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Big Boots to Fill

••• Lowell does its part to aid widows and orphans of fallen New York firefighters and police.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Well over 6,000 are missing and presumed dead from the bombing of the World Trade Center twin towers.

Roughly 300 are fallen New York City firefighters and policemen who lost their lives in attempting to rescue and save others.

The West Michigan Fire Chiefs Association and the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police in an effort to help the families of the fallen, initiated a campaign, "Pennies From Heaven."

Citadel Broadcasting (WLAV, WBBL, WODJ and WKLQ) endorsed the campaign and began raising funds for the families on Friday, Sept. 14. The campaign will continue through Friday (Sept. 28).

As of Thursday, the West Michigan radio stations' efforts had collected roughly \$50,000.

On Friday the campaign moved to Lowell. Harold Zeigler Ford hosted the event from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Local firefighters and police officers collected change from drivers who stopped at the Alden Nash/M-21 intersection. By days end, the local firefighters and police officers had raised an incredible \$30,000.

"The Lowell area has really come to the plate with everything from money to fliers and food. The response has been incredible," said WLAV's Kathy Whaley.

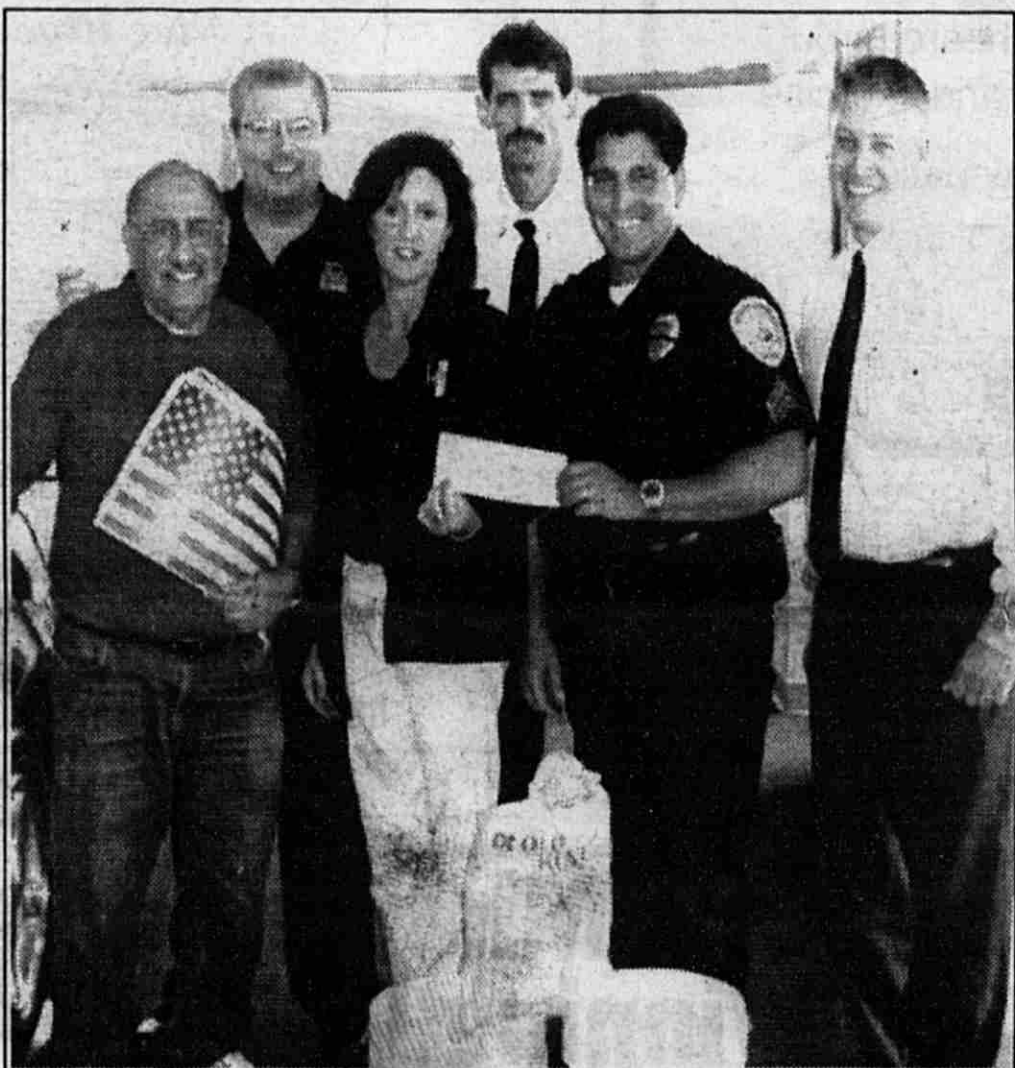
Citadel Broadcasting called Cody Meyer from Harold Zeigler Ford looking for a location to hold a fundraiser. "It was a good excuse to shut down and do something to help make us feel better," Meyer said.

Lowell Fire Department's Lt. Safety Officer, John Muha, was instrumental in organizing the local fundraising effort.

"I received a call at 3 o'clock Tuesday and had to have everything ready to go by 10 o'clock on Friday," Muha explained.

Lowell High School teacher, Carrie Slot was instrumental in helping Muha get 600 promotional fliers printed up and distributed around town. Hooper Printing printed 1,000 fliers and 2,000 flags.

"Everything just blossomed from there," Muha said. "Individual organizations and businesses have been just excellent. No one got by us without emptying their ash trays."



George Michel, left, presented a check for \$250 from the Lowell Lions Club. Pictured with Michel are Dan Magnuson, WODJ; Kathy Whaley, WLAV; John Muha, Lowell Area Fire Department, Steve Junewick, Lowell Area Police Department; and Cody Meyer, Harold Zeigler Ford dealership.



Lowell Lions Club member and Chamber of Commerce volunteer George Michel handed out flags to passers-by when he wasn't collecting change for the "Pennies from Heaven" campaign.



Cutting the ribbon during the Lowell Area Historical Museum's grand opening ceremony, from left to right, are: Scott Vashaw, Lowell Area Community Fund advisory board member; Tim Wittenbach, Vergennes Township supervisor; Mike Blough, Lowell mayor; and Jim Doyle, Lowell Area Historical Museum president.

Museum Captures Lowell

••• As it preserves the history of the people, places and passions of those who went before us.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is a gift for future generations that celebrates generations past.

"History and time are a continuum and thus we do not view the opening of this museum as the end or our final goal. We have a vision for the future," said Lowell Area Historical Museum president, Jim Doyle at Saturday's ribbon-cutting grand opening.

"Today we make history and today we give a gift: a gift of remembrance, intrigue, imagination and of beauty," Doyle explained.

Local residents who visited the museum on Saturday were deeply impressed by all those traits.

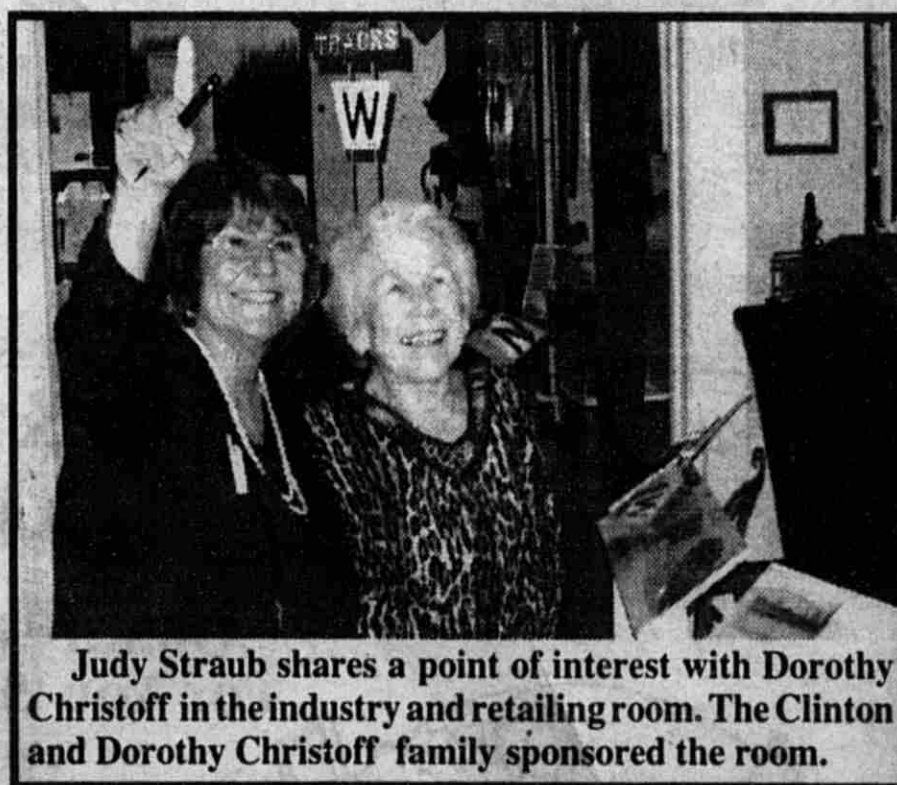
"I've seen many small town museums - none have been this well done. This museum rivals the state museum," said Lowell's David Thompson. "They have done a first rate job in putting this together."

What Thompson and others viewed was an 1872 entry, decorated in authentic Victorian style with hand-printed wallpaper and historic lighting.

An early history room features exhibits displaying early Native American life, fur trading, Lowell settlers, logging, railroads and milling.

An industry and retail-

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Judy Straub shares a point of interest with Dorothy Christoff in the industry and retailing room. The Clinton and Dorothy Christoff family sponsored the room.

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 Saturday & Sunday,
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OBITUARIES

CLARK - Robert L. Clark, aged 77, of Lowell, passed away September 24, 2001. He is preceded in death by his grandson D. Mason Burdette. He is survived by his wife Iris; children Michael (Kathy) Clark, Lisle L. Clark, Brenda (Dave) Slater, Bernard (Beth) Clark, Diane (Duke) Burdette; brother John A. Clark; sisters Marilyn (Richard) Place, Dorothy (Loren) Stevens; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 401 Amity, Rev. George J. Fekete, Celebrant. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Rosary Thursday at

Hedgecock of Farmington Hills, Yvonne and Bruce Grau of Fishers, IN; six great-grandchildren Breanna and Teresa Senge, Nathaniel and Joshua Hedgecock, Madalyn and Collin Grau; her sister Marcie Chartier of Merrill, WI; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be Wednesday at Messiah

LHS junior killed in M-21 crash

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A bomb threat enticed junior Jessie Hunt to leave Lowell High School Wednesday morning; a fatal accident that afternoon will keep her from returning.

"It's not fair. Jessie wouldn't have skipped school if there had not been a bomb scare," said Hunt's friend, Desirae Harmon. "She'd be here today."

Hunt was killed on Wednesday (Sept. 19), when the car (1993 Saturn) she was

Lutheran Church, 2727 5 Mile Rd. NE with Rev. Terry Hoese officiating interment in Fairplains Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the building fund of Messiah Lutheran Church.

HUNT - Jessie Lynn Hunt, aged 16, of Lowell, went to

riding in was rear-ended by a large single axle stake truck.

The Saturn, driven by her brother Joey Lee Hunt, 18, of Lowell, was waiting to make a left turn onto Bennett Street when it was slammed into by an eastbound truck driven by George Miller, 60, of Ionia.

Joey Hunt was transported by Aero Med to Spectrum Health Butterworth with serious injuries.

Dustin James Burke, 15, of Lowell, a passenger in the back seat, was also transported to Spectrum Health Butterworth as was Miller

with her Lord on Wednesday, September 19, 2001. Jessie is survived by her parents Joey and Carol; brother Joey Jr.; sister Tiffany; grandparents Clinton and Dorothy Hunt, Harold Carigan, of Lowell, Shirley Carigan of Saranac; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held Monday at the

Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Robert Holmes and Rev. Jonathan Walker of the Christian Life Center officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Jessie will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

forward to playing in her first powder puff football game," said Harmon.

Her friends recalled that the bubbly and lively Hunt loved to dance, "even though she couldn't," says Dawn Tetterton, followed by laughter. "She also wore outrageous clothing and wore baby blue eye shadow all the time."

They added that Hunt was especially close to her mother (Carol). "They did everything together," Harmon said. "She had a lot of friends who are going to miss her."

Hunt was active in the high school's International Club and S.A.D.D. "She was also looking

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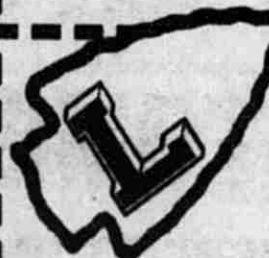
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WED: Chicken nuggets or cheeseburger on bun, whipped potatoes & gravy, watermelon wedge.

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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
First Congregational Church

Looking at this wonderful passage from Romans, I can't help but give thanks for the good and gracious people who have touched my life. Perhaps you, like me, in reading this passage can reflect on the gifts that people have been to you.

Romans 8:12-14 - "So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." There have been many people who have encouraged me in living by the Spirit. They have touched me with their humility and their calm, deep faith in God's leading.

Rev. E. Claiborne Jones is quoted in a little magazine that I read once in a while. She gives this story of a little girl and her mother who visited a sculptor's studio each day, watching the artist carve a lion out of a huge block of marble. Finally, one day, the animal's figure was clear, and the child recognized what it was. She turned to her mother and said, "Mom, how did that man know that there was a lion in there?"

As the sculptor used his

as the most important things in your life.

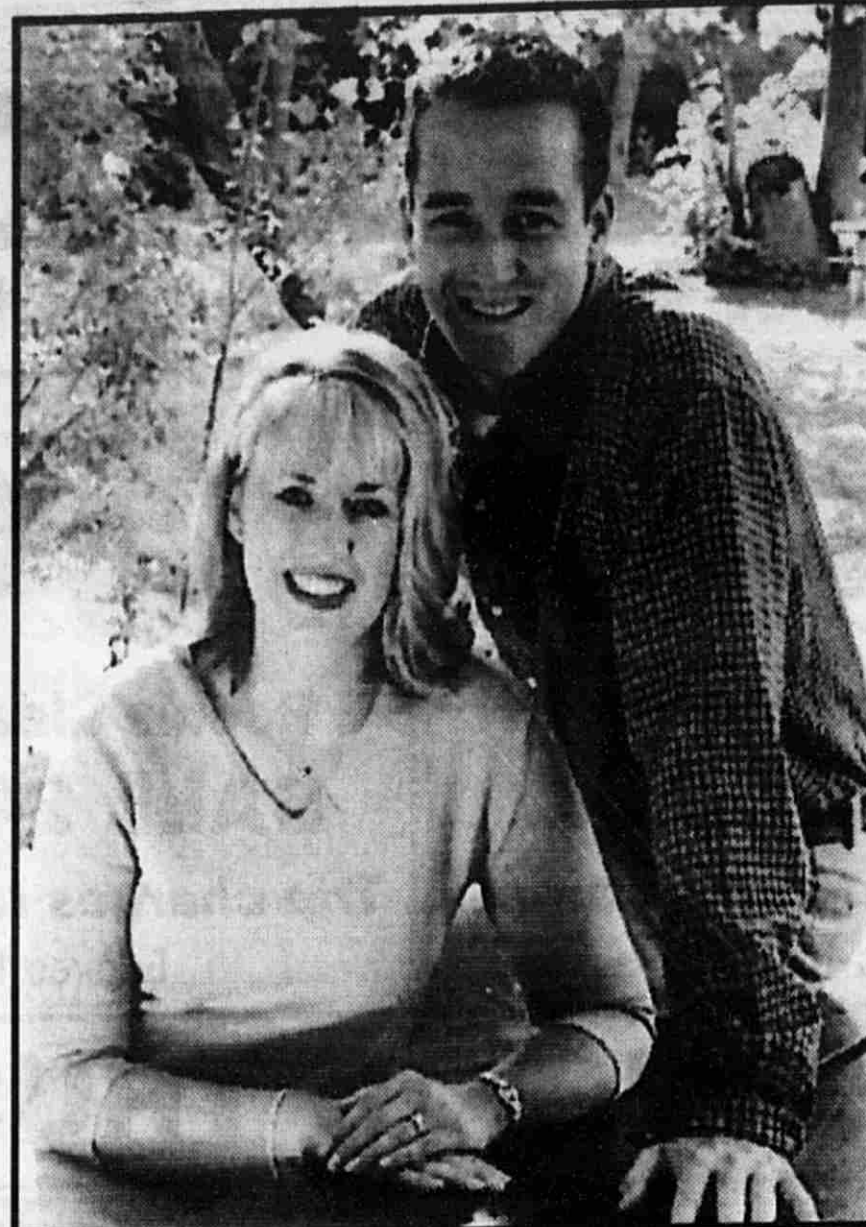
Choosing the way of the Spirit means focusing your life to communicate God's love and forgiveness to others through a generous and thoughtful approach that affirms the worth of others and recognizes their importance in making life worthwhile. The people who live in the Spirit of God's love, who make a community a place of peace, hope, safety and high character, they are the people who care about their neighbors and seek to improve the conditions of life for all who live in the community. They are the ones who mentor and teach and look out for the well-being of people around them, wherever they are.

My life has truly been blessed in knowing a great number of people who live in the Spirit of God's love. They have been my teachers in school, my friends and friends of my parents, and neighbors. They have been the people who drove the bus when I was in elementary school and they have been the people who work in local government. It is through their actions that I have come to know God as more than an idea or a set of rules. They are the people who have taught the lessons of love.

Maybe, just maybe, you and I can strive to be that kind of person to those we meet in the Lowell area. The alternative... well, let's hope we don't have to witness or live that.

Words not only affect us temporarily, they change us, they socialize or unsocialize us.

David Riesman



Myers/ Quada

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Figgins of Burton, and Mrs. Ray Quada of Lowell announce the engagement of their children, Melissa Ann Myers and Andrew Whitney Quada, both of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Davison High School and Central Michigan University.

The future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School and Western Michigan University.

An October 20, 2001 wedding is planned.

Dukat/ Landheer

A November 10, 2001 wedding is planned by Jamie L. Dukat and Bruce H. Landheer, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Diane Dukat of Canton, Ohio. She is a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington.

The groom-elect is the son of Rix and Ellie Landheer, former Jenison residents, now of Lowell. He graduated from both Jenison High School and Western Michigan University.



Parents need to discuss their child's asthma with his or her physician and create a plan.

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Viewpoint . . .

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I don't know how many of you had the opportunity to watch WXMI Fox - Channel 17 (Lowell Cable Channel 7) right after the terrible events of Tuesday, Sept. 11. They carried the Fox News network instead of their regular programming for a few days.

When we were in Florida last winter, we were able to see Fox News regularly and found it to be a wonderful source of unbiased, non-political or ratings-based news. If you have not had the opportunity to see it, I highly recommend finding a friend or relative outside the Lowell Cable system and check it out.

I wrote a letter to the general manager of Lowell Cable, Tom Richards, asking if we could have Fox News added to the line-up. Then talking with Mr. Richards in a follow-up phone call, he said we do not have the funds or room on the equipment, currently, to add another channel.

He also said that based on a survey sent out last November, the channels we now have are what the people of Lowell requested. He does not feel that dropping a channel would be a popular move either, based on past experience doing so.

I can understand a reluctance to make a change based on one person's opinion. But I also feel that when we were filling out those surveys last year, we were thinking more about our evening entertainment than being informed about our country going to war.

Do we really need two CNN channels? If we do not have the money or equipment to add one, then why not replace one of them with an alternative?

If you, the people of Lowell, feel we should all have the option of getting our news from more than one source, then

perhaps a letter from Lowell Cable customers to Mr. Richards would assure him this would not be a bad move.

Finally I would like to say that I think our Lowell Cable Company does a tremendous job in offering us high quality service at a very reasonable price. Thank you, Mr. Richards, and all of the people at Lowell Cable Television.

Sincerely,
Barbara Barber

Dear Editor:

I wish to respond to G. M. Ross's letter published in the Sept. 19 Ledger.

He stated, "It is rumored that I think I know everything." I hadn't heard that rumor but I'm glad to know he has one thing that is yet a mystery to him.

His reference to the Planning Commission hearings as "melees" (confused and tumultuous meetings) wasn't exactly correct. The Planning Commission did make a concerted effort to contact and inform the township residents of the hearings pertaining to the Master Plan update. There was a good response to the meetings.

The inference that "the Commission and their consultant emptied the bars and brothels seeking ideas for the new master plan" was insulting to those who made an effort to attend. The information and ideas expressed by those present demonstrated that we do have freedom to voice our ideas and opinions. Democracy in action is not always perfect but it's better than the alternatives. I have confidence that the Planning Commission and their consultant will make sense of "the pile of imperfectly differentiated date" - as Mr. Ross described it. Perhaps Mr. Ross will find his "utopia" where all is run as only he could run it... perfectly.

As for the "shake and bake of the Snow Avenue bridge" - later, Mr. Ross.

Sincerely, Glad (G. M.) Fletcher,
Lowell Twp. resident



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPT. 27, 1876
There are 616 school children in District No. 1.

Mail from the east was five hours late Monday, as the train went off the track near Owasco. Nobody hurt.

The Ledger reviewed baskets of apples and grapes last week, of the finest.

Mrs. Edgar Morse and John S. Hooker won the silver goblets as best waltzers at the YMOC dance, and Amos White won a live pig for being the poorest.

Officer Hogan arrests a vagrant, whose paper bag turns out to be full of burglar tools.

**100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
SEPTEMBER 26, 1901;**

This issue is missing, as well as every issue until May, 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1897.

114 YEARS SEPTEMBER 29, 1887

Dr. McKay now has another office by himself, over Clark and Winegar's (Not Dr. Orval McKay).

Bert Wolverton of Saranac is arrested for immoderate driving in the village.

Dr. J. D. Kergan is coming to Train's Hotel for one day only, and promises to cure deformities, deafness, consumption, hernias, cancer, etc., by exclusive treatments and operations known only to Dr. Kergan and his associates.

**75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND
THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.**

Popular Deputy Pat Bowes is fired for delivering prisoners to another state without the sheriff's permission, an operation in which the prisoners turn the tables on Bowes, leaving him in his underwear in the country. A dragnet in the Toledo area is out for the men.

Superior Furniture company has issued preferred stock, which has largely been bought in Lowell. Its payroll is currently \$1500 a week.

Tom Thumb, the famous circus midget, dies at the age of 84.

The editor implores people who have small charge accounts with the Ledger for ads or cards of thanks, please come in and pay so he won't have to give up the credit system entirely.

Kent County will have 486 miles of improved state and county trunk line by the end of the year, says Road Commission head, Otto Hess.

**50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
SEPTEMBER 27, 1951**

Curly Howard places a suggestion box in his restaurant. Suggestion of the Week gets a free "cup of the best."

Audie Post shows samples of her specialty, antique weaving patterns, to the Women's Club.

Doug Hartley, Jim McGregor and Jack Smith are this week's "football players of the week."

The Norton Louis Avery's host the Lansing Camera Club, who are thrilled by the beauty of this area, particularly Fallsburg Park.

Says the Alton-Vergennes column: "Goldie Clark and Selene Condon were called over the telephone Friday on a quiz program and they both knew the answer."

**25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.**

CB owners can have their driver license numbers engraved on their sets this Saturday, courtesy of Sky-Hi REACT.

A Top Value stamp catalogue center will be opened in Johnson's Thrift-T-Mart on Main Street.

Auto dealers of Lowell are holding open houses this week to show the 1977 models.

Ronald Moore, Mike Lessens and Kirk Haybarker receive Eagle Scout awards.

Roger Watters, Joe Vezino and Russell Shaler catch 175 pounds of Chinook salmon below the King Milling dam in about 20 minutes.

With Our Counsel

Donna Warber M.A., LLP
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Kathryn DenHouter Ph. D.

With the ever-increasing popularity of the Internet, a new phenomenon has emerged: cyber affairs. As a marriage therapist I have worked with a number of couples who have presented me with symptoms ranging from cyber-flirting to full blown on-line affairs. In some cases these affairs have left the computer screen and wound up in motel rooms.

Without leaving home or office, Internet users enter the arena of chat rooms which in many cases are electronic bedrooms where people engage in their wildest fantasies. Sitting in a familiar chair, in everyday surroundings in front of a computer screen, one has the illusion of safety and security which promotes risk-taking and even extreme behavior. In

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ROCK STAR (R) 5:00, 9:40
JEEPERS CREEPERS (R)
12:50, 2:50, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
THE OTHERS (PG-13)
11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
PRINCESS DIARIES (G)
12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40

PROSTATE ENLARGEMENT

The prostate is a gland about the size of a walnut that surrounds the urethra below the bladder. The prostate gland makes fluid which helps transport semen during ejaculation. As we get older our prostate gland gradually begins to enlarge. This condition is called benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) and affects 50 percent of men over the age of 60.

As the prostate gland increases in size, it causes narrowing of the outflow tract from the bladder, slowing down the flow of urine. Common symptoms of BPH are a weakened urinary stream, frequent urination, getting up several times at night to urinate and a sense of not emptying the bladder completely.

These symptoms are the first clue to the diagnosis of BPH so it is important that you tell your physician if you are experiencing this.

The diagnosis of BPH is usually made by examining the prostate during a digital rectal exam. A PSA test is sometimes ordered to aid in the diagnosis. Occasionally an ultrasound picture is needed.

In mild cases of BPH, no treatment is needed. Usually we recommend that you avoid liquids after 7 p.m., avoid caffeine and alcohol which increases urine production, and avoid over-the-counter antihistamines and decongestants that can make it more difficult to urinate. A dietary supplement called saw palmetto has been shown to be effective in some studies and causes no side effects.

Other medications are prescribed that relax the muscles surrounding the urethra, making it easier to urinate. If medication fails, several surgical options are available that help open the urethra by removing excess prostate tissue. Surgery is performed by a urologist who will discuss alternative treatments with you.

Most men with BPH do not have prostate cancer. However, the risk of prostate cancer increases as men get older, so it is important for all men to have an annual prostate exam after the age of 50. All men with a family history of prostate cancer should be checked regularly at age 40.

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Clearly, you must consider many issues in evaluating your disability income needs and the various ways you can address them. If you're lucky, you'll never have to worry about a disability—but it's always best to be prepared.

• **Longest waiting period you can afford**—The length of your

2001 Lakeshore Loop Peddles Its Way To Success!

The 17th annual Lakeshore Loop has been dubbed a huge success! The American Lung Association of Michigan is thanking 40 bike enthusiasts for raising almost \$40,000 in the fight against lung disease.

Lowell resident, Mark Hagar from Team Herman Miller brought in the second largest amount of pledge dollars. Employees with the Zeeland based company lent their financial support.

"We are extremely thankful to all the riders and vendors who contributed to the Loop's success," said Laura Sutherin, Northwest Regional manager, American Lung Association of Michigan. "Because of the generosity of so many, we are able to fund the programs and research needed, in order to combat lung disease, and promote lung health among young and old alike."

"waiting period"—the time between the onset of your disability and the point you begin receiving benefits—is a key factor in the amount of premiums you'll pay for your policy. If you opt for a longer waiting period, you can save a lot of money—but you'll have to make sure you have enough in savings to tide you over until your benefits kick in.

• **Longest benefit period for your individual needs**—You'll want your disability benefits to last at least until you're 65. You also can choose a policy that provides benefits for life. This option will be more expensive, but it may be worth it, particularly if you don't think you'll have enough alternative sources of retirement income to meet your needs.

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Special thanks are being extended to Team Herman Miller; Team McGarry of Fenton; MGHS/Marquette General Hospital; Road Warriors, Romeo; Grand Traverse Resort and Shanty Creek Resort.

The Lakeshore Loop is a three-day summer cycling event based at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. Bikers choose daily 10 to 60 mile routes and ride around Torch Lake, and through the scenic rolling hills of the surrounding area.

Plans are already underway for the 2002 Lakeshore Loop. For information on special events, or for further information in the fight against lung disease, visit on-line at www.alam.org or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Riverside Drive closed for celebration of the first super safety Saturday

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Recognizing the contributions Lowell Light and Power has made to the community, the Lowell City Council has once again set aside a week in October as Public Power Week.

The week runs from October 7-13, with it all being kicked off with the first Super Safety Saturday, Oct. 6. The Super Safety Saturday, which will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be open to community members and their children.

The event will include a children's area, exhibits from the

Lowell Area Fire Department and the Lowell Area Police Department, and tours of the generation plant. The entire event has been organized by the Lowell Light and Power, which hopes to make it an annual one.

With the event, the electric company asked that Riverside Street be closed from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This would allow extra time for exhibits to be put up and taken down, said Debbie Deane, marketing director for Lowell Light and Power.

"We want to make sure that it is a safe place for the children to explore the exhibits," Deane said.

The closure would only affect the portion of the street that runs along the building with the parking lot still being open for those who want to get through, she said.

The Lowell City Council granted the closure along with approving a proclamation recognizing the 15th Annual Public Power Week.

Lowell Light and Power has been providing electric service to the Lowell area since 1896, when the company was created.

IN THE SERVICE

Army Pvt. Charles E. Keech has graduated from the heavy-wheeled vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the course, the soldier learned to perform unit maintenance on heavy duty

vehicles, including prime movers designated as more than five tons and associated trailers, such as crane, hoist, and winch assemblies, and material handling equipment; performed maintenance and repaired systems, chassis, and assemblies pertaining to brake, ignition, engine, electrical, axle, hydraulic, trans-

mission, suspension, wheel and steering.

Keech is the son of Donna M. Keech of Lowell. He is a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Jason A. Stoutjesdyk has graduated from the motor

transport operator advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the course, the soldier learned to operate all wheel vehicle and equipment over varied terrain and roadways for support of combat operations; manage

entrucking and detucking of people, supplies and equipment being transported; oversee and check proper loading and unloading of cargo on vehicles and trailers, employ navigation techniques, operate radios and weapons mounted on vehicle; accident prevention and reporting, op-

erator vehicle maintenance; and prepare vehicles for movement/shipment by air, rail, or vessel.

Stoutjesdyk is the son of Susan L. Lewis of Cedar Springs and James M. Stoutjesdyk of Lowell. He is a 1995 graduate of Greenville High School.

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Historic Museum Opens



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ing room depicts the formation and growth of a center of trade and commerce with specific displays of Lowell area businesses.

The Lowell Showboat and its colorful history since 1932 is exhibited through photos, a scale model of the showboat, and the boat's actual wheel and whistle.

"The museum is built on lives we never saw, but is dedicated to preserving the history of Lowell's people, places, vocations (passions)," Lowell mayor Mike Blough explained.

The mayor added the museum captures the coherent image of life in Lowell and the changing, alive, vitality of Lowell spirit.

"They've done a beautiful job. The museum is a great thing for this town. Lowell needed something like this. It is just great," said Donna Hill, whose late husband Gordon Hill owned and operated Hill's Shoe Store, which is represented in the retailing room.

The vision for the museum was first conceived some 11 years ago by Judy Straub, former Lowell Area Historical Museum president. Her idea was to have a museum that would preserve and display Lowell's history.

"This is the fruition of a dream," Straub said. "I always believed there would be a day of the actual opening. There has always been a process with a good foundation which includes good policy and procedures and having good folks involved." The Lowell community has always rallied behind and supported something it felt was important ... the preservation of history is."

In phase I of the museum campaign, over \$268,000 was raised. Individuals, businesses, civic groups, foundations and Lowell's three units of government all lent support toward its creation.

The goal for the second phase of the campaign is to raise \$235,000. "We would like these funds in hand when the YMCA is ready to move to a new location," Doyle explained. "We understand that will occur in the next three to five years."

The design and creation of the museum exhibits and graphics were completed by Media Rare.

"Jerry Adams and his crew came up with a solution for every problem we encountered. They work with space limitations and made it work," Straub said.

In speaking of the museum's vision, Doyle noted that it includes:

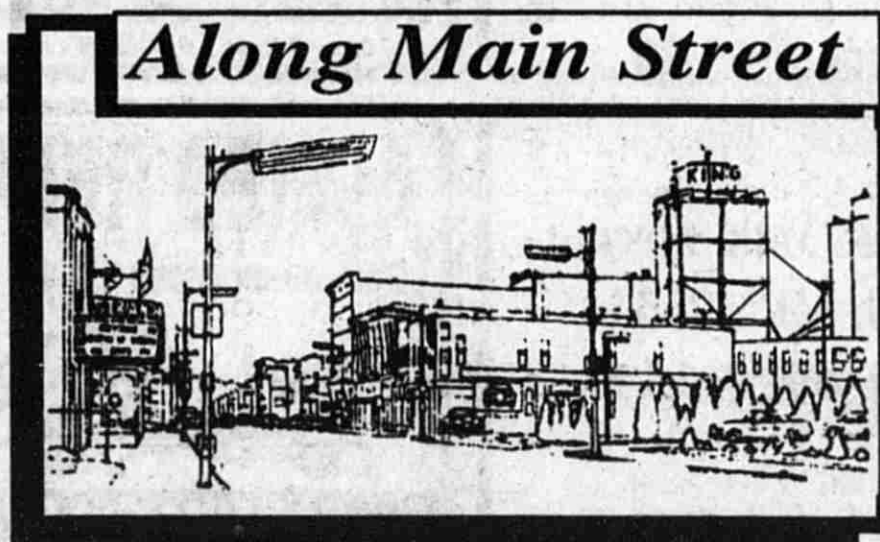
- providing speakers and historical programs;
- partnering with the school system in developing curriculum so that the museum and its history are part of the students' education;
- partnering with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Arts Council, and the Fallsburg Historical Society in an effort to bring visitors to the Lowell area.

"We did not finish until 4 o'clock on Thursday. The

Founders' reception was at seven that night," said Luanne Kaeb who worked on creating exhibits for the museum, especially many hands-on exhibits. "There is still so much that can still be put in the museum."

The museum's phase I took over 4,000 volunteer hours to create.

"I believe when people have a way of connecting to its history, people and community, they become good stewards, they become involved, and they take care of the community for future generations. Right now, I'm feeling proud and pleased the museum was so well received," Straub concluded.



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VIEW LOWELL MUSEUM GRAND OPENING
The Lowell Area Historical Museum celebration will be shown on Lowell Cable TV channel 20 on the following dates: Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 27 at noon; Friday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m.

POTTERY PALACE TO HELP RED CROSS
The Pottery Palace, located at 209 W. Main, Lowell, is conducting a fundraiser now thru Saturday, Oct. 6. They will donate 10 percent of their total sales to the Red Cross. If you wish to help, please call 897-8887.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN
The Lowell Area Historical Museum is now open to the public on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. and on Thursday from 1-8 p.m. The museum is also looking for volunteer docents. If you are interested in learning more about the history of the Lowell area while providing a much needed service, please call Judy at 897-7688.

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

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.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING
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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:

20-04-426-018	20-04-401-025
20-04-300-012	20-04-401-026
20-04-300-027	20-04-401-020
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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

Linda S. Regan
 Township Clerk



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.

EXHIBITION JEEPERS CREEPERS

The Lowell Area Arts Council exhibition of Jeepers Creepers, a celebration of autumnal & Halloween delights, will be on display at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main St., from Oct. 9 thru Nov. 6 during regular business hours.

PROGRAM ON SAFE GROUNDWATER

A community education evening sponsored by the Open Space Citizen Committee of Vergennes Twp. will be at the Wittenbach Center on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. To sign up for the program "Protecting & Preserving Our Water Resources," call 897-5671. Drop-ins invited also.

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.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 3, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed ordinance to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance. Such amending ordinance amends Section 18.01 of the Zoning Ordinance so as to increase the membership of the Board of Appeals from five to seven members and so as to rescind the limit on the number of permitted consecutive terms of Board of Appeals members; and the amending ordinance also amends Section 18.05 of the Zoning Ordinance concerning the period of time for rendering Board of Appeals decisions, the required quorum for meetings; and other matters.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office at the above address up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: September 10, 2001

PLANNING COMMISSION
 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Commission sees impact of new zoning inspector and enforcement of codes

By J.N.Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

Lowell resident, Dave Coons came before the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night in hopes of getting a variance to allow for his RV to be parked in the driveway of his home.

"I didn't even know such an ordinance was on the books," Coons said to the commission in response to a letter he received from Imperial Municipal Services about being in violation of the zoning ordinance.

According to the zoning ordinance, homeowners cannot park RVs or other recreational vehicles such as boats and jet skis in the front yard of their property. Such items need to be placed in an enclosed building or located in a rear yard and outside of a required side yard. Such vehicles may be parked in the front yard for one 7-day period every six months.

In Coons' case, he has had a motorhome since 1983 and has parked it in his driveway until a few years ago when he had the roof of his carport replaced. At that time, he had the slab widened so he could drive it up next to the

garage. Coons is unable to park it behind his home, since it is all woods and the cost of building a garage for it would be expensive. Coons said the size of the garage would make the house look lopsided.

"At present, I don't have any plans to change my way of life, but at age 79, I realize I don't have an unlimited number of years to continue to drive a motorhome," he wrote to the commission in a letter. "Some day there will be a new owner, who might not want a large motor-home-size garage attached."

The commission decided there wasn't much they could do for Coons, especially in light of the fact that eight other residents received similar letters and would be faced with the same issues.

"I know it is well hidden and not that noticeable, but as someone said, a rule is a rule," said planning commission member, Elizabeth Thompson.

Acknowledging that Coons' situation perhaps is not as serious as others, the planning commission stated it is still a violation. The commission could grant a vari-

ance, but the variance would stay with the property even after Coons left. Also, another issue was what would happen if they grant one for one person and the next person with the same problem came to the commission.

"I don't see where it can be kept on the site," planning commission chairman, Jim Hall said. Coons said storing the vehicle off his site would make it a tremendous inconvenience for him.

The commission stated Coons was in violation and that he had 15 days to take care of the situation. Coons' roofer was there and indicated he would help Coons find a solution.

City clerk Betty Morlock presented a zoning inspector report later in the meeting. In that report, she said the majority of the letters from the zoning inspector have been about boats, RVs, and other recreation vehicles that are in violation. The person also has been reporting long grass problems to her as well as junk and junk cars to the police and, in turn, those departments have been sending out letters.

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

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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:

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Coalition will expand character initiative's resources and network base

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell community's character/trait initiative commenced six years ago.

In an effort to expand upon past school and community work, the initiative will begin a partnership with the National Character Counts coalition.

"The partnership will bring new educational resources to the school district and community, allowing us to be increasingly effective in helping students become better citizens," said Lowell TOTS director, Kathy Cole. "The partnership will enable us to take the character initiative to another level through resources, programs, training and technical assistance."

Character Counts provides networking opportunities with other organizations, such as YMCA, 4-H and soccer. It also offers support through its website, material for teachers, training, a student recognition program and the "Victory with Honor" sports program.

Lowell athletic director, Barry Hobla, said the whole idea of "Victory with Honor" is to incorporate the character traits/pillars with athletics. "Character Counts traits tie in with the five identified by the Lowell community," Hobla said.

Character Counts is a partnership of over 1,000 schools, communities, governmental agencies and the nation's leading human-service organizations working to advance character education by teaching the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The Character Counts coalition website at www.charactercounts.org is an additional source of information and resources for educational efforts.

National Character Counts Week is held the third week of October for members to showcase their efforts and progress. To get involved in the partnership with Lowell Schools, call 897-8415 or 897-1232.

Cole said the \$100 a year membership fee and the cost of materials is being covered through the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund.

Character Counts was founded through the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

City of Lowell wellhead protection program at a standstill

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Planning Commission was hoping to hear good news about the city's movement toward a Wellhead Protection Program

... however, it wasn't quite what the water treatment plant superintendent had to say.

"Basically, it's not going anywhere," said George Regan to the planning commission at its Monday night meeting.

The problem faced by the Water Treatment Plant has been one of expansion and maintenance which, in turn, has eaten up a large portion of the plant's budget.

"So when it comes to the end of the year, there is nothing left," Regan said.

A Wellhead Protection Program is a district that surrounds a city's water fields and wells. The district helps the government define more clearly what can and cannot go near the city's water supply so as to prevent contamination. The city has four wells and one water field.

The clincher to the situation is that the city has to pay for a study on the field and wells, which could be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Once the city starts to show it is developing a Wellhead Protection Program, the state will

kick in matching funds, about \$50,500, Regan explained.

Unfortunately the plant revenues have been going toward other projects such as a new river crossing system that was more than \$200,000. This year, Regan said he has already spent a vast majority of his budget on replacing items in the plant along with removing lime out of the small lime field.

"This is a 23-year-old plant and it is going to start requiring more and more maintenance," Regan said, adding that the roof is probably the next project since it

is 13 years old and could go at any time.

Another problem Regan has faced is getting a committee of citizens together to help develop the Wellhead Protection Program for the city. He has gotten little interest in anyone wanting to participate.

"I think that is because people just don't have the time and they are committed to death," he said.

There has been a positive. The city has not had anything developed in the area that could threaten the water supply. There is an Action Auto, however, Regan said it is affecting private wells located to the west but if the plant should sink a well to the west, the city could have some problems.

The planning commission decided to keep the Wellhead Protection Program on its capital improvements list in hopes of getting it through. Meanwhile, Regan said he would work on getting a committee together and try to obtain some state funding early to help with the project.



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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REFERENDUM ON BECOMING A CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the township of Bowne has a population of 2000 or more according to the most recent United States census and is therefore eligible to be incorporated as a charter township under section 3a of the Charter Township Act, 1947 PA 359 (MCL 42.3a). The township board has the right to exercise one of three options concerning status as a charter township, as follows:

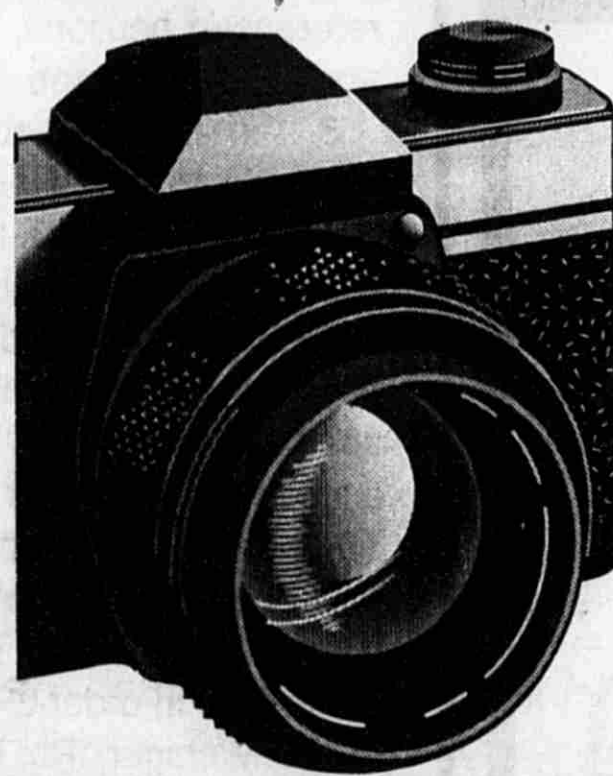
1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township;
2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township;
3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular or special township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.

In the event option 2 is adopted by the township board, the citizens of the township have the right to file a "Right to Referendum Petition." This petition must be filed within the 60 days which must lapse between passage of a resolution of the intent to incorporate and final passage of the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

The petition shall follow, in general form, the nominating petition form as prescribed in the Michigan Election Law, and in the heading will indicate "Disagreement of Intent to Incorporate as a Charter Township." The petition must be signed by not less than 10% of the registered voters of the township based on the vote cast for all candidates for supervisor at the last election at which a supervisor was elected.

If the petition is successful, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special township election.

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IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Pvt. Jeremiah L. Russo, a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Russo successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Russo and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Russo spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments.

Russo and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment.

Russo and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 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.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: The "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.

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 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.

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

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$5; adults: \$3; 5-17: \$1.50; free for members and under age 5.

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

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting 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.

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.

THURS., SEPT. 27: Commodities distribution at Moose Recreational Bldg.: Frozen ground beef, rice, cereal, corn, flour mix, trail mix, O.J., peanut butter, sweet potatoes and more.

SUN., SEPT. 30: N. Y. Disaster Relief Benefit concert by Saranac Community and Area Music Makers, 3 p.m. at Saranac High School. Free-will donation at door w/all proceeds to disaster relief funds.

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.

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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 newborn to 7 years. Call Judith Madden at 897-7842 ext. 380.

THURS., OCT. 4: Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Local artist, David Davis will be on the program. Bring items for Outreach Ministries. Hostesses: Doris Ellis and Donna Ford. Sponsor: Pauline Burtle.

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.

WED., OCT. 10: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family-style beef & pork dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$7; ages 5-12 \$2.

WED., OCT. 17: Vergennes Twp. community ed. evening at Wittenbach Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Topic: Protecting & Preserving Our Water Resources. Call 897-5671 for info or to sign up.

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SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 29 & 30: Fallsburg Fall Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

City amendment for corner lots won't be easy

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Lowell Planning Commission chairman, Jim Hall figured it was going to be a breeze in determining which front of a corner lot is going to be the front and which is going to be the side. It turned out to be a lot harder than it looked.

The planning commission was ready to approve a new ordinance which would make the narrowest side of a corner lot running along a road, the front yard of the property, with the other frontage running along the road being the side yard. That was until Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden raised a question about the issue.

"If the address is on the front that is not the narrowest, it could create a problem in keeping that side free from the parking of RVs and other items," DesJarden said. According to the city ordinance, homeowners cannot park RVs and other recreational vehicles such as boats and snowmobiles in the front yard of a home. Such vehicles can be placed outside of a side yard setback.

Doug Hopkins, of Imperial Municipal Services who serves as the city's building inspector, said it is important to keep the address side clear for emergency purposes, but that keeping the side yards clear for corner lots is important for visibility.

"You may need to have some type of wording that nothing can be parked in this area," Hopkins said.

Commission member, John VanderWilp said if, in a side yard, a six-foot fence were allowed, this could also cause a visibility problem on the corner.

Because of the number of questions raised, the planning commission decided to table the ordinance until a public

COLLEGE NEWS

Melissa Schloop, a senior at Lowell High School, has been named a Commended Student in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program, announced Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to Schloop.

Being recognized for their exceptional academic promise are a total of about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation. Although they will not continue in the 2002 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million stu-

dents who entered the 2002 competition by taking the 2000 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their performance in our very competitive Merit Program," said an NMSC spokesperson. "In a nation that values excellence, it is important to publicly honor scholastically talented youth and acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing their development. We hope this recognition will augment the educational opportunities of Commended Students and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

hearing on the matter is held. They asked staff to review the issue and bring it back to the commission's next meeting scheduled for Oct. 22.

The commission had decided to look at the ordinance because of a number of problems Lowell residents living on corner lots have had in maintaining proper setbacks.

Sign vandals caught

Two Lowell juveniles were referred to Juvenile Court after admitting to the vandalism to area business signs on Aug. 31/Sept. 1.

Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine said both young men were 16. "The department received a couple of tips and after contacting the juveniles, they admitted to carrying out the acts of vandalism," Valentine said. "It is believed that restitution for the damage caused will be included in the sentence."

The damage was carried out on signs at Lowell Family Medical Center, Hooper Printing, and Fuller Septic. A door and windows were also damaged at Hooper printing.

The damage totaled roughly \$5,500.

Wittenbach Center celebrates anniversary

The grand opening of the Wittenbach Agriscience/Environmental Center and the Wege Natural Area took place one year ago.

To celebrate the anniversary, several activities have been planned for Friday, Sept. 28. An ox roast will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; all ages \$5.

There will be a 1 mile "Fun Run" at 5:30 p.m. for kids. Cost is \$5. A "Trail Run" (2.5 miles) will take place at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$15. Late registration will be at the Wittenbach Center from 4-5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Following the celebration, the Lowell High School football team battles league rival Forest Hills Central at Red Arrow Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 27: Brooke Tetzlaff.

SEPT. 28: Bruce Weeks, Erin Doyle, Chad Newhouse, Tony Johnson, Matthew Foster.

SEPT. 29: S.J. Ayres, Orison Abel, Judy Baird, Kayla Brenk, Kelleigh Walling, Edward Stormzand II.

SEPT. 30: Jimmy Hodges, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Ray Zandstra, Mark Willmarth, Jay Thaler, Marion Miller, Haley Main, Ernie Barnes.

OCT. 1: Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes, Sara Schuitema.

OCT. 2: Doris Titcombe.

OCT. 3: Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk Sr.

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Vergennes Township is currently taking bids for snowplow services for the 2001-02 season. Bids should be received by Friday, October 12 to be considered, with the contract to be awarded at the October 15, 2001 meeting of the board.

Also, bids for office lawn care and cemetery lawn care services to be performed in 2002 are being accepted, with the contracts to be awarded in February of 2002. The bids should be received by February 15th to be considered, and will be awarded at the February 18, 2002 meeting of the board.

For more information, please stop by or contact the township offices at 10381 Bailey Dr., P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331-0208. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone number is 897-5671, fax 897-5674, or e-mail clerk@vergennestwp.org.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 10, 2001, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance amending the Grattan Township Dock and Boat Ordinance.

The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- 1. Identification of Rafts.** The amending ordinance amends Section 4.4 of the dock and boat ordinance so as to provide that the owners of a raft or swimming platform shall place a sign or placard on the raft or swimming platform, in order to identify the current lake property address of the owner of the raft or swimming platform; the requirement of such a sign or placard on a dock has been deleted.
- 2. Effective Date.** The amending ordinance will become effective September 26, 2001. A copy of the amending ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: September 20, 2001

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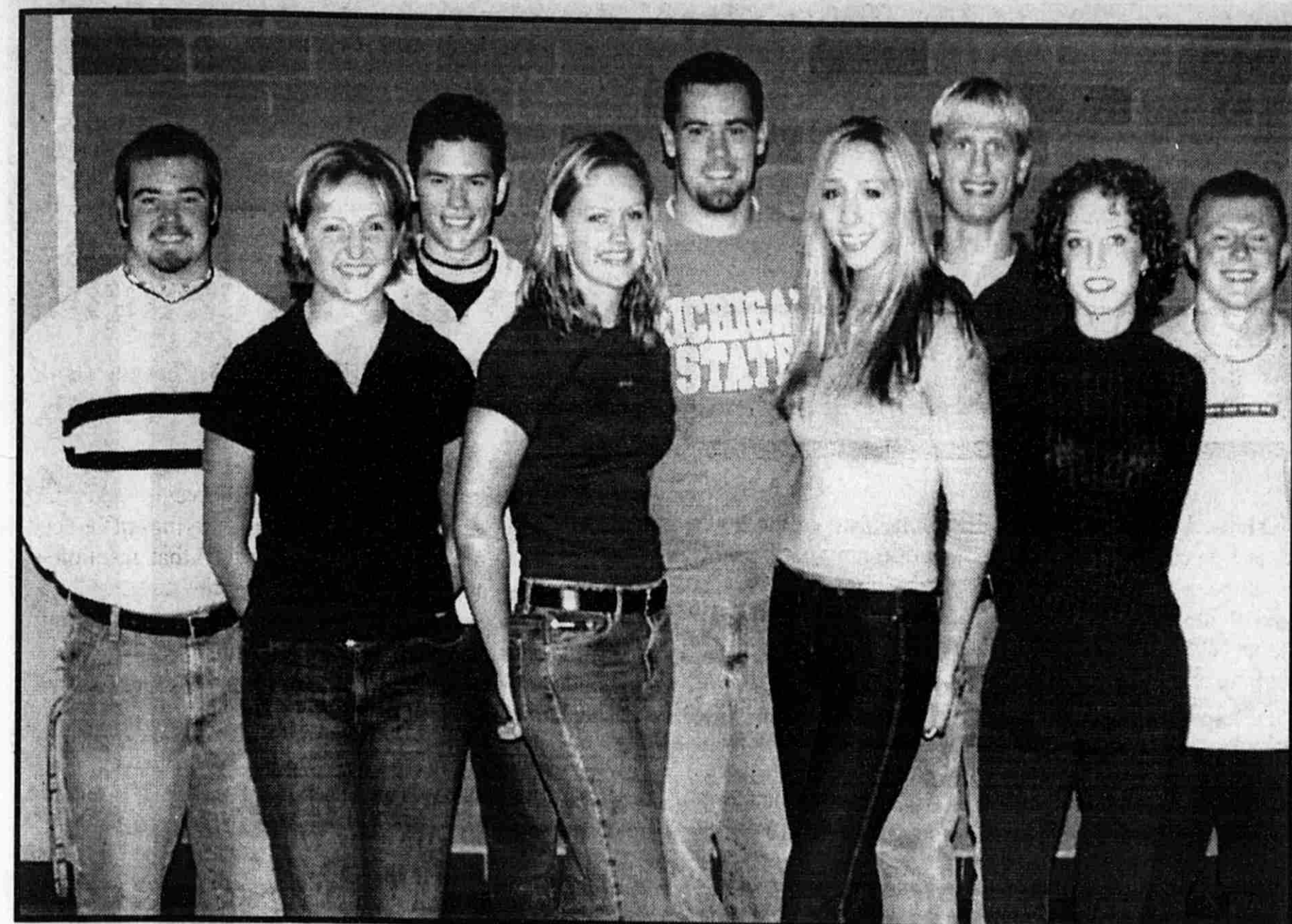
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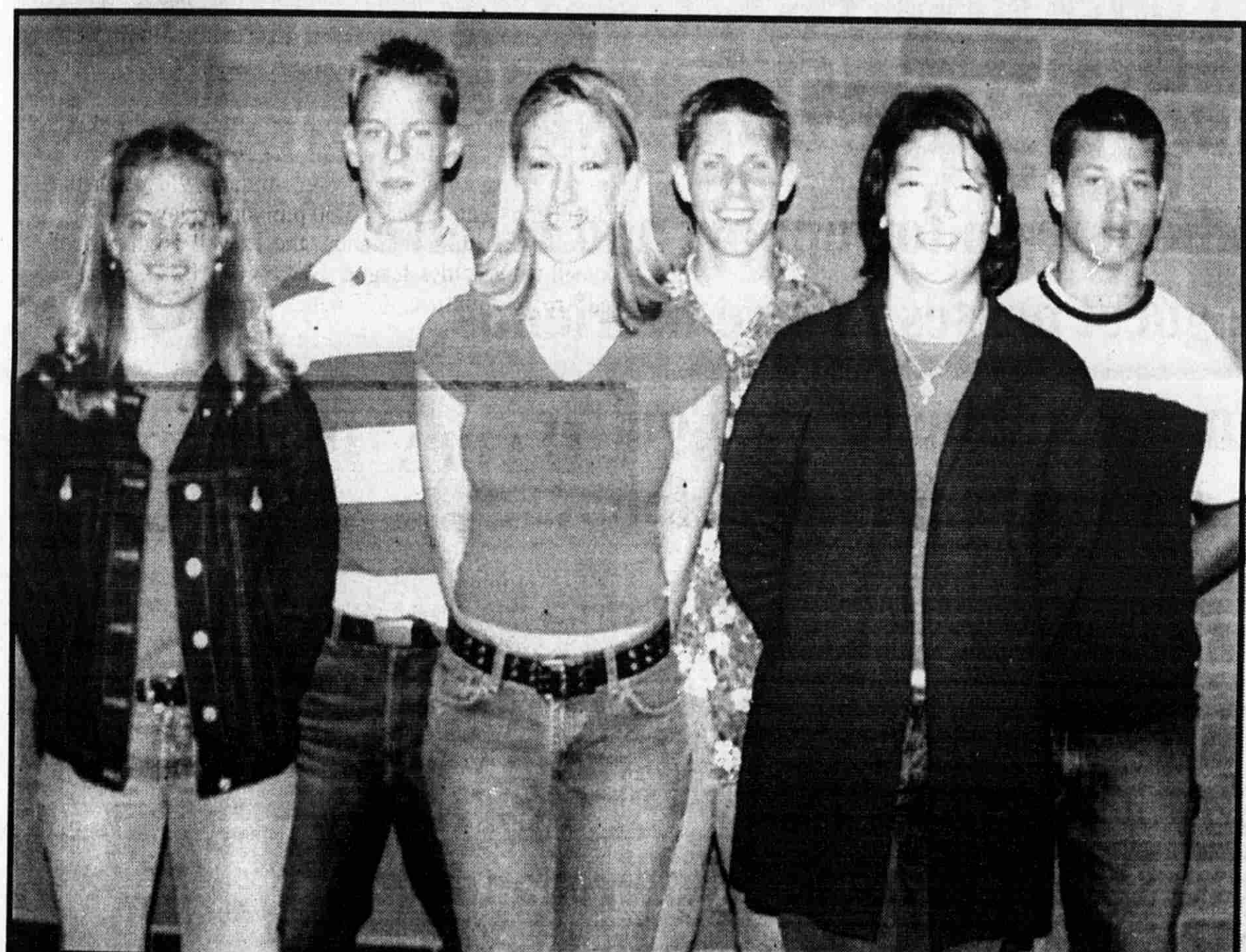
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LHS Senior Homecoming Court



Members of the 2001 Lowell Homecoming Court, pictured left to right, are seniors: Travis DeVoid, Brittany Huisman, Brandon Bouwkamp, Kelsey Scheider, Ben Vaught, Megan Liszewski, Jack Whitman, Rachel Swift, and Matt Barry. Molly Kirsch is not pictured. The king and queen will be crowned on Friday, Oct. 5.



Members of the 2001 underclassmen court, left to right, are: Rebekah Woods, ninth grade; Zach Horan, 10th grade; Renee Catlin, 10th grade; Matthew Foster, 11th grade; Katie Lum, 11th grade; and Ryan Esbaugh, ninth grade.

Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument. —Richard Whitley

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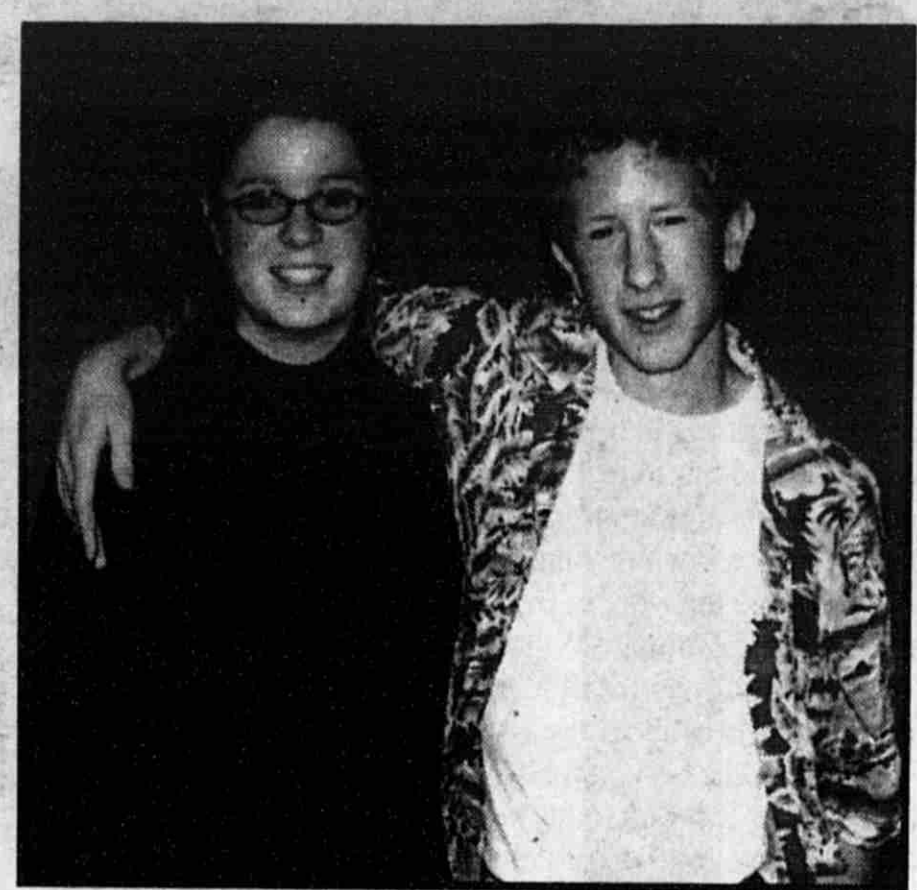
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Jacob Gould is proud to announce the birth of his baby brother, **BRAYDEN THOMAS GOULD**. Born on Sept. 3, 2001, Labor Day, he weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. & measured 19" long.

Proud parents are Ryan & Chayo Gould; grandparents include: Greg & Bonnie Miller, Ray & Barb Zandstra and Randy Gould; great-grandparents are Bruce & Inga Weeks, Juanita & Art Vroman. Also welcoming him home were aunts, uncles & special cousin Jordan Harding.



Master & Mistress of Ceremonies

The 2001 Lowell High School Homecoming master and mistress of ceremonies, pictured above, are: Shelby Tomczak and Chris Michael.

Genius does what it must, and talent does what it can. —Edward Rovert Bulwer-Lytton

Thank You!

Dr. Langlois, Bonnie, Cathy & Shirley of Lowell Animal Hospital, Dr. Rick Banks of Northland Animal Hospital, Dr. Mast of Grand River Veterinary Hospital, Jim & Ruth Wood, Brewster's "human" Grandparents



We are truly blessed to have friends, family and doctors to help us through Brewster's long battle with cancer. I can't thank you all enough for the love and caring kindness that you have shown to us through this illness, as well as at the end, when it was just too much for Brewie to take anymore. He gave it his all to beat the cancer and stay with us, and with your help & love, it was longer than we could've ever hoped for.

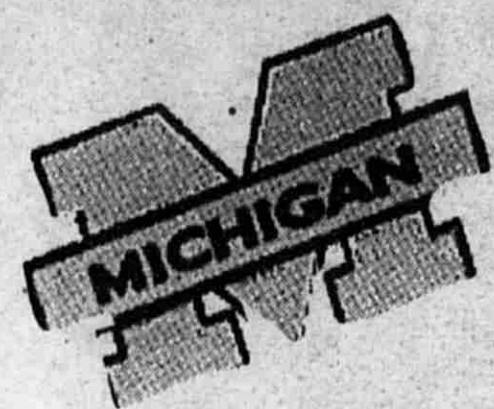
I am eternally grateful to you all for your thoughtfulness and loving support.

Thank you and God Bless you all, Candice, Skylar (and Brewster)

Grandma Nita,

Sometimes it may seem we are a million miles away, So I want you to know I think of you each and every day. In my mind, you I have memorized, believe it or not, right down to how you accessorize. Always remembering - Ramming the roads and going shopping. McDonalds, the \$ store, Keiser's and Springrove kept us a hopping. Never forgetting - playing in the creek while the wildlife roamed around, like us, happily and freely. By the way, what were those ducks doing really? So you see, Grandma, no matter how many miles there are between us, You are always close to my heart, which is filled with all the treasured times we share, created just by us!

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Notice is hereby given that the following changes to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance have been approved by the Lowell Township Board at the regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, September 17, 2001.

1. Typographical changes
2. Re-lettering
3. Re-numbering

A detailed listing of the changes is available for inspection at the Lowell Township Hall during normal business hours.

Lowell Charter Township,
Linda S. Regan, Clerk



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President George W. Bush

CITY OF LOWELL

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Downtown Development Authority will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 1, 2001 at 12 noon at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell. The purpose of said hearing is to receive comments from the public to consider a Resolution to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission finding the issuance of a Class C liquor license would prevent further deterioration of the Development District and would promote economic growth within the District.

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



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2001

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

Classic Car Company has requested a variance for property located at 11250 E. Fulton (PP#41-20-09-100-028) to allow use of three pre-existing signs which are not in compliance with the Lowell Charter Township sign ordinance.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
616-897-7600

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 1, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

206 S. Division - Matt and Sonnie Sullivan have requested a variance to keep a four-foot high fence they had constructed along their Jackson, Front and South Division Streets property lines, which constitute three front yards. Under the Zoning Ordinance, these fences are limited to three feet. Thus, a variance had been petitioned.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.



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Lowell 32, Northview 14

VanLoon, Lowell, rush past Wildcats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dustin VanLoon returned to a familiar place Friday night ... a place many Wildcat fans wished he'd never left.

VanLoon, who transferred to Lowell back in 2000 from Northview, was moved up from the junior varsity football squad to help strengthen an ailing Red Arrow running core.

The sophomore had just the right medicine as he rushed for a team-leading 97 yards and scored two touchdowns in Lowell's 32-14 O-K White win over Northview.

VanLoon led a Lowell running attack which rolled up 305 yards on the ground. Quarterback Mark Catlin ran for 94 and fullback Travis DeVoid rumbled for 65.

"It's amazing how these kids have maintained their focus with all they've been through over the last two-three weeks," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean. "We try to keep the boys on an even keel, but we were a little flat in that first half."

The Red Arrows dominated field position in the opening half, but only had a

6-0 advantage to show for it at halftime.

Lowell's only touchdown came on a five-yard scoring run by Brandon Biggs.

Lowell fumbled away its first scoring opportunity at the goal line early in the second half. The fumble erased a 14 play 60-yard drive.

The Red Arrows went on a 56-yard touchdown drive to start the second half. It took 15 plays and this time Lowell found paydirt when Catlin connected with Logan Dykstra on a 16-yard touchdown pass, giving Lowell a 12-0 lead.

Northview answered with a 70 yard 12 play scoring drive, capped off by a three yard touchdown pass from Dan Wernstrom to Tim Rich. The point after brought the Wildcats to within five at 12-7.

Having taken Northview's best shot, Lowell brushed itself off and marched 74 yards in four plays to take a 19-7 lead. The touchdown came on a Catlin to Zach Beachum 13-yard touchdown pass.

The Red Arrows added two fourth quarter scores with



Mark Catlin races around the left end for a few of his 94 rushing yards. Catlin was also seven of 11 for 150 yards through the air.

less than six minutes to play. VanLoon scored on a one-yard run and broke free over the right tackle for a 66-yard touchdown.

Northview's final score of the contest came on a 30-yard touchdown pass from

Wernstrom to Josh Robach. "I was proud of our kids. They came out with a little more fire," said Northview coach, Scott Robertson. "Lowell's a good football team. They will make the

playoffs and will do well." Northview's loss to Lowell ended a brutal three-week stretch for the Wildcats which saw them play Forest Hills Northern, East Grand Rapids and the Red Arrows.

"The good news is next week we will probably be healthy for the first time this year," Robertson said.

Lowell (4-1, 2-1) hosts Forest Hills Central on Friday.

It's amazing how these kids have maintained their focus with all they've been through over the last two-three weeks. We try to keep the boys on an even keel, but we were a little flat in that first half.

Noel Dean/Lowell Football Coach

Red Arrow girls' 7-1 start has been a balancing act

••• Rebounding, defense, minimal turnovers and balanced scoring jump-started the Red Arrows to a 3-0 start in the O-K White.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With the season just eight games old, opponents' coaches may want to begin devising new game strategies for their encounters with the Lowell girls basketball team.

The Red Arrows (7-1, 3-0) are combining a balanced offensive attack with a defense that limits opponents to 31 points per game, a front line which out boards its opponents by 8-10 rebounds per game and an offense that is committing nine less turnovers per game than a year ago.

In its three O-K White victories against East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Northern and Northview, Lowell was led in scoring by Kelly Fitzpatrick and Becky Bosserd. The team's second leading scorers were Blair Meyer and Kendra Gallert.

Absent from those lists is last year's leading scorer Leslie

Crowley. While the junior has contributed by averaging eight points per game during that stretch, she hasn't been the player with the most points.

"We have five girls who are all capable scorers," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "Teams have been focusing on Leslie. I think our balance has surprised them."

What may have also surprised others is the ease in which the Red Arrows have dominated East Grand Rapids (45-28) and Northview (50-34) who lost by two points to the Pioneers. In between, Lowell pounded a lesser caliber opponent in FHN, 68-37.

"The girls are playing very well. They've been consistent and are getting a number of easy fastbreak/transition baskets," Crowley said. "They are also taking pride in their rebounding and defensive play."

In its first win against East in five years, Lowell led 35-14 in the third quarter.

The Red Arrows were sparked defensively by Kendra Gallert and Leslie Crowley. "Kendra took away Cochran (Kelly) and Leslie controlled Braseth (Julie)," Crowley explained. "We were able to take East out of its game. Considering the level of competition, this is the best game we've

played all year. The girls executed and passed the ball real well."

Becky Bosserd led all Lowell scorers with 12 points. Blair Meyer netted 10 and Lauren Vashaw contributed with eight. Crowley and Shelby Tomczak tallied six and five points apiece.

Against Northview, Gallert, a freshman, led Lowell to a 29-15 halftime lead. She connected on three 3s and authored a scoring drive to the bucket which received a few "ooohs and aaahs."

Fitzpatrick led Lowell in scoring with 12 points off the bench. Crowley added eight and Bosserd and Tomczak netted six and five points respectively.

In Lowell's 31-point win over Forest Hills Northern, Bosserd led the way with 13 points while Meyer and Crowley each tallied 10. Gallert again added nine and Vashaw and Tomczak scored seven apiece.

"Fitzpatrick has been great off the bench; Vashaw has been dynamite on the offensive boards," Crowley said. "The keys to our success have been defense, controlling the offensive and defensive boards, and reducing turnovers."

Lowell will test that successful formula against Forest Hills Central and Zeeland this week.

Lowell Invitational

Red Arrow girls third behind strong groups of Rams and Huskies

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A pretty difficult home course, and tough competition decided Lowell girls cross country team's third-place fate Saturday at the Lowell Invitational.

"Our times were pretty good. This is a tough course... it's comparable to Johnson Park. I think Johnson Park is a little tougher because the hills are longer and the upgrades are tougher," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf.

Lowell finished behind Rockford's "B" team and Forest Hills Northern. "Rockford is obviously very, very good. Their best team was running down in Ohio. FHN also has a real strong team this year," said VanderWarf.

Lisa Wojciakowski led all Red Arrows, placing fourth overall with a time of 20:18. Abbie Blanding was 13th with a time of 21:08. Sarah

Swab finished 16th with a time of 21:13. Holly Plattner came home in 21:26, finishing 17th overall and Natalie Kent was a second in back of her with a time of 21:27, 18th overall.

The field was split into three. Rockford ran away, followed by FHN and Lowell, and then the rest of the 10-team field.

Earlier in the week, Lowell ran away from Northview, 15-49.

The Red Arrows grabbed the top five spots: Wojciakowski 21:05; Plattner 21:53; Swab 22:02; Blanding 22:11; and Kent 22:25.

"It looks as though Northern and our girls will win out the rest of the way. That gives us one more shot at them in the conference tournament. We're still in it. We're right there even when their number one runner (Blair Underwood) runs," concluded VanderWarf.



Lowell's Lisa Wojciakowski was fourth overall Saturday.

Red Arrow harriers edged by Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The odd numbers had it and Northview filled all the spots in its 25-31 win over the Lowell boys cross country team.

The Wildcats claimed spots one, three, five, seven and nine in defeating the Red Arrows.

Lowell filled the even numbered positions two through 10.

"I thought we ran well. We have a number of injuries (minor) but when you lack depth, that really hurts," VanderWarf said.

Steve Ellison, second, led Lowell with a time of 18:43. Teammate Scott Riddle was fourth in a time of 19:24. He was followed

by Mitch Solon, sixth, 20:34; Bobby Gingerich, eighth, 20:59; and Pat Cavanaugh, 10th 21:33.

Lowell Invitational

An ailing Red Arrow team struggled at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday.

Lowell finished last with 287 points. Mona Shores won the event with 34 points. Zeeland finished third as they lost to Grand Rapids Christian in a tie-breaker.

Steve Ellison (31st) led Lowell, stopping the clock in 18:14. Scott Riddle (45th) was the second Red Arrow off the course in 18:46. He was followed by Solon, 66th, 20:04; Andy Roberts, 72nd, 21:29; and Ryan Karasiewicz, 73rd, 21:47.

There are nine basic cuts of beef: round, sirloin, short loin, rib, chuck, fore shank, brisket, short plate and flank.

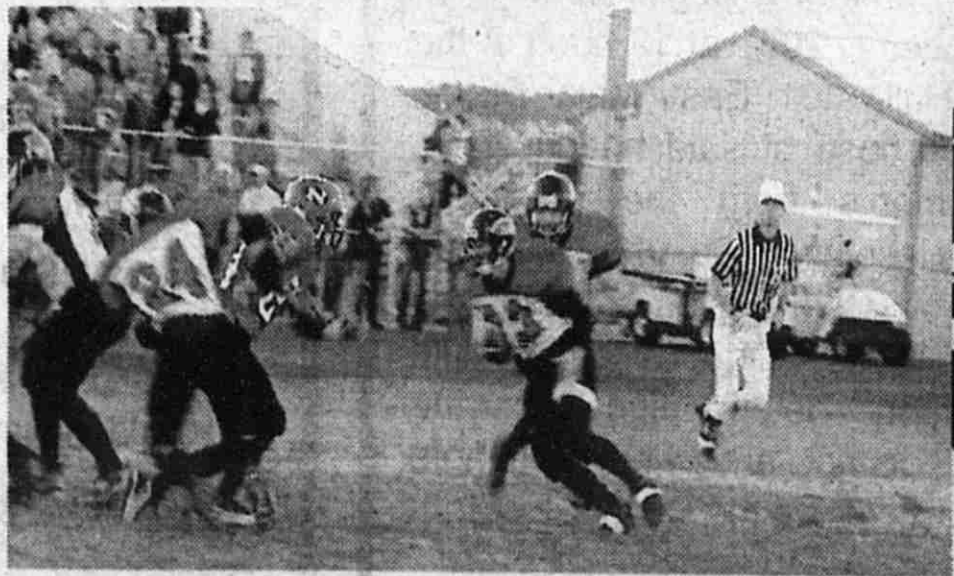
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Wildcat quarterback Dan Wernstrom is sacked during second half action of Lowell's 32-14 win over Northview.



Matt Barry takes the handoff from quarterback Mark Catlin in first-half action against Northview.

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Lowell High School Fall Sports Team Pictures



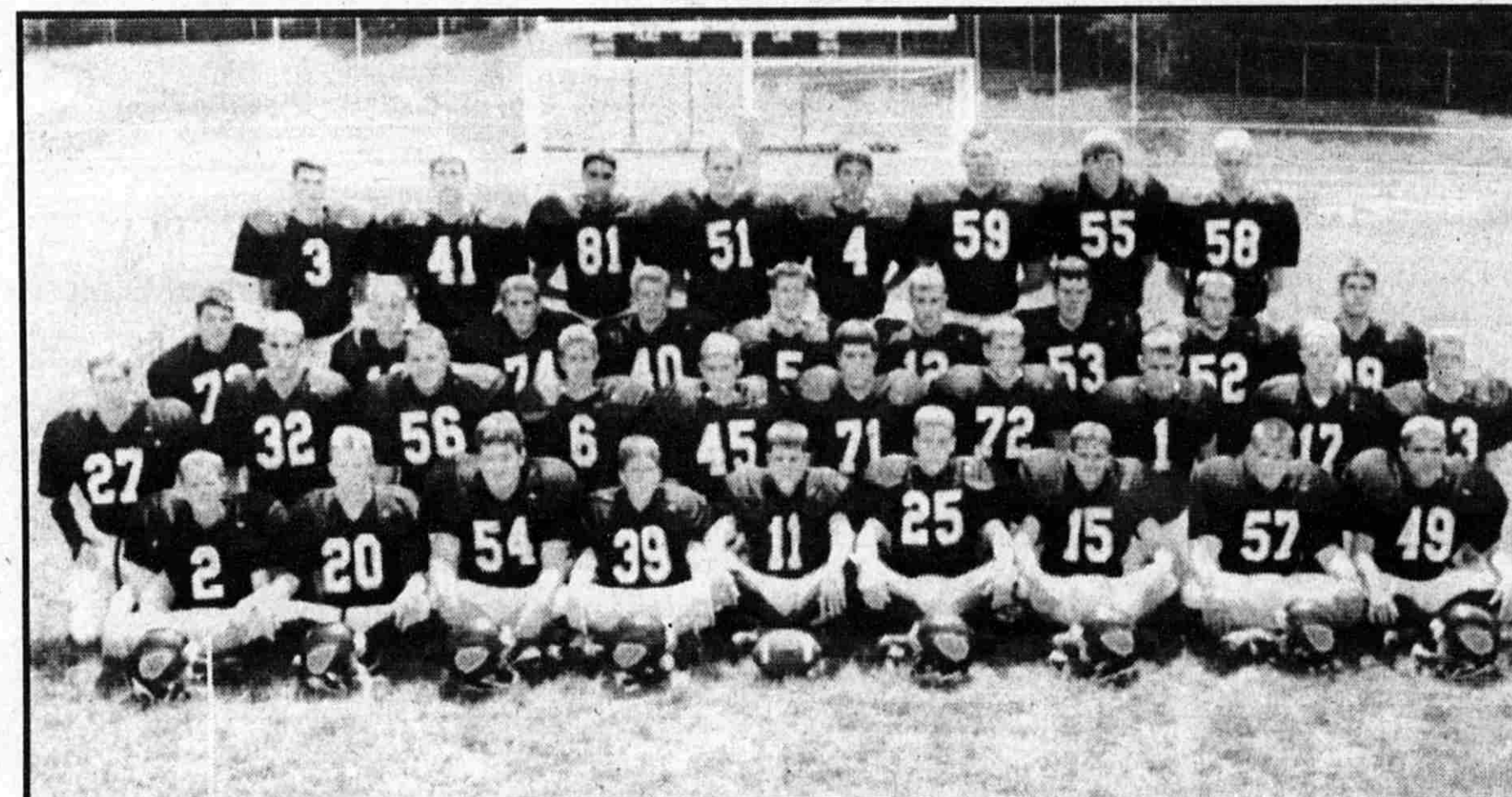
LOWELL VARSITY SOCCER

Members of the Lowell 2001 Varsity Soccer team, 1st row, left to right, are: Josh Anderson, Patrick Vogel, Jeremy Goff, Josh Middleton, Matthew Foster, Travis Gillan, Zach Horan, Matt Tomko, Shane Stokes, Joe Mull; 2nd row: Chris Cress, Jordan Schaefer, Jeffrey Harreld, Sam Oberlin, Matthew Horan, Zachary Stauffer, Craig Carpenter, Mike Kinney, Sean Mandle, Paul Despres, Brandon Gillikin, Chris Michael, coach Paul Legge.



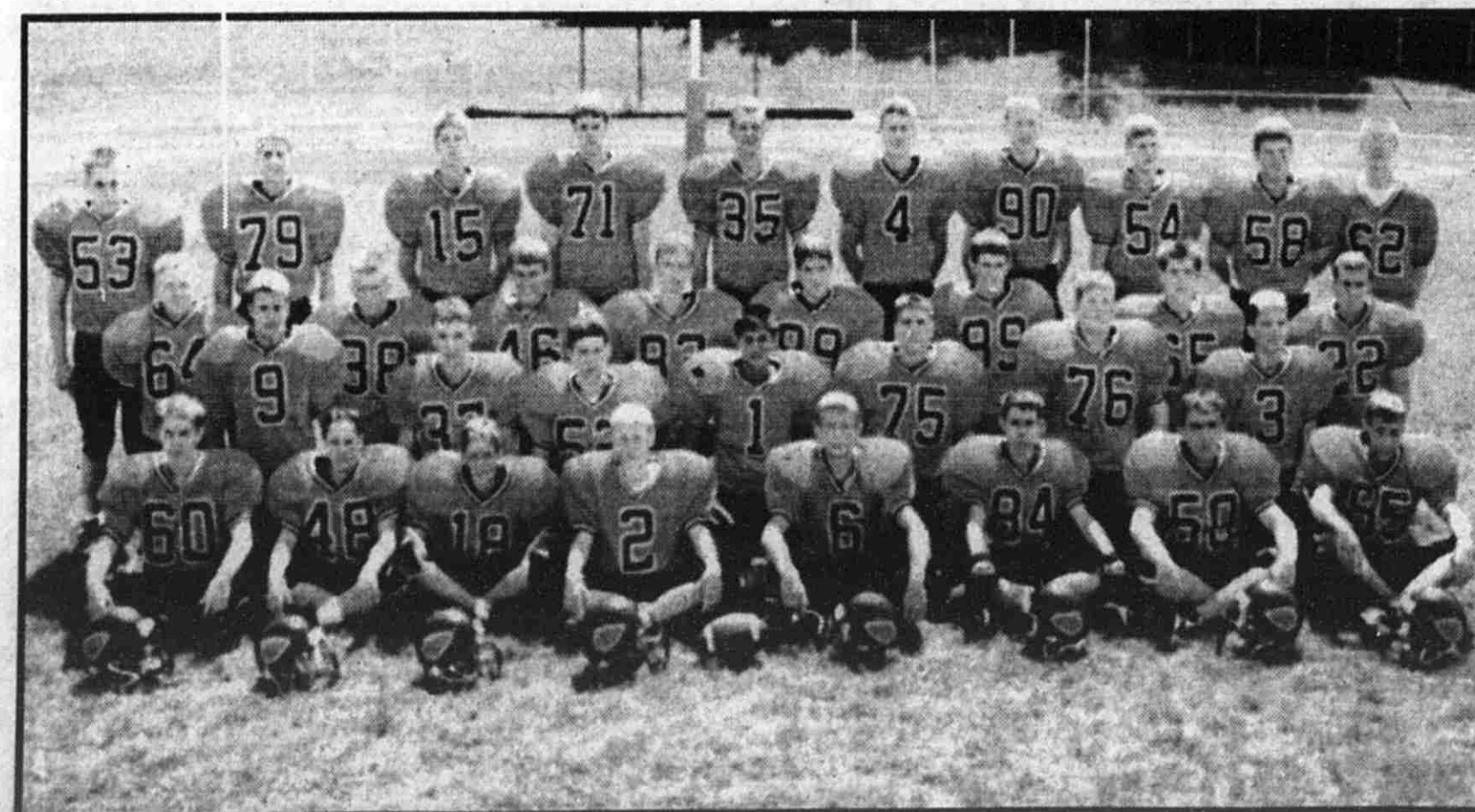
LOWELL JV TENNIS

Members of the Lowell 2001 JV Tennis team, 1st row, left to right, are: Sarah Fitzpatrick, Jean Kimberlin, Magen Feehan, Heather Cadwallader, Shelly Wernet; 2nd row: Marissa Tawney, Lindsey Kremer, Lauren Thomas, Annie Didion, Melissa Warner, Reshanna Burr, Haley Irwin; 3rd row: asst. coach Chris, Stacy Dubbink, Katie Huver, Eva Geldersma, Kristi Kremer, Sandrine Shang-hai, Jolene Roth, Lesley Kerr, coach Sue Beute.



LOWELL JV FOOTBALL

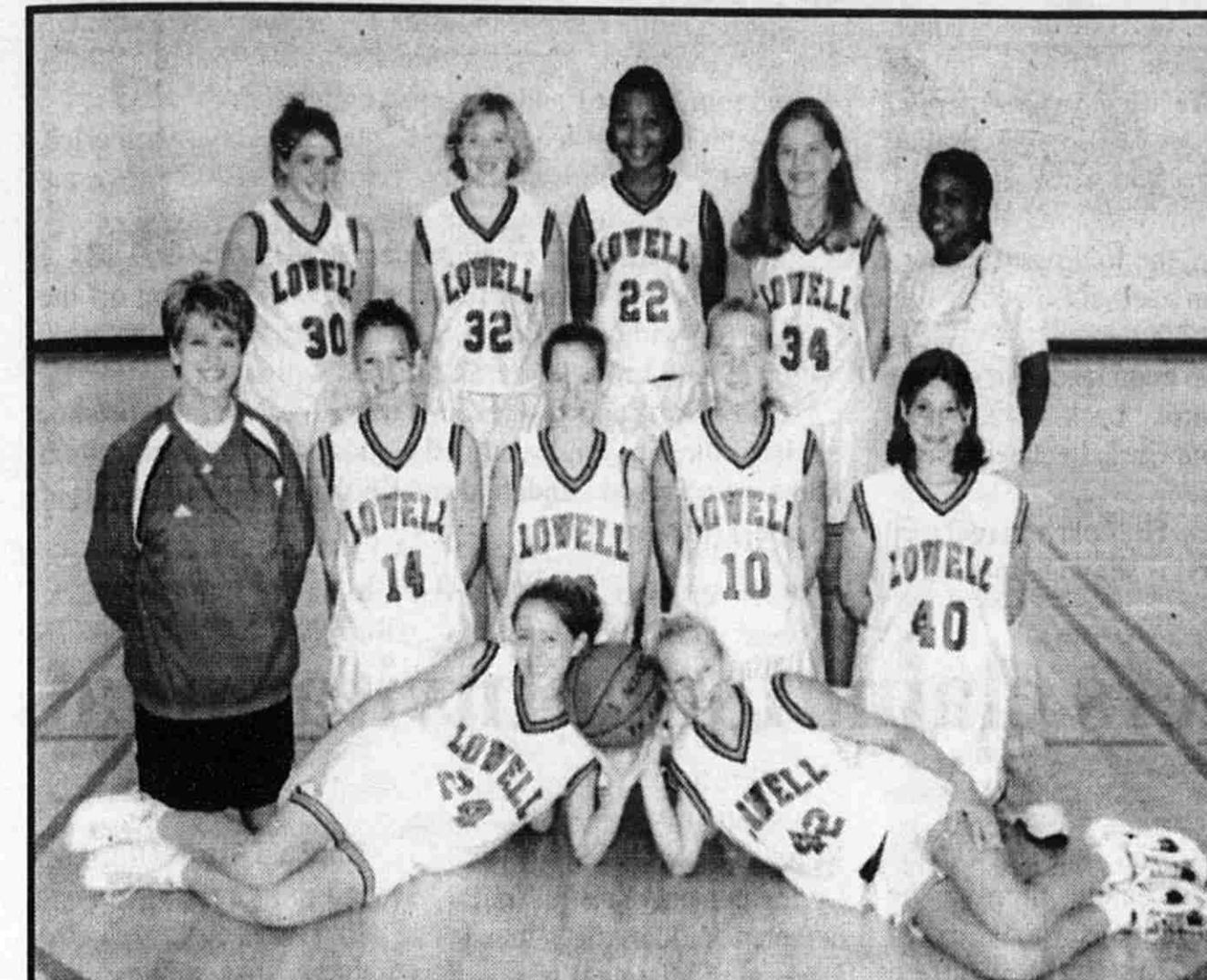
Members of the Lowell 2001 JV Football team, 1st row, left to right, are: Ryan Moore, Michael Nearing, Paul Schellenberger, Dustin Osborne, Andrew Benedict, Sean Myers, Jon Eickhoff, Ryan Christensen, Roy Juarez; 2nd row: Lucas Baker, Dustin VanLoon, Nathan Pabon, Nathan Huisman, Patrick Doyle, Brendon Harden, Tom Eldridge, Chris Curtis, Jacob Kenworthy, Alan Nugent; 3rd row: Grant Dagggett, Chris Corlett, Jake Cosgrove, Jeffrey McPherson, Ryan Churches, Dan Vegter, Ryan Ezinga, B.J. VanHaver, Jay MacDougall; 4th row: Ben Lemke, Josh Vaught, Stephen VanHeulen, Michael Shinaberry, Andrew Min, Bryan Hoekstra, Patrick Persons, Jeremy Ellis.



LOWELL FROSH FOOTBALL

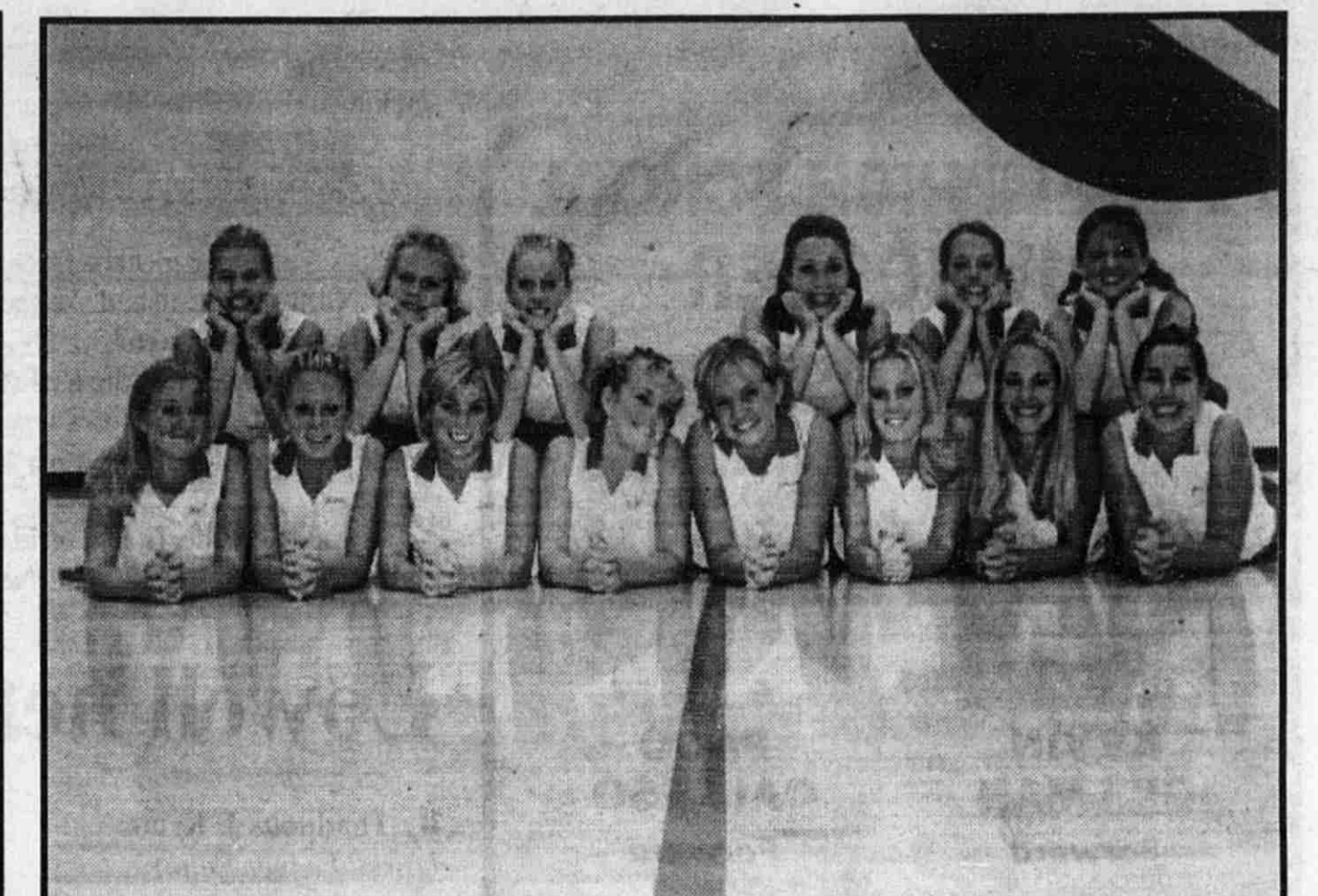
Members of the Lowell 2001 Freshman Football team, 1st row, left to right, are: Justin Craig, Brent Sutterfield, Kyle VanderLaan, Jason Welsch, Brian Janeschek, Jeffrey McMullin, Kyle Kamiński, Eric Schumm; 2nd row: Ryan Esbaugh, David Roth, Iian Luna, Alvin Aquino, Matthew VanEns, Shaun Scudder, Frank Mulder; 3rd row: Michael Gruber, Dennis Smith, Matt Meppelink, Eric Masters, Kurt Wernet, Kyle Selli, Sean Walsh, Jason Nearing; 4th row: Tim Droese, Eric Klahn, Jonathon Sper, Zachary Hefferan, Chris Meeuwesen, Michael Koster, Matthew Gillhespy, Kenneth Kline, Michael Wildey, Andy Hewitt.

Lowell High School Fall Sports Pictures, cont'd...



LOWELL FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Members of the Lowell 2001 Freshman Girls Basketball team, 1st row, left to right, are: Lerin Bommarito, Amanda Rau; 2nd row: coach Kim Griffith, Maliree Trierweiler, Abbie Debiak, Jessica Visser, Danielle Ettinger; 3rd row: Emily Gerard, Meghan Beachum, Krashawn McElveen, Lauren VanHouten, mgr. Tiffani Burr.



LOWELL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Members of the Lowell 2001 Varsity Cheerleading team, 1st row, left to right, are: Jennie Stewart, Aimee Catlin, Katie Blough, Nikki Elliott, Brittany Huisman, Erin Riemer, Kim Hoogewind, Janyka Truskowski. 2nd row: Krystal White, Christine LaFave, Sara Schoen, Katie Hettinga, Sara Bailey, Shanda Yonker.

Next up for defending state champions the MIHA State Championship

Lowell, the defending Division A state champions, easily outclassed the rest of the field as it qualified for the MIHA State Championship in Detroit on Oct. 18-22.

Scoring a record 302 points on Saturday, Lowell raised its final season total to 824 points.

The equestrian team won first place in 14 of 17 events for the day, led by high point riders' senior Kelsey Scheider (38 points) and junior Katelyn Bush (38 points), senior Molly Balaam (34 points), senior Michelle Strzyzewski (32 points) and freshman Kim Vandenberg (30 points).

After a slow start in the showmanship classes, Scheider, junior Ryanne Oetman, and freshman Julie Dunn picked up the pace in the Saddle Seat classes.

The Hunter division saw

Lowell place 10 times with strong performances by seniors Jeanie Dunn, Jasmine Steele, Jessika Richardson and sophomore Lisa Roth.

For the second consecutive week, Lowell claimed first in all four Western classes with wins by Bush, Richardson and Strzyzewski.

Senior Kirk Johnson won the first speed event (flag race) of the day, teaming with Balaam, Strzyzewski and Vandenberg, setting off an explosive 70-point gain for Lowell in the speed events.

"We are so proud of every one of our team members. They are true competitors," said Lowell equestrian coach, Casey Parker.

In the B and C Divisions, both Lowell teams earned reserve district titles with strong showings at the final meet.

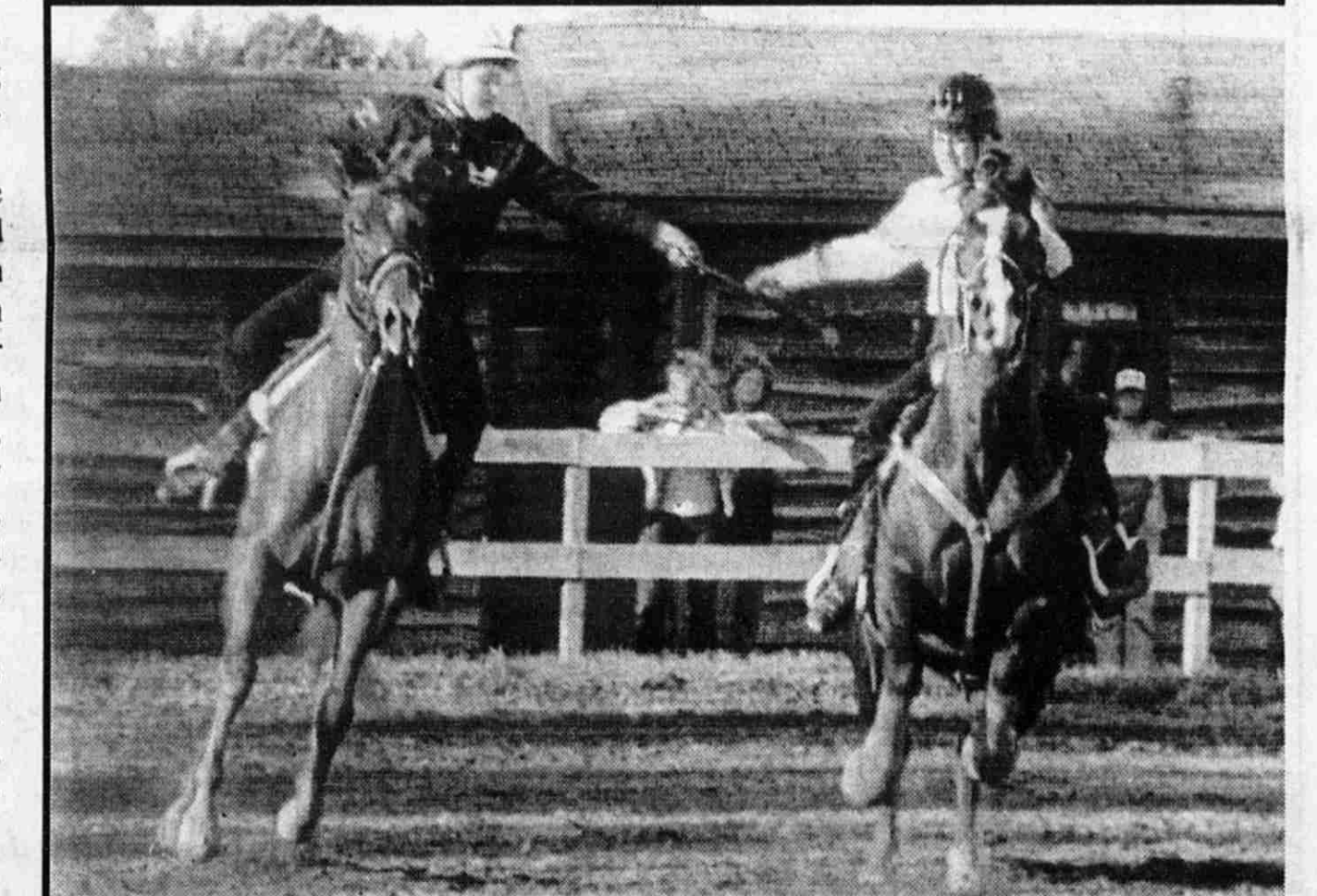
In Division B (teams of

five to 10 riders), Lowell scored an upset in edging Grant 201-200 to capture second place behind Rockford.

Lowell's performance was anchored by Hunt and Western riders, freshmen Travis Craig, Meg Silverman and sophomore Jerry Parker combined with the speed team of freshmen Kelly Foote, Chelsie Smith, Ashley Waldron, Amanda Wingeier, sophomore Jerrica Foss and senior high point rider, Louise Foster.

In the C Division (teams of five or less), Lowell fell short of its state bid with a score of 247. It was second to Forest Hills Central's 294.

Leading the way with points for Lowell were freshmen Lindsay Foster, Michelle Wolf and junior Kim Huyser, each with 24 points. Junior Jenni Meyers tallied 22 points.



Louise Foster (left) and Amanda Wingeier



Ashley Waldron



Kim Vandenberg

Red Arrow linksters drive past Eagles and 'Cats; edged by Huskies

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Depth and consistency lifted Lowell boys' golf team to

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL JV SOCCER



KEVIN GILLMAN
Forward



PACO CALLESO
Forward

In an up and down week these two gave solid efforts in a loss to Rockford 0-4, and a win at Northview 2-1.



one of its best weeks in a number of years.

"We're competitive with people," said Lowell golf coach, Jack Ogle. "We have different people stepping up and picking us up from match to match. We just have more depth."

Lowell went 2-1 in the O-K White last week with wins over Hudsonville and Northview. The Red Arrows were just three shots off the pace of Forest Hills Northern.

In a triangular meet at Deer Run, the Red Arrows shot a 170. Northview finished six shots in back of Lowell at 176. The Huskies fired a 167.

Matt Scheider was the Red Arrow team medalist, carding a round of 41. Will Nevers was a stroke back at 42. Senior Wade Gilchrist finished with a 43 and Chris Lechner fired a 44.

"Matt (Scheider) had a solid week. He's playing real well right now," Ogle said. "Will (Nevers) is showing more con-

sistency and played well against Northern and Northview."

FHN's Andy Klemm and Alex Troger were match medalists with rounds of 39. Mark Streekstra and Brandon Zilmer carded rounds of 41 and 48 respectively.

Northview was led by Tim Kostee and Dave Parmerlee. Both Wildcats came home in 43. Teammates Hans Papke and Chris Debraber shot rounds of 45.

In a dual match, Lowell bested Hudsonville 169-184. Scheider and Dan Harrison led the way, coming off the ninth green with scores of 40. Gilchrist was three shots back with a 43 and Luke Tomczak finished with a 46.

Cody Geers and Jake Tomga were the team medalists for Hudsonville. The Eagles carded rounds of 44. Following them home were Trason Landefeld and Keith Fraaza with rounds of 45 and 47 respectively.

Lowell netters claim Ionia Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Playing short-handed, the Red Arrow girls tennis team hung tough and found a way to win the Ionia Invitational over the weekend.

Lowell finished with 11 points, barely clipping the host Bulldogs who tallied 10 points. Middleville was third with nine and Charlotte finished with two.

"The girls really wanted to win this one and they worked hard and did just that," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

Playing without its fourth singles player, Kelly Riddle, Lowell won two of the top three singles flights.

Jenny Gunberg, first singles, defeated Middleville's Kara Hutches in the finals 6-2, 6-0.

"Jenny continues to play strong tennis. She displayed strong, penetrating ground strokes at Ionia," Wall said.

Mandy Gunberg upended Ionia's Laura Powers 6-0, 6-2 in the finals at second singles.

"Mandy is extremely good at putting the ball where her opponent isn't," Wall said.

Playing third singles, Lowell's Heather Geelhoed defeated Charlotte's Summer Marrucci 6-1, 6-1 to place third.

In doubles action, Lowell enjoyed similar success.

Red Arrows' Shannon Livingston and Kristie Noall defeated Middleville's Jenna Jones and Christina Wiersum, 6-3, 6-3, in the finals at first doubles. "Livingston was outstanding at the net," Wall said.

Lowell's second doubles team of Jodi Laux and Jenny Emser won their championship match against Ionia's Kristen Anderson and Christina Wandel 6-1, 6-4. "Laux had an outstanding service day," said Wall.

Maggie Mayhew and Katie Huver placed third in third doubles play with a 7-8 (2-7), 6-4, 7-4 win over Middleville's Katie Bedrick and Emily Porter.

In the championship match at fourth doubles, Lowell's Stevi Thompson and Sandrine Shanghai lost to Michelle Raetz and Jen Burks of Middleville, 3-6, 6-2, 4-7.

"Overall, the girls came in with a good attitude and played smart strategic tennis," Wall said.

Lowell placed third in a field of four at the Northview Invitational.

The Red Arrows finished second in five flights.

In singles play, Jenny Gunberg, first singles, and Mandy Gunberg, second singles, placed second.

Jenny Gunberg lost in the finals to Northview 0-6, 6-3, (4-7).

Mandy Gunberg fell to Fremont in straight sets 4-6, 4-6.

In doubles action, the second doubles team of Jodi Laux and Jenny Emser lost in straight sets to Northview in the championship match 2-6, 1-6.

Also losing to Northview in straight sets were the third doubles team of Melissa Blattner and Stevi Thompson (4-6, 5-7) and the fourth doubles team of Maggie Mayhew and Katie Huver 0-6, 3-6.

"The girls are improving. The footwork is getting better and they are hustling - that's encouraging," Wall said.

In O-K White league matches, Lowell lost to East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern 8-0.

Jenny (Gunberg) continues to play strong tennis. She displayed strong, penetrating ground strokes at Ionia.

Bonnie Wall
Lowell Tennis Coach

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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.

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HELP WANTED

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TOTS ON TRACK FOR SCHOOL - an early childhood program of the Lowell Area Schools, is seeking a playground coordinator, from 9-12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the school year to lead six playgroups. Send letter of interest & resume by September 28, to Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331. For more information contact Kathy Cole, TOTS Director at 897-1232.

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PAILS - Used 5 gal., no lids, 2/\$3 or 75¢ each. Limited quantity. Litehouse, 1400 Foreman, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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GARAGE SALE - Sat. & Sun., Sept. 29 & 30, 10-6. Fallsburg Park Area, rain or shine. Exercise equipment, computer, ladies, men & children's clothing, all kinds of odds & ends, toys, new crochet items, household items. Follow the black & orange signs from Lincoln Lake to Fallsburg Rd, to Covered Bridge Rd, over the bridge to Montcalm, turn right, 852 Montcalm NE.

HUGE SALE - 538 Fiat River, S. of Vergennes, 9/28 & 9/29, 9-8. Gas range, decorating and household items, crafts, dried flowers and arrangements, clothes for BOYS & GIRLS, infant-sz. 10, LADIES new & brand name for winter & fall, baby, maternity, toys & more.

GARAGE SALE - Fri, 9/28, 9-4 & Sat. 9/29, 9-1, 9777 36th St. (W. off Alden Nash) Toys, adult & kids clothes & misc.

GARAGE SALE - Sat., Sept. 29, 188 Foley's Grade, off Burroughs Rd, 9-4. Household goods & clothing.

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sun., Sept. 30. Rain or shine, 400 exhibitors. A great selection of antiques. Don't miss this last big show of 2001. Located at the fairgrounds right in Allegan. 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

YARD SALE - Clean-up time at the Boss', 2948 S. Marble Rd, between Pinckney & Whites Bridge off Centerline Rd., Fri. & Sat., Sep. 28 & 29, Fri. 9-dark & Sat. 9-3. Reasonable prices. Free things...Sat.dicker & deal day!

LARGE SALE - Many antiques, clothes, tools, Apache camper, 1970 Pontiac, lots of misc. 2933 Kissing Rock, off 36th St. Thurs., 9/27 thru Sun., 9/30. Multi-family sale.

GARAGE SALE - Fri., Sept. 28, corner of Lincoln Lake & Burroughs, 9:30 - 4 p.m.

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Artists and musicians to be showcased at 33rd annual Fallasburg Fall Festival

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"It's the festival people have come to for years," said

Lowell Area Arts Council executive director, Loraine Smalligan about the 33rd annual Fallasburg Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

"It's a showcase for area artists and musicians," Smalligan explained. "The community festival also helps support local nonprofit service organizations."

A group of 80 artists have been chosen to sell their work in a juried art show. Booths include photography, paintings, wooden toys, jewelry and glasswork. Demonstrations include weaving, caning, origami, rug hooking and leather working.

Local nonprofit service organizations will offer food booths. There will also be musical entertainment over the two days provided by Lowell Music Ensemble, Flat Fish, Carol Johnson, Jonah's Ridge, Luke Lenhart & Friends, The Adam's Family, David Molinari, Mechanic Street Brass Quintet, Monique Doolittle, Greg & Kathy Proulx, Hawks & Owls and Beats Settin' Home.

Arts and entertainment will also be available for children. Activities include pumpkin painting and face painting, building a space shuttle, the Lowell Area Fire Department smoke house, and free balloons.

As in previous years, the once active Fallasburg Village Post Office will be reinstated by the U.S. Post Office and offer postal services featuring a cachet and cancellation designed by Alto

artist, Ann Breckon.

The LAAC's annual quilt raffle features a quilt designed and created by Dolores Dey and Dawn Corey.

There is no admission to the festival and supervised parking is available for a \$1 donation. No pets will be allowed at the festival.

For more information call Smalligan at 897-8545.

AUCTIONS

AUCTION NOTICE
Contents of storage unit #5 belonging to Terrence L. Deters, DBA Aleta's Rock & Gift Shop will take place 10 a.m. 9/29/01 at 9817 36th St., Lowell, MI. Landman Storage Co. 616-897-5743.

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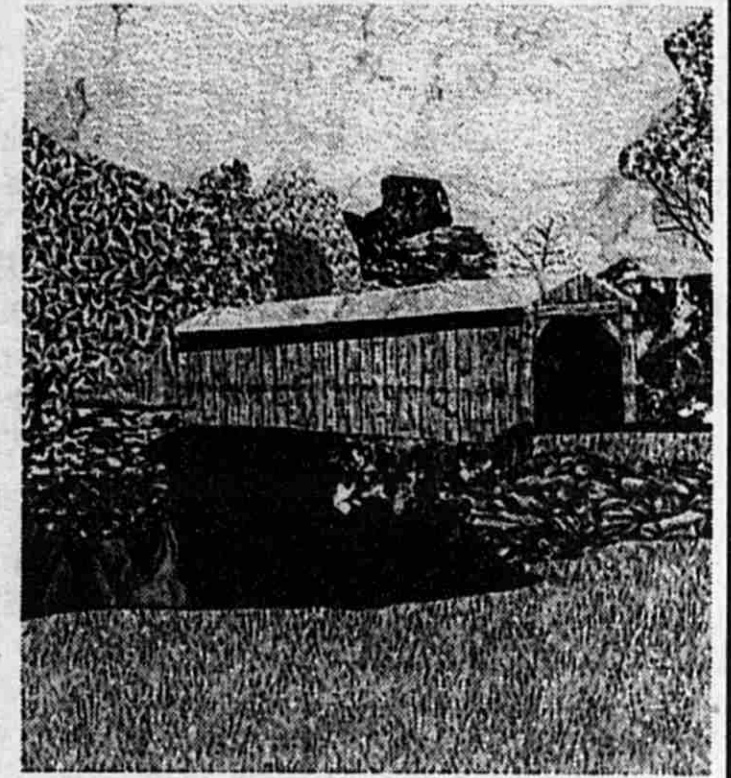
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

616-897-8445 EXT. 2

LOWELL BRANCH YMCA AEROBIC SCHEDULE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:15-7:15 AM	SPORT KICKBOXING		SPORT KICKBOXING		OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE
6:45-7:45 AM		CARDIO SCULPT		CARDIO SCULPT	
8:00-9:00 AM	INTERMEDIATE FIT		INTERMEDIATE FIT		
9:15-10:15 AM	BEGINNER FIT		BEGINNER FIT		BEGINNER FIT
5:30-6:15 PM		SPORT KICKBOXING		SPORT KICKBOXING	
6:00-7:00 PM	OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE		OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE		
6:30-7:30 PM		CARDIO KICKBOXING STEP		CARDIO KICKBOXING STEP	