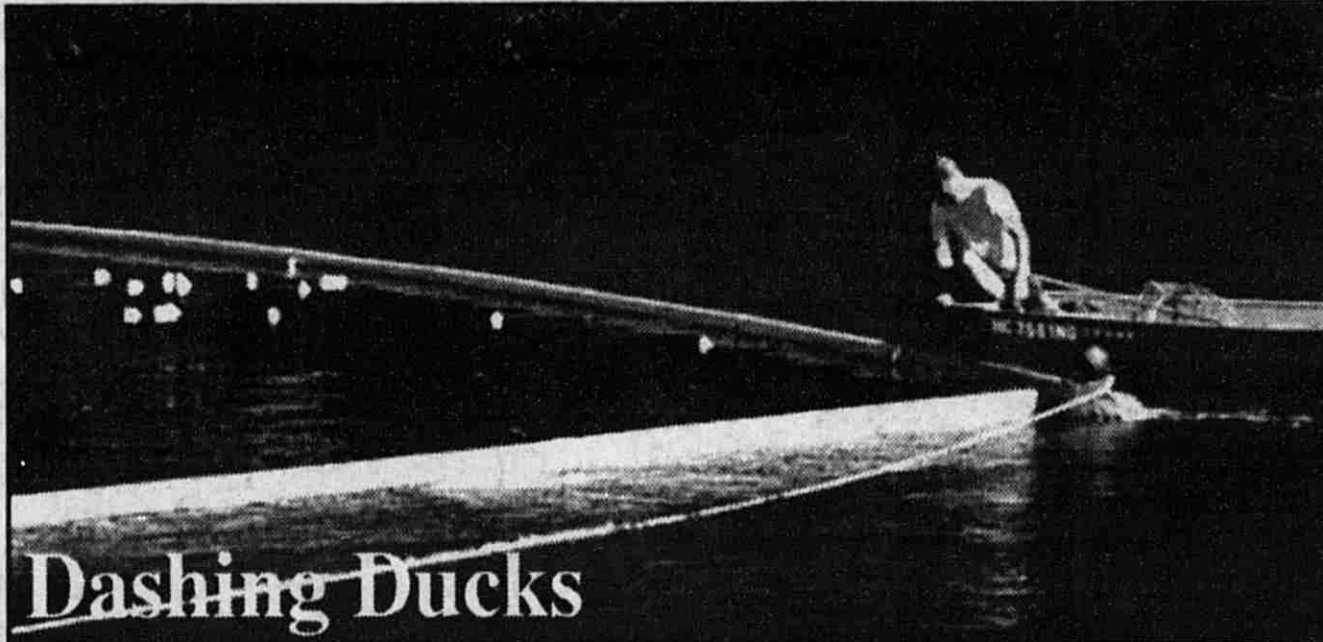
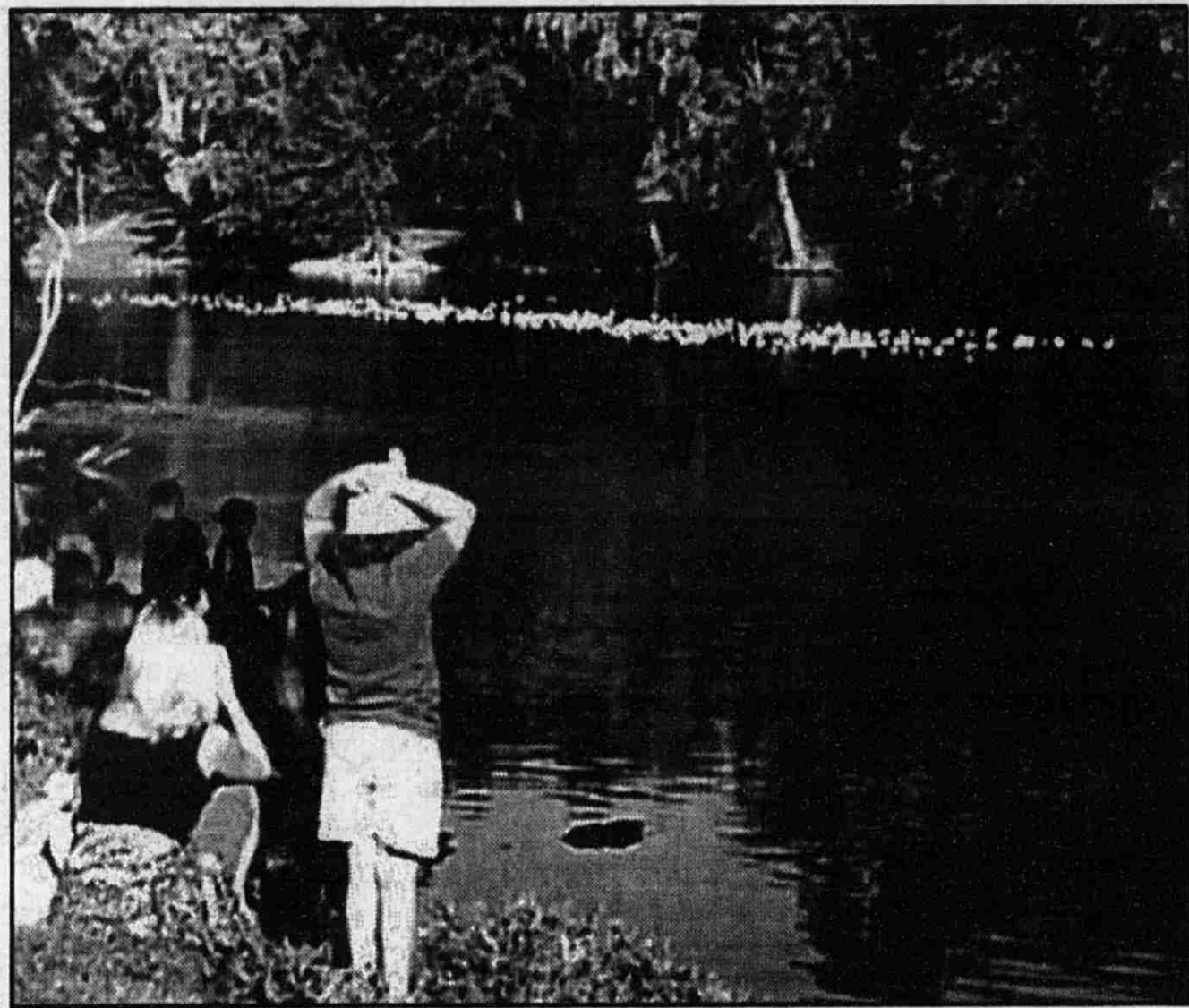


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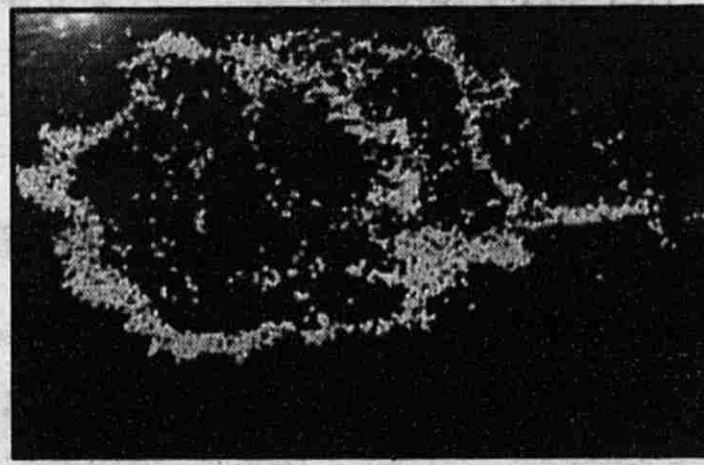
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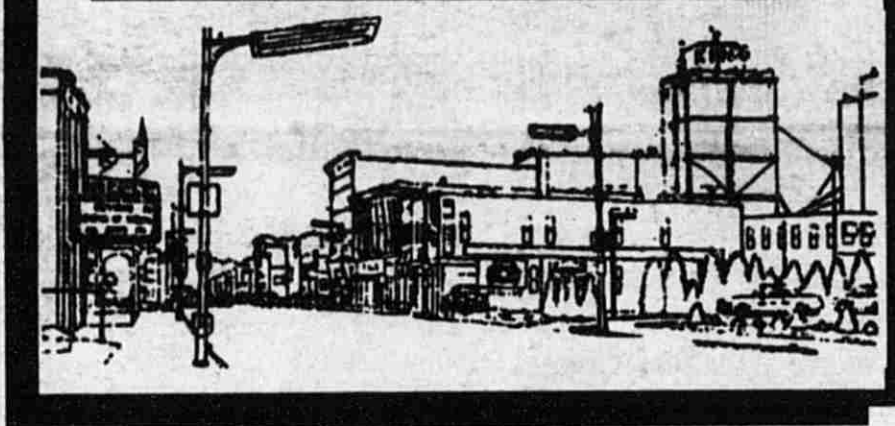


Dashing Ducks

The Riverwalk Duck Race on the Grand River unleashed approximately 1,500 rubber ducks Saturday. The top two ducks separated themselves from the pack, while the race for third place was decided by a beak's length. Amanda Geiger, of Saranac, won \$1,000 for owning the winning duck. A duck owned by Erica Myers, of Lowell, was second; she won \$300. Leon Drew, of Holland, won \$200 for owning the third-place duck.



Along Main Street



MAIL COLLECTION BOX TEMPORARILY REMOVED

The United States mail collection box located at 413 E. Main (old Rite Aid location) will be temporarily removed due to construction at the site.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PICTURES

Lowell High School students' pictures will be taken on Friday, Sept. 7; retakes on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house on Monday, Sept. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. with a picnic on the patio (free hotdogs, chips and pop). The open house will continue in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. at which time parents will have the opportunity to attend their children's classes and meet all their teachers.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

Hunter Safety Classes will be starting on Monday, Sept. 10 at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St. They will be offered Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-8:30 p.m. Sign up by Sept. 7. There is a fee of \$6 to cover the cost of materials, etc. Call 897-8720 for information/leave message.

SIGN-UP FOR CUB SCOUTS

An informational meeting will be held at Cherry Creek on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 7-8 p.m. for Pack 3188. Den meetings will start Sept. 18 at First United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Always open for potential Cub Scout visitors and registration. For more info., call Gary Liu at 691-7753.

TOTS FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

A TOTS on Track for School Family Open House will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at 300 High St. Free ice cream and fun. Learn more about TOTS, a program for all Lowell area families with children birth to starting kindergarten; also register for fall programs. Call Kathy at 897-1232 for more information.

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PRINCIPAL PARTNERS

••• Mary Burton and Beckie Cutler will partner with Cherry Creek Elementary principal Maureen Dorough as building administrators for an elementary school which houses 853 students.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Beckie Cutler's role with Lowell Area Schools hasn't changed much. That is if 853 is equal to 10.

As Cherry Creek Elementary's newest associate principal, Cutler is now being asked to address the behavioral needs of 853 students rather than a classroom of 10 EI (emotionally impaired) students.

Cutler is one half of the dual assistant principal equa-

provide them with some support, but never able to follow up," said Cherry Creek Elementary principal, Maureen Dorough.

Cutler comes into her new role with experience in behavioral plans and involvement in diversity programs.

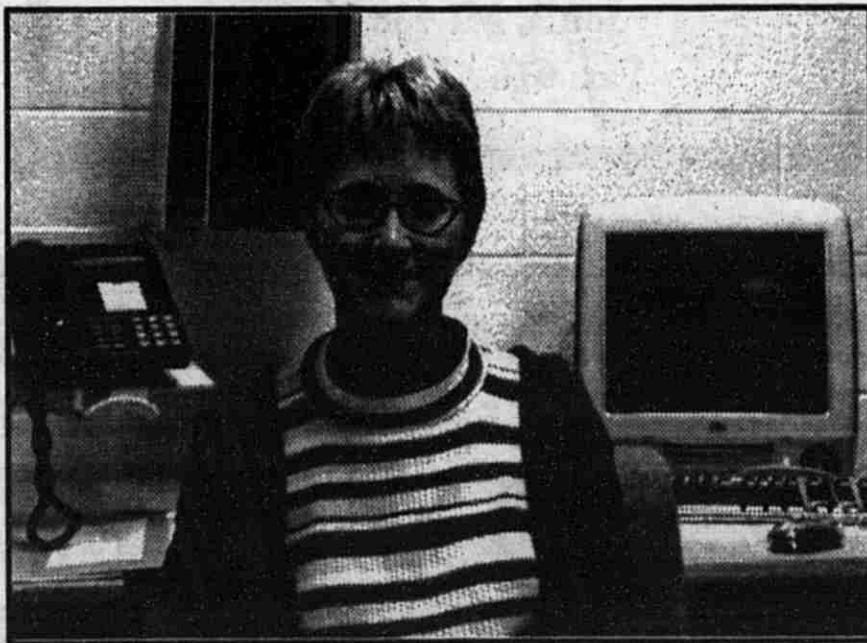
Cutler's new role will focus on devoting a major effort toward the development of a positive behavioral environment with an emphasis on the constant improvement of teaching and learning for students grades K-5. She will also be asked to implement Character Counts

The ability to better deal with the issues of curriculum, instruction and professional development is what had the biggest influence on Mary Burton in her decision to leave the classroom.

"It's an opportunity to

grow. It's always easier to stick with what's comfortable," Burton said. "It required a lot of soul searching. I don't care what the title is before my name ... I am a teacher. That classroom connection with students is extremely impor-

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Beckie Cutler's new role will focus on the development of a positive behavioral environment.

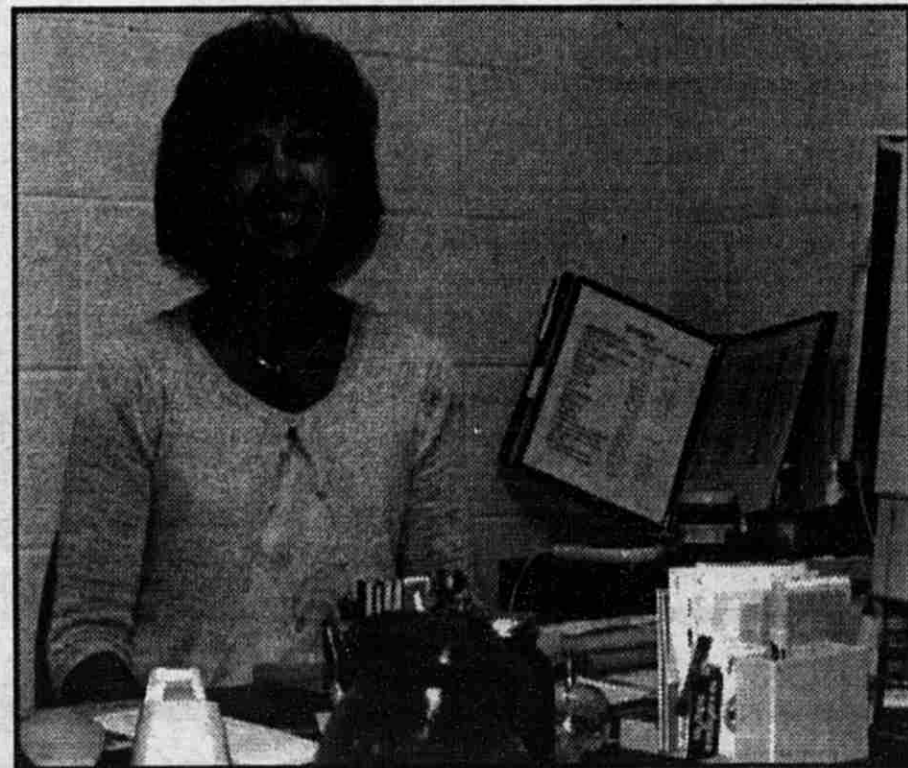
tion at Cherry Creek. The other half will be filled by Mary Burton.

"General education teachers used to come to Beckie when they had behavioral problems in their classrooms. She was able to

into Cherry Creek and integrate it with Bushnell Elementary.

"I never wanted to be an administrator. I've always wanted to be working with kids," Cutler said. "So when

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Mary Burton will devote a large part of her time to the development of creative educational opportunities.

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OBITUARIES

BAKER - Mr. Lyle H. Baker, aged 82, of Ronald Twp., Ionia, passed away August 28, 2001 at Crystal Springs Home of Hope in Grand Rapids. He was born the son of John and Sabie (Dawson) Baker on Feb. 22, 1919 in Lowell. Surviving are three sons: Richard L. (Jessie) Baker of Ionia, Samuel C. Baker of Houghton Lake and

Marvin J. (Nancy) Baker of Leslie; one daughter Susan (John) Sutherland of CA; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; one brother Keith (Pat) Baker of Portland. He was preceded in death by his wife Pearl; brother Vern and sister Dorthea Overholt. Funeral services were held Friday from the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Ionia

with Pastor Robert Joseph and Pastor Carl Tsatalabidis officiating. Interment in Easton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Seventh Day Adventist Church Memorial Fund.

BASSETT - Clare A. Bassett, aged 92, of Hastings, died September 1, 2001. He is survived by his wife Etta; three daughters Doris Geib and Alice Strouse of Hastings, and Mary L. (Jerry) Poll of Alto; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; ten great-great-grandchildren; one sister Lucille Meyers of Freeport. Services were held Tuesday at Hastings Church of the Nazarene. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon Bible Program.

HOUGHTON - Marguerite Ruth Houghton, aged 96, of Midland, and formerly of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2001, at Mid-Michigan Stratford Village Nursing Home. Marguerite was born in Edmore to the Rev. and Mrs. Maynard Oldt on Sept. 24, 1904. Her father was a member of the West Michigan Conference of the Methodist Church. Marguerite graduated from Eaton County Normal of Charlotte. She attended Ferris State University in Grand Rapids. She taught school for many years in Kent County. She married George S. Houghton of Lowell.

in Grand Rapids on Oct. 9, 1926. They lived in Lowell for most of their married life. After George's death in 1992, Marguerite came to Midland and was one of the first residents of Riverside Place Apartments. She was a charter member of Riverside Place. She is survived by her son Dr. Raymond L. Houghton of White Pigeon; her daughter Elaine L. Onan of Midland; two sisters Arelene Jenkins of Burton and Alice Jo Roush of Charlotte; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three nieces and a nephew. A memorial service was held on August 17.

JOHNSON - Norman C. Johnson, aged 72, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly August 30, 2001. He was preceded in death by his brother Kenneth. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife Rheta; children Dawn (Michael) Riley of Trufant, Steven (Lori) Johnson of Saranac, Donald (Robin) Johnson of Wayland; grandchildren Joshua and Kevin Riley, Erin and William Johnson; two brothers, nieces and nephews. He enjoyed his family, his life. He was an outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and gardening. Funeral services were held at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Ronald Tuinstra of South Boston Bible Church officiating. Interment Rosedale Cemetery. Memorial

contributions may be made to South Boston Bible Church.

LONGSTREET - Mrs. Jennie Longstreet, aged 86, of Kentwood, went to be with her Lord, Friday, August 31, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence. She is survived by her children Arlene and Don Walma of Alto, Betty and Larry DeVries of Wyoming and Connie Kennedy of Lowell; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Howard and Minnie Longstreet of Grandville; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Tuesday at Stoo Funeral Chapel, Rev. Ronald Fynever officiating. Interment Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be given to Kelloggsville Christian School.

MAYOU - Duane "Bill" Mayou, aged 57, of Lowell, peacefully surrendered his courageous battle with cancer on Thursday, August 30, 2001. He is survived by his generous, adoring wife Marian; children Billie Jo (Jeff) Phillips, Ashley (Brad) Hendrick and Nick (Demetria) Friberg; five beautiful grandchildren Brecken, Kyle, Bailey, Justin and Remington; his loving sisters Darlene (Dan) Warner and Bonnie Krueger; several nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his sister Delores Pellow and parents Arthur and Joyce Gross. He was a Vietnam War veteran and a retired Army Major. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Military honors under the auspices of the Kent County Honor Guard. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family will appreciate donations to Hospice of Michigan, or the First Congregational Church

of Lowell.

MEYERS - Terry L. Meyers, aged 60, of Grand Rapids, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 23, 2001. He is survived by his loving wife Barb; two daughters Kim (Eric) DeGarmo, Theresa (Steve) Longwell; son Scott (Jo Ellen) Meyers; nine grandchildren; three brothers, Dr. Ronald (Garnett) Meyers, Robert (Barbara) Meyers, Gordie Meyers; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a bus driver and later a mechanic for the Grand Rapids Public School System for 29 years. Terry enjoyed golfing and NASCAR. Following his wishes cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

ROUSH - Kathleen E. Roush, aged 54, of Clarksville, passed away August 28, 2001 of accidental automobile injuries. She was preceded in death by her father and a sister. Mrs. Roush is survived by her children Molly and Adam; mother Helen Edmonds of Calif.; 10 brothers and sisters; also many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was a loving and dedicated mother, active in volunteer work at her church and other organizations. She loved gardening, flowers and the outdoors. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Alto Baptist Church, Rev. Steven Harduk officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Safe Haven Ministries, 3501 Lake Eastbrook Blvd., Kentwood, MI 49512 or WCSG-91.3 FM, 1159 E. Beltline, N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

STAUFFER - Mabel A. Stauffer, aged 86, passed away Oct. 27, 2000. Graveside services will be held Monday, September 10 at 2 p.m. at the Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell, Pastor Roger LaWarre officiating.

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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger LaWarre,
First Congregational Church

You have to love the book of Luke in the New Testament of Christian Scripture. It is a book for the common person. A book for you and me that helps us set a context from which to live our day to day events.

From a reading of Luke 14:25-33, we can imagine that Luke would have a field day with the foundation that sets on the western outskirts of Ada just past Amway. It is a foundation of brick and concrete. It speaks as a symbol reminding each of us to count the cost when making decisions less we fail to complete that to which we have given our life.

Luke knows of similar situations where projects have

"decisively" is the hard part for most people. We like to be included, a "member," one who is "on the rolls," listed among the in-group; but few people are truly committed to sacrifice for any sustained length of time to achieve that which is beyond self-gain.

A Christian writer, theologian, church leader named William Barclay, in a commentary on Luke 14, made an insightful statement about Christians and discipleship. "Once someone was talking to a great scholar about a younger man. He said, 'So and So tells me that he was one of your students.' The teacher answered, 'He may have attended my lectures, but he was not one of my students.' It is one of the supreme handicaps of the Christian church that in it there are so many distant followers of Jesus and so few disciples."

The good news in all this has more to do with living than it does with a mandate to count the cost. The good news is that while I am considering the cost of whatever direc-

tions I will travel in my life; as I am considering the life I will build, or the struggles I will face (or am facing), God comes to me with resources far beyond what I need or want. "Counting the cost" has a deeper meaning when it leads me to realize that I, on my own, can never have enough of what it takes to build my vision for life. There is a Spiritual dimension to all life. Power that is greater than anything one can muster from one's resources. As God's creatures, those chosen by God and those loved as a daddy loves his little children, the way is open for us to accept from God whatever is needed to "build the tower" in each new situation and relationship of our life.

Well, there are my thoughts for this "Reflection." Ask yourself: Am I a follower or am I a disciple? What or whom do I follow and of what or whom am I a disciple? And while you're answering these questions, I urge you to remember, be sure to "count the cost."

begun, but have not been completed. He states, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'" (Luke 14:28-30). We can imagine that Luke is remembering the towers that are usually built around a vineyard as a watch tower from which to guard the crops from thieves. But, Luke is talking about more than brick and concrete. He is talking in picture language about your life and my life.

There is an understanding that in every sphere of life it is a person's duty to count the cost. A Christian must count the cost of being a disciple of Christ. An agnostic must count the cost remaining uncommitted to God, committed to one's self and one's feelings and doubts. We must count the cost of centering our life on material gains or on 'family values' or anything else. We must count the cost of being on a team, in government, or in any club or organization. Then, after we have evaluated the cost, we must decide our course of action and move ahead decisively. The part about moving ahead

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MON: Chicken patty on bun or fish nuggets w/roll, smooth applesauce, mixed vegetables.

TUES: Macaroni & cheese or submarine sandwich, dried fruit, crispy tater tots, cinnamon roll.

WED: Cheesy pizza or sloppy joe on bun, peaches, green beans.

THURS: Chicken fryz & roll or beefy burrito w/nacho pieces, pineapple & mandarin oranges, fresh veggies & dip.

FRI: Spaghetti w/meat sauce & breadstick or fish & cheese on bun, pears, carrot coins, mini ice cream sandwich.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Chicken parmesan on bun or mini corn dogs w/breadstick, green beans, applesauce.

TUES: 2 Ham & cheese on bagels or macaroni & cheese, cinnamon roll, dried fruit, tater tots.

WED: Chicken nuggets & breadstick or double cheeseburger on bun, whipped potatoes, peaches.

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Viewpoint . . .



The reproduction camera at the Ledger went kaputt recently. It was a monster piece of equipment. The bed was twelve feet long. The copyboard was about three feet by four feet. Everything was big, bulky, beefy steel construction. Kinda like a '55 Buick Roadmaster. Which makes sense, because like a lot of the equipment around our place, new, modern and high tech are not terms that typically apply. The camera was probably about the same vintage as the aforementioned Buick.

The demise of the old NuArc was not sudden, like a heart attack. No, it was slow and painful. More like death by toenail fungus.

Over the past couple of years, we had noticed a gradual degradation of quality in the outer edges of our negatives. We tried all kinds of things to twist and tweek in an attempt to improve the image. Nothing worked. The problem continued to worsen. Like toenail fungus.

Finally, a close inspection of the lens revealed some sort of hazing around the interior edges. I took the lens to Peter's Camera Shop in Grand Rapids. Peter came highly recommended. He's an old-world craftsman and I was told if anybody could help, he could. Because of our production needs,

Sharing The Vision

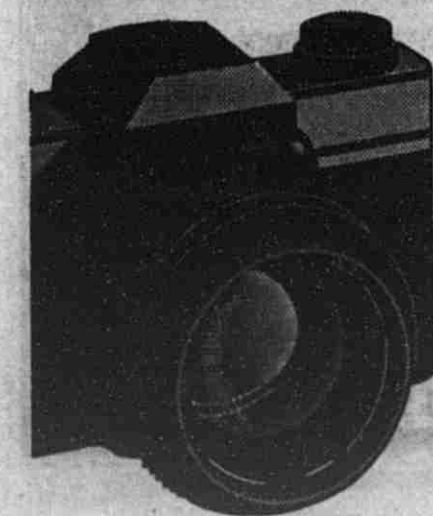
PETER L. GUSTAFSON
Board of Education President

Another school year is upon us, and it promises to be an exciting one in Lowell! Almost every public opinion poll puts education as the number one priority in America. We welcome the attention - what better focus is there for our nation than the education of its young people?

The Board of Education and administration are presently fine-tuning a new Vision Statement for our district, one that will carry us forward to meet the challenges of the new century. This Vision will help us pursue the district's goal of continuous improvement in classroom and extracurricular activities, while emphasizing at all times the intrinsic value and potential of each student. It strikes a balance between the core objectives of imparting knowledge, developing skills, and instilling character values. It contemplates the use of improved measurement and accountability techniques such as new report card observation categories as well as MEAP results. It emphasizes development of a culture of trust, safety and parent involvement in our schools.

We have many things to be grateful for. Chief among them is our dedicated staff, who represent the vital link in the educational claim, and who cultivate and shape the future of our children. At the opening day ceremonies for 2001-2002, held last week, a number of staff members were recognized for their dedicated service to the district, including four who received 30 year awards - Karen Corbett, Cherry Creek teacher; Barb Pierce, high school counselor; Craig Smith, middle school teacher; and Scott Vashaw, high school principal. Together, these outstanding educators represent 120 years of experience and have touched the lives of 26,450 students. Please join me in congratulating them - and all of their colleagues - as we embark on another great school year in Lowell.

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



It is important that the subject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

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

Peter pushed us to the front of his schedule. I crossed my fingers and awaited the results.

Peter called the next day. After disassembly (surgery) he found that the hazing was caused by a fungus that was eating away at, and permanently etching the edges of the lens. And you thought I was kidding about death by toenail fungus. Terminal? Maybe not. Peter gave me a number to call. It was kinda like going to Mexico for a miracle cancer cure.

The number was for a place in Chicago that grinds, polishes and coats optical lens. I described our problem and was given a vague prognosis. If, and that was a very big "if," the etching wasn't too deep, the lens could be saved. Unfortunately, turn around time was about a month and the cost was very open ended. A couple thousand dollars was a starting figure.

Peter researched finding a brand new lens. There was nothing available in the right focal length. Kinda like trying to order a new instrument cluster for your '55 Buick Roadmaster.

Now we had a real dilemma on our hands. Do we look for a decent used camera, or join the 21st century and go digital. I polled the employees, and nobody volunteered to see us through the nightmare of going direct from computer images to negatives via a device called an imagesetter. I breathed a sigh of relief. An imagesetter and processing equipment could easily exceed fifty large. I went to work looking for a used camera before the employees changed their minds.

I lucked out and found a nice "low miles" camera through an old printing equipment dealer I've known for years. This guy sold my dad stuff when he was just getting started in the printing trade after WWII. I rode with the dealer to go look at the camera. The old guy recently had a new pig valve installed in his heart. He wore out the one they put in back in 1981. He took a fall last winter and broke his leg, but he was too proud to use the cane he had in the car.

This guy used to have one of the largest printing equipment dealerships in the region. I'm quite certain he doesn't need the dough, but he was hustling that old camera like he had to make a payment on his '55 Roadmaster. You gotta love that kind of attitude from somebody old enough to be your father. Makes fifty-something seem like being a kid.

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL, SEPTEMBER 6, 1876

Miss Emma Cole, "a talented young lady and successful teacher," will take a course of study at Cornell University.

The U.S. Post Office announces that henceforth adhesive stamps and stamped envelopes of the same denomination will be the same color.

The Kent County jail has 24 cells 5x7 feet and 7x7 feet for men and two cells for women.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 5, 1901

This issue is missing as well as every issue until May 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1987, 114 years September 8, 1887.

W.R. Ward of Ionia claims to be the champion Indian club swinger of the state.

Chas. Althen caught a 5 1/2 lb. Pike near the mill.

The U.S. Post Office announces that henceforth adhesive stamps and stamped envelopes of the same denomination will be the same color.

The wells for the new Lowell waterworks will be 30 rods west of the bend in the Grand River where the docks used to be. Twenty wells in two lines will be driven, and each can be operated independently by its own steam pump.

There is yet another interesting sidebar to this camera story. The kid who owned the camera had been in the process of starting a print shop in his garage. He told the dealer he was giving up on the idea because he could make more money fooling around on the computer. When he mentioned that he was quitting his day-job in favor of his "fooling around on the computer," nosy old me had to ask for details. People do some mighty weird stuff on the internet. I hoped I hadn't opened a can of worms.

The kid has been a lifelong builder of radio-controlled airplanes and model rockets. What do they have in common? If you're thinkin' "balsa wood," you'd be right. The kid says he is hooked up with an importer/supplier in California and brokers bulk balsa wood on "e-bay." I know it sounds crazy, but he's doing well enough to pursue it full time. You gotta love this country.

So, the long and short of it is... the 12 foot long-bed 20 by 24 inch (film size) NuArc has been replaced by an eight foot short-bed 20 by 24 inch NuArc. (Get it? The "long and short" of it? Oh, never mind!)

There is a lot more to the camera story. The demolition of the old one, the installation of the newer one, the wiring, etc. The wiring alone is worth a mention.

A 220 volt floor outlet was partially smashed while moving the new camera into place. I began a repair of the box with the current hot. Of course I got my pliers in the wrong place. Sparks flew everywhere. "Tool Time" Tim has nothing on me!

A Lowell police officer happened to be in the shop on business and was watching. When he and everyone else in the room came out from cover, the cop commented that I "wired" just like his dad. I'm not sure what that meant, but it's comforting to know that there are others like me who will work 220 volts live. Keeps you mentally alert.

The camera is operational. We've worked out most of the kinks and established our exposure settings. In fact, you're looking at the results of this camera ordeal right now. Notice any difference? Any improvement? Didn't think so. At least I got a column out of my efforts.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 9, 1926

Dexter G. Look is running for a second term as State Representative, probably will be unopposed, and word has it that he's likely to become Speaker of the House.

Fred W. Green is running for Governor and will be in Grand Rapids next week. There will be an old-fashioned rally, parade and aerial bombs.

Fire in a hog pen at Campau Lake near Bowne discloses 12 barrels of mash and still paraphernalia. The coils and a 50-gallon still are found in a nearby swamp. A gas stove probably exploded.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 6, 1951

Frank J. McMahon announces his retirement from Lowell Light and Power after 50 years of service.

The Rutherford plant has 75 men and women canning tomatoes now, plus three or four trucks on the road bringing the tomatoes in. Mincemeat manufacture will start about Oct. 1.

Readers can still apply to buy souvenirs from remodeling of the White House in Washington D.C.

Rep. Gerald R. Ford frets about the negotiations for a cease-fire in Korea. In World Wars I and II, it took a few days; this time 62 days have passed and the Communists have cancelled out.

The new S.S. Vacationland, combination ferry and ice breaker, will be in commission in time for deer season at the Straits.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

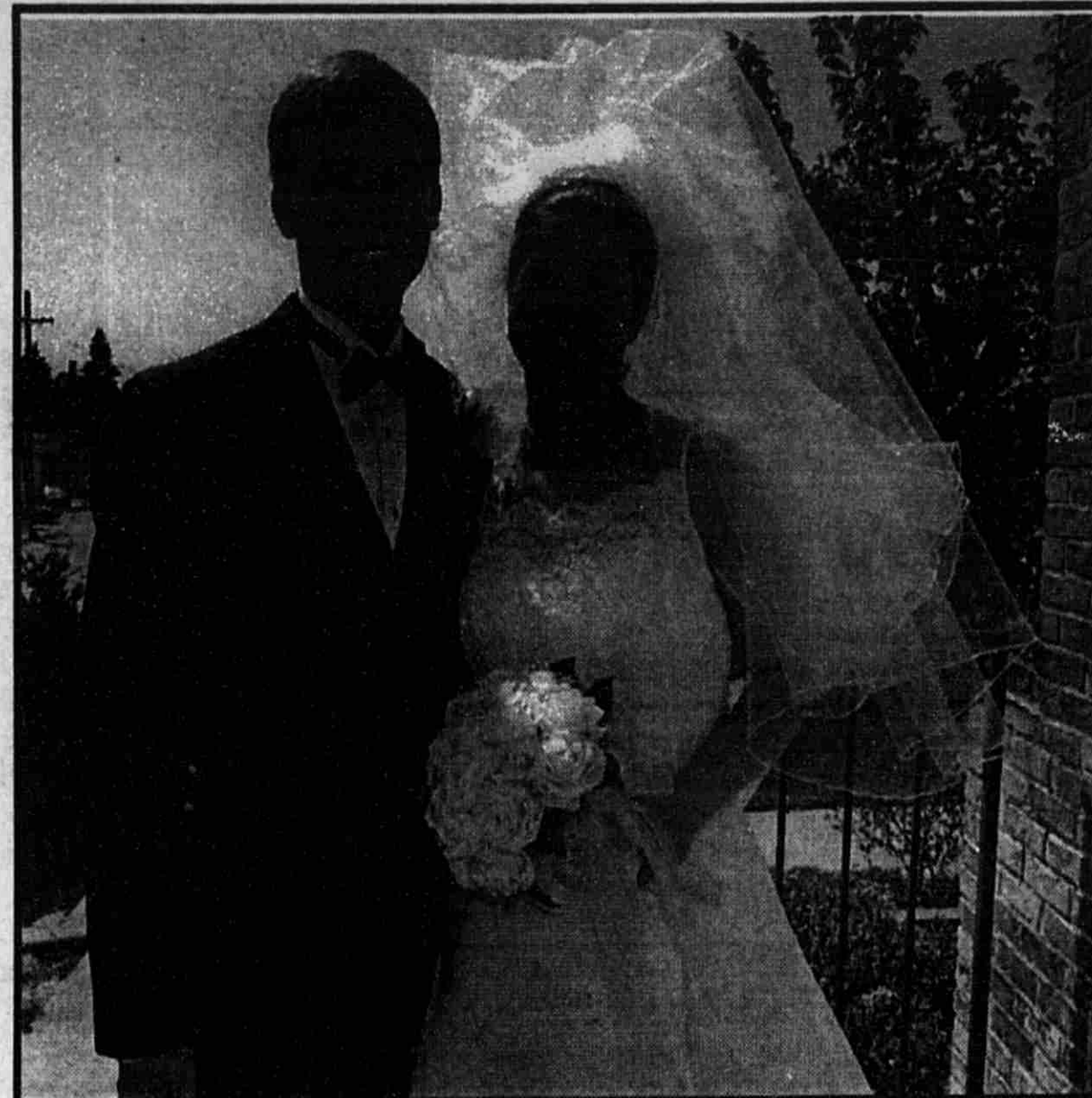
The Fall Festival on Oct. 2 and 3 will feature the Fallsburg School, with exhibits arranged by Gordon Johnson and Clynis and Ida Benson.

The history page tells about Fallsburg's development and decline, and the covered bridge which is the fifth bridge built at that spot.

Lowell Township Planning and Development Commission hears from residents that the rural character be preserved, in its work toward a Master Land Use Plan.

Dry weather has increased fire danger in the area. Be careful when barbecuing or smoking.

The Automobile Club of Michigan asks motorists to report dangerous places on the state's roads. The group's safety committee will pass on the information to the proper places, and follow up on results.



Briggs/ Cowie

On April 28, 2001, Denise Ann Cowie and Travis Heath Briggs were joined in matrimony at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Rev. B. Gordon Barry was the pastor with Bill Zinke as organist.

The bride's father, Dennis Cowie, and groom's mother, Carol Briggs provided special vocal selections. Standing up with the couple as maid of honor and best man were Jacob Schalk, friend of the bride, and Marc Briggs, brother of the groom.

Following the 2 p.m. ceremony, a reception was held at the L.V. Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids. After returning from a Tahitian honeymoon, the couple now resides in eastern Michigan, in Clinton Township.

COLLEGE NEWS

Julie Wisner, a 1998 Lowell High School graduate, has been placed on the dean's honor list at the University of Michigan College of Engineering in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for the winter term 2001.

This honor recognizes Wisner's high scholastic record earned for the term ending on April 26. The dean's honor list is for those students who completed 12 hours of credit or more and who earned a grade point average of 3.50 or better for the term.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Kay Wisner of Lowell.

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been producing quality machined parts for the automotive industry and are confident that our compliance with QS 9000/ISO 9002 standards will lead to even greater product quality and higher efficiency," said Gary Gilbert, president.

Ferrellgas offers tips to campers

Now that summer is winding down and Labor Day weekend is over, for millions of nature lovers that means there are only a few weeks left to hit the great outdoors. Many of today's campers rely on propane-fueled stoves, lanterns, and heaters to make their trip enjoyable.

Employees of the Lowell Ferrellgas office have provided a list of outdoor equipment safety tips, compiled by the National Propane Gas Association and Ferrellgas.

"Proper use of camping equipment will ensure you and your family many years of enjoyment of the great outdoors," district manager

Steve Drake said. "We want everyone to be properly informed so they can have a safe camping experience."

Overall tips:
• First and foremost, make sure you read and understand all warnings supplied by the manufacturer and propane supplier, and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

• Make sure that the shelter or camper is adequately ventilated at all times.

• Never leave the stove, lantern, or heater burning overnight or unattended.

• Have your propane-fueled camping appliances checked periodically by a

qualified technician to ensure they are functioning properly.

Camp stove tips:
• Never use a propane stove in an enclosed area. It should be located in an open, well-ventilated area away from shrubs, dry wood, etc.

• Secure the stove on a level, nonflammable surface.
• If ignition does not occur immediately, turn off the gas, wait a sufficient time for the gas to clear, and try again.

• Never leave a stove unattended.

Lantern tips:
• Keep dirt and foreign particles out of the lantern valve and blow the valve clean

before connecting the cylinder to the lantern.

• Never operate without a mantle or with a damaged mantle that has visible holes or cracks.

• Leave plenty of clearance between your propane lantern and combustible materials.

• Use the lantern only as a light source.

• Camp heater tips
• Only use propane gas heaters that have been tested and labeled by a recognized agency.

• Use the heater only for heating, not for cooking food.

For more information about propane camping equipment safety, call the Ferrellgas office at 897-9348.

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Burton, cont'd ...

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tant to me. I will embrace every opportunity to keep that connection. I don't mean just sitting in on a class. It's the hands-on things that keep that connection. That's the only way I could do this."

The new assistant principal roles will require that Burton and Cutler be extremely good communicators. "We must always know what the other is doing," Burton said.

The creative approach to meeting the school's needs, Burton believes, enables them to take advantage of each other's expertise. "I don't mean just the administrators. I mean being able to creatively tap into the phenomenal talent that is avail-

able to us in this building." Burton will devote her major effort to the development of creative educational opportunities with emphasis on the constant improvement of teaching and learning for students grades K-5.

The new Cherry Creek assistant principal spent last year as a reading specialist in the district. Previous to that she taught third grade in Alto and taught first and second grades at Seminole in Florida (Pinellas County).

Burton's husband Mike is the Grand Rapids fire chief. They've been married for 23 years and have three children: Lindsay (senior at Florida State); Matt, 20; and Kelli (senior at Forest Hills Northern).



Cutler, cont'd ... From Page 1

I was approached with this new role, I had to think about it. It came down to being ready for a change and the new position enables me to reach more students."

Cutler grew up in Muskegon. She is a graduate of Orchard View High School and has a dual degree from Grand Valley State Univer-

sity in psychology and special education.

"For the last three years we've been getting by, but not meeting the needs. The procedure is now in place, so now it's time to move forward," said Dorrough.

The Cherry Creek principal designed the two roles with the people in mind to fill them. "One of the goals is to make Bushnell and Cherry Creek a K-5 program that's in two separate buildings. We want to connect the two and get rid of the disjointed piece, so that it's one program."

Dorrough says the three educators have different leadership styles. She is more the character/people person; Cutler is more analytical; and

LOWELL AREA CUB SCOUT FUN NIGHT
On Saturday, Sept. 22 from 1-6 p.m. the Lowell Area Cub Scouts will have 5 hours of fun - mini golf, roller-skating and bowling at Roll-Away Fun Center. Admission is free for newly registered Cub Scouts and Cub Scouts of Pack 3188. Please be in uniform. Will gladly take \$15 new member registration with adult before admission. Call Gary Liu at 691-7753 for information.

Mary Burton uses a more interaction approach. Cutler and her husband Kurt have a two-and-a-half year old son named Noah.

Fallasburg Historical Society to hold open house for Lussmyer

There will be an open house in honor of Priscilla Lussmyer on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Schneider Manor Community Room from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The community is invited to attend and wish her well as she leaves Lowell and moves to Washington State to reside with her son.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 10 (R-5 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT)

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the proposed amendment to Article 10 (R-5 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT) of the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended).

The proposed amendment would modify the procedures for review and approval of preliminary plans for manufactured housing communities in the R-5 Manufactured Housing Community District and would amend the general requirements for manufactured housing communities to provide for the following: average site size of 5,500 square feet (subject to reduction to 4,400 square feet if an equal amount of open space is provided); allowance of on-site model homes for sale while prohibiting street sales centers; layout of a community in accordance with acceptable planning and engineering practices; allowance of a maximum of one sign not to exceed 32 square feet; the inclusion of a circulation plan with access to all playgrounds or recreation areas from internal roads with not less than two access points; regulation of resident vehicle parking with two parking spaces for each home site; regulation of visitor parking facilities with one parking space for visitors for every three home sites; sidewalk requirements if the community density is five (5) or more units per gross acre; requirements for utilities including connection to public sewer, if available, and public water, if available and underground installation of electric, telephone, cable television, and natural gas; illumination of vehicular and sidewalk systems; minimum separation distances between homes and minimum setbacks for accessory structures; skirting requirements; minimum setbacks of homes and other structures from property boundary lines and public rights-of-way; interior landscaping requirements; screening and buffering when a community is adjacent to a non-vacant parcel of land; regulation of speed limits (not to exceed 15 mph) and traffic signs; and designated open space requirements of not less than 2% of the community's gross acreage if the community contains 50 or more home sites.

The proposed amendment would also amend the definitions of "mobile home" and "mobile home park" in Sections 2.53 and 2.54 of the Zoning Ordinance to refer to "manufactured homes" and "manufactured housing communities," respectively. The proposed zoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, and Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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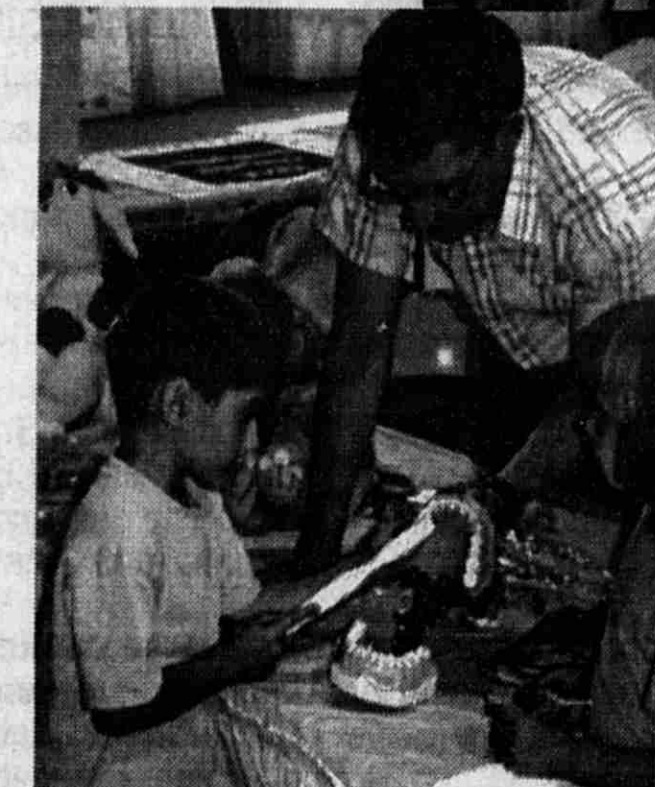
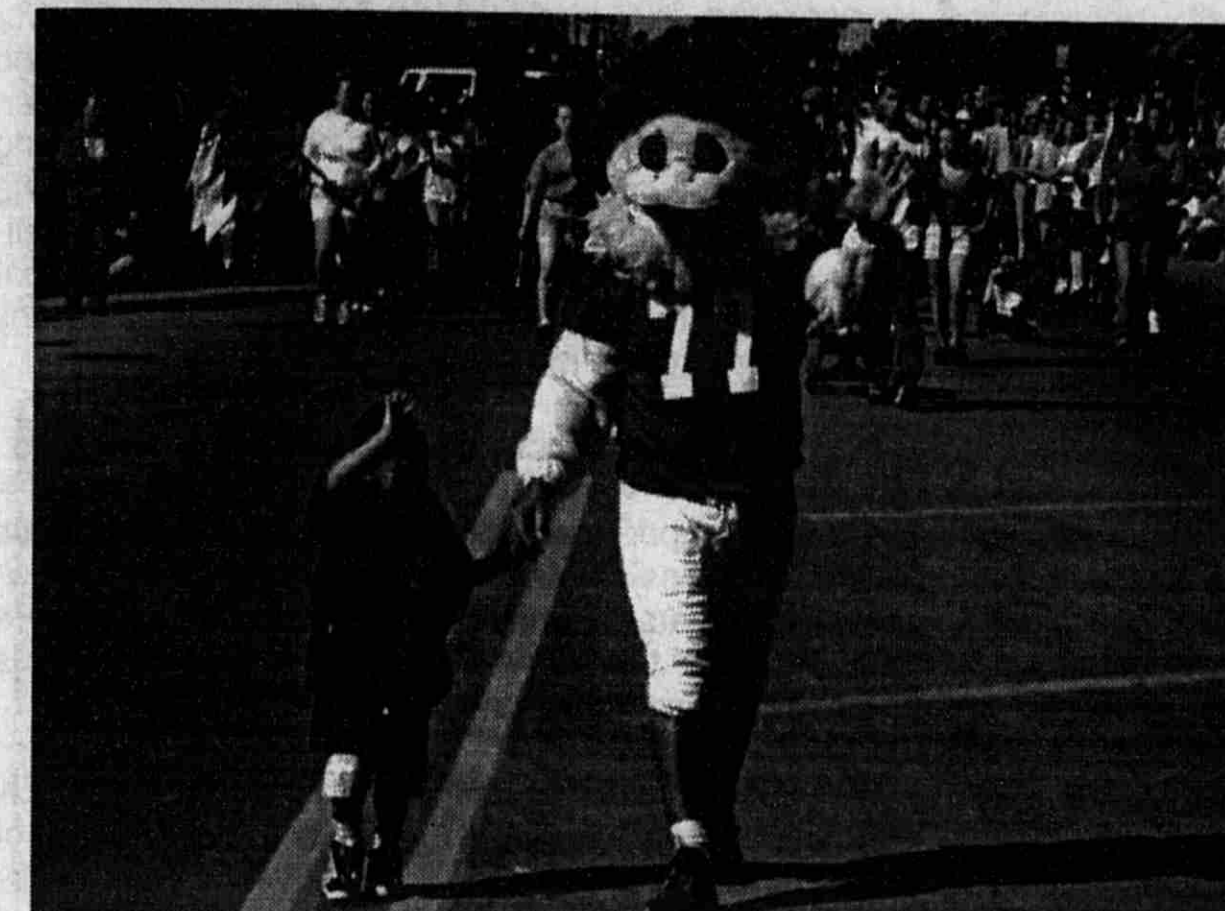
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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, August 20, 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, Department of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Chief of Police James Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall and Building Inspector Doug Hopkins.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **SHORES** to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2001 regular meeting as corrected.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (08/20/01)

GENERAL FUND	\$69,050.32
MAJOR STREET FUND	95,947.25
LOCAL STREET FUND	401.89
DDA FUND	94,019.77
WASTEWATER FUND	26,409.46
WATER FUND	1,668.69
DATA PROCESSING FUND	117.08
EQUIPMENT FUND	799.53
CURRENT TAX FUND	228,121.97

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 145 S. Center - Steven and Perry Cook - side yard setback from a proposed garage - public hearing. 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 for their residence at 145 S. Center. A detached accessory building must be three feet (including the overhang) from the side or rear yard lot lines.

The applicants have proposed this setback because it lines up with the existing driveway. City Manager Pasquale stated the Planning Commission unanimously recommended against the variance at their July 23, 2001 meeting, because it did not meet the established criteria.

City Clerk Morlock noted David Himebaugh of 178 Pleasant called on August 16, 2001, stating he did not have a problem with the Cook request.

Steven Cook of 145 S. Center explained the variance has been requested due to the previous owners installing a blacktop driveway. The variance would give his lot the proper appearance with an attractive look. Cook noted his lot is only 66 feet wide.

Joe Callier of 157 S. Center has property which adjoins the Cook property. He did not have a problem with the variance as long as there would be no adverse effects on his property.

Zoning Board Chairman Myers questioned if Callier's property included a vacant lot and house. Callier responded both.

Myers asked if the width of the vacant lot was wide enough so it would fit the standards of selling. Callier responded yes.

Myers questioned if the shed in the back of Cook's property was on a foundation. Cook responded it is on a wood floor. The shed would be moved, while the garage is being built.

Myers explained variances stay with the property, if the individual moves. He noted the board must review the potential for a house adjacent to the property.

Cook stated the drawing indicates the proposed garage is 22 feet from the rear of the house, noting most of the

homes on the entire street are built out toward the road.

Boardmember Green asked if he would have to add to the north side of the driveway. Cook responded slightly.

Green believed the variance could affect the saleability of the property. He had difficulty granting the variance due to this being an aesthetic hardship.

Myers inquired if the roofline could be changed. Cook responded he does have an alternate plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **SHORES** to deny the side yard setback variance request at 145 S. Center for a garage.

Brubaker clarified the motion to deny. Green responded it was denied due to the criteria of the ordinance not being met.

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

Item #2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MOVING OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY - PUBLIC HEARING. The City Council, Planning Commission and Lowell Light and Power have provided much review and discussion over the last several meetings concerning the issue of moving buildings and structures.

Prior to this point, the City has never had a building-moving ordinance, which outlines the requirements of moving any such structure. The proposed ordinance outlines necessary elements of an application which would be submitted to the City for a permit.

Recommendations were provided from the above entities regarding the ordinance. All suggestions submitted were included in ordinance. There were very specific provisions regarding insurance, cash deposits, days of notice. Particularly when considering affected businesses. This is a very comprehensive ordinance, which tries to address the issues, which were brought forward.

City Manager Pasquale stated the proposed ordinance was advertised. A copy of Light and Power's policy regarding assistance for moving buildings was provided.

Pasquale recommended the Council adopt the ordinance.

Councilmember Shores believed the Council, Planning Commission and Light and Power covered the issues well. The ordinance is necessary in order to eliminate potential problems in the future.

Mayor Blough asked if Public Works Director DesJarden had any questions relative to the new ordinance. DesJarden asked if the requirement could be restricted to 14 feet rather than 15 feet. Blough responded the proposed section would be amended to state "no person shall move any building or structure of a height of greater than 14 feet."

Blough inquired if there was a good definition on building or structure. Pasquale responded yes.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned the relationship between Section 7.63 and 7.69 of the ordinance. He stated Section 7.63 states one must apply 21 business days prior to the proposed moving date. Section 7.69 states the person who is issued a moving permit must provide written notice of the proposed date and time of the move at least 21 business days prior to the move date. Brubaker assumed after the individual receives the moving permit, a 21 business day notice does not have to be given. Pasquale responded no. Brubaker asked if this really meant the person seeking the moving permit. Pasquale responded yes. Brubaker proposed Section 7.69 be changed from the "person issued" to the "person seeking".

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by **BRUBAKER** to adopt the proposed ordinance regulating the moving of buildings and structures within the City as amended.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Pasquale noted the ordinance would be effective in early September.

Item #3. PROPOSED ORDINANCE ALLOWING NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER - PUBLIC HEARING. As noted at the last meeting, City Attorney Richard Wendt stated a negotiated construction management contract as proposed for the City Hall - Police Station project is currently prohibited by the City Charter. But an ordinance providing an exemption from this provision can be adopted according to the City Attorney. The proposed section authorizing the exemption of public improvements from the competitive bidding process if such contracts are in the amount of \$10,000 or less has been eliminated to avoid any confusion with the main issue.

Pasquale recommended this be adopted as proposed.

Councilmember Green questioned Section 2.81. It states "the provisions of this division two, shall apply." However, it appears this is in division three of chapter two. He questioned if this was a misprint. Pasquale noted this would be changed to "division three".

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by **GREEN** to amend article two of Chapter two of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell adding division three under the Construction Contract section as provided allowing negotiated contract with a construction manager.

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

Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL - POLICE STATION PROJECT FROM FISHBECK, THOMPSON, CARR AND HUBER. The Council had the opportunity last month to review the concepts in a worksession with representatives from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) regarding construction management.

Doug Crowley, Construction Division Manager of FTC&H, was present. He co-authored a letter of July 18, 2001 that formally proposed construction management services, especially for the City Hall renovation and Police Department addition project.

The letter stated "in the July 9, 2001 meeting, we reviewed the potential of our Construction Division becoming involved during the current schematic design phase to provide a more comprehensive review of the scheduling and phasing of the construction and enhance our ability to provide more detailed and accurate preliminary construction cost estimates. In response to our discussions, we propose to provide these additional schematic design services as a part of our integrated construction management approach for an additional fee of \$2,700. At the conclusion of the schematic design phase, when the final scope and complexity of the project are more fully defined, we will provide a proposal for comprehensive construction management services for completion of the project for your review and consideration."

City Manager Pasquale clarified the \$2,700 would more clearly define the scope of the project. Crowley responded yes.

Pasquale recommended the Council approve the proposal. In discussing this with the department heads and reviewing the complexity of the project, which will likely exceed 4 million dollars, he felt it would be of great importance to proceed in such a manner.

Councilmember Myers believed one aspect of the proposal which made it more difficult to make a decision was that the City would be relying on the design firm to carry out and coordinate the project. His experience on the Council has been there have been a significant amount of projects successfully completed by FTC&H within the allowed budget.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned what Pasquale wanted from the Council. Pasquale responded to approve the proposal submitted by FTC&H providing the additional \$2,700 which would provide a more detailed concept.

Mayor Blough noted the detailed concept would be associated only with the City Hall - Police Station portion, not the Department of Public Works storage or the proposed cemetery buildings. Pasquale noted once a contract is proposed, it would be subject to his review and the City Attorney.

Commissioner Brubaker referred to Wendt's letter of

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August 2, 2001 and believed the last full paragraph had some good ideas.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by **MYERS** to expend \$2,700 issued to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber to develop a detailed concept proposal for an integrated building services targeted specifically regarding the City Hall - Police Station construction project.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY OUTLINE. As discussed previously, the City's code enforcement procedures have been reviewed. A need has been expressed to be more pro-active regarding enforcement rather than reactive, responding only to complaints. In this regard, City Manager Pasquale proposed the City establish a Code Enforcement Officer position by contract through Imperial Municipal Services (IMS). This individual would devote up to 16 hours per week for code enforcement, primarily for Planning and Zoning regulations. While information regarding violations may be provided from the Police and Public Works Departments, as well as City Staff and the general public, the officer will allow survey time to determine any code problems.

In speaking with Doug Hopkins of IMS, the following proposals have been made:

- Establish a Code Enforcement Officer position by contract through Imperial Municipal Services. Up to 16 hours per week will be utilized for code enforcement for planning and zoning regulations. While information regarding violations may be provided from the Police and Public Works Departments as well as city staff and the general public, the officer will allow survey time to determine any code problems.

- All violations will be logged as part of a monthly report provided to the staff and Council. Status of each violation and eventual outcome is to be included within the report.

- The City Clerk and Public Works Director will continue to coordinate tall grass violations as well as snow accumulating on sidewalks. The same logging violations as mentioned above will be carried out. The Code Enforcement Officer will submit information on these violations as part of surveying.

- The Police Department will continue to enforce unlicensed, junk vehicles as well as illegally parked cars. Again, a monthly report will be provided. The Code Enforcement Officer and RSVP personnel will assist in determining such violations.

Councilmember Myers inquired if there was adequate money in the budget for additional hours. Pasquale responded the City would have to budget approximately \$800 per 16-hour week depending on how busy the officer is. However, Pasquale did not believe it would require that many hours that often.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned how much the City currently spends. Pasquale responded \$150 - \$200 per week.

Brubaker asked if the plan was to give the new code enforcement officer some general direction on specific types of violations. Pasquale responded the particular issues involve signs and banners, which consume much of Hopkins' time. Sign issues are usually discussed during each Planning Commission meeting. There have also been concerns raised involving follow up reviews on site plans. The officer would be aware of the various plans which have been adopted.

Pasquale noted there would be an orientation session for the individual hired.

Myers questioned if the City would still rely on the police to cite overnight parking issues. Pasquale responded yes. However, if the Code Enforcement Office happens to notice a violation, such information would be forwarded to the Police Department as well as the RSVP personnel.

Blough inquired if IMS provided such a service for other communities. Hopkins responded not to the extent being discussed.

Myers asked if this included front yard parking. Hopkins responded, in some cases, yes. It may also include the

location of travel trailers.

Blough questioned if there was any count on the number of ordinances which would be enforced. Pasquale responded no. The Zoning Ordinance itself not only contains regulations regarding the various zoning districts, but also contains the sign ordinance.

Blough stated the setbacks and other zoning regulations are usually reviewed by the Planning Commission and as part of prescreening to the application and implementation process, it has always been reviewed with IMS. However, when referring to transient conditions such as banners and enforcing landscaping ordinances, a proactive approach is proposed. The question becomes - will this individual be scouting the area looking for violations?

Myers believed two days a week was too much time. Pasquale was unsure how many hours would be necessary. Hopkins stated the goal is to work when there is a need.

Blough noted other communities handle this primarily by complaint. He questioned if the City wanted this large of a contract. Or should the City take a specific ordinance, employ someone like IMS to enforce a specific ordinance, monitor the results over a fixed period of time and bring back the results to determine its value. If the objective was to reduce junk cars within the community, should the City employ someone who can provide a survey which indicates the amount of junk cars. Blough noted the City could try to employ such an individual for a fixed period and then review the results.

Blough believed the problem areas dealt with signs and fences.

Green questioned if other communities handle this on a complaint basis, because it is the only way it can be done. Hopkins responded many townships do inspections by starting at one end of the jurisdiction and moving across to the other side. However, most choose to enforce the ordinance when complaints are received.

Myers believed there were two issues: (1) day to day issues which come up and those who just do and don't ask; (2) reviewing the site plans which have been approved. The way to accomplish this may be to pick a time frame, such as two to three years ago, review the documents and then start making site checks from this standpoint. He felt it was important to follow through on what was asked in the site plan review process.

Blough was uncomfortable about issuing a contract for a fixed number of hours during the week without a plan which specifically attacks the problem the City wants to correct.

Shores asked Police Chief Valentine if the issue of junk cars was taking much of his time. Valentine responded most of their responses to junk cars are on a complaint basis. Some are self-initiated. There have been different projects in the past where the department has requested the RSVP canvass town and send letters out. Some initial follow up is then carried out. The department tries to do this without coming as heavy handed and issuing tickets immediately. It is then turned over to a Police Officer to do the next follow up and ultimately issue a citation, if it is not corrected.

Brubaker questioned if all of the ordinances were enforced through misdemeanors. Valentine responded yes.

Shores believed this was a significant item for the budget.

Brubaker agreed with Blough and felt some direction was needed.

Blough noted complaints are received about snow removal, tall grass, overnight parking, junk cars or cars which have not moved in a period of time.

Myers suggested trying the recommendation for a period of 90 days with the understanding the Council would receive a report including violations and activities.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **BRUBAKER** to extend a contract to IMS as a Code Enforcement Officer covering planning and zoning violations to enforce the ordinance for a maximum of twelve weeks at \$800 a week beginning September 1, 2001.

Pasquale stated junk cars, tall grass would be handled

the same way as previously.

Planning Commission Chairman Hall wanted to see the improper storage of recreational vehicles such as boats, motor homes, etc., as well as parking on the yard enforced.

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

Myers noted for the non-offending citizens this is a movement toward the continuation of pride in our community.

Item #6. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE - AMEND REVIEW STANDARDS FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW INCORPORATING "CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINED" FOR LANDSCAPING - PUBLIC HEARING. 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 site plan review. This guards the City if the owner/developer's plantings fail. This would require replanting.

The Planning Commission has had a chance to discuss this on several occasions and has recommended this ordinance be passed and provided a formal motion to do so.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **SHORES** to adopt the proposed zoning ordinance amendment which would incorporate "continuously maintained" for landscaping as proposed.

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

Item #7. PURCHASE OF 310 AVERY. As Council has been aware, one-parcel remains to be purchased of the seven needed to undertake construction of the City Hall - Police Station project. After a time of discussion and negotiation with Mrs. Audrey Dykstra, the terms to purchase her residence at 310 Avery were as follows:
• Sale price: \$130,000
• Obtain possession: October 1
• City to pay summer property taxes of \$646

Pasquale recommended the Council approve the purchase as proposed. Also, Pasquale extended appreciation to Mrs. Dykstra for her patience and consideration during the time of negotiation.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by **GREEN** to accept the sale price of \$130,000 with a possession date of October 1, 2001 and to pay the City taxes for the purchase of 310 Avery. The City Council expresses their gratitude to Mrs. Audrey Dykstra.

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

Blough wished to extend the City's heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Dykstra. She has lived at this site for the majority if not the entirety of her life. She is a historian of this community and has served it well.

Item #8. FOREMAN ROAD TRUCK ROUTE STUDY. In response to a complaint submitted by Garland Berry (407 Foreman) regarding truck traffic on Foreman Road particularly as it affects the North Hudson intersection. A traffic engineering proposal provided by Ed Swanson of Wade Trim was provided. The proposal gives two options for the study. The first involves gathering traffic counts and providing a recommendation on a new truck route or leaving this as is (cost: \$1,900). The second option encompasses meeting with residences and the companies themselves to seek solutions. This will cost \$4,500.

At this point, Pasquale felt it would be appropriate to have a professional review of the truck route and for recommendations to be provided.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by **GREEN** to pursue Option 1 and allow Ed Swanson from Wade Trim to perform a Foreman Road Truck Route study for \$1,900 as allocated from the Major Streets Fund.

Councilmember Myers inquired if any additional com-

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ments had been received from Berry. Pasquale responded no. However, Berry is waiting for a response from the City.

Mayor Blough questioned why the City Council would entertain a proposal on the Foreman Road truck study. This is a Planning issue which he would anticipate should be run through the Planning Commission relative to traffic flows. He suggested the Planning Commission review and present a recommendation. Pasquale noted this also is a traffic-engineering task. Blough stated this might be. However, he hated to have the Council start to duplicate the planning efforts. Pasquale responded the results could be provided to the Planning Commission for review. The study can then be forwarded to the Council for review.

Myers considered this to be in the preliminary stage to show the City is making a good faith effort recognizing the corner.

Public Works Director DesJarden believed Berry was questioning if there could be an alternate route.

Valentine stated Berry was also referring to the lengths of the vehicles and the turning maneuvers were difficult. He supports Pasquale's concern this is a traffic engineering matter and perhaps the outcome will be with the number of commercial vehicles and buses. This may warrant considering a design change of this particular intersection to try to facilitate truck movement easier.

Blough wanted to turn the issue over to the Planning Commission and come back with a recommendation.

Shores did not have a problem with the Council authorizing the study and if it is necessary to turn it over to the Planning Commission for further action.

Brubaker stated he would rather act sooner than later.

Pasquale noted the traffic engineer could provide information to the Planning Commission.
YEA: 4. (Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers and Shores)
NAY: 1. (Mayor Blough)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #9. LAWN SPRINKLING BIDS. Last year, the City received grant assistance through the Lowell Area Community and Look Memorial Funds amounting to \$45,600 to provide sprinkling systems for Creekside Park and Recreation Park Ballfield. As part of the project, an old well off Gee Drive was rejuvenated to bring water to Creekside Park, which cost \$10,000.

The following bids were received:
EVERGREEN

1. Creekside Park	
Base Bid (A) - includes soccer fields and west softball field	\$25,600
Alternate Bid (B) - remaining east fields	\$21,200
Well Start Controls	\$4,000
2. Recreation Ball Field	
Base Bid	\$7,500
Total	\$58,300
Alternate (B)	\$21,200
Total	\$37,100
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant	
Total	\$20,900
CASCADE	
1. Creekside Park	
Base Bid (A)	\$29,800
Alternate Bid (B)	\$22,400
2. Recreation Ball Field	
Base Bid (A)	\$7,900
Total	\$60,100
Alternate Bid (B)	\$22,400
Total	\$37,700
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant	
Total	\$26,800

After reviewing the bids, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and Pasquale recommended the bid from Evergreen be accepted at a cost of \$58,000, allocated as follows: Lowell Area Community Fund \$35,600, Waste-

water Fund \$20,900 and Parks Budget \$1,500.

The remaining project can be funded through a request for an additional allocation of Lowell Area Community Fund or be budgeted from the Lee Fund in future years.

Councilmember Green stated the new plan included more than what was originally planned. DesJarden stated the DPW is trying to eliminate 15 different kinds of sprinkler systems and provide a uniform system.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to accept the low bid from Evergreen Underground Sprinkling Co. for providing sprinkling systems at Creekside and Recreation Parks authorized capped with a maximum of \$58,000.

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

Pasquale questioned if the Council would wish to request additional funds from the Lowell Area Community Fund. The Council responded in general yes.

Blough believed the City should be seeking funds from the City budget.

Green disagreed, he did not have a problem seeking funds from the Lowell Area Community Fund when it concerns the parks.

Item #10. ACCESS EASEMENT FOR CONSERVATORY WOODS. In order to secure financing, the developers of Conservatory Woods (condominium project behind Family Fare) need public access. As part of the project, a road extending Ridgeview Drive north will be built on City property. But since this is not a formally dedicated right of way, an easement is needed and therefore provided for consideration. The easement will terminate upon the construction of a public road.

Councilmember Green questioned the possibility of extending Sibley to Gee Drive. He asked if there was any intention of having an access road to the west of the development. Pasquale responded there would be a problem of extending the road west of the Conservatory Woods property because of the wetlands.

Green stated the City had not considered upgrading Gee Drive with a standard which would allow trucks. Pasquale responded this has not been formally decided.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to allow an access easement for Conservatory Woods to City owned property.

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

Brubaker questioned if the development is accommodating the wetlands. Pasquale responded yes.

Item #11. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE KENT COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PLAN FOR INSTALLING MARKERS IN PUBLIC ROADWAYS. As noted in the City Attorney Richard Wendt's letter, Kent County wishes the City to adopt a recent amendment in state law which permits each county to determine the method it uses to mark corners in the public roadways within the County.

It states within the resolution that the standard monument used in accordance with the Kent County remonumentation plan is a 30-inch by 40 cast iron monument manufactured by Harrison Marker and Instrument Company.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by GREEN to adopt the resolution approving the Kent County remonumentation plan for installing markers in public roadways.

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

Item #12. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers questioned the charts at the end of the Wastewater Treatment Plant concerning actual limit. He asked if this was after the plant has been rerated. Pasquale believed it was before since the plant has not been formally rerated.

Item #13. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #14. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Brubaker attended the Light and Power Board meeting. An individual asked him if the landscaping requirements were being complied with around the cell tower. Planning Commission Chairman Hall stated some of the plants are dying.

Brubaker also received a comment concerning what procedure the City takes when sidewalks break up around town. Public Works Director DesJarden stated there is a sidewalk ordinance. The individual is sent a registered letter concerning the repairs.

Councilmember Myers commented on the new house moving ordinance. To this end, there may be other communities who would be happy to have a copy of the City's ordinance. They could reciprocate with one of their ordinances that the City may not have, saving time in the future. Pasquale responded the Michigan Municipal League collects ordinances. This new ordinance was started by the League, sending him 38 pages worth of ordinances concerning house moving. This new ordinance can be forwarded to the Michigan Municipal League. Every municipality would then have the opportunity to review.

Councilmember Green noted there was a concern about the carpet runners in the entry and the interior window inserts at the library.

Councilmember Shores commented on Bowes Road being opened. It looks very attractive.

Shores also commented on the Senior Citizen sign and stated it is very attractive.

Mayor Blough commented on his questioning of monies being established for consultative fees. He believed that if the City looks back over that for a period of time, we would find these fees usually fall between the \$2,000 to \$2,500 range. He questions whether we can't get the same services done by some of the volunteer groups which the City has in place and some of the staff services which the City is already paying for.

Blough also referred to the comment made relative to the extension of the sprinkler system. He made the same comment earlier when the Council originally discussed the extension. This comes from his direct involvement on the Look Memorial Fund Committee. He sees other applications which come across and what some of the logic the committee uses when evaluating whether funds should be given. He believed the bequest to the community is a very gracious way and would like to see the bows on some of the packages rather than the infrastructure projects.

He believed if we, as the City of Lowell, are going to support a parks system regardless of who's going to use it, then City budgets should support the park system and use it as one of the destinations which we plan into the community for bringing people in here. We have it for a purpose and should support it with our City funds.

Item #15. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:
The following meetings minutes were provided:
• Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of June 9, 2001
• Airport Board meeting of July 10, 2001
• Chamber of Commerce meeting of July 11, 2001
• Downtown Development Authority meeting of July 19, 2001

Because of the observance of Labor Day, the next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2001.
Pasquale spoke with the City Manager of St. Joseph and a Mayor Exchange has been proposed. Dates have been suggested of May 16 and 23, 2002.

Myers questioned how a particular City was decided upon. Pasquale responded he knows a number of managers throughout the State. He tries to look at communities of similar size. St. Joseph just finished a City Hall project recently. He has known the City Manager for a number of years.

Item #16. APPOINTMENTS. None.
IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.
DATE APPROVED: Monday, September 3, 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.

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 Fallsburg one-room schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Rd. between Fallsburg Park Drive and McPherson/Potters Road. From 2 to 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 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.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info, call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

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

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - 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.

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

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

EVERY WED.: The "Peppers" 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.

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EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

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

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

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

of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: 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.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. - Wed., Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Mon. of each month at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

THURS., SEPT. 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Bridges by Mark Lessens. Hostesses: Marsha Wilcox, Pauline Burtle and Barb Briggs. Sponsor: Marie Rickert. Remember food items for Flat River Outreach food bank.

FRI., SEPT. 7: Lowell High School student pictures taken. Retakes on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Armchair Exercise.

WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

SAT., SEPT 8: James C. Veen Observatory, Kissing Rock Road, open to the public from 9-11:30 p.m. weather permitting. \$2 adults; \$1 children.

FRI. & SAT., SEPT. 7 & 8: Workshop at Franciscan Life Process Center on 3 dimensional design from 9-4 p.m. \$60 includes materials. Call 897-7842 ask for John.

MON., SEPT. 10: Hunter Safety Classes begin, 6-8:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station. Cost: \$6 to cover materials, etc. Two-week sessions. Call 897-8720 for information.

TUES., SEPT. 11: Informational meeting for Cub Scouts at Cherry Creek from 7-8 p.m. Call Gary Liu 691-7753 with questions.

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

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

If you haven't noticed, it's almost time to return to the field with bow and arrow. The season for Michigan white-

tail deer hunting with a bow begins on Oct. 1. Are you ready?

Many hard-core bow hunters have been attending to archery equipment and shooting on a regular schedule all year. I suspect, however, that most of us have been remiss in maintaining our skills and dealing with equipment. It's not too late, but we will have to get busy.

Purchase and install new accessories soon. To have

meaningful practice, the equipment you will be hunting with should be on the bow. When that hard earned shot presents itself is no time to find out that something doesn't work. Make sure the bow is properly tuned. Shooting through a sheet of paper will produce a long tear in the paper if the arrow is not flying straight. Take your equipment to a good archery shop if you're not sure how to make the required adjustments or need advice.

Start practicing early. Shoot only a few rounds to begin with and build up strength gradually. Practicing when fatigued will not yield good results. Add a few arrows every time you practice, but don't overdo it. Be sure to practice under conditions you will likely encounter in the field. For example, shoot from an elevated position if you are a tree stand hunter. Also, shoot from different body positions like sitting or kneeling because shots don't always occur as we might expect. Try shooting with hunting clothes on to make sure you can come to full draw and get a clean release without being hindered by bulky clothing. Practice

under less than ideal light conditions—that small diameter peep may block out the target in low light.

Find a material that will stop broadheads. Before you go hunting, shoot broadheads because the blades and weight of the heads will affect the flight of the arrow; sights may have to be adjusted. Be sure to sharpen fixed blade heads, or install new blades on replaceable type heads when needed. If you don't live in fear of your broadheads, they're not sharp enough. Inspect tree stands for damage or loose parts. Practice setting-up stands in the yard before heading for the woods. Don't forget that safety harness.

Scouting for deer this close to season will have to be done carefully to avoid alerting area deer to your presence. Try to build blinds or install stands well before the opener. (Stands cannot be legally placed on public land in Michigan until September 1st.) Observe deer movement from a distance, then move in to locate and set-up the stand site.

There is a lot to do in only a short time, but with good planning and serious effort you can still pull it off. Maintaining skills and sufficient preparation are what make a successful bow hunter. You can do it!



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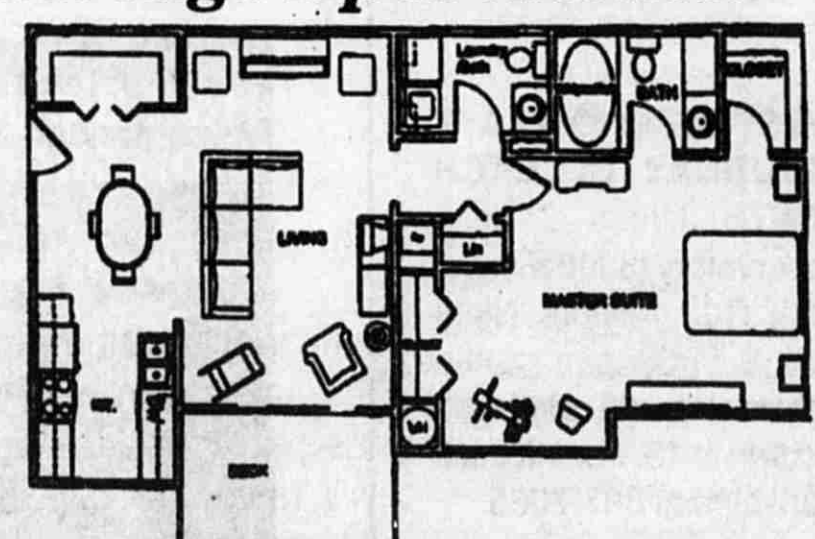


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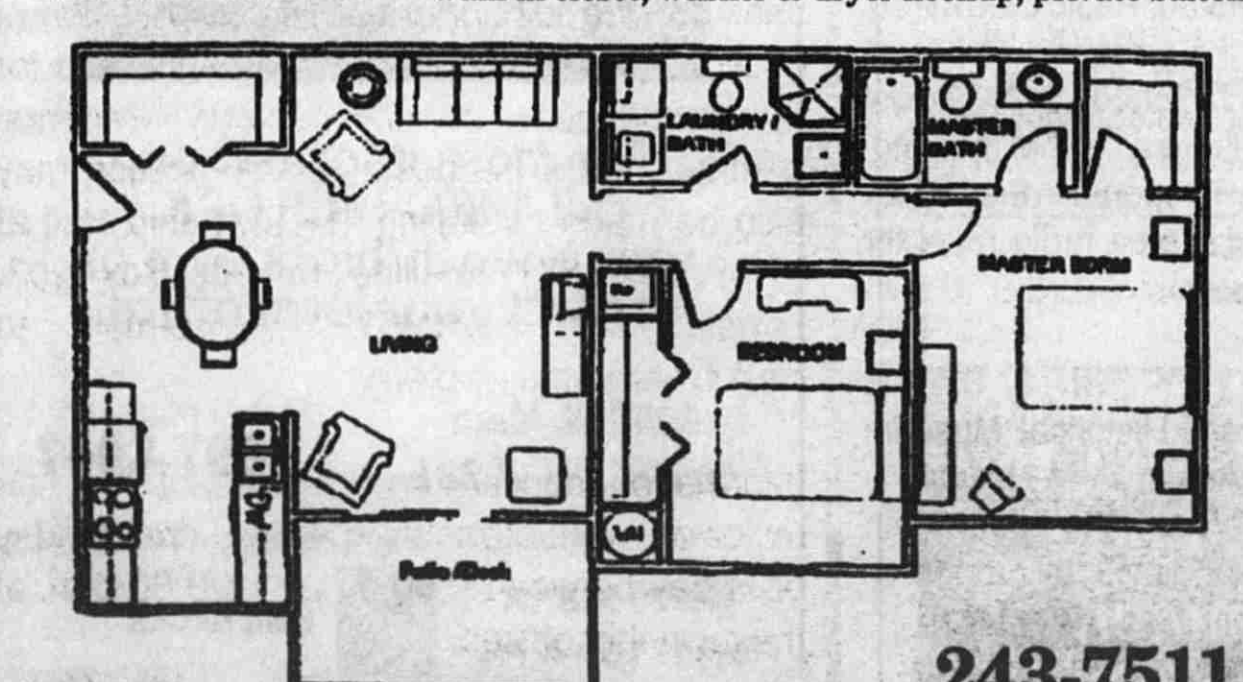
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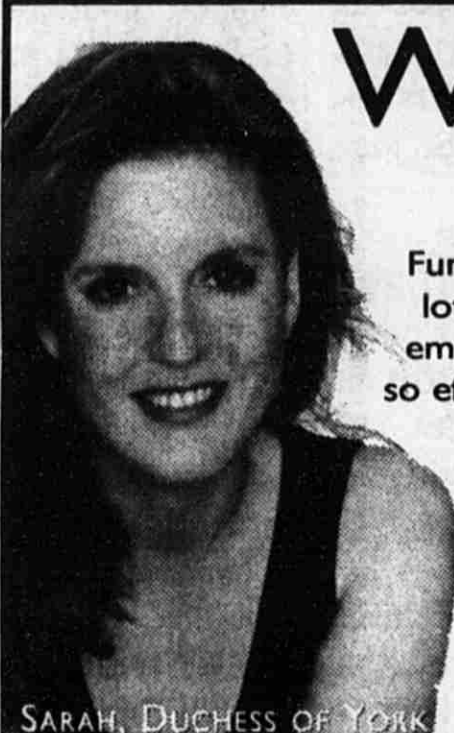
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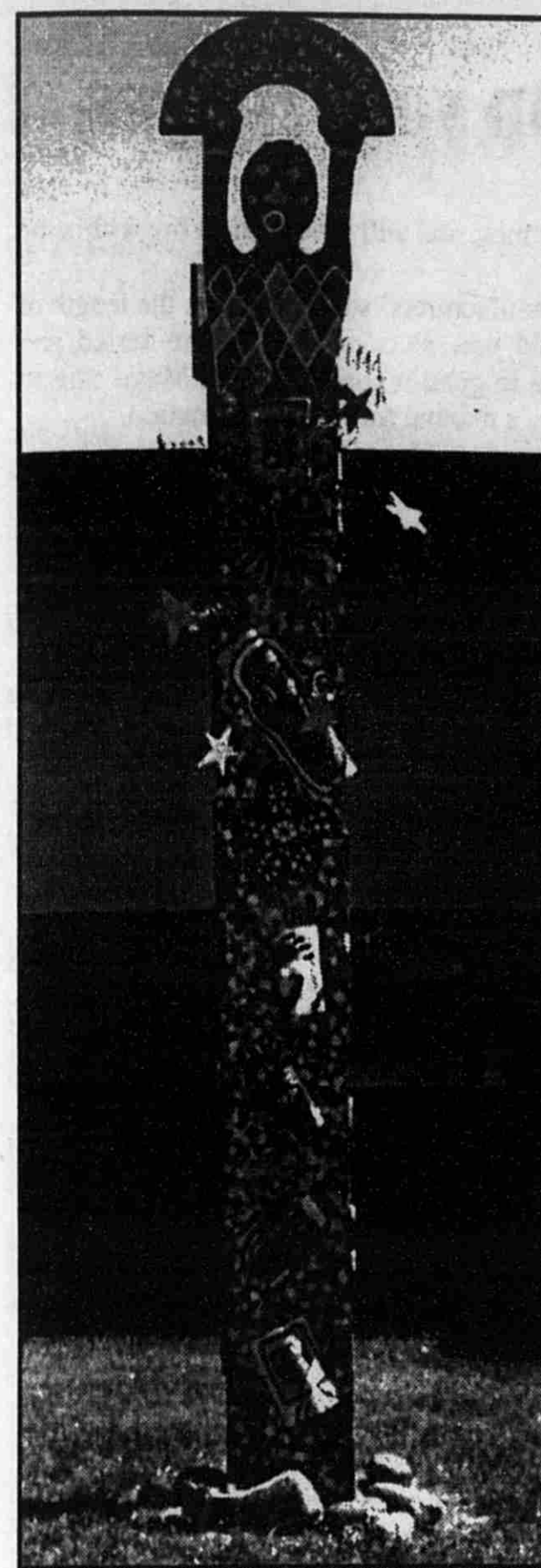
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NOT A SPECIALTY



Art at Alto, high on the totem pole

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With a new gym and new landscaping in front of Alto Elementary, distracted visitors may miss something hidden in plain sight.

It's the 12 foot totem pole which was designed and imagery painted by last year's outgoing fifth graders.

"It's still a work in progress," said Alto art teacher, Anna Marie Beduhn. "There are still some star pieces to put on the top and this year's kids are making things to put on it," she explained.

Helping last year's fifth-graders with the construction of the totem pole was artist, Reb Roberts.

It cost \$1,000 to design, construct and erect.

Students raised \$700 of that through the Alto Folk Art furniture auction.

The wooden beam for the totem pole was donated by Wolverine Shoe Factory.

This school year students will take part in a recycled art project. "They will be taking toy vehicles and attaching items to them," Beduhn said.

Students from Anna Marie Beduhn's fifth grade art class are completing the finishing touches on this totem pole. The design and construction of the totem pole were in part financed through last year's Alto Folk Art furniture auction.

Thank You So Much!

Papa & Bonna (Jim & Ruth Wood)

Thanks for all the fun things you did with me, my cousins & friends this summer. You're the best grandparents a kid could have. Thanks again from all of us and Happy Grandparents Day!

Love, Bryant

P.S. Thanks Mom & Dad
Love, Angie

GARAGE SALE SECTION



HUGE 2 FAMILY MOVING & GARAGE SALE

Including house overlooking golf course & Morrison Lake. Oak bumper pool/game table, air hockey table, exercise bike, furniture, beds, appliances, tools, dishes & misc. 6526 Portland Rd., bet. Jordan Lake & Nash Rd. Sept. 6, 7 & 8, 9-6 p.m.

ESTATE SALE

50 years accumulation, some antiques (tools, glass), furniture, household items, appliances. Everything must go! Friday-Saturday, Sept. 7 & 8, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Corner of Murray Lake & 5 Mile, Parnell/Murray Lake area.

ELECTRIC GOLF CART

needs battery, best offer, 2 - pull golf carts, microwave, camping items, van seat. Lots of odds & ends. Fri, Sat., Sept. 7 & 8. 8639 Peck Lake Rd.

GARAGE SALE

Bicycles, Chevy truck parts, men's clothing large sizes, electric typewriter, glassware, lots of misc. 201 Donna Dr., Lowell, Sat. Sept. 8th, 9am-5pm.

MOVING SALE

4 piece bedroom set, vases, drinking glasses & much more. Sept. 8, 9-5 p.m. 1736 Fay St., Lot 245.

MOVING SALE

Sept. 8, 9-3 p.m. Refrigerator, Steelcase desk, table & chairs, sleeper sofa, air compressor tank, rototiller, chain saw, tools, etc., etc. 636 N. Whites Bridge Rd. 1.2 miles N. of Potters Rd.

6 FAMILY YARD SALE

Sat., Sept. 8, 9 a.m. 320 Alden Nash SE, N. of Zeigler Ford.

This Is The Last
Garage Sale Page
For the summer.
See You Next Year

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

The art teacher will use the car she drives to work as an example. "Her car is decorated in honor of her favorite singer, Barbra Streisand. "I have covered seats and steering wheel." Her car is also highlighted by flowers in the back and Streisand's favorite color, pink.

HOUSEKEEPING/ JANITORIAL SUPERVISION

The Laurels of Kent presently has a Housekeeping/Laundry Supervisor position available. The Laurels of Kent is a 153 bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center located in Lowell, Michigan, just minutes east of Grand Rapids. Candidates interested in this full-time salaried position should have housekeeping experience in hospital or nursing home environment preferably in a supervisory capacity. Knowledge of floor care and experience working within budgetary constraints desired. Laurel Healthcare offers a professional environment, great wages and benefit package as well as opportunity for growth. Interested individuals are asked to contact or send resumes to: Wendell Torrey, Administrator at wtorrey@laurelhealth.com or The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331. Phone #(616) 897-8473, Fax # (616) 897-0081. You can also visit us at our web site at www.laurelsokent.com.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

To be held before the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes on September 17, 2001 at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671.

The hearing is on a request from Precise Engineering to approve an application for an industrial facilities exemption in accordance with Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended, on property located at 683 Lincoln Lake Ave SE in the Township of Vergennes.

All aspects of the project and the approval of the application will be open for discussion at the public hearing and all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard. The Township Board will consider any written communication received on the request and shall provide full opportunity for expression of opinion, for arguments on the merits, and for the introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the request. Communication may also be made by calling the Township Hall at (616) 897-5671, mailing to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or e-mail to clerk@vergenestwp.org.

Information concerning the request may be reviewed weekdays on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the township offices.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Improper laundry room ventilation could heat up more than your clothes

You could be heating up more than clothes in your laundry room.

Each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association, about 15,000 house fires start in clothes dryers, causing nearly \$70 million in damages. The most frequent causes of these fires are improper ventilation and/or poor maintenance, which allow lint to accumulate. When lint covers heaters, switches and motors in the dryer, fires can result.

Tips:

- Avoid leaving the dryer running when away from your home.

- Clean the lint trap after every use.
- Don't dry oily rags in your dryer.
- Don't operate the dryer without a lint filter.
- Ensure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its electrical needs.
- Keep the dryer area free of combustibles such as clothing and boxes.

Adequate ventilation is key to not only the safety but the performance of your dryer as well. The dryer duct should vent directly outdoors, not into an attic, crawl space, or indoors. Ducts should be kept free of lint and combustible debris to prevent a fire from spreading outside of the dryer.

Use only metal dryer ducts. Plastic ducts can collapse, causing blockage and lint build up within the dryer. Plastic

ducts may ignite or melt, and will not contain a fire within the dryer.

Follow the manufacturers' suggestions on the length of ducting you should use, since appliances are tested and certified according to certain specifications. Make sure to consult your owner's manual for more information.

Hot spots:

While there are no sure signs that your dryer may catch fire, the following are some possible warning signs of trouble:

- Clothes, especially towels or jeans, take a long time to dry
- Clothes are hotter than usual at the end of cycle.
- The flapper on the vent hood won't open when the dryer is on.

Consider having a professional disassemble your dryer to clean the lint and debris covering the heaters, switches and motors in your dryer and help prevent fires from occurring.

For more information contact your local State Farm Agent or visit statefarm.com.

Lowell's power running hammers Greenville, 51-17

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Midway through Thursday night's game with Greenville, Lowell coach Noel Dean scrapped his one-back, spread'em out, open-it-up offense in favor of a more "country-fied" approach.

Translation: two back set, double tight ends and run between the cornstalks (tackles).

"We call it the cornfield drives," Dean quipped following his Red Arrows' 51-17 win over the Yellowjackets.

Lowell strung together two cornfield drives in answer to a Greenville touchdown on its first possession of the second half.

A Chris Halstead one-yard scoring burst capped the Yellowjackets' 81-yard drive. A pass from Taylor Jorgensen to Joel Evans tacked on a two-point conversion pulling Greenville to within six (17-11) of Lowell.

Lowell senior fullback, Travis DeVoid carried the ball just six times in the opening half.

During Lowell's two pivotal possessions in the third quarter, following the Yellowjacket touchdown, DeVoid ran the ball eight times, accounting for 62 yards.

"When it got close, Lowell hammered us with its running game," said Greenville coach, Warren Kent. "Lowell's a good football team. They run the ball well and play good defense."

Following a Bill Harrison kickoff return to the Greenville

47, Lowell needed five plays to find paydirt. Quarterback Mark Catlin finished the drive on a two-yard touchdown run. The bulk of the yardage (27) on the drive came on the running of DeVoid.

A Catlin interception of a Jorgensen pass gave the ball back to Lowell 20 seconds later.

The Red Arrows needed eight plays to ground up 52 yards with Catlin connecting with Brad Eldridge on a six-yard touchdown pass. The reception was just one of three completions through the Red Arrow passing game. The touchdown gave Lowell a 30-11 lead.

"This club has good leadership. That was demonstrated on the sidelines and on the field tonight," Dean said in answering Greenville's third quarter scoring drive.

As for the first half offensive difficulties, Dean was less forthcoming. "That is a team issue which will be discussed and dealt with in practice."

On Greenville's next two possessions, Jorgensen's misfires were intercepted and returned for Red Arrow touchdowns.

The first pass was picked off by Harrison and returned 29 yards to a touchdown.

A few minutes later Matt Barry returned an interception of a Jorgensen pass 38 yards for a touchdown, giving Lowell a

44-11 advantage.

The Red Arrows' final score of the game came on a one-yard run by Nate Parnofiello with 3:44 remaining in the game.

"We've played two good football teams in the first two weeks of the season. We just haven't risen to the challenge," Kent said.

Lowell broke on the scoreboard first with a 17-yard field goal early in the second quarter by Craig Carpenter.

The Red Arrows built a 17-3 lead with two touchdowns in the final 3:46 of the first half.

Catlin scooted five yards to the goal line before fumbling the football into the back of the endzone where Parnofiello jumped on it for a touchdown.

Lowell scored again before the half when Catlin hit paydirt on a 12-yard run.

Lowell rushed the football for 321 yards. Catlin led the way with 108 and DeVoid rumbled for 103.

Greenville managed just 51 yards on the ground and threw for 144 yards.

Lowell, 2-0, opens its O-K White league season against East Grand Rapids on Friday. The Pioneers were impressive winners over Caledonia and West Ottawa in the opening two weeks of the season.

touchdown midway through the first quarter and a Matt D'Agostino point after made it 7-0.

An offensive explosion in the second quarter saw Koster run for touchdowns of four and 31 yards, while connecting through the air with D'Agostino for a third score from 19 yards out.

Lowell led 28-14 into the fourth quarter until Ryan Esbaugh ran one in from two-yards out and D'Agostino returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown.

John Speers tallied an interception for Lowell. Lowell travels to East Grand Rapids on Thursday.

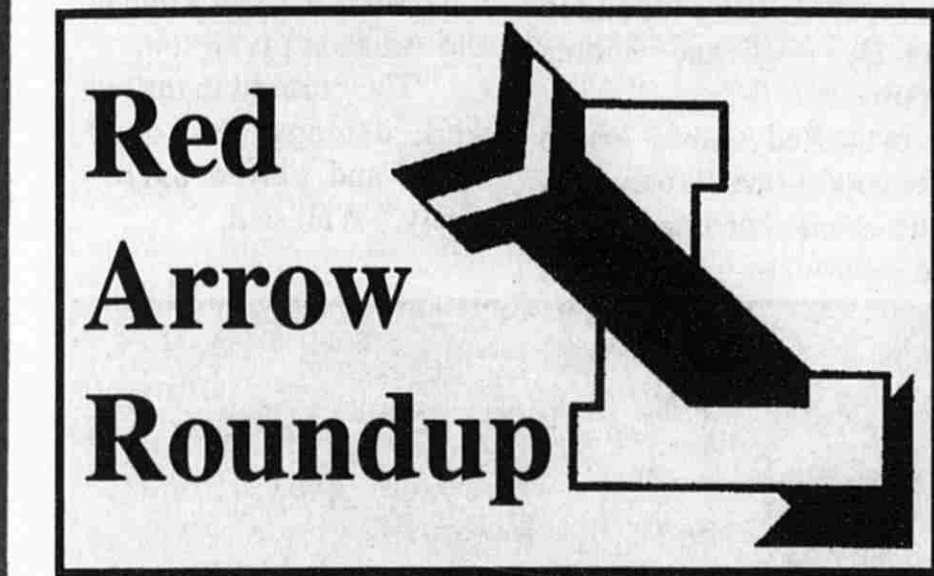
Dustin VanLoon put Lowell on the scoreboard in the second quarter with a 38-yard touchdown run.

VanLoon found a hole in the Greenville defensive line, with seconds ticking off the first half clock, as he raced 43 yards for the touchdown, giving Lowell a 12-0 halftime lead.

The Red Arrows' two second half touchdowns were carried out by quarterback Chris Curtis. The Red Arrow scored on runs of three and 44 yards.

Dan Vegter snared two interceptions for Lowell. Lowell, 1-1, travels to East Grand Rapids Thursday.

Following a tough season-opening loss to Three Rivers, the Lowell junior varsity football squad turned the tables on Greenville with a 26-8 win.



Playing their first game at Red Arrow Stadium, the freshman football squad beat the Greenville Yellowjackets 41-28. The win moved Lowell's record to 2-0. Red Arrow quarterback Mike Koster scored on a five-yard

Alto Library infoquest program, Sept. 19

Kent District Library invites children, ages nine and up, to embark on an Infoquest and learn how to use the library with an instructional and fun program at the Alto branch.

The program will be offered at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Registration is required.

Infoquest sends kids on a scavenger hunt for information using books, magazines and computers. The program teaches them about materials available at the library and where to locate these materials, as well as how to use the card catalog and other library computer programs. Kids will learn about the best library resources for homework, projects and reports.

For more information, contact the Alto Library at 868-6038.



Fido, at one time a common name for the family dog, comes from the Latin word words *fidus*, meaning faithful.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE MOBILE HOME PARKS AS A USE ALLOWED BY RIGHT IN THE R-3 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to Section 8.02 of the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate mobile home parks as a use allowed by right in the R-3 Urban Residential District.

The proposed zoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

August 10, 2001
Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SECTION 4 FROM R-3 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-5 MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT

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11720 - 64th Street

Parcel 1: The NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 4, T5N, R9W, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, except the West 240 feet of the East 690 feet of the North 545 feet thereof.

Parcel 2: The North 1519.32 feet of the SE 1/4 of Section 4, T5N, R9W, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, except the East 1256.64 feet thereof. Also, except the West 230 feet of the North 370 feet of the East 1486.64 feet thereof.

Parcel 3: The North 1519.32 feet of the East 1256.64 feet of the SE 1/4 of Section 4, T5N, R9W, except a parcel of land described as beginning at the East 1/4 post of Section 4, thence West 1256.64 feet; thence South 560 feet, more or less, to the center of the ditch (running in a Northwesterly-Southeasterly direction); thence Southeasterly along the center of the ditch to the center of the County drain; thence Southeasterly along the center of the County drain to the East line of Section 4; thence North along the East line of Section 4, to the place of beginning. Except also that part of the SE 1/4, Section 4, T5N, R9W, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 4; which is S00°00'W 1126.32 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 4; thence S00°00'W 393.0 feet along said East line; thence N89°03'20"W 660.0 feet along the South line of the North 1519.32 feet of said SE 1/4; thence N00°00'E 703 feet more or less to the centerline of a County drain; thence Northeasterly 68 feet more or less along said centerline to the centerline of Pratt Lake Creek; thence meandering Southeasterly along the centerline of Pratt Lake Creek to the place of beginning.

(P.P. #41-24-04-300-009, 41-24-04-400-016, and 41-24-04-400-029)

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-172-103-DE

Estate of SHARON ANNE BROWN

Date of birth: 05/29/1943

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, SHARON ANNE BROWN, who lived at 11723 Old Belding Rd., Belding, Michigan, died 08/12/2001. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-172,099 DE

Estate of DONALD R. MOYER, Sr.

SSN: 363-30-9134

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DONALD R. MOYER, Sr., who lived at 1731 Nagel S.W., Wyoming, Michigan, died July 6, 2001. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims

against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to BETTYE R. MOYER, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Matt Barry: Recovers fumble in endzone for touchdown; returns interception 38 yards for a touchdown.

Bill Harrison: Returns interception 29 yards for a touchdown.

Mark Catlin rushes the ball for 108 yards and scores two touchdowns.

Travis DeVoid rushes for 103 yards.

Jason Craig kicks an 18-yard field goal.

GO TEAM WIN GO TEAM

Lowell misses on opportunities in loss to high-powered Jenison

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell, the defending O-K White girls basketball champion, had plenty of opportunities to make good things happen, but didn't as Jenison, the defending OK Red champion, outscored the Red Arrows 8-0 over the final six minutes to earn a 38-31 win.

"We executed but did not finish," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley. "We had plenty of opportunities."

Lowell was cold as ice from the perimeter and failed to get the ball inside. "We didn't look inside and when we did, it wasn't a good look," Crowley said.

The Lowell defense, however, kept the Red Arrows close against a fine shooting Wildcat club.

"We didn't shoot real well and that gets to you mentally,"

Jenison coach, Brenda Johnson said. "Lowell covered our cuts pretty well. It was our first game of the year, a chance to get all the nerves out and we got a good win against a quality opponent."

The Red Arrows started the game on a 7-3 run with baskets from Leslie Crowley, Lauren Vashaw and Blair Meyer.

Lowell led 12-9 after the first quarter, but Jenison rallied in the second quarter, outscoring Lowell 13-4 to take a 22-18 halftime lead.

The Red Arrows cut the deficit to two at 30-28, after three quarters of play. Lowell played nearly the entire second half without Leslie Crowley, who is still recovering from summer knee injury.

"I thought we played well defensively and I thought our

press slowed Jenison down," Crowley said. "We played half of the basketball game without Leslie and had opportunities to win the game."

Vashaw led all Lowell scorers with seven points. Becky Bossard and Kendra Gallert each tallied six points apiece while Meyer and Crowley chipped in with four.

"Kendra is not a freshman. She has too much basketball experience and does not play at a freshman level," Crowley said of her prized freshman guard.

Alison Park led the sharpshooting Wildcats with 15 points (five three-pointers). Mary Schmidt tallied 10 and Niki Reams added seven.

Lowell hosts Byron Center on Thursday.

Gunberg's lead Lowell netters past Union; Red Arrows fall to Lakewood

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split its open two nonconference duals with Grand Rapids Union and Lakewood.

The Red Arrows defeated Union 5-3 and lost to Lakewood 6-2.

"We did not play very well against Lakewood, but we received some strong singles play in our win over Union," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said.

The Red Arrows won all four of their games at singles. Jenny Gunberg, number one singles, made quick work of Union's Magan Kuzma 6-0, 6-0.

"Jenny is hitting the ball solidly and is stronger this year. She's playing well early," Wall said.

Mandy Gunberg, second singles, defeated Christie VanEyck in three sets 7-5, 1-6, 7-6(7-1).

"Mandy's win in the

Union match was the deciding point. She came through for us. She's a consistent, smart player," Wall said.

Showing good hustle and the ability to get to balls all over the court, Heather Geelhoed (third singles) defeated Katie VandenHyde 6-3, 7-6(7-6).

The consistent play of Kristie Noall bested Tricia

Datema 6-3, 6-0 in fourth singles.

Lowell's only win in doubles play was handed in by the fourth doubles team of Melissa Blattner and Stevie Thompson. They upended Sara DeVoogd and Andrea LaForge 6-2, 6-2.

In the Red Arrows' loss to Lakewood, Lowell's only wins came at number one singles and fourth doubles.

Jenny Gunberg was outstanding in her 6-2, 6-1 win over Tracy Barbour.

Blattner and Thompson ran their record to 2-0 with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Lakewood's Lynn Graham and Amanda Livingston.

"They moved to the ball well, demonstrated quick hands and played aggressively," Wall said.

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Lowell defeated Grand Rapids Baptist, 11-0; Greenville, 2-1; Kenowa Hills, 3-1; Grand Rapids Baptist, 8-1; Greenville, 3-1; and Kenowa Hills, 11-1.

Pictured above, front row, left to right, are: Lynda Horsley, Ashlee Jones; second row: Maranda Morris, Tara DesJarden, Abbie Debiak, Emily Timpson, Lerin Bommarito, Emerson Graves; third row: Stephanie Wagner, Taylor Verden, Melodie Dernocoer, Mallree Trierweiler, Amanda Rau, Jessica Visser and Sarah Smith.

Not pictured are Emily Gerard, Roya Eshragh, Sandra Wisniewski and Patty Leasure.

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Eleanor Green

Breakfast fuels cheer, chatter and recognition for some of school district's most important employees

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As first days of school go, Aug. 29, 2001 will not be remembered kindly by Lowell bus drivers.

No, the kids were their refreshing first-day-of-school hyper selves; the buses were running as smoothly as the state police commendations suggest; however, construction, detours and delays on the main bus thoroughfares used to deliver 2,600 kids safely to and from school were cluttered and blocked by Kent County Road Commission vehicles and workers.

Vergennes Road is being repaved; Grand River Drive

is under bike path construction, leaving the amount of roadway for buses to pass in some stretches not much wider than a bike path.

Thursday morning, following their second morning run of the new school year, roughly 35 bus drivers; school transportation director, Larry Mikulski; Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke; and school board president, Pete Gustafson gathered at Keiser's for the ninth annual appreciation breakfast hosted by Lowell's Dave Thompson.

"I was having breakfast at Keiser's about nine years ago when I observed a table full of women (about six) having a good time, laughing and

obviously comparing stories about something," explains Thompson on how the event got started. "I finally asked a waitress who they were. She said they were Lowell bus drivers and it was the first day of school."

Impressed by their good nature, Thompson paid for the bus drivers' tab before he left Keiser's. In the following week's Ledger, the bus drivers thanked the mysterious man who bought them breakfast.

A year later, the same scene played out - this time the drivers asked Thompson if he was the gentleman who bought them breakfast a year before.

Thompson concurred, and repeated his act of kindness and appreciation.

"I decided after year two, that all the bus drivers deserved breakfast and so I started to invite everyone," Thompson said. "As they say,

the rest is history."

After finishing with chatter, cheer and breakfast, Thompson presented a little homemade award to Howard Burton for driving a bus the most miles during the 2000-01 school year.

Not present at the breakfast, but also receiving awards were Janet Bieri for the most



Lowell bus driver Howard Burton was the recipient of a plaque for driving the most miles during the 2000-01 school year.

years of service (33) as a Lowell bus driver and Lowell bus mechanics Leo Bowen and Duane Hamilton for the numerous commendations they have received from the State Police.

"The breakfast is a fun time. It is also an opportunity for me to thank the bus drivers and mechanics for the wonderful service they provide our schools and community," Thompson said.

Both Bleke and Gustafson echoed

Thompson's remarks.

"My thanks and gratitude for your work. Lowell is a big, sprawling district and your service is appreciated," Gustafson said.

Bleke concluded, "People don't always take the time to say 'thank you'. I think Dave and his wife Jan have gone above and beyond the call of duty to say thank you to the district's bus drivers. I want to thank them for that."



Lowell Area Schools bus mechanics, Leo Bowen and Duane Hamilton, standing with Larry Mikulski, left, are presented plaques by Jan Thompson, right, for the numerous commendations they have received for their work in the district.



Janet Bieri, left, is presented with a plaque from Dave Thompson, right, for her 33 years of service as a Lowell bus driver. Pictured in the middle is Lowell Schools' transportation director Larry Mikulski.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday September 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows:

Article III Zoning Districts, Section 201.308 "C" Commercial District:

The proposed amendments are to modify the current "C" Commercial section to rename as "GC" General Commercial District and provide for permitted uses and special exception uses and clarifications for the current commercial districts. A new district and section 201.3085 "CC" Community Commercial District is proposed to be added. This section is to provide for a village atmosphere of small-scale commercial, office and residential land uses and includes permitted and special exception uses, dimensional and design standards, open space and landscaping standards, lot size and use restrictions.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331-Phone: (616) 897-5651 [fax 897-5674] or on our web site www.vergennestwp.org. Click on "Ordinances", click on link to "Proposed Ordinance Amendments" to view the proposed language. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

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