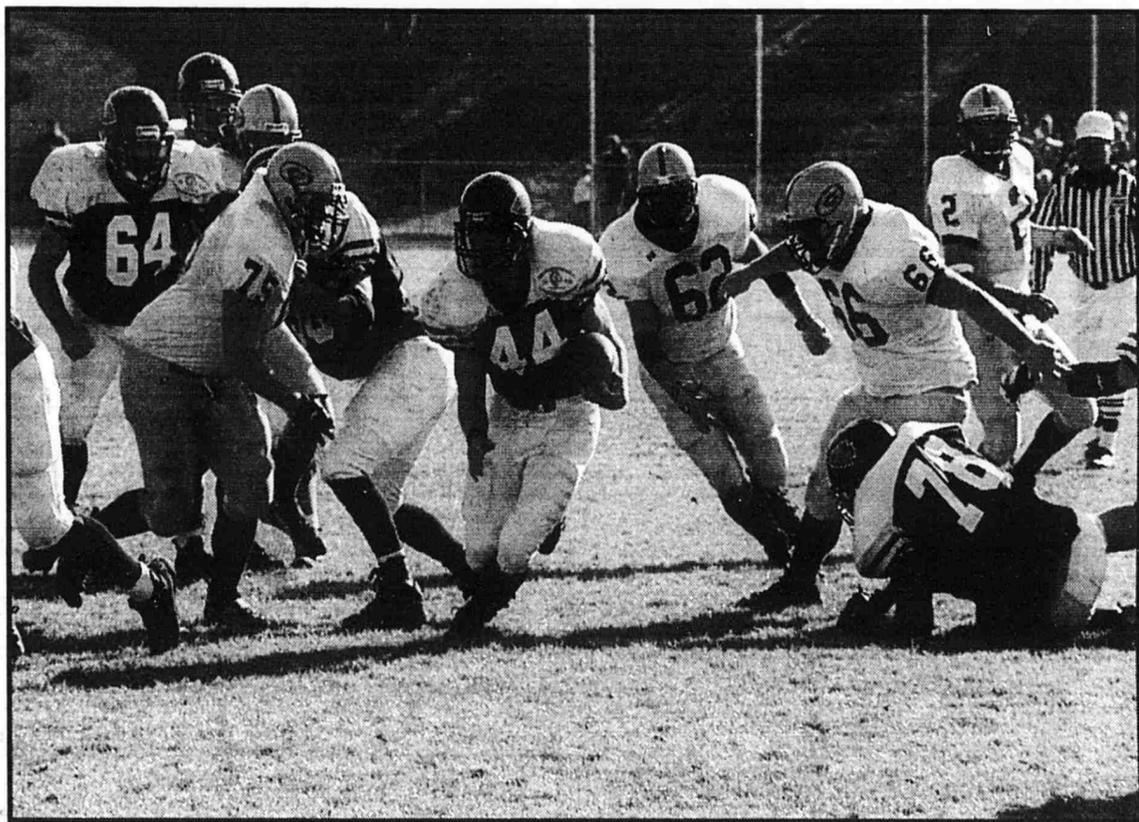


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RED ARROWS ADVANCE

Lowell's 38-8 thrashing of Greenville earned a date with Flint Powers Catholic (ranked third in the state in Class B) in Flint on Saturday at 1 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in the athletic office on Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$4. No passes are accepted for MHSAA tournament games. Maps will be available in the office or on the Internet at www.lowell.k12.mi.us. Fan buses will leave from Lowell at 10 a.m. at a cost of \$3 to cover transportation costs. You must reserve a seat on the bus by Friday at 3 p.m. Children not yet in school will travel at no charge. Fans who are driving are invited to follow the team buses to Flint. The caravan will leave Red Arrow Stadium at 9 a.m. sharp with a police escort out of town. Free "Go Red Arrows" car window signs will be available. "There is limited seating at the Flint Powers Stadium and early arrival is recommended," said Touchdown Club president, Bucky Curtis. Call 897-4442 with any further questions.

Redirection of Broadway traffic should bring added safety and a few extra parking spaces

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As early as next week, there could be a change in traffic direction on Broadway Street.

The change, however, in traffic direction and parking

is expected to go into effect in two weeks.

Not all of Broadway - just the north section between Chatham and Elm streets, which includes the junction of Riverside Drive.

The request, presented by Lowell police chief, Jim Val-

entine and Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden was approved Monday night by the Lowell City Council.

"We want to make this area of Broadway one-way southbound. Currently, two-way traffic exists in this area," Valentine said.

Broadway becomes one way southbound at Chatham. From Elm Street north, Riverside Drive is one way northbound.

Valentine gave the following rationale for the request:

- Broadway between the junction of Riverside and the intersection of Chatham provides for parallel parking on both sides of the street. The width of the roadway is narrow, only 16 feet (two eight foot lanes).

- The narrow width of the traveled portion of the street gives the appearance the street is already one way. Southbound vehicles pull across the center line and parallel park facing the wrong way.

- A vast majority of vehicle movements on this stretch of Broadway travel

southbound from the junction of Riverside, or from Elm Street. Very few vehicles travel northbound from Chatham Street.

- Persons southbound from Elm or Riverside Drive automatically drive on the center of the road, or sometimes left of center, or because of the narrow road or because they are lining up with postal drop boxes on the east side of the street, south of Chatham Street (the one-way portion).

- The stop signs at the junction of Riverside and Broadway could be eliminated.

- It will end driver confusion on what traffic pattern is allowed, thus ending the technically illegal driving patterns which now exist.

In addition, the parking configuration on Riverside Drive next to Lowell Light & Power will also change.

With the change there will be 14 parallel parking spots on the west side of Riverside (next to LL&P). This is two more parking spots than what currently exist.

Lowell City Council withholds approval until terms of increase are made clearer.

••• The proposed rerating process would most likely add 100,000 - 150,000 gallons to the average daily capacity of the Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A proposed rerating of the Wastewater Treatment facility would bring additional capacity for the city and Lowell Charter Township.

The approval of the city council, however, was delayed until the council could determine whether the township's increase is in terms of a fixed number of gallons or 18 percent of the total capacity.

The city is obligated to provide 18 percent of its capacity to the township.

The rerating process will most likely add 100,000 - 150,000 gallons to the average daily capacity or a 10 percent increase overall, according to Wastewater Treatment plant supervisor, Mark Mundt.

"The city is in pretty good shape where it's at," Mundt said. "If the facility is rerated, it would own 82 percent of a larger capacity." Mundt felt sure that the language in the agreement with the township is 18 percent of the total capacity and not a fixed number of gallons.

The plant supervisor said the city is pretty much at its capacity.

Asked if the city is using some of the township's capacity, Mundt said the city has always been able to provide the township with its needed amount.

The township points out that if the city is using some of its 18 percent, maybe the city should be paying for it.

The wastewater treatment plant is currently rated at 1.42 million gallons per day. An increased rating would require approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

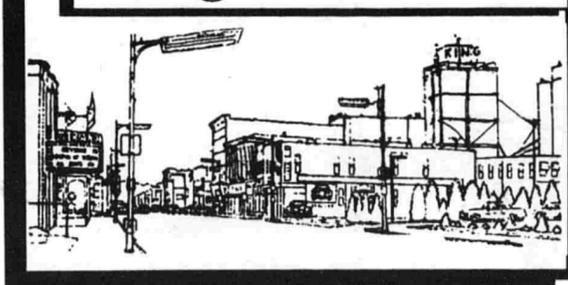
The cost of \$8,600 from Earth Tech to perform the study would be split between the city (\$7,052, wastewater fund) and Lowell Charter Township (\$1,548).

The township's request for additional capacity at the city's plant is a first step in an effort to accommodate expected growth in the township.

Any increase beyond the 10 percent which might come from rerating will require future expansion of the facility.

Mayor Mike Blough asked if the council should begin providing a larger capacity to surrounding areas. He felt the rerating process may be the first step in the city's obligation to future expansion.

Along Main Street



SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR LACC

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for board of directors. If you would like to submit someone's name, please send to LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI or fax to 897-9101.

SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM AT WITTENBACH NATURE CENTER

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club meeting will take place on Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Wittenbach Nature Center on Vergennes Rd. across from the high school. Tammy DeBaar will give a tour and present the program. Visitors are welcome.

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Ron Russell joined Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell in 1986.

Harold Zeigler Ford celebrates 25 years in Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Harold Zeigler purchased his first auto dealership at the age of 28.

In which location? Elkhart, IN. Kalamazoo, Ionia or Lowell?

We're fortunate to have people who have been here a long time and live in the community. They truly do what is right.

**Ron Russell,
Vice President & General Manager
Lowell's Harold Zeigler Ford dealership**

Elkhart and Kalamazoo both have Harold Zeigler Ford dealerships, however neither was the first. Ionia is where he grew up, but there is no dealership. That leaves Lowell as the correct answer. The location chosen, 11979 E.

Company in 1986 to join Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell.

Jack Muir, Ford Credit Company regional manager, along with three associates came to the Lowell branch to host a luncheon for the dealership, acknowledging its 25 years of service and its association with Ford Motor Credit.

Recently its service department received the Blue Oval Certification. It is in recognition of its demonstrated ability to provide customers with outstanding sales and service. The certification is Ford Motor Company's highest standard for customer satisfaction.

Harold Zeigler in Lowell is the first Ford dealership in West Michigan to earn this distinction.

The service department employees have been with Zeigler on an average of 10 years per employee.

"We're fortunate to have people who have been here a long time and live in the community," Russell explained. "They truly do what is right."

Fulton, has remained since 1975.

Zeigler eventually formed an auto group that now represents multiple (seven) franchises in West Michigan and northern Indiana.

"Lowell was chosen because of its proximity to Ionia," said Ron Russell, vice president and general manager of Lowell's Harold Zeigler Ford dealership. Russell left Ford Motor

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CITY OF LOWELL

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct the following public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell, for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- to consider a special use permit request from John Muha (owner of Top Notch Auto Detailing) to conduct his auto detailing business at 423 W. Main (old J&J Building located at the northeast corner of W. Main and Lincoln Lake). Under a recent ordinance amendment, vehicle repair facilities are considered special uses within the General Business District. Thus, an application has been submitted.
- to consider a special use permit request from Todd Landman for the construction of a 250-foot high communication tower on his property at 2401 W. Main which is zoned industrial and a special use permit is required.

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



Betty R. Morlock
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November 11, 2000

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Donations at Door

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&
Ham Dinner



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Area 4-Her's join 2 million volunteers.

Make A Difference Day volunteers from 4-H Life's A Stage joined more than 2 million Americans in thousands of communities across the country to spend Saturday, Oct. 28, the ninth annual Make A Difference Day - involved in volunteer projects. It was a day when the spirit of volunteerism can be rallied into a year-round commitment to making a difference in our communities through volunteering. Last year nearly 2 million people participated in the day-long event and this year even more were expected to join in volunteer service activities.

The 4-H members started the morning by entertaining at Cumberland Manor in Lowell. Various members played their favorite tunes on the piano and other musical instruments. They sang, danced and answered questions. The youngest participant was three-year-old Sierra Rosema from Belmont. Other participants included Ashley and Heather VanderHeide, Eric and Curtis Westbrook, Kristin, Brad and Keri Overbeck, Joshua and Kenny Miller, Helen Feuerstein, John Christopher and Megan Jansen, Christopher Wojcik.

After performing for the Manor, the members traveled to Ronald McDonald House in Grand Rapids. They toured the facility and decorated the porch and entrance in festive Halloween decor.

"Make A Difference Day is a wonderful opportunity for Michigan residents to come together and give back to their communities through volunteer service," said Gov. John Engler in a proclamation supporting the annual event. "Working together we can make a difference."



Lowell's 4-H Life's A Stage members made a difference on Saturday, Oct. 28 with stops at Cumberland Manor and the Ronald McDonald House.

"It was such a pleasure to watch the faces of the Cumberland Manor residents when the 4-H members performed in their Halloween costumes," said Penny Rosema, 4-H leader. The club members were very enthusiastic about helping out and

have committed to other community service projects including a pop can drive for DeVos Children's Hospital and saving pop can tabs for the Kidney Foundation.

Dogs are assets to candidates, and the feeling seems to be engendered that if a dog loves the candidate, he can't be all that bad.

—Dick Gregory

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(Portland Rd. to golf course, S. to fork, hang left, 2nd right to home)

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13358 Lowell View
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Reflections

Of Faith

John VanderWall,
Calvary Christian
Reformed Church

Hot, fresh bread smells and tastes so good. Memories of mom's kitchen, good eating and good times come flooding to all people at the very mention of the smell of good baking. What could be more wonderful than hot fresh bread?

Jesus uses the bread metaphor in much of His teachings. He is the living bread that came down from

heaven. If you eat of this bread, you will live forever. This bread is Jesus' flesh, which He gives for the life of the world (John 6:35). Believers in Jesus remember the Lord's Prayer and ask God to "Give us this day our daily bread." Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of one loaf (1 Cor. 10:17). Having true faith in Jesus is the only way to gain eternal life.

Being a baker by trade, then a part-time evangelist, I notice interesting spiritual bakery comparisons found in scripture. "Cast your bread upon the water (Ecc 11:1)" is a great evangelism verse implying the adventure when you talk to strangers about the Lord. The bakery that my wife and I operate specializes in wedding cakes. There are Jesus parables about wedding banquets, and the teaching that the Church is the bride of Christ awaiting the wedding Feast of His return.

Back in Bible times, they had coarse ground wheat and barley flours, producing heavy, tough loaves. There is a big difference between refined soft wheat cake flour, white winter wheat bread flour, coarse ground wheat and barley flours. We can still apply the metaphor of that day, imagining the kind of white bread and wedding

cakes that are available today to the Bible references of bread.

Basic ingredients in both bread and cake are similar: flour, water, sugar, oil, leavening, and salt. They are very symbolic of Jesus being the bread of life.

Telling someone about how Jesus has changed your whole life, and encouraging them to give their life to Jesus is like planting the wheat flour seeds, waiting for the Lord to give a harvest. Water symbolizes washing away our sins when we are born again in Jesus. Sugar is honey, equal to the delights of marital love (Song of Songs 4:11 & 5:1), and picturing how Christ loves His Church, as a groom loves his bride (Rev. 21:2). Oil, put on sores in Jesus' day, pointing to Him as the great physician, was used for commissioning prophets: "The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives (Is 61:1)". The all penetrating quality of the gospel, like leavening, teaches about inward spiritual growth. Christians are to be the salt of the Earth, preserving and adding flavor.

When we think about these ingredients and their use in scripture, we wish every one, starting in Lowell, would partake of the bread of life. Therefore, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him (PS 34:8)". Please ask Jesus into your heart. Come to a church that teaches the good news of Jesus where you can experience the Kingdom of heaven firsthand. Taste and see that it is more wonderful than hot, fresh bread.

Latva conducts national FFA band

When the lights were dimmed and the hush descended upon the audience of more than 45,000 at the world's largest youth convention, a local band director shared the spotlight in musical performance that inspired the crowd and provided memories to last a lifetime.

Dale Latva, Lowell Middle School band director, was selected to be an assistant director for the 2000 National FFA Band. The 106 member band performed at

various events throughout the 73rd National FFA Convention, held Oct. 25-28 in Louisville, KY.

The directors and band members arrived in Louisville four days before the convention to rehearse. The National FFA Band was directed by Joe LaJoye of Hastings and assisted by Dale Latva of Lowell and Steve Foote of Kentwood. FFA Band members were selected from more than 250 nominations and auditions all throughout the

United States. The band is co-sponsored by the Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

FFA is a national organization of 451,997 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. There are 7,268 local chapters throughout the United States which includes Lowell.

Retreat for young adults, Dec. 9

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, Lowell, invite single young adults to spend a day in prayer and experiences at the Franciscan Life Process Center in order to learn more about the particu-

lar call of service that each baptized Catholic has within the church. The day will focus on the vocations to ministerial priesthood, religious life and sacramental marriage.

The retreat will be held

Saturday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 18 if you plan to attend.

Contact Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E. for further information at 897-7842.

AREA BIRTHS

Duke and Diane Burdette of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma

Grace. She was born October 22, 2000 at 4:32 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 11 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home with love by siblings Eric, Erin and Elise.

Proud grandparents are Robert and Iris Clark, David and Laura Burdette, all of Lowell, and Jan and Ed Baker of Saratoga, WY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 9: Angie Briggs, Roxanne Goff, Danielle Bundy, Doris Ellis, Daryll Gildner, Katie Mendez, Carol Sue McGregor, Tom Mohr.
NOV. 10: Ann Bellah, Sarah Mogor, Tyler Dewey, Gary Daverman.
NOV. 11: Mike Roudabush.

Tom Roudabush, Dan Wingeier Jr, Rachel Burns, Zachary Lignam, Justin Warren, N. Stephen Kelley.
NOV. 12: Harry Erickson.

Deborah Malloy, Al Olszewski.
NOV. 13: Brian Gardar.
NOV. 14: David Durkee, Doris Rhines.
NOV. 15: Beth Stouffer, Emily Myers, Gina Gildner, Doug Decker.

History is a distillation of rumor.

—Thomas Carlyle

School News

Week of 11/13 - 11/17

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

MON: Mini-corn dogs or dinosaur pasta with franks, French bread, cinnamon apple slices, green beans.

TUES: Crispy chicken drumstick or delicious chili, toasted cheese bread, orange wedges, carrot slices.

WED: Turkey gravy or baked ham, fruit medley, whipped potatoes, harvest bar, biscuit.

THURS: Cheese pizza or pork rib BBQ on bun, pineapple & mand. oranges, fresh veggies & dip, Mickey Mouse cookies.

FRI: Pancake dippers or cereal choice, scrambled eggs, orange juice, potato wedges.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

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

MON: Meatball sub sandwich or mini corn dogs, cinnamon apples, green beans.

TUES: Chicken parmesan on bun or chili w/2 soft pretzels, peaches, pasta salad, tater tots.

WED: Chicken nuggets or turkey gravy, biscuit, fruit medley, whipped potatoes, harvest bar.

THURS: Mexican bar. Beef or chicken taco meat, crunchy shells, soft shells, pitas, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, black olives, onions, refried beans, rice, fruit choice.

FRI: Pizza wedge or chicken cordon bleu on bun, applesauce, corn.

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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

In last week's column I informed you of the sale of our big house in the Florida Keys and the purchase of a smaller one. A mid-life downsizing for the Browns'. Of course, the mid-life thing is only a figure of speech. I know there isn't a bookie in the country who would make a bet on me celebrating my 100th birthday.

The whole transaction was a whirlwind affair. Our buyers wanted in as soon as possible. We initially put them off until the end of November. The house we decided to make an offer on was a spec house and we heard rumors that the developer needed cash. We used our ability to close quickly and pay cash as leverage in the negotiations. It worked too well. We ended up with both closings scheduled on October 26th ... less than thirty days away. There was no time to waste. I did the best thing I knew how. I got on a plane and came back to Michigan, making sure I wasn't in the way as Terese did some serious packing.

In any real estate transaction I've been involved with here in Michigan, thirty days' possession after closing is normal. Real estate agents I've asked tell me that is changing, but some period of possession after close is still common. In Florida this courtesy is unheard of. I asked for two weeks' possession after closing and the realtors looked at me like I had been smoking crack. The house keys were to go across the table at the closing and our stuff had better be out.

We were lucky in that the developer let us store stuff in the garage of our new house as we moved it out. I don't know how other people handle this "no possession after close" policy when nobody can move in until all the closings are out of the way. Everybody's stuff must be floating around on moving trucks in a state of limbo or furniture purgatory while the homeowners are temporarily homeless. They should have shelters and soup kitchens for them.

I got back to Florida on the 14th of October. We worked on our paper during the day. We packed and moved at night. We lived on fried chicken from the local gas station when at 11:00 we'd remember we hadn't eaten all day.

Getting all the stuff, accumulated over several years in a huge home, into a new place with about half the space, a smaller garage and no storage shed at all was no small task. It was like a Rubik's cube made of furniture, tools, fishing gear, diving gear, Christmas ornaments and boxes, boxes, boxes.

Here's how we did it. This is the part of the move that my father talks about when he says, "Three moves is as good as a fire."

We have trash pick-up twice a week in our neighborhood. Twice a week I had a two pack pile out by the street. By that I mean the guys on the truck had to load the back and operate the compactor at least two times to get it all. Next, Terese sold a good share of our old furniture to the new owner. She was motivated because that obviously allowed her to go furniture shopping. I was motivated because I didn't have to move furniture. I sold some stuff using the local radio station's morning call-in program. I felt like a Mr. Haney type huckster as I foisted off old furniture over the airwaves. I gave a huge entertainment center away. Terese bartered some items with her cleaning ladies. There was nothing we wouldn't stoop to.

All those tricks helped, but we still had problems. We bought 18 sets of shelving at Home Depot. The units have five shelves, three feet wide and two feet deep. Every wall of my

garage is covered with these shelves and every shelf is full. They don't make better use of space on the space shuttle.

A few days before closing/moving day, the new furniture arrived. We'd pretty well worked our way through the punch list of flaws on the new house. The builder gave us the go ahead to start moving in. In it went. I kept myself busy packing stuff away in the garage while the delivery guys hauled all that heavy furniture upstairs. My mama didn't raise a dummy. Keys homes are built on stilts because of possible flooding in hurricanes, so everything is at least a second story move. In our case all the master bedroom and office furniture had to go up to a third story.

Finally, moving day came. We had three young guys and a big straight truck rented for the day. Even after all the moving we'd already done, it was a full day's work for the guys, and the truck was nearly full. They had to wrestle our heavy office furniture all the way up to the third floor. That alone was worth the \$600 they charged me. I overheard part of a conversation they had about their mutual chiropractor. I don't think any of them were 30 years old yet.

This is unrelated, but have you seen the TV ad where the professional masseur brings when he has to massage the shoulders of a guy with hair on his back like a black bear? He's in a category with those movers in that they all have to work way too hard for their money.

Finally, we went to closing. We were completely out of our old house. All our stuff was moved, sold, given away or compacted and hauled to the trash heap. I had my fingers crossed that there wouldn't be a hiccup in either selling our old house or in buying the new one. I didn't want to move again, and didn't know where we'd move to.

Fortunately, everything at the closings went without a hitch. We spent the next couple of days settling in, then I got on a plane back here to my Michigan job and a little rest.

Health

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BREAST CANCER SCREENING

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women. Current statistics estimate that one in eight women will get breast cancer. Warning signs that you may have a problem with your breast include: any new lump in the breast, a dimpling (pucker) in the skin or a change in color, size or shape of the breast, a nipple that becomes inverted (pulled in), or a discharge from the nipple.

Self breast exam is exceedingly helpful in the evaluation of any breast mass. It is estimated that 90 percent of breast masses are found by the female herself, with only 10 percent being detected by a physician exam. Self breast exams should be done monthly, usually 4-5 days after the menstrual cycle in premenopausal women.

Mammograms are generally recommended as baseline at

TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR,

Bravo Katie! First of all, I am proud of you for voicing your opinion. Not too many kids are willing to do that. I read your article, and I agree. The band members should have been recognized for their contribution to the homecoming celebration, and to all the halftime shows, for that matter. It must be very disappointing to work very hard and contribute so much and go unrecognized.

I want you to know that the Arrow fans appreciated and enjoyed the performance you gave at the homecoming game, the parade, and all the halftime shows this year. I am sorry to hear that you were left out of the recognition.

As a former band member, I know the hours of practice it takes to learn the formations, music and routines that go into the shows. You did a fantastic job. We are proud of our Lowell bands. Keep up the good work.

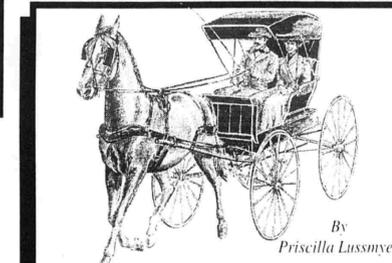
Rhonda Delnick

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age 35, then annually after age 40. Screening intervals may change if the woman has a family history of breast cancer in a first degree relative - a daughter, mother, or sister. If the mammogram is abnormal, an ultrasound may be ordered to differentiate a mass from being solid or cystic (fluid filled). If your doctor is uncomfortable with your exam, your mammogram, or your ultrasound, then he or she will probably recom-

mend that a biopsy be obtained. This can be done in several ways, and very often can be accomplished in the office setting.

Remember that the best ways to screen yourself for breast cancer include: perform monthly breast exams, have a physical breast exam by a doctor every three years for women 20 to 39 years of age, then every year after 40, and get an annual mammogram starting at age 40.



Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 10, 1875

"Several horses in this village are confined to their rooms with the epizooty."

"The beet that beats all for size and singular form was left at the Journal office by Mr. Abraham Krum of Vergennes. It weighs 14 pounds."

The new South Lowell ME (Methodist Episcopal) church will be dedicated next Sabbath.

Excellent-quality coal has been found at the Jewell mine near Jackson, 66 feet down, under 40 feet of solid rock.

"Grand Rapids wants a coffee saloon where the young can go and sip Mocha instead of lager."

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 6, 1900

William McKinley is reelected over Wm. Jennings Bryan, and local man A.W. Weekes will be a state Senator. Teddy Roosevelt is vice president. The Ledger reports several state returns are not in (two days after the election), but the totals stand.

G.W. Crosby of Vergennes recently sold a five-week-old calf that weighed 200 pounds.

Because of (mostly) young hunters' carelessness, farmers are posting their fields to protect livestock.

There are 111 registered in the high school now, with average attendance for October 96.2.

The local team won the football game last Saturday and is

congratulated for excellent teamwork, especially in use of trick formation.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 5, 1925

Humorist Herbert Leon "Kill the Blues" Cope will be the second Lyceum program at City Hall. Meanwhile, Harold Lloyd is playing in "The Freshman" at the Strand Theatre.

Treasury Secretary Mellon suggests income tax rates from 1 percent of \$3,000 income, to 5 percent of \$8,000, lower than the old tax rates.

1926 American Legion membership cards will also carry the seal of Fidac, the inter-allied federation of World War Veterans.

The proposed Detroit-to-Canada bridge will be the world's longest, at 1900 feet.

The state Grange protests the law that requires school boards to ask approval of the superintendent of public instruction for expenditures over \$300.

83 drunk drivers have lost their licenses under the new Michigan law.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 8, 1950

The five largest cities in the U.S. are New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Detroit.

It looks like Harry Kelly has swept the state for governor and that all four constitutional amendments were passed, at least when the Ledger went to press.

The Dr. Lee fund has paid out a total of \$30,000 for a fire department pumper, tennis courts and a grant to the schools.

The 5-year-old Michigan Tourist Council requests more money; inflation has reduced its operating budget.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE NOVEMBER 6, 1975

The proposal to make the Flat River a natural river under the Natural Rivers Act by the state, is being fought by a petition drive in Vergennes Township. State control of river edge seems to be the issue.

It was one of the quietest Halloweens in years.

Wittenbach Sales and Service celebrates its thirtieth anniversary.

A letter to the editor suggests that a Band Boosters Club be formed.

The Pettis-Vergennes-Bailey intersection redesign to make a safer intersection is almost complete.

To The Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

The events of Nov. 1 will not soon be forgotten. My granddaughter left that morning for the hospital to deliver her second child. Her mother, my daughter, was caring for her 2 1/2 year old. Later that morning, I received a call that my daughter was ill - could I come? On arriving, I was concerned with her symptoms and called 911. Lowell Ambulance and Lowell Rescue responded quickly. On assessing the situation it was determined to transport my daughter, leaving great-grandma in charge.

The 2 1/2 year old was very anxious about all of the activity so I was challenged to be calm. After the ambulance left, the real challenge remained. I had not a clue as to how to

transfer and install a child's car seat. So this is where the Rescue Squad became my salvation.

Ron VanOverbeek transferred the child's car seat to my van; Jim Hodges searched for a missing shoe, which he found, and Mark Mundt helped secure the residence before I left. All three gentlemen stayed with me and assisted beyond their call of duty. Just wanted the community to know we have a very professional and helpful rescue and the Lowell Ambulance crew likewise, handled the situation with expertise. This community is very fortunate.

My thanks to all for making my day much easier.

Glad Fletcher
Lowell Township resident

p.s. We are proud to announce the arrival of our first great-grandson, Gavin Steven Daniel Hoffman, born later that day. Also my daughter was treated and released. The ending to a "perfect" (?) day!

Gratefully,
June Dilly, volunteer

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



OPENING DAY

Michigan is blessed with an abundance of fish and game, so there are many opening days marking the beginning of the different hunting and fishing seasons. There are season openers for pheasant, archery deer, and waterfowl, among others. Of all these seasons, the opening day of firearm deer season draws the most attention and affects more people than any other.

Over the years many things have changed in the outdoors, but the excitement of opening day has always remained high.

That's the day when many factories, offices, and classrooms will be missing a number of regular inhabitants. In some parts of the state, these places will actually shut down operations. The day before opening, roads will be crowded with all types of vehicles—some with trailers and campers—heading north. Sport shops will buzz with activity as hunters pick up last minute, almost forgotten, items.

After all of the preparation, the magic hour approaches. Lights glow in the windows of suburban homes, farmhouses, and remote deer camps as hunters eat a hardy breakfast and hurriedly dress in blaze-orange attire. Well before daylight, they begin to make their way through the fields, woods, and swamps to their favorite hunting grounds.

Anticipation runs high as the first hint of daylight glows on the horizon and begins to define the landscape around the hunter's stand. Trees, stumps, and rocks that moments before were only dark shadows slowly take on shape and color. Finally, a distant shot breaks the silence—the season has begun. As the morning wears on, several more shots report hunter activity.

Delicate footsteps and a snapped twig reveal something

DEAR EDITOR,

In Feb. 1998, the Crisis Pregnancy Center, located at St. Mary School, 420 Amity St., Lowell, was founded and opened by its director, Ruth Collar.

Since that time, over 200 mothers have been provided with formula, food, diapers, clothing, and nursery furnishings at no cost.

Additionally, counseling, physician referrals and pregnancy testing are also provided.

The cost of operations is covered solely by area churches, service organizations and individual donations. We are indeed grateful for all your help.

At this time the director, volunteers and mothers helped would like to publicly thank Mrs. Angelo Zengri (Emily) for donating all of the proceeds from her recent estate sale to the center. With generous people like Emily, we can continue our ministry of helping mothers and babies in the area.

Gratefully,

June Dilly, volunteer

alive in the brush, causing the heart to beat faster as eyes strain to pick out the slightest movement or the glint of antlers or a patch of hair. Mysteriously, a gray form materializes at the edge of the clearing. A doe drifts through the opening and fades back into the cover. The vigil continues with anticipation and visions of high antlered bucks. This may be the year the monster buck will fall prey to the patient and determined hunter. If not, there will be another opening day next year and, hopefully, the year after that.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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

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

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Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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Consider "Zero Coupons" for Meeting Specific Goals

Do you have a time-specific investment goal in mind? Maybe you want to send your child to college in 18 years. Or maybe you want to buy a summer home in 10 years. If so, then you might want to consider the number zero — as in zero coupon bonds.

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When you purchase a zero coupon bond, you receive a deep discount from its face value, and you receive no interest payments during the bond's lifetime. When it matures, you receive the full face amount — your initial investment plus the

accumulated interest compounded over the life of the bond. And if you purchase a zero coupon bond that's issued by a state or local government entity, the interest you earn will compound free of federal taxes, and possibly state and local taxes, as well.

Suppose, for example, that you've just had your first baby and you want to start a college savings plan. You estimate college costs will be approximately \$40,000 per year when your child enrolls for college in 2018, and you assume a four-year degree program. You could buy \$160,000 worth of face-amount government-agency zeros due in 2018, at a cost of \$46,000 today, assuming a seven percent semi-annual yield.

Zero coupon bonds are issued by the U.S. Treasury, government sponsored enterprises, corporations and municipalities. Zero coupons issued by the Treasury are generally considered the safest, because they're backed by the U.S. government. But municipal zeros also offer a high degree of safety and, because the interest they provide is typically tax-exempt, their total return may be higher than Treasuries. However, municipal zeros may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.

If you purchase a zero coupon bond that is not tax-exempt, you need to be aware that, even though you don't receive interest payments while you hold the bond, you still must pay income taxes each year on the interest. That's why you may want to consider putting a taxable zero coupon bond in an IRA, 401 (k) or other tax deferred retirement plan. If you do

this, however, make sure to consult with your tax adviser beforehand. In fact, it's a good idea to see your tax adviser before you even purchase a zero coupon bond.

You can find zero coupon bonds in maturities ranging from one to 40 years, although most of them mature in 20 years or less. That's why zero coupons have the flexibility to help you plan for a variety of financial goals. And, since you invest a relatively small amount up front, you may be able to afford more than one zero coupon at a time.

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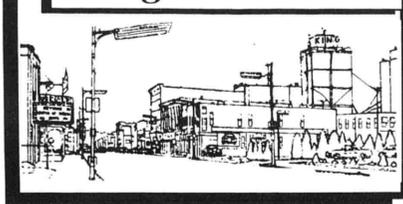
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The Fallsburg Historical Society annual banquet will take place on Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor. There will be a catered dinner and exhibit highlighting the society's achievements of 35 years. Reservations are necessary. Call 897-6430, ask for Priscilla.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering a creative and educational workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the whole family.

The program is \$5 per person/\$25 per family. For more information call the Center at 897-7842.

THE CHAMBER NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you have any 1 gal. milk jugs, pine cones or scrap yarn, call Liz at the Chamber (897-9161) to arrange for drop off.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

The annual Christmas through Lowell will be held on Nov. 17, 9 am to 9 pm; Nov. 18, 9 am to 7 pm; and Nov. 19, 11 am to 5 pm; 23 homes and six businesses. Fliers/maps are available at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's Hallmark, Dream Pieces, Shorebird Gallery & Gifts, Touch of Country, Rupert's Drop and State Farm Insurance.

CARRIAGE RIDES

Free carriage rides given at King Milling parking lot. Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 18 and 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. Gratuities are welcome.

FREE PRE-SCHOOL OFFERED

The Child Psychology class will be conducting a free short-term preschool beginning Tuesday, Nov. 28 and running through Dec. 20. This will be held at the high school on an every other day basis from 9:50 - 11:20 a.m.

For more information or to register, call Marsha LaHaye at 897-4125 ext. 435.

WATER-PAINTING WORKSHOP AT LAAC

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 29 and Thursday, Nov. 30, there will be an eight-week workshop with David Davis, exploring watercolor, gouache and tempera. Call 897-8545 to register.

COLLEGE NEWS

Julie Wisner, a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School, has been named to the dean's honor list during the winter term 2000 at University of Michigan College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. She is the daughter of Jerry and Kay Wisner of Lowell.

The human heart has hidden treasures, in secret kept, in silence sealed.

—Charlotte Brontë

WANTED: CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRIES

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 2. The theme is Showboating Lowell. Call Liz at the Chamber for an application for entry, 897-9161. Prizes awarded to the best entries. Deadline is Nov. 27.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Don't forget to get your Christmas decorations up! The judges will be out on Thursday, Nov. 30, so turn on the lights early. Call the Chamber office at 897-9161 for more info.

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TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Alto Girl Scouts will be collecting for Toys for Tots along the Lowell Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2. Look for their float, "Girl Scouts Showboating Around the World," to donate your new unwrapped toy.

A Frightful Day

The children at Picket Fence Child Care held their own Boo Fest Tuesday. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Zachary Pieroni, Andrew Priest, DeZieray Stanley, Dean Briggs; back row, left to right, are: Connor Duiven, Ian Duiven, Kristen Priest and Deb Duiven.



Three Lowell sixth-grade classes filled 155 city leaf bags during their two-and-a-half hour "Rake & Run" community service project.

Sixth-graders rake their way into the hearts of area residents

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

As Dick "Ozzie" Onan was walking his Bichon Frise, he observed middle school students raking leaves at a number of homes in his neighborhood.

"My first thought was to ask them to rake my yard, since I am leaving for Florida with my sister," Onan stated.

By the time he got back to his home, Onan's front yard was nearly absent of any leaves.

While away on his walk, Gordon VandenBerg's rake-toting students had raked Onan's front yard.

"That's just super," Onan said upon his return. "That's the nicest thing I am so proud of these kids and of our football team. I played football for Lowell years ago with Rex Collins and Jerry Roth."

The sixth-grade classes of VandenBerg, Betty Brink and Lynne Staal filled 155 bags of leaves in a two-and-a-half hour period as part of their "Rake

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LIGHT UP YOUR NIGHTS



As the days grow short and darkness falls early, now is a good time to think about improving the outdoor lighting around your home.

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

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

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

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

2000 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

MON-TUES TRASH PICKUP

October 3
October 10
October 17
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Josh Smart	John Martin	Rebekah Martin
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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Boardmembers Norman Borgerson and Charles Doyle, Planning Commissioner James Hall and Light and Power and Cable TV Manager Thomas Richards.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2000 regular meeting as written.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/16/00)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 114,483.58
MAJOR STREET FUND	\$251.61
LOCAL STREET FUND	\$251.62
DDA FUND	\$87,231.75
AIRPORT FUND	\$138.00
WASTEWATER FUND	\$318.26
WATER FUND	\$3,216.21
DATA PROCESSING FUND	\$421.25
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$2,263.22
INVESTMENT FUND	\$ 19.90
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$47,223.65

Item #1. REQUEST FOR SIGNS AT CITY ENTRIES HONORING STATE CHAMPION HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM. The Lowell High School Equestrian Team recently won the Division A State Championship. This was the first State title for Lowell since 1928.

Noreen Balaam of 13731 28th Street suggested the City of Lowell publicize this achievement by placing signs at each of the four entrances into the City on Main and Hudson Streets.

Coach Gail Parker noted the Lowell team has won the District Championship 16 out of the last 20 years. Parker is proud of the kids and has a great team to work with her.

Balaam discussed with Public Works Director Dan DesJarden concerning the installation of the sign and the costs which would be incurred. She also spoke with Callender & Dornbos, Inc. (the sign company the City uses in Charlotte, Michigan). The company indicated a typical sign size was 24" X 36". Balaam proposed a green street sign with minimal lettering large enough for individuals to read as they're traveling through Lowell.

Balaam explained there are three divisions, based on size, competing at the State level. The last few years Lowell has competed in the A division, due to the large number of team members. Communities such as South Haven, Grand Ledge, Midland, Ludington, Lakeview, Williamston, Yale, Alpena, Marshall, Caledonia, Mt. Pleasant and Petoskey have competed against Lowell. The A Division consists of approximately 77 riders. Balaam stated this is a wonderful achievement. She noted the Equestrian Team is not a varsity sport, but rather a school club.

Each sign is estimated to cost \$63.

Councilmember Myers asked how many individuals were present during the event. Parker responded the Lowell team consists of 18 A team members with approximately 50 individuals attending the event from Lowell. However, there were several thousand people at the coliseum in Detroit.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to purchase four signs honoring the Lowell High School Champion equestrian team having the Department of Public Works provide installation, subject to approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Kent County Road Commission.

Blough believed this was a great way to send positive signals to the parents and youth of the community who have participated by installing such signs.

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 - PUBLIC HEARING. The Planning Commission received a request several weeks ago from Joice Smith, a local realtor, concerning the need to allow for vehicle repair facilities in Industrial Districts. The Planning Commission in its review, felt it was consistent with current allowed land uses within this district. The Commission also reviewed the Light Industrial District and believed Vehicle Repair Facilities and Vehicle Service Stations should be allowed within those districts.

A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission at its September 25 meeting. No comments were received and the Commission unanimously recommended to the City Council that this ordinance amendment be adopted.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment allowing vehicle repair facilities and vehicle service stations in Industrial Districts by right and Light Industrial Districts by special use permit.

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

Item #3. RIVER CITY FIRE PROTECTION, INC. (1375 EAST MAIN ST.) - REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER P.A. 198 - PUBLIC HEARING. River City Fire Protection 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 initiated construction of a 7250 square foot facility on the north side of West Main Street adjacent to the east City Limits.

The Council may consider the establishment of an Industrial Development District for River City Fire Protection after public comments are received.

City Manager Pasquale explained the Council needs to consider whether such a district should be established. If approved, this would allow River City Fire Protection to apply for an Industrial Exemption Certificate, which would equate to tax abatements for future improvements.

Representing River City Fire Protection Andrew Vredenburg stated DC&HLLC owns the property. The building is a 7200 square foot warehouse and industrial facility, which would house River City Fire Protection as one tenant. The company installs commercial and industrial overhead fire protection systems. Vredenburg noted the other tenant would be Progressive Heating and Cooling.

Vredenburg explained the purpose of the request is to seek property tax abatement. Under Act 198, they are allowed to request property tax relief with the consent of the Council. There has been some question as to whether the current building would be eligible. If the company is not allowed to seek this abatement for the existing premises, there should at least be property tax relief for personal property taxes.

After speaking with City Assessor James Marfia, Pasquale understood such a District needs to be established before a business can apply for any type of tax abatement. He stated if improvements have been made before a district has been established, it would not qualify.

Vredenburg believed the guidelines held by the City of

Lowell provided for a twelve-month window, once construction begins, to apply exemptions while the State Act provides for six months.

Vredenburg noted the construction was started before a request was made.

Councilmember Myers questioned the purpose of the Industrial Development District. He asked if it had any impact other than on PA 198 and Tax Abatements. Pasquale responded no, it is strictly for 198.

Myers asked how many other districts were established. Pasquale responded nearly every industrial facility within the City limits had an Industrial Development District. The last one established was for Root Lowell. He also noted King Milling, Michigan Wire, Litehouse, Inc., Newell and Metric Manufacturing have Industrial Development Districts.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to establish the Industrial Development District under Public Act 198 for parcel number 41-20-01-177-004 (River City Fire Protection, Inc., 1375 East Main Street, DC & HLLS owner).

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

Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF ADDING THE SPARTA TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO KENT COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP.

As noted at the last meeting, the Sparta Township and Village Fire Department applied to the Kent County Fire Commission for membership. While the Board itself approved the request, final inclusion requires a positive vote of three-fourths of each Commission member governing body.

City Manager Pasquale spoke with Fire Chief Frank Martin for his recommendation. Martin consulted the County to determine whether Lowell's rotation for a new pumper from the Fire Commission would be disrupted. As it is, the schedule will not be affected and the delivery of Lowell's truck would be in 2004. Thus, Chief Martin recommended the Sparta membership.

As a matter of information, a new tanker will be ordered in the next year's budget. The current vehicle is 20 years old.

Councilmember Myers questioned if there was an annual cost for membership. Pasquale was unsure of the exact amount, but stated there are contributions.

Myers noted the Vice-Chairperson of the Kent County Fire Commission is John Timpson.

Mayor Blough stated the comments which were included in the minutes from the August 11, 2000 Fire Commission minutes where Fire Chief Martin notes the insurance of trucks will be decreased.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to approve the inclusion of the Sparta Township and Village Fire Department as a member of the Kent County Fire Commission.

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

Item #5. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE LIGHT AND POWER AND CABLE TV BUDGETS.

City Manager Pasquale noted Norman Borgerson and Charles Doyle of the Light and Power and Cable TV Board and Light and Power/Cable TV Manager Tom Richards were present to discuss the proposed budgets.

Light and Power and Cable TV Manager Tom Richards presented the budgets with several pages of explanations such as events which affected the financial performance of both organizations last year as well as rationale used when interpreting those expenses and revenues along with projections for the current fiscal year.

Lowell Light and Power Budget

Councilmember Shores verified the fiscal year ended the end of June. Richards responded yes.

Shores questioned fuel expenses. Richards responded this is fuel for the diesel gas generation at Lowell Light and Power. This is used only in extreme energy usage periods. This year the fuel was utilized in the latter part of August. He explained this does not increase or decrease

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the amount of fuel because it is very much dependent upon how much Light and Power is requested to run by the Michigan Public Power Agency. Last year, Light and Power was not asked to run at all, while this year they were asked to run for a combined 12 to 15 hours. This is not a very significant expense and is not one in which projections can be made. It has been based on the weather.

Shores commented on the maintenance on generation and electrical equipment. She stated the 1999-2000 Budget showed \$19,965, while the 2000-2001 Budget provided \$31,965. Richards responded the engine room and fueling system have been revamped. A part-time individual has also been hired to maintain the plant. A significant portion of the increase is due to the salary of this individual.

Shores asked why the salaries were not listed. Richards responded the accounting procedures used are those recommended by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Each expense item, whether personnel, labor, supplies, equipment is allocated toward a portion of the business which it supports. This allows to break down how much of their costs are provided generation, into purchased power and other major expense groups. These groups would have to be split if, at some point, due to regulation they were required to divest themselves of generation and only charge the customers for the cost of providing service on overhead or underground lines. Unlike a fund balance accounting system, every nut, bolt, cubic foot of gas and hour of labor is allocated toward part of the business which it supports. Through the payroll records, they have how much labor costs but inconsequential in terms of what it supports in the business. Richards noted the electric industry uses a different standard which Light and Power has adopted. This has created some degree of difficulty in changing over the new software and accounting in making the transition.

Blough interpreted Richards as saying basically there will be no singular line item showing the salaries. Blough explained this is basically distributed all the way through the activities. However, the corollary is if the detail to each line item was presented, there would be a view a particular salary charge against a particular line item.

Richards stated there are numerous sub accounts to all of these which break down the labor in particular.

Shores questioned the Purchased Power - Purchased Power-ADJ Deficiency Capacity Charge expenses. She stated this area indicated a decrease of funds from \$213,578 to \$173,578. Richards responded this is an expense item, which has gone down. This is because in the past the generation equipment had not been reliable enough or approved for some time. By adding the new cooling system and some of the other changes made, these now have reliable generation and therefore provide a credit which reduces their expense for being deficient for the generation needed in Lowell. This is a reduction in expense because each month these are on the average of \$12,000-\$15,000 per month for deficiency charge credit where it reduces their expense for that portion of the purchase power. Last year, these had several months of qualifying for this capacity credit. Whereas, this the next year it is expected to qualify for this every month.

Shores clarified this is power which the City can generate now. Richards responded yes, Light and Power receives a credit because they are able to generate and share generation with the power pool, which is where the purchase power derives.

Shores questioned the Overhead and Underground Line Expenses with both Light & Power and Cable TV. She noted the increase in expenses from which was previously given to the Council. Richards responded the previous budget was produced when they had very few months of information. It was not very reliable. Former Manager Ronald Holcomb took care of the budget based on a great deal of speculation and not having the opportunity to determine the actual expenses like Richards has had.

Shores questioned the maintenance of overhead lines. She stated the 1999 - 2000 Budget was \$104,000 and 2000 - 2001 Budgets is \$64,422. Richards responded a \$40,000 deduction from one year to the next was because Light and Power had a substantial tree-trimming program completed by an outside contractor this year. They have virtually gone through the entire system and did a very thorough job of tree trimming. In the next several years, this will not be necessary because a good job was done this year.

Shores asked what was entailed in the maintenance of street lighting. Richards responded this involves both the labor and cost of installing new lamps in the lights and taking care of any other issues regarding street lights. Shores questioned if Light & Power changes the bulbs. Richards responded yes.

Shores commented on the Employee Benefit Account. She stated there was a \$30,000 increase in employee pensions and benefits expenses. Richards responded a change was made in the allocation of pension costs concerning the amount contributed by the employer versus the amount made by the employee. The department has taken on more of the contributions for pensions, while the employee has less. Shores questioned if this was strictly for Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV employees. Richards responded yes. Shores questioned why this was not for other city employees. She inquired why all employees were not treated the same. Richards responded this was done based upon a salary survey, which was conducted throughout other public power companies similar to them. The Board decided to make this change based upon what was seen with other competitive businesses like theirs.

Shores stated she has heard a few statements of discontent from some city employees because Lowell Light and Power employees were receiving more benefits. She wanted a better explanation as to why all employees aren't under the same system.

Blough suggested asking the Board what they passed relative to contribution.

Shores questioned what "Other Compensation" referred to. Richards stated he did not bring his backup information tonight. Therefore, he was not able to elaborate on this. Shores requested this information be given to the City Manager before the next meeting.

Shores noted the accounting and legal expenses went down 34 percent.

She also noted the advertising increase for Light and Power. Richards responded there will be more promoting and building the image of Lowell Light and Power over the next few years.

Councilmember Myers mentioned in the commentary about the Light and Power under "Revenues", it states "we have confidence that the monthly and year end revenue totals are correct". He questioned if Richards was certain. Richards said the statement was made because there are individual revenue lines just as there are sub account lines on expenses. They know the totals are correct, but the processing has not concluded all the individual line items and allocated them all on the specific sub lines of the revenue. He indicated the totals in each are correct. Richards has had reviewed many months of the individual line items. However, these are not all shown here. He stated they knew the numbers and the totals were right, but as far as the individual corrected sub lines on each of those revenue categories, it could not be shown.

Myers questioned the expenses under conferences and special meetings from the 1999-2000 Budget of \$19,642. Richards responded the previous manager attended several conferences. Richards attended a marketing conference for the electric industry. The Board attended a Board Development Conference in San Francisco. There was also the American Public Power Conference, which was also held in the West. Richards did not believe there would be similar expenses this year, noting the decrease of expenses shown. Myers noted a 40 percent decrease was shown. He also stated the Budget shows approximately \$1000 a month goes toward this expense.

Myers also noted the Budget presents a revenue increase of 4.9 percent. Total expenses show an increase of 2.1 percent, with a projected net increase of 66 percent. He stated if the increase in the revenue is subtracted, then 61 percent of this extra income is from reduced expenses. He questioned if this was correct. Richards stated given the year and the extraordinary expenses, yes, this was correct.

Blough questioned if the capital expenses for improvements to the facility were included in the 1999-2000 Budget or the 2000-2001 Budget. Richards responded the increase in capital expenses normally takes place after financial statements are audited and direction can be given. Blough clarified under "Depreciation Expense" for Light and Power which an estimated 10 percent increase in depreciation expense of capital items will

contribute. Richards responded Light and Power has various projects, which will be depreciated over a different schedule of years.

Blough clarified these capital expenses for improvements would be in the 2000-2001 Budget. Richards responded after the financial statements have been audited, the Auditors will indicate what should be allocated for depreciation of expense.

Blough rephrased his question and stated the facility has been remodeled. He did not see any singular line item which indicates exactly how much was spent on the remodeling of the facility. Blough asked if this was spread across multiple line items. Richards responded no, this would become a part of the depreciation expense. Blough questioned if the renovation of the facility will cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars. Richards responded the renovations will run more but spread over a period of time. Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Board Member Norman Borgerson responded part was last year and part will be this year. Blough wanted the amount of funds the City is investing in currently, whether last year, this year or the year to come. Borgerson responded \$450,000 for remodeling.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned Sales Revenue which indicates a 5 percent increase. Richards stated there are a number of new customers, including Meijer's. There will be an increase in the number of commercial and residential accounts, but have no schedule yet for adjustments in rates. Richards stated Lowell Light & Power will review the service rates for the cost of connecting and making service changes. A rate study will be done in the first of the year to determine whether there should be changes in the electric rates.

Brubaker asked if the price for energy fluctuates with other types of energy versus oil. Richards responded they do not use oil. Most of the power is generated by coal fired plants and to some degree natural gas. They use diesel fuel to start their own generators, but this is a minuscule amount compared to the total cost of fuel for their generated power.

Myers referred back to conference expenses and asked if the \$19,642 spent last year was strictly for the expense of travel and conferences. Richards responded this included registration, travel, hotel, and rental car. Borgerson noted the amount also included training programs.

Myers questioned how many individuals attended these conferences. Richards responded the Boardmembers and Customer Service Representatives attended. There were also individuals who attended training programs regarding power quality and underground locating.

Cable TV Proposed Budget for 2000-2001 Councilmember Green did not remember the Council being involved in the discussion regarding the digital loan Cable TV received from Light and Power. Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Boardmember Charles Doyle responded the Council does not have to be involved. Doyle suggested Green read the Charter. Doyle stated last Spring or Fall the Council gave the Board permission to take over the Cable TV. He stated this is what they are attempting to do. They are trying to operate it as a business. The Board does not have to come to the Council every time a decision needs to be made.

Green agreed and stated the Council did place the Boardmembers of Light and Power in charge of Cable TV. The Council believed there would be some benefit in doing this by sharing the costs. However, there are certain items under the ordinance created Cable TV which is not part of the Charter. Doyle agreed, but stated under the ordinance the Council gave the Board the power to do this. Pasquale stated this is an issue which needs to be determined.

Assuming Doyle is correct, Green referred to this issue and also one presented by Shores concerning the compensation change, which under the Charter, the Board has the right to do. Over the past few years, it appears there has been a communication problem. These have been issues the Council wishes to hear directly rather than from the employees. Green suggested a memo indicating actions which were taken. Whether or not the Council is able to give consent, there should still be the advice given.

Myers questioned the variance and the total revenues of 17.4 percent. He believed it showed in the commentary the increase in Cable TV penetration from 8 percent to

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11.5 percent, Richards responded this is the percentage of digital customers to the total base account.

Myers noted the schedule of increases which has been approved for the subscriber. In his mind, this did not total a 17 percent increase. He assumed part of this would come from an increase in subscriber accounts. Richards responded this year there was a 5 percent increase to the basic customers, but they are also projecting an increase in the number of basic customers. Also, there is an increase in the number of digital customers. He stated they are expanding the base, not just increasing the price.

Myers referred to the expenses for conferences and special meetings of Cable TV. He stated there is another \$9,500 in expenses for the organization which totals \$29,000 between the two organizations. Richards explained these expenses have been reduced.

Myers said this budget takes them from a negative \$134,000 loss to a marginal near break even position next year.

Blough questioned the cost of improvements to the Lowell Cable TV facilities (Capital Expense). He asked if this was noted in this budget or being presented as "actual" for the year 2000 which represents the remodeling which has taken place over at the riverside office or is this total considered in with the Lowell Light and Power facility. Richards responded a portion is being allocated to Cable. He did not include a depreciation expense increase in this budget because it is difficult for them to determine what portion of those capital expenditures from the Cable side would be depreciated over what period of time. This is a number that will change after the audit is done.

Blough questioned where he was wrong then in the logic. He stated there is approximately \$450,000 underneath last year's budget plus this year's budget in the Lowell Light and Power for those improvements. He asked how much under this budget or last year's budget for Cable TV is additional costs in improvements. Richards responded these will be depreciated expenses. The cost will be paid for in cash, but the benefits of using that building will be expensed during the period in which those improvements were used.

Blough stated he was trying to understand how much renovation has taken place and what it costs over the last two years in the facility. Richards responded the total cost of the renovation was \$450,000. Blough questioned if this came from Lowell Light and Power. Richards responded a large percentage. It is mostly used by Lowell Light and Power employees. Blough then clarified there was nothing in this budget relative to the renovation. Richards responded he did not increase the depreciation expense. This is where it would appear, although he didn't have a good handle on how much it would be, so he didn't estimate it on the Cable side. There will be some increase in expense, he just did not know how much.

Blough noted the budget currently shows a surplus of \$131,000, which would probably be reduced.

Shores questioned when the audit would be completed showing the actual bottom line figures. Richards responded the auditors are coming in the last week of October. The report is usually received around the first of the year.

Shores commented on the written memo which stated the projected reduction of accounting and legal expenses due to the fact there will be a smaller financial review done by Virchow Krause. She asked if the firm was still involved in auditing. Richards responded yes, this company has much experience in the electric industry, moreso than Biggs Hausserman.

Shores questioned the expense for having a second auditor. Borgerson stated the Board also questioned the expense of having a second auditor, but the Council insisted Biggs, Hausserman perform an audit for their purposes. Virchow Krause is more competent and skilled in the electric distribution. Shores stated she has confidence in Biggs, Hausserman and noted they have performed the audits in the past. Borgerson responded we don't know because there is a new accounting system. He would be surprised if Biggs knew how to deal with this new system. Virchow Krause is very familiar. He explained the accounting system is one which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is urging all electric utilities, both municipal and independently owned, to use so that they can factor out and break down all various

expenses being faced in the near future.

Blough questioned Borgerson when he stated the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is urging everyone to switch to this accounting system. He asked if this was a law. Borgerson responded this is not mandatory. Blough inquired if the City has been incurring these costs because of a Board decision to change. Borgerson responded yes, noting all companies are switching. He explained companies are doing this because as deregulation faces, they must be able to demonstrate very accurately costs for the generation of the electricity, the transmission for electricity, the distribution of the electricity and accounting for electricity. Borgerson stated there will be an electrical bill in the future similar to the phone bill.

Blough felt they were not moving in the right direction by the number of questions being asked. He noted the questions regarding payroll and additional costs associated with payroll. Borgerson stated these numbers could be accessed by calling up the payroll checks. The only practical way would be to add up these checks.

Shores said it would be very interesting and helpful if the Council could see how much payroll is.

Shores questioned the transportation for Jeep expense under Cable TV. She said it is not very much but has increased 46 percent plus the Jeep expense. She asked whose Jeep it was and what it is used for. Richards responded there was an additional vehicle purchased since the management of Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV was combined. The vehicle is shared between the two organizations. It is the only vehicle which serves a dual roll. The cost of the Jeep was a capital expense and is being advertised. The maintenance of the vehicle is what is listed in the account. This includes the cost of gas, oil, and tune-ups.

Blough asked if the Board had a policy for the usage of this vehicle. Borgerson responded when the Jeep was purchased the purpose was to have a vehicle other than a pickup truck. For example, he and Richards attended a meeting and rather than drive a company truck, they were able to drive this. He noted a four wheel drive vehicle was needed in the event of an emergency situation, possibly in the middle of the night, which may require the superintendent to appear and help straighten out which line needs to be repaired.

Blough stated the use of all public vehicles requires an Administrative Board to issue a policy. He questioned who the Administration was, what was the policy and who was responsible for the enforcement. Borgerson stated he was not aware of a policy. He stated the Jeep is generally used for all purposes, other than when a truck is needed. Myers questioned if the Jeep is identified as a Light and Power/Cable TV vehicle. Borgerson responded a magnetic sign can be placed on the vehicle. Myers felt the Jeep should be identified on a full-time basis.

Blough felt the Council should also request there be a written policy about when the vehicle is used and who will administrate the particular policy.

Brubaker questioned the digital programming expenses. He asked if the revenues were generated by sufficient enough to cover the expenses. He inquired if this made more profit. Richards responded it will over the long term. They have had much capital expense in terms of the equipment necessary in the beginning.

Brubaker questioned how many digital subscribers there were. Richards responded 200-225 subscribers.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the budgets as presented, pending further information including the following: 1) a detailed list outlining the pensions and benefits package for Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV employees, 2) other compensation, 3) the amount of the digital loan. Pasquale said clarification can be given as to whether or not the Council needs to be involved in the digital loan. Richards noted the loan was \$150,000. Blough noted the Light and Power/Cable Board cannot give an opinion relative to this, but can request such from the City Attorney, 4) Salaries broken down by departments by head count. 5) Capital Expenses for the last few years and projected into the future. He said Richards has given them basically the numbers of \$450,000 and some for the digital. Blough stated when he said capital expenses they have to be fair and specific, because there are many different types of expenses. Green said he was thinking capital expenses for the remodeling, for the upgrade to digital and im-

provements into the infrastructure. Richards stated all this information will be available from the audit. He believed the audit will include what was capital expenses for the year.

Richards noted his concerns. They have been working diligently over the past four months to try and assemble this information and to have this Council continue to hold up this budget based on more and more information. He said they have to get back to work on the job of improving what they are doing and meeting this budget. He said he is concerned as to the amount of time they are placing into this Budget as compared to what was done in previous years.

Blough understood Richards' frustrations, but he has to understand the Council's too. First of all, there is a clarification tonight which basically indicated this was a preferred approach by the Board to utilize FERC accounting. It is not a requirement by law, so this is the first time a FERC Budget has been placed in front of the Council. In an activity based accounting, this doesn't readily in the top-level budget, give you the kind of visibility. He thought there has been enough of a delay in this process which has raised some questions. Blough felt there are many capital programs. Broadway Street was closed off for a long period of time. The construction equipment remains there, leading him to believe there is still projects taking place. So the public continues to ask for clarification on line items in here. Blough stated there are a motion on the floor to approve the budget contingent on some more information. This is not a question of holding up approval of the budget, but clarifying items. He felt the Board was within its right and its responsibility to try to find out as much information as possible. There is no attempt to try to stall the issue.

Borgerson stated he believed last year's budget was also done under the FERC program. Blough responded he served on the Council last year and did not have the breakdown relative to this.

Morlock reviewed the conditions for the motion: 1) employees' benefits and pension, 2) other compensation, 3) digital loan clarification, 4) salaries, 5) capital expenses for past two years, 6) remodeling, 7) upgrade to digital.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to request the City Attorney Richard Wendt for clarification on whether the Council had to be consulted or give approval on the loan from Light and Power to Cable TV regarding the digital. This is not contingent on the budget.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to ask Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Boards to draft policies relative to usage and signage for the jointly owned vehicle. Further, this policy should delineate who will administrate the particular enforcement.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Blough thanked the Light Power and Cable TV Board for the time spent working on the budget.

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Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers stated the painted crosswalks in the downtown area look great. This draws more attention and provides better pedestrian safety.

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Charles Doyle questioned why the Council has bypassed his request for a cemetery building. Mayor Blough stated the Council has had joint meetings and discussed prioritization of capital requests. He said Doyle should know there are elements on this Council which support this structure at the cemetery. Pasquale noted there have been no funds allocated for the cemetery building in the current budget.

Norman Borgerson stated the cemetery is being used as a dump. The northwest corner contains piles of dirt, trees and rocks. It is very disgusting. He believed this should be moved or a barrier placed around it.

Chief Valentine stated Marketing Director of Cable TV Debbie Deane has implemented a program involving all

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& Run" community service project.

This is the second year middle school sixth-graders have raked the yards of elderly area residents who are unable to rake leaves themselves. Names of residents

were provided by the ministries in Lowell.

"It's a service learning project that we tie in with the community values/traits," Brinks said. "The kids have been very accepting of the idea and have worked coop-

eratively with one another. They were actually tired when they finished."

The weather could not have been more cooperative. Temperatures were in the 60's and the sun was shining. The sixth-graders were able to

rake eight lawns during their allotted time.

"I heard one student remark to some classmates as they were headed off to another home, 'Look what we did in a half hour.'" Staal remarked.

The three classes received help from 13 volunteer parents. All the leaf bags were donated by the city of Lowell.

"This project enables stu-

dents to give of themselves without receiving anything in return," Brink said. "We hope to expand the project next year."

Snowmobile safety training Dec. 9 & Jan. 13

A Snowmobile Safety class is required for operators under 17 years of age. Study materials, registration form (filled out) and Social Security number need to accompany the student to the class.

To request test and registration materials, write or telephone the following: Michigan Department of Natural Resources/Law Enforcement Division, State Office Building, 6th floor, 350 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503; phone 616-356-0505

No pre-registration is required and the class is free of charge. Classes will be held on two dates only: Dec. 9 and Jan. 13, both from 9 to noon, at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Road, Lowell, Mich. (south side of Potters Road, 1/2 mile east of Kent-Ionia County line). If more information is required call 897-7398.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

departments within the City, including the School Safety and School Transportation. The program is called Security and Protection in Our Town Spot. A formal presentation will be given in the near future. This is a community wide safety awareness program where the departments come together and provide to the residents of the City. They will be using the Light and Power billing format as a means of providing information to the public in a newsletter format.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Brubaker requested a copy of the City's PA 198 policy.

Councilmember Myers questioned if there was any further RAVE activity within the community. Chief Valentine responded no. There was an individual who had contacted the Fairgrounds concerning the possibility of holding a Halloween party. The general description of it sounded similar to a RAVE party.

Myers also commented on Halloween night. He stated there is always a strong police presence on foot and in vehicles. He questioned if there was any different plans for this year. Valentine responded no.

Valentine noted trick-or-treat hours will be held on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Shores questioned the status of the burned down house on W. Main Street. Pasquale responded the contractor is in the process of taking down the building entirely. He is also planning a conversation with the Planning Commission to discuss possible uses of the property. The property is zoned General Business.

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. For your information, the September 12, 2000 Airport Board minutes were provided.

2. County Administrator Daryl Delabbio will hold an information meeting on Friday, October 20th, 8:30 a.m. at the library.

3. The Lowell Area Community Fund has awarded the City \$35,600 to install irrigation systems for Creekside Park and the Recreation Park Ballfield. The remaining \$10,000 needed for the project will be sought through an application to the Look Memorial Fund.

The traffic light study for the Monroe - Washington - Jefferson intersections at M-21 prepared by Ed Swanson of Wade Trim is being reviewed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The City should know its outcome within a month.

As requested by Council, three trash complaints (and one compliment) have been received at City Hall from October 2-13th.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Blough noted there are two vacancies on the Planning Commission. He received a letter from James Pfaller of 888 Bowes Road regarding interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Blough noted Pfaller has served on the Airport Board in the past.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to appoint James Pfaller of 888 Bowes Road to the Planning Commission until June 30, 2002.

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

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

DATE APPROVED: Monday, November 6, 2000

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COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit 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 Fallsburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallsburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park.

SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all 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: Fallsburg 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 and 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. Ref. 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.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

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 Bowses 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.

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ENGLHARDT 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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THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

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.

WED., NOV. 8: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family-style turkey and dressing dinner commencing at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$7; children 5-12, \$2.

SUN., NOV. 12: 2nd annual Vegetarian Food Fair from 3-5 p.m. at Forest Hills Aquatic & Community Center, 660 Forest Hill Ave. Recipes/doorprizes. Sponsored by Riverside Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventist. Call Linda at 676-1667 for info.

THURS., NOV. 30: Judging Christmas lights at area homes and businesses. Call Liz at the Chamber office 897-9161 for info.

MON., NOV. 13: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meeting at Wittenbach Center across from the high school at 7 p.m. Tammy DeBaar will give a tour and present the program. Visitors welcome.

SAT., DEC. 2: Alto Girl Scouts collecting Toys for Tots at Lowell Christmas Parade.

SAT., DEC. 9: Retreat for single young adults at Franciscan Life Process Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 18 to Sister Mary Margaret Delaski at 897-7842.

NOV. 17, 18, 19: Christmas Through Lowell; 23 homes and 6 businesses. Fliers/maps available at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's, Dream Pieces, Shorebird Gallery, Touch of Country, Ruppert's Drop and State Farm Ins.

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SAT., NOV. 18: Roast beef dinner, 5-7 p.m., at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of Alden Nash & 84th St. Adults, \$7; children 6-12, \$3; under 6, free.

THURS. - SAT., NOV. 24-26: Historic Bownes Mills II's Christmas at the Mill, fresh cut Christmas trees, family horse-drawn rides, photos with Santa. No admission charge. Call 616-795-7530.

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Petoskey drops Lowell from soccer playoffs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

No one gave Lowell boys soccer team a chance against Petoskey in the Division 8 Regional at Forest Hills Northern on Wednesday.

The Northmen's missed scoring opportunities, however, nearly did.

The fifth ranked Division II team in the state carried the play for the majority of the first half, managing to make two goals hold up as Petoskey defeated Lowell 2-1.

"The boys were up for

this game and played pretty well," said Petoskey coach Scott Batchelor. "We had a number of chances in the first half but didn't finish."

Lowell weathered Petoskey's first-half attack and came out in the second half to play with a confidence it did not possess earlier in the year.

"We talked at halftime about coming out and playing with confidence and getting a goal back early."

"The boys were up for

Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge said.

Less than four minutes into the second half, the Red Arrows responded as James Bosserd creased the top shelf of Petoskey's net on a penalty kick. That was the only time Lowell found the net.

"Earlier in the year when the play got fast and furious, we'd buckle; tonight we weathered the storm and gave ourselves some opportunities to get back into it," Legge said. "We made a couple of mistakes and didn't mark, and Petoskey turned them into great finishes. They are a great team."

The Northmen's two first-half goals came at 14:40 (Rob Farrimond) and at 4:29 (Jacob Olsen).

"We didn't know anything about Lowell coming in," Batchelor explained. "Except that they beat Forest Hills Northern - if you beat them, you must be pretty good."

Legge was gratified by his club's play. "No one wanted to give us credit for beating Northern. Everybody thought it was a fluke," he explained. "Everyone expected a blowout tonight, but it didn't happen that way. Our



Lowell's John Webb battles for possession.

Freshman girls lose to FH Central

Turnovers troubled the Lowell freshman girls basketball team in its 45-29 loss to Forest Hills Central. Leading scorers for the Red Arrows were Larinda Marker and Amanda Grochowalski with eight points apiece. Ashley VanEck added five. Marker was also the leading rebounder with six.

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This Red Arrow is a head above his Petoskey counterpart during regional soccer action at Forest Hills Northern.

kids came out, played within their abilities and gave themselves a chance to beat the

fifth-ranked team in the state."

Lowell finishes its season at 12-9-1.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 598 people are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in August at the end of the summer session of the 1999-2000 school year.

Students from this area include **Renee Patricia Brogger**, MA, Teaching in the Elementary School; **Betsy Renee Elzinga**, BS, Elementary Group Minors; **Denise**

Michelle Southland, MA, Reading; and **Jennifer Lynn Taratuta**, MA, Early Childhood Ed., all of Lowell; and **Bradley Kent Warren**, MA, Educational Leadership, of Alto.

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Lowell powers past Greenville, 38-8

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell continued its "first one in wins" approach Saturday afternoon at Red Arrow Stadium with a dominating 38-8 win over Greenville in the District finals.

The Red Arrows scored on their first possession for the ninth time in 11 games.

"We like to go out and score right off the bat," Lowell running back Neil

Reimbold explained afterwards.

"Keep them on their heels," added Red Arrow quarterback Josh Brown.

Lowell took the opening kickoff and marched 59 yards in seven running plays against a back-pedaling band of Yellowjackets.

"It's a tribute to our boys. They come out ready to play both physically and mentally," Lowell football coach Noel

Dean said.

Lowell scored early, often, and at will against a physically weaker Greenville squad.

"Lowell is a very physical team and a lot stronger than we are. Their power lifting has paid off. We have some catching up to do for next year," said Greenville coach Warren Kent, Jr. "Lowell is the second game on our schedule."

Saturday's win sends Lowell (11-0) on the road Nov. 11 to play Flint Powers Catholic (11-0), a 31-21 winner over Fremont.

On its second possession, the Red Arrows needed 11 plays (10 rushing, one pass) to travel 62 yards. Brown capped this drive like he did the first one, with a one-yard dive.

Reimbold opened the second quarter with his first of two scores on a 58-yard touchdown run. The senior finished the game with a game-high 140 yards on the ground.

"The last few weeks we've thrown a lot. Today, we wanted to re-establish our running game," Dean said.

Mission accomplished - Lowell amassed 414 total rushing yards.

Reimbold increased the lead to 29-0 right before half-

time on a five-yard scoring burst.

"Neil's first three steps are quicker than our other backs," Dean explained. "Neil gets to the line quicker. He hasn't run the ball a lot this year because he is the heart and soul of our defense."

Tom Dawson converted the two-point conversion for the second straight week, taking a shuttle pass from Bill Harrison and running it in around the right side.

Lowell's Nate Borth sacked Greenville quarterback Blake Russell in the end zone for a safety early in the



Brandon Biggs hauls down Greenville's quarterback from behind.



Josh Brown exploits a hole in the Greenville defensive line.

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1. Lowell (11-0) - The Red Arrows overpowered Greenville in its 38-8 win over Greenville. The Red Arrows travel to Flint Powers Saturday in a regional showdown with the Chargers (a 31-21 winner over Fremont).
2. Coopersville 11-0 - The Broncos win the battle of heavyweights against South Christian. Next up undefeated Three Rivers (11-0).
3. Hudsonville (10-1) - After losing to Lowell, the Eagles have

rebounded with impressive wins over FHN and Creston.

4. Rockford (9-2) - The Rams battered Grandville 28-0 and now look ahead to Grand Ledge (10-1).

5. Creston (9-2) - The Polar Bears could not defend the Eagles in their 35-28 loss to Hudsonville.

6. Byron Center (10-1) - A 31-yard field goal as time expires boots Byron Center by Delton. The Bulldogs travel to Spring Lake (10-1) Friday night.

7. South Christian (10-1) - South Christian's tremendous season ends with a 15-7 loss to Coopersville.

8. Cedar Springs (10-1) - The Red Hawks continue their Cinderella season with a trip to Cheboygan to play 10-1 Kingsford.

9. Hopkins (8-3) - The Vikings posted Ravenna 44-14 to earn a date with 9-2 Schoolcraft Saturday.

10. Spring Lake - The Lakers draw Byron Center next following their 40-29 win over Muskegon Oakridge.

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—Albert Einstein

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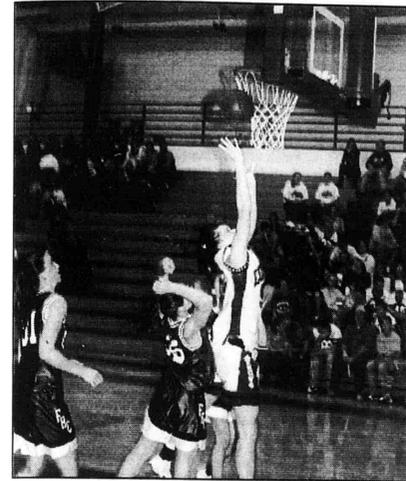
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Red Arrow girls bounce Rangers; set up showdown with Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Central didn't have an answer for Lowell's 18-6 first-quarter run or the inside play of Amanda Stoutjesdyk. The result was a 51-44 Red Arrow win over the Rangers. "We played well. You just can't fall that far behind a team as good as Lowell," said Central coach Bob VanderWoude. "Also, Stoutjesdyk was just too strong for us inside. When she is able to score that allows everyone else on that team to score."



Amanda Stoutjesdyk scored a team-leading 16 points against Forest Hills Central.

The Lowell win set up a showdown for the conference championship with Zeeland.

At week's start the Chix led Lowell by one game. A Red Arrow win, and the two squads will share the league title. A victory by the Chix and Zeeland will win it outright. Lowell won the first encounter at Zeeland by 28 points.

Lowell basketball coach Dee Crowley said her club played against Central like a team coming off an eight-day layoff. "Our transition defense was poor. We got back and then stood in the lane and gave up threes. Babcock (Kathryn) is a very good shooter. We never picked up the shooter in transition."

When the Rangers were threatening and within six in the second half, Lowell found Stoutjesdyk inside. The senior center responded and finished with a game-high 16 points. Leslie Crowley contributed with 14 and Lauren Vashaw and Blair Meyer both netted eight points apiece.

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third quarter, giving the Red Arrows a 31-0 advantage. Harrison tallied Lowell's final score on the afternoon with a two-yard touchdown run at 5:28 of the third quarter.

Greenville's only score came with 5:13 to play in the game when Russell found Brian Albert in the front corner of the end zone on an 18-yard scoring strike.

"We're a good team, but today we got beat by a very good team," Kent said.

Lowell's defense held Greenville to 56 yards rushing and 100 yards passing.

Brown rushed for 114 yards and Ken Palcowski finished with 86. Brown was three-of-six through the air for 29 yards.

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HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on:

WED., November 15, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

Robert Perkins of 4325 Causeway, Lowell, parcel number 41-12-33-428-007 has made application for variance from Article 7, Section 7.03C defining rear setbacks in the R-L District. The requested variance is to construct an accessory building on an existing concrete pad 18'9" from the lot line.

Theodore and Vicki Vogt, Lowell, parcel number 41-12-33-351-010 has made application for variance from Article 3, Section 3.01 defining setbacks from bodies of water and height limits in the R-L District. The requested variance is for an accessory gazebo 16x16x13 within 30' from the high water line.

Mike Itter of 7595 Tiffany, Rockford, parcel number 41-12-07-101-001 has made application for variance from Article 6, Section 6.03A defining front setbacks in the Ag District. The requested variance is to construct an accessory building 17' from the front setback line.

David Newell of 12437 Cabin NE, Belding, parcel number 41-12-10-254-009 has made application for variance from Article 7, Section 7.03A defining setbacks in the R-L District. The requested variance is to construct an accessory building 20' from the lot line.

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Red Arrow girls 16th at state meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor



Bow Falls Big Buck

Lowell's Todd Martin, with his eight-year-old daughter Kayla Martin at his side, dropped an eight-point, 168-pound buck with his bow just north of Lowell. Martin and his daughter were out two hours when the buck sauntered to within 30 yards and Martin dropped him with an arrow to the heart. "He came into sight about 6:15 in the evening (Oct. 22)," Martin explained. "It was my first time out this year. I've been bow hunting for 15 years."

The Lowell girls cross country team capped off its successful 2000 season with a 16th place finish at the Division II state finals at the Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

"The girls ran a good race in a very competitive field," said Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWart. "The girls had a great year - winning the OK White conference title for the first time; placing third at the regional and now 16th in the state meet."

The Red Arrows placed 18th in 1999. Sarah Swab was first to finish for Lowell. The Red Arrow was 49th in a time of 20:09. Teammate Lisa Wojciakowski came home in 20:14 placing 53rd. She was followed by Holly Plattner, 60th, 20:19; Molly Kirsch, 84th, 20:39 and Abby Vos, 88th, 20:43.5. Middletown won the Division II state title with 170 points. Lowell was 16th with 334.

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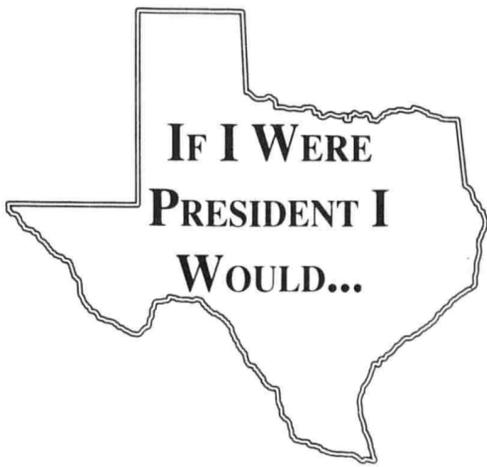
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The Lowell Ledger asked fifth-grade students from the classrooms of Cindy Young and Sarah Fox to identify some of the issues they would address if elected President. Here is a sample of some of the responses forwarded to our office.

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Cassie Paffhausen

Be kind and nice to all people.

Jake Brandt

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Chelsey Bishop.

Raise prices on guns so kids can't buy them.

Greg Harreld

Stop violence. Don't sell guns to kids.

Tricia Thuston

Build more police and fire stations. Give more money toward hospitals.

Gabrielle MacDonald

Think of a way to reduce the amount of natural resources we use.

Cody Dalton

Have children spend more time with their families than in school.

Samantha Mundt

Start a program that would help people who don't have a lot of money.

Lauren Wisnieski

IF I WERE PRESIDENT I WOULD...

Stop all drug and cigarette companies, make school days shorter, lower college fees.

Ellen Mork

Make schools better for learning, take tax money and give it to the poor s and burn all the tobacco companies.

Brant Eggebeen

Not be like Bill Clinton. I would lower taxes and gas prices.

Travis Trapp

I wouldn't tear down the rain forest and I'd make sure kids go to school.

Betty Alsup

Put safety locks on all guns and save oil for when we are really low.

Devin Decator

Make world peace and ban nuclear weapons.

Ian Duiven.

Give money to the needy and lower tax and gas prices.

Laura Walsh

Give 15 percent of the tax money to the poor people that didn't have food, housing or medicine.

Leah Jelsma

Wouldn't want private schools to get more money and attention than public schools. I'd focus on gun control and pay attention to giving the poor a better life.

Melissa Hawks

Lowell residents take angelical approach to Christmas Through Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"From Our Home to Yours," 249 Roberta Jayne, is more than just a name, it is literally a transformation that will take place Nov. 17-19.

Laura Becker and her partner Rose Lawrence, alias "Angel Ladies," will

alter the downstairs of Becker's home into an angel showcase.

"We literally remove everything from my living and dining rooms to make room for angels and ornaments," Becker says.

The three-day Christmas Through Lowell event plans to attract over 1,000 patrons through Becker's home. "We have customers who come every year from as far away as Charlotte so they can purchase

an angel," Becker explains.

Not just one kind of angel. Lawrence and Becker manufacture multiple styles of angels... in all about 500 various angels.

Along with their ornaments, Becker also displays wreaths, hats, doll clothes and ceramics of eight other crafters.

"We're stay-at-home moms," Lawrence explains. "Early on, while our kids were swimming, we used to make angels. They also used to help, but now they are teenagers." They may not make angels anymore, but the kids do sell baked goods to patrons.

Becker and Lawrence also get support from their husbands. "They are very good about putting up Christmas lights, cutting out wings for our angels and sanding and painting the wings," Becker explains.

When the partners are not

creating angels, they spend much of their idle time volunteering at school for the Middle School's Accelerated Reading program, Renaissance, concessions, and Kash for Kids. They are also familiar faces at 4-H events.

Preparing for Christmas Through Lowell can be a year-long activity. "We gather materials all year long," Becker says. "Rose makes angels year round. I tend to start in September."

Both Lowell residents are surprised by the growth of the event. "It's amazing how businesses have joined with residences and are working together," Lawrence explains.

The annual Christmas through Lowell will be held on Nov. 17, 9 am to 9 pm; Nov. 18, 9 am to 7 pm; and Nov. 19, 11 am to 5 pm; with 23 homes and six businesses. Fliers/maps are available at Michael's Farm Market,

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