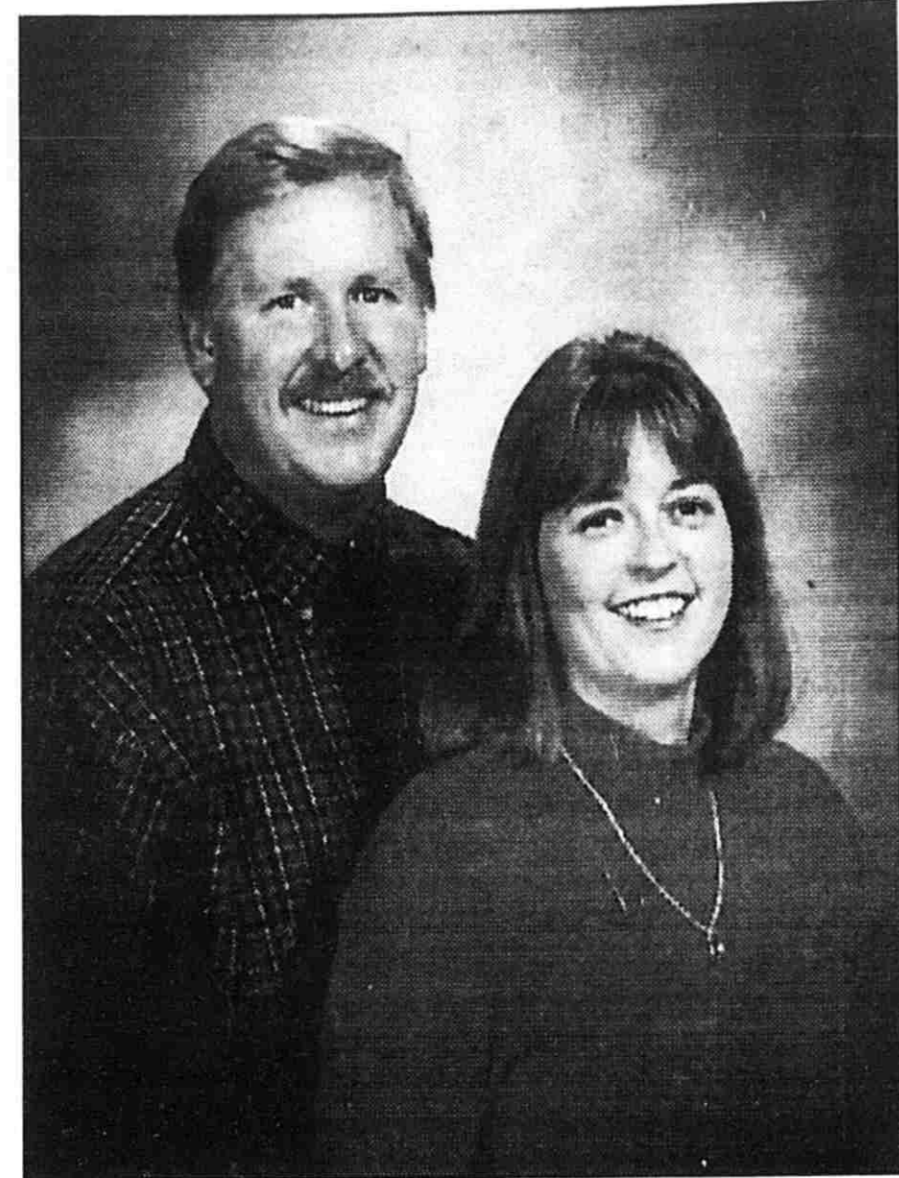
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## Peckham/Fisher

Mary E. Peckham of Lakeland, Fla. is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter Karen of Winter Haven, Fla., to Charlie Fisher, also of Winter Haven.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Richard M. Peckham of Lowell. She graduated from Lowell High School and Polk Community College in Florida. She is currently employed by Comcar Industries, Inc.

Fisher, the son of Gilbert and Doris Fisher of Red Oak, N.C., graduated from Enfield Academy and Louisburg College and is employed by Hunt Construction Co.

A January 27, 2001 wedding is planned.



## Menendez/Briggs

Rick and Carol Briggs of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Marc, to Megan Menendez, daughter of Ross and Cheri Menendez.

The bride-to-be and future groom both graduated from Michigan State University with teaching degrees. They are both employed by Lansing Public Schools.

A November 11, 2000 wedding is planned. The ceremony will take place in Royal Oak.

## Reflections Of Faith

Burland D. Margesson,  
pastor First Baptist Church

Through the course of this month I am attempting to answer the following question:

What in the world is the Church to be? I am basing my reflections on the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, especially verses 41 - 47. The key verse states: "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine (teaching) and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer." Thus far I have emphasized two strong characteristics of that early church.

First, they were deeply

devoted to the Word of God. This elevates their message far above the opinion of man, his philosophy and his speculations. Secondly, they were highly involved in worship. Someone has suggested that we ought to think in terms of God as being the full audience in our worship rather than ourselves.

A third factor that seems to aid in our quest for an answer to the question stated above is that of our fellow-

ship. This is another word used frequently but often missing the New Testament strength of meaning. This is that good old Greek word called *koinonia*. It speaks of joint participation in the same work or in the same group or in the same course of life. It has the strength of a marriage contract. The design of God for our fellowship goes far beyond cake and coffee.

Dr. Ray Stedman, a Reflections, cont'd pg. 6

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# Viewpoint . . .

By Priscilla Lussmyer

## Ledger Entries

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

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 20, 1875

Lumbermen are being paid \$18 to \$26 per month. A new dramatic organization has been formed, with Mrs. Houghton directing the plays.

The big drainage ditch on the west side has been completed; no more flooding in town on this side of the Grand River.

A new tax law on liquor has made its way through the courts and declared legal.

The Lowell Alerts Base Ball team has done very well, winning all games since its reorganization in July.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 18, 1900

The editor agrees with a reader that the proposed foot bridge across the Flat does not need expert engineers, that local talent can get a good job done quickly.

Red and white have been chosen for the high school colors, and a committee is at work on a high school yell.

Political campaigning is well into its second week, with ads, news stories and even local correspondents weighing in on one side or another.

Mrs. Giles, a soprano soloist at the Congregational Church, has accepted an engagement with the Baptist Church.

"If you want cheap hats, Mrs. Hiler's is the place to get them."

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 15, 1925

Potato wagons and trucks pour into town, and Runciman elevator reports a one-day take of 2,000 bushels, at a good price of \$1 per bushel. Also, 10 carloads of beans have already been shipped.

Kent County now has 451 miles of improved (paved) roads, versus 116 of unimproved.

The editor notes, with the coal strike continuing, that Pres. Teddy Roosevelt ended one by threatening to nationalize the industry.

## Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

### NASAL CONGESTION (RHINITIS)

Nasal congestion, or rhinitis, is a very common symptom, especially here in Michigan. There are many causes, from the simple viral "cold" to the more chronic symptoms associated with allergies. Rhinitis can also be caused from cold air, or changes in humidity.

Treatment depends on the specific cause of symptoms. Typical cold medications use guaifenesin or pseudoephedrine to relieve symptoms. Allergy sufferers benefit from daily antihistamine use. Some patients take these only as needed, but the greatest benefit occurs with daily use. Nasal steroids are also used if other medications are not effective.

Some preventative measures are helpful to allergic rhinitis sufferers. These include encasing pillows and mattresses, removing carpet from bedrooms and changing furnace filters frequently.

If you suffer from chronic nasal congestion, note the timing of your symptoms (i.e., fall, spring, only at work/home, etc.) as this helps determine the most effective treatment for your symptoms.

A page devoted to automobiles gives hints for repairs and discusses the right-of-way problem caused by selfish drivers. Seymour Hesche of Lowell Township has 10 Poland China pigs that qualify for the "Michigan Ton Litter" contest. They came in at 2,214 pounds.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 19, 1950

The state's first (freight) carload of navy beans, CROP food for the overseas hungry and homeless, leaves the C.H. Runciman elevator to join food cars from other states for shipment overseas.

Dave Clark's suggestion of a high-level sewer for Main Street (river bottom was the other alternative) is drawn up by village engineer Albert Roth and approved by the village council. Store owners will probably pay about \$8 a foot, and sewage will no longer land illegally in the river.

South Boston Grange farmers protest against the coming vote to allow colored oleo, predicting that substitutes will

damage and eventually destroy dairying. A Republican Women's organization is started in Lowell, with Frances Jefferies as president and Mrs. Gould Rivette, secretary-treasurer.

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE OCTOBER 16, 1975

Low-cost senior housing for the community is this week's discussion point for the six city council candidates.

The new additions to Bushnell and Alto elementary schools will be open to visitors this Sunday afternoon.

The Moose-sponsored Halloween party will be held the day before, because Halloween will be Friday, when football games and other activities will be available.

Twenty-one junior class members at Lowell High School are available for work assignments. They are earning money to take part in the Youth for Understanding program next year.

Monday, October 13 was a record-breaking 87 degrees.

## Sharing The Vision

PETER L. GUSTAFSON  
Lowell Board of  
Education President

My last article commented on the financial implications of the voucher proposal - the potential loss of millions of dollars from funds available for public schools if vouchers pass, because large numbers of students now attending private and parochial schools would begin receiving tuition payments of approximately \$3,300 per year from the school aid budget. It is a simple fact of political life that state tax dollars will be shifted from public to private schools to make these payments, even if no new students leave the public schools to attend private institutions.

A second major area of concern arises from the manner in which the voucher proposal permits local school districts to become "voucher districts." The political campaign in favor of Proposal 1 focuses only on poor performing districts with low graduation rates (such as Detroit). The campaign ads imply that vouchers would happen only in these districts. The actual terms of Proposal 1, however, go much farther. Under the

ballot proposal you will vote on, any school district in the state, by the simple majority vote of its school board, can become a voucher district. Likewise, a small number of citizens in a district can petition to put vouchers on the local ballot. Once vouchers are approved by the school board or local ballot, they remain in place forever in that district.

Thus, it is not just poor inner city students who will be eligible for tuition payments under Proposal 1. The wealthiest school districts in the state - with virtually no students needing state financial support to attend exclusive private or parochial schools - can adopt vouchers by a 4-3 vote of their school boards, and from then on all students in those districts, regardless of need, will receive tax supported tuition payments. You can imagine what a boon this will be to all of the well-known private and parochial schools that wind up at the top of the state athletic rankings every year.

I guess my biggest question about Proposal 1 is this: Why isn't the Michigan voucher proposal being presented straight-up as a vote on whether all students in Michigan, regardless of need or circumstance, should be entitled to receive tax supported tuition payments to attend private and parochial schools? Each of us could then vote our position and our conscience on a clear issue, in true democratic fashion. Unfortunately, however, Proposal 1 is presented as one thing when its true legal effect is, in fact, very different. Yet I have confidence that voters will see through the hype surrounding Proposal 1, and will weigh all of its implications, including the potential adverse impact on our fine public schools here in Lowell, when they go to the polls this November.

## TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

In regards to Jack Misner's biased statement on vouchers. For shame, Jack. Your letter was incorrect about private education. Jefferson did not say children had to be educated in a public school. This country was founded on religious freedom. It does not say we had no choice or that we had to pay double. (Taxes on public school plus tuition. We have no kings or queens in America, where do you get the aristocracy bit?)

I'm from a family of seven and had seven of my own. My parents struggled to give us part of a private education and had to switch to public when they could no longer afford otherwise. We did the same for our seven. We're middle class, not princes or dukes. I graduated from Marywood. There was no discrimination of non-Catholic or color of skin. Rich or poor, we were all treated equally. There were 13 to a class for

individual attention and required college prep classes were chosen for us. We were allowed to pick one extra if our grades were kept up (art, music or a second language). There were no drugs or teen pregnancies. We were taught respect for self, teachers, parents and country. We were not forced to learn about homosexuals, evolution or sex-ed.

I have seen the "required" reading my kids brought home from the Lowell Middle and High schools. Some of it was so disgusting I told them to return it unread. Parents do have a right to monitor home or school. Why do you think we struggle to pay school taxes and tuition when we should only have to pay one? Think about it. Private prayer is the only thing keeping this country safe. Where do you think Clinton and Gore were educated? (Morals of Alleycats.) They both publicly favor full term abortion as the baby is being born. Is this what kind of government and education you want for your kids and grandkids? Not us!

Praying individuals are the one stability this country has left. Private education speaks for itself.

Jerry Francis

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

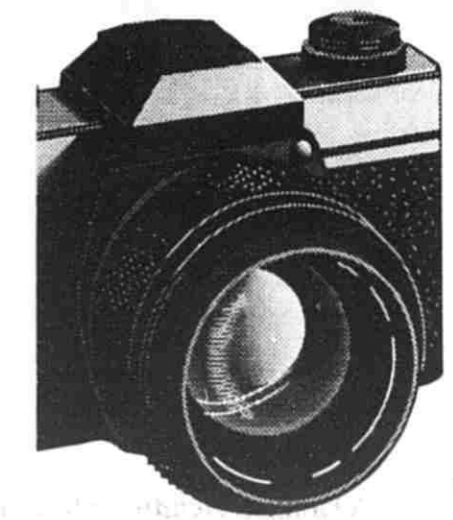
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# Lowell seniors initiated into Women's Club

Lowell Women's Club held their first meeting of the year on Sept. 13 at Schneider Manor. It was sponsored by Helen Koewers, a resident at the manor.

The honorary senior girls were recognized with their sponsors and initiated into the Women's Club. Lisa

LaHaye gave an update on school activities while Judy Schreur, the speaker of the day, spoke on "Celebrating Life."

Kara McMahon and Liz Brander spoke on "Home Life" at the October 11th meeting. Mark Burns of the sheriff's department talked

about Safety Smart and showed a very informative video.

The next Women's Club meeting will be held at Schneider Manor Community Room on Nov. 8.



Front row, left to right, are: Karrie Akers, Lisa LaHaye, Katie Gunburg, Kristy Akers, Theresa Thompson; middle row: Kara McMahon, Elizabeth Brander, Heather Posthumus, Abbey Goff, Abbey Matthews; back row: Barb Pierce, Kristi Ford, Lindsay Koehn, Virginia Bultema and Jessica DenHouter.

## Reflections, continued.... From Page 4

former pastor of note on the West Coast, wrote a fascinating volume called "Body Life." He gave great emphasis to the relationships of believers in the Body of Christ. We are placed in this body by a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that wonderfully accompanies our personal faith in Christ as Savior and Lord. The New Testament contains the phrase, "One another" at least 58 times. The early church manifested a strong and vibrant relationship to each other through times of great persecution and dire need. Many of those who owned

property sold all they had in order to sustain the whole community of believers.

I like to think of life in a local church as similar to a great choir and orchestra. All is in tune and the harmony is deeply moving and beautiful. This becomes our witness to the world around us. The Lord Jesus said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." This is "Fellowship" and that is a part of our reason for our very existence.

## Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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### Don't Lose IRA Assets To Pay Estate Taxes

When you accumulate wealth in your IRA, you're certainly helping yourself prepare for a comfortable retirement. But if you're not careful, your big IRA could end up making things quite uncomfortable for your heirs.

The problem can arise if you don't actually need all the IRA money you've saved. If you don't use it, where does it go? In all likelihood, it will end up as part of your estate — and that means your heirs could be looking at a large estate-tax bill. Of course, laws constantly change; in fact, there is a push in Congress to eliminate the estate tax. But it hasn't happened yet — so it's clearly better to take matters into your own hands.

If you don't plan ahead, your heirs will actually be hit with two sets of taxes once they inherit your IRA as part of your estate. First, there's the estate tax. If your taxable estate is worth at least \$675,000 in 2000, then it may be subject to estate taxes. (This figure will rise gradually to \$1 million over the next several years.) If your heirs don't have the money to pay these taxes, they may have to cash out your IRA — which means they'll also owe income taxes. Together, these two taxes could wipe out more than 70 percent of your IRA's value.

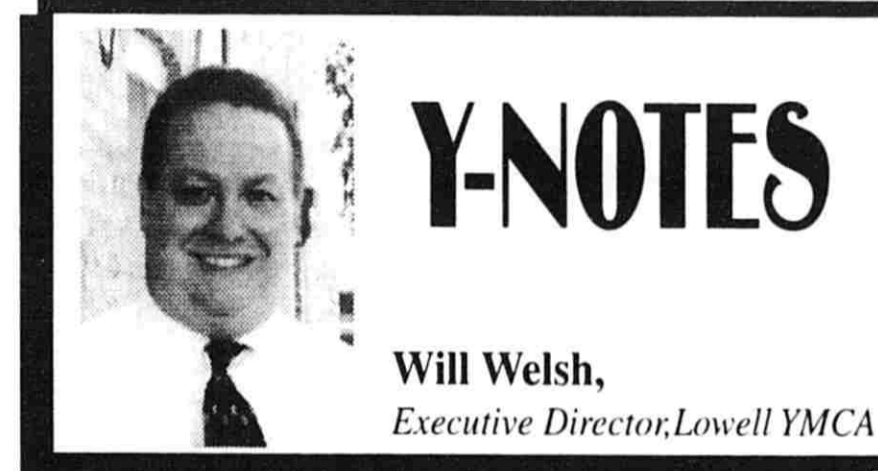
Fortunately, you can take steps to prevent this from happening. For one thing, you may consider "spending down" your IRA while you're alive and saving other assets to pass on at death. You also could name a charity as the beneficiary of your IRA, thus avoiding all taxes on the IRA. Or you could do the same thing you would do to protect against other types of risk — buy some insurance.

Specifically, buy a policy on yourself and name your heirs as the beneficiaries. Once your estate is settled, your heirs can use the insurance proceeds to help pay the estate taxes. To avoid having the policy become part of your taxable estate, you may want to establish a life insurance trust as the legal policy owner. Family members also could own the policy. The cost of the premiums will be a lot less than the estate and income taxes your heirs would face if you did nothing.

Actually, your heirs will still have to pay income taxes on the distributions they receive from your IRA. However, IRS

regulations allow them to stretch these distributions out over a number of years — or even over the course of a lifetime. This stretchout allows your heirs to minimize their tax burden by spreading it out over a long period of time. And the money they leave in the IRA will continue to grow tax-deferred — or tax-free, in the case of a Roth IRA.

You should see your tax adviser about how your IRA might affect your taxable estate. By making the right moves today, you can save your beneficiaries headaches — and possibly taxes — in the future.



## Y-NOTES

Will Welsh,  
Executive Director, Lowell YMCA

### Asset Development: Empowering Children

Why do some kids grow up with ease, while others struggle? Why do some kids willingly get into trouble and participate in dangerous activities while others spend their time contributing in a positive way to their community? And finally, why do some children brought up in the most difficult situations imaginable beat the odds and become healthy caring adults while some children born with multiple resources available follow a destructive path?

For over a month now, I have been sharing the concept of Asset Development - 40 building blocks, or concrete experiences/qualities that have a tremendous influence on young people's lives. Research shows that the 40 developmental assets help young people make wise decisions, choose positive paths, and grow up competent, caring and responsible. Last week I shared the need for kids to have support from multiple areas. Young people need to experience support, care and love from their family, school, neighborhoods and friends. They need institutions and organizations that provide positive, supportive environments. This is one of the eight categories

that the 40 Developmental Assets are broken into. This week I will explore the need for children to have empowerment.

The empowerment assets relate to the key developmental need for youth to be valued and valuable. The empowerment assets highlight this need, focusing on our community's perception of youth, as reported by youth and opportunities for them to contribute to society in meaningful ways. Out of all 40 assets, the one asset consistently identified as missing from as many as 85 percent of youth surveyed is "Community values youth. Youth perceive that adults value young people." Perception is reality. In Lowell, how many of our youth can honestly say adults make them feel important, listen to what they say or feel like they really matter? If asked, how many of them would feel that adults don't care about people their age?

An additional asset that is consistently identified as missing from youth is "Youth as resources. Young people are given useful roles." Other than employment, what do we as organizations do to encourage youth and show that we value them? At the YMCA, our leaders club does meaningful community service projects, volunteer with our sports programs and help teach young kids values such as caring, honesty, respect and being responsible. Putting our teens in these roles really gives them a sense of empowerment. Putting our teens in these roles shows that they are valued and that they can make a positive contribution to our community. Putting our teens in these roles shows them that they are respected and valued for the energy and new refreshing insights they can bring to the task at hand, whatever the task may be. One of your YMCA's goals is to have a teen representative serve on our YMCA committees such as child care, programs, Invest In Youth and on our Board of Directors.

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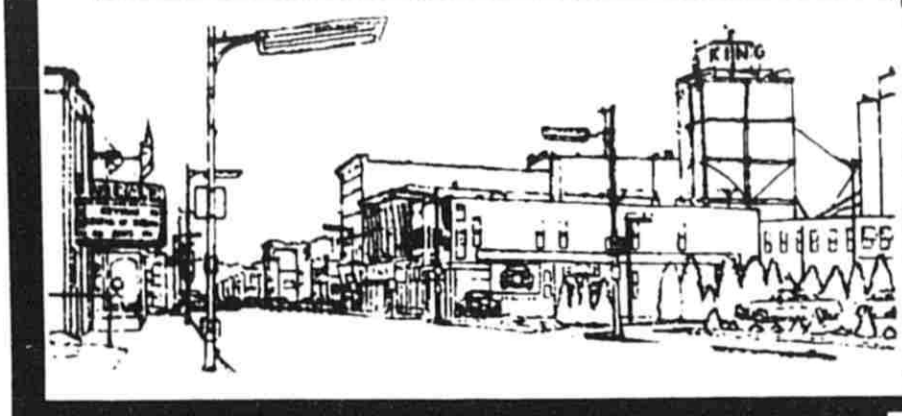
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### HOCKEY TEAMS CONDUCTING A POP CAN DRIVE

The Lowell varsity and jr. varsity hockey teams will be collecting popcans on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help pay for uniforms and equipment.

Your help is appreciated; the hockey program is not funded by Lowell Area Schools.

### SENIOR PARENTS OVERNIGHT MEETING

Attention: Senior Parents. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School cafeteria for parents with students graduating in 2001. Please plan to attend this important meeting for the senior overnighter.

### LAHA TO HOST "HISTORY EXPLAINED" PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will host a "History Explained" program on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Lowell Township Hall.

The public is invited to this program which will explain and answer any questions regarding the plans for the Lowell Area Historical Museum as well as offer members and the public an opportunity to bring objects and artifacts that have a story surrounding them. Light refreshments will be served.

### 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.

### FALL DAY CAMP

The Franciscan Life Process Center will host a fall day camp on Saturday, Oct. 21 for children 7-14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child. Call the center at 897-7842 to register.

### YMCA GYMNASTICS PROGRAM TO START

Gymnastics classes for boys and girls ages 3-8th grade will be held at Lowell United Methodist Church and at Runciman gym beginning Oct. 31 thru Dec. 19. Limited class size, so register now at the Lowell YMCA, 323 W. Main or call 897-8445.

### AUTUMN CELEBRATION AT WITTENBACH CENTER

The Lowell High School Environmental Club will be providing an "Autumn Celebration" for children to attend with their parents on Friday, Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center on Vergennes Rd. The cost is \$3 and costumes are welcome.

Events may include crafts, apple dunking, bake sale, pumpkin and face painting, and Halloween walk. For more information call 987-1002.

### FREE TRICK OR TREAT BAGS

Hey kids!!! Free trick or treat bags are available just by stopping in at the Lowell YMCA at 323 W. Main. Pick yours up today!

## Y-Notes, cont'd... From Page 7

Last week the YMCA was awarded a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund for the development of a teen center. What makes our program different from, say, a pool hall or arcade? The adults that will be interacting with the youth. Sure, YMCA staff will be there, but so will teachers, police and church leaders. All of these groups have made a commitment to become involved in this venture. The other key point that will ensure success is TAG. We will be developing a Teen Advisory Group made up of teens. By giving the teens the responsibility of developing their center, helping to build it, manage it, evaluate it and improve it—we are empowering them to make a difference in their own environment and in the community they live in. This center will also address the other two assets in this category, service to others and safety.

The sad fact about empowerment is that this category of assets is the one that can take the longest for a community to have a positive impact on. If we remember that perception is reality, how long will it take for our youth to perceive that they are truly valued and respected? It can take up to 75 years for a community to permanently change its perception of youth. Asset Development is not a quick fix, is not a program, and is not the next craze sweeping the country. Asset Development is a way for all of us to have a permanent and lasting impact on the children we surround ourselves with. Asset Development is a framework that includes everyone. Families, schools, neighborhoods, congregations and all agencies, institutions and individuals in a community can and need to play a role in building assets for youth. We all need to commit ourselves to work with youth from early on through early adulthood. At that point, we share the gavel and these empowered young adults will be charged with the responsibility of helping to build assets in the youth that follow.

Contact the YMCA at 897-8445 for your copy of the Asset Development Approach. An eight-page brochure will be sent to you at no charge.

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No one who is enjoying life is a failure.  
—William Feather  
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# Deer crashes up in 1999, motorists advised

Because there were 67,669 deer-vehicle crashes reported in 1999, Gov. John Engler has declared October "Michigan Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month." After two years of decline, the number of deer-vehicle crashes in Michigan jumped 3.5 percent last year, according to the Michigan State

Basch of AAA Michigan, chair of the coalition. "For this reason, the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition urges motorists to exercise extreme caution to reduce the number of deer-vehicle crashes statewide and supports herd-management programs offered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)." According to the DNR, a reduction in the size of the deer

the highest number of car-vehicle crashes. The top 10 include: Kent (2,070), Jackson (2,033), Calhoun (1,852), Oakland (1,759), Montcalm (1,605), Mecosta (1,502), Menominee (1,480), Eaton (1,381), Ingham (1,363), and Kalamazoo (1,326).

Deer crashes are life-threatening and costly. Last year, six people died as the result of a deer-vehicle crash, compared with four deaths in 1998. More than \$100 million is paid out in collision repair claims as a result of deer-vehicle crashes. The average claim is about \$2,000.

Crashes involving deer occur most frequently during the months of October, November and December. Deer crashes peak during the 6-9 p.m. period.

To reduce your chances of a car-deer crash:

- Look for deer, especially in the evening - and slow down if you see them;
- Watch for deer-crossing signs, a reminder to drive cautiously;
- Drive at lower speeds through a posted area any time of the day or night;
- Use common sense - wear safety belts, stay awake, alert and sober;

- If you can't stop, don't swerve out of your lane. It's generally safer to hit the deer than run off the road or risk injuring another motorist; and
- If you hit a deer, report the crash to local law enforcement.

According to the DNR, Michigan has white-tailed deer in every county in the state. Recently, the DNR has expanded deer-hunting season and issued more permits.

During 1999, an estimated 550,000 deer were taken during the deer-hunting seasons, slightly less than 1998.

## TOP FIVE CAR/DEER CRASH LOCATIONS IN KENT COUNTY

Kent County	Total Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Personal Injury Crashes	Property Damage Crashes	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
Cascade Twp.	143	0	7	128	0	8
Ada Twp.	136	0	5	126	0	5
Plainfield Twp.	135	0	7	120	0	8
Algoma Twp.	128	0	2	124	0	2
Cannon Twp.	126	0	3	120	0	3

Police.

According to a recent study by the Michigan State Police, in 44 of Michigan's 83 counties, 40 percent or more of all crashes last year were car-deer-related. An abundant deer herd and an increase in the number of vehicle miles traveled are partly to blame.

"Despite our best attempts to raise awareness, population trends land-use changes, deer herd size and miles driven are contributing to an increase in deer-vehicle crashes," said Jerry

herd from its present 1.9 million to 1.5 million over the next five years should slow the rate of increase in deer-vehicle crashes. Without intervention, deer-vehicle crashes are predicted to increase at an estimated 1.5 percent per year, or by 15,000 crashes over the next five years.

The coalition believes its strong education and awareness campaign has contributed to recent stabilization of crash numbers while motor vehicle miles driven continue to climb. In 1999, Kent County retained its lead as the county with

the team which included about 50 Lowell students.

"I see no better way to send the right message to the youth of this community," Blough said, after the council unanimously voted to purchase the signs.

Parent Noreen Balaam approached the city about purchasing the four signs which would measure 36 by 24 inches and would have a

green background with white lettering. The signs, at Balaam's suggestion, would be placed near the four major entrances into the city of Lowell. Each sign would cost \$63.

The council agreed, passing a resolution for the purchase of the signs and requesting the Department of Public Works to put up the signs near each entrance.

The signs will state "Home of the Lowell Equestrian Team - 2000 State Champions Division A." Balaam said she wanted to make it something simple that people could easily read as they came into town.

School board accepts donations totaling over \$58,000

The new Wittenbach Agriscience and Ecology Center has been furnished with high quality furniture.

Furniture donations were made by Peter Wege and the Steelcase Corporation in the amount of \$53,727.50.

The center provides a new learning facility for the Lowell community and comprises approximately 65 acres of preserve and a new \$500,000 agriscience facility.

"Their donation of excellent high quality furniture has made a tremendous difference in the quality that we can provide our students and community," said Lowell School Board president, Peter Gustafson.

Other gifts accepted into the district by the board of education are:

- a \$2,000 donation of plywood sheets to be used by the high school model shop by Behr Industries Corp.; and
- a donation by Mary Milan of a mink coat and stoles valued at \$250 to be used by the high school drama department.

## City purchases four signs to honor local equestrian team

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Saying it was the "least it could do," the Lowell City Council agreed to purchase \$252 in signs to recognize the Lowell Equestrian team.

The Lowell Equestrian team brought home top honors from the State Championship Oct. 8. This is the first time since 1928, when the boys track team won a state

championship, that a Lowell team has earned a state title, according to Bob Perry. It is also the first time in the 26-year history of the state equestrian competition that the state title went to a team on the western side of the state.

With all that in mind, Mayor Mike Blough said the least the city could do was to purchase four signs recognizing the accomplishment of

## YMCA K-1 SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM



A big thank you to the Lowell School administration and parents for helping to make our transition to the Runciman Center a huge success! Special thanks to Larry, Carol and the bus drivers for going that extra mile to make sure we get to and from Bushnell.

We love our new room. We still have a few openings for kindergarten old days. For further information call 897-1230. Callie, Lindsay & Staff

## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD 9/18/00 - 7:30 P.M.

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

Motions approved: Minutes of August meeting. Treasurer's Report and invoices. Fire Department Report on new fire tanker, removal of land from PA116 resolution opposing Proposal 002, tabled increasing sewer maintenance fees, notification of non-approval of grant application, QVF update of computer equipment, approval of township planner on a per hour basis. Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission on Monday, November 6, is re-scheduled for Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. The change in date is due to the township hall set up for the election November 7.

Several residents requested that the Township publish the Michigan legislators that represent Vergennes Township. They are as follows:

Michigan 31st District Senator  
**Ken Sikkema** State Capitol Building  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536  
Phone (517) 373-0797 / (800) 774-1174  
Fax (517) 373-5236  
E-mail: senksikkema@senate.state.mi.us

Michigan 73rd Representative District:  
**Doug Hart** State Capitol Building  
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Lansing, MI 48909-7514  
Phone (517) 373-0218 / (888) 414-3684  
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Michigan Governor:  
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Planning Commission of Vergennes Township

# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION, OCT. 9, 2000

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Kyle Hines, a Student Council Representative, reported that students enjoyed the Homecoming activities and football game, a group of Student Council members attended a "team-building" training session, and Sunday there was a crew of students participating in the Road Clean-Up project.

**STUDENT REPORT - WINGS UPDATE** - Pam Thomas, Doreen Truax and Ellen Lietzke along with several students reported on the WINGS activities at Lowell Area Schools.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** - Pete Siler received a plaque from the Board of Education in honor of his receiving the 2000 Michigan Farm Bureau Agriscience Educator of the Year award.

**ACTION ITEMS** - Accepted the following gifts:

- Jim Hackett of Steelcase, Inc. a donation of furniture to equip the Wittenbach Agriscience Center in the amount of \$53,727.50
- Behr Industries Corp. donation of plywood sheets valued at \$2,000 to be used by the high school Model shop.
- Mary Milan donation of a mink coat and stoles valued at \$250 to be used by the high school Drama Department.

Adopted a resolution stating the Board's position on the Proposal 1 "The School Voucher Amendment."

### CONSENT ITEMS

Approved were:

- The minutes for the September 11, 2000 Special Meeting, September 11, 2000 Regular Meeting, September 28, 2000 Special Meeting and October 2, 2000 Special Meeting.
- Approved the following payment of bills:  
GENERAL FUND \$1,257,001.29  
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND  
A. Food Service Fund \$7,615.39  
B. Athletic Fund \$28,811.96  
TRUST & AGENCY FUND \$30,467.76  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$4,850.00  
ENERGY & MAINTENANCE \$56,836.84

- Accepted the Canvass Report for the September 26, 2000 special election.
- Approved the Overnight Student Trips for the 2000-2001 school year as presented.
- Approved Christine Tozer as the third member of the Parents' Advisory for Special Education Committee.
- Adopted the Bond Authorizing Resolution to sell bonds not to exceed \$14,000,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the project.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION REPORT** - Karen Burd, principal of Bushnell Elementary, introduced teachers' Susan

Barry and Karla Carpenter who presented a short video of how character is being incorporated into the students' learning at Bushnell Elementary School.

**FOOD SERVICE UPDATE** - Lynne Kotarski, Food Service Director of Chartwell's, reported on the services, accomplishments, and goals of the Food Service Department.

**BOARD POLICY REGARDING LOCKER SEARCHES** - The Board discussed a proposed locker search policy required by Public Act 87. The Board will consider the adoption of the policy at their November Board meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke announced the State championship of the Lowell Equestrian Team and reported that two studies will be conducted dealing with athletics and music during the 2000-2001 school year. Bert congratulated Pete Siler on his Farm Bureau teacher award and thanked the community for passing the bond proposal.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Regular Board Meeting**  
Mon, November 13, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.  
Runciman Admin. Bldg. - Board Room  
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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
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OF THE  
CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the Clerk called Roll.  
Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Sergeant Stephen Junewick, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan and Planning Commissioner James Hall.

City Clerk Betty Morlock swore in newly appointed Councilmember Daniel Brubaker.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2000 regular meeting as written.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2000 closed session meeting as amended.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

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

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/02/00)**

GENERAL FUND	\$85,456.80
MAJOR STREET FUND	\$1,158.88
LOCAL STREET FUND	\$1,158.89
DDA FUND	\$7,393.17
AIRPORT FUND	\$24.33
WASTEWATER FUND	\$140.18
WATER FUND	\$595.71
DATA PROCESSING FUND	\$514.16
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$131.67
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$48,123.75

**Item #1. AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLANS FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TABLED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.** At the September 18, 2000 meeting, a question arose during the public hearing concerning the extent of the district and whether it included the entire Showboat Amphitheater property. Upon review of the map, all parcels in the area are included within the Downtown District. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) passed a resolution on August 17, 2000 expanding the boundaries of the DDA District to include Recreation Park (for future projects). Also, the Development and Financing Plan was amended to encompass 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 projects, including the parking lots work.

City Manager Pasquale encouraged the Council to adopt the plans.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to bring the issue to discussion.

Councilmember Green stated the Parks and Recreation Commission is excited about the opportunity to receive assistance from the DDA on projects. He stated the Commission had questioned whether the DDA had projects in mind, which have not been discussed yet. Pasquale responded no.

Councilmember Myers questioned if Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall was satisfied with the answer concerning the amphitheater. Hall responded yes, but questioned why the City owned parcel south of Main Street (Moose property) was not included in the district. Pasquale explained the plan can be amended to include this parcel when the DDA wishes to proceed on a project.

Blough stated it has been moved and seconded to adopt the amendment to the Downtown District and the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans for the Downtown Development Authority as amended.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #2. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - ALLOWANCE OF VEHICLE REPAIR FACILITIES AND VEHICLE SERVICE STATIONS IN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS BY RIGHT AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT - RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION - ADOPT OR ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEARING DATE (10/16).** In a response to a request from realtor Joice Smith, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the adoption of a zoning ordinance amendment allowing vehicle repair facilities and vehicle service stations in Industrial Districts by right and Light Industrial District by special use permit at its September 25, 2000 meeting. The Commission believed these uses to be consistent with current allowed land uses within these districts.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to set a public hearing date for October 16, 2000 regarding the Zoning Ordinance amendment for the allowance of vehicle repair facilities and vehicle service stations in Industrial District by right and Light Industrial Districts by special use permit.

Planning Commission Chairman Hall stated the discussion made sense and believed this was more appropriate than dealing with the issues on a variance basis.

Councilmember Brubaker noted the Commission had approved Vehicle Repair in the General Business District at a prior meeting. The Commission believed if it were allowed in the General Business District, these should also be provided in the Industrial and Light Industrial Districts.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. RIVER CITY FIRE PROTECTION, INC. (1375 EAST MAIN ST.) - REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER P.A. 198 - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE (10/16).** River City Fire Protection had petitioned the City to establish an Industrial Development District under Public Act 198 in order to qualify for property tax abatements in connection with future improvements to its facilities. River City Fire Protection had initiated construction of a 7250 square foot facility on the north side of East Main Street adjacent to the East City Limits.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to establish a public hearing for October 16, 2000 regarding River City Fire Protection, Inc. at 1375 East Main St. for the consideration of an Industrial Development District.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. REJUVENATION OF WELL NO. 2.** Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan presented proposals for the rejuvenation of Well No. 2, which includes pulling the pump for inspection and repair.

Two quotes were received:

Layne-Northern (Lansing)	\$14,900.00
Peerless-Midwest, Inc. (Ionia)	\$11,443.11

Regan noted the critical amount in the quotes refer to labor cost. The parts cost will not be known until the well is out of the ground.

Regan recommended the Council award the project to Layne-Northern at a cost not to exceed \$14,900 allocated from the Water Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the quote from Layne-Northern, not to exceed \$14,000.

Councilmember Myers noted the quote from Peerless-Midwest, Inc. is more detailed. He asked if Regan was comfortable with this. Regan responded this does not mean all bases were covered in the quote. He

has had a great working relationship with Layne-Northern and stated the company stands by their quotes given on labor costs. Regan noted Layne-Northern did an excellent job on Well No. 1.

Mayor Blough questioned the quote. He stated it is for \$14,900. However, Regan explained the \$8,500 is basically an estimated parts cost while \$6,400 is a firm fixed price on labor cost. Blough stated Regan has asked, which has been supported in the motion, not to exceed \$14,000. He stated it would be his estimation of whether to exceed the \$6,400 to the \$14,000 expending it for the parts. If the parts were to exceed \$14,000, then he would presume Regan would come back to the Council for further approval. Regan stated he would be surprised if the amount is exceeded.

Blough questioned if the item was in the budget. Regan responded yes.

Myers stated the quote was for \$14,900. Blough explained the quote was for \$14,900 with \$8,500 as an estimated parts cost and \$6,400 being the cost of the fixed price of labor.

Blough asked what price should be listed in the motion. Regan suggested \$14,900.

Blough questioned if Green wished to amend the motion for Layne-Northern not to exceed \$14,900. Green stated yes and Shores agreed.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** No comments were received.

**Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Brubaker questioned how the City handles Act 198 requests. City Manager Pasquale explained it is a two-phase process. First, it involves the establishment of a district. Then, the business must apply to the City for an Industrial Exemption Certificate. Approximately twelve years ago, the Council established a policy whereby the individual applications are provided points. The points earned would then equate to a number of years of abatement. Pasquale stated the Council holds a public hearing on each request and then asks for a presentation from the applicant. Once this is completed, the applicant and the City complete an application which is then sent to the State Tax Commission to approve the request.

Brubaker questioned if fees were charged. Pasquale responded currently there are no fees.

Brubaker questioned if this work was done in house or sent out to the City Attorney. Pasquale stated everything is completed in house.

Brubaker thanked the Council for appointing him to the City Council and stated it is an honor.

Councilmember Myers understood an approval for a new crosswalk had been received. He questioned when this would take place. Pasquale stated there was an approval for a crosswalk between the King Milling parking lot and the Riverwalk. Unfortunately, while MDOT states a crosswalk can exist at this location, on street parking would have to be removed. Upon review, it was found it would affect a number of parking spaces. Particularly, in front of the businesses by Sneaker's and Hahn Hardware. The business owners have expressed much concern about losing these spaces.

The City has also reviewed the possibility of installing a traffic light at Monroe and M-21. While it is not the best route to use when wanting to cross from the parking lot to the Riverwalk, it does provide a secure crosswalk.

Myers asked if parking would be lost with the installation of a traffic light. Pasquale responded no, the parking would remain intact.

Myers inquired how long it would take to know if the light was to be placed. Pasquale responded soon. The City has contracted with Ed Swanson of Wade-Trim who has done previous work for the City, to complete the required study to determine the qualifications of a traffic light.

Councilmember Green gave condolences to the Fonger family regarding the recent loss of Jack Fonger. Green stated he served with Fonger as a Councilmember and learned much from him during the two years of service he shared with him. Lowell has lost another good leader.

## CHEERLEADERS LEAD LOWELL CONTINGENT IN RACE FOR A CURE

Lowell varsity cheerleaders, staff and mothers took part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure of breast cancer in Grand Rapids.

Breast cancer affects one in every eight women. Marsha LaHaye, Lowell varsity cheerleading coach, said the race is a perfect opportunity for the girls to give back to the community and to show support for a great cause.

LaHaye is hoping to make this an annual event for the cheerleaders and possibly even expand to other groups in the school. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Shanda Yonker, Nikki Elliott, LaHaye, Katie Stanford, Danielle Corteville and Lisa LaHaye; back row, left to right, are: Kathy Talus, Ginny Weber, Marcia Ebling, Kim Nyson, Laurie Kuna, Jolynn Stalsonburg and Rachelle Becker.

Not pictured are Kristi Ford, Katie Blough, Toni Blough, Erin Weber, Brittany Huisman, Laura Becker, Lori Bessey, Treasure McElveen, Jennifer Corteville, Susan DeVos, Sue Teunis, Amy Teunis, Laurie Summerfield and Susan Nielson.



# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Blough read the following letter received from the City of Grand Rapids:

I trust you were as pleased as I to see the full-page advertisement about the good work that the members of your football team are doing in the community.

Last year we began a Mayors Youth Council for 9th and 10th graders in both our public and private schools. I plan to use this report to stimulate them in developing the program this year and that they wish to pursue.

You can be very proud of such fine young people hard at work in your community.

Sincerely,  
Mayor John H. Logie.

Blough also commented on the last issue of Sports Illustrated. Under "Keys to the City", it stated, "Our compliments and congratulations to the Lowell High School Football Team."

Blough read the following letter from the Kent County Fire Commission:

Subject: Addition to the Kent County Fire Commission membership.

At the meeting of the August 11, 2000, Kent County Fire Commission approved the addition of Sparta Township and Village Fire Department to the Fire Commission membership. As the Fire Commission agreement requires a positive vote of 3/4 of the governing body of each Fire Commission member, you are asked to vote on the inclusion of Sparta Township and Village Fire Department into the Kent County Fire Commission. Sparta's inclusion into the Fire Commission will impact the assessment formula by allocating expenses to a larger membership. You are asked to consider approval of Sparta's membership at your next regularly scheduled Board meeting and advise the Fire Commission no later than November 1, 2000.

Blough requested City staff review the request and report back to the City Council with a recommendation.

Blough commented on the number of complaints received on the trash and recycling service. There have been three additional complaints since the last meeting. He also received a written response from Marilyn Andrews of 1289 Sibley stating she has had problems.

Blough stated there seems to be a minimal amount of complaints over the last few weeks.

Myers suggested the complaints be monitored for at least an additional four weeks.

Brubaker questioned the length of the contract. Pasquale responded the City has a three-year contract and is

currently coming to the end of the first year.

Blough requested City staff continue to monitor the number of complaints. He noted the residents may call City Staff or him with complaints.

Blough noted the County Administrator Controller Daryl Delabbio will hold the next regional meeting with local governmental units in Kent County on October 20, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. at the Englehardt Public Library. If residents wish, they can meet the County Administrator Controller and bring items up for discussion.

Myers asked if this was an open forum type meeting. Blough responded yes.

Councilmember Myers reported on the Kent District Library. The last few meetings held included discussion involving internet filtering systems. This is operated primarily off a patron's card and will monitor levels in which they are allowed to use. Myers also noted during the September 21 meeting, the Board approved the library hours for a number of different branches. The proposed schedule for the Englehardt Library is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Pasquale stated the library hours are increasing from 36 to 44 hours per week.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to approve the effective hours as proposed for the Englehardt Public Library.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #7. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

The following meetings minutes were presented:

- Chamber of Commerce meeting (including Goal Setting session) of September 13
- Community Recreational Committee meetings of June 29 and September 5
- Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of August 16
- Planning Commission meeting of August 28

At its September 25 meeting, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Held a public hearing on the Conservation Woods townhouse development encompassing 54 units between Gee Drive and the Ridgeview Shopping Center. Since the northern phase of 29 units is in the R-2 district, a special use permit is required. Public com-

ments were received. The hearing was adjourned until the October 23 meeting.

- Approved the downtown parking lot site plan submitted by the DDA. There were four contingencies mentioned concerning the boat launch, the trash dumpster location, handicapped access to buildings (Hahn's/Sneaker's block) and address the back entryway to the Chamber of Commerce building. These were the primary concerns. Councilmember Green questioned the contingency on the boat launch. Pasquale responded that there be one. He explained where it is right now will be blocked off.
- Approved a site plan for the construction of two self-storage buildings at 2401 W. Main submitted by Todd Landman.
- Approved a site plan for Maplewood Square Phase II (22 units) off Ridgeview Drive submitted by Michael Nosko.
- Formally denied the AT&T special use proposal for a communication tower off Gee Drive because of SR zoning.
- Reviewed the Century Tel proposal for co-locating on the Cable TV tower. Voted 4-4, tabled until the October 23 meeting.

2. As a reminder, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals will have a variances workshop held on Monday, October 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at City Hall.

3. As requested by Council, three trash complaints have been received at City Hall from September 19-26.

4. The Light and Power and Cable TV budgets will be presented at the October 16th meeting.

5. There has been continuing discussion about Gee Drive improvements. This came into play when this was reviewed by the Planning Commission when the Conservation Townhouse Development was considered. Pasquale received a verbal confirmation that Gee Drive will be a Major Street. This will be effective retroactive to July 1. In looking at the funding for this road, which will cost approximately \$800,000, an important step is to consider Federal Urban Aid System monies which provide federal funding of up to 80 percent of the cost of reconstruction. Upon official notice of the Major Street designation, the City staff will ask that Gee Drive and Foreman Road be placed on the federal system.

**Item #8. APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Blough noted there are two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:  
Monday, October 16, 2000

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

# Students now capturing meetings through the eye of the camera

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

City and school meetings and other community events are being video recorded with a youthful eye... thanks to the genesis of Lowell High School's video production class offerings which have drawn the interest of 45 students.

The class requires each student to complete 20 hours outside of school attaining video tapings of community activities and meetings.

The new video production technology also allows for students to generate school announcements on the classroom monitors. "It augments the P.A.," said Richard Graham, Lowell Performing Arts Center coordinator.

"I think, at first, some students may have thought this course was going to be fun and games," Lowell High School instructor Laurie Summerfield explains. "They now know they are expected to work and learn. I'd say

about 80 percent of the students came into the class with a legitimate interest."

Lowell Cable Television marketing and programming manager Debbie Deane and general manager Tom Richards have helped in the transition.

Richards aided in finding editing equipment for purchase.

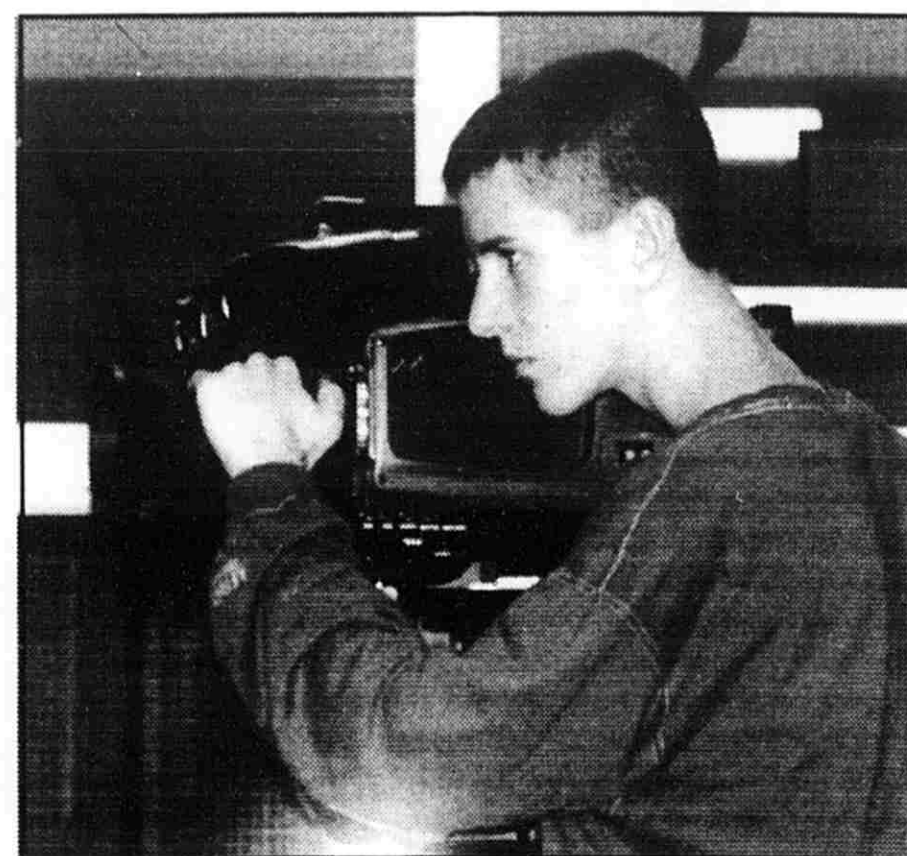
"I knew a colleague who was selling some equipment. I put him in touch with the high school," Richards said. "It was a combination of a sale and a tax-free donation. This is a wonderful opportu-

nity for students to learn and practice skills."

Helping them hone some of those skills are video production class instructors Graham, Summerfield and Bill Ingraham.

"Overall, things have gone well," Graham said. "As with most new things, there is some tweaking that needs to be done."

The two classes are diverse in size. One has 18 students and the other has 32. Based on the school equipment, 32 is difficult to manage, according to Graham.



Tim Priest is steady with the camera at the school's October Board of Education meeting. Helping Priest with the video taping was fellow student Megan Feehan.

## LL&P/Cable, cont'd... From Page 1

tal television program, a move that Green questioned.

Green said even though the council did turn over the Lowell Cable to the Light and Power Board, he was under the impression the board's charter did not govern that it could accept loans for the cable company without approval from the council. The Lowell City Council asked for clarification on the matter from city attorney Richard Wendt.

It also asked that along with the questions about salaries and compensation, the Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable boards draft and institute a policy over the use of a shared vehicle that was recently purchased. Mayor Mike Shough said that policy should state when the vehicle can be used and who would enforce its usage.

Overall, the budgets for the two organizations looked good. The Lowell Light and Power is estimating its total revenues to be about \$4.5 million for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, which is about 4.9 percent above the previous year's \$4.247 million. Expenses will be up from about \$4.06 million in 1999-2000 to \$4.15 million.

Lowell Cable shows its revenue jumping by 17.4 percent over last year, from \$783,528 to \$919,754. Expenses are expected to increase only .5 percent, jumping from \$918,413 to \$923,316.

Richards said the two groups are coming off one of their most challenging years which included the addition of several employees as well as the institution of a new program recommended by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that the board adopted.

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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2000**

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

Auburn Land and Energy has requested a Special Use Permit to co-locate a Voice Stream communication device on an existing Consumers Energy tower located at 10010 Grand River Drive (PP#41-20-07-400-013).

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
17<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION  
POSTING AND  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
File No. 00-09516-DM

Hall of Justice  
333 Monroe Avenue, N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

BRANDEE LLOYD BLUE  
SS# 537-74-2697  
1060 - 3rd Street, N.W., #1  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
versus  
RONALD WAYNE BLUE  
SS# Unknown  
Last known address:  
10665 Glacier Highway  
Juneau, AK 99801

LEGAL AID OF WEST-ERN MICHIGAN  
By: Leslie C. Curry  
(P31222)  
Attorney of Plaintiff  
89 Ionia, N.W., Suite 400  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616-774-0672, Ext. 116

TO: RONALD WAYNE  
BLUE, Defendant

IT IS ORDERED:  
1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before December 1, 2000. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.  
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.  
3. A copy of this order shall be sent to RONALD WAYNE BLUE at the last known address of 10665 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 99801 and to Ronald Blue's mother's address.

September 25, 2000

KATHLEEN A. FEENEY

# 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 areas. 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 call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

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

**SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH:** 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all residents. Interested persons meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

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

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

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

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 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 V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

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

**1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info, call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

**1ST TUES.:** WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

**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.:** Women's Community Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time from 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary Chr. Church across from Burger King. For information call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) 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 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 details.

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

**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 12 p.m. 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.

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

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

**THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 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.

**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 #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., 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; 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 light breakfast. For information, call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

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**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting held third Mon. 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.

**THURS., OCT. 19 & 26:** Create your own Halloween costume at the Franciscan Life Process Center, for children ages 6-12 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The 2-day event is \$25 per child. For more info. or to register call 897-7842.

**SAT., OCT. 21:** Pop can drive from 10 - 2 p.m. by

Lowell varsity & jr. varsity hockey teams - to help pay for uniforms and equipment.

**SAT., OCT. 21:** Fall Day Camp at Franciscan Life Process Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Children ages 7-14 should bring a sack lunch, beverage is provided. Cost is \$25. For info. or to register call 897-7842.

**THURS., NOV. 2:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses: Doris Ellis, Shirley Weeks, Dorothy Randall & Dani Smith; program: Jim Doyle "Lowell Area Historical Assoc.;" sponsor: Evelyn Briggs.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the second of two required meetings for the year on

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2000**

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

On the agenda is any and all business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

### 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., OCT. 18:** 7:15 a.m., Music Cedar Springs, B. King. **THURS., OCT. 19:** Noon Dance Westside Complex.

**WED., OCT. 18:** 10 a.m., Advisory Council. **FRI., OCT. 20:** 12:40, Gerontology Network.

**WED., OCT. 18:** 3-6 p.m., Sr. Neighbors Open House. **MON., OCT. 23:** 12:40 Shop Meijer.

**WED., OCT. 25:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

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

# Red Arrows remain perfect; title tilt with Eagles Friday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Special play from its special teams ignited Lowell as the Red Arrows ran their record to 8-0 with a 49-24 thrashing of Zeeland.

The win sets up an OK White conference championship showdown with an 8-0 Hudsonville team Friday at Lowell. The Eagles defeated Forest Hills Northern 28-10 after trailing 10-7 at halftime. "I think Lowell will have to be able to do both, run and pass, against Hudsonville. I think Hudsonville can stop their run if that's all they have to worry about defending," Zeeland coach Stan Jesky said.

It was Lowell's special teams play that the Chix had problems defending in the opening seconds of the game.

Josh Brown gathered in the opening kickoff at the Red Arrow nine-yard line and raced 91 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was good and Lowell had an 8-0 lead.

The Chix then fumbled the ensuing kickoff giving Lowell the ball back at the Zeeland 27.

Four plays later, Ken Palcowski rumbled over from nine yards out, increasing Lowell's lead to 14-0.

"We had some nice special teams play tonight," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "That helped set the focus on the football game. These are high school kids and they have been hearing a lot of things about the business going on next week."

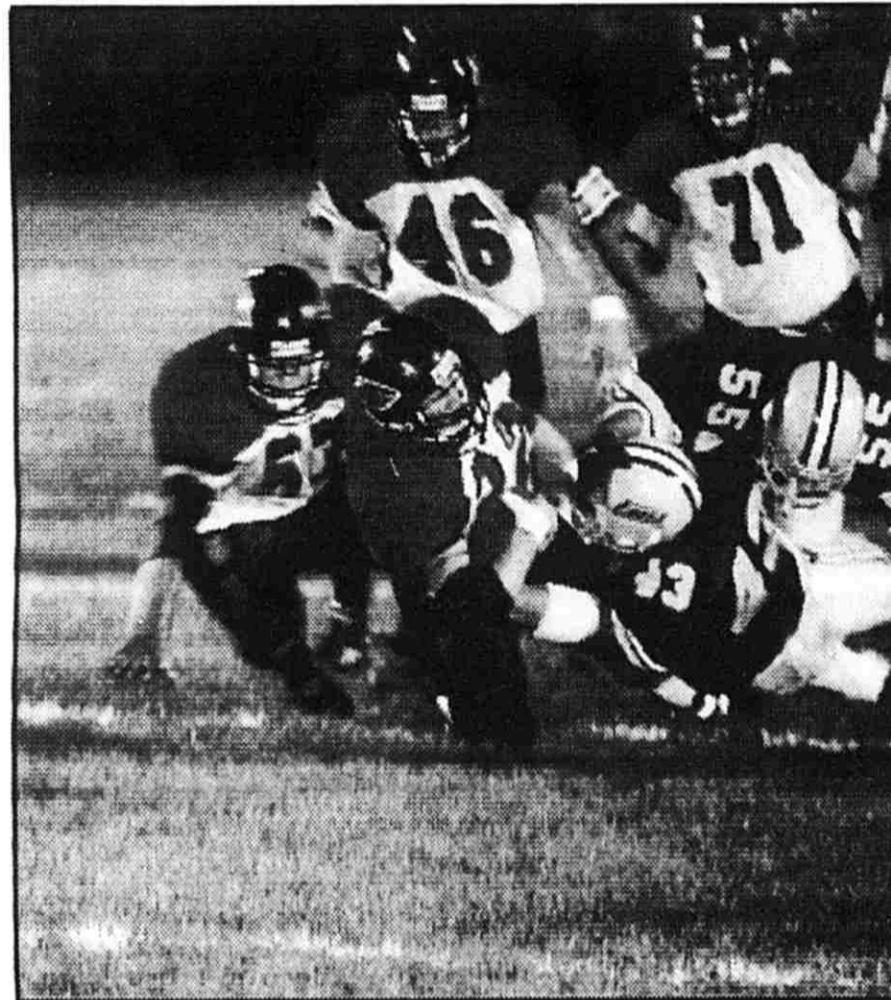
On Lowell's next possession, the Red Arrows kept the focus as they marched 74 yards in 12 plays with Brown running it in from the three yard line, giving Lowell a 21-0 lead.

"We got off to a terrible

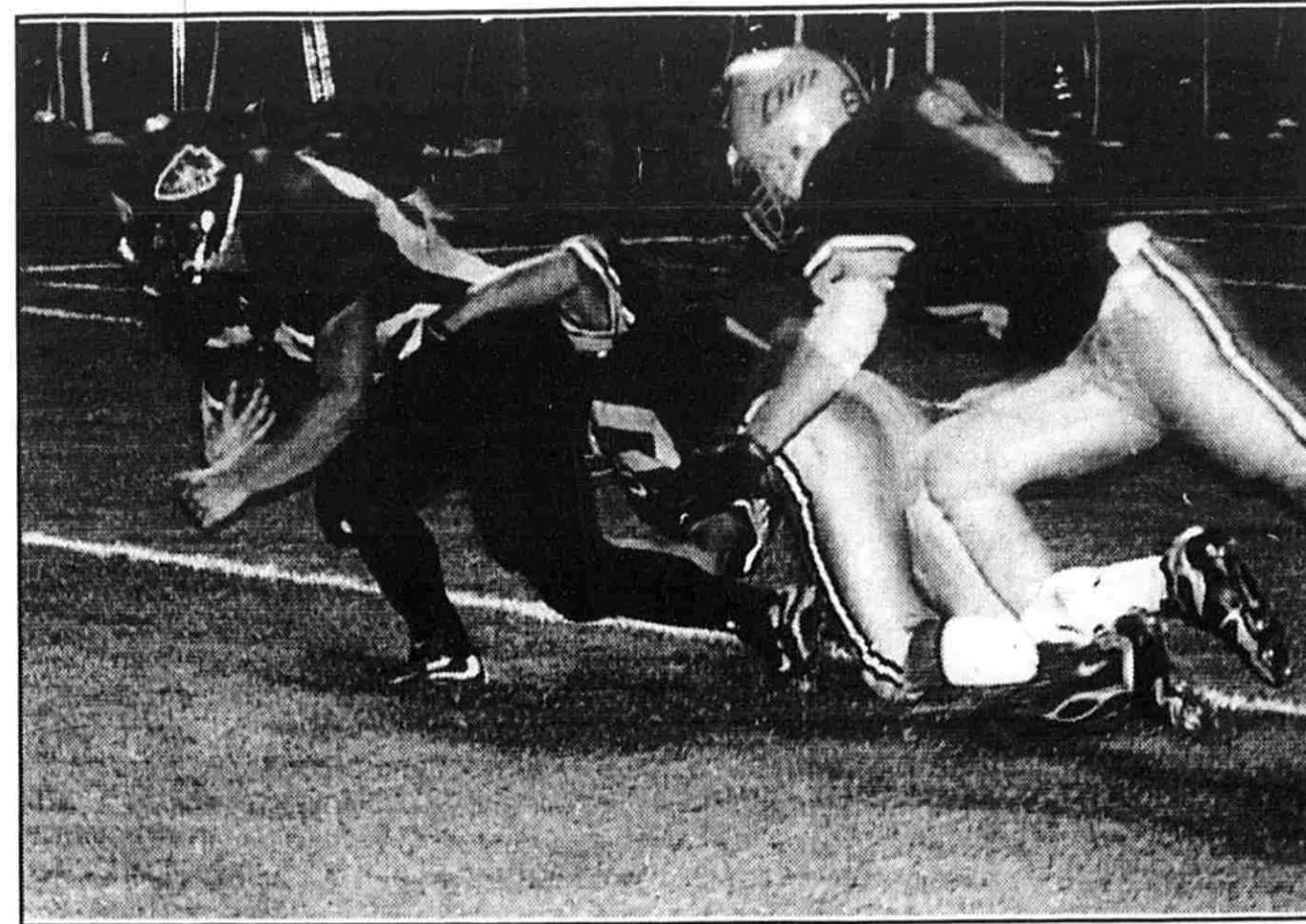
start against a very good offensive football team," Jesky said. "Lowell's quarterback (Brown) is every bit as good as advertised. He has a command of an offense made for him. It's not just their quarterback...that fullback (Palcowski) is also very good. He doesn't go down on the first hit."

Early in the second quarter Lowell made it 27-0 when Brown hooked up on a 19-yard touchdown pass to Mark Catlin.

Zeeland's first touchdown



Ken Palcowski picks up a few yards in the first half. The fullback scored one of six Lowell touchdowns.



Neil Reimbold pulls his way for a few extra yards.

came on a 75-yard drive which was capped by a two-yard dive by quarterback Mike DeWitt.

Leading 27-7, Lowell marched 65 yards in 22 seconds, scoring its fifth touchdown of the half in as many possessions. This time Neil Reimbold ran it in from the 10.

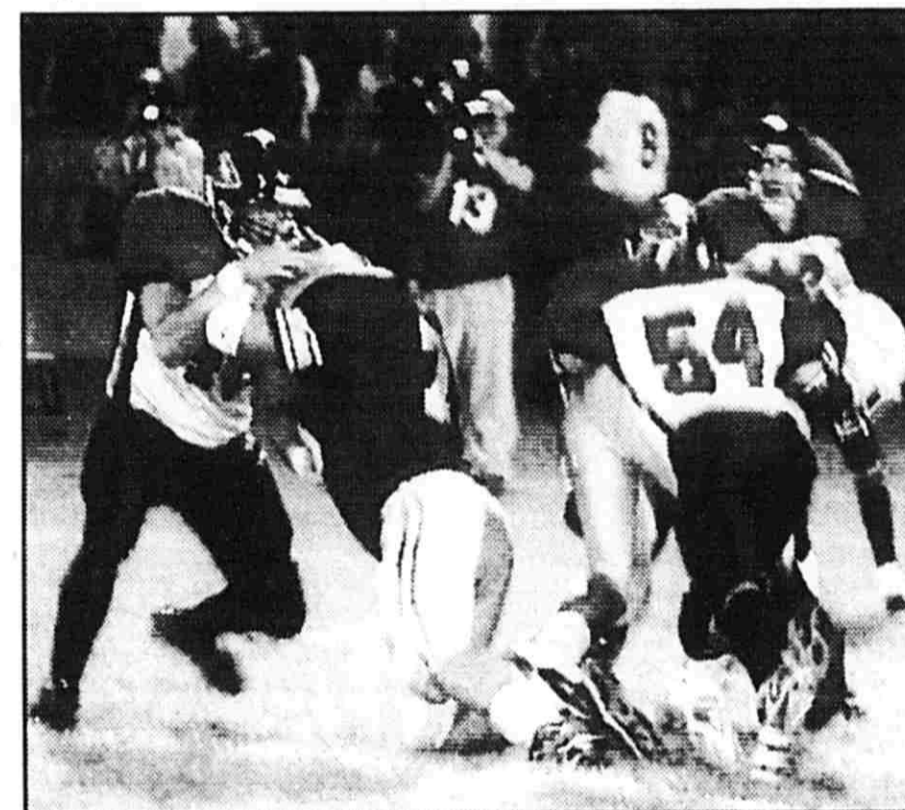
Zeeland wasn't through. The Chix scored again before the half when Dewitt connected with Mike Austin on an 80-yard touchdown pass.

Lowell's second half scores came on a 43-yard touchdown run by Reimbold and a one-yard plunge by Alan Stiver.

Zeeland got a fourth-quarter 48-yard touchdown run by Tyler Van Kampen and a 42-yard field goal by Justin Gort. Van Kampen finished with 102 yards rushing.

Brown led all Lowell rushers with 102 yards. Reimbold finished with 69.

Brown was five-for-10 for 113 yards through the air with one touchdown and an interception.



David Bellechasses (#54) stops the progress of this Zeeland runningback.

"Hudsonville has beaten us once in the last four years. That loss and how they celebrated afterwards has stuck with us," Dean concluded.

## TOUCHDOWN CLUB Is Proud To Salute The Following Football Players

For Their "Work, Ethic, Effort & Attitude" - The Things We Control

**Lowell junior varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are:** Mark Biener, tight end and Beau Wilder running back.

**Red Arrow freshmen football players of the week, pictured left to right, are:** Ryan Moore, inside linebacker and Jordan Nawrocki, inside linebacker.

**Lowell varsity football players of the week, pictured left to right, are:** Philip Moerdyke, defensive tackle; B.J. Frazier, defensive tackle.

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# Noall leads Lowell netters to season-ending nonconference wins

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kristie Noall used her steady smart play to advance to the semifinals of the regional before bowing out.

Noall accounted for two of Lowell's three team points. "Kristie is a steady smart tennis player who does not make many errors," said Lowell girls tennis coach Bonnie

Wall. "She has good court sense and understands the game of tennis."

Noall finished the season with a 13-13 record overall, the best on the Red Arrow team.

Lowell finished eighth out of 11 teams at the Class A regional.

"We never drew a team below us in the draw," Wall

said. "Otherwise, I think we could have finished a little higher."

In finishing up a rain-delayed OK White tournament, Lowell finished tied for seventh with Northview.

The Red Arrows did draw a few wins against some non-conference foes leading up to the regional.

Lowell defeated Wyoming Park 6-2.

Katie Gunberg won her singles match, at first flight, 7-5, 6-3. "Katie played really well," Wall said.

Noall earned Lowell's only other win in singles play, winning her third singles match 6-1, 6-0.

The Red Arrows swept

all four flights in doubles action.

Virginia Bultema and Erin Barnes, first doubles, won 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Jessica DenHouter and Nicole Tegg, second doubles, were 6-2, 6-4 winners.

Becky Raymor and Marta Alonso, third doubles, came off the court with a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

In fourth doubles, Melissa Neubecker and Jodi Laux were 6-3, 6-3 winners.

Lowell posted an identical 6-2 win against Cedar Springs.

The Red Arrows swept all four singles matches.

Katie Gunberg, first singles, was a 6-1, 6-0 victor.

Jenny Gunberg, second singles, posted a 6-2, 6-0 win.

Noall had to work a little in her 6-3, 6-3 win; and Kelly Riddle, fourth singles, won in three sets 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Virginia Bultema and Erin Barnes won their doubles match 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 and the fourth doubles team of Neubecker and Laux won 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-0.

# Red Arrow hockey team ready to drop puck on season

Practice for Lowell's first Michigan High School Athletic Association varsity hockey season since the late 1980's begins later this month.

All freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to try out for the team.

The Lowell varsity hockey team is a cooperative effort with Caledonia.

The Red Arrows will play a 24-game schedule beginning Nov. 15 against Ottawa Hills.

The junior varsity program will remain at club status for the 2000-01 West Michigan junior varsity league season.

The program, in its third year, is considered an essential feeder program for the varsity.

While the JV program is also a cooperative one with Caledonia, it is open to players from other schools if availabilities exist after all Lowell/Caledonia players have been identified.

Eligibility is determined by birth date (7-1-84 to 6-30-87). This allows most eighth-graders to play. Younger players may also be considered on an exception basis.

The junior varsity team will play approximately 30 games.

The Lowell hockey programs are funded 75 percent by player contributions and 25 percent from fundraising. Overall projected costs for this season are estimated to be \$41,000.

"We want to make sure that anyone wanting to participate has the opportunity. If they haven't already identified themselves to our program, we would like them to contact either Paul Jacobus at 241-2447 (varsity coach) or myself (Jim Blair) at 897-6436 or 956-2882," Blair concluded.

# Golf team finishes regular season

Lowell boys golf team finished eighth in the OK White tournament with a team total of 366.

Forest Hills Central won it going away with a 311. Forest Hills Northern was second with 333 followed by East Grand Rapids, 339; Northview 341; Zeeland 343; Hastings 343; and Hudsonville 349.

Wade Gilchrist carded an 82 to lead the Red Arrows. Eric Ostrander finished with a 94; Jordan Gallagher and Erik Hayes shot a 95; while Kyle Hines and Gary Dykstra finished with rounds of 95 and 100 respectively at the apr 72 L.E. Kaufman Golf Course.

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## STONERIDGE DRAIN COUNTY OF KENT

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO APPORTIONMENT OF COST

#### STONERIDGE DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the cost of the Stoneridge Drain, located in the Township of Lowell, has been tentatively apportioned as follows to wit:

Lowell Charter Township	97.45%
County of Kent (on account of drainage from county roads)	1.28%
State of Michigan (on account of drainage from state roads)	1.27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain will meet on the 9th day of November, 2000, at 8:00 a.m., at the Kent County Administration Building, 300 Monroe, N.W. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the said apportionment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the plans and specifications of the Stoneridge Drain and also, a description of the area to be served thereby, are on file in the office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner, 1500 Scribner, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The project cost for the initial construction of the drain is to be paid by the developer, but the apportionment percentages as finally established by this Drainage Board shall apply to the future maintenance cost of said drain after it has been constructed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that at said hearing, any public corporation to be assessed, or any taxpayer thereof, will be entitled to be heard.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that after consideration of all objections to apportionment, the Drainage Board may confirm the apportionment as tentatively made, or if it considers the apportionment to be inequitable, it shall readjust the apportionment as provided in Section 469 of Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended. After confirmation, the Drainage Board shall issue an order known as the Final Order of Apportionment. Section 483 of Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan 1956, as amended, provides that the Final Order of Apportionment shall not be subject to attack in any court, except by proceedings in certiorari brought within 20 days after the order is filed in the Kent County Drain office, the office of the Chairperson of the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain, and that if no such proceeding shall be brought within said 20 day period, the legality of the assessments shall not thereafter be questioned in any suit at law or in equity, either on jurisdictional or non-jurisdictional grounds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if the Drainage Board enters the Final Order of Apportionment, an assessment roll assessing the estimated cost of the drain project against the public corporations in accordance with the confirmed apportionment will be prepared and presented to the Drainage Board for approval.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that the information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Kent County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Kent County Drain Commissioner (616) 336-3688 (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

This notice is given to and for the benefit of the aforesaid public corporations and all taxpayers thereof by order of the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain.

Roger G. Laninga, Chairperson  
Chapter 20 Drainage Board  
Stoneridge Drain

Dated: October 11, 2000





## Red Arrow girls gun down West Catholic, number one team in Class B, 61-59

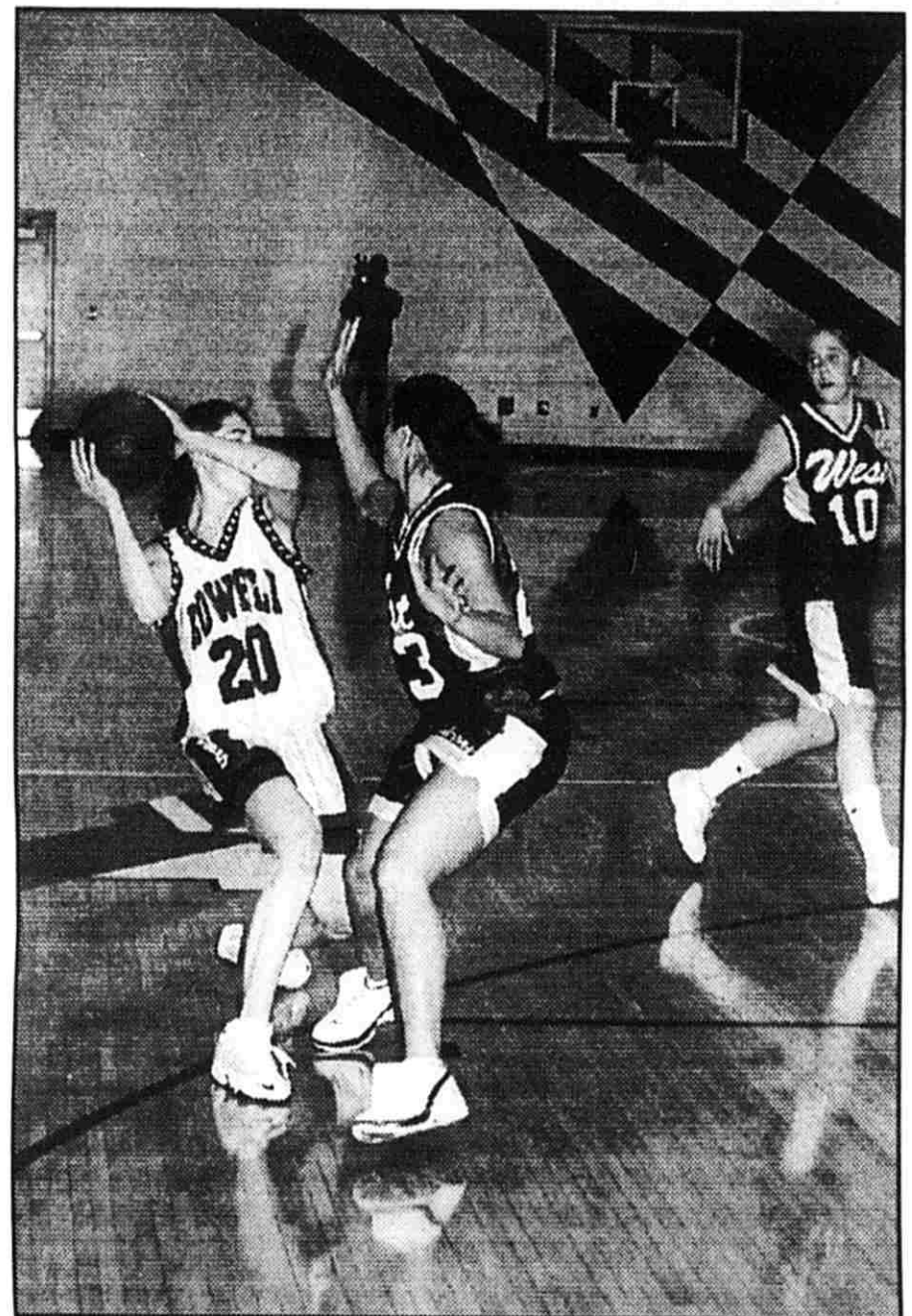
By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The opening three minutes of the second half are considered critical in basketball.

It was for Lowell, playing West Catholic, except the biggest three minutes of the game for Lowell only took 55 seconds.

Lowell, trailing West Michigan's top ranked girls basketball team 31-25 at halftime, used a 6-0 spurt to start the second half to tie West Catholic at 31-31.

"That set the tone for the second half and let Lowell realize it was back in the game," said West Catholic coach Mike



Becky Bosserd looks for help against Falcon pressure.

Braunschneider. "If we control the opening few minutes, then the game has a different tone."

Instead, the Red Arrows built on that momentum en route to a 61-59 overtime upset of West Catholic.

The victory completes a seven-day stretch which saw the Red Arrows defeat the top team in the OK White (Zeeland) and the state's number one team in Class B.

"What a good team West Catholic is. They fight, they claw, they pressure, they are quick and aggressive," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley. "Their strength and speed make up for their lack of size."

All of those traits described by the Lowell coach helped the Falcons build a 29-19 second-quarter lead.

"I thought we played a little soft in that first half. We knew we were a better club than that," Crowley said. "The girls needed to play tougher. We were excited to be down only six at halftime."

Lowell toughened up its play and sharpened up its shooting percentage in the second half. The Red Arrows turned West Catholic's aggressive defensive play into points. "We made them pay for their aggressive play," Crowley said.

The Braunschneider-coached Falcons' size does not allow them to play a power game, therefore they use pressure to try to offset their lack of size.

"There are two things you can do against a team bigger than you... pack it in or pressure the ball and hopefully stop the ball from getting inside," Braunschneider explained. "Give Lowell credit, they took what we gave them (pressure) and hung in there better than we thought they could."

The two clubs were tied at 43-43 after three quarters. West Catholic led 50-49 with 4:29 to play in the game.

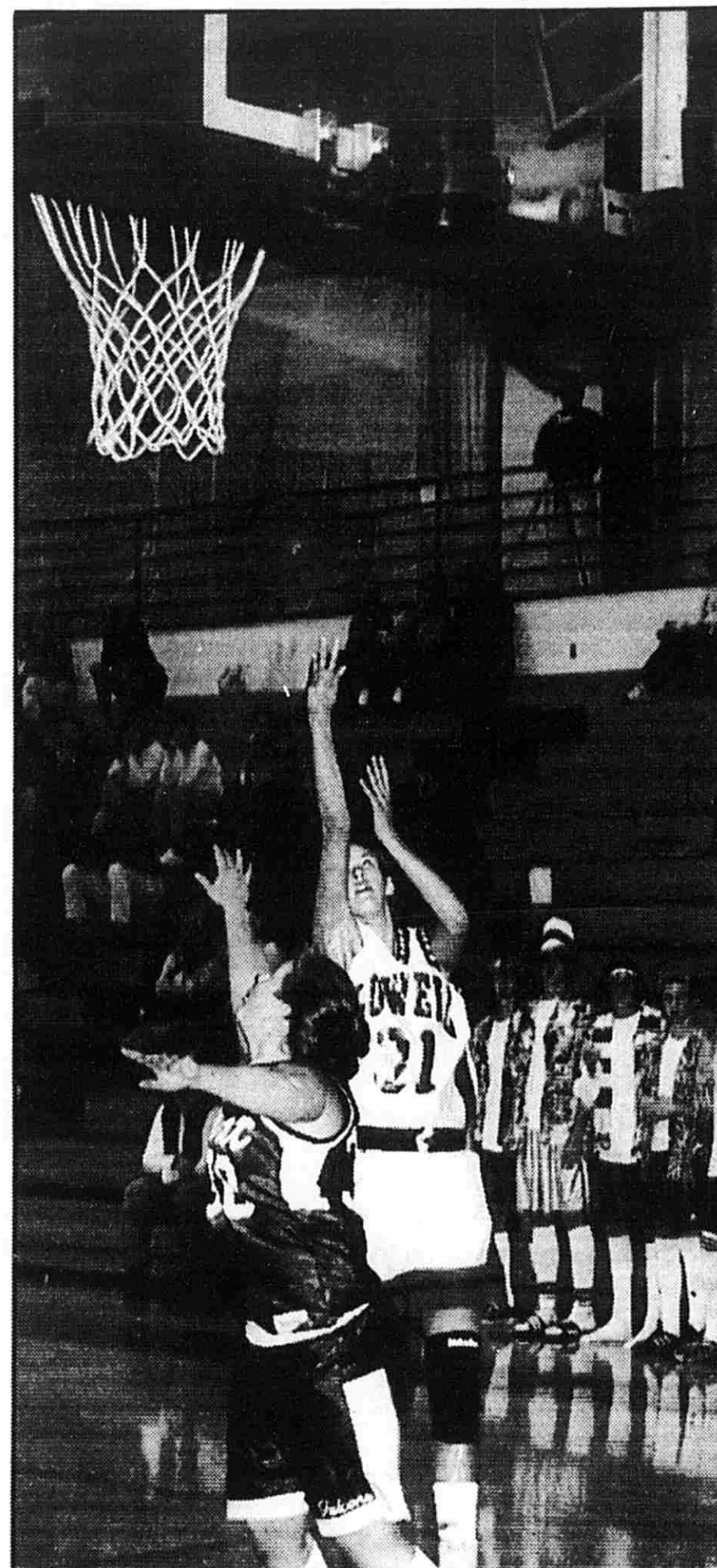
A Blair Meyer 12-foot jumper gave Lowell a 51-50 advantage.

A Falcon foul shot tied the game at 51. Missed foul shots and turnovers prevented either team from scoring over the last two-and-a-half minutes of regulation.

In overtime, Leslie Crowley scored six of her team-leading 22 points. After being fouled on a drive to the bucket, Crowley sank two foul shots with six seconds remaining to give Lowell a 61-59 lead.

A three-point attempt by Falcon Kristen McDonald bounced off the side of the rim as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk finished with 20 points, 10 in each half. Meyer netted eight and Becky Bosserd added seven points.



Leslie Crowley led Lowell in scoring with 22 points.

Heather Orr led the Falcons with 19 points, McDonald added 18 and Nicki Pearce threw in 16. The loss was West Catholic's first in 12 games (11-1). Lowell improved its overall record to 9-3.

## Lowell soccer team bounces Northview; disappointed in 2-2 tie with FH Central

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The bitter taste left in Paul Legge's mouth from a 2-2 tie with Forest Hills Central was still lingering nearly 24 hours later.

Lowell had the lead and was on the attack with 30 seconds to play when it played a blind ball which Central took and dribbled down the field, scoring in the waning second to tie the game and send it into overtime.

"It's very frustrating. You can tolerate physical errors but mental errors are frustrating. The worst part is no one ran down and tried to defend,

we just watched," Lowell's soccer coach explained. "We played 39-and-a-half minutes of good soccer in the second half."

Central led 1-0 at half. Lowell tied the score at 1-1 in the second half when Ryan Phillips creased the Ranger net on an assist from Chris Cress.

The Red Arrows took the lead later in the half on an unassisted goal from Joe Wisner.

"Joe came off the bench, stepped in at midfield and took care of business," Legge said. "Jonathan TenWalde also stepped in as a defender and

got the job done."

Legge continued to be impressed by the play of Cress. "The last five games he has played hard and smart soccer. I can't say enough about his play," Legge explained. "When everybody does their job, the results have been good, but when it's only a couple of guys a game, then the results are not as good."

Both teams nearly found the net in overtime. Central hit the post twice and Cress hit the post once for Lowell.

### Lowell 4 Northview 0

After two disheartening losses to East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern, Lowell responded with some fire against the Wildcats.

"After two tough losses we had a good response," said Lowell coach Paul Legge. "This is a good way to get back on track."

The Red Arrows found the Wildcat net three times in the first half.

Sam Oberlin got Lowell on the board with a goal off an assist from Ryan Phillips.

Matt Foster made it 2-0 on an unassisted goal.

Phillips made it 3-0 before half with the help of an assist from Foster.

Lowell's only second half goal was delivered by Jeff Harold with an assist from Zach Stauffer.

The Red Arrows outshot the Wildcats 27-4 in their win of 4-0.

Lowell finished the week at 8-7-1 overall and 6-5-1 in the OK White. If Lowell wins out, it will finish second in the conference, provided EGR and FHN remain tied for the top spot.

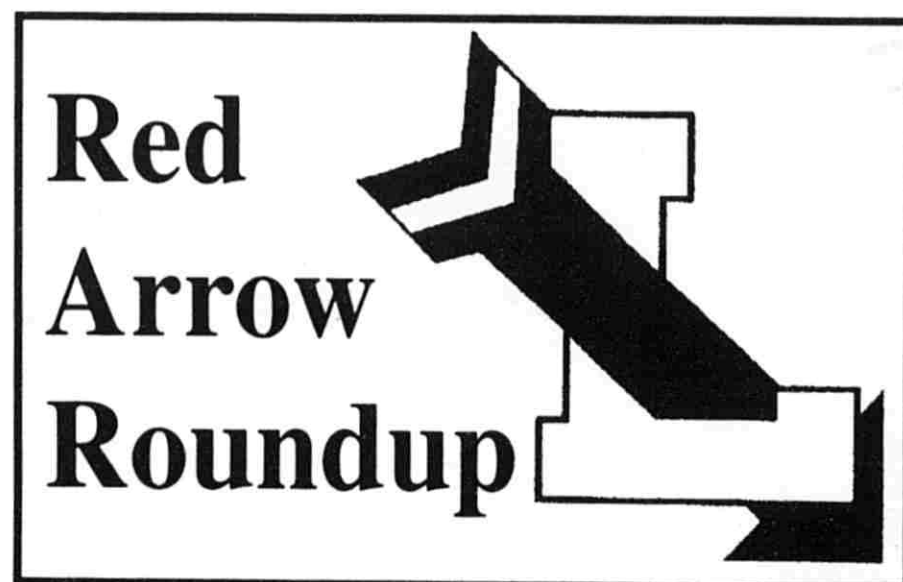
### District Schedule

"We got a come-to-play, take care of business draw," said Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge.

Lowell received a first-round bye. The Red Arrows will host the winner of the Northview and Big Rapids game on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at Northview.

In the bottom half of the bracket, Greenville hosts Cedar Springs, and Forest Hills Northern plays Ionia at FHN. The winners meet in the semifinals on Wednesday, Oct. 25 with the winner of the Greenville/Cedar Springs game.

The district championship game will be played Friday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. in Ionia.



### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Lowell seventh-grade boys cross country team placed second in a field of 19 schools at the Central Montcalm Invitational.

Jonathan Riddle took top honors for the Red Arrows followed by Nick Huizinga, Josh Tapia, Brett Ostrander and Austin Blough. In the eighth-grade race, Mitch Solon finished 13th followed by Joe Mull.

Lowell's seventh-grade basketball team lost 43-21 to a well-balanced Forest Hills Northern team. Lowell traveled to Forest Hills Central and was defeated 28-17. The Red Arrows trailed 15-10 at halftime.

Nicole Shepard led all Red Arrows with seven points while Jenna Gillan added five points.

The freshman girls basketball team broke its losing streak with a xx-xx win over Hudsonville.

The Red Arrows were led offensively and defensively by Amanda Grochowalski with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Kristen Lee contributed with 12 points and six rebounds. Stephanie Wagner added five rebounds.

Earlier in the week Lowell lost to West Catholic 47-28. Lee tallied 10 points and grochowalski netted eight.

Lowell takes on East Grand Rapids on Thursday.

Lowell's freshmen football team ran its record to 7-1 with a 44-38 win over Zeeland. Dustin VanLoon led the Red Arrows in the shoot out with five touchdowns.

Chris Curtis scored a touchdown from 21 yards out. Nate pabon stopped a Zeeland drive with an interception late in the first half.

Luke Baker, Grant Daggett were also recognized for their fine defensive play.

Lowell travels to Hudsonville Thursday for its final game of the season.

## Lowell girls cross country team in hunt for OK White conference title

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With a little help from its neighbor to the west, the Lowell girls cross country team could enter the conference tournament on Monday alone atop the OK White.

A Lowell victory Wednesday coupled with an East Grand Rapids' loss to Central would give the Red Arrows the dual meet portion of the OK White championship.

But first, Lowell must take care of business. The Red Arrows did just that against Zeeland, defeating the Chix 23-34. Its last dual conference meet is against Hudsonville, Wednesday (Oct. 18), at Johnson Park.

"It's a meet we should win provided we're healthy and have no injuries," Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said. "I don't think we've peaked yet. We have a couple more good races left in us."

Lowell's times against Zeeland were a little slow according to its coach. "The girls ran well enough to win," VanderWarf explained.

Lisa Wojciakowski was once again in front of the pack as she came home in an even 21 minutes. Holly Plattner was second at 21:12 and Molly Kirsch was fifth at 22:18.

Abby Vos came off the 3.1 mile course in seventh place with a time of 22:22 and Sarah Swab was eighth in 22:50.

Anna Tatin led the Chix with a time of 21:32. Following her home were teammates Ginger Wiersma, fourth, 22:15; Katie Kiel, sixth, 22:18; Lee Stark, 10th, 23:11; and Jolene Bremer, 11th, 23:12.

### Lowell Boys Cross Country

Zeeland 15  
Lowell 45

The Chix shut out the Red Arrows as they garnered the top five spots.

Zeeland is tied with Forest Hills Northern for the top spot in the OK White. The two teams will break the tie Wednesday

day in a dual meet confrontation.

"The league was tough this year and we've taken our licks and bruises," Lowell boys cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said.

Kevin Frazier led Lowell. He placed sixth in a time of 19:04. Craig Myers was seventh, stopping the clock in 19:17. They were followed by Scott Riddle, ninth, 19:30; Bobby Gingerich, 11th, 20:38; and Matt Muha, 12th, 21:08.

Zeeland's Matt Plaska was the dual meet medalist, coming home in 17:30. He was followed by Nate Penny, second, 17:32; Tad Hulst, third, 17:48; Scott Parrott, fourth, 18:01; and Shawn Taheri, fifth, 18:58.

## Lowell hockey teams collecting cans Oct. 21

The Lowell varsity and junior varsity hockey teams will be conducting a pop can drive on Saturday, Oct. 21 to raise money for uniforms and equipment.

Players will be collecting 10 cent deposit cans, glass and plastic bottles in the Lowell, Alto, Eastgate and Murray Lake areas from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donations may be left at the front door if a resident plans to be away.

The hockey program has been available to youth in Lowell for the last two years as a club sport.

Lowell High School will field a varsity team this year, while the junior varsity will remain a club team. The varsity team will be a cooperative effort between Lowell and Caledonia.


"Neither program is funded by Lowell or Caledonia area schools at the present time. Community support is critical for the success of the program," said Dave Austin, hockey representative.



In 1996, those 60 and older represented 23 percent of the voting-age population and 23 percent of those who voted.


## LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

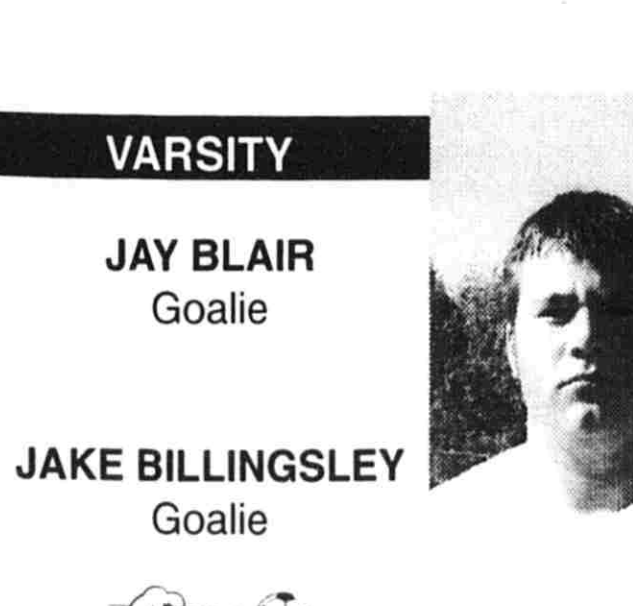


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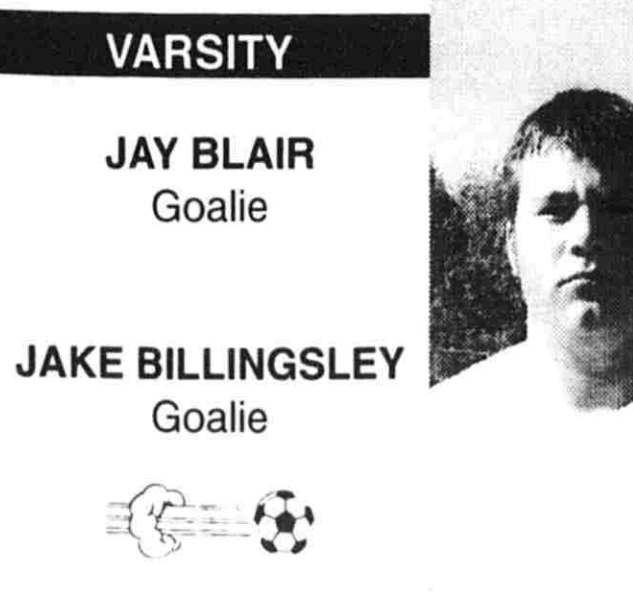


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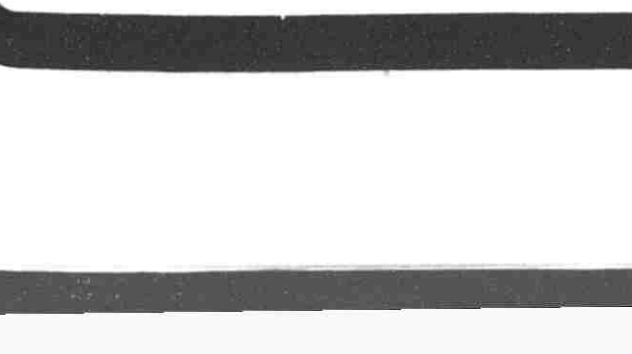


**JORDAN SCHAEFER** - Goalie

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## The Ledger Halloween COSTUME CONTEST



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**NOTICE**

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

**PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

A public test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 7, 2000 General Election in Vergennes Township will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

Mari C. Stone - Vergennes Township Clerk

# Tickets for Friday's BIG game go on sale Thursday

The gridiron showdown between the top two teams in the OK White kicks off Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium. Friday's matchup between unbeaten Lowell and Hudsonville is expected to draw the largest home crowd since

Red Arrow stadium opened six years ago. In that first year, the Lowell/EGR game drew a little over 5,500 people. Lowell athletic director Barry Hobrla believes Friday's game could draw upwards 7-8,000 people.

At press time on Tuesday, Hobrla was still hopeful of having extra bleachers set up inside the stadium to accompany the crowd.

Tickets will be sold in advance at Lowell High School on Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Adult tickets are \$4 and student tickets are \$3.

The winner of Friday's game will be OK White Conference champions. Lowell last won a league title in 1997.

At half-time of the football game, Lowell will honor its state champion equestrian team.

## Board asks voters to consider voting "no" on Proposal I

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

By a vote of 5-0-1 the Lowell Board of Education passed a resolution asking its constituency to consider voting "no" on Proposal I.

There were five "yes" votes and one abstention by board secretary Pat Nugent.

The resolution stated that the complex and confusing proposal is detrimental to public education and could leave a lasting negative impact on Lowell Area Schools.

Nugent said he understood the impact the proposal may have on public school budgets, but feels the state should provide funds for all students.

"All parents should be given equal opportunity for education of their child," Nugent explained. "Our challenge is to work through a reorganization of our educational system."

Board trustee Mark Blanding differed saying he supported the resolution.

"Proposal one violates separation of church and state, reduces funds for public schools and I believe it hurts, not helps, failing school districts," Blanding explained.

The higher socioeconomic level students from these districts will leave - leaving the lower socioeconomic level students behind in the failing districts, according to Blanding.

"The district loses all of the student aid allowance for that child (e.g., \$6,000) - not just the \$3,300 (proposed voucher amount).

"This reduces the district's ability to fix and improve. It may also convince its best and brightest teachers to leave for another district," Blanding explained.

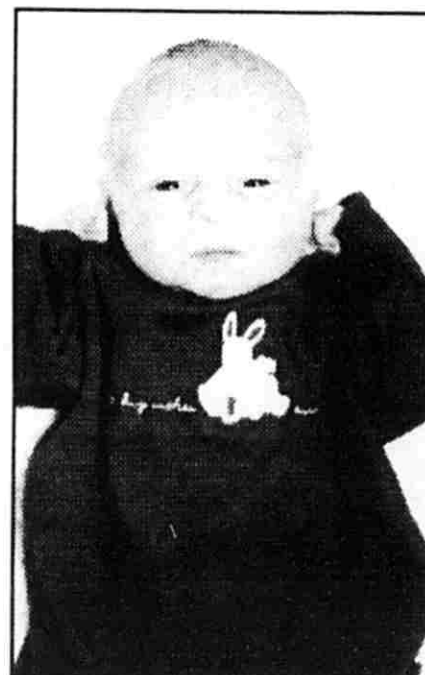
## AREA BIRTHS

Mitchell Edward Walling was born on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

Welcoming Mitchell home are his big sister Kelleigh and parents Laura and Edward.

Grandpas and grandmas are Cliff and Fran Walling of Lowell and John and Anne Riemer of Rockford. Aunts, uncles and cousins Mindy,

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# TOWN TALK

Four Republicans are promoting legislation that would force schools and libraries to use internet filtering software or lose federal dollars intended to help buy web access. Do you agree with this proposal?



Pamela Campbell

*If kids are being left unsupervised, then I think there should be filtering. It's a shame that it takes the threat of funding to get schools and libraries to use filtering.*



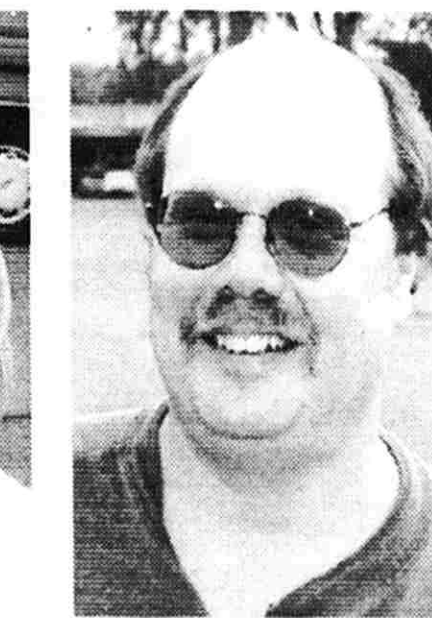
Diana Stormzand

*Yes, I favor the proposal. We need to know what our kids are doing when they are not at home.*



Karen Jones

*I monitor what they see at home. Yes, I think filtering should be used. I don't want my kids getting into the web site.*



Rick Dood

*I think the government should stay out of it. It has its hand in too much of the pie already.*



Linda Reilly

*I guess if it's their money being used to fund web site access, then they ought to have a say in terms of control. If schools and libraries don't like it, then they can choose to go elsewhere for funding.*

**Martin Aeder**  
*Yes, I favor a filter being used. Yes, it is a public library, but I think a line needs to be drawn as to what can be accessed.*

Sally Cooper

*I think it's a good plan. It helps children grow up better.*

Tom Bursma

*It's a good idea. There is too much garbage out there.*

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# 100 Years of Lowell High Football

The year 2000 marks the 100th anniversary of Lowell High School football. The accompanying photograph shows the first Lowell football team of 1900. This photo, loaned to the Lowell Area Historical Museum by George Metternick, lists each player's name. It is rare to have the identity of all those pictured in a 100-year-old photo.

In 1900, football was a relatively new game. The first organized football game played in Michigan was at the University of Michigan in 1870 between the freshman and sophomore classes. Intercollegiate football began in 1880 at U of M and in 1897 at MSU. These early teams had little or no protective clothing and injury was quite common. Soft

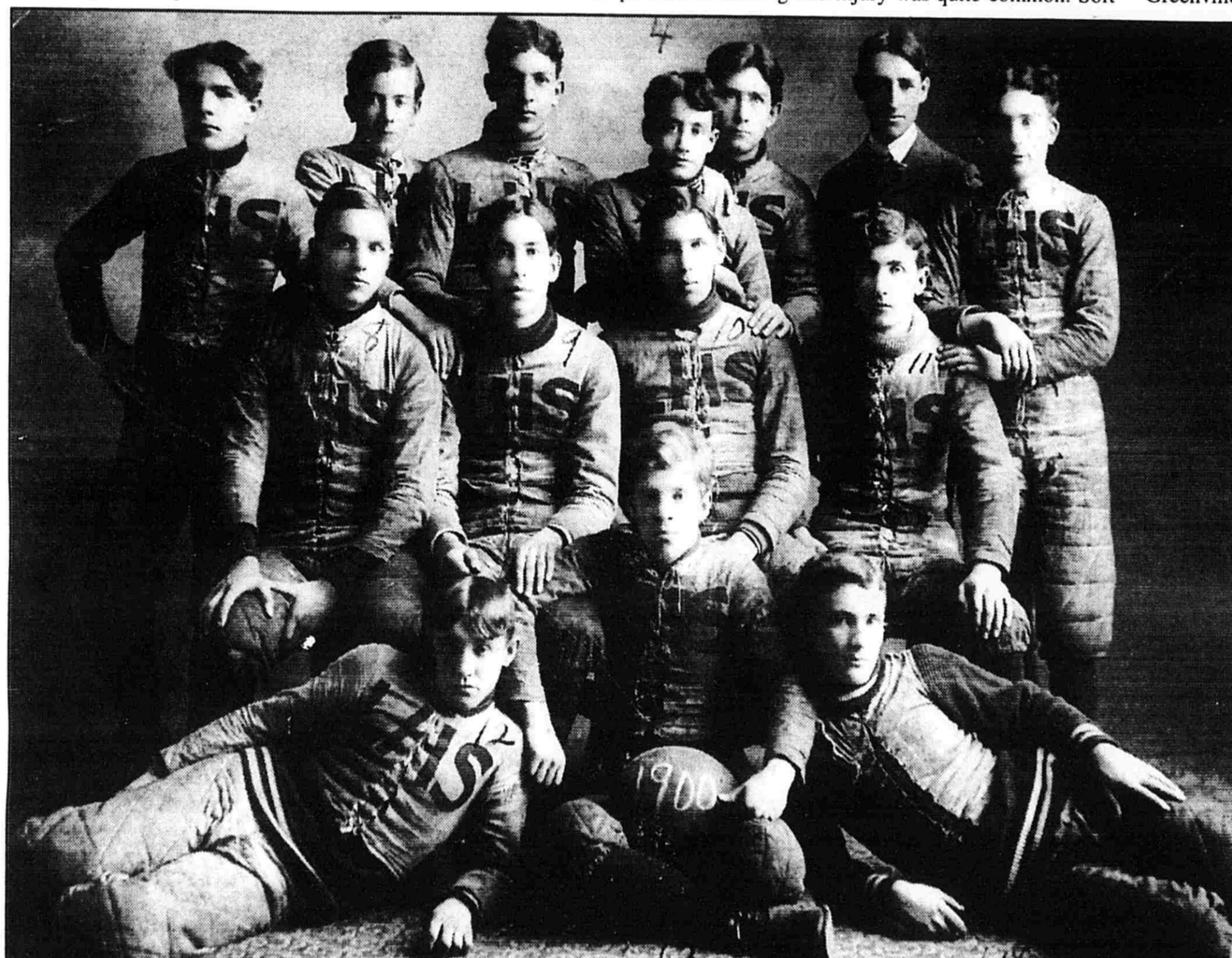
leather helmets were introduced to the game in 1896. The 1900 Lowell football team won 6 and lost 2 playing local teams such as Greenville, Belding, Ionia and Grand Rapids. The October 25, 1900 edition of the Lowell Ledger contains the following account of the team's encounter at Greenville:

The boys met with an unpleasant experience at Greenville Saturday. The same team that was played here was guaranteed (Lowell had defeated Greenville the previous week by a score of 11-0), but instead a number of heavy men were substituted, four of them weighing 180 pounds each. The protest made, met with the answer that unless the game began immediately, no expenses would be paid our team. Two of Greenville's men were paid for playing and were not connected with the school at all, one of them being a clerk in a hotel. Against such odds our boys were helpless and are to be congratulated on playing the game through.

In 1900 Lowell was a village of some 3000 people with the high school located on the east bank of the Flat River near the existing showboat amphitheater. The above young men would have either walked or used a horse to get to school. The automobile was in its infancy and not yet widely available. Competitions with other schools or football clubs would have required a train trip or a long trip by horse and buggy. In 1900 Lowell had two rail lines, the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee and the Pere Marquette. These rail lines would have offered this first football team many local trains each day.

If you are descended from someone in this photo and have a comment or story about them, please write the Lowell Area Historical Museum at Box 81, Lowell, MI 49331. Information for this article was taken from Fred Lenger's, "Lowell High School Football 1900-1987. A Gridiron Tradition."

Jim Doyle  
Lowell Area Historical Museum



Back row, left to right, are: Frank Ayers, Tom Davidson, Carl Bergin, Harry Fuller, Joe Kelly, J.P. Thomas - superintendent, Jess Fisher; middle row: Clarence Collar, Henry Needham, Arthur White, Charles Bergin; front row: Guy Morgan, Dean McCarty, Dwell Langworthy.

## News and Notes from the Wittenbach Agriscience and Environmental Center & Wege Natural Area

With the shortening days, allow yourself time to explore the great outdoors and experience the colors of Michigan autumn. Feel free to explore the Wege Natural Area's trails and find oaks, tulip trees, maples, beeches and other trees starting to change brilliant colors.

The trails are always open and there are trail maps at the trailhead for you to use. There will also be seasonal activities for families to experience on their hikes.

What is going on in this area at this time of the year? Patrons will likely see low-lying wetland trees changing color first (tamaracks, etc.). Why? Trees continually take in water from the surrounding area, but the process slows down as the plant prepares for autumn and winter. When this process slows down, photosynthesis slows down as well, and the water level rises and the roots are not able to take in as much oxygen, causing for the color change to happen more quickly.

Your student may be learning how the colors change...ask them! You will also find that due to the chemical structure of the tree, different trees will change to certain colors. For example, sugar maples turn yellow, red maples turn red (and sometimes yellow). The tamarack loses its needles at this time of year as well. (Why? I thought it was an evergreen!) Due to the location of growth, the tamarack finds itself in highly acidic areas, causing the needles to fall off this time of year. There is a wetland approximately a half mile out on the Wege Natural Area trail. Come check it out!

The Karner Blue Butterfly, a federally endangered species, finds its home near us! The area between Cedar Springs and Rockford, near the White Pine trail, is a habitat for this endangered animal which is a fussy eater and dines only on Wild Blue Lupine. They have two broods of eggs annually with adults flying in May and again in July. Please do your part to preserve its shrinking habitat by preserving its food source! (For more info, log onto HCNC@remc8.k12.mi.us)

The Great Lakes Wolf is also making a comeback. Michigan's current population (Isle Royale) is 216, allowing the status for this once endangered to threatened. In Wisconsin, the population tops 248 wolves, which changes Minnesota's Great Lakes Wolves wolf population from endangered to threatened as well. The requirement for this change of status is to maintain a population of 50 and 80 wolves respectively, for three straight years. (For more info, log on to www.nwf.org/wolves)

Calendar of events at the Wittenbach Science Center for the month of October:

The Franciscan Life Process Center has partnered up with the center for a workshop on canning. The workshop is \$3 per

hour on Oct. 19 from 4-7.

An environmental club will be forming involving high school students. These students will be participating in outdoor activities, a recycling center, and activities for students in the area. Their first activity for kids will be a Harvest celebration on Friday, Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center.

Some of the second graders in the district visited to plant bulbs and all of the kindergarten classes will be coming out to study senses. The first graders will be out next to study land formations.

One of the early childhood classes will be visiting Oct. 25.

Unity High School will be here on Friday, Oct. 27. The high school Ecology class will be working with groups of elementary students and working on projects to improve the grounds.

The National Wildlife Federation will be doing a workshop on wolf education on Dec. 2 from 9-3 (minimal fee).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 19: Lydia Brenk, Nancy Brenk, Ruth Smith, Zachary Clouser.

OCT. 20: Jack Thomet, John DeHaan, Bob Hildenbrand, Michael V. Johnson.

OCT. 21: Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker.

OCT. 22: Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail, Donna Potter.

OCT. 23: Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.

OCT. 24: Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries.

OCT. 25: Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Lowell area students Hayley Murphy and Joseph Gibson were named to the dean's list of Columbia College Chicago for spring 2000. Columbia College Chi-

cago is an independent liberal arts college in downtown Chicago. With an enrollment of over 8,800 students, it is the country's largest arts and communications college.

## IN MEMORIAM

To my brother, my friend  
Jack Robert Runnels Jr.  
October 15, 1986



I wish to acknowledge my brother Jack Robert Runnels Jr. as my friend and my brother who has been gone for 13 years. I want everyone to know that he made a difference to me. Bow hunting and fishing was his gift, which he gave to me. His knowledge of fishing rubbed off on me, an achievement that is truly a gift from God. The fact that I know how to hunt for deer with a bow is a challenge for any woman. I also know how to fly fish and I'm an angler born and raised in Lowell, Michigan. I wish to dedicate my unofficial world record 13 lb. 3 oz. bonefish caught in 8/99 in the Isla Morada, FL. When I was young, my brother was always fishing in his spare time. Jack still holds records in the Lowell-Ada area for various species: My bonefish was caught on 6 lbs. test and was unofficially a world record. It took me 13 years to catch any bonefish. Because of you, brother, I've caught a 13 lb. bonefish!! The exact number of years you've been gone!! Is this fate? I don't think so...As your sister, Jack, I will continue to attempt to achieve a world record and official IGFA record for you as well as to honor our sister Nancy. I will target any and all species in my state of Florida or my home state of Michigan. Trout, salmon, red fish, snook, tarpon and bonefish too. Life is full of fish for me and you - not to mention a few...so fish with a spiritual wish...and be proud of what you accomplish too. Life is not so easy, it's up to you...give it all you've got and it'll be true. Remember, catch them, release them, eat them too. God gave them to me and to you. Tight lines. Thanks be to God.

Marian Rose Runnels  
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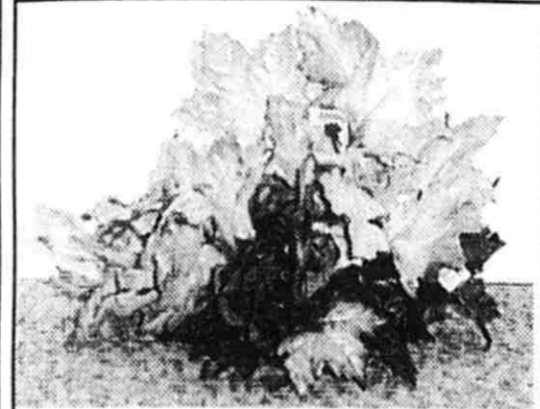
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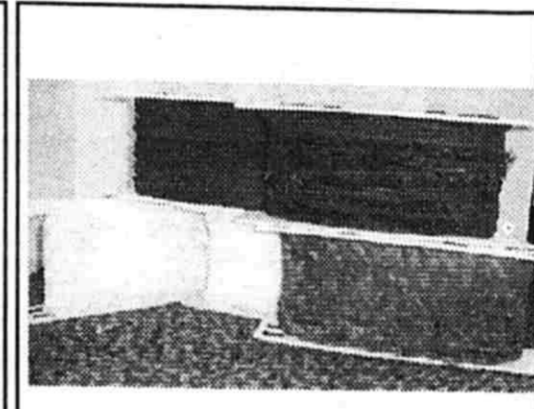


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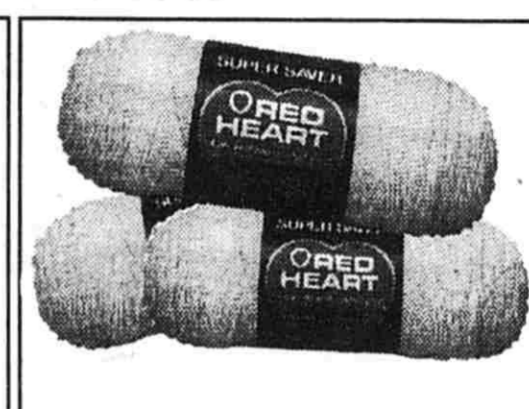
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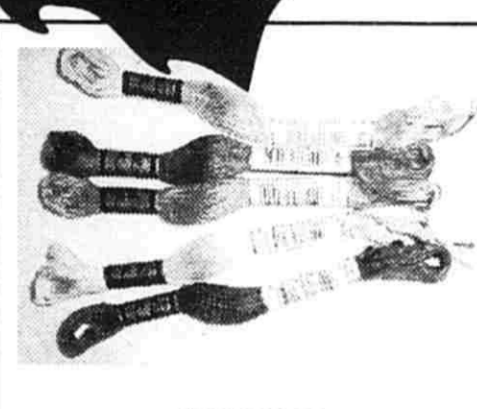
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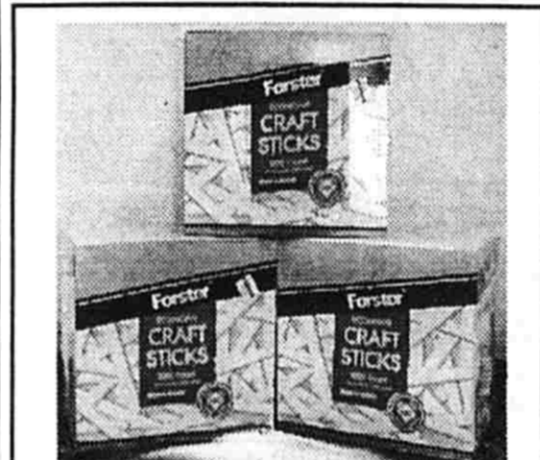
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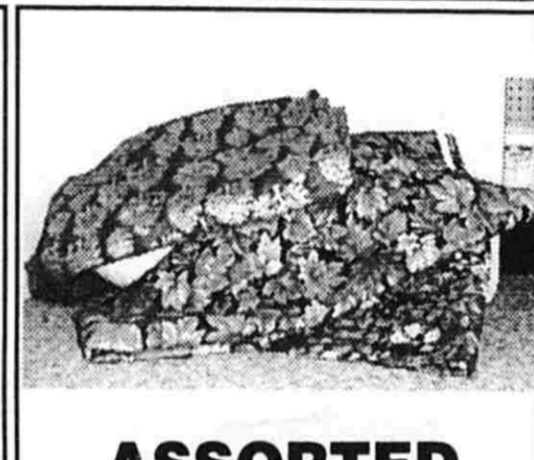
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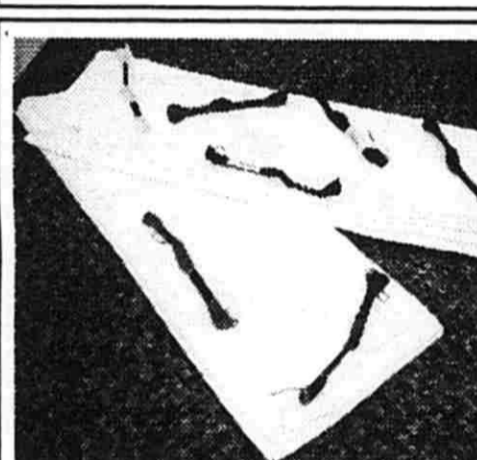
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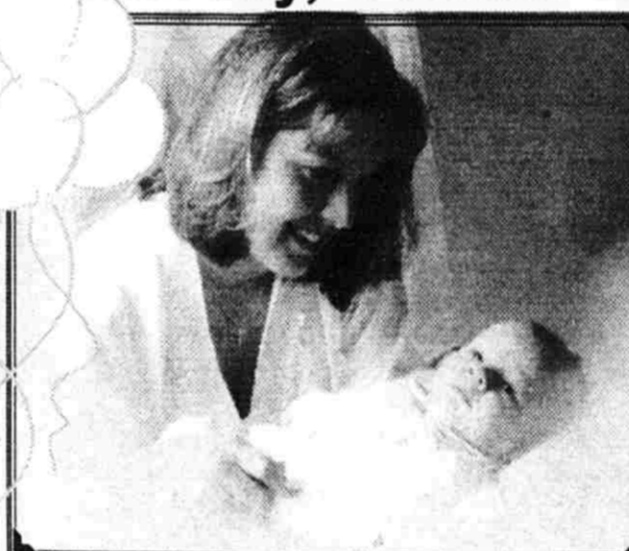
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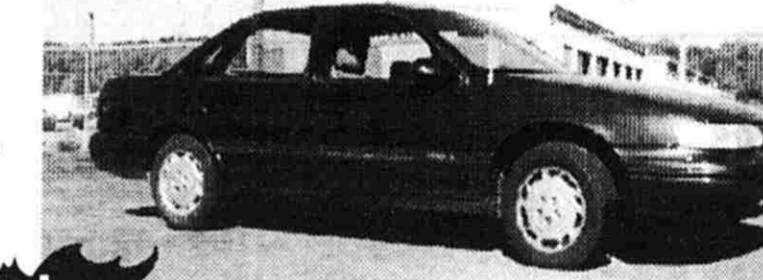


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Jeanne & Michael Arehart;  
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Carol & Earl Maynard.



# WHAT REPRESENTATIVE DOUG HART'S COLLEAGUES ARE SAYING ABOUT HIM:

## **Representative Laura Toy Vice-Chair House Capital Outlay and Family Independence Agency Appropriations Subcommittees:**

*"In my opinion, there is a small handful of legislators in Lansing who actually bring something uniquely enriching to the Michigan legislature. Doug Hart is among them. What makes Doug stand out from the crowd is this: He has an uncommon amount of two very great qualities, courage and compassion. Let me very briefly explain.*

*When Doug really believes in something, watch out! If he is convinced that he is on the side of what is right for the citizens of his district and the state (and I believe he usually is) he will fight Goliath if he has to. I respect Doug's determination to help people, no matter what obstacles confront him. Doug's compassion for people in need is equally clear to his fellow colleagues. While many legislators get lost in the world of tax cuts and business issues, Doug never forgets about those who are falling behind and how our state policies may be affecting them. I believe that Doug's rigors and creative thinking in this area will bear great legislative fruit over the next House session."*

## **Representative Mark Jansen Chair, Family Independence Agency Appropriations Subcommittee:**

*"Certainly no one would argue with the fact that Doug Hart is one of the most energetic, hardworking, innovative and creative legislators in the Michigan House of Representatives. Doug is full of passion and vision. In fact, I would venture to say that anyone who knows Doug knows at least two things about him: First, he has a deep seated, heartfelt concern for society's most vulnerable members, i.e. abused and neglected children, at risk kids, and the materially needy. Second, Doug, a former middle-school teacher, also has an abiding love for K-12 education (I suppose once a teacher always a teacher). Not surprisingly, during his tenure in the house, Doug has channeled most of his thoughts and time into these two public policy categories, and has been an effective leader in both.*

*He is dedicated to promoting families, education, social justice as a state legislator. The citizens of the 73rd District should be proud of their representative. He brings a refreshing and sincere perspective to the Michigan House of Representatives."*

## **Representative Ron Jelinek, Chair, House School Aid and Department of Education Appropriations Subcommittee:**

*"Without question, Representative Doug Hart was integral in the significant changes made in the school funding formula last year. I can confidently say that our state's high growth school districts are now receiving more school aid dollars because Doug personally took up their case. One thing is for sure, when it comes to issues that are dear to him and his district, Doug Hart is a tenacious fighter.*

*I have appreciated and enjoyed working with Doug on many K-12 issues. He not only knows the issues well but his highly creative mind is a welcome addition to the legislative process. I have a distinct feeling that Doug's imprint on Michigan's education system will be felt long after he has left the legislature. That is good news for our kids!"*

## **State Representative and Medical Doctor Paul DeWeese:**

*"When I think of Doug Hart, the following thoughts come to mind: First, Doug is an enormously creative thinker. Second, and in my judgment more important, he has a strong social conscience and cares deeply about helping those individuals and families who are being economically and socially left behind in our society. I would go so far as to say that Doug actually personifies what the term compassionate conservative is supposed to mean. Doug's leadership and personal commitment to community renewal and empowerment is a valuable treasure not only to his fellow House colleagues, but to the citizens of Michigan as well. I am convinced that soon Doug's simple and often stated axiom will be heeded by a majority in state elected government: 'It takes a community to take care of its needy, not just state and federal government bureaucracies.' I have no doubt that Doug's years of service in the state legislature will result in profound, long-term changes in Michigan social welfare policy"*

## **Representative Judie Scranton Chair, House Transportation Subappropriations Subcommittee Member, Michigan Blue Ribbon Panel on Gender Equity in Michigan High School Athletics:**

*"As chair of the prestigious Michigan Blue Ribbon Panel on Gender Equity in High School Athletics, Representative Doug Hart has demonstrated that he is willing to take on tough and complex issues, and has displayed an ability to unite disparate people around a higher purpose. Michigan's high school athletic programs will be better off because of Representative Doug Hart's efforts. While still a freshman legislator, Doug Hart has already proven himself to be a very able leader."*

## **Representative Gene DeRossett Vice-Chair, House Family and Children Services Committee:**

*"As Chair of the House Family and Children Services Committee, Representative Doug Hart has demonstrated strong visionary leadership as well as a remarkably detailed technical competency on a variety of welfare and child protection issues. Doug has rightly earned the reputation as the welfare policy leader in the Michigan House of Representatives.*

*Doug carries with him an unusual mixture of enviable skills. On the one hand, he is widely known for his gracious, fair-minded, bipartisan approach to decision making. On the other hand, Doug has also proven that he is not afraid to lead or make tough decisions. On numerous occasions, I have seen Doug look powerful opponents straight in the eye and never blink. It is for these reasons that I have an enormous amount of respect for Representative Doug Hart, and recommend him for reelection to the voters of the 73rd district."*

## **Representative Nancy Cassis Member, House Family and Children Services Committee:**

*"Whether it be requiring background checks for child care workers or promoting faith-based participation in welfare services, Doug Hart has been a positive, proactive leader in the Michigan House of Representatives. As chair of the House Family and Children Services Committee, Representative Hart has demonstrated clear vision, a bipartisan spirit, and a genuine concern for needy families and vulnerable children. He is both compassionate and conservative."*

## **Representative Marc Shulman Member of the House Family and Children Services Committee:**

*"Early on, Doug Hart proved himself to be a tough leader, unafraid of taking on difficult issues. In 1999, while still a freshman legislator, Doug successfully shepherded through his committee and the Michigan House of Representatives two very important yet controversial pieces of legislation: Welfare drug testing and welfare finger imaging. Earlier this year, Doug displayed his adept leadership skills once again as he successfully moved a highly complex and major child support package through the Michigan House. Most recently, Doug passed another contentious child protection bill (which he was the author of) both out of his committee and out of the house. To the surprise of most observers, Doug managed to obtain broad bipartisan support. His bill passed by a wide margin.*

*The lesson to learn from all of this is simple: Doug knows how to bring people together to get things - even difficult things - done. The people of the 73rd House District are fortunate to be represented.*

## **Representative Pan Godchaux Member of House Appropriations Committee**

*"Doug Hart is one of the most progressive conservatives in the Michigan House of Representatives. While socially and fiscally conservative, he is unafraid to embrace important human and civil rights issues. Doug understands that state government has a positive role to play in areas like providing health care for poor kids, ensuring a secure safety net for needy families, and incentivizing innovation in K-12 education. Doug's thoughtful and compassionate approach to the legislative process is very much appreciated in Lansing.*

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