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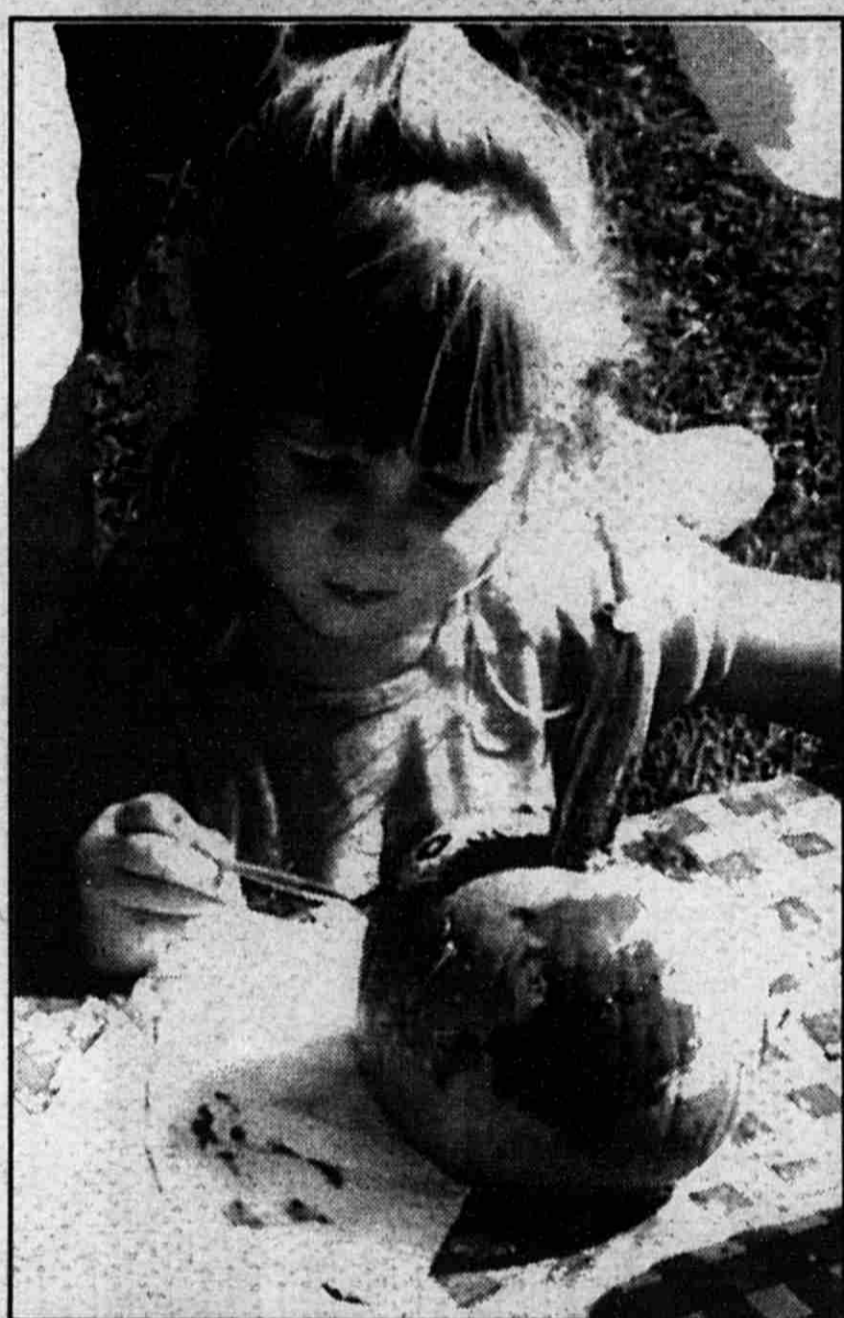
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Wednesday, October 3, 2001



## LITTLE PUMPKINS ALL ARE WE

Zoe Chamberlain, 19 months old, of Holland, above, and Rachel Gutting, four, of Grand Rapids, bask in the glorious sun and delightful weekend temperatures Sunday as they decorate their pumpkins at the 33rd annual Fallburg Fall Festival. More festival pictures, page 9.



## Riverwalk extension project taking shape; asphaltting of parking lots scheduled for this week

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Anytime weather is part of the equation, all schedules are tentative.

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale understands that ... which is why there was a slight hesitation in his voice when he declared the King Milling and Chamber of Commerce parking lots would be paved this week.

"They are scheduled to be paved on Wednesday (Oct. 3), that is, if the weather cooperates. The final grading was completed on Tuesday," Pasquale said.

While paving for the parking lots is scheduled to be completed this week, landscaping work remains and the extension of the Riverwalk is in full session.

"The Riverwalk extension will run to the amphitheater. The extensions will be slightly narrower than the existing Riverwalk, and the fencing will not run the entire length of the extension. The concrete, brick pavers and lighting will remain the same.

"There will be limited fencing so as not to distract from the view of the river and amphitheater," Pasquale said.

While there is nothing slated for the amphitheater at this time, focus groups will begin meeting in November to discuss possible renovation ideas.



Work to extend the Riverwalk along Flat River continues into week three. Above the new boat landing dock can be seen. Right, machinery can be seen clearing brush.



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## Protecting & Preserving Water Resources

••• Will be the topic of discussion at a program being sponsored by the Open Space Citizen Committee of Vergennes Township.

By Kate Dernocouer

Water is a precious and vital resource that cannot be taken for granted.

Three experts will present information about how to preserve and protect water in the ground, wetlands, streams and rivers on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Wittenbach Center (on Vergennes Street across from Lowell High School) from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Most people in the area drink groundwater. Is your groundwater safe? How can you keep it that way? Elizabeth Katt Reinders (B.A., Geography and Environmental Studies, Calvin College) is an AmeriCorps volunteer with the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP).

Reinders will explain ways to minimize and reduce threats to the integrity of our groundwater, including information about drinking water well management, yard and garden care, storm water management, septic systems, household trash and hazardous material management, and liquid fuels. She will also provide some water test kits. MGSP is a cooperative effort of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Conservation Districts, the Michigan State University Extension, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and AmeriCorps National Service.

Popular speaker Chris Grobbel of Grand Traverse MSU Extension will speak about wetland protection issues. Wetlands and the small tributaries that feed them serve to filter pollutants from flowing water. These natural features are also a necessary habitat for many animal and amphibian/reptilian species. Grobbel will explain ways to preserve wetlands as our rural communities face more development and increased urban sprawl.

Finally, Steve Sutton, Michigan Natural Rivers administrator, will speak about the basics of the Natural Rivers Act and will provide information pertinent to our nearby rivers and streams, particularly the Flat River.

The evening is intended to educate interested citizens about issues related to water. That way, good decisions for the common good may result. This program is funded in part by a grant from United Growth for Kent County.

For planning purposes, RSVPs are helpful, but they are not required. Call 897-5671 to sign up. Refreshments will be served.

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# OBITUARIES

**ROSS** - Armand Clyde Ross, aged 74, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, September 30, 2001. Mr. Ross was preceded in death by his son Kenneth Ross and sister Nancy

Hershey. He is survived by his children Carolyn (Wayne) DePotty of Ionia, Charles (Elaine) Ross of Hickory Corners, Theresa (Mark) Coates of Delton, Barbara (Gary) Gardner of Sydney, MI, April Belle (Rob) Hays of OR, Grace (Jonathan) Rash

of Lowell. Nancy Ross of OR; sister Elizabeth Portz of WI; niece Pamela Hershey of Ohio and her son Aaron Fry; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Pa-

tor James R. Frank of Galilee Baptist Church officiating. Visitation Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Cumberland Manor, 11535 Fulton, Lowell, MI 49331.

**WINTERS** - Virginia B. Winters, aged 92, formerly of East Grand Rapids, passed away September 28, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband Rand E. Win-

ters. She is survived by her children Rand and Cindy Winters of Alto and Fred and Donna Winters of Caledonia. She was an active member of East Congregational Church and president of Women's Fellowship. Graveside Services were held Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to East Congregational Church or the Carveth Village Memorial Fund.

## Great Gardens of the Midwest discussed at Englehardt Library, Oct. 16

The Friends of the Englehardt Library explore Great Gardens of the Midwest with a slide show and discussion at the library from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Garden writer and horticulture specialist Rebecca Finneran will present this program, using her wide collection of brilliantly colored slides to show some of the Midwest's finest gardens.

Finneran has been serving the Greater Grand Rapids community as Horticulture Educator for the Kent County MSU Extension Service for 15 years. As board member of the Frederik Meijer Gardens, she currently serves as the Master Plan Committee chairman and was instrumental in the development of the Successful Gardener Series. She and her colleague Kara Griffith have a weekly column in the Grand Rapids Press and she is frequently seen on television.

For more information about the Great Gardens of the Midwest program, call the Englehardt Library at 897-9596.

*It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either.*

Mark Twain

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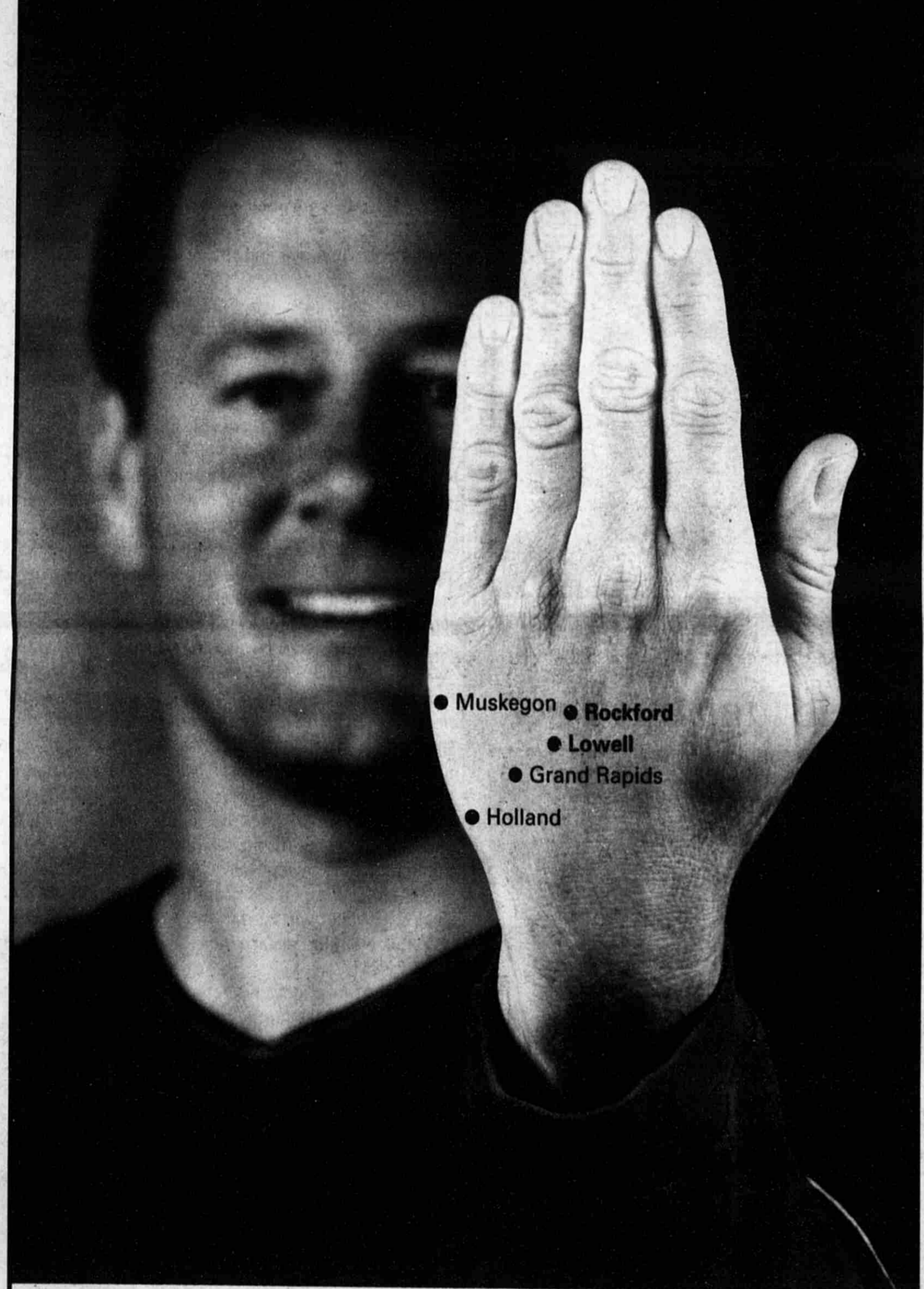


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# Reflections Of Faith

**Pastor Burland D. Margesson**  
First Baptist Church

I count this a very special privilege to share the following *Reflections* through the courtesy of the Lowell Ledger. I also find this a very sobering and challenging time to communicate.

As a nation we have been reeling and kneeling as a result of the horrible attacks and acts of war against us by terrorists forces. We are now living in times when the Bible-believing Christian views circumstances as a sort of "pessimistic optimism." Through the lens of Scripture we are allowed a view of end times that will usher in the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe strongly that we are in such times.

I want to bring to your attention the second Psalm, written by David under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Within this psalm we can hear four distinct voices, each speaking in a three-verse stanza. This psalm came into a very meaningful encouragement for the early church in a time of grave peril and intense attack. This is recorded in Acts 4:23-31. They interpreted their situation in the light of this portion of Scripture. I hope to accomplish the same thing.

In Psalm 2:1-3, we can hear the voice of the nations. It is a sound of rage. It is a noise of tumult, violence, of great strength, and it is of universal proportion. "Why do the nations rage and the peoples imagine vain things?" Here is a manifestation of a world system that is anti-God, antichrist, and anti-Bible. It is human government in rebellion. It is society saturated with humanistic and secular attitudes and values. It casts off all restraint of good, rejecting all Biblical absolutes and seeks to affect its own agenda by violence and hatred. One can hear this cry against the Lord Jesus at Calvary. It can be heard through the centuries one civilization after another.

It is very possible that we are now living in the final period of such rage and rebellion. It is so important that we know the One Who is coming. He will establish His own kingdom. Readiness to meet Him is the assurance of every one who has received Him as personal Savior and Lord.

*I don't mind what congress does, as long as they don't do it in the streets and frighten the horses.*

**Victor Hugo**

## Chamber schedules harvest sale for Oct. 12th & 13th

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the downtown retailers will sponsor a two-day harvest sale at participating retailers. This event will provide an opportunity to highlight Lowell and the community and beyond.

"The holidays are right around the corner... what better way to start your shopping than right here in Lowell," says chamber director, Liz Baker. "You don't have to go far to find unusual and one-of-a-kind items; our merchants have a wonderful selection. What a great way to have stress-free shopping experience."

The Harvest Sale will be held on Oct. 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Because fun should always be included, a scarecrow-building clinic will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza. The clinic is for young and old alike.

The Flat River Outreach Ministries have donated many old-clothing items and the chamber will supply the straw and other items to complete the scarecrows. All that's needed are creative folks to put them together. The scarecrows will be judged and 10 lucky winners will be awarded. In addition, the winners will go on display at Touch of Country for a week and a silent auction will be conducted. All funds raised will be donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. The other scarecrows will be installed along Main Street.

For more information or if you would like to donate some of your old things, please call Liz Baker at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161.

## Donations toward New York Disaster relief can be handled locally

Recently there have been individuals or organizations who have been calling local businesses and residences representing themselves as the Lowell Fire Department and requesting donations for the "Pennies from Heaven" campaign.

The callers are requesting credit card information for the donation. In other locations in Michigan, there have been reports that people are soliciting by telephone, representing police and fire departments for similar donations for the recovery efforts in New York City.

"The Lowell Fire Department does not participate in telephone solicitation fundraising," according to Lowell fire chief Frank Martin.

Periodically, telephone solicitation occurs on behalf of large police unions or organizations. The caller will indicate a portion of the proceeds will benefit our local police department. The Lowell Police Department does not participate with these organizations and such information is misleading and incorrect, according to Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine.

The Lowell Police Department is warning the Lowell community not to donate to any telephone solicitation for the New York Disaster, or for other police or fire organizations. "If you are contacted, immediately hang up. Do not donate, do not provide credit card information, and do not send checks or cash to this type of solicitation," Valentine explained. "If you want to assist with the New York Disaster Relief effort, contact the Lowell Fire Department. Any programs of this nature involving the Lowell Fire Department will be conducted in person at public events such as we have witnessed in the recent past."

If you are contacted to donate to police unions or police affiliated organizations and you feel compelled to make such a donation, the Lowell Police Department suggests you instead make your contribution to a local organization such as

the Lowell Fire Department, the D.A.R.E. Program, Flat River Outreach Ministries, the Arts Commission, or other local nonprofit groups which depend upon charitable contributions. For suggestions of other local nonprofit organizations in and around the Lowell area, contact the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

If you have questions or concerns about telephone solicitation, contact the Lowell Police Department at 897-7123.

## Kent District Library board appoints new director

The Kent District Library Board of Trustees appointed Martha Smart the new director of Media Services at Ferguson-Florissant School District and deputy director at Farmington Community Library. She holds a master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Michigan.

Kent District Library serves 26 communities with 18 branches in Kent County. KDL is one of the busiest libraries in Michigan with a 2000 circulation of over three million items, which is more than any other library in Michigan.

Smart has been with Kent District Library since 1993, serving as manager of the Grandville branch. She facilitated KDL's Strategic Plan and led the organization

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**One must have a good memory to be able to keep the promises one makes.**  
—Friedrich Nietzsche  
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### Thank You

To all who have helped us through this terrible tragedy. Thanks for the cards, phone calls and for the warm meals. Although it could not take away the pain, it helped us make it through the days.

A special thanks to: Julie Rickert for giving us so much time and helping us laugh again and to the entire Rickert families; not only for sharing in Jerry's life, but for helping after his death. To Heather Posthumus for everything, what would we have done without you? To Josh Grim for helping after the accident you did something that was difficult to do and are a hero to us. To the Lowell YMCA staff and members and the Lowell School staff for all of your support. We wish a "hole in one" to the Greenskeepers Golf League in honor of Jerry's life and for all of the wonderful things you have done for us. To Jerry's family and college buddies for all of the wonderful times together that we will treasure forever.

You have all kept me a part of your lives and I hope it stays that way forever. And lastly to my family, for being there and showing me how much you care. We love you all -  
Marta, Dave, Kyle, Matt & Anna



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# Viewpoint . . .



By Dave Stegehuis

## SEASONS

Whenever I visit a place where season changes are very subtle or non-existent, I always wonder what it would be like to live there year around. It seems that the sameness would, in time, become a bit tiresome.

I am sure there are many people who would not agree. A person whose sole recreational pursuit is golf, for example, might not appreciate the long cold Michigan winters. Others, who have a wider variety of interests can look forward to each new season as an opportunity to engage in long anticipated activities.

While fishing for salmon near Manistee on the first day of September, a strong north wind drove Gwen and me off Lake Michigan. We used the unscheduled time to explore a nature trail in the nearby northern Michigan woodlands. To our surprise, we spotted traces of orange and red in some of the maple trees. Talk about a short summer.

The end of summer would be a disappointment if it wasn't for the promise of a glorious fall season. It is a time when students of all ages look forward to the beginning of a new school year. Fall sports generate enthusiasm for participants

and fans alike. And, of course, it's time to go huntin' again. The excitement of fall hunting has as much to do with anticipation and preparation as it does with the actual hunt.

The winter season probably has fewer fans than any other. Ice, snow, and bitterly cold temperatures make this the season of extreme changes. The absence of foliage and a white blanket covering the countryside make familiar places seem like another world. Don't forget, however, that our most celebrated holidays occur then. Anyway, what would Christmas be like without the image of a snow shrouded landscape? Creature tracks in the snow tell the story of what went on before we got there. We can now walk around on lakes where we once swam or paddled. Best of all, there are no bugs.

Another great thing about winter is that it causes us to eagerly anticipate the first signs of spring and the new life that comes with it. Feeling the warmth of the sun or enjoying the convenience of going out without a coat cannot be fully appreciated unless one has toughed-out a Michigan winter. Even better, several fishing seasons open up then and it's time for tom turkeys to strut and gobble.

Then at last summer—sunshine, warm days at the beach, and vacations. Michigan in the summertime rivals any "tropical paradise" for activities to enjoy and sometimes even has better weather. One can go fishing on lakes around home, near a campground, or at the cottage. Kids can fish off a dock or while away an afternoon sitting in a boat with gramps.

For whatever personal reasons we may have, the anticipation and excitement that comes with each season adds variety and interest to our lives. It's almost as if with each approaching season we have a renewed opportunity to accomplish neglected plans or even realize some hopes and dreams.

7. All persons who can transmit influenza to those at high risk should also be vaccinated. This includes physicians, nurses, all medical personnel, employees of nursing homes, and all persons who provide home care or live with persons at high risk.

In Michigan it is best to receive the vaccine between October and November so that the immunity lasts throughout the season and into early spring.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Community Members:

To all who have not taken the opportunity to see the new Lowell Area Historical Museum - please, for your own benefit, do so.

Due to the hard and persistent work of dedicated citizens of Lowell, our community is now blessed with a truly first class museum. The quality is such that you really must see this to believe it. It is truly amazing.

My sincere thanks to those many individuals who with dedication and hard work made this long-time dream come true for our citizens. Special kudos must, however, be sent to Judy Straub, Ivan Blough, Jim Doyle, Luanne Kaeb, and Jerry Adams for their effort and leadership in this project.

My congratulations for bringing to birth this outstanding community and educational asset.

Sincerely,  
Bert Bleke,  
Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools

## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



### FLU VACCINATIONS

It is that time of year when we recommend the annual flu vaccinations. The Center for Disease Control has made the following recommendations about who should receive the vaccine:

1. All persons age 54 or greater.
2. Residents of nursing homes.
3. Adults and children who have chronic medical conditions of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems including asthma, chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes), renal dysfunction, and immune system disorders.
4. Children and teenagers who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy.
5. Women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season.
6. Persons aged 50-64 without high risk conditions receive benefit from the vaccination by decreasing work absenteeism, decreased medical visits and decreased antibiotic usage.

## Financial Focus

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With Christopher C. Godbold

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STOCK SPLITS

If you're a bowler, the last thing you want is a split. If you're an investor, however, the picture is a little more complex. If you own a stock that's going to split, or already has split, there are a few things you should know.

A stock split occurs when a company decides to increase the number of its outstanding shares while decreasing the value of those shares. So, for example, if you own one share of stock that sells for \$20, and the stock splits two for one, you will now own two shares, each worth \$10.

Why does a company choose to offer a stock split? The key reason is fairly obvious: to attract new investors. A high-priced stock may be beyond the reach of many people, but if the share price drops by a half—or two-thirds in a three-for-one split—more investors are suddenly in the ballgame. Thus, stock splits are a useful sales tool for companies.

While the companies involved may well benefit from stock splits, the advantage to you, as an investor, is far less



By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
OCTOBER 4, 1876

Michigan's Lower Peninsula lumber production exceeds that of Canada and Maine. Michigan is the major supplier to the northern states.

W.V. Owen, the Sewing Machine agent, has been furnished a very handsome wagon to deliver machines.

Hatch & Crow purchased an average of over 1000 bushels of wheat every day during September.

The first Lowell Agricultural Fair will start a week from next Tuesday. Preparations are going on a pace.

A good part of today's "Chips and Splinters" promotes the ads of businesses published throughout the Weekly Journal.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
OCTOBER 3, 1901;

This issue is missing, as well as every issue until May, 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1887. Oops, the October 6, 1887 issue is also missing.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND  
THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 7, 1926

E.C. Foreman, former professor of poultry husbandry at Michigan State College, has leased the west half of the Lowell hotel building to start a chick hatchery.

The American Legion Auxiliary reminds women to can extra fruit for the drive to furnish both Battle Creek hospitals and the children's billet with their yearly supply.

C.H. Runciman Co. offers a one-week bargain of two cords of second-growth maple for \$7.

Strand Theatre will offer Rudolph Valentino's "Son of the Sheik" Friday and Saturday. Valentino died recently.

Women are reminded that most laundry tubs are too low and should have the height adjusted so a washboard can be used without stooping.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
OCTOBER 4, 1951

Tomatoes, apples, potatoes and beans are coming by the truckload into Lowell industrial centers.

Monday night's storm damaged power lines, electrical equipment, orchards and other trees, and washed out roads.

Bill Parker, Roger Faulkner and John Porritt are this week's featured footballers. Friday's hugely attended game with big rival East Grand Rapids resulted in a win by Lowell.

Hunters may use rifles for deer this fall (formerly only shotguns), though the Lowell Sportsmen's Club goes on record against high-powered rifles.

It's silo-filling time on the farms.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
OCTOBER 7, 1976

The Kent County Mobile Health Unit will be in town next Wednesday. A public health nurse will provide a wide variety of health services.

Ten Lowell high students who spent the summer abroad will discuss their experiences in a series of programs presented by Youth for Understanding.

Since next week will be National Hot Lunch Week, the Ledger publishes a feature on the Lowell schools program, which serves over 2200 lunches each day.

Della Rogers writes about the high school marching band routine for its opening performance, including themes from McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

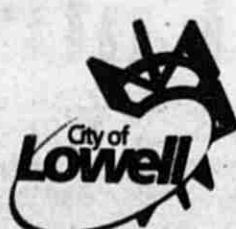
The YMCA Board hears that the summer pool program numbers were up, and finances are in the black.



# CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will have a special work session on Monday, October 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street to discuss the City Hall Renovation - Police Station building projects.

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



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk  
616-897-8457

## City Council News & Notes:

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

**Harding Asphalt Maintenance and Paving** has been awarded the bid to asphalt the drive between the fire station and the Department of Public Works garage, and the basketball court at Richards Park.

Funding for the Richards Park paving will be allocated from the Lee Fund while the general fund will provide dollars from the fire and public works accounts to do the remaining project.

Harding's bid of \$2,825 was the low bid of the three received by the city.

### Variance Received

Matt and Sonnie Sullivan received approval from the Lowell City Council to keep a four-foot high fence they 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. The Sullivans replaced an existing fence of similar height.

At its Sept. 24 meeting, the planning commission recommended approval for the variance. Monday night, the council followed its recommendation.

### Resolution Adopted

The city council adopted a resolution which supports a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant application to construct four foot wide paved shoulders, replacing and removing existing bituminous pavement on Grand River Drive from Bewell to Division.

As part of the \$1,095,000 resurfacing project, the county is requesting \$400,000 for a bike path.

### Error Detected

A review of a Williams & Works spreadsheet uncovered an error which produced an incorrect amount for the construction inspection portion of the engineering proposal involving the Valley Vista, Division, M-21 and Boves Road projects.

Full-time inspection required 640 hours in the work plan, but the quote included only 256 hours. Thus, inspection costs need an additional 384 hours costing \$16,128 - making the corrected quotation \$105,428.

Williams & Works' Dave Austin approached the city regarding the error. The corrected quotation is still lower than the second lowest bid of \$111,290.

## Gilmore Enterprises seeks liquor license for proposed W. Main restaurant

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
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A liquor license is not necessary to operate a restaurant/bar facility at 201 W. Main, but to make it as viable as Greg Gilmore, Gilmore Enterprises, would like, it is key.

Gilmore went before the city council Monday night seeking to have a public hearing set so the issue of a Class C Liquor License can be discussed.

Because there are currently no quota or on-premise licenses available in this area, Gilmore is seeking to attain one of 50 licenses available through the state for Downtown Development Authorities. This opportunity was created four years ago.

The state allocated 50 Class C Liquor licenses for DDA's; 10 remain statewide. Gilmore explained that given the time requirements for public notice and hearing, timing is critical in order to have any chance for this to be considered by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) this year.

In order to be considered by the MLCC, Section 521 requires that Lowell's Downtown Development Authority, after a public hearing, find that the issuance of a license would prevent further deterioration within the development district and would promote economic growth. Additionally, the Lowell City Council must pass a resolution concurring with the findings of the authority.

Monday afternoon, the Lowell DDA adopted a resolution and the city council set a public hearing for Oct. 15, Monday night.

The license cannot be transferred out of the Lowell DDA district and always remains an asset to the city.

With a history of renovating older buildings and operating Bistro-type restaurants, Gilmore told the council that when through with the remodeling at 201 W. Main, Gilmore Enterprises will have invested roughly \$600,000. The proposed new restaurant will employ between 20-50 people and will be open seven days a week.

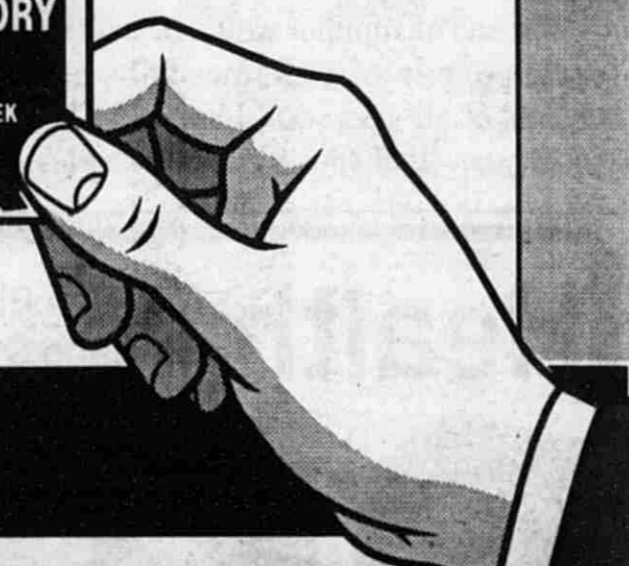


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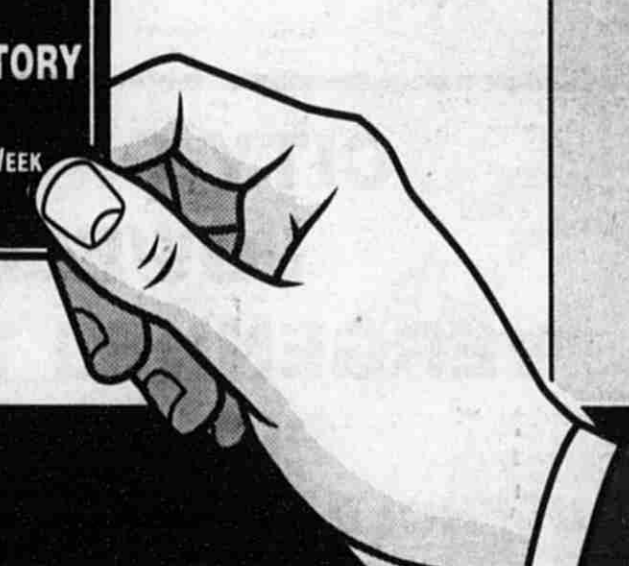
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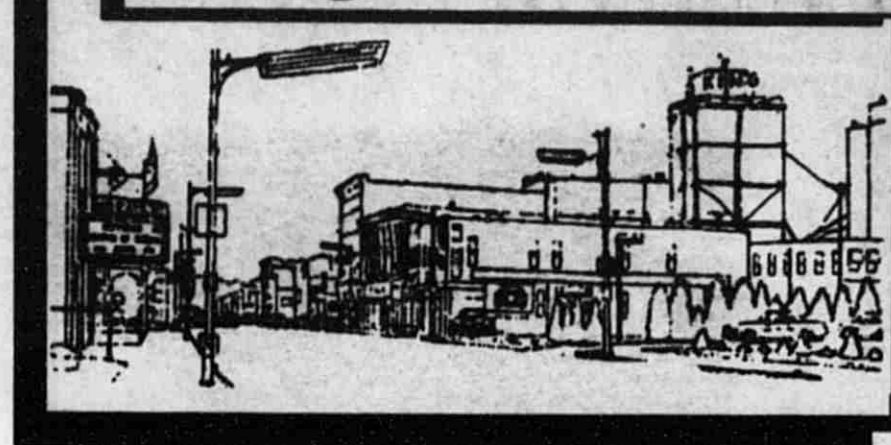
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### POTTERY PALACE TO HELP RED CROSS

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.

### 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.

### CHERRY CREEK CRAFT SHOW COMING SOON

The Cherry Creek Craft Show will be on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9-3 p.m. A lunch will be served from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. as well as a bake sale and raffle during the day. Proceeds to Family Links for the Accelerated Reading program. Call Janine at 897-0835 or Karen at 897-9435 for more information.

### HARVEST SALE IN THE CITY

Come and shop in the city of Lowell and see what's old and new with the retailers along Main Street Oct. 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### SCARECROW BUILDING CLINIC

Build a scarecrow on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Riverwalk Plaza to decorate our city. You may bring a scarecrow already made or make your own. Prizes awarded; supplies are furnished. A Festival of Scarecrows can be viewed along Main Street Oct. 13 thru Oct. 31. Call Liz at 897-9161 for more information.

### SCARECROW SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking old jeans, pants, shirts, and hats for the scarecrow building clinic. You may drop your items at the Chamber office on Riverwalk Plaza or call Liz at 897-9161.

### 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.

### DDA Work, cont'd... From Page 1

The overall summer Downtown Development Authority project will cost a little over \$700,000. The Riverwalk extension is a percentage of that. The entire project started in July with construction of a new city parking lot.

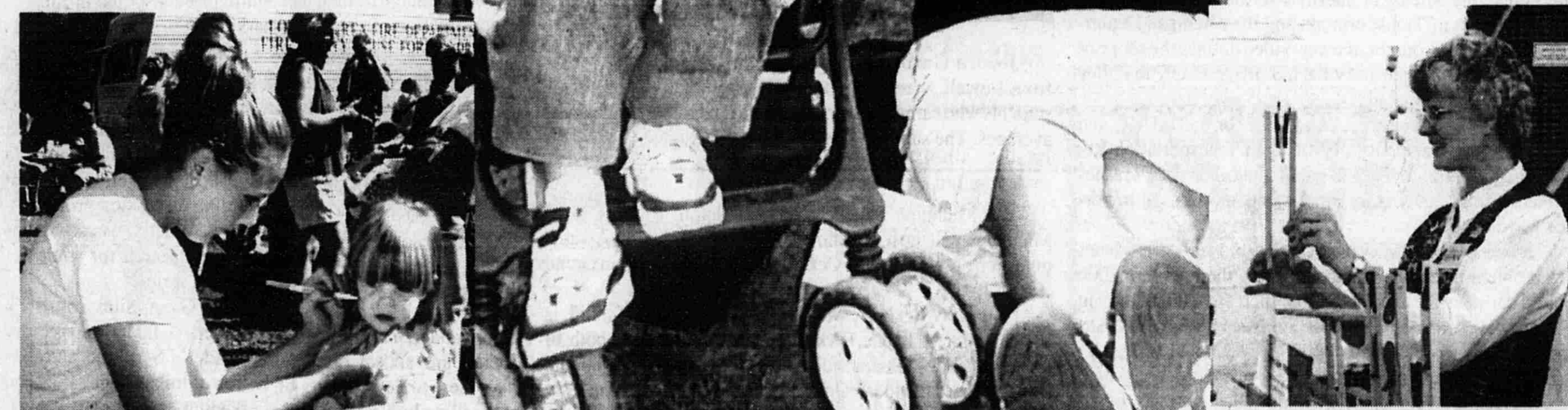
"The consensus from businesses has always been 'just get it done.' Limit the length of the disruption to local businesses," Pasquale said. "We've tried to do that. There have been just a few snags along the way - during the parking lot work, we've run into an underground tank and a foundation."

# Fallasburg still a favorite locale for area festival patrons



High atop the bales of hay, the view was clear and the seats were comfortable. Pictured above, from left to right, are Jordan Blough, Kyle Blough, Lexi Shaffer and Brandon Blough.

Greg & Kathy Proulx



Katie Huver focuses on the little cheeks of Alexia Warner, three, of Greenville, as she paints a design of Warner's choice.

As granddad, Dennis Byker enjoys the sounds of the Fallasburg Fall Festival; as grandson, Dameon Byker finds the shade and comfort too enticing and enjoys a Sunday afternoon nap.

Wooden games were a popular stop for Fallasburg Fall Festival gazers.

## CITY OF LOWELL, LOWELL AND VERGENNES TOWNSHIPS PUBLIC NOTICE

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP DAY

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

Information brochures are available at the following locations:

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| 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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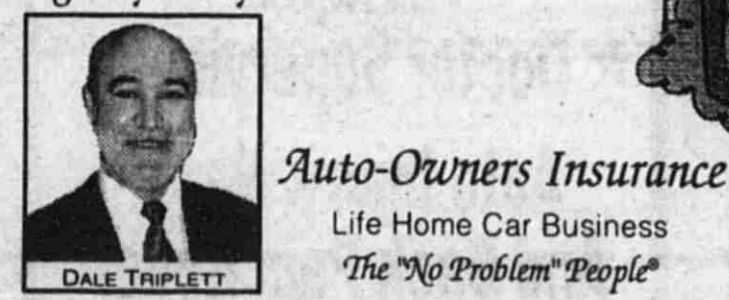
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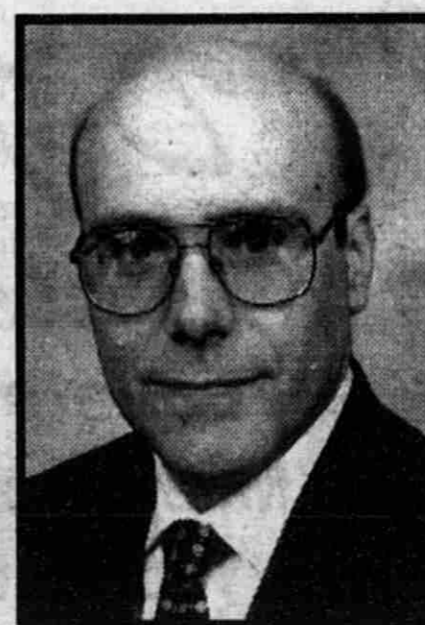
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## LHS grad, Fitzpatrick, receives Governor's education excellence award

Jamey Fitzpatrick, vice president of development and education policy at Michigan Virtual University, has been honored by Gov. John Engler with the 2001 Governor's Education Excellence Award.

Presented Sept. 7 at the Governor's Education Summit in Lansing, the award recognizes "outstanding dedication to the students, schools and education community within the state of Michigan." It is the second education award this year for Fitzpatrick, who won the Ameritech Excellence in Education Award in May.

Fitzpatrick spearheaded the Michigan Virtual High School, a division of Michigan Virtual University approved by the Legislature last summer, and the Advanced Placement Academy, which has drawn thousands of individuals to its courses, exam reviews and teacher tools. He has been the lead coordinator of the Teacher Technology Initiative, also known as the governor's teacher laptop



services for the Michigan Department of Education and lead architect of the state's 1998 technology plan, adopted unanimously by the State Board of Education. In 1995, Gov. Engler appointed Fitzpatrick to the Michigan Information Network advisory

board, which examined statewide connectivity for the state's entire education system.

Fitzpatrick earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Olivet College, where he now sits on the board, and completed a fellowship at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C. Fitzpatrick is a graduate of Lowell High School and currently resides in Grand Ledge.

## Englehardt Library to host mother-daughter fall book club

The Englehardt branch of Kent District Library invites mothers and their daughters, ages 12 and older, to read a book together for the Mother-Daughter Book Club this fall. Mothers and daughters will gather at the library for coffee, refreshments and lots of

good book talking. Copies of the featured title are available at the library's checkout desk. For more information about the Mother-Daughter Book Club, please call the Englehardt branch at 897-9596. The club is scheduled

for Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. and will discuss the book *Stealing Freedom* by Elisa Carbone. Another discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. A title will be chosen at the October meeting.

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# New deer crash video focuses on driving cautiously

If a crash between your vehicle and a deer were unavoidable, would you know what to do?

According to a survey of 612 state residents conducted in June for the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC), one-third of the respondents said they would not know what to do or would take the wrong action, endangering themselves, their families or other drivers.

"No one wants to see a deer destroyed, but striking the animal is often the safest action," said Coalition Chairman Richard J. Miller of AAA Michigan. If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, the MDCC recommends these steps:

- Don't swerve!
- Brake firmly.
- Hold on to the steering wheel.
- Come to a controlled stop.
- Pull well off the road, turn on emergency flashers and be cautious of passing traffic.
- Do not attempt to remove a deer from the roadway unless you are convinced it is dead. An injured deer's sharp hooves can easily hurt you.

"Stressing those points is a new informational video titled *Stay Clear of Deer All Year* that the MDCC has produced to educate all motorists, and especially student drivers, to exercise extreme caution in each of Michigan's 83 counties," Miller said.

Produced with the help of AAA Michigan, the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the new video defines the scope of the problem in Michigan and what motorists should do if they encounter deer in the road.

"An EPIC/MRA survey, conducted for the MDCC and analyzed by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, found that the public ranks car-deer crashes just below drunk driving, road rage and speeding in importance," Miller said.

Deer are in every Michigan county and car-deer crashes are a problem in each of them. In 2000, there were 65,006 reported car-deer crashes, down four percent from 67,669 in 1999. However, due to unreported crashes, the total is estimated to be closer to 80,000.

That means that on average there is one car-deer crash in Michigan about every eight minutes. One in seven of all

reported crashes involves a deer, and 80 percent of all car-deer crashes occur between dawn and dusk on two-lane roads.

In 2000, eight motorists — four of them motorcyclists — were killed and more than 2,100 persons were injured. Car-deer crashes account for an estimated \$130 million in repairs, injuries and other expenses each year. The average crash causes about \$2,000 in damage, usually to the vehicle's front-end, often leaving it undrivable.

Because of these numbers, Gov. John Engler has declared October "Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month."

"Our study shows that while swerving to avoid a crash with a deer may seem like the right thing to do, it is often the worst thing to do," Miller said. "Police statistics show very few persons are injured by simply striking a deer. Most serious injuries and deaths occur when drivers swerve out of control and hit a fixed object, like a tree, crash with an oncoming car, or roll over."

Michigan is deer country, Miller reminds motorists, and the best course of action is to drive defensively and follow these tips:

- Fasten your safety belts. They are the best protection for yourself and your family in the event of a crash.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Jessica Garber, a Central Michigan University senior from Lowell, was named to CMU's summer honors list of students who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages. The summer sessions ended in August.

The Michigan State University Alumni Club of West Michigan will host its annual Outstanding Junior Awards luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Duba's Restaurant in Grand Rapids.

Courtney Perkins, who attends Lowell High School, is the daughter of Leslie Perkins and Robert Perkins, both of Lowell. Perkins has participated in cheerleading, National Honor Society, Model United Nations Club and Amnesty International.

The club recognizes one student of junior status in 17 chosen schools in Kent and Ottawa counties. Each school receives a \$200 award.

Candidates must be at least the top 10 percent of their class, have at least a 3.7 grade point average, and have demonstrated their leadership abilities and volunteer services to the community.

MSU president, Peter McPherson will address the students, and each winner will receive a plaque and a framed personal letter of congratulations from him at the luncheon.

• Drive with caution all-year-round in deer habitat, especially on rural two-lane roads.

• Deer can dart out from any direction without warning. Deer often travel in single file. If you see one whitetail cross the road, chances are there are more nearby.

• Deer are most active near dawn and dusk, and especially during the fall mating season and in spring, when they are on the move to find food, often near roads, where the grass greens up first.

• Be especially alert near deer warning signs. They are placed at known deer crossing areas and alert drivers of the possible presence of whitetails.

The MDCC video, *Stay Clear of Deer All Year*, is being distributed to more than 500 public and private driver education schools in Michigan. Additional copies are available from the Michigan Resource Center, (800) 626-4636, or go to [www.michiganresourcecenter.org](http://www.michiganresourcecenter.org).

For a complete copy of the summary of the EPIC/MRA survey, visit the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition survey link on the following websites: [www.ohsp.state.mi.us](http://www.ohsp.state.mi.us) or [www.michiganresourcecenter.org](http://www.michiganresourcecenter.org).

## Book lovers' link page a valuable resource

Readers can find a variety of helpful resources on the new Book Lovers' Links page on Kent District Library's website at [www.kd.lib.mi.us](http://www.kd.lib.mi.us).

The Book Lovers' Links page provides readers with easy access to information about the latest and greatest books, reading suggestion lists, book discussion groups and more. The page is divided into six categories:

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• **Read a Chapter** — An opportunity for readers to sample different books by joining the Chapter-A-Day Online Book Club — participants receive chapters from popular books in their daily e-mail. Also includes links to other sites where chapters are available to read.

• **If You Like...** Lists of suggestions for books similar

to those of various popular authors.

• **Discussion Groups** — Information about Kent District Library's book discussion groups, as well as several online discussion groups.

• **What's Next** — helps readers search for adult fiction in series.

• **Great Sites for Book Lovers** — Includes Webrary Reader's Services, a collection of links about books and reading, and a link to Novelist, an electronic readers' advisory resource that helps fiction readers find new authors and titles.

The Kent District Library web also allows patrons to access the library catalog and browse the library collection, place items on hold and renew materials from home or the office. The site also features several research databases, a kids' page, community links, information about library events and more.

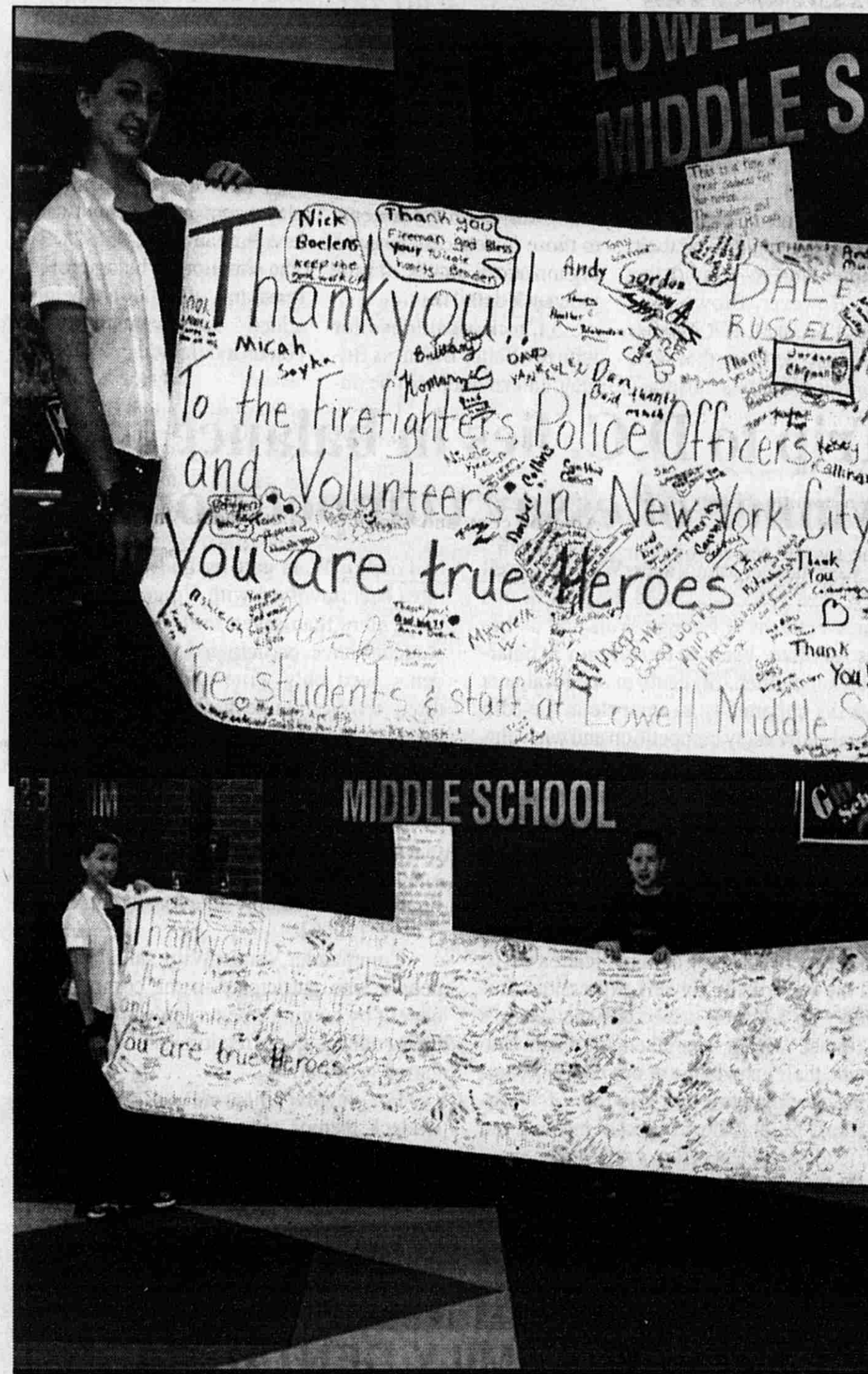
## FLAG ETIQUETTE

Community veterans met with Lowell Middle School students to discuss and demonstrate the proper method of displaying a flag. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Cindy Collins, Andrew Wilterink, Angela Lachniet, Kelly Bishop and Nicky Freeburg; back row, left to right, are: Dave Clark, Color Guard Captain VFW Post 8303; Louie Dudeck, Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 8303; and Gordon Marshall, Post Adjutant VFW Post 8303.



## In Their Hearts & Thoughts

Lowell Middle School students sent a bannerful of signed messages to those working in the aftermath of the New York City bombing. The student messages thanked firefighters, police officers and volunteers working to cleanup after the devastation. Pictured below, from left to right, are Tara Zamarron, eighth grade; Rob Alguire, seventh grade; and Justin Acevedo, sixth grade. To the left is Zamarron - her end of the banner reads, "Thank you to the firefighters, police officers and volunteers in New York City - You are true heroes."



## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, November 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Comprehensive Master Plan. A summary follows:

The proposed amendments are to certain portions of the current Comprehensive Plan adopted in November 1999. The Population section is being amended to update the Plan to reflect the 2000 U.S. Census information and to project future growth in the Township. The Transportation section is being amended to reflect updated traffic counts, including the intersection of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes. The Implications section is being amended detailing population growth and transportation availability affecting future growth of residential home site development along with soil types, commercial and industrial land uses, services and tax base. The Implementation section is being updated with a summary of the plan assumptions based on the new census growth projections. Additional commercial area may be appropriate to serve the new growth of residents in the local neighborhood and designed with a village scale layout. A section is being added pertaining to the Lowell City Airport according to new State legislation.

The complete text of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 1 can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5651 [fax 897-5674]**. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the township offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: [zoning@vergennestwp.org](mailto:zoning@vergennestwp.org).

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

## CITY OF LOWELL

### PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin on Monday, October 8 through Friday, November 9, 2001.

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City of Lowell Water Department

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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2001

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

IPCS Wireless, Inc. has requested a Special Use Permit to co-locate a communication device on an existing tower located on property owned by Gerald and Elizabeth Dalstra at 10106 Grand River Drive (PP#41-20-07-400-028).

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

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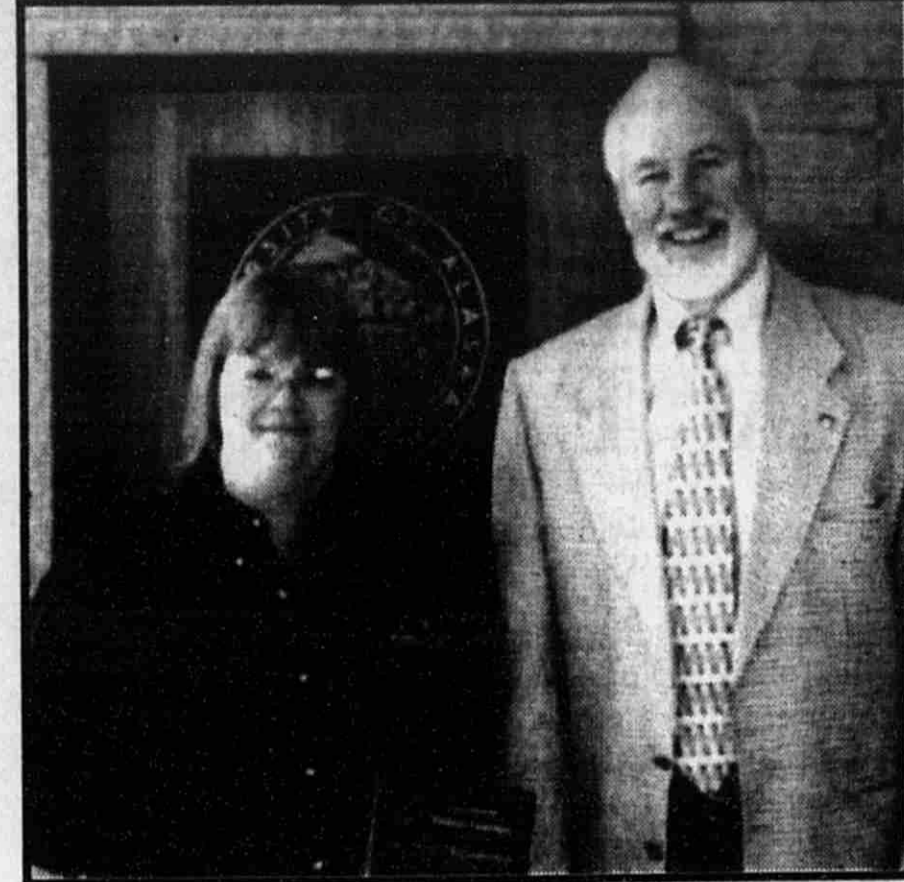
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### Rosenberger Honored by U. of Alaska

An award was presented to Sue A. Rosenberger by the University of Alaska for Exceptional Student Employee for her job as tutor coordinator. Her parents are Marvin and Velda Rosenberger of Lowell.

## Lowell's Hagar plays big role in raising funds to help fight lung disease

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."

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](http://www.alam.org) or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

**THE LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL**

would like to thank all of the volunteers, community groups/businesses, and arts supporters for helping us make the 33rd Annual Fall Festival a successful Lowell Community Tradition!

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## Be cautious of those who may seek to profit from misery of New York bombing

The Metro NY BBB applauds the rapid response of many organizations and encourages donors to give generously and wisely at this time of great need.

In the wake of the disastrous events of Sept. 11, the New York not-for-profit community has been kicked into overdrive. "We are proud of the work the city's charities are doing. From the immediate response of disaster relief organizations to the less visible but equally valuable work being done by Crisis Counseling groups, food pantries and shelters, the work of New York's rich not-for-profit community has been one of the shining examples of New York's resilience and compassion," said Ronna D. Brown, president of the Metro NY BBB.

The overwhelming response from private citizens and corporations is also to be commended. Millions of dollars have already been raised to assist the victims and their families and to rebuild the city. However, Brown cautions, "As awful as it sounds, there may be those that seek to profit from this misery."

While most people raising funds in the name of the victims have the best intentions in the immediate aftermath of a national disaster, profiteers have been known to circulate bogus requests for cash donations and goods.

To help would-be donors make the most of their gifts, the Better Business Bureau offers these tips:

1. Be cautious of appeals that play heavily on your emotions and say little about exactly how your support will be used to help.
2. Do not give out your credit card information to a phone solicitor or via email to a mass appeal.
3. If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check or money order out to the name of the charitable organization - not the individual collecting donations.
4. When donating items such as food, water or clothing, ask how the organization plans to get these items to those in need. Be leery of organizations unable to provide such details.
5. Check out all charities with the Better Business Bureau. Information can be ob-

tained from our website at [www.newyork.bbb.org](http://www.newyork.bbb.org) or via phone at 212-358-2873.

The victims and their families are going to need our help and support for many months to come," says Brown. "Do not be pressured into making an on-the-spot gift. Take the time to check out the organization and gather the facts - it can make a big difference."

This is a partial list of those organizations known to be accepting donations to help in the aftermath of Sept. 11:

American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Goodwill Industries, New York Blood Center, Safe Horizons, Salvation Army of Greater New York, Trooper Foundation - State of New York, United Way of New York City and NYCPPI - Assistance to Police, Fire & Emergency Personnel & Families.

For information on other New York State organizations please contact the Better Business Bureau at 212-358-2873. The situation is being monitored and charities are being added as information becomes available.

## Trip to D.C. lies in balance for winner of essay competition

Commander John VanderWilp of Lowell VFW Post 8303 announced the start of this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition. Students in our local area have the opportunity to compete in the 55th annual audio essay competition and win valuable scholarships, trips and awards. According to the local VFW post commander, the students achieve much more than just scholarships when they participate in Voice of Democracy.

Additional opportunities for students include: increased self-confidence and poise, experience in polishing communication skills, and the opportunity for self-expression. Students who advance to become their state's first-place winner are given the chance to expand their knowledge of our nation's capital city during a full four-day tour of Washington, D.C., plus the prospect of meeting and befriending students from every state.

During the many years that the Veterans

of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with Voice of Democracy, more than seven million high school students have participated. Interested students need only write and then record a three- to five-minute audio/essay while expressing their view of the patriotic theme *Reaching Out To America's Future*. All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 National Scholarship but could win the \$25,000 first-place award. A total of \$139,500 in National Scholarships are awarded to student national finalists. The deadline date for student entry is Nov. 1, 2001.

Commander VanderWilp said, "Young people who participate in the competition benefit by gaining a better understanding of their country, their freedoms and their obligation to America."

For further information call Louis Dudeck, senior vice commander, Lowell VFW Post 8303, ph. 897-6505.

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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

**TUES.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M1#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

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

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

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

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

**EVERY WED.:** Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlemore Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

**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 M1, No. 333, Saranac, meets at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Located at a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

**SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**EVERY FRI. & SAT.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 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.

**THURS., OCT. 4:** Vergennes Cooperative Church meets at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Artist David Davis will be on the program. Bring items for Outreach Ministries.

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

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

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

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**FRI., OCT. 12:** 9:15 Lansing Princess Boat and Color Tour, dinner \$27 plus van.

**MON., OCT. 15:** Lunch w/Lowell business people group #1 as

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

**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.

**FRI., OCT. 12:** Cyclamen chapter #94 OES - annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Masonic Center. Election of officers and annual reports.

**TUES., OCT. 16:** AD/HD in Early Childhood, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 4 Mile and E. Beltline, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325.

**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.

**SAT., OCT. 27:** Cyclamen chapter #94 OES invites family and friends to Open Installation of officers at 2 p.m. in Lowell Masonic Center.

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

guests; 12:40 cribbage.

**TUES., OCT. 16:** 12:40 p.m. Shop at Ionia K-Mart & Dollar Stores.

**WED., OCT. 17:** 10:45 Shop @ Family Fare; 12:40 p.m. Speaker at Center, "Long-term care."

**THURS., OCT. 18:** Noon, Dance at West Side Complex.

**FRI., OCT. 19:** Noon, Birthday/anniv. celebration, Bingo.

**MON., OCT. 22:** 10:45 Shop @ Family Fare.

**TUES., OCT. 23:** 8 a.m. Frankenmuth.

**THURS., OCT. 25:** 11:30 Lunch at Lowell's Star East buffet.

**FRI., OCT. 26:** 12:40 Bingo.



# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, September 17, 2001.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the City Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Department of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Chief of Police James Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Planning Commissioner Jim Pfaller, Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Marketing Manager Debbie Deane and Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2001 regular meeting as corrected.

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

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

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

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (09/17/01)

GENERAL FUND .....	\$118,180.21
MAJOR STREET FUND .....	195.59
LOCAL STREET FUND .....	35.80
DDA FUND .....	128,027.63
AIRPORT FUND .....	133.04
WASTEWATER FUND .....	1,524.66
WATER FUND .....	2,119.90
EQUIPMENT FUND .....	5,474.36
CURRENT TAX FUND .....	965,116.39

**Item #1. PROCLAMATION HONORING LITERACY ACTION MONTH.** Mayor Blough read the following into record:

WHEREAS, the Kent County Literacy Council has been in existence since 1986 and has provided non-readers with free tutoring services; and

WHEREAS, there are over nineteen thousand functionally illiterate adults in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, many of these adults continue to be restricted in employment opportunities and in their daily existence because they are functionally illiterate; and

WHEREAS, many families of Kent County suffer from the problem of intergenerational transfer of illiteracy; and

WHEREAS, basic literacy skills are the essential minimum standard for economic growth and productivity, family development, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Literacy Council's mission is to reduce illiteracy in Kent County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael K. Blough, Mayor of the City of Lowell, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2001 as

### LITERACY ACTION MONTH

in Lowell and urge all citizens to be aware of the illiteracy in our area and to assist in the Council's mission of reducing illiteracy.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to proclaim September, 2001 as Literacy Action Month.

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

**Item #2. PUBLIC POWER WEEK PROCLAMATION AND PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE.** Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Marketing Representative Debbie Deane extended an invitation to the Council to attend activities for Super

Safety Saturday on October 6, 2001. This will be kicking off the Public Power Week.

An art contest will be held which will include 600 third and fourth grade students from the Lowell Area School District. There will be twelve fifty-dollar savings bonds given. The winners will be included in a traveling art exhibit throughout Lowell.

Deane indicated Lowell Light and Power wished to close Riverside Drive during the event in order to provide a safe place for the children.

Mayor Blough read the proclamation into record.

### TO COMMEMORATE LOWELL LIGHT & POWER AND ITS TRADITION OF SERVICE OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2001

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Lowell, place a high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utility and, as consumers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct influence in utility operations and policies; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Light & Power provides our homes, businesses, farms, social services, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity employing sound business practices ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Light & Power is a valuable community asset that contributes substantially to the well-being of local citizens, through customer service, economic development, energy efficiency, safety awareness, environmental protection, and the preservation of our unique local identity; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that Lowell Light & Power will continue to work to ensure that consumers benefit from any changes in the electric utility industry, just as it has since 1896, the year when the utility was created to serve and provide its customer-owners and essential public service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the week of October 7-13, 2001, be designated the 15th annual Public Power Week in order to honor Lowell Light & Power, for its contributions to the community and to make its consumer-owners, policy makers, and employees more aware of its overall contributions to their well-being.

### Proclaimed by the Lowell City Council on this day - 17 September 2001

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by GREEN to include the proclamation into the meeting minutes as proposed.

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

Councilmember Shores confirmed the road would only be closed the length of the Light and Power building with the parking area next door open. Deane responded yes.

Blough also confirmed City staff was aware of the closure. Deane responded she has spoken with Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and Police Chief Jim Valentine. Neither had a problem with the road closure.

Deane noted Kent County Youth Fair groundskeeper Ron Wenger will assist in supplying a stage and bleachers.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the request concerning the closure of Riverside Drive along the building of Light and Power on Saturday, October 6, 2001 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

### Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

**A. 206 S. Division - Matt and Sonnie Sullivan - fence height variance - set public hearing date (10/1).** 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. The Sullivan's replaced an existing fence of similar height.

The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation at its September 24 meeting.

A public hearing should be established for the October 1 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to set a public hearing for October 1, 2001 for a fence height variance at 206 S. Division.

Zoning Boardmember Brubaker stated at the last Planning Commission meeting there was discussion of adopting a revision to the ordinance to redefine front yard. He questioned where the Commission was in the process of reviewing this. City Manager Pasquale responded a proposal has been made to consider the narrowest side of a corner lot the front yard. A formal recommendation will be provided to the Council during the next meeting.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. REQUEST FOR ACCESS EASEMENTS ACROSS CITY OWNED PROPERTY - EAST SIDE OF SHEPARD DRIVE, NORTH OF GRINDLE.** John Scott of City Realty Corporation requested access easements across city owned property to obtain two driveways on the east side of Shepard Drive for a housing development.

Approval is recommended subject to submission of legal descriptions for the easement, responsibility of all costs related to these and review from the Department of Public Works on exact location.

Mayor Blough questioned the letter which refers to three building sites. Scott responded the fourth site does not require an easement due to direct access on Shepard Drive.

Blough questioned what zoning district the property was in. Scott responded R1.

Councilmember Myers clarified the lots would be 75 feet wide and provide single family homes. Scott responded yes.

Councilmember Brubaker asked if City Attorney Richard Wendt was reviewing the easement agreement. Pasquale responded yes.

Myers questioned if there would be any financial consideration for the easement. Pasquale responded no. The City would still maintain ownership. This would simply allow the individuals the right to access their property.

Myers confirmed the drive would be paved. Scott responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the easements upon the contingencies as proposed mentioned with final approval from the Public Works Department to access private property on the east side of Shepard Drive north of Grindle.

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

**Item #5. BOWES ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER NO. AND PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 2.** With the completion of the Bowes Road reconstruction project, the Council is requested to approve the final payment request as well as a change order.

Dave Austin of Williams and Works provided a letter which detailed the change order and also the funds assigned to the project as well as the amount due. The original amount for Bowes Road was \$165,337. The increase to \$168,606.70 was due to the wage rates for the CDBG funding. Being a federal grant, the Davis Bacon prevailing wage rates are required. At the time the contract was executed, those rates were not known. Once received, \$2,835.42 is the difference, which was necessary in order to comply with the Federal statute.

Additionally, the contract was on a unit price basis. Austin and his staff tried to estimate, as best as possible, exactly how much material is needed. There was a net increase in material quantities, which resulted in another increase of \$434.28. This is minimal when considering the size and scope of the project.

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Breakdown of funding has changes as follows:

Major Street Funds(Bowes)	From	To
DDA (north sidewalk)	\$130,233.00	\$130,762.32
CDBG (south sidewalk)	14,268.25	14,234.55
General Fund - sidewalks	20,835.75	21,000.00
	\$165,337.00	\$168,606.70

A total amount of \$58,796.25 is due to the contractor. Approval of \$37,796.26 in City funds is sought. The remaining \$21,000 is allocated through Kent County for Community Development Block Grant funds.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the change order and provide the payment as noted in the September 13, 2001 letter from Williams and Works for the Bowes Road reconstruction project.

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

**Item #6. AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - VALLEY VISTA/NORTH DIVISION RECONSTRUCTION AND M-21 AND BOWES CURBING PROJECT.** Proposals were solicited from the firms of Williams and Works and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) to carry out engineering services for the following projects: (a) reconstruction of Valley Vista Drive from Main to Donna. (b) reconstruction of North Division Street from Main to Grindle. These would be paved through a transportation bond, which would be proposed to be sold later this year. (c) new gutter on the south side of Bowes Road east of Valley Vista 1300 feet; this portion of Bowes Road is complete with sidewalk and curb on one side. Placing curb on the other side would complete this section of the street and would help maintain the street and also promote drainage; (d) placement of new curb and gutter with storm sewer on M-21, east of Valley Vista, approximately 1300 feet. As mentioned previously, there is a Federal Grant which has been secured for 80% of the cost. The remaining would be allocated through Major Streets Fund.

The following budgets by the firms were proposed:

Williams & Works	
Design Engineering	\$56,500.00
Construction Engineering	32,800.00
Total:	\$89,300.00

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber	
Design and construction permit work	\$33,150.00
Construction fee (for all but M-21)	65,560.00
M-21 construction fee	12,580.00
Total:	\$111,290.00

Since both firms have served the City well, cost of services was the determining factor. Thus, DPW Director Dan DesJarden and City Manager Pasquale recommended Williams and Works be awarded the contract.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to award the contract to Williams and Works in the amount of \$89,300 for the North Division, Valley Vista, Bowes and M-21 projects as proposed.

DesJarden noted both firms received the request for a proposal, which included exactly what the City wanted bid.

Councilmember Myers agreed with City staff. He stated both firms have done a significant amount of work for the City with adequate results.

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

Mayor Blough questioned when the project would begin. Pasquale responded with the selling of a bond for North Division and Valley Vista, it might be next spring. The work will be completed during this budget year.

**Item #7. CITY HALL - POLICE STATION, PUBLIC WORKS STORAGE AND CEMETERY BUILDINGS - REVIEW OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND FINANCING OPTIONS.** At the last meeting, schematic drawings were presented to the Council involving the City Hall - Police Station, Public Works Storage and Cemetery Buildings projects.

Dan Durkee, Tom Smith and Doug Crowley from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) were present to answer questions.

Estimates of the building were calculated as follows:

City Hall - Police Station	\$5,250,270.
DPW Storage Building	\$1,216,599.
Cemetery Building	\$410,669.
	\$6,877,538.

In addition, \$277,072.48 (currently estimated \$300,000) has been spent for acquisition and engineering costs over and above the 1999 \$500,000 Building Authority Bond Issue.

Tom Smith of FTC&H updated the Council concerning the increase in cost from the original estimate which was prepared previously. There were four main areas with increased costs. The first involved the previous estimate prepared in 1998, reflecting three years of inflation. Another increase involves the structure of the floor in the existing City Hall. It was determined all of the existing floors should be replaced. It has also been requested the Police Station be enlarged in the garage and ambulance area.

An allowance has also been established because the firm believes there will be many unknown factors during the reconstruction. FTC&H believes there will have to be asbestos and lead paint removal as well as possibly underground storage tanks. There were also some changes the Downtown Historical District Commission has requested since the original design. This includes adding an additional ten feet to the clock tower.

Dan Durkee explained the level of detail is somewhat less with the DPW and Cemetery storage facilities. There is a 15% contingency added to cover unknowns. A conservative approach was taken, especially with cemetery storage facility. The structure will be built on fill in this particular location. The site cost is approximately four times what would ordinarily be anticipated. Part of this is due to the remoteness, since utilities must be brought to the site. There is a line item of \$25,000, due to the uncertainty of the fill underneath the proposed building site.

If the project was to proceed, the firm would first need to take soil borings to ascertain what the conditions are. It may have to be excavated and replaced with engineered fill.

In both cases, FTC&H has tried to give a good conservative estimate, which could be adjusted at a later time. However, the firm wanted to ensure their bases are covered at this point.

Another issue concerning the Cemetery storage building is it will only be a 2,300 square foot structure. Therefore, there will be many different trades to carry out just a small amount of work. The other issue, which is key for both of the buildings, is the cost is based on the level of quality being comparable to the Fire Station.

Mayor Blough noted the original budget for the City Hall - Police Station project was approximately 3.7 million dollars.

Blough questioned what inflation rate was figured in. Smith responded four to five percent, per year, since 1998.

Smith explained the inflationary amount he was considering amounted to approximately \$450,000.

It will cost roughly \$600,000 to replace the floors throughout City Hall. The increased size of the Police Station added approximately \$160,000. Allowances have been figured of \$320,000 for a total of approximately 1.53 million dollars.

Pasquale received the bonding scenarios from City Attorney Richard Wendt. He explained currently there is a millage of 13.85. The millage limit with the Headlee limitation is 18.0455. This gives an available millage of 5.1955 mills. Currently, one mill could raise \$77,346.90.

First of Michigan, which has assisted the City with several bond proposals, provided initial scenarios based on 25 and 30 year bond proposals. This included the cost of the Building Authority Bond issued in 1999 for \$500,000.

Several different scenarios were presented showing debt schedules. When considering the City Hall - Police Station project, bond payments for the first year, plus the

1999 bond and library bonds (expires in 2006) amounted to a total of \$448,000 for fiscal year 2002 to 2003. This alone would require a millage rate of 5.8. A possible DDA contribution of \$100,000 a year would bring the millage rate down to 4.5 and a General Fund contribution of \$50,000 which would lower this to 3.86.

The second scenario included the City Hall - Police Station Project and the Cemetery building. A total cost for the first year would be \$476,325, needing a millage of 6.15. A DDA contribution would bring the millage rate down to 4.86 and a General Fund contribution of \$50,000 would lower this to 4.21.

A third scenario involves City Hall - Police Station, Cemetery and DPW buildings. A total cost for the first year would be \$557,493.75. The millage needed would be 6.15. A DDA contribution would bring the millage rate down to 5.91 and a General Fund contribution of \$50,000 would lower the millage to 5.26.

A fourth scenario involves the City Hall - Police Station and DPW building. A total cost for the first year would be \$530,172.92. The millage needed would be 6.15. A DDA contribution brings the millage down to 5.56 and a General Fund contribution lowered to 4.91.

Each scenario would assume a level debt. An option being reviewed would be the opportunity of having lower principal payments in the beginning accumulating the library bonds.

Additionally, no investment income is shown because bond funds received can be invested. This would have an effect on the bonds.

No final bond decisions are needed until the end of the year.

A critical point drawing near involves Phase Two. This is the actual construction design.

Councilmember Myers wanted the millage increase and costs placed into calculations which would represent a hard cost to homeowners.

Myers noted the original millage discussions involved only 2 to 3 mills. Pasquale responded this was correct. This can be approached from two different ways. The City could ask FTC&H to reexamine the numbers, particularly for the City Hall - Police Station, to determine if what can be done to decrease the estimates. Also, avenues should be revived with the DDA concerning other possible revenues. Another idea would be to reconstruct the debt schedule which could provide lesser bond payment amounts in the beginning. Then, as the State Equalized Value (SEV) increases, the mill will also increase in value.

Blough believed the overall cost of the project needed to be brought down.

He suggested the possibility of decreasing the space which would accommodate ambulance trucks. Police Chief Valentine reminded the Council, Rockford Ambulance will be paying for the space to house the ambulances. If they do not contribute, the area would be removed from the project. Blough understood what Valentine was saying. However, there was an initial capital investment which needs to be established.

Councilmember Green was in agreement with Blough.

Councilmember Shores was surprised at how much the Cemetery building would cost.

Pasquale noted additional information would be provided to the Council once costs and bonding scenarios are further reviewed.

Councilmember Brubaker was also surprised with the estimates. He did not want to increase the millage to the maximum Headlee amount.

Myers also questioned what the economic impact of the recent tragedy would be.

Blough felt the City should review the true base requirements needed to determine where cuts could be made.

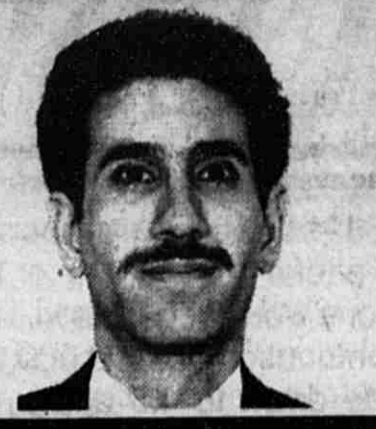
By consensus, the Council agreed. No further information was received.

**Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS.** No comments were received.



# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** My wife and I are looking at buying a house that is not listed through a realtor. We like the house, the price is right and we already have the money available. We have come to terms with the seller, however, the seller doesn't want to sign an agreement. He says he wants to schedule a closing with the title company as soon as possible. We prefer to have an agreement, but we are afraid we might lose the deal if we push him on it. What do you think?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** You should push him on it. Without a signed agreement, you have no agreement, which means on or before the closing date, he could simply change his mind and not sell the house to you. In addition, having a signed agreement is important because it sets forth the rights and obligations of the parties to the transaction. For example, provisions dealing with title insurance, survey, rights of inspection, property taxes, when possession is to be turned over, whether rent will be required if possession is not turned over at closing, what personal property is being sold with the real estate, if any, the required condition of the property at closing;

etc. Further, the seller is required to give you, as the buyer, a seller's disclosure statement, and if the home was constructed before 1978, a lead based paint disclosure statement.

My suggestion is that you go back to the seller and tell him you are willing to purchase the property, but there needs to be an agreement in place, that he needs to provide you with the required disclosures and that all of the other formalities which go along with buying and selling residential real property need to be complied with. If he is not willing to take these steps, then I would look for another house.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** A few years ago I set up a living trust and transferred my home to that trust. I have now decided to sell my house. Do I need to transfer my house out of my trust back to me before selling, or can I sell the house directly from the trust?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** There is no need for you to transfer the house out of the trust back to yourself prior to selling the house. If the trust is the actual title holder to the property, then you, as trustee of the trust, can sell the property directly from the trust to the buyer. At the closing, you will need to provide the title insurance company with a copy of a certificate of trust existence and authority, which should have been prepared with your trust at the time you executed the trust. This document summarizes certain pertinent provisions of the trust agreement, including the name of the trust, the names and addresses of the trustee and successor trustees, the date of the trust and the trustee's powers, including the power to sell real estate. This document gets recorded with the warranty deed. If it was not prepared, then you should go back to the attorney

who prepared your trust and have that certificate of trust existence and authority prepared prior to the closing.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I want to disinherit my son. Am I required to give him a small sum in order to make the disinheritance valid?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** No. You are not required to give your son anything which, of course, is the whole point of disinheritance. You want to make sure, however, that in your documents you make reference to your son and indicate that you are not unmindful of him but you are intentionally omitting him as a beneficiary of your estate. If you fail to do this, then he can make a claim that he was inadvertently left out as a beneficiary and make a claim for a share of your estate.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning lawyer and advise him or her of your concerns so that your documents can be drafted with the appropriate language disinheriting your son.

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Alexander Hamilton

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker stated she was seeking permission to place scarecrows and corn stalks around the lamp posts throughout the downtown historic area as well as the west side of town. She recently visited Bay City, Michigan, where this was done. The City looked very festive.

Baker indicated the Chamber of Commerce is planning a scarecrow contest on October 12 and 13th, 2001.

She did not believe this was any different than at Christmas time with the garland around the lampposts.

Baker wanted the displays to remain from October 13 through October 31st.

Councilmember Myers questioned if Baker had funding for the project. Baker responded the cornstalks were inexpensive and did not believe funding was an issue.

Baker felt the duck signs were well received from the community and businesses. She believed the project unified the downtown area and west end.

Blough verified the Chamber would place the corn stalks around the posts and maintain them for the two-week period. Baker responded yes.

Councilmember Shores stated she spoke with Baker today who indicated the stalks would be installed with binder twine so there would be no wire which would damage the light poles. She agreed with Baker and believed it was more a decoration than a sign.

Shores suggested leaving the stalks up into November.

Myers noted he has placed cornstalks around his light posts at home for years and has had no damage done.

Baker explained the Scarecrow contest will involve the community, schools, and non-profit organizations to make a scarecrow. There will be set clinic times available in the downtown area and at Family Fare. The number of scarecrows depends on the number of individuals who make one. The Chamber will also be asking the local businesses to create their own.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to give the Chamber of Commerce permission to place corn stalks and scarecrows around the light posts in the downtown area and along the west end of Main Street.  
YEA: 5  
NAY: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden reported on the following:  
• sheet piling is coming from the Amphitheater toward the library  
• the new boat launch has been poured

- Chamber of Commerce parking lot has curb and gutters set. All the underground work has been completed to the alley. The next phase will consist of irrigation, planting and lightpoles.
- underground work is completed at the King Milling parking lot
- scheduling the electric hookup to the buildings near the King Milling parking lot is currently being done
- buildings near Chamber parking will be scheduled for electric hookup once the alley work is completed
- Both parking lots will have asphalt applied at the same time.

Blough inquired when the lots would be paved. DesJarden responded completion should be done by the second week of October.

DesJarden also noted there will be another hazardous waste pickup on Saturday, October 13, 2001. The event will be advertised in the local papers and placed on Cable TV.

**Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores noted she and City Clerk Morlock attended another successful MML convention in Battle Creek. It was a somber convention, but very informative.

Shores commented on what a great job the Chamber of Commerce did organizing the recent prayer rally. She noted donation canisters have been placed throughout Lowell.

Shores also noted George Mickel with the Chamber of Commerce has done a great job and spends much time.

Councilmember Brubaker stated it was a good MML Conference. This was the first one he has attended and was very interesting. The first scheduled speaker was unable to fly in from Atlanta. Therefore, it ended up an open mike session. After listening to various individuals speak, it made him very proud to be part of local government. The comments were very touching. He was proud to be an American.

He also congratulated the Chamber for the work the organization has done.

Councilmember Myers also reiterated the comments about the Chamber of Commerce.

He commented on the emotional impact of last week. There has been a huge loss and the day will always be remembered. He was pleased to see the Chamber of Commerce making moves and asked if everyone else could think about how they could personally help.

Myers received another inquiry concerning the cost of hiring a Code Enforcement Officer. He questioned hours held so far. Pasquale responded there were 23 zoning violations during the first week. Letters were sent to all the individuals. He did not have an exact number of hours, but would provide such at the next meeting.

Pasquale noted the Council would receive monthly reports concerning this during the three month experiment.

Councilmember Green commented as community leader he felt he should have something eloquent to say concerning the tragedy. However, he believes there is a God in heaven who is in control. We need to put our trust in Him. Green is grateful for the response throughout the country and this community. He is proud to be an American. It will be a tough road ahead of us. Things will never be the same, but we will be just fine.

**Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. A prayer service was held on Friday, September 14, 2001 at the Riverwalk. Judy Sterling did a fantastic job organizing the event with less than one day's notice. He has never seen the Riverwalk so full of people. We should be proud of the individuals who showed up and gave their support.

B. The following meetings minutes were provided:

- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of August 11, 2001
- Airport Board meeting August 7, 2001
- Chamber of Commerce meeting of August 8, 2001

C. The Lowell City Airport's fly-in is scheduled for Sunday, September 30. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Plane rides will be offered.

D. In response to the recent tragedies, the Chamber of Commerce is helping to organize a local fundraising for the American Red Cross. There are canisters at City Hall, Englehardt Library and several other locations throughout the City.

**Item #12. APPOINTMENTS.** None.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to adjourn to closed session at 8:53 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to return to open session at 9:53 p.m.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:54 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, October 1, 2001

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

# It's all Lowell, in Red Arrows' 34-0 shutout over Forest Hills Central

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

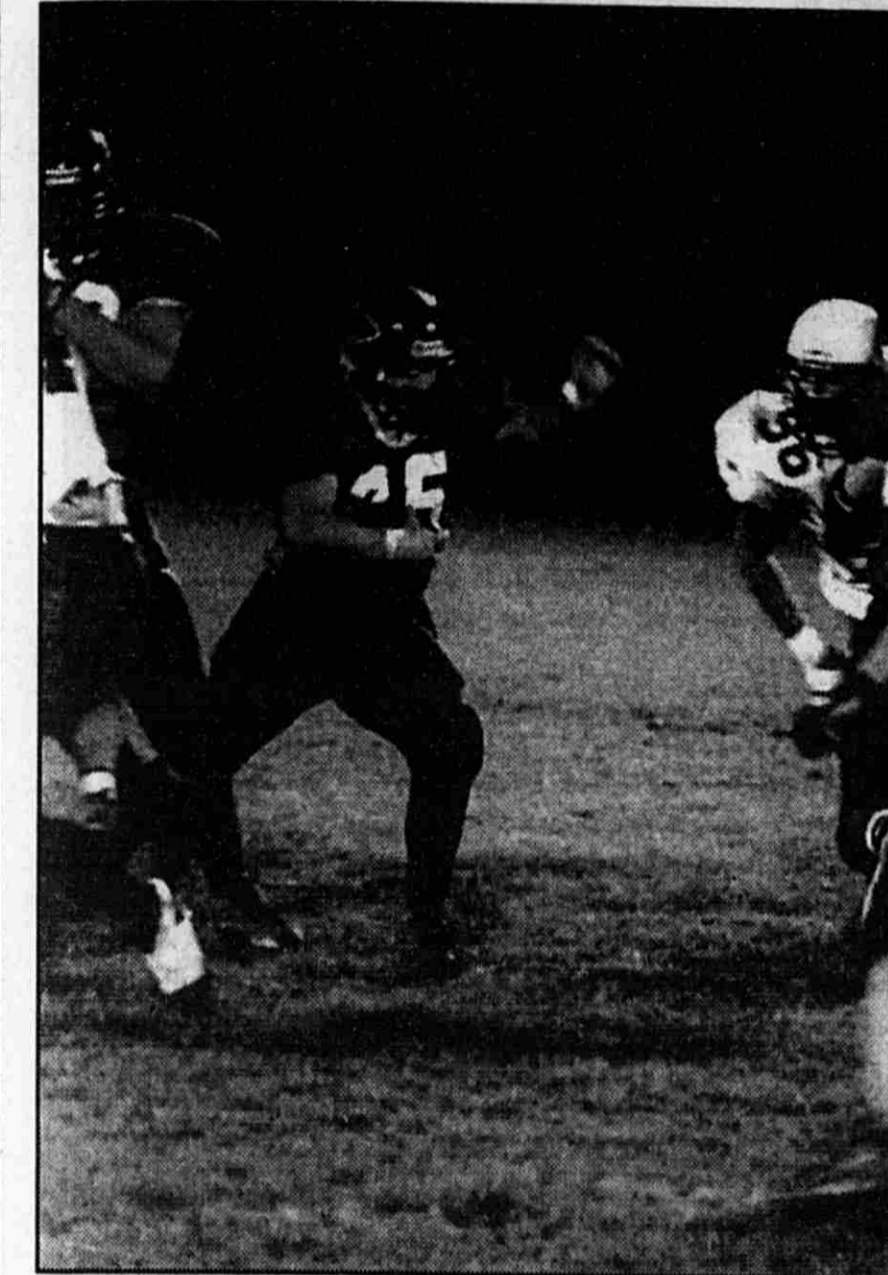
When you're bigger, faster and stronger, sound fundamental football is more than enough.

Lowell demonstrated that in its 34-0 white-wash of Forest Hills Central Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium.

The Red Arrows rolled up 418 total yards while relinquishing just 108 to the Rangers.

"We're not deep and we're playing without seven starters," said FHC first-year coach, Thomas White. "And tonight we were playing a better football team."

One familiar and two relatively unfamiliar faces shared shining moments for Lowell.



Lowell's Travis DeVoid looks for a hole in action against Central Friday night.

Mark Catlin ran for 120 yards, threw for 72 and scored three touchdowns on runs of one, 56 and 30.

"Since our loss to East, we've been taking it one game at a time," Lowell football coach, Noel Dean explained. "Mark's a good football player. He's a junior and he's played 28 varsity games already."

During a 90 second stretch of the second quarter, the Lowell quarterback recorded touchdown runs of 56 and 30 yards. Only a questionable pass interference call prevented him from adding an interception to the mix.

Nick Onan, a player whose presence is felt in practice by his teammates but his number 24 has not been a familiar one under the Friday night lights, excited fans, his teammates and his coach with a determined 44-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter.

"The score is 28-0 so his teammates weren't getting excited because we need a touchdown," Dean explained. "They got excited because they respect what a team-oriented player Nick is. He epitomizes what it means to be a team player."

Onan finished the game with 62 yards rushing.

B.J. Frazier gained a few moments of the spotlight as he rushed for 30 yards in Lowell's final scoring drive of 57 yards. The senior took it in from a yard out to cap the 10-play drive.

Back-up quarterback Bill Harrison ran for 26 yards, threw for 10 and collected two interceptions from his defensive back position.

F.H. Central's Chris Bode rushes to get rid of the ball as he feels the heat from Lowell's defensive front line.

Lowell's junior varsity football team improved to 3-1 in the O-K White and 4-2 overall with a 14-0 win over Forest Hills Central.

Forest Hills Central did not cross the 50-yard line until midway through the third quarter. The closest it got to the end zone was the Red Arrow 41.

The win improves Lowell's record to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the O-K White.

Lowell hosts Zeeland in its homecoming contest on Friday. With a win, the Red Arrows would clinch a playoff spot for a third consecutive year.

## Lowell JV post wins against Rangers and Cats'

Lowell's junior varsity football team improved to 3-1 in the O-K White and 4-2 overall with a 14-0 win over Forest Hills Central.

After a scoreless first half, Dustin VanLoon got Lowell on the board with an 86-yard touchdown run and then caught a pass for the two-point conversion.

In the fourth quarter, Lowell quarterback Chris Curtis pitched to VanLoon who pulled up and tossed a pass to a wide open Andrew Min for a 76-yard touchdown pass.

Lowell travels to Zeeland Thursday.

Lowell's junior varsity improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the O-K White with a 21-12 win over Northview.

Nate Pabone got things started with an interception of a Northview pass. Moments later quarterback Chris Curtis scored on a keeper, and Matt D'Agostino added the point after.

Leading 7-6, Lowell's second score came on a 20-yard scoring scamper by D'Agostino.

In the second half, Curtis increased Lowell's lead to 21-6 on a 33-yard scoring jaunt. Ben Lemke was on the receiving end of a pass for the two-point conversion.

Andrew Benedict and Jeff McPherson had interceptions to the Red Arrow defensive attack.

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Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.  
—Attributed to Mark Twain  
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# Lowell treys bury Zeeland, 62-42

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Becky Bosserd is getting a chance to play her true position, and her team-leading double digit average indicates she's liking it.

Bosserd netted 14 points in Lowell's dominating 62-42 win over Zeeland in a battle of O-K White leaders Thursday night.

"Becky's true position is at off guard. It's giving her a chance to set up and concentrate on her shot," said Lowell girls basketball coach Dee Crowley.

As a sophomore, Bosserd was asked to play point guard, a position which requires bringing the ball up the floor, setting her team up in a half-

court offense and then, if the opportunity presents itself, hit an open shot.

She has been spelled of that role by the much anticipated presence of freshman, Kendra Gallert.

"Kendra handles the ball well for Lowell and she sees the floor extremely well which makes it difficult to press Lowell," said Zeeland coach, Bob Riley.

Gallert also shoots the three pretty well. The freshman point guard netted five treys in tallying a team-leading 19 points (13 in the first half) against the Chix. She netted two in the opening three minutes of the contest.

Gallert was one of five Lowell players to tickle the twine from behind the arc.

The Red Arrows shot 41 percent from the floor (24 of 58) but connected on 11-of-20 from three-point land.

"It doesn't surprise me. We have five girls who can shoot the three. We practice shooting every day," Crowley said.

The shooting exhibition drew a flustered shrug from Riley. "Not a lot you can do when a team shoots that well. How many boys' teams do you know who make 11 threes in a game? I didn't think our defense was that bad. We couldn't do much, they hit all of their shots."

While the Zeeland coach was impressed with Lowell's shooting, he also noticed its defense. "They take pride in their defense. It showed. They

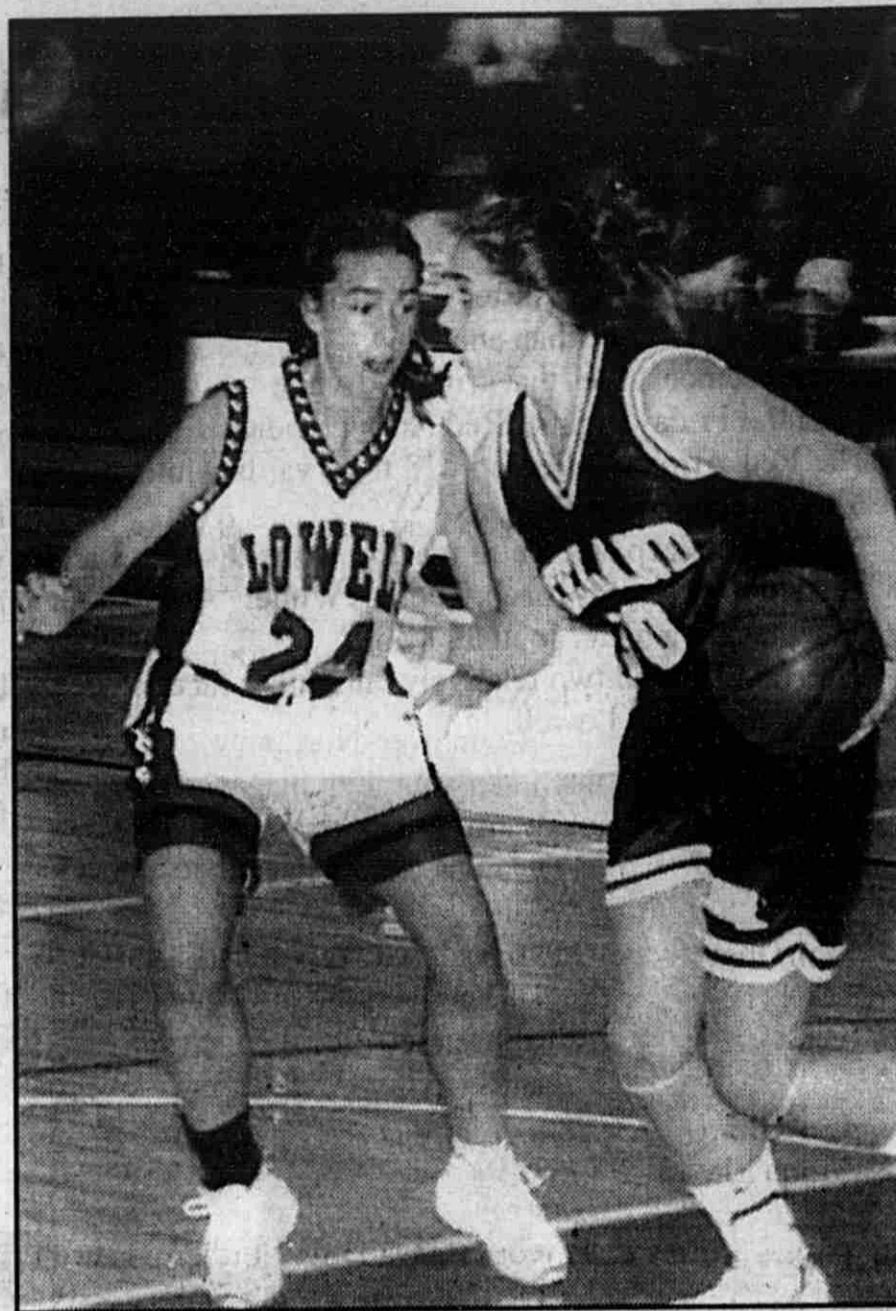
are an outstanding defensive team. They kept us out of sync offensively," Riley said.

The win was Lowell's eighth straight since its seven-point loss to Jenison. It was also its fifth consecutive win in the league. The Red Arrows travel to Hudsonville on Thursday to wrap up the first half of its conference schedule.

Lowell led Zeeland 16-8 after one period of play, 32-15 at half, and then outscored Zeeland 30-27 in the second half.

Joining Gallert and Bosserd in double digits was Leslie Crowley with 11.

Zeeland, 3-1, 7-2, was led in scoring by Megan Kraai with 13 points.



Kendra Gallert poured in a team-high 19 points and pressured the ball all over the court in Lowell's 62-42 win over Zeeland.

Bob Riley  
Zeeland Basketball Coach

Not a lot you can do when a team shoots that well. How many boys' teams do you know who make 11 threes in a game? I didn't think our defense was that bad. We couldn't do much, they hit all of their shots.

## Freshman football team downs Central

It wasn't the Lowell freshman football team's best showing of the year, but its 29-14 win over Forest Hills Central was its sixth without a loss.

Lowell's Mike Koster got the Red Arrows on the scoreboard with a 35-yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage.

A 12-yard touchdown run by Ryan Esbaugh gave Lowell a 12-0 lead and a pass from Koster to Matt Meppelink gave Lowell a 14-0 lead.

Esbaugh scored his second touchdown of the game on a five yard run, giving Lowell a 21-0 lead.

The Red Arrows' final score came on a Frank Mulder 10-yard run with quarterback Jonathan Sper adding the two-point conversion.

Lowell travels to Zeeland on Thursday.

Keeping its record perfect at 5-0, the Lowell freshman football team leaned on Northview by the count of 47-8.

Quarterback Mike Koster scored on a short run early in the first quarter. Then after his own interception, Koster scored again on a 19-yard run.

Ryan Esbaugh hit the goal line from 29-yards out, coupled with a Koster to Matt Meppelink two-point conversion, giving Lowell a 23-0 lead.

Koster scored twice more on runs of 28 and 64 yards. Later in the second half, Lowell's Frank Mulder scooted 28 yards to make it 41-0.

Meppelink closed out Lowell's scoring with a 24-yard touchdown run.

Jason Welsh had an interception to highlight another strong defensive effort by the Red Arrows.

## 8th-grade girls open with 2 wins

Lowell girls eighth-grade basketball team claimed victories in its opening two games of the year.

The Red Arrows were led by Brook VanEck's nine points in their win over Belding. Nicole Shepard and Melissa Telman contributed with eight and six points respectively.

The play of Shepard helped lead Lowell to a 27-21 win over Greenville. Hannah Kinney chipped in with four points.

# Lowell soccer team tapers sting of tough losses with much needed wins

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys soccer team survived a seven-day stretch which saw the Red Arrows play five games.

In getting worn down, they lost a few tough games and got the results they needed in the others.

"The boys are getting back on track after that stretch of games," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge. "We're playing better soccer right now."

Lowell enters play this week with an overall record of 7-3-1 and 1-2-1 in the O-K White.

In the Red Arrows' 2-1 win over Northview, their game wasn't running on all cylinders but they managed two first-half goals and then hung on to defeat the Wildcats.

"We were worn down, but still managed to outshoot Northview 20-3," Legge said.

Sam Oberlin netted two goals with two assists from Chris Cress. Oberlin has creased the net 14 times in 10 games for the Red Arrows. "Sam has just been terrific," Legge said.

Lowell 2  
Mona Shores 1

Following a tough loss to Forest Hills Northern, Lowell played a near perfect first half, upending the Sailors.

With assists from Craig Carpenter and Chris Cress, Sam Oberlin provided all the scoring Lowell needed, finding the back of the net twice.

"After a tough loss, we need a good result and we got it. The boys played a superb first half of soccer," Legge said.

Lowell 3  
Wyoming Park 0

Red Arrow goalie, Josh Anderson recorded his first shut-out as Lowell overpowered an improved Viking squad.

Shane Stokes scored two goals and Sam Oberlin added a third.

"Shane was perfect today," Legge said. "He has good ball skills. Sam continued to play the way he has all year. This win gets us back on track."

Jeff Herral recorded an assist and Craig Carpenter was credited with two for Lowell in the win.

Lowell 2  
Cedar Springs 1

Travis Gillan and Sam Oberlin posted a goal apiece as the Red Arrows won a nonconference game against the Red Hawks.

Lowell outshot Cedar Springs 50-1 "We just could not get the ball in the net," said Lowell coach, Paul Legge.

Rockford 3  
Lowell 2

The Red Arrows weren't as fortunate against the Rams. "We played poorly. The boys didn't come to the ball. They played as if they were drained," Lowell coach, Paul Legge said. "It was a disappointing loss. It was a game I felt we should have won."

Forest Hills Northern 2  
Lowell 1

Unable to do anything in the first half, Lowell dug itself a 2-0 hole against the Huskies.

"We just weren't in the game in the first half," Legge said. "The boys came out and played much better in the second half."

Lowell scored its only goal of the game 12 minutes into the second half. The Red Arrows outshot Northern 14-2 over the final 40 minutes.

Lowell's goal was scored by Mike Kinney on an assist by Shane Stokes.

FH Central 4  
Lowell 1

The Red Arrows ran into arguably the best soccer team in West Michigan and one of the best in the state.

"The boys played incredibly hard in the first half and went after Central, but ran out of gas in the second half," Lowell coach, Paul Legge said.

Lowell jumped out to a 1-0 lead when Chris Cress creased the net in the opening 15 minutes off an assist from Travis Gillan.

Central responded with two unanswered goals before half and then netted two more over the final 40 minutes."

"Gillan had an unbelievable game. He's making better decisions with the ball, distributing the ball better, and held his own tonight against some amazing players," Legge said. "Central is the better soccer team. It's the best team we'll see all year."

## Gunbergs finding success in toughest tennis conference

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

They're Lowell's version of the Williams sisters (Venus and Serena).

Jenny and Mandy Gunberg continue to hustle, hit and serve their way through the rugged OK White schedule.

Jenny Gunberg, first singles, improved her overall record to 11-7 with a straight set (6-2, 6-0) win over Zeeland's Laurelin VanGinhoven.

"Jenny eliminated her unforced errors and is hitting the ball real well," said Lowell girls tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. Mandy Gunberg, second singles, defeated Zeeland's Megan Beck 6-3, 7-5. "Mandy hit the ball deeper into her opponent's court, was more selective on her short slices and is moving her feet better," Wall said.

The Gunberg's accounted for two of Lowell's three wins in the Red Arrows' 5-3 loss to the Chix. "We had a chance to tie Zeeland but were not able to come through," Wall said.

Lowell's other win came at number one doubles where Kristi Noall and Shannon Livingston straight set Courtney Bruner and Angela Flaherty 7-5, 6-3.

"They work well together out on the court and are improving with each outing," Wall explained. "Kristi's the steady influence and Shannon is the more aggressive player."

Wall noted that the third doubles team of Stevi Thompson and Melissa Blatter lost a close match 5-7, 3-6. "They play so hard and hustle on every point out there. They are fun to watch. They don't give up. They have really improved," said Wall.

Earlier in the week Lowell was shutout 8-0 by Forest Hills Central.

Jenny Gunberg lost a three-set match to the Rangers at first singles. "Jenny was upset with herself. She had a shot at winning that match," Wall said.

## Red Arrow girls find success against Central and at Carson City

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls cross country team made quick work of Forest Hills Central with a 17-46 win as it continued along the trail to its conference meet showdown with league-leading Forest Hills Northern on Oct. 20.

Lisa Wojciakowski handed in another team-leading performance as she finished in a meet-medalist time of 20:56.

She was followed by teammates Sarah Swab (21:18) and Holly Plattner (21:27).

Central's Becca Flanders came home in fourth with a time of 21:40.

Lowell's Natalie Kent and Molly Kirsch were fifth and sixth respectively with times

of 22:09 and 22:18.

Central's other times were posted by Amy Fry, ninth, 22:39; Kristen Donaldson, 10th, 22:41; Val Kazmer, 11th, 23:11; and Rachel Blowers, 12th, 23:15.

Carson City Inv't

The Red Arrow girls made a strong showing at Carson City over the weekend finishing second to Rockford in the A-B Division.

Rockford was clearly ahead of the field as the Rams finished with 25 points. Lowell was second with 116 and Forest Hills Northern tied with Gull Lake for third with 147 points; followed by Grandville 176, and Holland Christian was fifth with 193.

In finishing second, Lowell knocked off several Division I schools in the process and also defeated Gull Lake, the state's top-rated Division II team.

"The girls ran tough. That's what it is all about," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWaf. "It was a great day. A flat course and a lot of people eager to do well. A second place in this race is huge. Rockford is in a class by itself."

Lisa Wojciakowski, 11th overall, led Lowell runners with a time of 19:47. She was followed by Sarah Swab, 19th, 20:20; Holly Plattner, 22nd, 20:40; Abby Blanding, 29th, 20:53.6; and Natalie Kent, 35th, 21:04.3.

In the boys meet, the Rangers defeated the Red Arrows 18-40.

Nick Liversedge came home in a winning time of 17:48 for the winning Rangers. Teammate Bobby Brower, second, finished in 17:59.

Nick Heslip, fourth, stopped the clock in 18:56. Following him were teammates Matt Dull, fifth, 19:03, and Justin Spleidt, sixth, 19:04.

Steve Ellison placed third overall and was the first Red Arrow home. He finished in 18:53.

He was followed by Scott Riddle, seventh, 19:10; Nick Huizenga, 15th, 20:13; Mitch Solom, 19th, 20:41; and Bobby Gingerich, 23rd, 20:58.

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The following change of zoning will be considered:

Mark Velting and Mike Slachter have requested rezoning of property located at 4431 Bancroft Avenue (PP#41-20-28-200-016) and 4433 Bancroft Avenue Road (PP#41-20-28-200-020), Lowell, Michigan, from the current zoning classification of Agriculture (Ag1) to Light Industrial for the purpose of light industrial use.

The original application and the Township zoning map may be examined at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

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The vicious attack on America leaves us all in a state of shock, but strengthens our resolve to do what is best for our country, our community, and our children. The Board of Education remains focused on making the right educational decisions for the citizens of Lowell and the young people who are future of our great nation.

An important decision concerns the timing of new construction projects. A good deal has already been accomplished, with the renovation of Alto Elementary and technology improvements in buildings across the district. The board has confidence in the future of Lowell, and remains convinced that our dis-

trict faces long-term growth that will make new elementary and high school facilities essential. The fact remains, however, that we are in a period of extraordinary uncertainty, which none of us could have predicted as recently as one month ago. The country (and Michigan) face economic recession, war appears imminent, and Lowell's student numbers, for the first time in several years, are flat. We simply have not experienced the anticipated student growth - particularly at the elementary level.

In order to pursue the most aggressive building schedule that would enable a new elementary building or high school addition to open

in less than two years, it would be necessary to enter into contracts this month, and then commence construction in November. The board has decided that this is not the wisest course, and therefore the green light to bid and start construction will be deferred so that we can make an informed decision in light of unfolding events.

The critical issue is not the availability of funds to finance the construction work, but rather the cost of opening and operating a new facility once construction has been completed. Simply stated, the board wishes to avoid a situation in which the substantial costs of opening a new facility cannot be paid

for by increased state revenues from student growth. If sufficient growth does not occur on time to pay for the operating expenses of the new facility, then programs, and the quality of education in Lowell, would suffer.

The decision regarding construction plans and scheduling has not been easy. There is no perfect answer. On balance, however, the board believes that in these uncertain times, a cautious approach makes sense. Nonetheless, you can be sure that the district is approaching the future with the conviction that new facilities remain essential. The board will make its best effort to assure that the schedule for construction corresponds as closely as possible with the expected arrival of new students as growth picks up again in the months and years ahead.

Peter L. Gustafson  
President,  
Lowell Board of  
Education

### SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

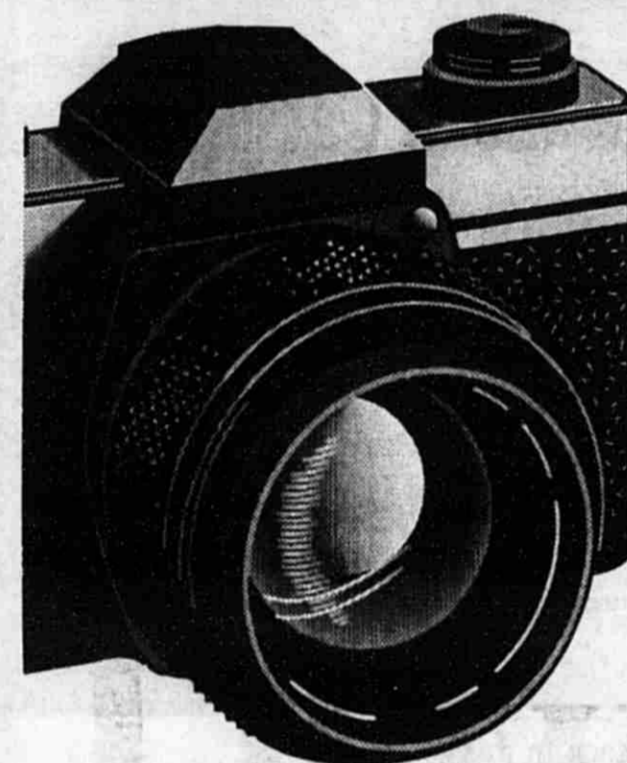
Minutes of the August 20, 2001 regular meeting accepted as read  
Public hearing - request for tax abatement, Precise Engineering

#### Motions Approved:

- Motion to accept treasurers report/invoices as presented
- Motion to approve 12-year tax abatement for new construction for Precise Engineering
- Motion to approve amendment to a special exception use permit Regarding Rental Storage for Roger Odell
- Motion to approve contract for 2002 Gypsy Moth Treatment Program
- Motion to approve fireworks display permit for Michigan Pyrotechnics Arts Guild/Ken Roth on October 20, 2001
- Motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting October 15, 2001

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

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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.

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Rosella Maloney.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Duane W. "Bill" Mayou extends their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Roger LaWarre for his comforting words and the ladies of the First Congregational Church of Lowell for the wonderful luncheon they prepared; Dr. Zakem and Pam Little, R.N., of the Cancer & Hematology Clinic; Dr. Lang, Lowell Family Medical Center, Drs. Coates and Sage; Foremost Insurance Company,  
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Orison & Addie Abel;  
Terry & Gerre Abel;  
Jane & Jerry Comp;  
Doug & Terrie Abel.

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The family of Doris Abel wishes to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, contributions to Hospice, food & comforting words. A special thank you to Laurels of Kent, Rev. Barry and the ladies of the Methodist Church.  
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Orison & Addie Abel;  
Terry & Gerre Abel;  
Jane & Jerry Comp;  
Doug & Terrie Abel.

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The family of Robert L. Clark extends their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Evenhouse, Dr. O'Rourke of the Cancer and Hematology Clinic and especially to Hospice of Holland Home for Bob's care. Thanks also to our many friends and family members for their kind words and deeds. We would also like to thank Father George Fekete for his support and the women of St. Mary's for the delicious luncheon. Your kind expressions of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our hearts. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

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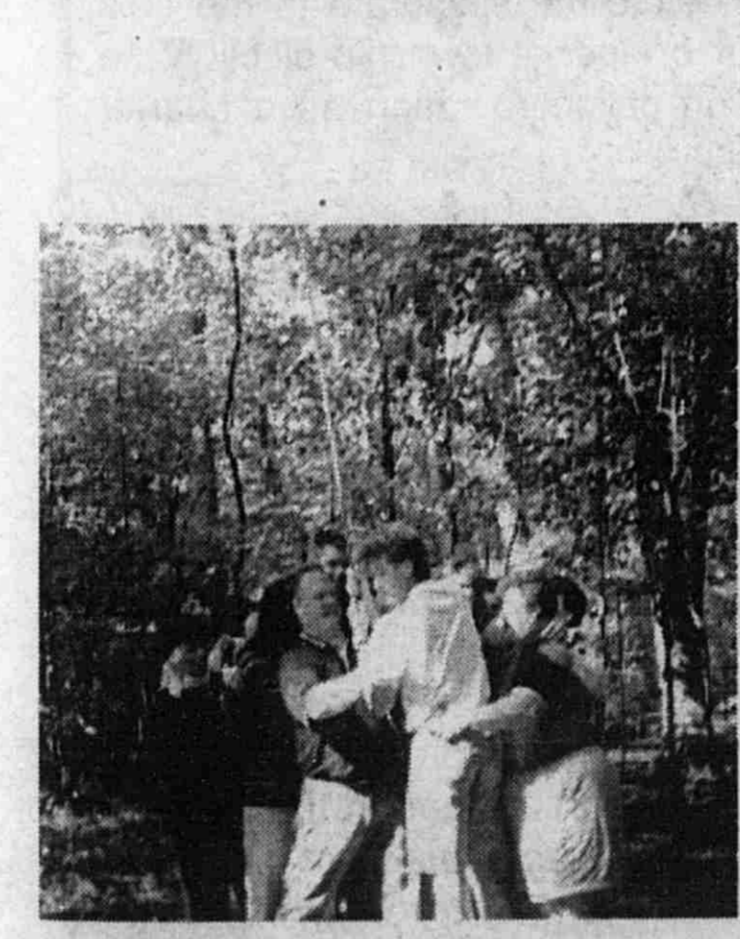
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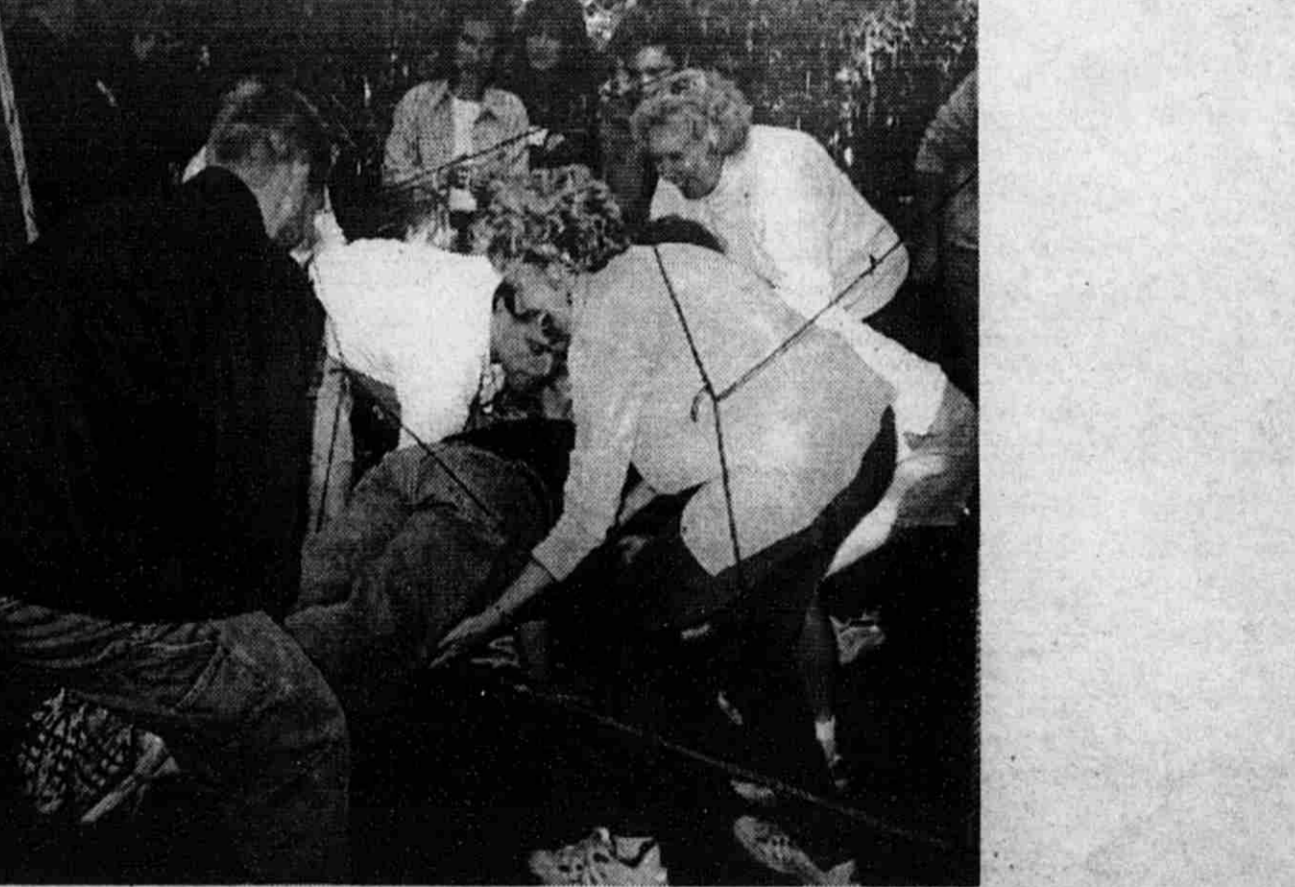


Members of the 2001-02 Volunteer for Leadership Excellence Class, from left to right: Barbara Schmalz, Will Welsh - training team, Kerry Schubach, Kathleen Duma, Kay Jones, Dan Stevens, Liz Baker - training team, Rhonda Delnick, Barb Knaut, Tammy Beatson, Melinda D'Agostino, Jackie Bottomley, Nancy Churches, Sue Kinney, Kathryn DenHouter and Andy Retburg. Not pictured are Vickie Seaburg and Deb Apol.



Rope swing across safely to the other side of the volcanic pit without touching or getting burned. This had to be accomplished while being contained inside the hula hoops.

Participants try to put each other through the spider web without touching. Touching meant starting all over.



The 2001-02 Volunteer for Leadership Excellence Class takes to the balance beam with the objective of getting in A-Z order without falling.



# Rotary Blood Drive reaches record numbers of participation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was the mother earth load of blood drives. Every existing record was broken. The Lowell Rotary

blood drive on Wednesday (Sept. 26) set new standards for signup, pints of blood given and new donors.

"There's no doubt the recent events in New York had

an impact," said Lowell Area Fire Department's Mark Mundt. "I have no delusions that these numbers will be broken any time soon."

The numbers Mundt

speaks of are the 100 people who signed up to give blood, the 77 who gave blood and the 14 new donors who gave for the first time. "People had to wait as long as 60-90 min-

utes to give blood. Some whose schedule did not permit them to wait had to be turned away," explained Mundt.

The Rotary sponsored the blood drive, but it could not have done it without the help of Mark (Mundt), according to Rotary president Betty Morlock. "He is responsible for so much of the behind the scenes and organizational work in putting the blood drive together."

Mundt recognized the volunteer help received from Lowell's RSVP members.

"Their help has been invaluable. They helped fill the time slots which are hard to fill," Mundt said.

The cookies were baked by Mundt's wife, Theresa and the brownies were baked by Virginia Heydenburg.

The next local blood drive will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5. The new start

time will be 2 p.m. The drive will be open until 7 p.m.

"The RSVP group has volunteered to take that extra hour so that people who like to come early may do so," Mundt explained.

The following donors reached new gallon levels: William Collins seven; Charles Drake one; Patrick Drake one; Gladys Dykhuis two; Cal Kamphuis 13; Kara Kelley one; and Gwenolyn Stegehuis four.

First time donors who gave blood were Floyd Battle, Chris Bieri, Randall Carlson,

Nicole Deters, Kim Eliason, Margaret Knowles, Marilyn McClure, Pamela Posthumus, Stephanie Schlatter, Charlotte Shores, Christine Simmons, Jennifer VanderHorst, Lawrence Visser and Sara Webster.

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- Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township;
- Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township;
- 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.