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Middle School pitches in-house detention in favor of student responsibility center approach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Middle School will join the half dozen or so area schools which have sacked the punitive approach to dealing with disruptions to the classroom teaching and learning process.



Cindy Geiger, Lowell's new middle school assistant principal, is introducing a new approach to dealing with classroom disruptions to staff, students and parents.

The LMS detention/in-house room has been eliminated and replaced with a student responsibility center (SRC).

"The punitive approach hasn't worked in the penal system and doesn't work in schools," said Lowell Middle School's new assistant principal, Cindy Geiger. "The punitive approach did not deal with the problem, instead it just created more anger and frustration."

Geiger says the new approach will build better communication, more trust and mutual respect, thus creating less problems.

It will also keep kids in the classroom. With in-house detention, kids were missing three-four hours of class for disruptive behavior.

The new approach retains students in SRC only for the class period in which they were disruptive. They attend all other classes.

A student who disrupts the classroom teaching and learning process will not automatically be dismissed to the office. Instead, they will be taken through a series of thinking questions which will require students to internalize their behavior and problem solve.

If the student chooses to cooperate, he or she stays in the classroom. If they choose not to, then he/she has chosen to leave the room and go to the student responsibility center.

At the center, the student is offered a plan of improvement to work on. The plan asks a series of questions to get the student to examine his/her choices, and determine more responsible choices for the future.

Once the plan is completed, they work out a time to negotiate the plan with the teacher whose classroom they chose to leave. Once the student has successfully negotiated his/her plan, they are allowed to re-enter the class they left. How long a student is absent from a class is dependent on completing and successfully negotiating a plan.

If a student chooses not to be cooperative in the SRC, they wave the questioning process and are sent home.

A parent or guardian will be called and expected to pick up their child. The student will be allowed to return to school once a conference has been held with the student, parent, administrator, teacher and possibly the SRC director, and the concerning behavior has been addressed.

"The process is new to the teachers and students. It will take some time and may require some tweaking to make it better," Geiger said.

A newsletter was sent out to parents at the end of last year introducing the student responsibility center. On Thursday, Sept. 6, a parent information night will be held. SRC will be explained thoroughly at this time.

The new process will change the climate of school relationships (e.g., teacher/student, parent/teacher, administrator/parent) and allow students to make choices.

Data will be recorded and analyzed on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

Geiger points out that, today, there are many more factors which change the way a student is able to think and problem solve. They include learning disabilities, lack of family support, poverty, media/entertainment, music, peers and parents' marital problems.

"As a district we need to address students' needs holistically so that they can flourish," Geiger explains.

The goal of LMS and the SRC is to allow teachers to teach and students to learn.

"We want to partner with parents/guardians to promote youth to make responsible decisions, respect the rights of others, work cooperatively, learn self-discipline, increase communication skills and build a community," Geiger concluded.

Council moves forward on Foreman Road traffic study

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Residents along Foreman Road will finally get what they are seeking: a traffic study to determine if there is a better route for the trucks.

Resident Garland Berry, of 407 Foreman Road, approached the council about a month ago wanting to know if the city would address the residents' concerns about traffic on Foreman Road.

Berry, who lives on the northwest corner of Foreman Road and N. Hudson Street, said he had witnessed several events of truck drivers creating a very unsafe traffic situation.

After some discussion, the council voted, 4-1, to move ahead with a \$1,900 traffic study that would include counts on the road and recommendations from Ed Swanson of Wade Trim on what possible routes would

be available for such traffic or if that was even the best route.

The option was the less expensive of two. The other option would have encompassed meetings with residents and companies to seek solutions. This would have cost \$4,500.

"I don't know if it is necessary to go that far," said city manager, David Pasquale, who added that he

talked to staff, who concurred that the traffic count and recommendations would be sufficient as a beginning point.

"What I gathered that Mr. Berry wanted was to determine if another route was possible," said Public Works director, Dan DesJarden.

The one descending vote for the study came from Mayor Mike Blough who said he felt the matter should first be referred to the Planning

Commission. Blough felt that since the commission is in charge of planning and that this recommendation involves a decision regarding the planning of truck routes, that this body should decide whether a study is even necessary.

Pasquale said the issue was also a traffic engineering problem that could include redesigning the corner, which explains why he did not present the traffic study idea

to the Planning Commission. He said the results of the study and the recommendations could be made available to the Planning Commission for the group's consideration and recommendation.

The rest of the council decided it was important to move forward with the issue and try to provide a resolution to the residents who have waited so long for an answer about the truck traffic on Foreman Road.

City purchases last piece of property for City Hall/police station project

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council, at its Monday night meeting, was able to purchase the final piece of property it needed for the City Hall/police station project.

In a unanimous vote, the council approved the purchase of 310 Avery for \$130,000. The property was the last piece of seven that the city needed to acquire to move forward with the proposed City Hall renovation and the addition of a new police station.

"Based on the fact that we have all had numerous discussions on this..." said councilmember, Charles Myers, who went on to say that it was time to make the offer complete. Myers then went ahead and motioned that the council accept the \$130,000 price tag for the property along

with paying the summer property taxes in the amount of \$646.

The current occupant, Audrey Dykstra, has agreed to vacate the premises by Oct. 1, allowing the city to take possession of the property at that time.

Mayor Mike Blough said Dykstra is a long-standing resident of the city and, he believes, she has lived at 310 Avery for most of her life. She also has been a historian of the area, he said.

"We certainly appreciate what she has done," Blough said.

As an added note, city manager, David Pasquale, on the council's behalf, said he would send a note "extending our appreciation to Mrs. Dykstra for her patience and consideration during the time of negotiation."

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OBITUARIES

DART - Arlene I. Dart, aged 81, of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord, Wednesday, August 15, 2001 at the Fulton Manor. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles and her daughter Sherry. Surviving are her children Janet and Dr. Howard Pomeroy of Kalamazoo, Joyce and Kim Floyd of Calif., Kathy and Robert Duprey of Middleville, Cal and Beth Dart of Grand Rapids, Barbara and Karl Novak of Calif.; her grandchildren Hillary, Keith, Randy, Tim, Jeff, Sherry, Stephanie, Jill, Joy, Seth and Brandon; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers Barb and Charles Armstrong of Spring Lake,

Robert and Shirley Canfield of Lowell, Shirley and Gerald Seese, Tom and Paula Canfield, all of Clarksville, Ken and Judy Canfield of Whitehall, Peggy Canfield of Conn.; sister-in-law Betty Canfield of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday at Reyers North Valley Chapel with Rev. Lew Vander Meer of New Community Church officiating. Interment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. For those who wish, memorials may be made to New Community Church or the Van Dyke Unit of Fulton Manor.

MILLER - Leona E. Miller, aged 74, of Lowell, passed away August 16, 2001. She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Francis Freeman Miller; children Tom and Stella Boyak of Westmore, Mich., Dede Parsons of Grand Rapids, Garry and Julie Miller of Saranac; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters Betty and Bill Richter of Baldwin, Barbara and Bert King of OR; brothers Jim and Bernadette BeVier of Muscatine, IA, and Clifford and Pat BeVier of Lowell; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Wayne and Norva Miller of Grand Rapids, Bill and Jenette Franklin of Ind.; several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her parents Newton and Mildred (Benton) BeVier; sister

Shirley Richter; mother-in-law and father-in-law Frank and Stella Miller. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, with Rev. Richard Matson officiating. Interment Blytheheld Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Association of West Michigan.

PINCKNEY - Calvin E. Pinckney, aged 83, of Bitely, and formerly of Lowell, died on August 15, 2001. He was born on August 9, 1918, in Lowell to Ernest and Minnie (Scott) Pinckney. He attended Lowell Schools and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He married Evelyn Wells on May 11, 1940, and she preceded him in death on

June 4, 1999. He worked the family farm in Lowell for many years, and lived his entire life in the Saranac and Lowell area until his retirement. Calvin was a life member of Masonic Lodge of Lowell #90 and Lowell Moose Lodge. He was a supervisor at Runciman Milling, and they retired to Bitely in 1987. He liked to spend his leisure time hunting and fishing, and with his constant companion, dog Lizzie. Calvin is survived by his niece and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Evelyn and a brother. As per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Interment will occur at a later date at Lilley Township Cemetery.

WINGEIER - Ruth Helen Wingeier, aged 88, of Alto, passed away Monday, August 13, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband Daniel. Mrs. Wingeier is survived by her children Donna Brenner, Dan. C. (Marcy) Wingeier, all of Alto, Richard (Patty) Wingeier of Grand Rapids, Bonnie (Thomas) Gokey of Saranac; sisters-in-law Ida Washburn of Holland and Rose Steinhilber of Oshkosh, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Graveside Services were held Saturday at the Bowne Menonite Cemetery in Alto, with the Rev. William Steude officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alto American Legion Auxiliary or Alto Elementary School.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2001

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

Nextel Communications Inc. has requested a Special Use Permit to co-locate a communication device on an existing ComNet Ericsson tower located at 4283 Timpson Avenue (PP#41-20-20-400-003).

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
 Lowell Charter Township

GARAGE SALE SECTION



<p>GARAGE SALE Aug. 24, 25, 26; 9-6 p.m. 1463 Pamell SE, 1 mile north of M-21. Furniture, games, clothes size 7 & up; other items too numerous to list.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Aug. 22, 23 & 24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 11527 Vergennes - Stoneridge. Clothes, jewelry, books, misc. Harley parts.</p>	<p>RAIN OR SHINE BARN SALE Aug. 23 & 24, 9 - 5, between Saranac & Lowell at 1726 Pinckney Rd. (2 mi. N. of M21). Collectibles & antiques, dishes, stemware, bottles, tools, insulators. Quantities of coffee mugs, men's caps, baskets, vases, planters, craft patterns, books & misc. items. No clothes.</p>	<p>3 FAMILY BARN SALE Kids back in school? Longing for something to do? Come shop in the woods where the only sounds you'll hear is Quiet! Lots of children's clothes (all sizes), women's & tall men, some like new. Jenny Lind 7 yr. crib; dining lights, swivel rocker, household items, toys, etc. Aug. 23 & 24, 9 - 5, Aug. 25, 9-12, 7287 Scott Rd., Belding (6 mi. N. of Saranac Corner off Hawley Hwy). Follow signs.</p>	
<p>2 FAMILY YARD SALE Aug. 24, 8-5; Aug. 25, 8-3 p.m. Clothes, toys, furniture, misc. items. 413 & 419 North Monroe St.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE 511 N. Jefferson, Aug. 23 & 24, 9 - 12. New Kenmore dryer, office desk, housewares & clothes.</p>	<p>BIG SALE 13910 28th St. E. on Grand River to Lowell View to 28th St. Thursday, Aug. 23, 9-4, Friday, Aug. 24, 9-3. Lots of back to school clothes, football shoes, coffee tables, saddles, recliner chairs, desk, Little Tikes & Fisher Price. Lots for everyone.</p>	<p>YARD SALE in Cascade, Aug. 23, 24 & 25, 8 a.m. - ? 3480 Buttrick SE. Antiques, dishes, clothing, lots of misc. Porcelain sinks, antique scale w/weights.</p>	
<p>GUY STUFF, GAL STUFF, OLD STUFF, NEW STUFF Claw-foot tub, steamer trunk, motorcycle stuff, kitchenware, Christmas decor, camera equipment, electronics and much more. 8780 Krupp Road (corner of Krupp & Miriam Roads); 5 miles south of Belding. Thursday, Friday, Aug. 23 & 24, 9:00 - 4:00.</p>	<p>EASTGATE GARAGE SALE Fri., Aug. 24, 9 - 6 p.m., multi-family. Furniture, many household items, some antiques & collectibles, weight training equipment, youth size hunting bow, quality adult & children's school clothes, & much more. 10963 Spicewood.</p>	<p>AUG. 24 & 25 9-5 p.m. 14016 84th St., Alto. Freeport area. Something for everyone.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Men's stuff & household items. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 23 & 24, 8:30 - 5 p.m. 11454 Service Lane, off M-21 between Gordon & Tower.</p>	
<p>3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Aug. 24 & 25, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Little Tikes w/d & refrig., girls bike, other quality toys in excellent condition, home school materials, clothing, books, & CDs, Marlboro collectibles, golf bag & many other items. 269 Sudan Dr., off Vergennes between Cumberland & Parnell.</p>	<p>HUGE 2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Bedroom furniture, bunkbed, Home Interiors, lots of kids things, 8/24 & 8/25, 9-4 p.m. Off Fallasburg Park Rd. at 13318 Beckwith.</p>	<p>FIVE FAMILY YARD SALE Sat., August 25, 9 - ? 909 Boves Rd., car audio, paint ball gun & access., crafts, clothes, braided area rug, antique dresser & much more.</p>	<p>MOVING SALE Sat. 8/25, 8 - 3 pm., household items, weight machine, sectional couch, 30 gal. fish tank, 1546 Spicewood Ct.</p>	
<p>BIG SALE Sat., Aug. 25, 735 Lincoln Lake, across from Lowell Airport. Good mix of tools, household, kids stuff, electronics & clothes. 8 a.m.-? No early sales.</p>	<p>YARD SALE 2 days only, Aug. 23 & 24, noon to 4pm. books, puzzles, games, toys, doll furniture & clothes. 829 Grindle, Lowell.</p>	<p>LARGE GARAGE SALE Futon beds (bunk & regular), go-ped (Zappy), full size conversion van (new Jasper motor), toys galore, shoes (all sizes), elec. guitar, clothes (infant-adult & maternity), Holiday items & lots more. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 23 & 24, 9-? 904 N. Monroe.</p>	<p>2-FAMILY SALE Wed. - Sat., Aug. 22 - 25. All sorts of clothes, baby items, clowns, shoes & TVs. 1225 E. Main.</p>	
<p>CASCADE 5662 Whitneyville Rd. 2 family. Mon., Aug. 27 & Tues., Aug. 28, 9-5 p.m. Winter & summer clothing, kids' golf clubs, books, skis, tennis rackets, household items.</p>				

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Reflections Of Faith

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

Bob Roush,
Friendship Country Chapel

Quite a few years ago I owned a 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Seville. It was a beautiful car with power everything, including air ride, which was a brand new concept at the time. It was two-tone powder blue and silver on the outside with a most elegant leather interior consisting of several shades of blue and silver.

One day I was tooling down the road and it suddenly quit running just like that. There I sat by the side of the road, beautiful leather and all, helplessly waiting for someone to tow me home. That is a most humiliating experience. It took someone with a kind of "Sherman Tank" vehicle to pull the thing since it weighed 5,200 pounds.

When I got it home I discovered that a little device in the distributor called a rotor had broken. When I went to the parts store to purchase that item, it only cost about \$1.75.

When I think about that story I'm reminded about how important little things are. Here is this minuscule little part tucked down in the distributor ... a part that you can't even see but when it breaks, 5,200 pounds of

metal, powder blue paint and leather coast to the side of the road and become absolutely worthless. What's worse, a guy with an old beatup, fender flapping junker stops to pick you up and take you home, but it's running. In a rain storm, give me the junker that runs over the good-looking car sitting by the side of the road every time.

There are people today who feel very insignificant: either like a junker or a rotor. They say things like, "I'm not worth much," "I can't do anything right," "I never did well in school," or a hundred other things that contribute to their perceived worthlessness.

Jesus once talked about that in Matt. 10:29, 31 where He said, "One sparrow shall not fall on the ground without your Father. . . Fear not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." Jesus was saying that if God is aware of the sparrows that fall, how much more aware is He of you? Yet we all tend to think at times that we're not important but later on in 1 Cor. 12:22, it says, "There is absolute necessity for the parts of the body that are considered the most weak and insignificant." Absolute necessity! Sometimes you get the impression from talking to some people that they think of themselves as "Cadillac Eldorados," but I've learned one thing in life, if you don't have the little

rotors doing their "things," you will find yourself sitting by the side of the road waiting for some junker to pull you home - that is most embarrassing.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "God must have liked the common people. He made so many of them." Someone else said, "No man is an island unto himself, for if a clod breaks off the shore of England, England is the lesser." Simply put, everyone is important.

I've always said that the basic premise upon which Christianity stands is value. Christianity gives us value and self-worth, we all need that, don't let anybody fool you. Christianity says that God looked at us one day and said you are valuable to me and I love you. To prove that, He freely offered His son Jesus Christ to die for us so that we could be saved. That is the greatest love the world has ever known.

How do you feel about

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 23: Kacy Anderson, Rhea Bundy Anes, Stephen Rhodes, Brandon Taylor, Ron Kennedy, Jesse Carr.
AUGUST 24: Tim Raymor, Angela Rasch, Don Geelhoed.
AUGUST 25: Patty Elzinga, Lindsey Trierweiler, Margaret Rozeboom, Misty McClure - Anderson.
AUGUST 26: Teresa Kimble, Regan Doyle, Dianne Gee, Elva Ayres, Bandie Barnes.
AUGUST 27: Virgil Roudabush.
AUGUST 28: Lee Miller, Terri Hoag, Kim Stager.
AUGUST 29: Roger Nead, Donna Jean Hathaway, Betty Heaston.

Before marriage, a man will lay down his life for you; after marriage he won't even lay down his newspaper.

AREA BIRTHS

Jeff and Nettie Fallstrom are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Jo. She was born on July 30, 2001, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 20 inches long.

Welcoming her home are big sister and brother, Hanna and Levi.

Proud grandparents are Billie and Allen Fallstrom and Pat and Sandy Fetterhoff.



Gardners Celebrate 5th Generation Newborn

Recently the newest member of the family came to visit Stanley N. Gardner of Lowell, bringing together five generations. Pictured, in back, from left to right, are: Marianne Nelson, granddaughter and Charlene Geiger, daughter; in front are: Gardner and Laurie Dehn, great-granddaughter holding great-great granddaughter Brianna Dehn. Gardner is one of the co-founders of Schneider Manor and is 96 years old.

Helen Rowland

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I've missed a few flights when flying commercially, but surprisingly few. With this monthly Florida commute, a daughter in Arizona and an occasional vacation thrown in, I fly a fair amount. Even so, I could count on one, maybe two hands, the times I've missed a flight. That's pretty good given the number of flights, close connections, the airlines' bad media rap for poor service and a passenger whose lack of punctuality dates back to high school where he collected a record number of pink "tardy slips."

Most missed flights have been the result of weather. Always returning to Michigan, you'd think snowstorms in the winter would be the culprits. On the contrary, the bad weather has usually been summertime afternoon thunderstorm activity in the south. I've learned to fly as early as possible in the summer months. Flying early is good. You can definitely get some sleep on the plane when you had to get up at 3:00 a.m. Sleeping on a plane is great. You throw your head back, snore loudly, drool a little and wake up with the other passengers staring at you. Very becoming.

I've missed flights a few times that were not the fault of the airlines or the weather. A couple incidents come immediately to mind. I sat through the boarding calls for my flight while reading a book in the tiny gate area of the Key West Airport. When I asked a gate agent when she'd be boarding the Tampa flight, she pointed to a plane taxiing for take-off. The worst part was that the book wasn't all that good. Then there was the all-time stupid move. Even for me, this still takes the cake.

This goes way back to when flying was a novelty to me. Back to when I was drinking. Back to when security scanners were fairly new in airports, and very new to me. Back to when I could be stupid enough to pull my camera from my jacket pocket, place it on the conveyor to the security scanner, smile at they think of me still answering questions in the airport security office. Back to the near present of about a week ago. I was in Michigan and the alarm went off at 3:00 a.m. I'm a pretty good early riser, but that hour is inhuman. I went through the motions of showering, shaving and brushing my teeth. I hit the road for the Lansing Airport a little after 4:00 and pretty

much on schedule for a 5:40 flight. Somewhere south of town and not yet to the expressway, the "low fuel" light came on with its accompanying audio tone. Fuel hadn't entered my mind because the car had just been topped off a couple days prior. I guess I had been driving more than I thought. No problem, there was plenty of fuel to make the Ionia exit. At the Ionia exit some stupid caveman instinct kicked in that told me to blow past it, finish my coffee and shoot for Portland. It's a guy thing akin to not looking at a map or asking directions.

About halfway to Portland the gas gauge needle covered up the last of the red area on the gauge. I began to think I'd made a bad move when the sign for the Grand River exit, and fuel, finally came into my headlights. I pulled off on the ramp, but something wasn't right. There was not a single lighted sign for gas, food or lodging. There were no streetlights, traffic lights or car headlights. At first I thought I'd hit the wrong Portland exit... the one out in the country. Nope, this was the downtown exit all right. Oh-oh! I motored into town. Portland was as black as Joe Camel's lungs. After a few blocks I came upon a surreal scene with emergency vehicles, power company trucks and huge cranes, all gittin' ready to do something about the problem. I ran down the window and asked a hard-hatted guy, "What's going on?" (Or, in contemporary vernacular, "Wassup?") He told me the entire city was without power. The answer to my next question, "Where's the closest gas?" was, "The M-100 exit, ten or twelve miles east." Yikes! A quick glance at the gauge showed the needle snoozing on the peg. It was a long, long ten or twelve miles to the M-100 exit. With every mile I checked my watch and calculated how many minutes I might have to catch a quick and lucky ride to get a can of gas, get back, get going, stop at the station to drop off the can, top off, pay and get to the airport. Someone from my parent's generation would call that a "snowball's chance in hell."

Of course the dread of calling my wife and confessing my screw-up also began to set in. Those were long miles and even longer minutes. But... the miles kept ticking off. The old Jeep kept rolling along. The gas gauge continued to lie about how much fuel we had. Finally, the exit came into sight and I rolled up to the pumps a happy man. It wasn't quite like hitting the lottery or getting a stay of execution, but making it to those gas pumps was along the same vein. I put 17.66 gallons in what I think is an 18-gallon tank. I made it to the airport without further incident. I parked, checked in and got through security with no mention of a gun. I made my way to the gate and decided not to settle into my book. I sat quietly, ticket in hand, paying close attention to the p.a. system for boarding calls. Once on the plane and in the air for Pittsburg, I immediately fell asleep. I happily snored and drooled while thanking my lucky stars I wasn't standing out in the dark along I-96 with my thumb out for a ride.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL, AUG. 23, 1876
There was a frost Sunday night.

The new brick school houses are built and seats have arrived.
Fiddler Stocking raised two huge watermelons, 29 and 30 pounds.

The new M.E. church near the Merriman schoolhouse in Lowell Township will be dedicated soon; morning service in English, afternoon in German.

Settlers in Dakota Territory find good soil and excellent crops until the yearly grasshopper invasion wipes out everything. Many are selling out.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 22, 1901
C.W. Parks has invented the Parks Automatic Air Compressor and Sprayer. It can be mounted on a stone boat or wagon and will have potato-spraying attachments.

Fred and Bert Charles and Fred Malcom caught a string of seven pickerel at Murray's Lake Saturday; total weight, 45 pounds.

Free demonstration of Cero Fruito, a fruit and wheat flaked food, at Klump & Henry's Market.

L.W. Cogswell, south of Lowell, sold 400 bushels of potatoes last week at 90 cents and still has 2,600 bushels that he expects to sell for a dollar each.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUG. 26, 1926

News of 58 years ago (1868): F. King & Co. is building a three-story wagon and carriage factory at the corner of Bridge and Washington.

The free Chautauqua was successful and well-attended, though the business management of the Chautauqua company is rated inept and inefficient. Local managers made the difference.

Gov. Groesbeck will address the people of the Lowell area tomorrow at West Side Park at 5:30 p.m.

The forestry industry is third in the nation in value of output. Well over a million persons are employed.

The General Interest page has several articles on radios, including crystal sets, antennas and tuners.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 23, 1951

Thomas B. Hill M.D., native of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, hangs out his shingle in Lowell after interning at Blodgett Hospital.

A telephone booth is installed at the corner of Main and Lafayette.

A new parking lot has been leased from Michigan Bell Telephone, next to its building on North Hudson. It has been graveled and should solve the parking problem on the west end of town.

The Kent County 4-H Club Fair is in full swing at Recreation Park fairgrounds.

When school starts, the kindergarten class will be twice the size of last year's. Births in the state will reach an all-time high this year (marriage licenses increased dramatically when the Korean War started last year).

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUG. 26, 1976

A small white Yorkshire pig is found in the Valley Vista area. Owner please contact the dog warden at City Hall.

Barb Vos, who trains Special Ed bus drivers for Eastern and Western Michigan Universities, will appear on Channel 3 to explain transporting children with all sorts of disabilities.

Nine year old Mark Meyers wins first place in 4-H Horse Demonstrations with his *How to Bathe a Horse*, getting 99 out of 100 points.

Michigan Wire Processing Company Inc. announces that it is establishing its new manufacturing operation at 138 Water Street.

The school board, still wrestling with the \$250,000 remaining in the building and site fund, adds ice hockey and a swimming pool to the list of possibilities.

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OUTDOORS
By Dave Stegehuis
CATCH AND RELEASE

My wife, Gwen, and I had just put the boat in the water for the first time since the walleye season opened in the Upper Peninsula. It was the second week of the season and the weather around Little Bay DeNoc had turned cold and wet.

We were running slow and watching the sonar for fish activity since leaving the launch. The depth had been steady at 25 feet and then quickly came up to 12 feet as we crossed a mid-lake reef. The locator marked a few fish as we passed over the shallow water. Once beyond the narrow reef, we were soon marking a depth of 30 feet. At that point, I turned the boat parallel to the reef and cut the engine. We then quickly tossed out live bait rigs. With the slip sinkers tapping bottom, we drifted back over the 12-foot water. Almost immediately, Gwen felt a slight drag on her graphite rod. She let the rod tip drop back, then swept the rod forward to set the hook. The rod jerked back into a large arc and the tussle was on. After a lively give and take battle, I slipped the net under a 25-inch bronze-sided walleye. Not a bad start to the season, especially since we had gone almost fishless during the opener in the Lower Peninsula.

Gwen carefully unhooked the fish and freed it from the net. By this time, I had located the camera. After the picture, we admired the beauty one more time and then she slid it back into the cold waters of the bay. She knew the rule—the big ones go back. We planned to eat fish every day on this trip, so releasing this dandy could have come back to haunt us if we didn't catch any more.

Tournament fishermen release their catch after weigh-in. A penalty is imposed if they accidentally kill a fish. On most television fishing shows, the anglers usually release any fish they catch. I think that these visible examples of catch and

release have influenced more of us part-time anglers to release more of our fish.

Don't get me wrong, fishing at our house is definitely a consumptive activity, but there are times when releasing fish makes sense. For example, in some bodies of water, the fish are just plain scarce. If everyone takes all the fish they catch, the next angler won't have a chance. Also, if one has enough fish to eat, then there is no need to keep fish just for greed or ego. I figure that the big walleyes are the spawners and the future. Besides, the smaller fish tend to cook up nicely and provide better eating. Unless we're really hungry, we have drawn the line at 20 inches for walleye—anything larger swims. I haven't kept stream trout or northern pike for several years now and have always released smallmouth and largemouth bass.

There are exceptions to releasing fish. If a fish is injured or visibly stressed, then it should go in the box or on the stringer. Pinching the barbs down on hooks and using a forceps to remove them can help to avoid injury to the fish. Some fish are stunted because of overpopulation and thinning their numbers could help the species in the long run. Also, some fish will die anyway because of natural life cycles.

So the next time you land that big one or are really hammering a hungry school of panfish, reflect on what your real needs are and consider releasing your catch to spawn or fight another day. If one hasn't released fish before, it's difficult to do the first few times, but you get used to it. Releasing fish can give an angler a special feeling of satisfaction, which adds a new dimension to the fishing experience.

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 and must be signed.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbgl@aol.com. Include daytime phone number for verification.

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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I know the new federal tax legislation has raised the credit from \$675,000 to \$1 million beginning next year. What about the following years? Also, what year are the estate taxes repealed altogether? My wife and I were thinking of initiating the estate planning process but now we are thinking of putting it off since our combined estate is around \$2 million, which is the amount we will be able to exempt from tax next year.

JONATHAN SAYS: The credit to which you refer is actually known as the applicable exclusion amount and the credit amount, known as the unified credit or the applicable credit amount, is the amount of taxes which may be deducted from the tax that is computed. For example, this year each individual has an applicable exclusion amount of \$675,000. The federal estate tax on an estate of \$675,000 is \$220,550 which is the same amount of this year's credit, which translates to a zero tax. These concepts are easily confused but all you

really need to understand is that if an individual dies this year with an estate valued at \$675,000 or less, there will be no federal estate taxes due and owing.

As a result of the new tax law legislation, beginning in the year 2002, the applicable exclusion amount will increase to \$1 million and the corresponding credit amount will increase to \$345,800. Consequently, an individual with a \$1 million estate can transfer that estate next year without any federal estate tax consequences. Below is a chart which shows the current year annual exclusion amount and the following years amounts through the year 2010 when federal estate taxes are repealed altogether:

Calendar Year	Applicable Exclusion Amount
2001	\$675,000
2002	\$1 million
2003	\$1 million
2004	\$1.5 million
2005	\$1.5 million
2006	\$2 million
2007	\$2 million
2008	\$2 million
2009	\$3.5 million
2010	Taxes Repealed

Even though the federal estate taxes are repealed in the year 2010, there is a sunset provision in the law which means that in the year 2011 the federal estate taxes will return in their current form unless Congress acts to extend the repeal or make it permanent. Obviously, this creates a lot of uncertainty for everyone.

You indicated in your question that you and your wife are

considering delaying the estate planning process because of this new tax law legislation. However, based on the size of your estate, it would make sense for you to move forward with your estate tax planning because without the proper planning, you cannot take full advantage of the applicable exclusion amount and the corresponding credit each of you are entitled to. For example, if you do no tax planning at all and one of you dies next year leaving everything to the other spouse, then even though there will be no tax due and owing at that first spouse's death, the surviving spouse will end up having an estate worth approximately \$2 million and if that spouse dies sometime later next year, only \$1 million of that estate can be sheltered from federal estate taxes.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney who can review with you in more detail the importance of estate tax planning even in light of the new tax law legislation. Further, this attorney can review with you other aspects of the estate planning process which are just as important such as how last will and testaments, financial durable power of attorneys, health care power of attorneys living wills and trusts for the management of assets for children (and others) and probate avoidance can benefit you and your wife. After reviewing your circumstances, a plan can be designed that addresses all those issues, including the estate tax issue.

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Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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TAX PLAN OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO BOOST RETIREMENT SAVINGS

To most of us, \$1.35 trillion sounds like a lot of money. And in fact the \$1.35 trillion tax relief plan passed by Congress and signed by President Bush is pretty sizable. But what does it mean for you?

Initially, you may be most interested in the \$45 billion in tax rebates and tax cuts that took effect this summer. These moves will put more money in your pocket right away. For example, if you're married and you had taxable income of more than \$12,000 in 2000, you will receive—or you already have received—a rebate of \$600. And you also got the equivalent of a small raise when the government started withholding less money from your paychecks in July.

What will you do with this money? If you're like many people, you'll spend it. In fact, the government hopes that you, and millions more like you, will spend at least part of your tax

rebate—thereby stimulating the economy, which has slowed in recent months.

Helping to boost the economy may be a laudable goal—but you might be better off putting your rebate into a retirement plan.

You might not think that the additional money you get to keep will be enough to make much of a difference in your life. But you might be surprised. Suppose, for example, that you get to take home an extra \$100 in income each month. If you were to put that \$1,200 per year in a tax-deferred retirement account that returned 7 percent annually—a reasonable assumption—you would have accumulated approximately \$51,000 after 20 years, and about \$117,000 after 30 years.

That amount of money can make a big difference in your retirement savings—and it all started from that \$100 a month you got from this year's tax break. Furthermore, the extra \$100 isn't really "costing" you anything, because you didn't have it in your possession in the first place.

This year's tax relief package also will help you save for retirement in other ways. That's because the tax plan also includes provisions to gradually increase the contribution limits to important tax-deferred savings plans such as your 401(k) and your IRA. For example, starting in 2002, you may be able to contribute up to \$3,000 a year to your IRA (\$3,500 if you're 50 or over), up from the current limit of \$2,000.

As positive as all these tax-break numbers are, you do need to keep one thing in mind: Tax laws can change again in the future. That's why it's important to get the most out of the opportunities you have right now. By taking advantage of the

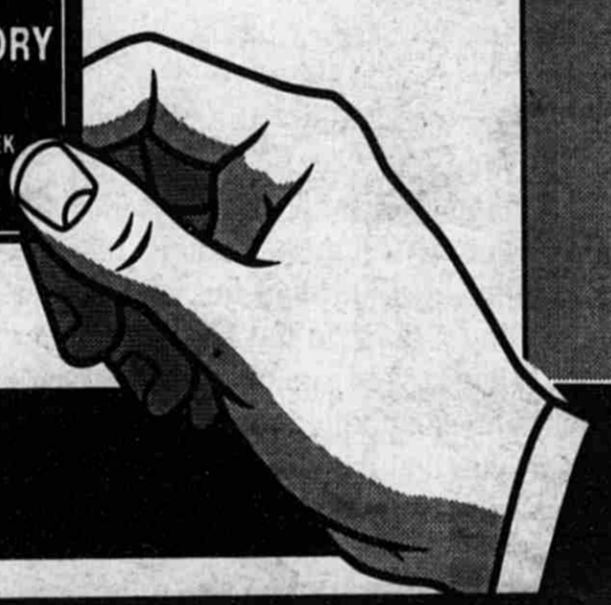
provisions found in the tax relief plan, you can make substantial progress toward achieving your retirement goals—but you've got to take the first step.

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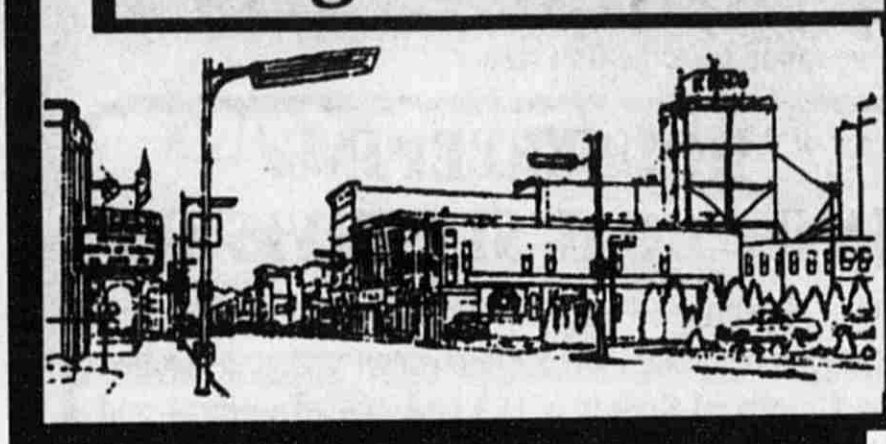
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SMART START PROGRAM FOR NEW STUDENTS

Lowell High School will offer Smart Start program on Monday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. for new students and their parents. Important information will be shared and students will be able to familiarize themselves with the school. For information call 897-4125. (A letter sent home last week had the incorrect date.)

LAAC - CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players will accept auditions for the male character "Rooney" for the

October theatre production, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Auditions will be on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. For more information and to borrow a script for review, call the Arts Council at 897-8545.

SPORTS PHYSICALS FOR LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

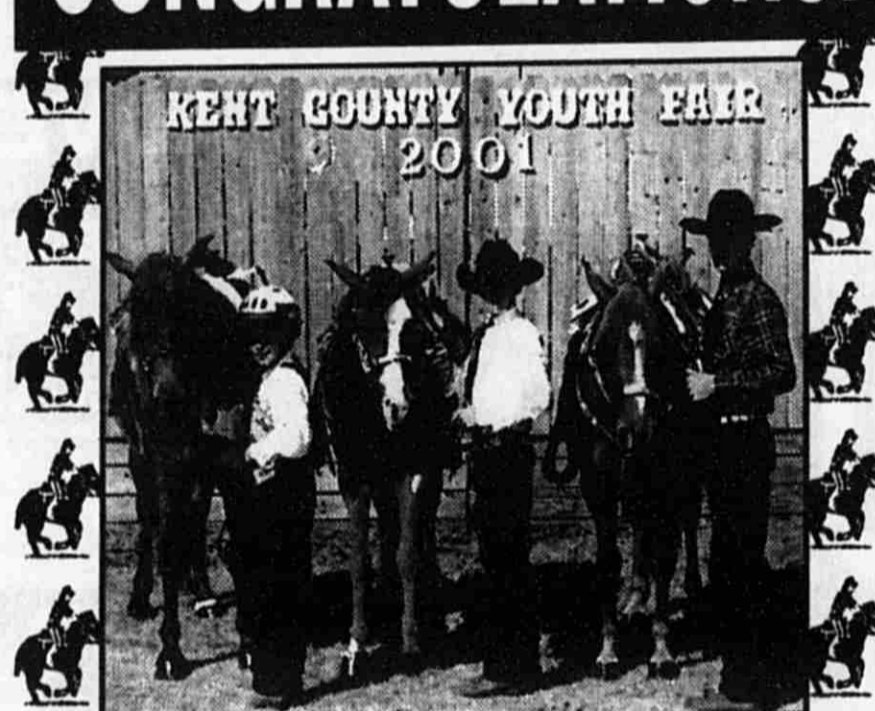
Lowell Middle School will be offering sports physicals for the 2001-2002 school year on Wednesday, Aug. 29 in the middle school gym locker rooms. Girls' physicals at 6 p.m.; boys' physicals at 7 p.m. Doctors Lang, Gauthier and Miller will be doing the physicals for \$5 cash.

State law requires that each student have a physical before he/she can compete in athletics. This is good for the entire year, no matter which season your student participates in.

LOOKING FOR LHS 1981 CLASS MEMBERS

The LHS class of 1981 is looking for addresses for these people: Kelly Alderink, Michael Alley, Robert Amborski, Kristy Danley Brill, Thomas Brown, Judy Buchner Browne, Shelly Burton, Lynn Cabal, Craig Carter, Kelly Cleland, Kevin Conner, Kevin Conrad, Darren Cornell, Sandra Waalkes Crago, Rebecca Hatcher, Raymond Hayes, David Hinds, Ruleen Wells Millsap, Debra Brown Spicer, Shelly Burkett Tran, Brian Wescott, and Debra Wright. Call Tammy at 897-0775.

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Jacob Sprague is pleased to announce the birth of his new baby brother

ZACHARY JULES

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Rezoning issue to be discussed at Sept. 4 public hearing

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Verne Lettinga and Michigan Agri Systems of Lake Odessa, Inc. will seek to rezone 118 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Whites Bridge and Sayles roads.

Their application will request rezoning from agricultural-residential to low density residential for the purpose of discontinuing farming and constructing a manufactured home development.

The public hearing on this matter will be held Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at Keene Township Hall (8505 Potters Rd). The Keene Township Planning Commission will request a text amendment. It is for Article II, Section 2.02 definitions of "lot" to remove the word "not" from the following sentence: A lot shall not include road easements or right of ways. The amendment would allow new lots to include right of ways

as part of the lot area. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the zoning map and text ordinance amendments. Written comments will be considered if mailed and received at the Keene Township Hall before Sept. 4. Comments may be e-mailed to zoningadmin@msn.com.

IN THE SERVICE

Melissa R. Young has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic

military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty. Young, a student attending Rogers High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training. She is the daughter of Jeffrey L. Young of Lowell and Janice Harden of Wyoming.

Vein Observatory hosts open house, Aug. 22-25

The James C. Vein Observatory's annual open house week will be held from Wednesday, Aug. 22 through Saturday, Aug. 25 from 8:30 - 11 p.m. at 3308 Kissing Rock Road.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, August 6, 2001.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the City Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.
Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Parks and Streets Supervisor Scott Fosburg, Chief of Police James Valentine, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager Tom Richards, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Boardmembers Norm Borgerson and Charles Doyle, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Planning Commissioner Clark Jahnke and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by **MYERS** to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2001 regular meeting as corrected.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (08/06/01)

GENERAL FUND	\$129,147.23
MAJOR STREET FUND	4,434.85
LOCAL STREET FUND	1,775.07
DDA FUND	11,049.30
AIRPORT FUND	28.96
WASTEWATER FUND	60,985.78
WATER FUND	9,694.93
DATA PROCESSING FUND	322.77
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,872.98
CURRENT TAX FUND	76,007.22
LEE FUND	714.00
LOOK FUND	3,460.00

Item #1. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH HOPE NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN (NORTH KENT TRANSIT). As started in 1996, the City entered into contract with Hope Network to provide transportation services to the physically handicapped and those 60 years and older (subsidized \$11.81 for senior citizen and handicapped) utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds. This past fiscal year, 399 rides were given to Lowell residents.

City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council enter into a contract from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 to provide transportation services for the handicapped and those 60 years and over with Hope Network (North Kent Transit).

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **GREEN** to support the renewal of the contract with Hope Network West Michigan (North Kent Transit) as presented providing transportation services for the handicapped and those 60 years and over.

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

Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

906 N. Washington- Randy and Becky Wieland - variance to allow a four-foot high fence along front yard lot line - public hearing. Randy and Becky Wieland wish to have a four-foot high chain link fence installed in their back yard. Since their home is located at the northwest corner of North Washington and Sherman, two front yards exist. Any fence abutting Sherman is restricted to three feet in height. The Wielands propose a higher fence to contain their dogs. Thus, a variance was requested.

At its July 23rd meeting, the Planning Commission unani-

mously recommended against the variance because it did not meet the established criteria.

City Manager Pasquale read into record a letter from Charlie Bernard of Bernard's Ace Hardware as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Wanted to make a few brief comments on the variance request for Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wieland and their proposed 4-foot fence. (Wood or Chain Link). Noting the "Public Notice" in the Lowell Ledger, it states "...construct a four-foot high fence in their front yard..." The fence they propose will not be in their front yard on Washington St., but in their side yard.

Granted this is a corner lot and I'm sure that there are some obscure-zoning minutiae that could support the Zoning Board's negation. However it's quickly apparent that the Wieland's are prepared to construct a handsome fence that is only "one" foot higher than the "front yard" ordinance in their side yard.

Would hope that reason would prevail in this very sensible request.

Sincerely,
Charlie Bernard

Zoning Board Chairman Myers noted the home sits on an angle.

Boardmember Shores noted Sherman Street is seldom used. She believed one side could be considered a side yard because it does not abut another house. Shores stated she did not have a problem with a four-foot high fence.

Boardmember Green agreed with Bernard. However, he was unsure how the Board could grant this after discussion of meeting the necessary criteria. Green also noted the safety factors stating such a fence could cause a blind spot.

Boardmember Blough understood it is easy in this type of situation to stray away from the necessary criteria needed in order to grant a variance. However, the criteria was established for a purpose. He said there are safety issues involved when fences exceed three feet in height.

Pasquale stated the Planning Commission has been reviewing the issue of corner lots and considering alternatives. Instead of having two front yard setbacks, the idea has been explored of having one a front yard and one a side yard. The narrowest width would be considered the front yard.

Boardmember Brubaker mentioned there was a similar situation with another individual who wanted to fence around the pool area and the variance was not granted.

Myers referred to the purpose of the request. He noted the variance has been requested in order to contain dogs. While the variance will last for the life of the property, the dogs will not.

Shores believed common sense needs to come into effect at times.

Green inquired when the potential changes could be made. Planning Commission Chairman Hall stated the Commission has asked Zoning Administrator Doug Hopkins to provide recommendations within three months.

Green stated he would be more comfortable changing the ordinance rather than granting a variance.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by **BLOUGH** to deny the variance request for a four foot high fence along the Sherman Street right of way at 906 N. Washington because of failing to meet the established criteria.

YEA: 4. (Boardmembers Blough, Brubaker, Green and Myers)
NAY: 1. (Boardmember Shores)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

145 S. Center - Steven and Perry Cook - side yard setback from a proposed garage - establish public hearing (8/20). Steven and Perry Cook wish to construct a 24' X 30' garage, setback two feet (with roof overhang) from the south side yard lot line. A detached accessory building must be three feet (including the overhang) from the side or rear yard lot lines.

At its July 23rd meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended against the variance because it did not meet the established criteria.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **BLOUGH** to set a public hearing for August 20, 2001 to discuss a side yard setback request at 145 S. Center.

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

Item #3. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE - AMEND REVIEW STANDARDS FOR THE SITE PLAN REVIEW INCORPORATING "CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINED" FOR LANDSCAPING - ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (8/20). As reviewed by the Planning Commission over several meetings, a zoning ordinance amendment has been proposed which inserts the wording "continuously maintained" for landscaping as part of a site plan review. This guards the City if the owner/developer's plantings fail. Replanting would then be required.

In addition, the Planning Commission suggested the following: "The Planning Commission requires approved landscaping buffers and/or green belts be continuously maintained to insure that the proposed uses will be adequately buffered from one another and from the public and private property owner".

Additionally, when site plans are approved, the Planning Commission will provide motions to state this also.

Shores inquired if this would go with the property, if there was an owner change. Pasquale responded yes.

Mayor Blough questioned how this is enforced. Pasquale responded through the Building Inspector's office and City staff on a complaint basis.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **SHORES** to set a public hearing for August 20, 2001 to discuss the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would incorporate "continuously maintained" for landscaping.

Blough noted that an objective set forth during the City Manager review was the development of an ordinance enforcement plan.

Shores believed the ordinance could be enforced when complaints are received.

Myers inquired if IMS enforces this type of ordinance. Pasquale responded yes, Zoning Administration is provided, in addition to Building Inspections. Also, there is staff from the Public Works and Police Departments who are available to enforce such an ordinance.

Pasquale stated a Code Enforcement Policy is being prepared. This will involve contacting the individuals and informing them of the violation. The individual can discuss the situation with the Planning Commission, if there is a disagreement.

Blough questioned whether what was being suggested was an annual review of landscaping.

Myers questioned how knowledgeable the Police and DPW staff were concerning minor violations. He believed there should be one individual who is the lead enforcement officer.

Blough endorsed the proposed wording 100 percent. However, he wanted to ensure this gets enforced.

Hall believed nothing would be more effective for the community than to have the ordinance enforced.

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

Item #4. PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MOVING OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY - FURTHER REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. At the last meeting, the Council had the opportunity to review a draft ordinance regulating the moving of buildings and structures. The ordinance as proposed requires a moving permit, outlining the necessary elements of the application.

At the July 16 meeting, the Council addressed the following issues:
* need for liability insurance section (mentioned in Sec-

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tion 7.64 Conditions for approval of moving permit; subsection (4)

* provide a 21 business day (rather than 7) notice of move (section 7.69)
* give a 15-business day (rather than 24 hours) notice to utility users regarding interruption of power (Section 7.68 (2)).

Additionally at its July 23 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance with the following changes:

* Amend Section 7.62 Application for moving permit subsection 3 as noted: a description of building and structure to be moved including its vertical, horizontal and total height with rigged dimensions.
* Provide a \$2,000 cash deposit to the City for damages (Section 7.75)

Tom Richards, General Manager of Lowell Light and Power, provided the following comments:

* Amend Section 7.61 to state "no person shall move any building or structure... a height of greater than fourteen (14) feet (rather than 15 feet) ... without first obtaining a moving permit." Fifteen feet is a standard.
* Section 7.62 (7) Application for moving permit requires photographs - good idea
* Section 7.63 Submission of application shall be filed 21 business days rather than 7 business days before proposed moving date.

Along with the ordinance document was a copy of Light and Power's policy involving assistance for moving buildings, machinery or equipment for the Council's review.

Councilmember Myers believed all changes should be incorporated.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **MYERS** to set a public hearing for August 20, 2001, including all the recommendations, concerning the moving of buildings and structures within the City.

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

Item #5. CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL - POLICE STATION PROJECT FROM FISBECK, THOMPSON, CARR AND HUBER. At a July 9, 2001 worksession, the City Council reviewed several construction delivery alternatives with representatives from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber involving the City Hall - Police Station project. These alternatives were (1) Traditional Design/Bid/Build Approach, (2) Construction Management-Agency, (3) Construction Management-At Risk and (4) FTC&H Integrated Building Services. After a review of each approach, the Council requested a staff recommendation as well as a City Attorney opinion regarding Integrated Building Services.

After reviewing the issue with the Department Heads, Pasquale recommended the City use Integrated Building Services because of the size and complexity of the project. There needs to be tight coordination between design and construction. Also, there is not sufficient time to supervise this project from City offices.

City Attorney Richard Wendt provided a review of the proposal as follows:

"The construction manager method of completing projects has been used in the private sector for many years. Only recently, i.e., the past six to eight years, has it also become a recognized method in the public sector. Normally, construction management agreements are used for very large projects where costs, timing and coordination are critical. Examples of local projects where a construction manager was or is being used are the Van Andel Arena and the new Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention Center, i.e., DeVos Place currently under construction. Normally, the construction manager receives a fee equal to a percentage of the cost of the work excluding architectural/engineering fees."

Unfortunately, the City's Charter contains language which currently prohibits the City from entering into a negotiated construction management agreement with FTC&H based on Chapter 13, (Section 13.1 9c) provides in pertinent part:

"Except as provided by ordinance authorized by section 13.3 of this chapter, each contract for construction of

public improvements ... shall be let after opportunity for competitive bidding..."

In my opinion, the City may not enter into a negotiated construction management agreement for the Project, but could seek competitive bids for such agreement. This, however, may eliminate some of the advantage of the construction management method if someone other than FTC&H is the low bidder.

"As recited above, the applicable provision of the City Charter does, in my opinion, permit the City Council to adopt an ordinance providing for an exception to this provision. Such an ordinance could easily be prepared and I would recommend, if it is your desire to consider such an ordinance that it require that all subcontracts over a certain minimum amount be competitively bid."

Pasquale stated he has also provided a proposed ordinance written by Wendt which specifically does this. It provides construction contract exempt from competitive bids, a contract with the construction manager, and in essence then being in compliance.

"This would also be very important that the Construction Manager provide the usual and customary insurance coverage's and would list the City and the Building Authority as additional insured. Further, the construction manager should be required to provide the customary performance and labor and material men bonds, as well as agree to pay liquidated damages, if the completed Project is not delivered on time. There are, as you may imagine, other provisions that would be included in an agreement between the City and a construction manager, including a description of the manager's duties and responsibilities, provision for dispute resolution and prohibition against assignment without the consent of the City."

From the staff's point of view, it is strongly believed the City go with the integrated building systems approach. There are some very strong advantages in doing so.

Pasquale believed Wendt's proposed ordinance addressed the concerns of the Charter.

The integration construction management approach would cost an additional \$2,700. However, Pasquale did see some potential savings in terms of integrating the design approach, plus looking at the construction management approach. As mentioned during the worksession, FTC&H would not be involved with the actual construction, but providing the coordination.

Councilmember Myers questioned the \$10,000 and fewer limits. He asked where this figure came from and why. Pasquale responded this was a proposal provided by Wendt. He was reviewing situations concerning small contracts, which would provide an exemption from the competitive bidding process. Pasquale noted \$10,000 was used as a guideline.

Brubaker believed there was a statue which allows \$10,000 or under.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by **GREEN** to set a public hearing on August 20, 2001, relative to this construction management and negotiated contracts of \$10,000 or less ordinance change.

Brubaker questioned how Section 2.80 read in conjunction with Section 2.81. Section 2.80 states if a construction manager is used, all subcontracts have to be competitively bid. Pasquale verified with Construction Division Manager Doug Crowley that if involved in the integrated construction management mode, all subcontracts would be competitively bid. Crowley responded yes.

Pasquale suggested the Council hold a public hearing concerning this, while he receives additional input.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Pursuant to the public hearing, Blough assumed the Council would want to table any issuance of a construction management service contract. Pasquale stated this would be considered at the next meeting. If the ordinance is approved, then the Council may wish to pursue this.

Item #6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LIGHT AND POWER SUBSTATION SITE. Lowell Light and

Power and Cable TV General Manager Tom Richards explained on March 5, 2001, the Board requested approval of the most recommended site for a substation from a selection survey done by URS Engineering.

The site recommended was adjacent to the Water Treatment Plant. The Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission have given approval, as well as a secondary site which was also proposed. This site is west of the well field area on Bowes Road. The second site was suggested, due to concerns regarding the unlikely event of a transformer leaking oil into the soil as well as safety concerns due to the closeness of the Water Treatment Plant well fields.

As a result of that meeting, the Board was asked to find out if another recommended site to the west of the well field area could be acquired. The owner, Grand Rapids Gravel, was unwilling to sell the land directly west of the well field. However, after several meetings and discussions, a one-acre lot at the very west end of Bowes Road near the medical center was offered. The land was evaluated and surveyed. A preliminary site plan was also done in order to find out that it is suitable for the substation project with some excavation and fill to level it. Currently, the site is overgrown and unimproved. It is in a commercial and industrial area and addresses all objections to both water and recreational safety.

The cost of the lot will add an additional \$30,000 over and above what the cost of the project would have been at the proposed site.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **MYERS** to approve the acquisition of 1.08 acres of property from Grand Rapids Gravel located at the southwest corner of Bowes Road as it arrives northward to M-21 for the construction and operation of the 138 KV - 13 KV interstronger substation at a cost of \$43,000.

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

Richards noted without any unexpected delays, completion is now projected for early 2003.

Item #7. REZONING OF JAMES STREET AREA PROPERTIES - PRESENTATION AND REVIEW. Planning Commissioner Clark Jahnke explained the Commission reviewed floor area requirements of residential zoning districts due to the quantity of variances being requested. As a result of the July 23 meeting, the Commission believed the requirements should be left as is. Jahnke had suggested the Commission bring the issue forward for Council review.

Councilmember Myers noted the two most recent variances were for the Habitat Houses. These were allowed for a very specific and important reason. He felt the general emphasis of the ordinance was to maintain an average size home in the community. Myers also believed a case by case review would be a good way to handle this.

Councilmember Green was pleased with the suggestion and would be in favor of the change. It is important to have starter homes for young families.

Mayor Blough noted the Planning Commission has reviewed this extensively over a period of time. By a majority vote, the Commission agreed to support the current ordinance as it exists.

Blough stated Jahnke is present to report a minority opinion relative to changing the ordinance requirement. Jahnke responded he was not trying to present a minority opinion, but had heard some Councilmembers would be in favor of this change. Blough said if the City Council is to have the process run successfully, it behooves them to listen to recommendations from the majority of the particular bodies which are charged with giving recommendations. Jahnke stated this is what they ask.

Shores noted there was much discussion concerning this when she served on the Planning Commission. At that time, she also believed the square footage requirements were too high. Shores wanted this reviewed further.

Jahnke noted the Planning Commission also reviewed the idea of creating another zoning classification.

Green said the history of James Street was changed to

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Strep throat is an infection caused by a bacteria called Streptococcus (strep). It usually results in a sore throat, fever, swollen glands in the neck, and in children, possibly a fine red rash on the face and belly.

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cool drinks, popsicles, or warm salt water gargles. People are usually contagious for about 48 hours into their antibiotic therapy. Children with strep throat should not return to school or day care until their fever is gone and they have been on antibiotics for 48 hours.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jennifer Lynn Marr, of Lowell, was among 5,800 Purdue University students who earned academic honors for the spring 2001 semester. To earn honors, students must have at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative grade point average on a four-point scale.

Marr was also awarded a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering during commencement ceremonies following the spring semester.

Artists sought for Riverwalk

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking artists, craftsmen and herbalists who have choice inventory to showcase. These people are invited to share their wares at the seventh annual Riverwalk 2001. Limited space is available.

Riverwalk Festival is always Saturday Labor Day weekend. This year it will be held Sept. 1. The artists will open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. To add to the festivities there will be a parade, an antique tractor show, live entertainment, food booths, a duck race and a health fair. For more information call Liz Baker at 897-9161.

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R1 during one of the last zoning map changes with the idea it would promote the reuse of those lots to build larger homes. However, this did not happen. Therefore, with the area being zoned R1, this may not be the most appropriate way. He referred to the R2 and R3 Districts, stating his wish to see the square footage requirements changed from 1000 to 850 square feet.

Brubaker considered the possibility of rezoning the particular area as being a more desirable alternative. There has been much development in Lowell since the ordinance was adopted. He did not want to change the R1 District throughout the entire City.

Blough suggested the Highland Hill Dairy area adjacent to James Street represents an area of approximately 35 acres of undeveloped properties. Historically, about five years ago, there was some interest in developing the terrain with larger profile residences. Then, discussion, was held concerning a few vacant lots for Habitat for Humanity. He believed there were a number of properties in the area where individuals have specifically developed with the R1 District in mind. To change this would represent a concern to those investments. If, however, there are certain areas in the City which need to be targeted for specific lower cost, high density developments, the Planning Commission should target those areas and plan these as part of the master plan.

Green understood Blough's point, but stated at some point since 1955, the square footage requirement has changed from 850 to 1000.

Jahnke explained if there is enough interest from the Council, he would like to ask the Planning Commission to review some different avenues of the next few months.

Blough questioned the consensus of the Council. He stated an opinion of more than one member is in support of the current zoning ordinance. The Council also heard of areas where the majority of the Planning Commission may recommend some changes and believed the Council would be supportive of those particular areas within the City. A few comments were also made to support an overall view of a reclassification. Personally, Blough stated he would wish to have a majority of the Planning Commission come back with that recommendation.

Item #8. PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR OUT OF PLAY FENCE AT RECREATION PARK BALLFIELD. Quotes were solicited for the purchase and installation of 315' out of play fence at Recreation Park Ballfield. The following quotes were received:

Ace Hardware (Wyoming) \$3,125.00
AAA Fence Company (Grand Rapids) \$3,270.00
Cedar Springs Fence Co. (Cedar Springs) .. \$3,281.42

After reviewing the quotes, Streets and Parks Supervisor Scott Fosburg and DPW Director Dan DesJarden recommended purchasing 315' out of play fence for Recreation Park Ballfield from Ace Hardware (Wyoming) at a cost of \$3,125 allocated from the Lee Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to accept the quote from Ace Hardware (Wyoming) for \$3,125 for an out of play fence at Recreation Park Ballfield.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #9. SELLING OF 25 KW ONAN GENERATOR AND TRAILER. Due to a conflict of interest, Councilmember Brubaker abstained from voting.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt stated a few meetings ago the Council authorized the purchase of a new generator and disposal of the old generator in support of three lift stations.

The following bids were received:
Grattan Township \$4,785.00
City of Portland \$4,000.00
Mark Batchelor of Architectural Building Restoration \$3,001.00

Mundt noted he and City Manager Pasquale recommended the high bid of \$4,785 from Grattan Township.

Pasquale said the proceeds would be split with two thirds going to Lowell Township and one third to the City of Lowell credited against the purchase of the new generator.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to accept the bid from Grattan Township for \$4,785.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
ABSTAIN: 1. (Brubaker)
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Brubaker returned to the meeting.

Item #10. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #11. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Brubaker congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for the entertainment held on Thursday evenings. It was great to see the crowds and the weather was great. It was a wonderful experience.

Councilmember Shores also congratulated the Arts Council for the Thursday evening entertainment. She also welcomed the 4-H Fair.

Councilmember Myers appreciated receiving a list of the City of Lowell elected Boards and Commissions list.

Councilmember Green stated the concerts were wonderful. He was also happy to see the 4-H Fair.

Mayor Blough stated he participated in the opening ceremonies for the Kent County Youth Fair. He noted the organization is active year around. The Youth Fair participates with the City of Lowell in various festivals around town. He had the opportunity to express appreciation from the City's standpoint for a great partnership with the Kent County Youth Fair.

He also noted the Youth Development mode. They develop leadership within the community. It is one of the many leadership development organizations the City has.

Blough was also very thankful from a commercial and residential standpoint, which improves the quality of life and gives opportunities to the commercial district with

bringing revenue into town. The City is very fortunate to have this festival. The City is the seat of Kent County relative to Youth Fair Week. To that end, Blough questioned if there was a procedure that Lowell Light and Power follows in the unlikely event that service is disrupted at the fair. Lowell Light and Power Board Chairman Charlie Doyle responded a procedure has been in place for many years.

Blough requested the City provide support to King Milling Company to help brine the gravel roads during the fair.

Blough also commented on the cement block (Foreman) building that needed door improvements. He was happy to hear the City was able to participate and ensure the door upgrade took place in order to secure displays during the fair. Blough understood the upgrade extended over the \$2,000 spending limit. Therefore, the Youth Fair contributed \$500 toward the upgrade. Blough suggested the City refund \$500 to the Kent County Youth Fair.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by GREEN to support expending the \$500 to cover an additional for the door improvement to the Foreman building reimbursing the Kent County Youth Fair.

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

Item #12. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

The following meetings minutes were provided:
• Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Policy Committee meeting of June 20, 2001
• Airport Board meeting of June 5, 2001
• Planning Commission meeting of June 25, 2001
• Lowell Board of Light and Power meeting of June 26, 2001
• Lowell Board of Cable Television meeting of June 26, 2001
• Downtown Development Authority meeting of June 28, 2001

Enclosed is a current listing of all Board and Commission members. All appointments are current with no vacancies. Congratulations!

The Kent County Youth Fair runs from Monday, August 6 to Saturday, August 11.

In response to discussions held at the last meeting, Pasquale asked traffic engineer Ed Swanson to submit a proposal regarding the Foreman Road truck route and any possible alternatives.

Ralph Brecken has been hired as the new City Mechanic, who is replacing retiring Mechanic Tom Hartman. Brecken, a 1993 Belding High School graduate, has had prior experience with G&G Machine Shop, Rach Tooling and Wing Engineering.

Item #13. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, August 20, 2001

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

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.

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.

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. THRU OCT. 21: Free admission to the Fallasburg one-room schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Rd. between Fallasburg Park Drive and McPherson/Potters Road. From 2 to 6 p.m.

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.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

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

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills

EVERY WED.: The "Poppers" group (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week to cover expenses. Transportation is available. For more information, call Pat at the Center at 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

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 FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

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 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. Bellline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 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.

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

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

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.: Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

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.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH: James C. Veen Observatory (3308 Kissing Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if the night is clear. \$2 adults; \$1 children to 18. For info. call Starwatch at 897-7065.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 AM social gathering; 10 AM meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appointment. Call 676-9346.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner

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AUG. 22 -25: James C. Veen Observatory, Kissing Rock Road, open house week, 8:30-11 p.m. Regardless of sky conditions. \$1 children, \$2 adults. Call 897-7065 for directions or visit their website at www.graa.org.

SAT., AUG. 25: Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES invites family and friends to their Friendship Potluck Picnic at Creekside Park from 3-5 p.m. Bratwurst, chicken breast & beverages furnished; bring a dish to pass & own table service. RSVP by Aug. 24 to Nancy Domanski (897-1310) & leave message.

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LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

<p>MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Armchair Exercise.</p> <p>WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.</p> <p>THURS., AUG. 22: 8:30 a.m. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary at Gull Lake and "Christ the King" Cathedral in Kalamazoo.</p> <p>THURS., AUG. 23: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.</p> <p>FRI., AUG. 24: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.</p> <p>MON., AUG. 27: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Wal-Mart and Dollar Store.</p>	<p>THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES., AUG. 28: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Sam's Club.</p> <p>WED., AUG. 29: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.</p> <p>THURS., AUG. 30: 12:00 p.m. Noon, Dance.</p> <p>FRI., AUG. 31: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!!!</p>
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Auditor suggests robust general fund reason for township to look at future planning

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Charter Township auditor's report indicates the township is in better shape than most.

The current balance in its general fund covers 100 percent of the 2001-02 proposed expenditures. The carry over total is \$90,000.

"Most other townships' general fund balance is only 45-75 percent of proposed expenditures," said township auditor, Phil Sauerman. "This indicates that future planning may be in order to figure out what to use the difference for."

City looks to IMS for help with enforcing zoning ordinances

By J.N.Boorsma
Contributing Writer

So how exactly do you enforce the zoning ordinance? The city of Lowell believes it may have the answer: a dedicated enforcement officer.

For a 90-day trial basis, the Lowell City Council has

Sauerman indicated the township would need to decide what a reasonable balance for it. "Generally the money in the general fund should benefit the current taxpayers," he said.

Township board trustee, Alyn Fletcher feels that 75 percent is a reasonable figure and safeguard for the township.

Fletcher suggested that the difference be used for increased needs in the park, additional road projects, township hall needs (tables/chairs) or replacing old computer hardware.

Fletcher added the money could also help secure shares toward grants.

Paula Blumm, board trustee, added that the township is currently at a conservative place financially and she is comfortable with that.

Richard Huver noted, "The township has done a good job over the years of spending the taxpayers' money wisely. Having that little extra in the general fund gives us flexibility and can help us cover unexpected big expenses."

Lowell Township supervisor, John Timpson said the surplus is already used for roads and that he also is comfortable with where the general fund balance currently is.

decided to hire the services of Imperial Municipal Services (IMS) to serve as an enforcement officer on zoning ordinance issues. IMS currently provides the city with some of those services along with building inspector services, which Doug Hopkins handles.

The issue came about with a change to another ordinance that would require businesses to continuously maintain landscaping. Mayor Mike Blough questioned how the city would enforce such a regulation.

City manager, David Pasquale discussed the matter with IMS and city staff, and the solution was to institute an enforcement officer with up to 16 hours per week at approximately \$800 per week.

The price almost took the council's breath away. "Looking at what we spend now [about \$150 to \$200], that is about \$32,000 more per year for such a service," said councilmember, Jeanne Shores. "I don't know if the budget can handle that."

Blough said he felt the city needed to give the person in the position some direction as to what they should be doing. Pasquale said there would be an orientation meeting, but at this time staff was looking at primarily zoning issues such as making sure all requirements on site plans are met with sign requirements.

Another concern Blough had was whether other cities had such a program. Hopkins said most of the municipalities his company works with go on a complaint basis. In some of

the townships, officials will pick a section and have the officer go through and work on getting that area cleaned up according to zoning ordinances.

"Because of the legality of it and the headache of when you get people all riled up, they tend to go on a complaint-by-complaint basis," Hopkins said.

Blough said he would like to see some plan of action to determine what this person would focus on such as overnight parking, snow removal, tall grass, or junk or abandoned cars.

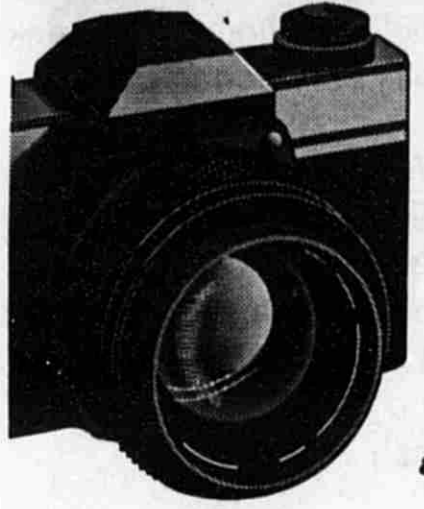
Pasquale said the city clerk and the public works department will continue to coordinate tall grass and snow removal issues. The police department will continue to enforce uncensored, junk vehicles, illegally parked cars, and overnight parking. The enforcement officer will help in some of those tasks, but the position will mainly focus on zoning issues such as signs and the proper storage of recreational vehicles.

Despite the concerns, the council decided the program might be worth trying.

Councilmember, Charles Myers said because there would be a monthly report back to the council on what was being done, he felt it would be worth seeing how this program would work in the city and readdress the issue in 90 days on whether it needed to be redefined. He said it would help in the overall aesthetics of the city.

"It is also important for potential buyers," said councilmember, Dan Brubaker. "It's hard to sell your home if your neighbor won't cut his lawn and has junk all over the place."

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Council hires Fishbeck as construction manager for City Hall/police station project

By J.N.Boorsma
Contributing Writer

With little fanfare, the Lowell City Council put in place a new ordinance allowing the city to hire a construction manager.

Following discussions with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, Inc., it was discovered through city attorney, Richard Wendt that the Lowell City charter forbids the hiring of a position such as a construction manager.

Because of the complexity of the City Hall project, staff and council decided a construction manager is needed. With that in mind, the council, at its regular council meeting Monday night, approved an ordinance which would allow the city to hire a construction manager.

Even though the ordinance will not take effect for several weeks, the council moved forward to hire Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber as the construction manager. In this step, the motion was for the company along with city manager, David Pasquale to iron out the details of a contract for Fishbeck to be the construction manager. The council agreed to the contract subject to Pasquale's and Wendt's approval.

"Looking at the complexity of this project, we will very likely exceed \$4 million," Pasquale said. "With the renovation of a historic building plus the addition of a police station, it is very important to proceed with this matter."

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The council agreed to Pasquale's recommendation that the city use the integrated construction manager approach. This means the city would deal only with Fishbeck on the project. Fishbeck would then be responsible for meeting goals and deadlines. The company would deal directly with the trade contractors for the city. Basically, Fishbeck would be responsible for the entire project from start to completion.

Councilmember Charles Myers said he knew this was relying tremendously on Fishbeck for the entire project. However, after having served on the council for a number of years and having had so many positive relationships with Fishbeck on various city projects, Myers said he felt the integrated program would work for the city.

"One thing we have to remember is many schools have hired or dedicated one person to this type of project," said Mayor Mike Blough, adding that the city does not have the staff to dedicate to the project.

Pasquale concurred on the subject of the lack of staff to oversee the project. He said

that at this time there is not anyone in his office, the Public Works Department, or the Police Department who could

keep up with what needed to be done. The construction manager would only be for the City Hall/police station

project. Pasquale said he felt the cemetery and public works storage buildings could be dealt with through general contractors since these were less complex projects.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 9, 2001, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted Ordinance No. 01-03Z. The ordinance amends Section 18.01.A of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance so as to change the number of members on the Board of Appeals from five to seven members.

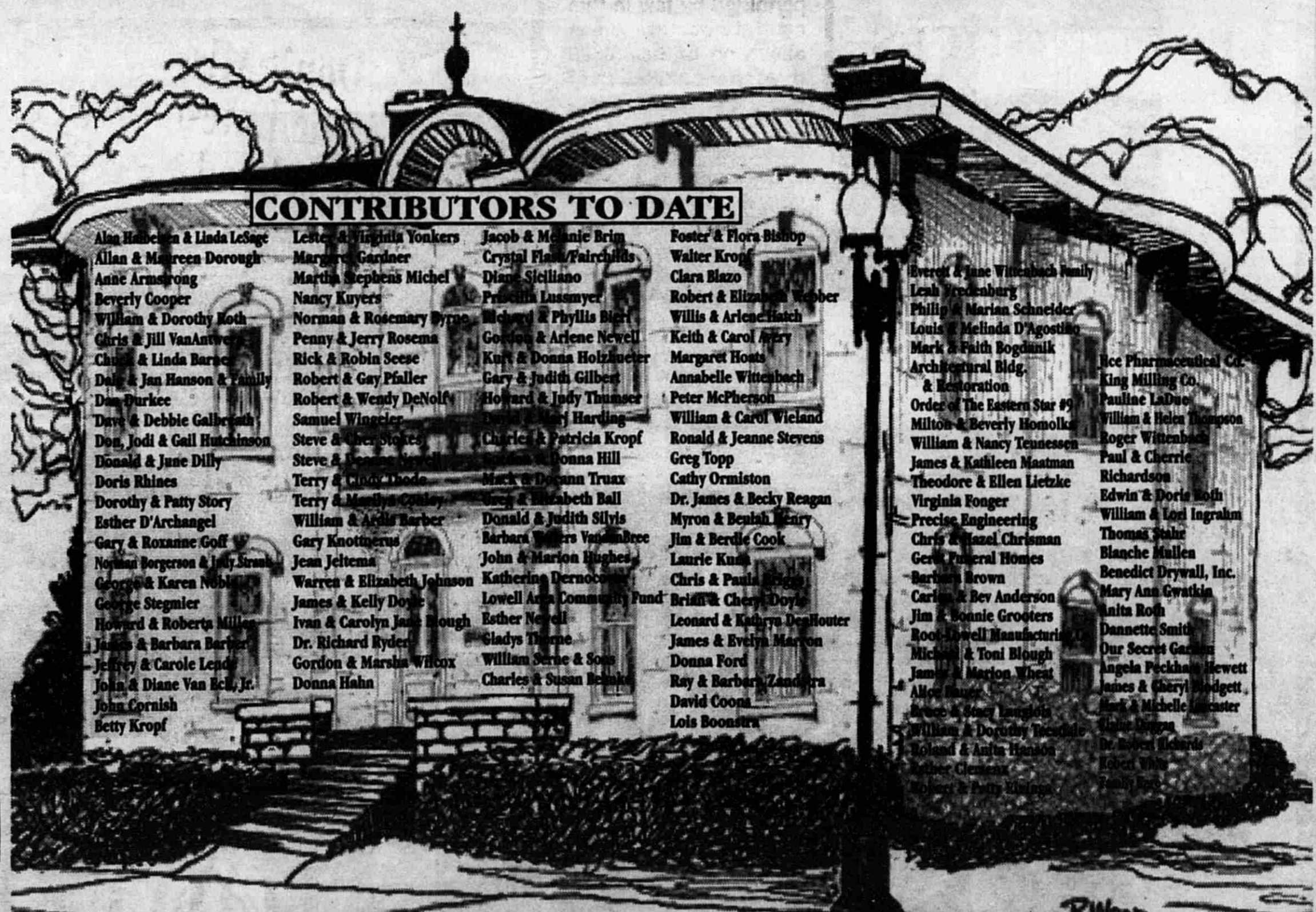
The amending ordinance will become effective August 29, 2001. A copy of the amending ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: August 16, 2001

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

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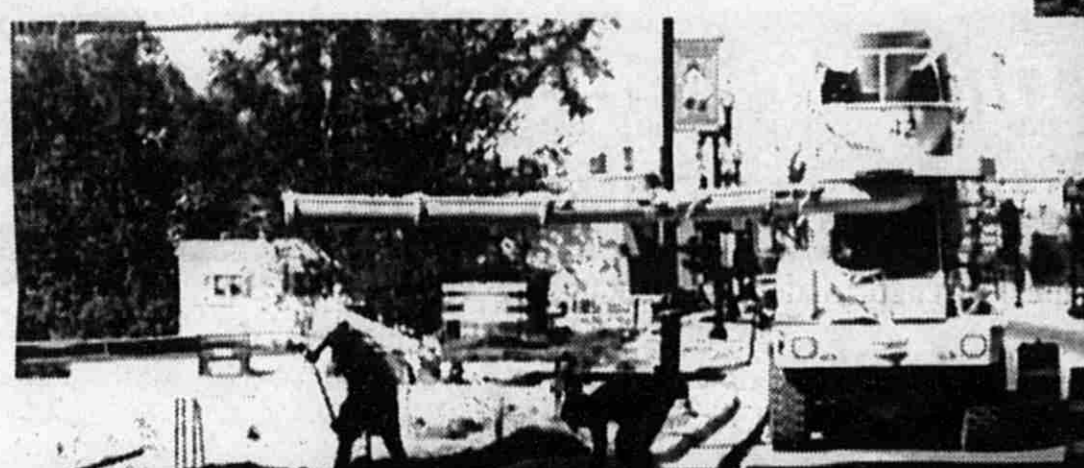
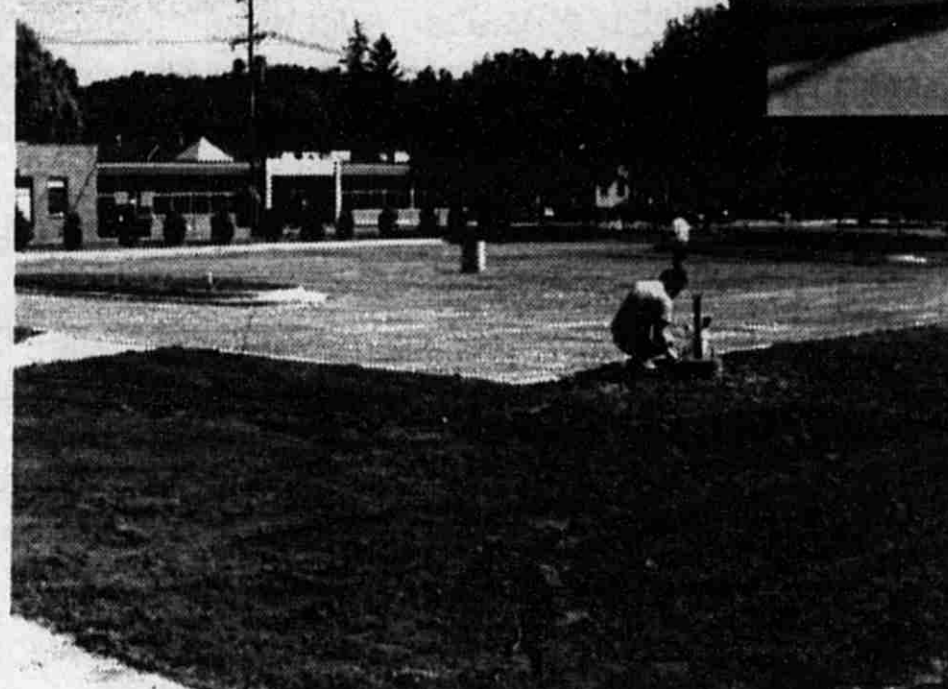
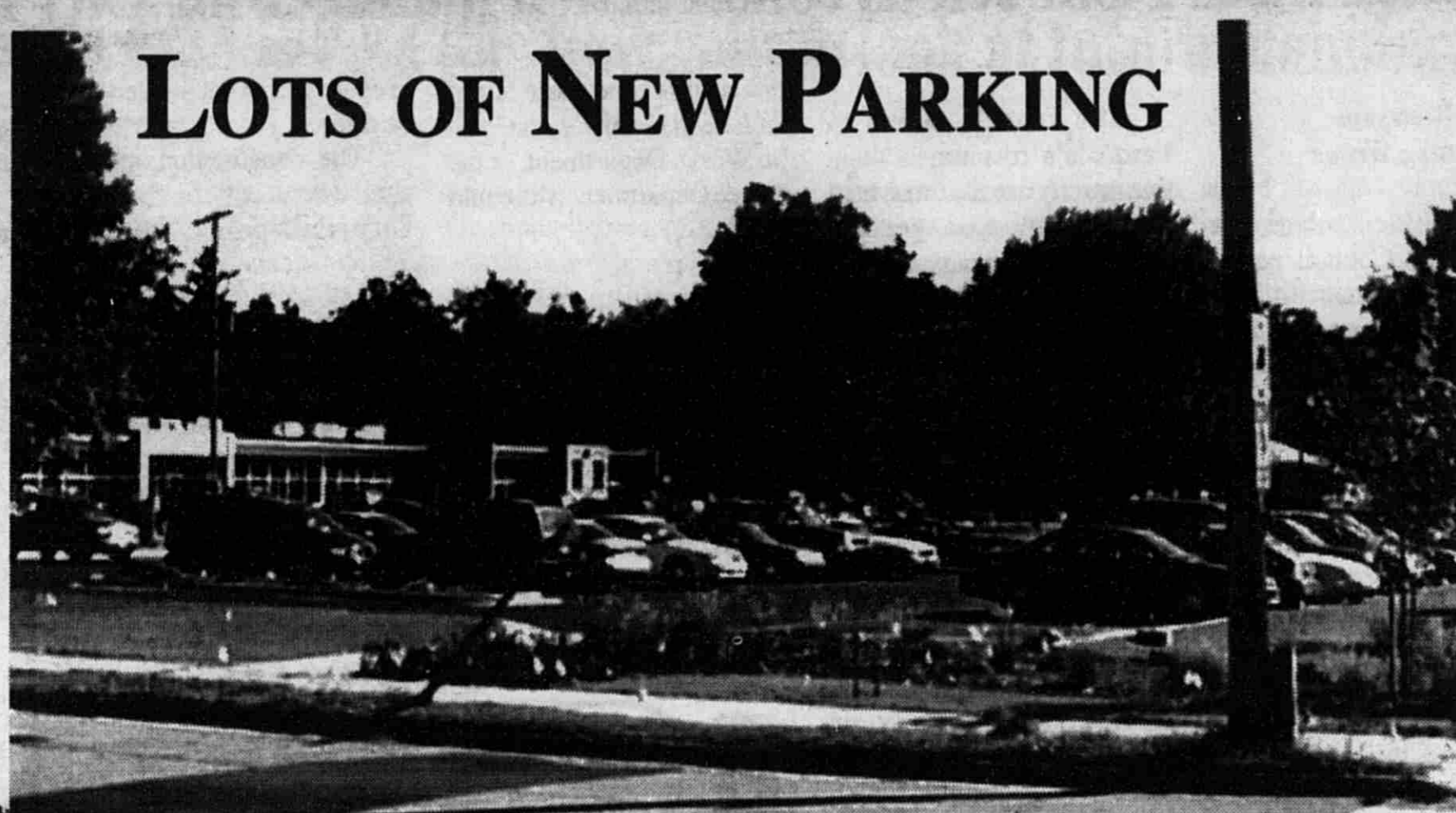
Work is well underway on the downtown parking lots. The construction of a new parking lot at the corner of Monroe and Avery and the renovation of the King Milling and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce city parking lots will add an additional 78 parking spaces to Lowell's downtown.

The new parking lot will hold 48 cars while spaces in the Chamber lot will increase from 36 to 53 and from 38 to 51 in the King Milling lot.

Work is being carried out by Cycon Enterprises, Inc., at a cost of \$740,947.50. The entire project which also includes extension of the Riverwalk is expected to be completed by Sept. 30.

As part of Veterans Memorial Park in the King Milling lot, a 12-foot-high obelisk is proposed to be erected by Lowell Granite. The cost of \$17,200 includes \$15,700 for the obelisk and \$1,500 to reset and seal the memorials.

LOTS OF NEW PARKING



2000 Co-OK White Conference Champions Record - 12-2/18-5

Coach - Dee Crowley

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As sophomores they looked around and found a leader in the form of a 6'1" senior center.

Now, as juniors, they look around and that leader is gone.

"The girls know they are no longer the young ones, now they need to be the leaders," said Lowell second year girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

They ... are Lesley Crowley, Blair Meyer, Lauren

best players from injuries. Zeeland will mix some very good junior varsity players to a roster dotted with some key returning varsity players.

"The conference is going to be tougher this year and will be more competitive from top to bottom," Crowley explains. "We're a faster team with more speed. This year's team is also more balanced from the outside. We have a good core of players on the perimeter."

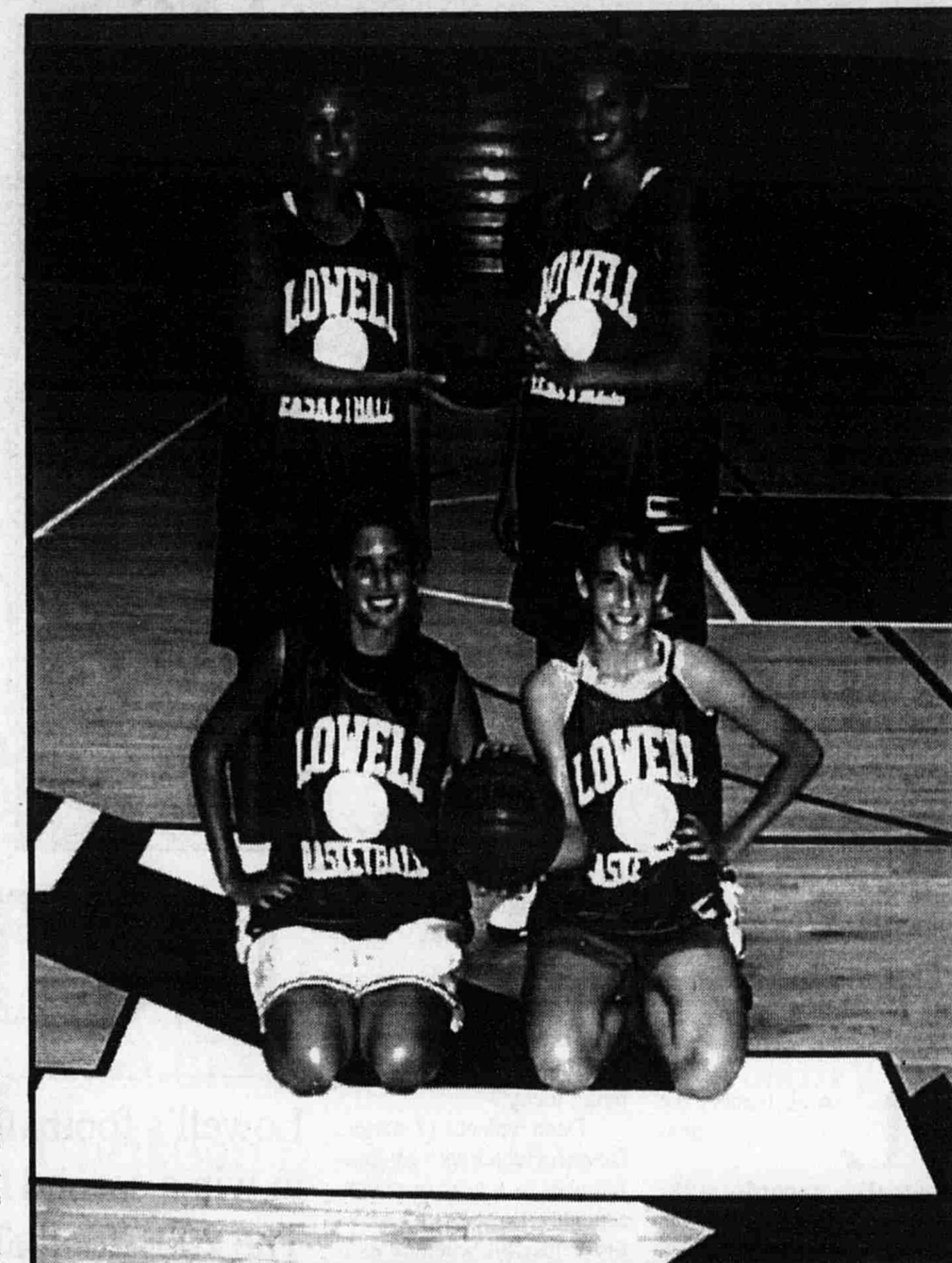
Lowell is also a team which has two key players

other girls received more playing time than they would have otherwise.

Freshman Kendra Gallert is recovering from ACL surgery and an ankle sprain. "Kendra is a point guard. She's a good ballhandler and sees the floor real well."

Bosserd will see time at the point, but her coach says the junior's natural position is the off-guard spot. "Becky is fast and shoots the three well," Crowley said.

Vashaw is in the best condition of her life, according



Young Ones... No Longer!

Vashaw and Becky Bosserd, starters who return from an 18-5 campaign which included sharing an OK White Conference title with Zeeland.

With the success and four starters returning, Lowell is one of the league favorites in 2001.

East will lose all conference standout Emily Braseth, but it also returns four starters. Central could contend with the return of two of its

recovering from injuries.

Crowley is still nursing back to health a knee from which she had two bone chips removed over the summer. "She hasn't played all summer, but has continued to lift weights. Her overall athletic condition is good, but she's not in basketball condition," coach Crowley explains.

If there's an up side to having your best player absent over the summer, Crowley believes it is that

to her coach. "I'm very impressed with Lauren's conditioning. She's been working on being more consistent with her shot, a quicker release and driving to the basket."

Senior Kelly Fitzpatrick may be Lowell's most improved player going into the 2001-02 campaign. "I think Kelly really benefited from practicing against Stoutjesdyk (Amanda) and Lesley (Crowley) last year," Crowley explains. "Kelly has

Last year's youth will be the leaders for the 2001 Lowell girls basketball team. Leading the defending co-champions will be, front row, left to right, Lauren Vashaw and Becky Bosserd; back row, left to right, Blair Meyer and Lesley Crowley.

gained strength and confidence."

Meyer will be key in Lowell's ability to fill the re-

bounding void left by the graduation of Stoutjesdyk.

"We're going to need consistent hard play and for Blair

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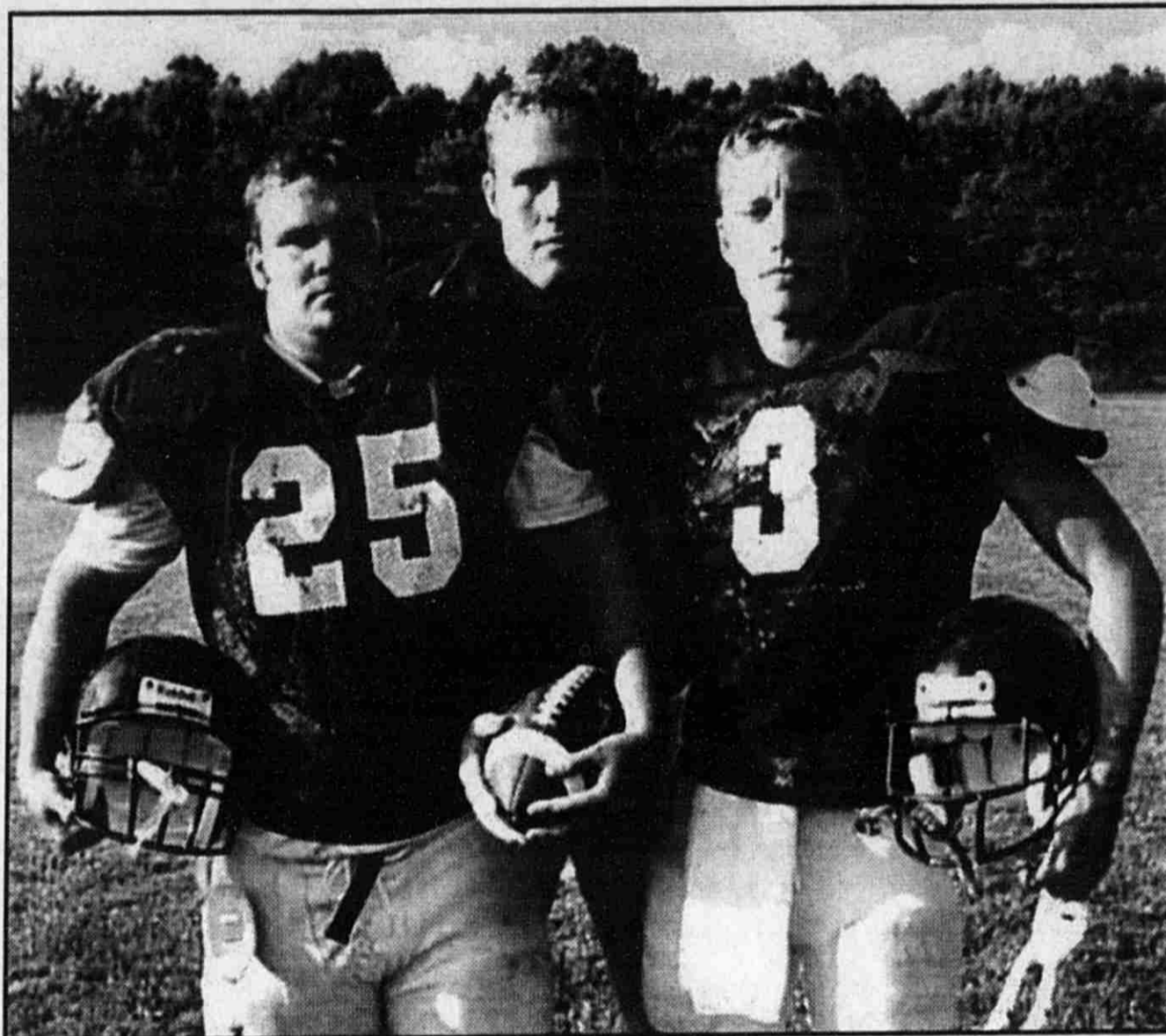


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2000 OK White Conference Champions Record - 11-1 Coach - Noel Dean (6th year)



Lowell's offense will be led by fullback Travis DeVoid, left, and quarterback Mark Catlin, right. Leading the defensive charge will be Brandon Biggs (middle).

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell harbors the best football record (28-7) in the OK White over the last five years, two league championships and is coming off an undefeated regular season.

Yet, the Lowell leader talks about how his Red Arrows need to prove themselves. "I think others tend to dummy down the things this program has accomplished,"

says Lowell football coach, Noel Dean. "They look at it as being lucky."

Dean replaces 17 starters (seven of which were all-conference) in a year in which, arguably, Lowell will face its most difficult schedule as it tries to accomplish the difficult feat of winning back-to-back championships in the OK White.

"It's a much tougher non-conference schedule. Good competition, however, makes teams better," Dean explains. Lowell opens its season

ment yet named, the Red Arrows have three non-conference games this year. The other two are against Greenville (Aug. 30) and the third-place team in the Detroit City Catholic League (Oct. 19).

Sandwiched in between the non-conference game is the always formidable OK White slate. "I'd say East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern are the favorites going in," Dean explains. The Red Arrows have the misfortune of opening up their league schedule against the Pioneers and Huskies.

The new field general is Mark Catlin, who replaces Josh Brown. "Josh was bigger and had decent speed. Mark is strong and is quicker," Dean said.

Catlin has been a two-way starter in his freshman

ethic," Dean says.

The big, strong back behind Catlin will be senior, Travis DeVoid. "We're looking forward to a very big year out of Travis. I look forward to watching him," Dean explains.

Joining DeVoid in the backfield will be Matt Berry and Nate Parnociefello.

They will run behind the offensive line of Ben Vaught, Ben Fleet, Brian Posthumus, John Hauschild and David Hefferan.

When Catlin isn't running or handing the ball off, he will have a deep core of receivers to throw to. They are Brad Eldridge, Bill Harrison, Matt Tschaenn, Zach Beachum and Pete DeBoer. "It's a much improved core of receivers over last year," Dean says. "It's been a while since we've had such depth."

ing alongside DeVoid on the inside will be Andy McQueen. The outside linebacking position will be filled by Nick Onan and Jordan Moore.

The defensive line will be led by the all-conference play of Brandon Biggs. Joining him up front will be Alan Metternick, Ben Barle and Brian Green.

The secondary spots will be filled by Catlin, Pat Kauffman, Eldridge and Harrison.

Lowell's last loss in the OK White came against Zeeland (27-14) in 1999. Since that loss, the Red Arrows have strung together eight consecutive conference wins.

"We enjoyed going undefeated last year, but that's the past. As coaches, we owe these boys the opportunity to

Two Tougher Than One

Lowell's football team will find out just how tough it is as it sets out to win a second consecutive OK White Conference Championship. The 2001 football quest begins Friday night against Three Rivers.

on Friday against Three Rivers. "It's exciting for us to open against a team the caliber of Three Rivers," Dean says. With Hastings having left the OK White, and no replace-

and sophomore years. That's unheard of for an underclassman.

"Mark is a nice player. He's respected by the other players because of his work

The linebacking position, one of the strongest positions last year, enters this season with some question marks. DeVoid, inside linebacker, will anchor the group. Play-

be 9-0 as well," Dean said. "Success will depend on our play up front, the ability to run the football and turnovers."

2000 District Champions Record - 12-9-1/7-6-1 Coach Paul Legge

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

district championship win over Forest Hills Northern may be looked back on as a victory that advanced the Red Arrow boys soccer program.

"At the very least it gives the boys momentum and confidence coming into this season," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge. "If there

is a player who doesn't expect to go further than last year (regional semifinals), then he's not playing the right sport."

The Red Arrows were fourth (7-6-1) in the OK White and 12-9-1 overall last year.

Legge is confident that the talent and ability is there to give Lowell its best shot at winning a league title in years.

"It's East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Northern, Forest Hills Central and us. We're all as good as each other," Legge said.

ability to do the job. He just needs confidence."

The best thing that could happen to Anderson would be for Lowell to roll three-four of its early season opponents. "That would help protect him and give him some confidence," Legge explained.

For that to happen the offense, which was inconsistent a year ago, will need to click on all cylinders.

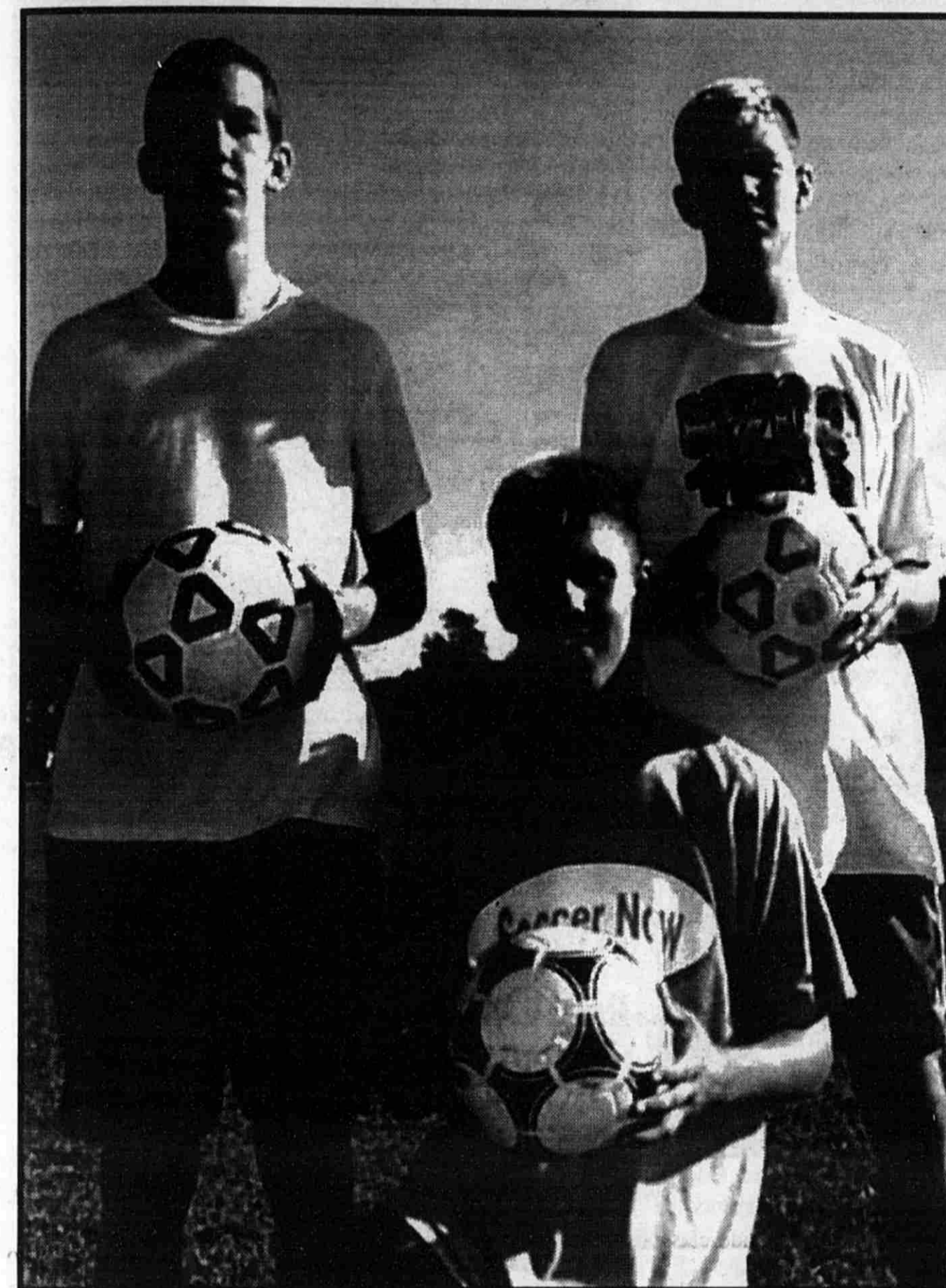
"The boys are playing at a level now which is as good as what we played at mid-season of last year," Legge

last year, Foster is just a strong player, and Oberlin will also give us a lot on the offensive end," Legge said.

Matt Horan, Matt Tomko and Jeff Herrald will also work effectively within the mix.

Zach Stauffer, returning all state sweeper, will anchor the defense. "Zach is the foundation of our defense. He's faster and stronger this year," Legge said. Assisting him will be Foster, stopper Craig Carpenter and freshman Shane Stokes.

"Two more wins than last



Lowell's success, in part, will lie on the shoulders of Red Arrow soccer standouts, left to right, Sam Oberlin, Matt Foster and Chris Cress.

Expect To Go Further

That's what second-year Lowell boys soccer coach Paul Legge wants from his players as they prepare to open the season against Tri Unity Christian on Saturday.

The biggest question mark facing Lowell is at goalie. "We replace an all-state player like Jacob Billingsley with sophomore, Josh Anderson," Legge explains. "Josh looks and plays better every day. He has the

said. "Offensively, we really seem to be clicking."

The trio of Chris Cress, Matt Foster and Sam Oberlin should provide a lot of the offense. "Chris (Cress) had eight or nine goals and assists

year, and we could be playing in Red Arrow Stadium on Nov. 10," Legge says.

Lowell opens the year at home against nonconference rival, Tri Unity Christian on Saturday, Aug. 25.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls tennis program isn't expecting any miracles in 2001 but it does anticipate fielding a stronger, deeper team.

"From top to bottom I think we have stronger players," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "These girls have played more tennis and I think were helped by our summer program."

Under Wall's direction, the Lowell tennis program has

Bottoms Up!

Or top to bottom, the quality and strength of Lowell girls tennis is stronger in 2001.

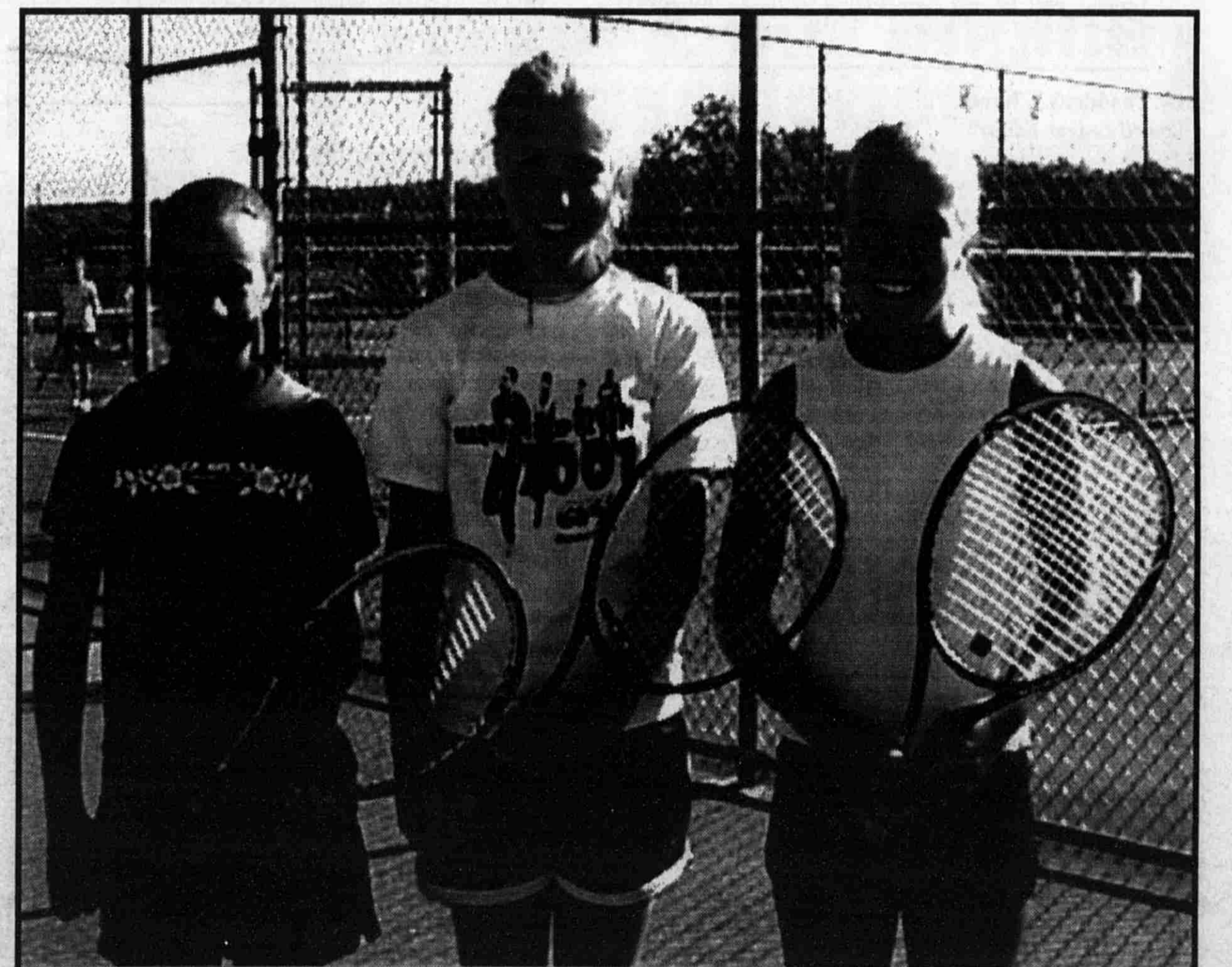
focused on footwork, strokes and strategy ... the basics to good tennis.

The Red Arrows' number one singles player, Jenny Gunberg combines all three. "Her strokes and footwork are sound. She is probably the strongest number one player I've had here at Lowell," Wall explains.

Freshman Mandie Gunberg will play second singles. "She too has solid ground strokes and good footwork," Wall said. "Mandie is going to be a good player."

Third and fourth singles will be filled by Heather Geelhoed and Melissa Neubecker. The order had not been determined. "Our top players are stronger than a year ago and also show good leadership," Wall said.

It looks as though Neubecker and Jodi Laux will fill the number one doubles slot; however, Kelly Riddle could also fit



Mandie Gunberg, Kelly Riddle and Jenny Gunberg (left to right) are three good reasons to smile about the Red Arrow varsity girls tennis team.

into that mix.

"Kelly will definitely play one or two doubles," Wall said. If she plays second doubles, her partner will be either Shannon Livingston or Jenny Emser.

Third doubles will pair two of four players - Emser, Maggie Mayhew, Stevie Thompson or Melissa Blattner. Those not playing third doubles will see action in the fourth doubles spot.

Lowell opened its season with a second-place finish in the

Wayland Invitational. Geelhoed was the only Red Arrow to take a first in her flight (fourth singles).

Riddle and Mayhew finished third in second doubles. Taking second were Jenny Gunberg, first singles; Mandie Gunberg, second singles; and Kristie Noall, third singles.

Lowell opens its non-conference play on Thursday against Lakewood.

Its conference play starts against East Grand Rapids on Sept. 12.

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2000 OK White Champions (Girls) League Record 6-1 Coach - Clay VanderWarf

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Having arrived at the top of the mountain, the Lowell girls cross country team likes the view and has been working over the summer so it can stay there.

Defending a title is made a little easier when a strong core of runners return. That is the case in 2001.

The Red Arrows return seven runners, all of whom contributed at some point last year.

Leading the pack is the top harrier from a year ago, Lisa Wojciakowski. She is followed by Holly Plattner, Sarah Swab, Molly Kirsch, Abby Vos, Abbie Blanding and

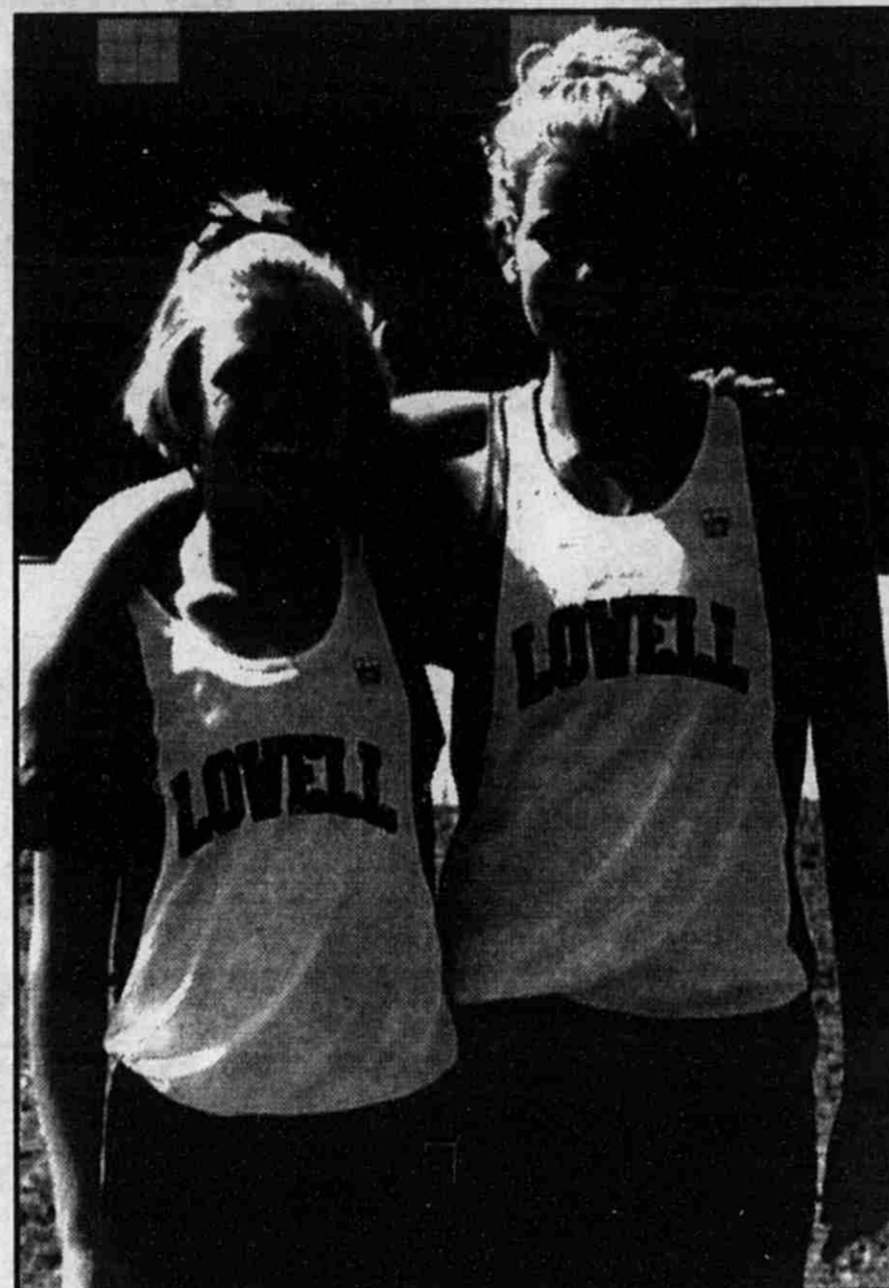
over the summer and will likely break into the top seven this year," VanderWarf said.

Still nursing an injury from last year, Katie Clements is not expected back until some time in September. "She's still having problems with her hip. Hopefully she will get healthy. We could use her," said the coach.

VanderWarf calls his defending champion Red Arrows one of the favorites this

year. "East Grand Rapids is going to be good, Forest Hills Central will be strong, and Northern will be okay," VanderWarf said. "We're all going to fight it out for the championship."

Based on last year's performance, VanderWarf expects his club's times will be in the high 19s to low 20s by the end of the year.

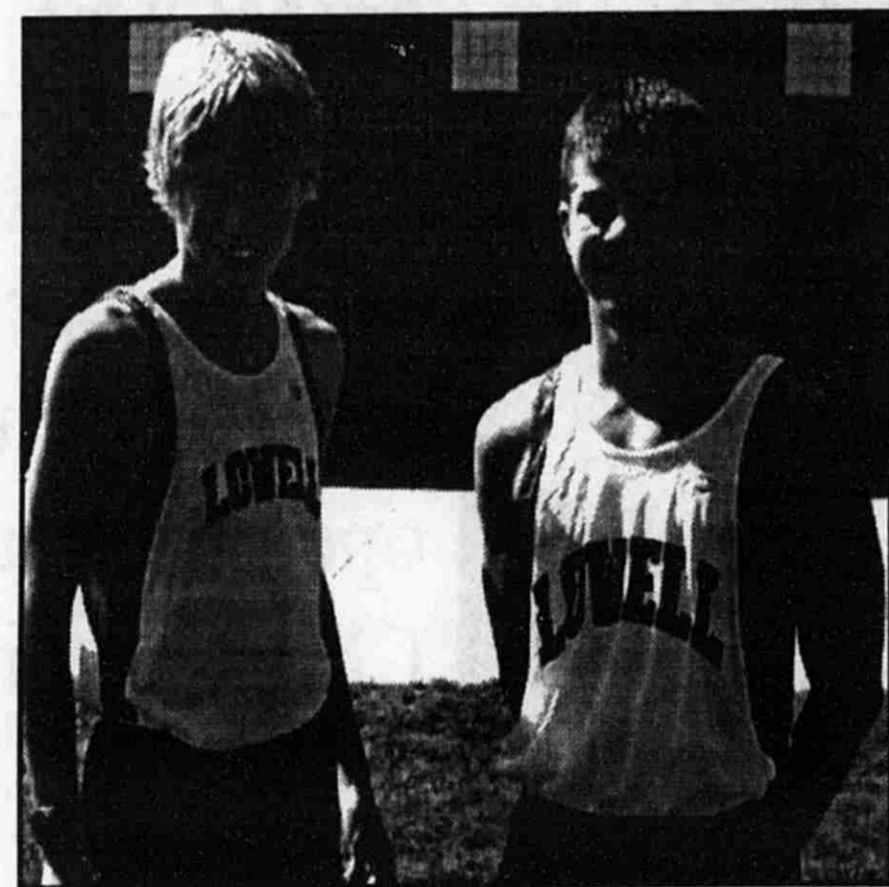


Holly Plattner and Lisa Wojciakowski return to lead Lowell girls cross country team in defense of its conference championship.

A View From the Top

"They are pushing each other. They know they are the defending champions and they want to stay there."

Natalie Kent. Freshman Rebekah Wood will be a threat to break into that pack. "She ran real well



Returning lettermen Scott Riddle, left, and Bobby Gingerich are two reasons Lowell is looking to return to the upper echelon of the OK White.

Refocused

A refocused effort and commitment to do well may get the Lowell boys cross country team back into the upper level of the OK White.

Dave Anderson. "He has really improved and put in a lot of work," VanderWarf said.

Other harriers returning from a year ago are Bobby Gingerich, Pat Cavanaugh and Scott Riddle. "These are my top four runners. They are running in the 19s right now, hopefully by the end of the year we can have them in the low 18s to high 17s."

VanderWarf will look for some help from freshmen Mitch Solon and Steve

Ellison. "They ran real well at the middle school level and looked strong at our summer camp," VanderWarf said. Much needed depth

should be provided by Tyler Nethercott, Andy Roberts, Sean Fitzpatrick, Matt Muha, Jeremy Marchido and Andrew Jakubielski.

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to be more of a rebounder," Crowley says. Providing the Red Arrows some spark off the bench will be senior Shelby Tomczak, sophomore Vallen VanZyll, and juniors Courtney Phillips, Nicole Gillikin, Stacey Arnsward, Jenell Gemmill and Kelsey Capps.

Lowell opens its season on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at home against Traverse City West. "I have really beefed up our nonconference schedule," Crowley said.

The Red Arrows have added Traverse City, Byron Center and Jenison (top team in the OK Red). Combined, those three teams had five or six losses last year. Other nonconference games include Kenowa Hills, Ionia, West Catholic and Greenville.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's been 10 years since Jack Ogle has seen such a talented group of sophomores come through the Red Arrow boys golf program.

mores mixed with the experience of four senior-returning lettermen should enable Lowell to improve upon its last-place league finish of a year ago.

Leading the pack of seniors is captain, Wade Gilchrist, an OK White honorable mention golfer in his junior year. "He's our best golfer and I anticipate Wade

age last year finishing just behind Gilchrist.

Jeff Telman and Steve Palasek were steady number four and five players for Lowell during the 2000 season.

Andy Pullen and Will Nevers are seniors who did not letter a year ago, but should help provide some depth.

The four sophomores are



Red Arrow returning lettermen on this year's golf team are, left to right, Wade Gilchrist, Steve Palasek, Jeff Telman and Mark Kimberlin.

Matt Scheider, Luke Tomczak, Dan Harrison and Chris Lechner.

"They are friends, they hang around one another, and they competed in a number of tournaments over the summer - that's healthy for the program," Ogle said.

Scheider led the Red Arrows with a round of 81 at the L.E. Kaufman Golf Course in the Kent County Classic. "Scheider has shown dynamic improvement since last year," Ogle explained. Gilchrist was six shots back with an 86, Tomczak finished with an 87 and Kimberlin shot a 91.

"All four sophomores will see a lot of playing time," Ogle said. The OK White, which

Ogle says does not have a weak team in it, will be led by East Grand Rapids with Northview, Zeeland and Forest Hills Central (defending champion) right behind them.

Lowell opens its league play against EGR and Zeeland on Thursday, Sept. 6 at Deer Run.

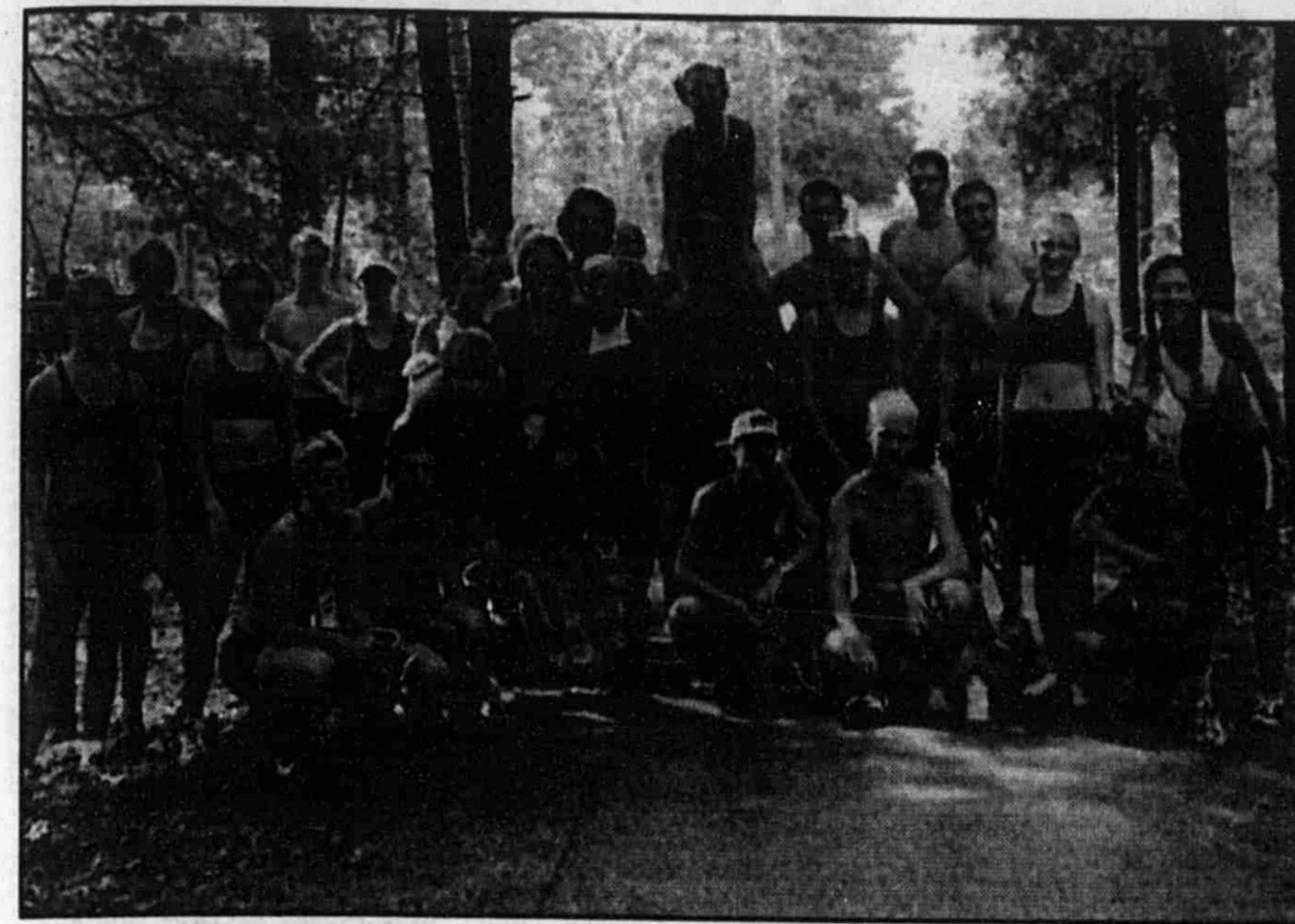
Sophomores On Course

peting," Ogle explains. "They are going to be good."

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The annual Sandy Foot Cross Country Camp at Ludington State Park encompassed distance, speed and hill running with beaching, floating, dancing and relaxing around a campfire.

The camp was organized by Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf with assistance from Mike Mull and former Lowell cross country runners, Sarah (Lesky) McQueen, Sergio Saldivar and Hillary (Kirsch) Madison.

The 28 Red Arrow runners who participated in the camp went through three workouts each day, including distance runs, speed training, hill intervals and strength conditioning as well as water workouts and three races. Most of the runs were done

on different trails through the woods, but many found their way through deep and vast sand dunes.

"The team put in over 60 miles," Mull said. "They also had fun hanging out together."

In the 10 mile Mohave race, Dave Anderson was first in 1:37.07; Scott Riddle, second, 1:42.05; Nick Huizenga, third, 1:48.20; Andy Roberts, fourth, 1:50.40; and Pat Cavanaugh, fifth, 1:51.

In the girls race, Sarah Swab and Holly Plattner tied for first in a time of 1:55.31; Lisa Wojciakowski, third, 1:55.55; and Natalie Kent and Rebekah Woods tied for fourth in 2:01.30.

third with a time of 21:45, followed by Abby Vos, 22:45 and Molly Kirsch 22:50.

The most valuable runner awards went to Anderson and Kirsch; most improved to Steve Ellison and Angie Wood; rookie of the year awards went to Mitch Solon and Rebekah Woods. This year's counselor of the year was Mike Armstrong.

Other Red Arrow runners who participated in the week-long event were Tyler Nethercott, Bobby Gingerich, Nate Luebs, Nick Willette, Abbie Blanding, Katie Clements, Katie McAlpine, Amanda Oracz, Elizabeth Camp, Megan Shellenbarger, Kristie Luebs, Holly Young and Amanda Roberts.

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Rookies (10-2) was the champion of the Major Major Little League (11-12 year olds) this summer. Pictured front row, left to right, are: Grant Taylor, Alex Brock, Marek Mikesell, Brian Langlois, Jacob Moore, Fritz Ball; second row: Andrew Johns, Johnny Wierenga, Marshal Mooney, Tyler Meppelink, Matthew Burton; back row: Coach Howard Burton, Jack Reedy, Don Reedy and Coach Mike Meppelink.

Main Street Planning contracted to help township with PUD ordinance

Expenditures not to exceed \$1,000 were approved in an effort to update the Planned Unit Development (PUD) provisions of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

The township will pay up to \$900 to Main Street Planning Company to work on its PUD ordinance. The company will provide the township planning commission with new PUD language and conduct a separate meeting with the commission to review the language and make revisions as necessary.

A public hearing will then be necessary to adopt the new language.

"After working with the planning commission for several months, I believe these amendments to its PUD ordinance are necessary as the current language does not specifically authorize the planning commission to approve PUD's in the manner which has occurred in recent years," said Main Street Planning Company's Timothy Johnson.

Township trustee Paula Blumm questioned whether the rezoning of the Oak Hills Development to PUD would be in line with the revised version.

Planning commissioner David Simmonds said he felt the Oak Hills site plan was a better fit with the revised PUD that the township is working on.

The township is also scheduled to hold informational gathering meetings for land use plan revisions on Thursday, Sept. 6 and Wednesday, Sept. 12. The meetings will be from 7 until 9 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

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WOULD THE WOMAN WHO WITNESSED - a green Mountaineer hit in front of the Antique Mall on Sun., Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. Please call 989-352-5174 or 616-220-5651.

LORDY LORDY Can you believe Sandy Roth is now 40? Love, The Youpers

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES - September 5 and 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Tri - Town Conv. Club, 5616 Dunn Rd., Lowell MI. Call John Hill, 949-3287 or Chuck Haekler, 874-8173 for info. Lunch on Saturday, Sept. 8th, after class is over, burgers on the grill, 9:00 A.M. to finish about 2:00 P.M. age 11 and up may attend.

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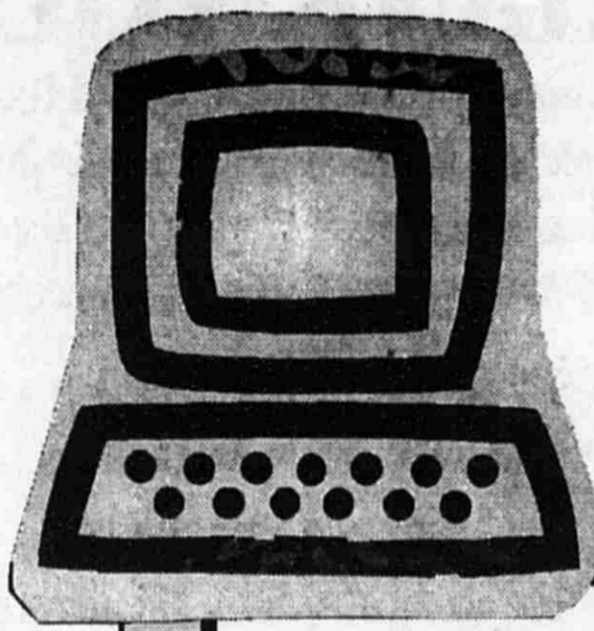
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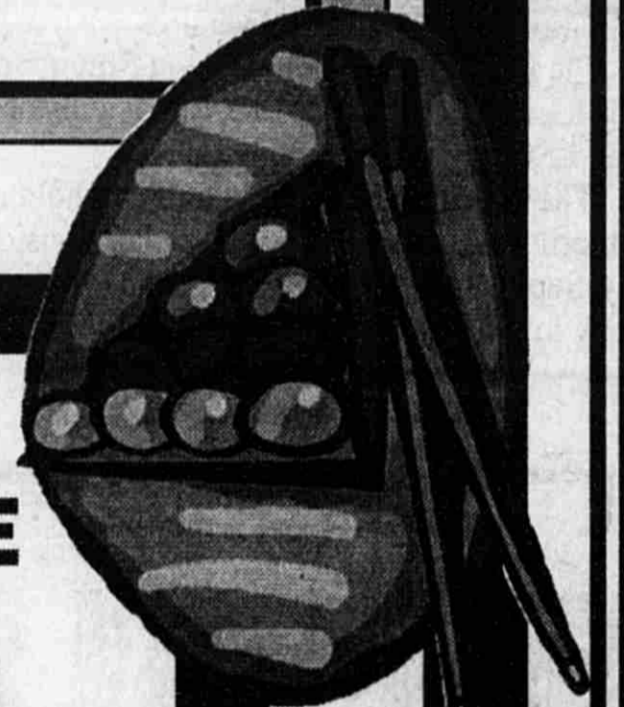
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