

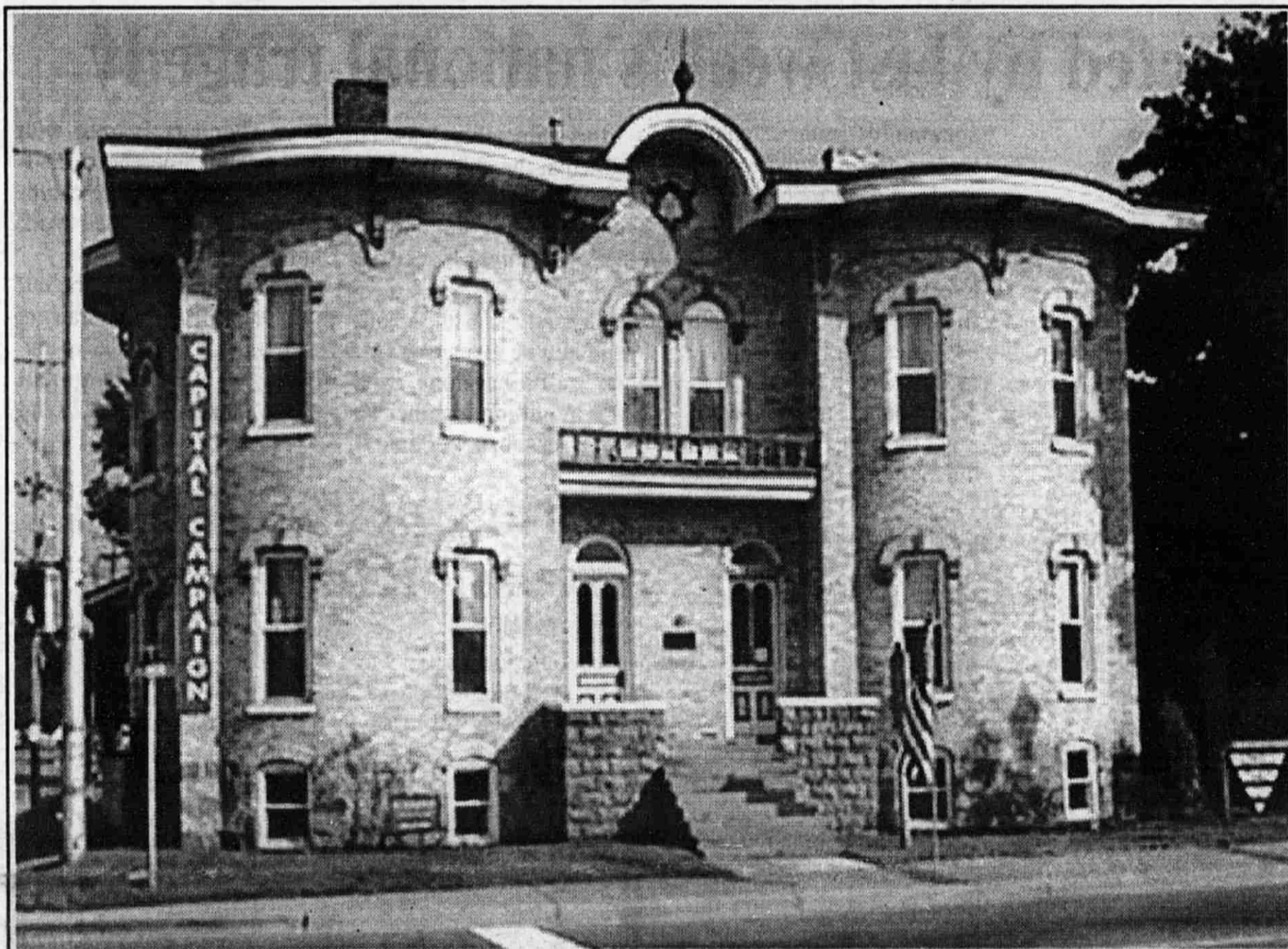
# The Lowell Ledger

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## Museum grand opening slated for Saturday



The Graham Building, built in 1873 and last used as a public library, officially becomes the Lowell Area Historical Museum on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will celebrate its grand opening this Saturday, Sept. 22.

A ribbon-cutting and celebration including music by the Brass Ensemble of the 126th Army Band, cake, punch and games for children will be part of the festivities. Museum boardmembers are excited to finally bring the museum to reality and will be on hand for this celebration which will begin at 1 p.m.

The museum's main entrance will be from the west door off of the Main St. (south) side of the building. The old library entrance that was on the west side of the building will no longer be used. At the north side of the building is a new handicap ramp and entrance.

The historic Graham Building at 325 W. Main St. will once again welcome the public through its doors, this time as the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Built by Robert Graham in 1873 for his family and his wife's parents, this Italianate style building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"This museum has been made possible by the efforts of many dedicated volunteers, generous financial contributors and community support over many years," remarked museum president, Jim Doyle. "We believe Lowell area residents and visitors to Lowell will be impressed with what has been accomplished inside the museum," Doyle added.

The building was placed on the National Register for two reasons. The first was for its occupant, Ernest Graham, the son of Robert and Emma Post Graham, who went on to fame as founding principal of the Chicago architectural firm, Graham, Anderson, Probst and White. This firm designed and built buildings all over the world including the Wrigley Building, Marshal Fields and the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, the U. S. Post Office in Washington D.C., Chase National Bank in New York and Selfridges in

London, England.

The second reason the building is on the National Register is for its architecture. It represents a fine example of the Italianate style with its tall height, deep-bracketed eaves and narrow windows. "The building has a graceful beauty with its curving bays," remarked Steve Doyle, chairperson of the historic district commission. "It is an impressively large structure for a home and one can only imagine what people thought when it was built 124 years ago."

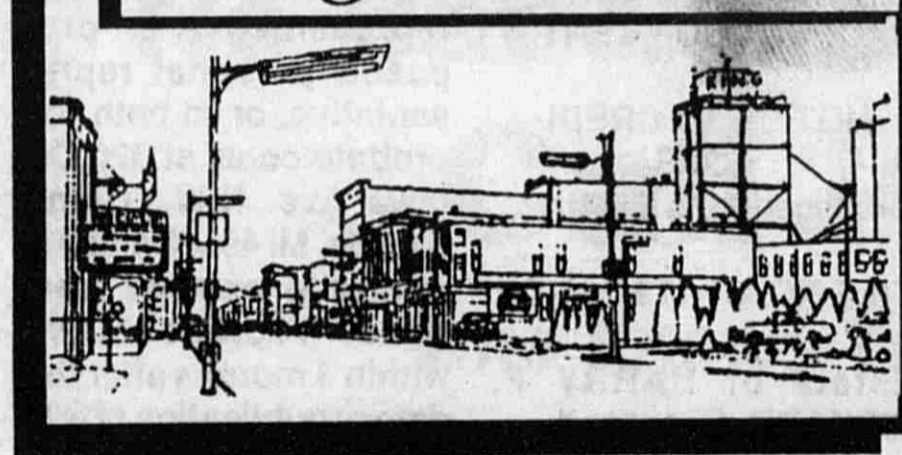
From 1923 to 1997 the Graham building served as the Lowell Library. Many Lowell area citizens have fond memories of spending time there as a child for "story hour" or as an adult selecting the latest best seller. "The Graham home has always been a friendly sight on the corner of Main and Hudson streets," commented Lowell resident, Julie Cantrell. "It will be nice for everyone to be able to spend time there again."

The museum will feature four main rooms displaying Lowell area history. The first room visitors will see upon entering is the 1872 Period Entry, decorated in an authentic Victorian style with hand-printed wallpaper and historic lighting. The next room is the Early History Room that features exhibits displaying early Native American life, fur trading, Lowell settlers, logging, railroads and milling. "This is my favorite exhibit," remarked Luanne Kaeb who has been working to help create the museum exhibits. "The birch bark wigwam and settlers cabin are fun exhibits yet give a real sense of what life was really like during these early times," Kaeb added.

The Industry and Retailing Room will be the third exhibit space visitors will enter on their tour through the museum. Here, exhibits depict the formation and growth

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### Along Main Street



#### ENTERTAINMENT DISCOUNT BOOKS

Dine at your favorite restaurants, enjoy top local and national attractions, save on airfare, cruises, car rentals and over 1,600 hotels, plus much more - all at up to 50 percent off.

Purchase the Entertainment Discount Book from any Lowell Women's Club member or call 897-8107. Proceeds will benefit Lowell High School scholarships.

#### NATURE'S DESIGN - A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION

On view now through Oct. 27 at the Lowell Area Arts Council is a black and white photography exhibition of images by West Michigan artists.

#### POTTERY PALACE TO HELP RED CROSS

The Pottery Palace, located at 209 W. Main, Lowell, is conducting a fundraiser from Sept. 22 - Oct. 6. They will donate 10 percent of their total sales to the Red Cross. If you wish to help, please call 897-8887.

#### WANTED: PUMPKINS & GOURDS

If you would be able to donate pumpkins and/or gourds to the Fallasburg Fall Festival, held on Sept. 29 and 30, please call the LAAC at 897-8545.

#### 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.

#### POP BOTTLE RECYCLING

The Class of 2003 will be coming around the Lowell community on Saturday, Sept. 22 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to collect pop bottles. They would appreciate your support.

#### BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO YOUR AREA

The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. The Lowell and Alto Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be promoting this event starting Friday, Sept. 21 by talking to people in the community, asking that you donate blood. This is their way of helping with the American Crisis.

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

#### HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

Hunter Safety classes will be starting Monday, Oct. 1 at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St. Offered Monday and Wednesday, 6-8:30 p.m. \$6 fee to cover materials, etc. Call 897-8720 for information.

#### GROUPS WANTED FOR HOMECOMING PARADE

Any group or organization interested in participating in the Friday night, Oct. 5 homecoming parade should call Curt Kaeb at the high school (897-4125) or home (897-7445). Lineup is at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

#### FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL OCTOBERFEST

Creekside Park will be the setting for Octoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 6 beginning at 1 p.m. Join the Friendship Country Chapel for a day of fun and games, fellowship and dinner.

#### SAVE THOSE NEWSPAPERS!!!

A drop-off truck will be available at the Lowell High School from Oct. 19 thru Oct. 21 for your newspapers. Please help support the Lowell High School Girls Softball team by donating yours! If you have any questions, call Lorrie at 868-6365.

### INSIDE THE LEDGER



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Girls #1!  
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# Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre  
First Congregational Church

This past week, September 11, 2001 and beyond, we as a nation have been shocked and horrified as we have watched, first the unconscionable strike against humanity as two planes crashed into the twin towers, and then the death and destruction that has continued to unfold to us as volunteers and city personnel work to extricate people from the rubble in New York and in Washington. We have been dealt a great tragedy and we mourn with those thousands of families whose loved ones have perished.

If those who planned such a despicable act believed that we would be crushed, hampered by fear and psychologically disabled by such horror, they have underestimated the strength of spirit that burns in the hearts of a free American society. We know a power that is greater than fear and horror. A power that has always resided and continues to reside in the hearts of those who know the salvation and wholeness of faith in a loving, almighty and sustaining God. When facing such an awesome terror, we cry "Abba Father," knowing as Jesus knew, that all things are possible to God and that the evil of human imagination cannot destroy the hope and resolve of those who walk in the light of God's eternal love.

As a nation we mourn for those who were victimized by the hate and evil of a few misguided and radical extremists. We cry out to our God as the psalmist in Psalm 55: "Give ear to my prayer, O God: do not hide yourself from my supplication ... My heart is in anguish within me, the terrors of death have

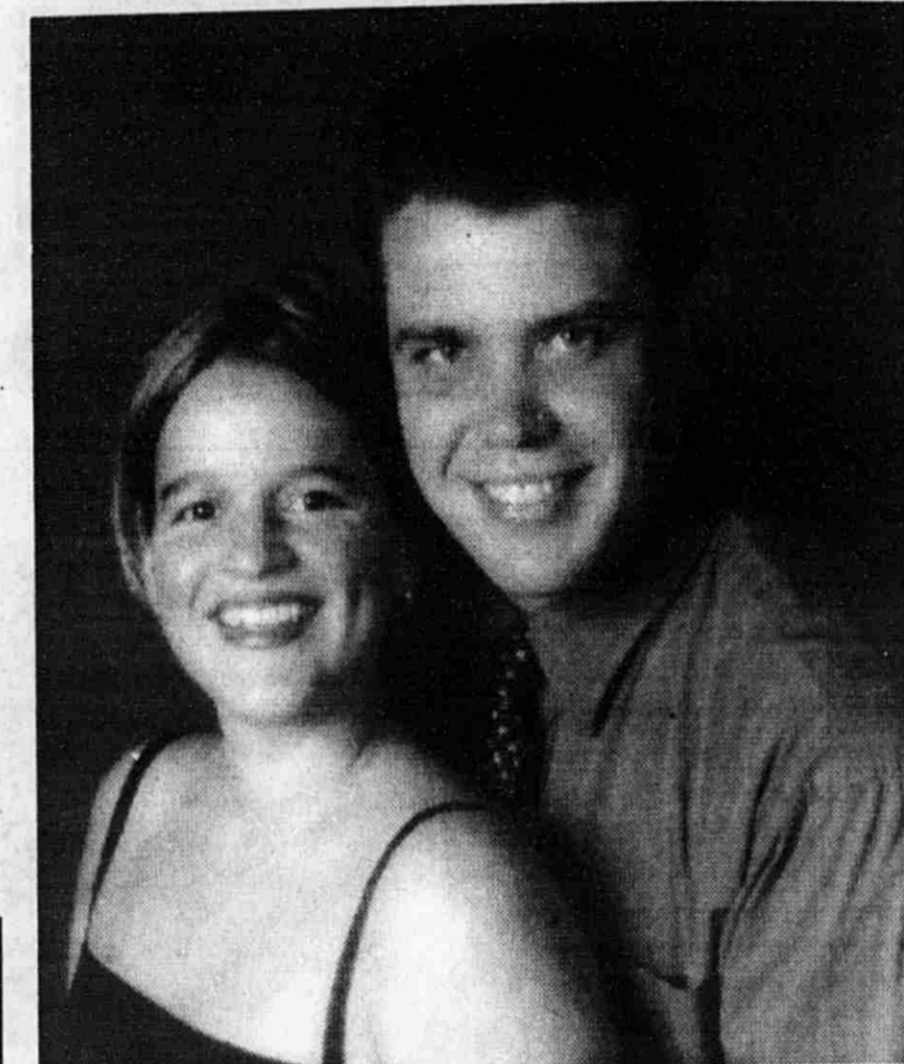
fallen upon me. Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me." And even in the midst of our cry we recognize that the evil imaginations of people's minds are but nothing in comparison to the awesome and healing power of God's eternal love. We recognize that even God must cry tears of anguish and pain as God recognizes the misuse humanity makes of human freedom when one chooses death and destruction over choosing life. Out of our fear and trembling our hearts grasp the hope and love of which Christ speaks and we can say with the psalmist, "But I call upon God, and the Lord will save me." (Psalm 55:16). We can stand firm in the strength of the Lord and know "... neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, [nor terrorists], nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38b-39)

## Idema/Korman plan New Year's Eve wedding

Jennifer Idema and Kevin Korman will marry on New Year's Eve in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Parents of the Atlanta couple are Peggy Idema of Lowell and the late Steve Idema, and Kevin and Charlene Korman of Dickson City, Pennsylvania. The bride-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School and the University of Michigan, and is currently obtaining her master's degree in counseling at Georgia State University. The groom-elect graduated from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and is a software consultant for Meta Chain, Inc., in Atlanta.

Terrorism can inflict destruction and death, even move a nation to shock and mourning and anger in the wake of so senseless an act of inhumanity to people. But terrorism has no power over the human spirit anchored in the faith and hope we know through the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. We know an extraordinary power that comes from God in Christ. As the Apostle Paul reminds us: "...this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from humans. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." (2 Corinthians 4:7-9)

In these days, let our lives be united in our faith in God so our actions may unite us in the ways of healing and thoughtful response.



Jennifer Idema and Kevin Korman

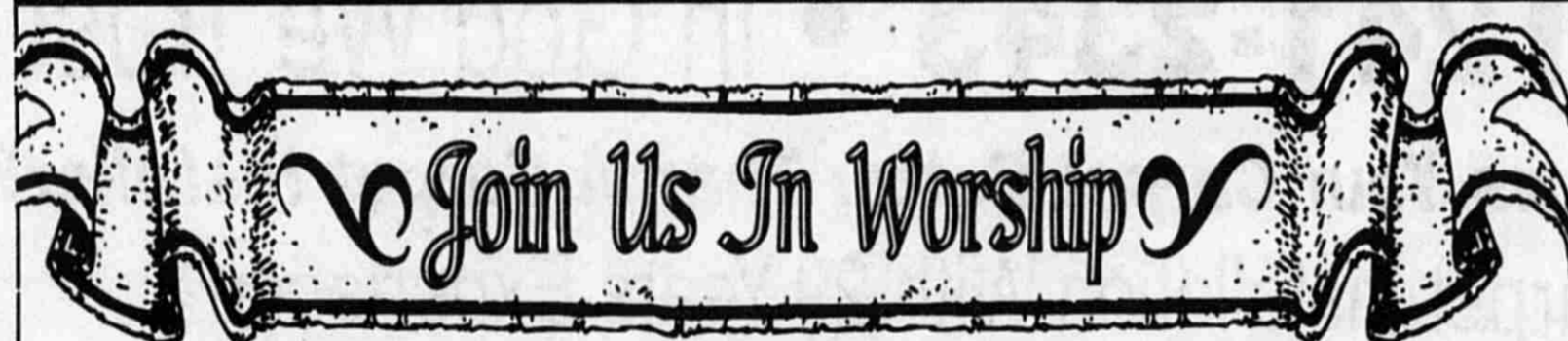
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 20: Donald Rittersdorf Jr., Patrick Parish, Mitchell Walling.  
SEPT. 21: Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno.  
SEPT. 22: Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes.  
SEPT. 23: Steve VanLaan.  
SEPT. 24: Hillary Boss, Kenneth Gregersen II, David Powell, Clara King.  
SEPT. 25: Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier.  
SEPT. 26: Micah Soyka, Ila Phillips, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.

## COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 1,208 students completed the requirements for certificates, associates, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design during winter 2001 semester. Included on the list were Loren M. Quador and Tara E. Dennis of Lowell and Celena N. Risner of Alto. Students graduating with honors are recognized for high academic achievement on the basis of grade point averages computed on a 4.00 scale.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



### CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL

Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060  
1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday School ..... 11:20 A.M.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Nursery available at both services  
Barrier-Free

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

621 E. Main Street • 897-5936  
Worship Sundays.....8:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

REV. B. GORDON BARRY  
Nursery & child care available at both services  
Barrier - Free Entrance

### EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH

10501 Sattlemood • Ph. 897-7185  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 A.M.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 P.M.

Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.  
GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110  
STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
(Barrier-Free)

### CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)

3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery  
Robert W. Holmes, Pastor  
Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor  
Jason Greer, Children & Young Adults

SUNDAYS:  
Worship: 10:00 & 6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAYS:  
Family Night: (for All Ages) 7 p.m.  
Generation Jacob Youth: 7:00 p.m.

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)  
Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21

www.iserv.net/~goodshop  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
(Nursery available)

Wednesday Evening ..... 7:00 P.M.  
Joseph Fremmer, Pastor 897-8307  
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

### APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

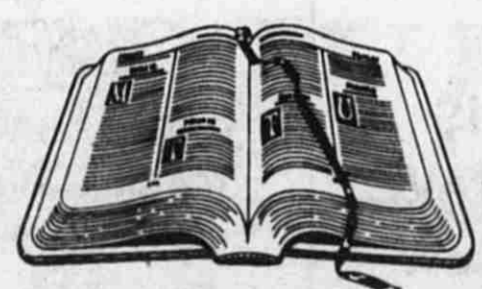
Sunday Services 10:00 A.M.  
at the Cherry Creek Elementary School  
12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331  
CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES

Pastor Robert L. Hubbard  
Phone: (616) 241-1739  
email: aplighthouse@yahoo.com

### LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

201 N. Washington • 897-8800  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Family Ministry ..... 7:00 P.M.

PASTOR TIM DESHAW  
Staffed Nursery Provided  
Barrier-Free Entrance



### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

2275 West Main Street • 897-7168  
Internet: http://www.fbcloowell.org  
Rev. Burland Margesson & Rev. W. Lee Taylor  
Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor

Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday School Hour ..... 11:00 A.M.  
AWANA/JV ..... Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M.  
Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times  
Nursery Provided • Barrier Free

### ALTON BIBLE CHURCH

Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road  
897-5648

Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Praise ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday AWANA ..... 7:00 P.M.  
(Sept. - April)  
Prayer and Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.  
Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418  
YOU ARE WELCOME!

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL

(United Church of Christ)  
404 North Hudson • 897-5906

Worship and Church School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Dr. Roger LaWarre ..... Pastor  
Megan MacNaughton ..... Music Director  
Barrier-Free ..... Nursery Provided  
Come Join Us For Praise & Worship



Week of 9/24 - 9/28

### ELEMENTARY

MON: Chicken nuggets & biscuit or ham & cheese sub sandwich, whipped potatoes, cherries & whipped cream.

TUES: Italian dunkers with meat sauce & cheese stick or crispito w/cheese stick & roll, applesauce, peas.

WED: Soft shell chicken taco or corn dog on stick, pears, oven fries, chocolate pudding.

THURS: Pepperoni pizza or ravioli w/cheese & bread & butter, whole kernel corn, apricots & cherries.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch. Pancake dippers or assorted cereal, scrambled eggs, juice choice, fresh fruit.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

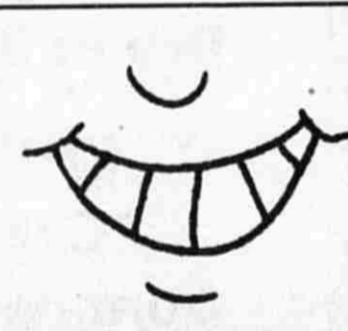
MON: Italian dunkers w/meat sauce & cheese stick or egg, ham & cheese on a bagel, cherries, vegetable choice.

TUES: Chili w/2 soft pretzels or chicken Cordon Bleu on bun, applesauce, peas.

WED: Chicken nuggets or pizza pocket, bread choice, whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit.

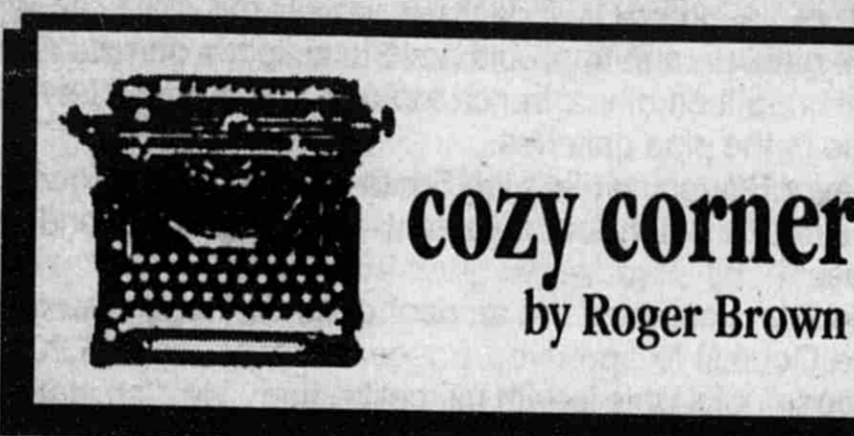
THURS: Oriental Bar. Steamed rice, crispy noodles, sweet & sour chicken, beef stir fry, oriental veggies, fresh fruit, rolls, fortune cookie.

FRI: Pizza wedge or cook's choice, fruit choice, vegetable choice.



Lucy Hobbs Taylor was the first American woman to receive a degree in dentistry. She practiced from 1867 to 1907.

# Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner  
by Roger Brown

I flew from Michigan to my Florida job on Monday the tenth. I don't have to tell you how fortunate my timing was, nor will I try to tell you anything new about the events that have transpired since. The last thing anyone needs about now is another person's opinion on all of this ... especially mine. Over these troubling days I've made several half-hearted attempts to avoid a total addiction to television news coverage. One of these distractions was the September edition of Men's Journal, a rather cheesy magazine I subscribe to, mostly because it's cheap. It's cheap because it is mostly advertisements, but the limited text is light, well written and entertaining. Oh, and I always find it remarkable how many good looking women they can work into ads pushing men's clothing, motorcycles and fast cars.

I want to share with you a brief article from this month's issue. Some might call this plagiarism, but since I'm not going to repeat it verbatim, I hope to get away with it. Besides, I'm a subscriber and should be granted certain privileges. The article appears under a photograph of a guy in a spacesuit, cradling a helmet under his arm. There is a rocket of some sort in the background. The title of the piece is, "Out to Launch." It caught my eye! The guy's name is Brian Walker, 45, of Bend, Oregon. Remember that name. He may some day be as famous as Larry Walters. Who's Larry Walters?!?! Why, he's the adventurous truck driver who soared to 14,000 feet over Southern California in a Sears lawn chair tied to a couple dozen surplus weather balloons. He took along a six pack of beer and CB radio to communicate with his girlfriend on the ground. He's been one of my biggest heroes in life since his one and only flight roughly 20 years ago.

According to the article, Walker is building a hydrogen peroxide powered rocket that will, in theory, launch him into a suborbital space mission. The rocket is 26 feet tall and he intends to blast off in May of 2002 from Oregon's Alvord

Desert. Would I kid you? Walker is an inventor of stuff. He has a hovercraft and a personal submarine to his credit, but most of the royalties come from toys like the AirBazooka. Sounds like Brian hasn't quite grown up. Funding for Earthstar One has so far come from toy royalties ... about \$250,000 worth. Why didn't I think of that AirBazooka thing?

Brian does it all. He gets up real early, spends a couple hours on the web, then goes to work on the rocket. He builds the molds, machines the parts, welds the metal and sweeps the shop. At least there won't be any liability claims on workmanship if things don't go as planned. The plan is to blast off, accelerate for 90 seconds burning off all the fuel. Then, much like a shuttle launch, the fuel tank separates and the capsule, with our man Brian in it, keeps cruising for another five minutes at mach 4 (about 3,000 miles per hour) reaching an altitude of 35 miles. Cool! Brian will be protected by a surplus Russian cosmonaut spacesuit which costs \$70,000. The article doesn't say where he picked it up. The Russians might have a second-hand spacesuit shop, but I'll bet he got it off the internet. You can get anything on the net. In fact, Brian's Russian fiancée came from an internet match-making service. She'll cost him more than \$70,000, I'll bet.

According to plan, after reaching the zenith of his flight, a parachute will deploy and he will float back to earth. Hopefully, he'll land just down range from his launch site and triumphantly leap from his capsule. I love this quote from Brian, "In a perfect world, I'd have several dozen Hooters' girls there waiting." How about the neighbors? Brian says, "It's a free planet, and if I want to leave it, who's going to stop me? In the worst possible case scenario, if the FAA won't let me do it, I'll just tow the thing down to Mexico or take it offshore." My kinda guy! Just to give us some insight to this man's mind, there is one more great quote from Brian. He says, "If I ever had to go back to a traditional job, I'd put Jack Kevorkian's number on speed dial." I hate to tell him this, but with projects like Earthstar One in his future, he probably isn't going to need Dr. Jack's services.

Doesn't this guy make you proud to be an American? I'm serious. The freedom to be different, weird, whacky and in control of your own destiny is what this country is all about. I'm proudly flying an American Flag on my front porch to show support for the nation as these horrific events unfold around us. But, that flag was there before last Tuesday. To me, it's also a symbol of support for guys like Brian Walker. Go Brian, Go!

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We, the committee of the First annual Lowell Area Health Fair, wish to thank everyone who was a part of the health fair and the Lowell community for its support. The fair's success was due to all who participated whether it be as a provider with a booth or a visitor seeking information.

In particular, we wish to thank the Lowell area community for funding this event and making it possible. We also wish to thank Liz Baker and the Riverwalk Committee, the Lowell Fire Dept., the custodians at Unity High School, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, the Lowell YMCA Wellness Center, Baudville, Inc., Bonnie Osborne, Meijer Pharmacy, Family Fare and the Family Fare Pharmacy, Dery Physical Therapy, the March of Dimes, and Grand Valley Health Plan. Appreciation also goes to those who volunteered their time to help set up, man booths, and take down the fair.

Special thanks also go out to our families and friends who helped and supported us as we organized this event.

Sincerely, Cindy Kehoe chairperson  
First annual Lowell Area Health Fair Committee

Dear Ledger,

It is rumored that I think I know everything. This is not true. Cold fusion is a mystery to me.

In a very short period of time on our patch, one could note with both real and grim satisfaction the workings of local government. Beginning with the first and best:

Lowell Townshipians saw the value of living in a small jurisdiction in two good-natured melees sponsored by the Planning Commission at Township Hall. After a vigorous publicity effort, the Commission and their consultant emptied the bars and brothels, seeking ideas for the new master plan. It was quite a sight, a combination of the Chicago Board of Trade and the old Democracy Wall in Peking. We wish them luck in making sense of the pile of imperfectly differentiated data.

The second was less inspiring but more traditional, and had vast planning implications. In a meeting with the Kent County Road Commission on 13th September, Supervisor Timpon as head of deputation quietly asked (again?) for a Grand River bridge at Snow. It was prominent on our officials' agenda. You see, they want to create a "high capacity facility" (using the lingo of highway planning), and not incidentally a truck route along our western border. This was one of those needs brought

before the Commission "for the good of the Township."

In terms of broad public policy -- and at the risk of seeming small -- the total package, a shake and bake on Snow and a bridge/ causeway over the Grand with an interchange at the river road, is an expensive proposition. I do not recall if our Board's delegation suggested that it be built with private donations. You see, "Let the private sector take care of it," is fine when you are trying to keep someone else out of the public purse. I am shocked. Are we not experiencing the rebirth of virtue: fiscal restraint, "less reliance on government," "do more with less?" George F. Will and Bill Kristol talk that way, to think nothing of political luminaries much closer to home. . . But they does not need a lot of jack for a new bridge.

I am all for an "improved" Snow, gobs of County, State, and Federal funding spent right down home. I also want to abolish zoning, because Kissing Rock Farm would be, um, sitting pretty. Be of good cheer; I would not entirely vanish. I would send you postcards from Martinique in my improving French. I will videotape infomercials on how to "build wealth," whilst grinding out scholarship for the Acton Institute on the folly of a government guaranteed utopia. (Hey querida, traigame another mint julep. Stirred, not shaken.)

G.M. Ross

Dear Editor,

At our Friday night football game on September 14, the Lowell Athletic Boosters collected \$470 for the New York Disaster Fund, earmarked for the American Red Cross. It is heartwarming to see the unity between our communities and our whole nation to help our fellow Americans in New York.

On behalf of the Athletic Boosters, I would like to thank Dan and Pat Nowak of Saranac Foods for donating the plastic canisters and Angie Nowak for her time and talent in making the canister labels. And finally, a big thank you to the LHS and FHN high school fans for their generosity in this time of tragedy. God Bless America.

Sincerely,

Kim Foster -LHS Athletic Boosters vice president

### National P.O.W. Day • Sept. 21

Lord, shelter the prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. Open the hearts and minds of their captors that they may be restored to their homes and loved ones.

Each has carried the burden of battle. Each has discharged an obligation of his country. Each has been subjected to hazard, pain and imprisonment beyond the lot of the soldier.

O Lord, these gallant men who bear so great a burden must not be forsaken. God of Justice to whom we pray, Thy compassion was beseeched: Lift their burden, give them strength and strike the shackles that deny them freedom.



By  
Priscilla Lussmyer

## Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1876

Bowne has a diphtheria epidemic. The YMOC (Young Men's Quadrille Club) will have a prize party Saturday for the best waltzers. Prizes are displayed in Kopf's window.

The Tennessee Jubilee Singers, a "celebrated troupe of colored warblers," will perform at Train's Hall Wednesday and Thursday.

Japan has a new, successful postal system, and the "Post office" signs are in English.

A fight between street gangs resulting in a stabbing death is reported from New York City.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 22, 1887.

Ad: "Did it ever occur to you that you might do better? Try us: Robertson & Son."

The furniture factory dam went out, but should be repaired in a week. Cost: \$100.

The editor agitates for a Lowell fair. Everyone else has one; the Ionia Fair is at the end of September.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 23, 1926

Ambitious thieves stole 100 of Joe Shear's chickens, plus digging up about 20 bushels of his potatoes and somehow getting everything into two autos last Friday night near White's Bridge.

Common Council orders Lowell citizens to return to Standard Time next Saturday night. Turn clocks back one hour.

A kettle of roofing tar being heated on the kitchen stove to be used on gutters, boils over, catches fire and the resulting thick smoke coats everything in the house.

The women's page tells how to peel peaches and apricots with hot lye water.

Congress will have to act on the matter of licensing radio stations to use copyrighted music.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1951

The new trespass law allows farmers to order trespassers off their land. Formerly trespassers were considered such only if they were hunting or causing damage.

A new front-page feature tells about this fall's football team. Dick Bryan, Dale Brown and Pete Kelly are today's subjects.

The first of 100,000 barrels of propane gas to be stored at the new Cities Service propane plant, arrives in tank cars.

Sixteen illegal outhouses have been found within the village limits.

Kroger's application for a beer take-out license is refused by Village Council: no new beer licenses is the policy.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1976

Adults can sign up for Driver Training until this Friday. Don Beachum will be closing his furniture store, so a giant sale is in progress.

The fifth unit at Schneider Manor is being built. The first was built in 1970.

The Michigan Artrain will visit Lowell for 4-5 days before the year ends.

Christoff & Sons would like to purchase 2 1/2 acres of city-owned property on Gee Drive, for expansion.

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **TUESDAY, September 4, 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, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall and Planning Commissioner Jim Pfaller.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2001 regular meeting as written.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (09/04/01)

GENERAL FUND .....	\$100,199.13
MAJOR STREET FUND .....	5,082.04
LOCAL STREET FUND .....	1,423.06
DDA FUND .....	20,132.64
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND .....	40,943.04
BUILDING AND SITE FUND .....	4,685.00
AIRPORT FUND .....	17,010.82
WASTEWATER FUND .....	2,828.83
WATER FUND .....	48,292.28
DATA PROCESSING FUND .....	1,726.44
EQUIPMENT FUND .....	2,751.98
CURRENT TAX FUND .....	48,674.40
LOOK FUND .....	5,440.00

**Item #1. REQUEST TO EXTEND LAWN MOWING CONTRACT ONE YEAR.** At the November 15, 1999 meeting, the City Council approved the low bid of Horizons Lawn Maintenance (Alto) to mow the parks and public areas for two years at a cost of \$14,040 per year. Horizons has offered and Parks Supervisor Scott Fosburg has recommended to extend the contract one year covering the 2002 season at the same price.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden explained the request for a one-year extension. The last time the contract was submitted for bid, the other bids provided costs of \$20,000 and \$21,000.

DesJarden explained because of the sprinkling system, the fields would need to be mowed twice a week. Horizons has indicated they will mow the entire field in the beginning of the week and return toward the end of the week to mow the playing area only.

DesJarden stated next year bids would be sought again. Councilmember Myers questioned if DesJarden was satisfied with the service from Horizons. DesJarden responded yes.

DesJarden stated he and Fosburg would also want to switch the maintenance contract to a four- or five-year contract with the company receiving a cost of living increase each year.

Councilmember Green inquired if the extra time spent mowing the fields was included in the price. DesJarden responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to extend the lawn mowing contract with Horizons Lawn Maintenance at an annual cost of \$14,040 for the 2002 season.

Green wanted to amend the motion to state this is the price the City will pay for next year, which includes mowing the play fields twice a week. Shores accepted the amendment to the motion.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

### Item #2. WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

**A. Digging out east lime pit and disposal on site.** Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan explained the small lime pond is where the solids are collected from the water treatment process. Every three to ten years, the ponds need to be excavated.

At this time, the lime is being removed and is placed on site. It dissipates over time. Regan noted there are no contaminants in the lime.

The quotes received for the removing of the lime and disposal on site are as follows:

• O.E. Bieri and Sons, Inc.	60 - 70 hours	\$17,000 - \$20,000
• Young's Environmental Cleanup, Inc. (Comstock Park)		\$16,950
• Bill Reed Excavating and Trucking (Belding)	64 hours	\$21,888
• Shaler Excavating, Inc. (Saranac)		\$22,000

City Manager Pasquale noted one of the problems when reviewing the quotes involves not being an exact science to calculate the number of hours necessary to complete the digging up of the lime pit and then disposing it on the Water Treatment Plant site.

After reviewing the quotes, Regan and Pasquale recommended O.E. Bieri and Sons be awarded the project based on the uncertainty of hours needed to complete the job and the successful relationship with Bieri's to accomplish similar work.

Myers questioned if the lime is placed in a pile. Regan responded yes.

Myers asked if there was an order to it. Regan responded no. It simply appears as a pile of snow.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned if Regan had ever worked with Young's Environmental Cleanup, Inc. Regan responded he is only familiar with the work completed at the old gas station near Ball's Softee Creme.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by GREEN to approve the bid for O.E. Bieri and Sons, Inc. for the digging out of the east lime pit behind the Water Treatment Plant as well as its disposal to a maximum of \$20,000.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Purchase of two turbidimeters.** Councilmember Brubaker abstained from discussion due to conflict of interest.

Regan explained a turbidimeter is used to monitor the filtration rate of the water in a sense of solids or particulate matter, which may penetrate through the filters. Normal readings are measured in NTU units and allowed to rise to the level of .5 maximum containment level. The City normally operates at .01 to .02. When .05 is reached, break through the filters is started. A backwash is then scheduled. This is one of the perimeters used to decide when to clean the filters.

Two quotes were received as follows:

Smith Instrument, Inc.	\$4,440
RS Technical Service	\$5,100

Councilmember Green clarified the quote from Smith Instrument, Inc. did not include the installation while the quote from RS Technical Service did. Regan responded yes. It would cost \$800 to \$1,000 for installation. There would not be much of a price difference between the two companies.

Regan contacted the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) concerning the units being used today. The MDEQ indicated both use Great Lakes Instrument (GLI) in Grand Rapids and a Hach unit in Holland. These are working fine and there have been no problems.

Regan recommended Smith Instrument, Inc. for the fact the overall cost may be less. Both of the service representatives from each company have been very good to the City. Regan noted a representative from Smith Instrument comes to the plant every year to perform an annual calibration.

Regan explained the amount of \$450 for the calibrator and the cubicle is a separate item. This works for both

filters. He noted Hach does not provide this. With these, the plant personnel would have to collect a sample and calibrate it off of our bench top unit and then adjust the one in the pipe galleries.

Mayor Blough clarified the Smith Instrument, Inc. quote is a capital outlay for equipment only. Regan responded yes.

Blough questioned the amount of funds Regan wanted the Council to approve. Pasquale responded \$5,200. Regan noted this is with the calibration. He also stated it could be left out if the Council prefers.

Regan explained he wanted the unit simply for the fact of not having to rely upon a desktop unit and the lab. Myers stated unless there has been some negative experience with RS Technical, he would rather see the City use someone local. Regan noted both companies have been very good over the years.

Green stated he liked the idea of utilizing a local company. However, he would prefer going with the department head's recommendation.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the bid from Smith Instrument, Inc. not to exceed \$5,200 for the purchase of two turbidimeters for the Water Treatment Plant.

YEA: 3. (Councilmember Green, Shores and Mayor Blough)

NAY: 1. (Councilmember Myers)

ABSTAIN: 1. (Councilmember Brubaker)

MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. PRESENTATION OF FINAL SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE CITY HALL AND POLICE STATION PROJECT; CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH FISBECK, THOMPSON, CARR AND HUBER AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND PRESENTATION OF THE CEMETERY AND DPW BUILDINGS SCHEMATIC DESIGN.** Pasquale stated completion of the first phase culminates several months of work on the City Hall - Police Station project and also for the public works and cemetery buildings schematic designs. Tom Smith of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) was present for discussion.

City Manager Pasquale stated there needs to be a consideration of proceeding to the next step concerning the design development and construction scheduling. This amounts to \$61,000 plus reimbursable expenses. Amendment #1 also includes the \$2,700 for integrated construction management services, which the Council approved at the last meeting (August 20).

The final estimates for construction for these projects will be available at the next meeting. Bonding options will also be included.

Pasquale noted Smith would be attending the Downtown Historic District Commission meeting (September 5) to provide a review of the City Hall project for its review and consideration. In a near future date, this will also be brought before the Planning Commission for a site plan review.

Smith explained the process of the project. He noted the schematic design is almost completed. There will be a cost estimate at the end of each phase.

### City Hall - Police Station

Smith reviewed the City Hall - Police Station project. He explained the site plan displays the location of the City Hall.

The City has been in the process of acquiring property along Avery Street.

There is a parking lot of approximately 20 spaces on the east end of the Police Station.

Smith noted landscaping and sidewalk placement is just starting to be reviewed. The alley behind the Police Station is also being considered.

One addition to the plan includes nine new angled parking spaces between Overbeck Construction, Tummino & Tummino and Lowell Auto Body fronting on M-21.

The site plan indicated City Hall will be left where it currently is with the addition of a new Police Station. There will be a common entry into the City Hall and Police Station along North Monroe Street.

Smith reviewed a drawing which showed the exterior of the building. A few decisions still need to be made such as the color of the structure. The addition should be closely matched to the existing brick on City Hall.

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Smith believed Historic District Commission Chairman Steve Doyle was pleased with the direction so far.

There will be very little done to the roof of the existing part of City Hall. Most of the work will start from the roof edge down. The metal and overhang will be replaced. There are also numerous cracks in the brick. New mortar will be replaced throughout every joint. There are too many cracks and repairs which would be impossible to match the color to the existing mortar.

Smith indicated all of the windows would be replaced. He is working with a few window manufacturers to come up with a design, which closely resembles what is currently there.

There are several openings throughout the building. Rather than try to patch these openings with brick which doesn't match, these will be covered with cornices. This will make the old garage doors appear as old fire barn doors, but will actually be office windows.

The character of the existing City Hall will remain unchanged, only fresh and new.

In between the Police Station and the City Hall will be a common lobby. Once inside, the Police Station will be to the left and the City Hall to the right.

Because the City Hall and Police Station brick will be slightly different, glass between each is to be installed. The Police Station will have a partial sloping roof, hiding some of the mechanical equipment on top of the roof so that it can not be seen from the road.

The north side of the Police Station will consist of interior parking for the police cars and a garage door for access. The front of the City Hall will be cleaned.

There will be two entrances into City Hall. There was a desire from the building committee to maintain the existing entrance from the south side of the building, but also an entry from the common lobby on the north side. A hallway will connect both entries. The receptionist will be sitting in an area visible from either end. A waiting area with computers available for public use is to be installed. There will also be a secondary non-public hallway, which will provide access to the staff offices.

The bathrooms will be accessible from the lobby. The entire facility is planned to be served by new mechanical equipment.

The second floor will hold the Council Chambers, seating up to 100 people.

Councilmember Myers questioned how this addressed City Hall needs in the future. Pasquale responded the present and future needs were reviewed over the next 10 to 20 years in terms of staff needs. There is sufficient room within the bottom floor to address this. Additionally, the upstairs does provide some opportunities for future office space.

There will be a stairway and elevator in the common lobby to go upstairs. The majority of the space on the second floor will be used for Council Chambers. There will also be a large conference room seating approximately 14 individuals around one table. A kitchen will be accessible from either room. The remaining area will be used for storage.

Blough inquired if the Council Chambers could be used as a community room. Pasquale responded this could be a possibility.

Smith stated there was an in-depth analysis of the existing floor structure within the City Hall building. The samples taken indicated all of the elevated floors need to be removed and replaced with new construction. This is due to meeting the current building codes.

Blough was concerned there be a sufficient size room on the second floor for a community organization to meet. In reviewing the conference room, Blough questioned if the size could be increased. Smith responded this could be reviewed. Smith noted there is a double wall near the proposed conference room, which holds a steel beam which rises about six inches above the floor. Pasquale commented if the conference room and break area were moved to the south, this could provide additional seating. This would decrease the amount of room in the Council Chambers.

Pasquale noted the Council Chambers could be utilized in a number of different ways. The chairs and tables could be moved in any direction. There will be much flexibility.

Smith recalled the contract held with the design of the City Hall - Police Station. The contract was through the

entire process. The only items excluded are the fees, which are being handled step by step, due to many unknowns. The amendment submitted provided two parts. The first part is for the next phase consisting of design development, which basically takes what is completed to date and continues to develop. The fee for the design development portion is \$61,000. The second part deals with the contractual part of adding the \$2,700 for the construction management services, which was previously approved at the August 20 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the amendment for \$61,000 plus the reimbursable expenses for the City Hall - Police Station design project including \$2,700 for the construction management services.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Smith indicated the construction phases remain on schedule.

### DPW BUILDING

There will be a new DPW Storage Building on the back corner of the site. It will consist of an interior parking bay, wash bay and a storage room for signs. The other part of the project is a small addition to the existing DPW facility and will consist of primarily staff areas.

Smith noted a new road would be constructed to Broadway. The road is currently gravel but would be paved as part of the project. The building will match the Fire Station building in style.

### CEMETERY

The preferred location for the building is the northwest corner of the Oakwood Cemetery. The building will provide a parking area and an outdoor storage area, while at the same time maximizing the land in the cemetery for its intended use.

The building will be 1890 square feet. There will be an adjacent parking area and a fenced-in loading area with some concrete bins for topsoil.

The structure will consist of an equipment room with overhead doors, a small office, breakroom and a small workshop.

Pasquale noted the building would be located in the newest section of the cemetery. It will be an enormous improvement of what is currently there. The structure will also answer the long-term needs to the City in terms of upkeep of the cemetery.

Pasquale noted the next step would be to review the cost estimates and then bonding options. This will be presented at the next meeting. No further action was taken.

### Item #4. STATUS REPORT ON THE EAST MAIN - MONROE STREETS TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

Traffic Engineer Ed Swanson from Wade Trim provided an update on the traffic signal study, which was commissioned several months ago.

Swanson stated City Manager Pasquale had originally requested the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to review the Main - Monroe intersection for a traffic signal. The initial study found that such a signal would meet the traffic signal warrants. Because of this, MDOT requested a second study. Unfortunately, this one has not been completed at this time.

Pasquale mentioned obtaining a traffic light along M-21 is not easy. It is a very difficult process. Warrants need to be met in order for MDOT to justify a traffic light. By nature, they tend to be reluctant to add traffic lights so these are scrutinized very closely.

The need to add a traffic light to the east side of the community is due to vehicle traffic for turns and also for pedestrian traffic.

Mayor Blough questioned the date of the traffic study. Swanson responded August of 2000. This data was submitted to MDOT in October.

Swanson noted a request has also been submitted for turn signals at the Main and Hudson Streets intersection.

Swanson stated he is currently in the process of evaluating the truck route issue on Foreman Road. His firm will be contacting the individual (Garland Berry) who was concerned about this. A study should be completed within a few weeks. Blough noted Delores Alexander (820 N. Hudson St., who was previously in attendance) might have some concerns regarding this. He suggested Swanson contact her.

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

**Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores congratulated Liz Baker and the Chamber of Commerce along with the volunteers concerning the success of the Riverwalk Festival held on Saturday, September 1.

Councilmember Green was in agreement with Shores. It was a beautiful day and a great time on the river.

Councilmember Myers questioned the status of the Compensation Commission and asked if they meet. City Manager Pasquale responded the Commission meets in the fall of every other year. Boardmember Roger La Warre will be taking a survey from similar size communities concerning the compensation of elected officials. Myers inquired if the Commission would review other Boards and Commissions. Pasquale responded no. According to the ordinance, the Board strictly reviews elected officers. He noted the appointed Boards and Commissions are under the Council's purview with changes in their compensation being made at any particular time.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned what other Commissions received compensation. Pasquale responded the Planning Commission, Light and Power and Cable TV Boards and Board of Review.

Myers noted he received a citizen comment expressing their concern about the ordinance enforcement cost. They believed this was an excessive cost. Myers noted he explained to the individual this was on a trial basis and the City was unsure of how many hours were needed. Pasquale said this is on a three-month trial period. At the end of duration, an evaluation and determination will be made.

Blough reminded everyone the Lowell Area Historical Museum has a grand opening on September 22, 2001. A military band will be present to add to the festivities.

He noted the Graham Building is a City owned structure. Blough believed the City needed to review the structure along with other City owned structures relative to its exterior maintenance. He felt such work should be included in the budget. He suggested placing this as a line item in the Historic District Commission's budget and return with a recommendation relative to certain capital expenses.

Blough requested City staff consider this for next year's budget review.

Blough received a phone call from a resident who indicated a streetlight is out at the corner of Avery and Jackson Streets.

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

- A. The following meetings minutes were provided:
  - Planning Commission meeting of July 23, 2001
  - Boards of Light and Power and Cable TV meetings of July 23, 2001

B. The Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) will hold its annual meeting in Dearborn from September 26 - 28. An employer delegate of the City must be appointed by Council. Dan DesJarden is recommended for approval while Tom Richards would be selected as an alternate.

Tom Russo was elected as the Employee delegate and Alicia Despres is the alternate.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to appoint Dan DesJarden as an employer delegate and Tom Richards as an alternate to the Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting in Dearborn from September 26 - 28.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

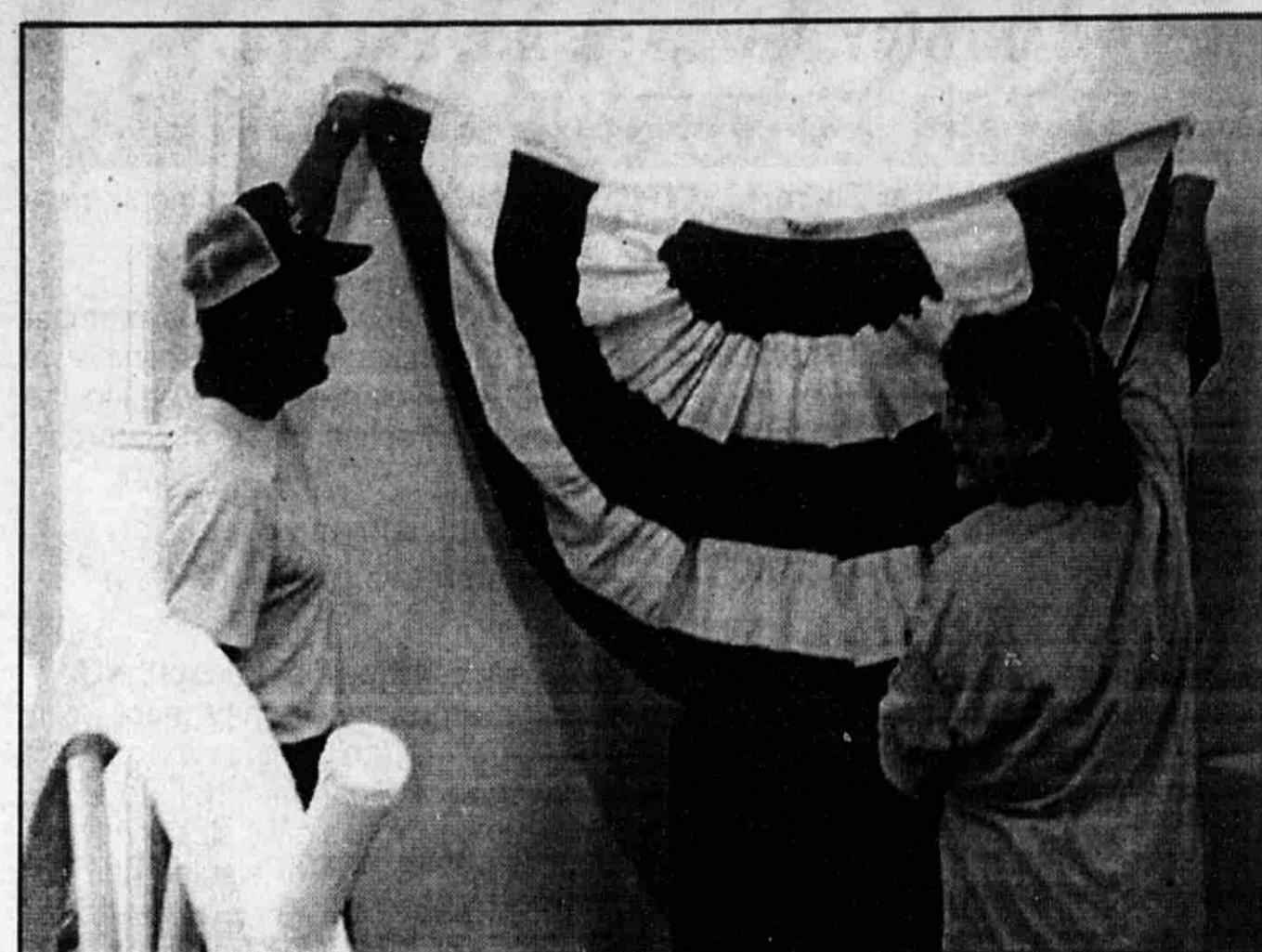
**Item #8. APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Blough stated he would entertain letters addressed C/O the City offices concerning the position available on the Planning Commission with a term expiring June 30, 2003.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, September 17, 2001

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

# Museum grand opening, continued... From Page 1



Ivan Blough and Judy Straub hold up a bunting to be placed in the Showboat Room. In the foreground is the showboat pilot's wheel.

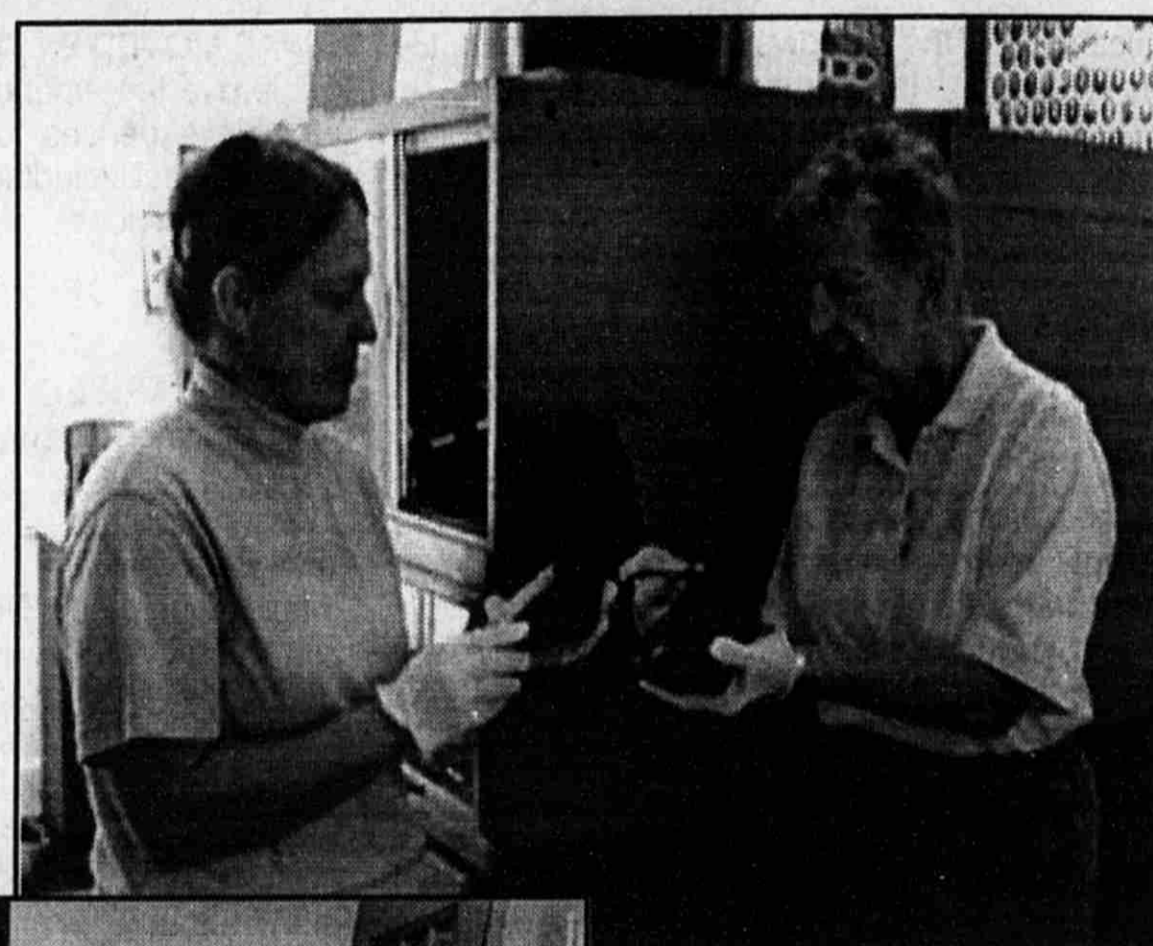
of a center of trade and commerce with specific displays on Lowell area businesses. "In the industry and retailing room we will display the largest number of artifacts from the museum collections," commented board member, Judy Straub. The museum had over a thousand artifacts donated in the last year with more coming every day.

The final room in the museum will exhibit the Lowell

Showboat and its colorful history since 1932. Displays will include signed photos of entertainers, scale models of the showboats, the boat's actual whistle and steering wheel as well as other related exhibits. Museum board member, Ivan Blough has been hard at work helping create the museum's exhibits. "I think kids will enjoy this museum especially being able to turn the Showboat's steering wheel in

the Showboat Room," Blough relayed.

"We have a lot of activities planned for this grand opening celebration and hope the Lowell community will come and enjoy the afternoon with us," said Deb Hoag who has coordinated the day's events. "Larkin's Other Place, next to the museum, will be where the cake, punch and activities will be held."



Above, Luanne Kaeb and Carolyn Jane Blough, standing in the Industry and Retailing Room, decide on a location for a woman's pair of boots.



At left, Louie D'Agostino and Andy Dewitt, in the Industry and Retailing Room, put a new door on the west side of the museum.

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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP DAY**

The City of Lowell, Lowell and Vergennes townships have agreed to sponsor the Kent County Household Hazardous Waste collection day for their residents on Saturday, October 13, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Information brochures are available at the following locations:

Lowell City Hall	301 East Main Street
Lowell Dept. of Public Works	217 S. Hudson
Lowell Township	2910 Alden Nash
Vergennes Township	10381 Bailey Drive
Englehardt Library	200 N. Monroe
Lowell Chamber of Commerce	113 Riverwalk Plaza

To participate in this program you must call the county program at 336-3695 or 336-4617 to set up an appointment.

If you have any further questions, contact Dan DesJarden at 897-5929.

**Library videos now available for weekly rental**

Starting Oct. 1, all videos may be checked out for one week at all Kent District Library branches. This extends the rental period for adult major motion picture videos from overnight to one week. The rental fee for videos remains the same - one dollar for most titles and 50 cents for a small number of selected titles.

Kent District Library officials do not expect revenue from video rentals to decrease as a result of the change. "We think the extended loan period will encourage users to check out more videos at one time, resulting in greater overall circulation of the videos," said Bill Davis, KDL collection coordinator. When KDL increased the juvenile motion picture loan period from one day to one week, circulation of those videos increased 58 percent.

For more information, contact the Englehardt branch at 897-9596.

# City makes final payment on Bowes Road improvements

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Over the past several months, many have enjoyed the new improved Bowes Road in the city of Lowell.

In fact, city officials have received a number of positive comments about the road and the quality of workmanship.

On Monday night, the Lowell City Council authorized the last payment for the project along with receiving the final bill.

The project was originally

to cost about \$165,337 with final numbers coming in at approximately \$168,606, around \$3,000 over expected costs. City manager, David Pasquale said this was due to a number of factors including the contractors being subject to certain Community Block Grant Development fund set wages and an increase in material.

Overall, the project went smoothly and the council approved the change in price along with making the final

\$58,796.25 payment to the contractor, Williams & Works. This money will be paid in part from city funds, \$37,796.21, with the rest coming from the Kent County CBGD funds.

"The city staff worked well to get this project going," said Mayor Mike Blough, who also complimented Williams & Works for its work on the road. "We really appreciate the quality of work that was done."

# Scarecrows will be part of the scenery in downtown area

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

This time around it wasn't ducks, but scarecrows the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce was looking to put up on the downtown historic lightposts.

And this time around, the Lowell City Council was much more receptive to the idea.

"I do agree with Liz (Baker)," said councilwoman Jeanne Shores. "People who know me know that I say no to signs on the lightposts; however, this is not a sign, it is more decorative."

In fact, Baker, who is the director of the chamber, presented the proposal as a decoration similar to when the chamber wraps garland around the posts for Christmas. The scarecrows along with cornstalks would be placed on the posts, tied with twine, throughout the downtown area.

On the west side, decorative wooden fence posts would be used for the project to help create a uniformed look, Baker said.

This uniformed look was very popular with the ducks, part of the Riverfest celebration a few weeks ago. Baker said the chamber received a

number of positive remarks about the ducks and discovered that it "unified the downtown and the west side" because it provided a consistent look.

The cornstalk displays would be part of the chamber's new Harvest Fest, set for Oct. 12 and 13. Some of the activities include two clinics - one in the downtown area and one at Family Fare - where residents can make scarecrows for the displays. Area business owners also would be encouraged to create scarecrows representative of their businesses, Baker explained.

The chamber director was seeking permission to have the displays up for two weeks, from about Oct. 13 to Oct. 31.

Some of the councilmembers expressed concern about weather damage and vandalism, and the chamber agreed to take care

of maintaining the displays during that time period.

"I've put up cornstalks on the two lightposts at my house and I have never had any damage or problems," said councilmember Charles Myers, who noted that he also used twine and has not had to repaint the posts.

Baker said such a display is not that expensive since cornstalks are pretty inexpensive to begin with.

The council unanimously approved the chamber's request, adding that the duration for the display would be taken care of through city staff and that the chamber should discuss safety issues with the police department.

Baker said she came up with the idea for the display after visiting Bay City last year, which had similar displays throughout its downtown area.



The first horse to win racing's "Triple Crown" was Sir Barton in 1919. The triple crown consists of the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes.

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# NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN PROPOSED SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. S-01

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**

1. That the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has received petitions for and tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement consisting of the acquisition and construction of certain sanitary sewer improvements. Such sanitary sewer improvements shall consist of the sewer lines themselves plus manholes, tees, sewer laterals, restoration, and all appurtenant work and shall be located as follows: approximately 2,320 feet of 8" sanitary sewer on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street), in a public utility easement to be acquired, from Bowes Road to an existing sanitary sewer approximately 2,220 feet west of Bowes Road.

2. That plans showing this improvement, the location thereof and an estimate of \$150,000 as the total cost thereof are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

3. That the Township Board has tentatively designated as the special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of this improvement is to be assessed the lands located in the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, and described specifically as follows: All property fronting on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Bowes Road west approximately 2,210 feet to the depth of the 100 year floodplain line of the Grand River (as shown on maps on file with the Township) or to the actual depth of the parcel, whichever is lesser. The lands described in the immediately preceding sentence are covered and included in the following Lowell Charter Township permanent parcel numbers:

- 20-04-401-026
- 20-04-401-020
- 20-04-401-022
- 20-04-476-001
- 20-09-200-002
- 20-04-476-002
- 20-09-200-003
- 20-04-476-003

4. That the Township Board will meet at the Lowell Charter Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan, on the 1st day of October, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., local time, to hear and consider any objections to the above-referenced petitions, the proposed sanitary sewer improvements, and to the proposed special assessment district.

5. If the Township Board determines the sufficiency of the petition and approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Michigan Act 64 of 1989 and Michigan Act 186 of 1973, both as amended, provide that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Township Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. A determination by the Township Board of the sufficiency of the petition is not subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the adoption of the resolution determining such sufficiency.

6. The Charter Township of Lowell will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services at this hearing, such as signers for hearing-impaired persons and audio tapes of printed materials for visually-impaired persons, upon receipt of five days prior notice. Disabled persons requiring such auxiliary aids or services should so notify the Charter Township of Lowell by contacting Linda S. Regan, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331, Telephone (616) 897-7600.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

Dated: September 17, 2001  
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I shall put questions to you and you must answer*  
-Job 38:3

Since the terrible events of Tuesday, Sept. 11 we have struggled with the question of why this should happen in our world. Why would any human being inflict so much death and pain on so many innocent people? The answers are not easy.

What should we as a country do about this "act of war?" How does this most powerful country go to war with mere dozens or hundreds of faceless terrorists spread across many regions of the world? Is the correct answer to bomb Afghanistan into submission - a country that already appears to have nothing left to bomb or to threaten?

What does this mean to our way of life? Will our basic freedoms that we have come to cherish need to be restricted to protect our citizens? Will our schools need to change to

counter these new threats that face our nation and world? Indeed we must brace ourselves as we face many questions that will yet demand an answer. As the events of the past days clearly demonstrate, we can, as a country, be resolute, resourceful and reflective. We can be a society fully capable of a responsible response to these acts of war as well as a nation capable of compassion and understanding of the complexities of our world - I hope a nation capable of finding new answers to complex and compelling questions.

As we reel in the shock of this horrific event, our country is still in the beginning stages of finding answers to these many and difficult questions. Yet with faith, resolution, courage and compassion, our nation will find answers to these difficult and pressing questions.

Brace yourself, as it will not be easy.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or [bbleke@remc8.k12.mi.us](mailto:bbleke@remc8.k12.mi.us). (check out our web page at [www.lowell.k12.mi.us](http://www.lowell.k12.mi.us))

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# BUSINESS MATTERS

**Dr. David G. Durkee** of Lowell has been elected president elect of the Michigan Optometric Association and will automatically succeed to the office of president at the association's 106th Annual Convention in August of 2002.

Dr. Durkee, a 1981 graduate of the Michigan College of Optometry, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, previously served as vice president, secretary-treasurer and trustee of the 950-member association.

The local optometrist is a prior winner of the association's Keyperson Award for significant contributions to the association and profession of optometry as well as the Emil Arnold Award for article contributions to *The Michigan Optometrist*, the association's monthly magazine.

Dr. Durkee practices optometry at 2186 W. Main St. in Lowell.

# Council shocked by price tag for City Hall/police station project

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Sticker shock was exactly what the Lowell City Council was suffering after seeing an estimated \$3.75 million City Hall/police station project jump to \$5.25 million - almost double the original estimate.

"I'm seeing a Cadillac job and I'm looking at my checkbook, and I don't know if I can afford it," said Councilmember Dan Brubaker after Mayor Mike Blough asked his thoughts about the estimate at Monday night's city council meeting.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, Inc., which is acting as construction manager for the project, presented the city with three estimated quotes for the City Hall/police station project, the Department of Public Works storage building, and the cemetery building.

The City Hall/police station project came in at \$5.25 million. The increase, according to Fishbeck representatives, was due to a number of factors: inflation over the past three years since the first estimate was done, about \$450,000; the floors in the city have to be ripped out and replaced, \$600,000; an increase in the police station size to accommodate requested garage space to include an ambulance, \$320,000. There were several smaller items including a request from the Historical Society that awnings be added to the building to maintain some of its original character, and the clock tower be increased by 10 feet, \$320,000.

For the DPW storage building, issues included whether the soil would be good for construction and the quality of the building. The cost for this project came in at about \$1.216 million.

For the cemetery building, which has an estimated cost of about \$410,669, a number of factors also played in, such as getting utility to the building and again, the level of quality.

As for funding the project, city manager, David Pasquale said he worked with First of Michigan to run some estimated millage rates. The city currently levies 13.85 mills and can levy up to 18.0455 mills without a vote of the people, according to the Headlee Amendment. A mill brings in about \$77,000.

For just the City Hall, plus the added acquisition costs (about \$277,000 above the current bond of \$500,000), the first-year payment would be about \$448,808.33. This would be about 5.80 mills. With the City Hall, added acquisition costs, and cemetery building, the first-year payment would be \$476,325 or 6.15 mills. For all three projects, the first-year payment would be \$557,493.75 or 7.20 mills.

Pasquale said these millage rates could be reduced through contributions from the Downtown Development Authority and the city's general fund. He also pointed out that this did not include any investment money. Police chief, Jim Valentine said the ambulance company would have to pay for the garage to be constructed. If it didn't, that por-

tion would not be done. Still, the council sat in silence for a few moments as it tried to absorb the costs for all the projects, totalling almost \$7 million.

Blough said the costs simply would have to be brought down. "I don't want low quality either, but with the DPW building, we went from a \$200,000-\$300,000 building to almost \$2 million," said councilmember, Don Green. "We need to rein in the costs. Like the rest of the citizens, we have to be able to afford this too."

The bottom line is that the size of the buildings may have to be re-evaluated along with other items such as materials and needs, Blough said.

Pasquale said he would meet with Fishbeck representatives and city staff to see where trimming could take place. As he understood it, the council wished not to raise the millage more than two or three mills. At the next city council meeting, Pasquale said he hoped to have an update at where staff was at.

If the city should bond for the project, Pasquale said bonding arrangements should be made before the end of the year. After costs have been determined, the next phase will be construction design.

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# Red Arrows triumph over FHN in "spirited" game

On a day the nation mourned the events of this past Tuesday, two communities came together. Approximately 5,000 people squeezed into Red Arrow Stadium to pay tribute to the deceased and to return to life. Two and a half hours later, they had seen a spirited game won by Lowell 31-21, and come together to help the healing process.

With less than 20 seconds remaining in the first half and the Arrows clinging to a 14-7 lead, Forest Hills Northern was forced to punt. Mark Catlin, Red Arrow quarter-

back, stood at his 15-yard line awaiting what would become the turning point of the game. His 85-yard return through, around, and over the Huskies put Lowell ahead 20-7 and Craig Carpenter added the point after the Arrows controlled momentum.

Following a tough loss last week to league leader East Grand Rapids, the Arrows were determined to play with emotion. Alex Amodeo who was joined by Kyle Rand and Kemp Luchie fielded the opening kickoff on the 10-yard line in the starburst formation. The deception worked

as the three kick returners split in various directions and Luchie raced through the middle of the coverage for a 90-yard touchdown. Geoff Meyer added the extra point and the Huskies appeared to be off and rolling.

The Arrows moved the ball on their possession but the drive stalled out and they were forced to punt. Sound defense and a penalty backed the Huskies up and on fourth down, a fumbled long snap and a heads-up play by the Northern punter to throw the ball out of the back of the end zone resulted in a Lowell safety. The Arrows responded with a drive following the free kick capped off by a one-yard plunge by Catlin. Lowell failed on the two-point conversion pass but had the lead 8-7. The Arrows' defense held the Huskies' rushing attack in check and the offense answered with another drive culminating in a one-yard touchdown plunge by Catlin. Lowell's offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage throughout the first half.

Lowell added three more points in the third quarter after a drive stalled out deep in Huskie territory. Junior kicker, Matt Foster booted a 39-yard field goal which put the Arrows up 24-7. Northern came back in the fourth quarter scoring on a 7-yard Luchie run and a 2-yard Clint Atkinson quarterback keeper sandwiched around a 14-yard blast up the middle by Lowell's Travis DeVoid to finish out the scoring.

The Arrows amassed 318 total yards with 194 coming through the air on 10 of 13 passing. Brad Eldridge was the recipient of 6 of those

passes for 83 yards. Northern managed to rush for 135 yards but managed only 57 through the air. Coach Noel Dean's response to the difference in play from last week to this, "They seem to be under pressure dealing with the high expectations the community has for our program. This week they played the game with more determination and enjoyment."

Lowell travels to Northview on Friday night for a 7:30 showdown with the Wildcats.

# 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.

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

**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.

**EVERY MON.:** Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30-8:30 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.

**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" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week to cover expenses. Transportation available. For information, call Pat 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 different seasonal activities. Times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

**EVERY 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 THURS.:** The Saranac Community and Area Music Makers begin their new season at Saranac High School on Sept. 13. Choir: 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30-8:15 p.m. Christmas Concert Dec. 1, 2. New members are invited to join! Call Kathy at 642-6316 or 897-5981 for information.

**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-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for 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. Located at 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 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. 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 11 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appointment. Call 676-9346.

**MON., OCT. 1:** Lowell Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

**MON., OCT. 1:** Hunter Safety classes start, 6-8:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station. Cost: \$6 to cover materials, etc. Two week sessions. Call 897-8720 for information.

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 1:** Kindermusik classes begin, 15-week fall semester at Franciscan Life Process Center for children newborn to 7 years. Call Judith Madden at 897-7842 ext. 380.

**SAT., OCT. 6:** Friendship Country Chapel Octoberfest, 1 p.m. at Creekside Park. Fun, fellowship, games and dinner plus Magic Bob at 4 p.m.


**FRI., SAT., SUN., OCT. 19, 20, 21:** Paper Drive for Lowell High School Girls Softball team. Drop-off truck at Lowell High School. Contact Lorrie at 868-6365 with questions.

**WED., SEPT. 26:** Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program, 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. Lowell and Alto Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be talking with the community starting on Friday, Sept. 21 about this event; this is their way of helping with the American Crisis.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting held the third Monday 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.

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## X-country girls place 1st



The JV Lowell football team evened their record to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in OK White Conference play with a 22-14 win Thursday night.

The first quarter played scoreless. In the second quarter behind good blocking, Dustin VanLoon had scoring runs of 20 and 2 yards. Both two point conversions were successful with Chris Curtis passing to Ben Lempe.

The halftime score read 16-0. Forest Hills Northern came out strong in the second half, scoring twice to make the score 16-14. Lowell's defense held strong in the long run keyed by a Curtis interception.

In the fourth quarter, Curtis ran around right end 24 yards for the final Arrow touchdown.

Next up for the JVs is a visit from the Wildcats of Northview.

The Lowell girls cross country team took first place in their division at the Sparta Invitational on Saturday. Pictured are: Abby Vos, Natalie Kent, Sarah Swab, Julie Webb, Kim Seaman, Abbie Blanding, Amanda Orazc, Katie Clements, Holly Plattner and Lisa Wojciakowski.

## JVs victorious over Huskies

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## Freshman 4-0 with 26-6 victory

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### 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.

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

**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**WED., SEPT. 19:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; Shop at Family Fare.

**THURS., SEPT. 20:** Noon, Dance.

**FRI., SEPT. 21:** Noon, Children's Museum.

**WED., SEPT. 26:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

**THURS., SEPT. 27:** 12:40 p.m. Shop at Aldi's.

**FRI., SEPT. 28:** 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

**TUES., SEPT. 25:** 12:40 p.m. Sam's Club and Dollar Store.

## Equestrians gallop through second meet of the season

Lowell varsity 272 / Sparta 69

High point varsity rider for the second week in a row was sophomore Jess Hamp with 41 points.

Lowell hunt seat riders put Lowell in the lead with wins

by junior Ryanne Oetman in the equitation over fence class and Jess Hamp in the hunt seat equitation class. Senior Jeanie Dunn placed second in both the fence class and hunt seat bareback; co-captain Jasmine Steele placed well in show-

manship and equitation. Lowell varsity took first in all four western events - seniors Kelsey Scheider (31 pts.), Jessika Richardson (23 pts.) along with junior Katelyn Bush (36 pts.) and sophomore Jess Hamp removed all doubt

that the Lowell team was there to win. "This group of riders combines talent and hours of preparation - they are on their way to State!" said coach Gail Parker.

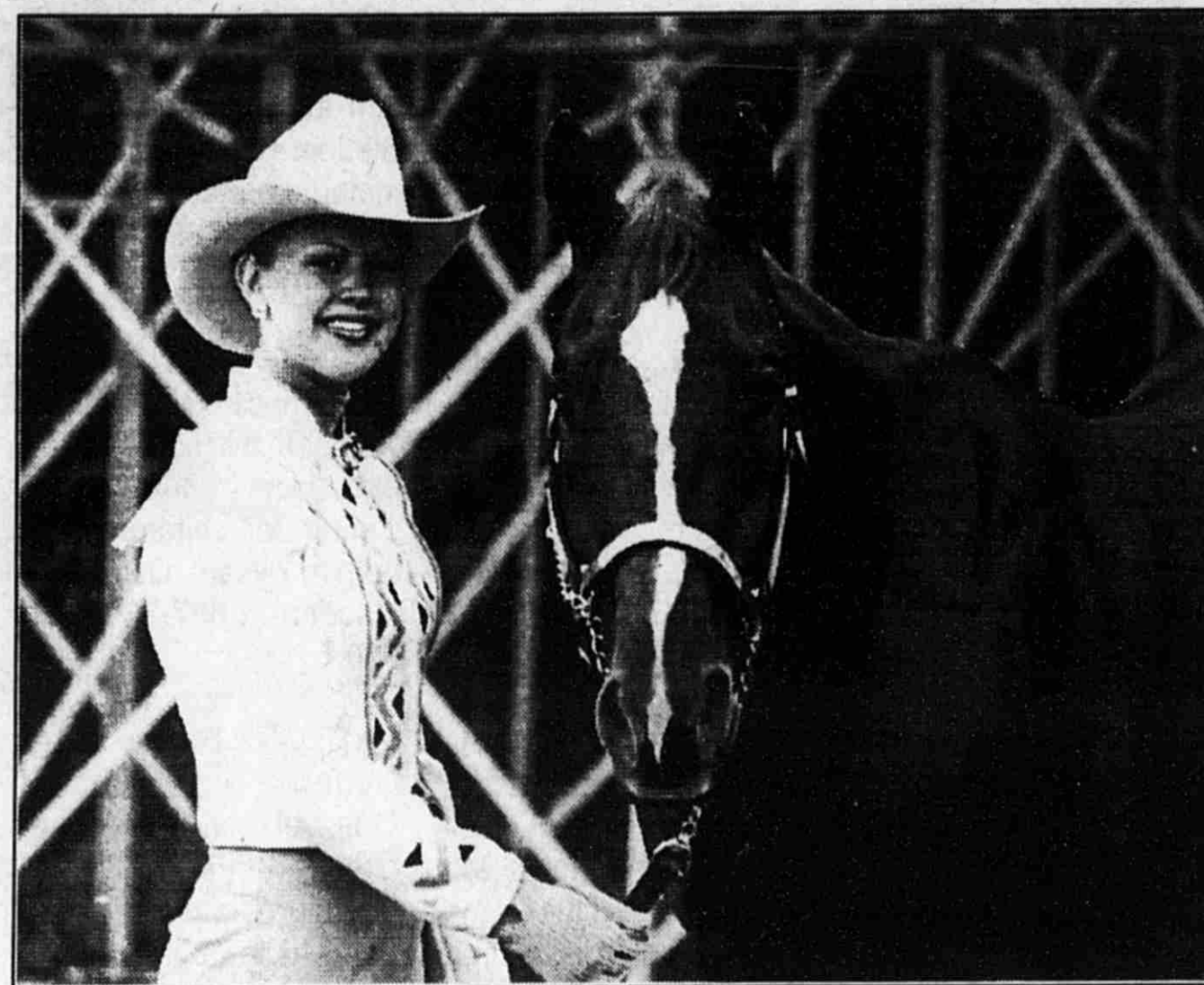
In the final events of the meet, Lowell speed riders became a big red machine, winning 3 of 4 events. They were led by senior Kirk Johnson with 29 points, freshman Kim Vandenberg (26 pts.), and senior Michelle Strzyzewski (23 pts.).

Lowell B team scored 70 points for a third-place finish in their division of teams having 5-10 riders with high point rider, senior Louise Foster scoring 25 points.

Lowell C team scored 95 points to beat out 11 other schools (teams of 5 or less) including tough competition from Forest Hills Central and Grandville. Fastest time of the meet was run by Lindsay Foster (25 pts.) in the Keyhole

speed event. High point rider for the Lowell C team was Michelle Wolf (28 pts.) followed closely by junior Jenni Meyers (27 pts.).

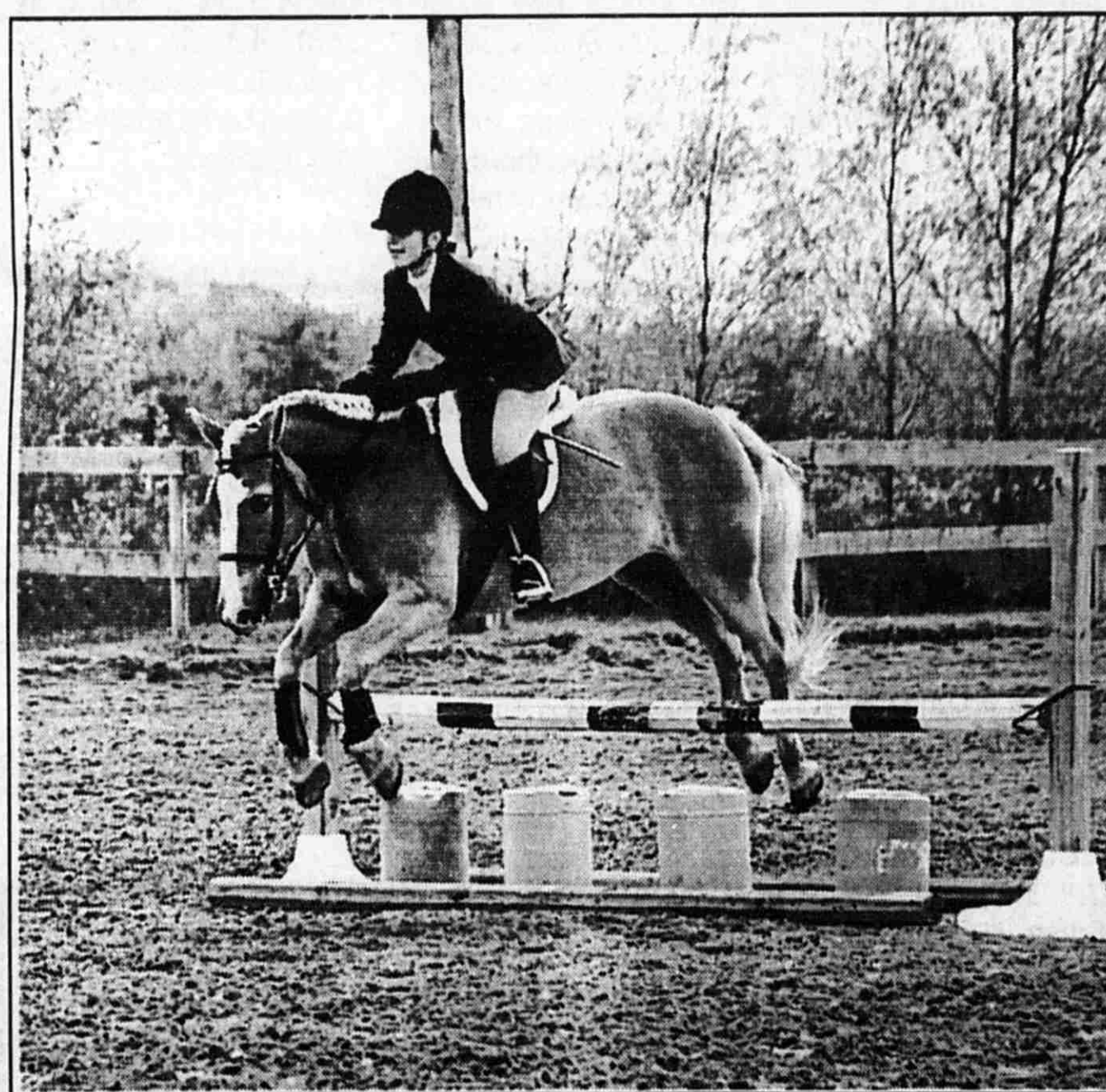
Lowell also started a collection for the Red Cross and collected \$200 at the meet. Co-captains Molly Balaam and Steele will bring this money to the Red Cross in the name of all teams in District V.



Kelsey Scheider took first in the Western event with 31 pts.



Co-captain, Molly Balaam makes the turn in her barrel-racing event.



Ryanne Oetman led in equitation over fence class.

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# City Council approves bids for more road work in Lowell next spring

J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

For the city of Lowell, the road construction continues with the approval of work on several city streets at the tune of about \$90,000.

At its Monday night meeting, Lowell City Council approved a bid from Williams & Works for \$89,300 for several road construction projects that are scheduled to be done next spring. Williams & Works was one of two to bid for the project, the other was Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, Inc.

"We have had good relationships with both companies, so what it really came down to was cost," said city manager, David Pasquale at the Monday night board meeting.

Fishbeck's quote was

about \$20,000 more, coming in at \$111,290. Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said when he invited the two firms to bid on the project, he made sure he gave specs so the city would get quotes that reflect what needed to be done and could do an "apples to apples" comparison.

And what needs to be done is the reconstruction of Valley Vista Drive from Main Street to Donna and the reconstruction of North Division Street from Main to Grindle. Both of these projects would be financed through a transportation bond to be set later this year, Pasquale said.

With the N. Division Street project, Pasquale said the city was considering some work at the intersection of High Street and North Division, which has been a trouble spot for some time.

The other components of the project include new gutter on the south side of Bowes Road, east of Valley Vista (about 1,300 feet) and the placement of new curb and gutter with storm sewer on M-21, east of Valley Vista. The first project would be financed through the major street fund, while the M-21 project has received a Federal Surface Transportation grant that will

pay up to 80 percent of the cost with the major street funds paying the rest, Pasquale said.

DesJarden said he hopes to get the project underway soon; however, Pasquale said due to the bonding element, it would be spring before work could begin.

"Our goal was to have this done during this calendar year," he said, adding that should happen.

## Hazardous waste day set for Oct. 1

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Did you freshen up the paint on the house this past summer, but not sure what to do with the extra paint and paint cans?

Looking for a place to get rid of those pesky pesticides?

Through a cooperation between the city of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township, and Vergennes Township, residents will have a chance to get rid of such hazardous waste during a curbside hazardous waste pickup day set for Oct. 13.

Lowell Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said at Monday night's city council meeting that the three communities did a similar project a couple of years ago in the spring. This time around it was thought that since people would have done home improvement projects over the summer, it might be better to have such a day in the fall.

Keep an eye out in the Lowell Ledger for further details.

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Intelligence...is the faculty of making artificial objects, especially tools to make tools.  
—Henri Bergson  
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## LOOK FOR THE LOON

By: Dave Stegehuis

Beginning in 1983 there was a check-off box on the state income tax form where the taxpayer could donate to a non-game wildlife fund. The common loon was used as an icon to identify this program. The legislation that created this handy means of funding has expired. What now?

Since 1938 game animals (animals that are legally hunted) have received the benefits of the Pittman-Robertson Act. This federal law provides funds for the restoration and improvement of wildlife habitat and wildlife management research. The money for this program comes from federal excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment, and handguns.

Individual states requesting these federal funds must contribute to the total cost of a project. Most of the state money is derived from hunting license fees. As a result, millions of acres around our country have been purchased for the benefit of wildlife. Scientific research has had a significant impact on effective game management. For example, early in the last century wild turkeys were rare anywhere in the country—now they number over 4 million. About the same time, whitetail deer were down to 500,000 animals and have rebounded to over 20 million. The protection and restoration of wild game habitat has had a positive impact on non-game species as well. The return of the bald eagle and a variety of once-rare song birds are good examples.

Folks engaged in non-hunting outdoor activities like camping, bird watching, and hiking receive direct benefits from the management of game species. If one doesn't hunt or buy firearms, is there another way to contribute to the support of wildlife in our state now that the tax check-off has ended? There is now—the state of Michigan has a special license plate option. A vehicle owner can purchase a plate with the image of a loon on it. Most of the original purchase price and an additional cost for renewal go to the non-game fish and wildlife trust fund. Over the years, this fund has generated 9.5 million. Now when you look for the loon, you will find it on a license plate and not on the tax form.

The money from the sale of these special plates is used to restore populations of endangered and threatened species through protection and proper management. Observation areas will be maintained so folks can view and photograph wildlife. Also, wildlife education efforts will include posters, displays, and aid to schools for developing on-site nature education areas. Hundreds of species of plants, fish, and animals have benefited from the fund. Two of the more publicized species are the Peregrine falcon and Kirtland's warbler.

Take advantage of this opportunity to show your support for our state's wildlife. If enough of us participate, we will see more loons on the water as well as on cars and trucks.

## Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



### Sleep Apnea

Sleep apnea is a common disorder that has been diagnosed more frequently in the last few years. This disorder is due to interruption of normal breathing during sleep. The affected individual will stop breathing temporarily for a few seconds, several times per hour during sleep.

Most cases of sleep apnea are due to obstruction of the airway when the muscles of the throat and soft palate relax during sleep. Risk factors for sleep apnea include: being overweight, having an abnormality of the throat or nose, and having high blood pressure.

Sleep apnea symptoms may first be recognized by one's sleep partner. Loud snoring and interruption in regular breathing followed by a snort are common signs reported by the patient's partner. Many patients with sleep apnea complain of excessive sleepiness during the day, often having a hard time staying awake while driving, reading or while sitting through meetings.

The diagnosis of sleep apnea is made by undergoing a sleep study. During this evaluation, your heart beat, breathing pattern, oxygen saturation and quality or stage of sleep is recorded in a sleep lab overnight.

The treatment of sleep apnea often involves use of a breathing apparatus and mask called a CPAP device which produces positive air pressure within the airway to keep it open during sleep. Occasionally a dental application will be recommended to change the position of the jaw and tongue. Sometimes surgery on the soft palate helps keep the airway open.

Mild sleep-disordered breathing can be improved by avoiding alcohol prior to sleep, avoiding tobacco, avoiding sleeping pills, avoiding sleeping on your back and losing excess weight.

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN PROPOSED WATER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. W-01

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has received petitions for and tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement consisting of the acquisition and construction of certain water main improvements. These water main improvements will include valves, fire hydrants, fittings, water services, restoration, and all appurtenant work and are specifically described as follows: approximately 2,810 feet of 12" water main on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Bowes Road to approximately 100 feet west of Birmingham Drive extended; also approximately 700 feet of 12" water main in Alden Nash Avenue from M-21 (Fulton Street) to an existing water main approximately 650 feet north of M-21 (Fulton Street); also approximately 700 feet of 12" water main on the north side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Birmingham Drive to approximately 700 feet west.

2. That plans showing this improvement, the location thereof and an estimate of \$300,000 as the total cost thereof are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

3. That the Township Board has tentatively designated as the special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of this improvement is to be assessed the lands located in the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, and described specifically as follows: All property fronting on the south side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Bowes Road west to approximately 400 feet west of Birmingham Drive extended and also all property fronting on the north side of M-21 (Fulton Street) from Alden Nash Avenue to approximately 290 feet west thereto and from Birmingham Drive to approximately 815 feet west, all to the depth of the 100 year floodplain line of the Grand River (as shown on maps on file with the Township) or to the actual depth of the parcel, whichever is lesser. The lands described in the immediately preceding sentence are covered and included in the following Lowell Charter Township permanent tax parcel numbers:

20-04-401-018	20-04-401-025
20-04-300-012	20-04-401-026
20-04-300-027	20-04-401-020
20-04-300-031	20-04-401-022
20-04-300-032	20-04-476-001
20-04-300-037	20-09-200-002
20-04-300-034	20-04-476-002
20-04-401-011	20-09-200-003
20-04-401-012	20-04-476-003

4. That the Township Board will meet at the Lowell Charter Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan, on the 1st day of October, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., local time, to hear and consider any objections to the above-referenced petitions, the proposed water main improvements, and to the proposed special assessment district.

5. If the Township Board determines the sufficiency of the petition and approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Michigan Act 64 of 1989 and Michigan Act 186 of 1973, both as amended, provide that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Township Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. A determination by the Township Board of the sufficiency of the petition is not subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the adoption of the resolution determining such sufficiency.

6. The Charter Township of Lowell will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services at this hearing, such as signers for hearing-impaired persons and audio tapes of printed materials for visually-impaired persons, upon receipt of five days' prior notice. Disabled persons requiring such auxiliary aids or services should so notify the Charter Township of Lowell by contacting Linda Regan, Lowell Charter Township, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331, Telephone (616) 897-7600.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Dated: September 17, 2001

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## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Lowell Board of Education September 10, 2001

**SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT** - Marlene Heemstra and Tom Burradell along with student, Sara Fosburg, presented a report on the summer school activities.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF** - Connie Gillette introduced the new teaching staff to the Lowell Board of Education.

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

- Susan Frasier donation of yearbooks valued at \$800 to be used by the Student Service Center-Yearbook Office
- Ray and Beth Wolfe donation of \$800 to be used for tutoring services offered by Darcy Hartley-Pinard.
- Approved the start time for future Board meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Appointed Kate Democoeur as ex officio member of the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation.
- Adopted the following Board Goals for 2001-2002:

The Board Will:

1. Monitor:
  - District educational programs with emphasis on reading, science, and social studies, and
  - adequate equipment, personnel, and training to guarantee quality technological capacity within the district.
2. Actively encourage parent and community involvement in student learning.
3. Assure a safe, secure, healthy learning environment that places a high priority on student responsibility and behavior, as promoted by the district's character and diversity programs.

4. Assure the long-term financial integrity of the district to provide the necessary tools for quality teaching and learning.

5. Develop a sustainable vision of Board leadership that focuses on the district culture, the use of data, and community alliances to ensure improved student achievement.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/Adopted were:

- The minutes for the August 13, 2001 Regular Meeting, the August 13, 2001 Closed Session, and the August 27, 2001 Workshop Session.

The following payment of bills for August 2001:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$1,351,055.33
<b>SCHOOL SERVICES FUND</b>	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$5,986.61
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$14,836.69
<b>2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND</b> .....	<b>\$796,057.77</b>
<b>TRUST AND AGENCY FUND</b> .....	<b>\$10,454.96</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b> .....	<b>\$8,700.00</b>

**New Hires:**

Robert Taber	District	Speech Pathologist
Deborah Krenzer	2nd Grade Teacher	Cherry Creek
William McElroy	High School	Business Teacher
Brant Gunn	St. Patrick	Music and Computer (part-time)
Amanita Fahmi	High School	Special Ed LD Teacher
Jane Bushell	Middle School	Drama Teacher
Joseph Audia	Cherry Creek	3rd Grade Teacher.

• Adopted the four-year-old readiness participating resolution for the 2001-2002 school year.

• Bus Driver Contract Ratified

• Awarded the bid for new signs from Image Innovations-

in the amount of \$3,495 for new signs at the Lowell Middle School, Cherry Creek Elementary, Alto Elementary, and Riverside.

**BOND FOLLOW-UP** - Bert Bleke reported that there has been a decline in student growth as an apparent result of the slowed economy. Because of this change the Board of Education must reconsider all options available regarding future construction.

**DISTRICT VISION** - Bert Bleke shared a draft district vision entitled "Vision - Balanced Prepared Learners." The components include Character, Knowledge and Skills. The Board, staff and community will continue to fine-tune this document in the months ahead.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Jim White gave a brief report on the MEAP scores that were released in the Grand Rapids Press on Saturday. The item will be placed on the October Board agenda for a more in-depth report. Bert commented on the growing numbers of Home Schools and the need for Lowell Area Schools to reach out to these students and to partner with these parents. The school year is off to a great start.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, Oct. 8, 2001 • 7:00 p.m.

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**Pay yourself first.** Before you get a chance to spend all of your paycheck, you should invest some of it. If you want to achieve your financial goals, you need to make investing a priority. The best way to do this is to **pay yourself first**. If you wait until you pay all your other bills before you invest, finding the money will be more difficult. By setting up a bank authorization, you can automatically deposit money in an investment account every time you get paid. Once you've gotten in the habit of investing this way, you'll find it easier to increase your contributions as your income increases.

**Invest systematically.** Everyone says you should always "buy low" and "sell high." But the fact is that nobody can accurately predict market peaks and valleys, and it just doesn't make smart investing sense to try. So, instead of waiting for the "right" moment to buy as low as possible, or to sell as high as you can, take a different approach and become a systematic investor by dollar cost averaging.

Dollar cost averaging involves putting a fixed dollar amount into an investment on a monthly basis. By investing a regular amount of money each month, you'll purchase more shares when the price is down and fewer shares when prices are high. While this strategy cannot guarantee you a profit or prevent a loss, it helps to ensure that you won't be investing

all your money at a market high. Keep in mind that dollar cost averaging is a long-term investment strategy, so you need to evaluate your ability to continue investing through up and down markets.

**Stay in the market.** When the market heads south, you might be tempted to go on an investment vacation yourself. However, getting out of the market is not a good idea, because you never know when it will bounce back. When it does come back—as it historically has—you may miss out on some great opportunities if you are not still investing at the time.

Need proof? Consider this: If you had invested in the

stocks making up the Standard & Poor's 500 Index every day between 1970 and 1999, you would have earned an annualized return of 9.7 percent. But if you had missed just the 100 best days over this 29-year period, your annualized return would have been a *negative 0.8 percent*. In other words, by jumping out of the market at the wrong time—even for a very short while—you would have ended up losing money. The lesson to be learned? **Stay invested.**

By following these few basic techniques, you won't get rich quick—but you will be laying the groundwork for investment success. And that's no small feat.

## LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** I recently purchased a house from an estate. I didn't notice it at the closing, but when I was looking over my paperwork later I noticed that rather than getting a warranty deed, I got a fiduciary deed. What is the difference? With every other home I've purchased I have received a warranty deed.

**JONATHAN SAYS:** You received a fiduciary deed because the seller of the home was an estate rather than an individual. Consequently, the deed was given to you by the personal representative of an estate.

A fiduciary deed is not the same as a warranty deed in that the fiduciary is warranting that the premises is unencumbered, whereas in a warranty deed the seller is warranting that the property is fully vested in the seller and that it is conveying clear title to the property.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** A relative of mine named me in her will as her personal representative and in her trust as her successor trustee without checking with me first to see if I would be willing to serve in those capacities. I only found out

about this because she is now very ill and her son had a copy of her will and trust and advised me of what she had done. I hate to be callus, but I have no interest in serving in these capacities. My days are full enough right now trying to take care of a family and work a full time job at the same time. Am I required to serve, or am I allowed to say no?

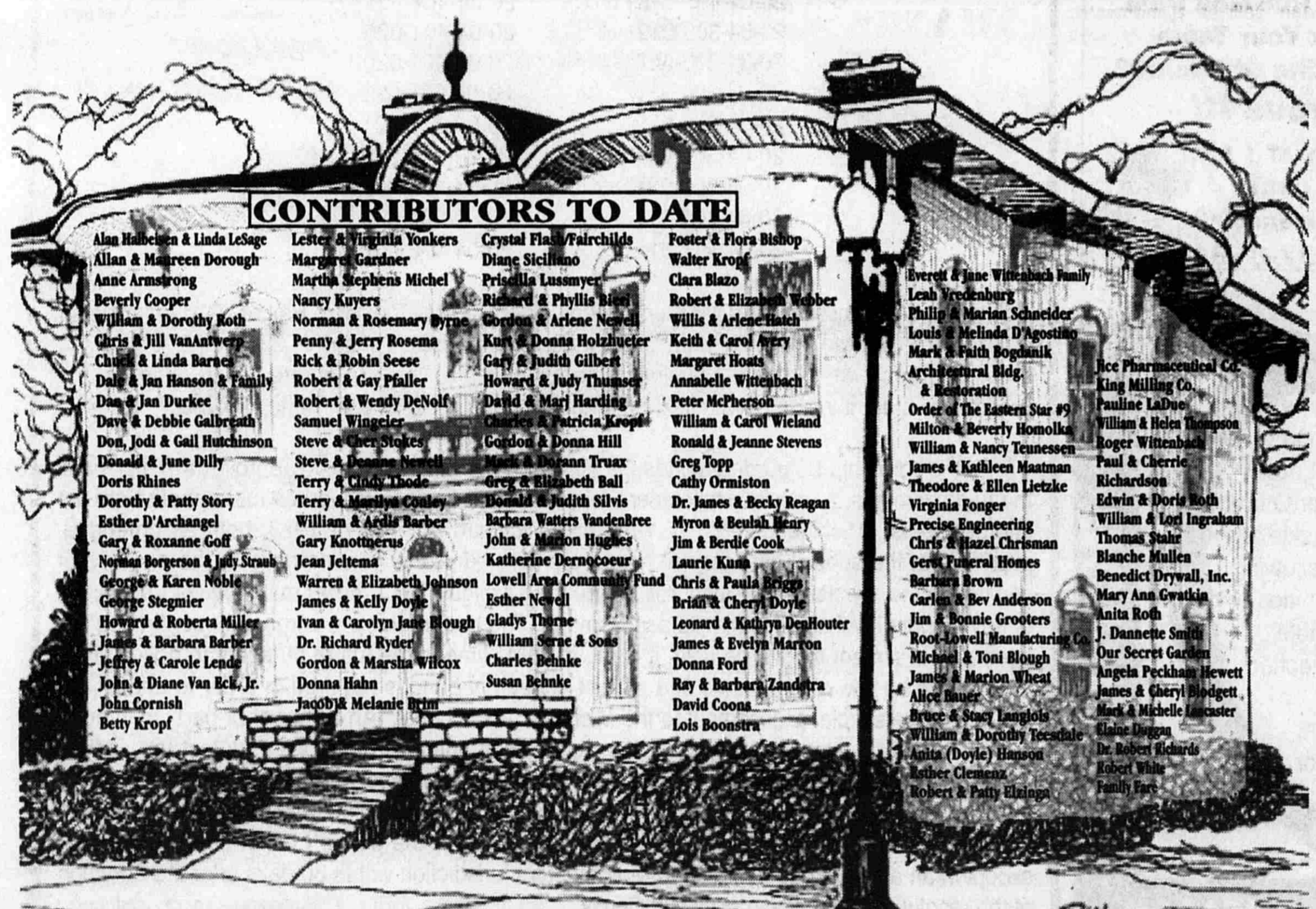
**JONATHAN SAYS:** You are not required to serve as either a personal representative or a trustee. You can simply decline to act when the time comes. Hopefully, your relative named a back up to you in the event you were unable or unwilling to act. You might want to advise this relative, or if she is unable to have a discussion with you due to her poor health, then you should advise her son of your desire not to act in these capacities. If there is a back up named in those documents, then that individual can be contacted and advised that he or she has been named as personal representative and trustee. If there is no back up named, then depending upon your relative's health, he or she would have the opportunity to amend his or her documents to name someone to act in your place.

**Fund established to support victims of the Sept. 11 attacks**

The Huntington National Bank established The Huntington/United Way September 11th Fund. Money collected in Huntington banking

# "Preserving Our River of History"

## Capital Campaign To Establish The Lowell Area Historical Museum



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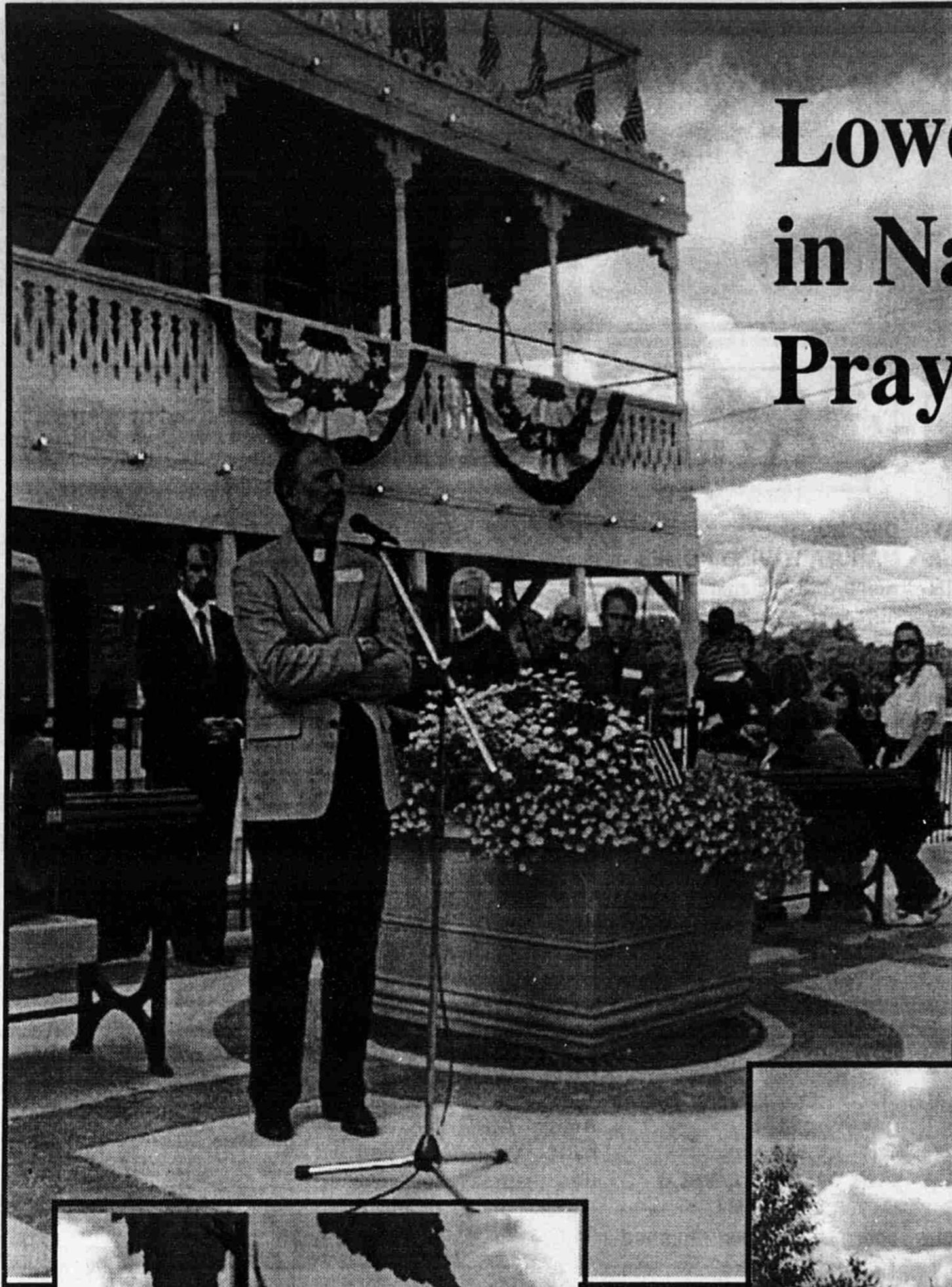
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A big thank you to our children & grandchildren for making our 50th wedding anniversary open house such a memorable occasion. Thank you to all our friends and family for their presence, cards & prayers. A big thank you to Nancy and Bill Wood for a great job of catering. God Bless all of you!  
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# Lowell joins nation in National Day of Prayer & Remembrance

Last Friday at Riverwalk Plaza, approximately 400 people gathered at noon for a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance.

Among those who led the celebration of unity and prayer were Rev. Gordie Barry - Lowell United Methodist Church; Ft. George Fekete - St. Mary Catholic Church; Rev. Ken Ford - Alton Bible Church; Rev. Robert Holmes and Jonathan Walker - Christian Life Center; Rev. Nathaniel Johnson - Vergennes United Methodist Church; Dr. Roger La Warre - First Congregational Church; Rev. Jason Leininger - Lowell Wesleyan Church; David Pasquale - Lowell City Manager; and Judy Sterling - National Day of Prayer Task Force.

