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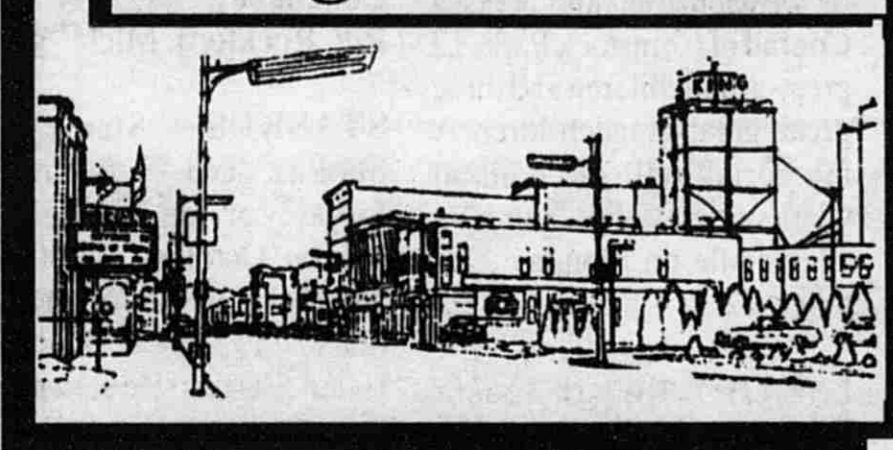
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Along Main Street



SAVE THOSE NEWSPAPERS!!!

Please help support the Lowell High School girls softball team by donating your newspapers. A drop-off truck will be available at the Lowell High School stadium parking lot from Friday, Oct. 19 - Oct. 22. If you bring a bag of newspapers to the Oct. 19 football game, you receive \$1 off the admission. After Oct. 22, a truck will be available at the YMCA Teen and Wellness Centers parking lot. Call Lorrie at 868-6365 with any questions.

FALLSBURG FALL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Check out the weekend events of the Fallsburg Fall Festival (Sept. 29 & 30) on LCTV channel 20 on the following dates: Wed., Oct. 17 at 5 p.m.; Thurs., Oct. 18 at 5 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.; and Sat., Oct. 20 at 10 a.m.

LHS PICTURE RETAKES

High school student pictures will be retaken on Tuesday, Oct. 23 beginning at 8 a.m. Please have students bring their pictures or ID's with them. Any student who needs to order may pick up an order form in the office.

WWII PROGRAM AT LOWELL TOWNSHIP HALL

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present a program titled "The USS Franklin - In Defense of Freedom" on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of Lowell Township Hall. This program will feature Lowell residents' Main Street, cont'd. pg. 8

Arsenic and Old Lace connects 25 years of LAAC theatre productions

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

When the curtain opens Thursday night on *Arsenic and Old Lace*, it will mark the 25th year that the Lowell Area Arts Council has showcased a fall play for the Lowell community.

Arsenic and Old Lace is not just any play - it is the first play produced by the Lowell community theatre company (Thebes Players).

While the play remains one of the madcat black comedies of all time, only one original cast member returns this weekend (Oct. 18-21) for its second go-around.

"How does it make me feel? Olllld!" pans Jim Marron, who was cast as Jonathan in the first local production. This time, though, he will play Dr. Einstein, Jonathan's sidekick.

The Thebes Players will give five performances at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The first will come Thursday night at 8 p.m. followed by performances on Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (3 & 8 p.m.), and Sunday (3 p.m.).

"*Arsenic and Old Lace* is a tongue and cheek comedy about two old women who murder lonely old men and the crazy family who tries to cover up the facts from the police," explained Marron.

The play was created by Joseph Kesselring. Directing this

Cuts bring City Hall/police station construction project to \$4.5 million

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After a couple of weeks to consider its options, Lowell city staff believes it has come up with a solution to allow as much of the City Hall/police station project to be constructed at the most reasonable cost.

Last month, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, Inc., came before the city with a proposed price tag for the project, which came in at about \$5.2 million. The council indicated that it was simply too much and held a work session last week to discuss possible options.

"I believe it is a doable project that can be done for three mills or less with as much of the project being proposed to the council staying as is," city manager, David Pasquale said.

Following the work session and other discussions, Pasquale said staff and FTC&H representatives are proposing to cut more than \$700,000 from the project, bringing it to about \$4.5 million. Those cuts would include delaying the construction of the second floor, about \$463,071; reducing allowances for asbestos and lead paint removal, \$100,000; having the site work funded by the Downtown Development Authority, \$209,311; eliminat-

ing the ambulance garage and two parking spots, \$167,370; decreasing the size of the common lobby, undetermined; and deleting brick at the rear elevation of the building, \$62,160.

Tom Smith, of FTC&H, said some of the cuts were a result of more detailed studies. This was the case for the asbestos and lead paint removal, which came in considerably less than estimated.

Councilmember Dan Brubaker raised the concern of leaving the second floor - would that create additional costs later on? Smith explained that what would be left is just finishing work which may or may not be added in, depending on how things went.

"Basically we were looking at phasing the project so that we could keep costs down," said Mayor Mike Blough who with councilor Don Green attended the work session last week with staff and FTC&H representatives.

Smith mentioned another cost-saving measure could be to reinforce the existing second floor versus replacing it. This is still being looked into, but could potentially save about \$40,000, he said.

With the cuts, the project would come in at or below the City Hall/police station cuts, cont'd. pg. 8

Fire Department's new pumper/tanker will cost roughly \$275,000

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It's an expensive proposition to replace a 22-year-old fire truck.

It was made a whole lot easier for the Lowell Area Fire Department when it learned that the Englehardt Lowell Area

Community Fund will provide a \$100,000 grant toward the purchase of the new \$275,000 pumper/tanker.

Funds have already been set aside for expense in this year's budget. The city of Lowell budgeted \$20,000; Lowell Charter Township, \$20,000; and Vergennes Township, \$25,000.

The balance of roughly \$110,000 would be financed, more than likely through a lease program, which would be paid by the three jurisdictions over the next three years. Lowell Area Fire Chief Frank Martin explained that the average lease on a new pumper/tanker is 10 years with most municipalities paying it off in eight years or less, with no penalty for early pay off.

"It's nice to have the Englehardt grant money up front," said Martin. "It makes it easier to budget for next year."

Within the next three years the city and two townships will be asked to help pay for a Kent County tanker - their cost being about \$140,000.

Martin said the department was one of 19,775 applications for grant monies through the Emergency Management Agency.

It's nice to have the Englehardt grant money up front. It makes it easier to budget for next year.

Frank Martin
 Lowell Fire Chief

"Our request was denied this year. We can apply again next year, for future expenses."

The proposed new unit has a 1250 gallon water tank, with a 1250 gpm pump. It comes fully equipped to fight fires.

The Lowell City Council approved Martin's request to solicit bids and to provide financing for the pumper/tanker at Monday night's meeting.

year's LAAC play is Brent Alles; producer is Debra Duiven.

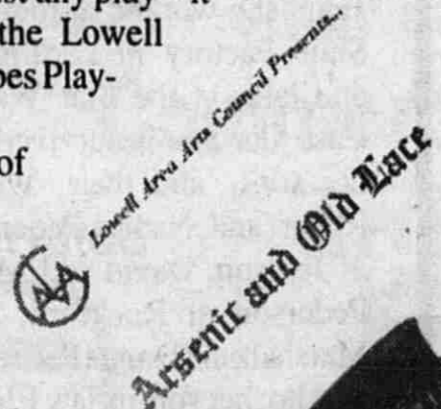
Filling out the cast are James Ball (Mortimer Brewster), David Bradford (Mr. Gibbs), David Durkee (Officer O'Hara), Keith Johnson (Teddy Brewster), Deb Kik (Abby Brewster), Marron (Dr. Einstein), Molly McGuire (Elaine Harper), Tory O'Haire (Jonathan Brewster), Anne Pasquale (Martha Brewster), Diana Roush (Mrs. Harper), Glen Russell (Officer Brophy), Dave Roush (Mr. Witherspoon), Susan Vennema (Officer Klein) and Brent Alles (Lieutenant Rooney).

"It's a good play and great for the Halloween season," said Marron, who was unable to pin down the exact number but believes he has taken part in 15-20 of the LAAC productions.

He says one of his favorite roles as an actor was playing Dr. Chumley in *Harvey*. "It was fun in that the character had a nice transition from stiff and formal to loosened up and a bit of a drunk."

Marron has also had a hand in directing. He thoroughly enjoyed having a hand in the directing of *Our Town*. Proceeds from the Thursday night show will go toward New York City emergency efforts to benefit the Save the Children Fund.

Lowell High School student, Tiffany Kidder will open the beginning of the show with the National Anthem. Ticket prices are \$7 for general admission and \$6 for LAAC members, students and seniors.



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OBITUARIES

BARNES - Mrs. Phyllis (Stanko) Barnes, aged 77, of Cumberland Manor in Lowell, passed away Saturday, October 13, 2001. Phyllis was very active in her life, entertaining during her years with A. B. Marcus, and also during World War II in Texas with the U.S.O. She was preceded in death by her father Anthony A. Stanko, a city fireman for 24 years; her mother Adrianna Suttrop; and loving husband Robert J. (Barney)

Barnes. Surviving are her daughter Deborah L. and Montell Hall, Sharon K. and Alex Gaffney of Florida; her grandchildren Holly and Alexis Gaffney, Tara Lynn Perez. At Phyllis' request, cremation has taken place. Interment at Floral View Memorial Gardens. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Grand Rapids Fire Department and Rescue Workers.

BRENNAN - Richard L. Brennan's life began on December 23, 1945. He is one of seven children raised by James and Marguerite Brennan. He was preceded in death by his wife Sherry and granddaughter Amanda. He married Sherry Brochu on August 22, 1969. A graduate of West Catholic, he helped to raise four sons, Mike (Julie), Gary (Kathy), Steven (Susan) and Bob (Lisa) into proud men. He will lovingly be remembered by his grandchildren Ashlee, Tyler, Ryan, Madeline, Sydney and Olivia. Also surviving are his siblings Jerry (Diane), Ken (Pat), Dan (Deb), Carol (Bob), Tom (Janice) and Janie; mother-

in-law Dorothy Brochu; and sister-in-law Deb (Dick) Shotwell. Rich was previously a teacher and coach at Lowell High School, Kent City High School and currently taught at Coopersville High School. He will be missed by all the students and athletes whose lives he touched. The Funeral Mass was held Monday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery. Contributions may be made to La Pres-Gerke Fund for tuition assistance at West Catholic High School.

CRAWFORD - Nellie Conrad, Crawford, aged 85, of Clarksville, died Saturday,

Oct. 13, 2001 at the Bon Secour Nursing Home in Venus, Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald E. Conrad in 1963, her second husband Andrew B. Crawford in 2001, and her son Danny L. Conrad in 1991. She is survived by her children Lawrence E. Conrad of Clarksville, Shelby and Bernard Oostema of Venus, Florida, and seven grandchildren: Lawrence Conrad II, Donald Friesner of Grand Rapids, Bruce Friesner of Clarksville, Ann Conrad of Lowell, Linda Conrad of Rockford, Donna Roskamp of Fowlerville, and Tressa Conrad of Comstock Park; 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. A memorial will be held at Clarksville Bible Church in Clarksville on Monday, October 22, at 1 p.m.

ESKES - Robert Fraser Eskes, aged 87, went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 14, 2001. He will be missed by his wife of 17 years Pauline (Carey) and his children Ron and Verla Carey, Gay and Vern Nauta, and Jean and Dan Hoffman, all of Lowell. He was preceded in death by his first wife Gretchen and daughter Gwen. He is survived by brothers James (Juanita) Eskes of San Jose, CA, and Maylen (Faye) Eskes of Puyallup, WA; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and special friends, Dale and Charlotte Johnson. A celebration of Bob's life will take place at Lowell Church of the Nazarene on Thursday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Tim Deshaw and Rev. Tim Harmon officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lowell Church of the Nazarene Mission Fund.

PEDERSON - Mrs. Bernice Pederson, aged 84, of Rockford and formerly of Ludington, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday evening, October 12, 2001. She was born in Ludington on August 29, 1917, the daughter of Peter and Catherine (nee Rasmussen) Peterson. Bernice grew up on the family farm in Amber Twp. and attended Ludington Schools. On August 26, 1938, she married Albert "Ole" Pederson at her parent's home. For many years she worked at the Old Shoe Factory in Ludington and later at the Star Watch Case Co. She is survived by her sons and their wives Roger and Nancy Pederson of Jenison, David and Mary Pederson of Rockford, and Marshall and Donna Pederson of Alto; her son-in-law Elmer Manchester of Muskegon; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; her sister Mrs. Warren (Mildred) Brandt of Ludington; her brothers George Peterson of Ludington, Manley and Grace Peterson of Scottsville; in-laws Mrs. Martha Peterson, Mrs. Irene Peterson, George and Jeanette Peterson, Lillian and Peter Keating all of

Ludington and Mrs. Ruth Peterson of Pentwater; nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her husband Albert Ole Pederson; her daughter Janice Manchester, and her brothers Marion and Lee. The Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life for Bernice was on Tuesday at Washington Avenue Baptist Church in Ludington with Pastor James H. Carlson officiating. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Bishop Hills Elder Care Community, 4951 11 Mile Rd., Rockford, Mich.

STASKUS - Stanley T. Staskus, aged 79, of Luther, formerly of Ada, departed this life on October 7, 2001 at home. He was born on February 9, 1922 to William and Helen Staskus. He served his country during World War II in the United States Army. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Elinor; children Nora Lee and Terry Buck of Lowell, Stanley Clark Staskus of Ada, Scott and Nancy Staskus of Lowell, Mary Ellen and Brian Curie of Grand Rapids, a special niece Carol Kuiper; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He touched the lives of many people and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. A funeral service was held at Vida Funeral Home in Baldwin on October 10 with a private family interment on October 11 at the Walkerville Cemetery, Walkerville, Michigan.

WEPMAN - Molly Wepman, aged 88, of Southfield, formerly of Lowell, wife of the late Herman Wepman, passed away October 12, 2001. Molly came by herself to the United States in 1930 at the age of 17. Before visiting a friend in Grand Rapids, where she met her husband, she lived in Boston, Massachusetts. After her beloved husband's untimely death in 1950, she found herself the owner of Wepman's Clothing and Shoes in Lowell. In 1958, she was recognized as Michigan's Small Business Woman of the Year. Molly was a member of Ahavas Israel Synagogue and Sisterhood in Grand Rapids, and a life member of Hadassah. Her daughter and son-in-law Beverly and Fred Apel of West Bloomfield; daughter-in-law and son Judy and Lloyd Wepman of Farmington; and granddaughter Gayle Friedman of Birmingham survive her. Services were held Monday at Congregation Ahavas Israel in Grand Rapids. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be sent to Grand Rapids Hadassah, 2860 Bonnell SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506; the Greater Detroit Hadassah, 5030 O.L. Rd. W.B. 48323; the Lowell Historical Society, 325 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331; or to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48015.

YMCA PRESCHOOL & YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL BASKETBALL - Ages 3-5

Nov. 10 - Dec. 15 • 5-week program
(Registration deadline: Oct. 26)

Is your child shy around other children? Then this class is for you! This is a great introduction to the game of basketball for your preschooler. While using mini sized equipment to better fit your child, he/she will learn dribbling, passing, shooting & teamwork skills - all while having a great time!

Saturday - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Cherry Creek Elementary School
Facility Member - \$22 • Member - \$25 • Non-Member - \$34



INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL - Grades K-2

Location: LOWELL MONDAY PROGRAM

Nov. 5-Dec. 10 • 6-week program
(Registration deadline: Oct. 26)

Have fun in this great instructional program with both practices and scrimmages. Class will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary.

Kindergarten-1st. grade: Monday • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
2nd grade: Monday • 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Facility Member - \$25 • Member - \$30 • Non-Member - \$37

Location: LOWELL SATURDAY PROGRAM

Nov. 10 - Dec. 15 • 5-week program
(Registration deadline: Oct. 26)

Late registrations will be charged a \$5 late fee.
Have fun in this great instructional program with both practices and scrimmages. Class will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary.

Kindergarten-2nd. grade: Saturday • 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Facility Member - \$20 • Member - \$25 • Non-Member - \$32

Location: ALTO THURSDAY PROGRAM

Nov. 1 - Dec. 13
(Registration deadline: Oct. 26)

Late registrations will be charged a \$5 late fee.
Have fun in this great instructional program with both practices and scrimmages. Class will be held at Alto Elementary. (Limited to 20 participants).

Thursday, after school • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Alto Elementary
Facility Member - \$25 • Member - \$30 • Non-Member - \$37



FALL BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Grades 3-6

Nov. 5-Dec. 15

(Registration deadline: Oct. 26)

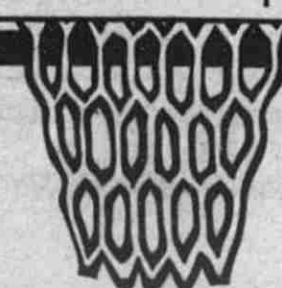
Late registrations will be charged a \$5 late fee.
Strictly a warm-up for winter basketball. Separate programs will be offered for both boys and girls in grades 3-4 and 5-6. Practices will start the week of Oct. 29. Games will start the week of Nov. 3 and run for 6 Saturdays. Coaches will inform players of practice times. Practices and games will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary School or the Lowell Middle School. (Leagues will go co-ed if not enough of either sex signs up).

COACHES MEETING: NOVEMBER 1
AT THE LOWELL YMCA

Facility Member - \$30 • Member - \$35 • Non-Member - \$40

BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the YMCA office at 897-8445. Coaches Meetings will be held on Thurs., Nov. 1 at the YMCA office.
3rd-6th Grades: 7 p.m.
K-2nd Grades: 6 p.m.



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Reflections Of Faith

By Burland Margesson
First Baptist Church

We are giving attention to a grand Psalm of prophetic significance. It is the second Psalm written some 3000 years ago from the pen and heart of King David. The backdrop is rebellion and defiance of God's Person and will. Last week we listened briefly to the voice of the Heavenly Father pointing us away from the darkness of evil and the futility of a secular world to His Son who will be revealed in the future as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Today, I want you to hear the voice of the King. This is

the third stanza of the Psalm, verses 7-9. This is not to be understood as His beginning. He is the eternal Son of God. This is His entrance into a new role or function assuming Kingship over the nations. This may be a little confusing but through the lips of the Son comes His word concerning the characteristics of His future reign. "Ask of Me and I will give you the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your Possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

See the end of all rebellion, evil and wickedness. There will be no more war. Remember the grand old hymn that went like this? "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more." In Revelations 19:11-16 we have a powerful presentation of His coming. The scene is Armageddon and the Lord returns to set up His own Kingdom. "He is called Faithful and True. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood and His Name is called the Word of God ... And He Himself will rule with a rod of iron. On His robe and on His thigh a name written ... King of

kings and Lord of lords." This becomes the hope of the believer. We lift our eyes above the devastating ruins of the World Trade Center and focus in hope and confidence ... He is coming soon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 18: Mary Ellen Rivers, Brian Willmarth, Brian Scott Kunard, Hayden Andrews/Snyder.
OCT. 19: Lydia Brenk, Nancy Brenk, Ruth Smith, Zachary Clouser.
OCT. 20: Jack Thomet, John DeHaan, Bob Hildenbrand, Michael V. Johnson.
OCT. 21: Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker.
OCT. 22: Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail, Donna Potter.
OCT. 23: Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.
OCT. 24: Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries.

"Circle in the Sky"

*Into the distance a wonderful sun
Shines like ice on the tips
of our wings
Beyond belief and from
the depths of days
Behind the eye of our
minds
To the beauty of this bliss
moment
Circling in unison with the
sky
Above the thought of
thoughts
To the words that don't
make sense
There's no emotion or
sensation
to compare these
New days that circle in the
sky.*
Aaron Anthony S.

Mabry/Townsend

Ann-Marie Townsend and Travis Lee Mabry exchanged wedding vows on June 30, 2001 at St. Robert of Newminster Catholic Church in Ada with the Rev. James Kowalski officiating.

Parents of the couple are Bob and Peggy Townsend of Ada and Art and Claudia Mabry of Olathe, Kan.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Carissa Anne Sadler of Comstock Park. Also attending Ann-Marie were Keri Mitchell of Blacksburg, VA and Skye Fisher of Lowell.

The father of the groom served as best man. Also standing with the groom were Michael Lewis of Bloomington, IN and Chris Reid of Panama City, FL. Ring bearer and flower girl were Ian Wood and Amy Wood, cousins of the bride.

The newlyweds presently reside in Colorado Springs, CO, where they proudly serve their country as lieutenants in the United States Air Force.



Aaron and Jamie Stencel

Stencel/ Clore

Jamie Lynn Clore and Aaron Anthony Stencel were united in marriage on October 13, 2001 at Deer Run Golf Club in Lowell.

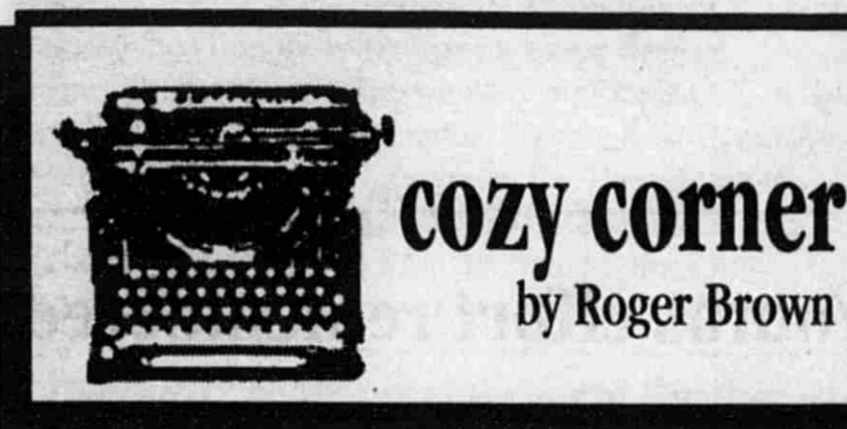
Parents of the couple are Kris and John Clore and Connie and Tony Stencel, all of Lowell.

Maid of honor was Noel Clark. Bridesmaids were Kim Kazen, Mandy Braye, Amy Barnes, Debbi Sheppard, and Nicole Alward. Flower girl was Tara Propst.

Best man was Nik Bennet and groomsmen were Dave Jones, Rob Kennedy, Tim Stencel, Derrick Barnes and Jeremy Clore.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Trisha and Shad Propst.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

The lease is up on my Jeep. No big deal, just turn it in. Then what? Back in the days of horse cavalry it was simple. They said, "A man without a horse is a fool." (A play on words for "afoot.") Nowadays it's not so simple. It's a man without a payment or a lease is a fool. You might actually own your vehicle. If that's the case, you inherited a bundle, hit the lottery or are driving a junker. In the case of the latter, it's probably in the shop and you are still afoot!

I have a plan for my transportation dilemma. My daughter's family is in China for two or three years. I'm storing a 1993 Suburban for them. There is a long story behind the "Burb," but the bottom line is "gramps" has some ownership in it. The plan is to drive it while they are overseas and it will sort of "morph" into my vehicle while they are gone. Kinda like Tito became my dog when they moved into an apartment that wouldn't allow pets.

As we all know, I split my time between Michigan and Florida. My Florida car and boat were purchased in Michigan. They still sport Michigan plates and registrations. Been that way for years. Given my nomadic lifestyle, it only follows that my Michigan car should have Arizona plates. When the plates expired last month, I got on the phone to the Arizona Department of Motor Vehicles. Heaven forbid that I would act on

such a matter until the plates have actually expired. I knew going in that this would only be a one year band-aid. In Arizona they have emissions testing. The Burb's last test is good for one more year. Then it would have to be driven back to Arizona to a state approved testing facility and pass before it could be registered again. As much as I enjoy driving with Arizona plates in Michigan, a four- or five-thousand mile trip is probably a little on the silly side.

When you call the Arizona DMV, it is a multi-layered ordeal. First you must work your way through a complicated menu. After three attempts, I finally worked my way through the messages to a human, albeit a lowly "level three" human. After my very lengthy explanation of where the vehicle was, my relationship to the owner, my intentions to renew the Arizona registration, etc., I was told we had a problem. It seems "the computer" showed my daughter had let her insurance lapse. In Arizona that is a big no-no. I explained that the insurance hadn't lapsed, she'd cancelled it and I'd picked up a policy in Michigan. This was too much for a lowly level three human. I was told that if I wanted to pursue the matter further I had to talk to a level two human. "Fine," I said. Only one problem ... a twenty-five minute wait with "oldies" music on hold. When I finally got through to the level two human, she did seem friendly and willing to help. I had been on hold so long, I had to quit humming along to the Beach Boys and try to remember what I was calling about.

After going through my story again, it became apparent that dropping the Arizona-based insurance was a bad thing. In order to renew the plates I would have to pay a penalty for letting the insurance lapse, then buy a paid-up three-year policy from an Arizona-based carrier. Ouch! We began exploring options. I had another problem. The vehicle is titled in Arizona in my daughter's name. The title is in storage with

their household goods. I need the title, with her signed off, to get the Burb titled, then registered in Michigan.

I got to listen to oldies a few more times as she put me on hold and researched our best options. Del Shannon's "Run Around Sue" seemed apropos. I was finally told that if I want to drive the vehicle I must get a notarized letter from my daughter in Shanghai that grants me power of attorney in matters relating to the Burb. With this letter, and an application for duplicate title and a few bucks, the Arizona DMV will send me a duplicate title. I must then send the title to China for my daughter to sign off on it. When I get the signed title back, I can take the matter up with the Michigan Secretary of State office. My best guess is that won't be any bowl of cherries either.

The lease expires on my Jeep in about a month. I'm thinkin' I'll be like a cavalryman without a horse before I get this mess straightened out ... afoot. I do have my motorcycle, but we are talkin' November in Michigan. As an afterthought to all of this, I have an idea for the good of the country. Given the events over the past month or so, I am now of the school that feels it's way, way too easy to get into this country. I propose we take all the staff from all the DMVs around the country and swap them out with the staff at the INS, U.S. Customs, Border Patrol and our Consulates around the world. No terrorist would ever get through all the red tape to get into the country and we might have some people that are easier to deal with for license plates. Just a thought.

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



GASTROENTERITIS

Physicians treat many stomach ailments which vary widely in their relative threat to a patient's health. With winter coming, the opportunity for infectious stomach disease to spread through a community will grow. Close contact indoors allows viruses to pass between people. Stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are common symptoms with viral gastroenteritis or "stomach flu" as it is popularly known. Usually these viruses cause sickness which lasts only a few days, where vomiting and diarrhea are the principle complaints.

Treatment of gastroenteritis is unfortunately limited to supportive therapy. Antibiotics do nothing to stop these viruses and recent use of antiviral preparations is not directed at stomach diseases but instead at treatment of respiratory viruses. Fever is treated with an antipyretic like acetaminophen or ibuprofen which lowers the temperature. But the most serious threat caused by viral gastroenteritis is the possibility of dehydration. Vomiting causes the loss of fluids and essential constituents to healthy cell function; this coupled with diarrhea and the fluid loss quickly cause depletion of needed body fluids. If dehydration is left unchecked, critical losses can occur which in some people can be lethal.

The key to coping with a gastroenteritis is to avoid dehydration. Replacing fluid as it is lost by drinking plenty of liquids is obvious enough, but often this is complicated by the inability to keep fluids down in the face of vomiting. When vomiting prevents adequate fluid intake, physicians use a variety of medications to suspend vomiting. Medications do not stop nausea but can quell vomiting enough to permit hydration. The diarrhea generally resolves on its own and soon health is restored, but this is only possible if fluid loss is replaced.

help from the sheriff who criticized him for acting alone in the first place.

Bennett School will have a Box Social at the Grange Hall on Friday evening, with dancing.

Low battery fluid causes radio noise that is often mistaken for static.

Republican rally at City Hall Tuesday evening, with speakers and good music. Ladies especially invited.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 18, 1951

Wittenbach Bros. are sponsoring a demonstration for cutting and wrapping meat for the freezer. Kroger will furnish the expertise.

Larry Rosenberg, Karl Kutichinski and Phil Kropf make the football highlights this time.

The County Ag agent advises that a good lawn can be established by seeding about Nov. 10 and covering the seed with a layer of straw, to germinate next spring.

The Michigan Library resumes service after the state building fire last January.

American Telephone and Telegraph Co. is starting to send long-distance messages by radio waves instead of wire or cable.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 21, 1976

The Kent County Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking to service clubs for volunteers to help with inoculation programs for swine flu.

The YMCA Fall Road Run for all ages takes advantage of the scenic roads and covered bridge at Fallsburg Park.

A form printed in the Ledger is intended for any Lowell Township resident who was not contacted for the special census taken there recently.

A cartoon box shows hunters the best ways to hunt squirrels.

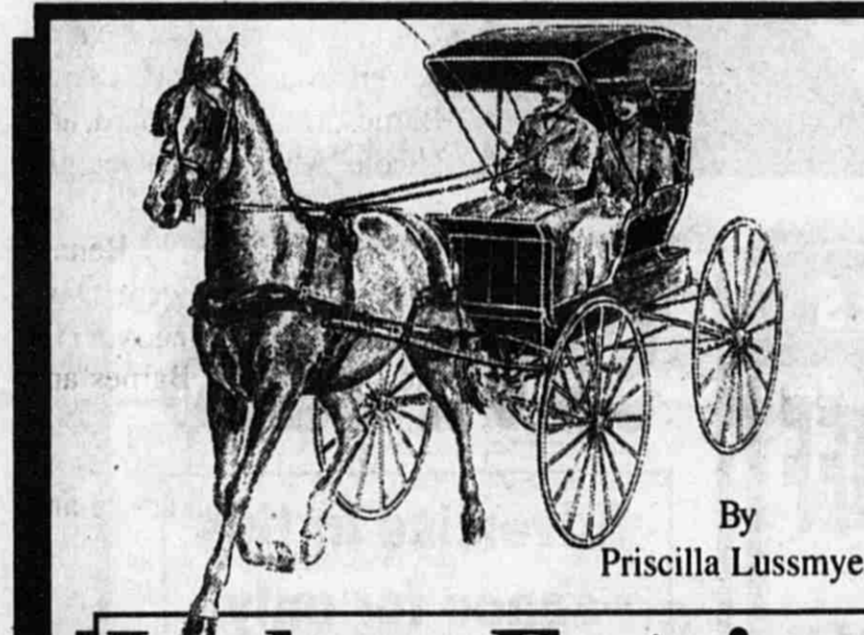
TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
We want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to set up on the Riverwalk last Saturday to raise funds for the homeless Veterans to keep them warm with hats and scarves. Also Springgrove Variety for the donation of Christmas cards and gift wrap to wrap the gifts to be distributed to them. We were told that this will probably be the only gift and card they will get for Christmas. We don't want them to be the forgotten soldiers from Desert Storm, etc.

The seniors at Lowell Senior Neighbors will help do the wrapping.

This is our way of helping. Thank you again for the contributions and help.

Keith and Virginia Heydenburg.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 18, 1876

Blue Jeans are all right for early October, but too thin for November.

South Lowell Grange Hall will be dedicated Friday with a speech and oyster supper.

The oyster trade for New York City is larger than for the European continent, \$15 million a year.

A flight of more than 10,000 swans was seen in Illinois recently.

California and France are making huge quantities of sugar from beet roots.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 17, 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. 114 years October 20, 1887

135 people from the Rapids (Grand Rapids) moved to southern California last week.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" played at Train's Opera House last week and is reported as a quality production.

Top corn yield in Vergennes is a very good 75 bushels to the acre.

The creamery will run all winter if enough farmers arrange to have their cows producing then.

People complain that there is only one dry-goods store in Lowell.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 21, 1926

Deputy Pat Bowes hears that Chicago police have the men who overpowered him a few weeks ago. He goes to Chicago, brings them back to Monroe where the incident happened, gets them arraigned, gets back his guns and watch, and finds that they were preparing a series of thefts in Lowell; all this without

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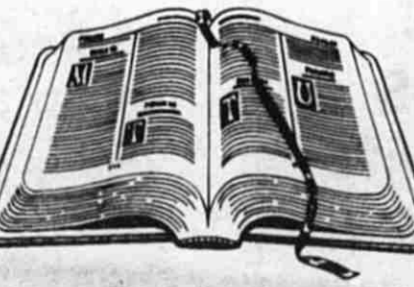
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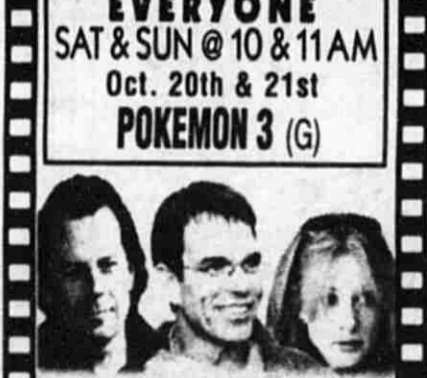
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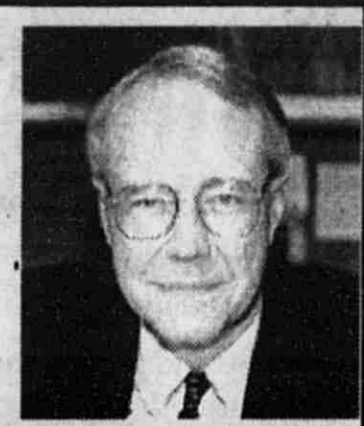


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After several months of intense discussion, research and yes, debate, the Board of Education recently reached a decision to delay the construction of a new elementary school and any major addition to the high school. This decision was based upon the following critical factors each of which played a significant role in the final decision:

Flattened Enrollments - The past two years have brought only small increases in student enrollment to the Lowell schools. It is our belief that this slow growth has been directly responsive to the economy. Given this slowing of enrollment, the immediacy of a new facility is less compelling.

State and National Economy - The nation's economy and particularly that of Michigan have been in a downward spiral for months. Our state coffers are rapidly becoming depleted. It is becoming increasingly evident that less money will be available for schools. This lessening of state resources is critical, as all educational programs are financed by general

fund monies received from the state. The Board's concern was both less money per student and fewer students - a combination that clearly threatens educational programs for children.

World Conditions - Perhaps the final straw were the events of Sept. 11. We now live in extremely uncertain social and economic times. We have no history that would indicate what impact this will have on our economy, our growth projections, or our state's ability to provide funding for schools. Indeed our current world conflict may be the first that is harmful to our national economy.

No Penalty - An additional reason to delay was the Board's ability to do so without incurring a financial penalty. Law requires that 85 percent of bonded money must be spent in a five-year period. By waiting six months to a year, these timelines can still be met. All facility planning will continue so construction can begin at a moment's notice.

While the decision to delay major construction initiatives was difficult, there is confidence that the decision is correct. Given the facts over which the Board has little or no control, the decision to delay can only strengthen the school system for the future. The Board is committed to monitoring events that impact future construction. Additionally, the Board will continue to update the community on all aspects of this issue. As part of this communication process, the Board will hold a community meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8 to discuss the above issues with any citizen who wishes additional information.

Community Meeting regarding Construction Delay Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at Runciman Administration Building Board Room, 300 High St., Lowell.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

Youths effort remembered

In the October 3 issue of the Lowell Ledger, titled "Rotary Blood Drive reaches record numbers of participation," a group, organized by Deb Schollaart, of Lowell Area Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cub Scouts, was not recognized for the outstanding job they did of passing out posters to local businesses as well as handing out literature regarding the blood drive. Some of them also personally thanked the blood donors at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

Mike Blough
Lowell Mayor

Lowell City Council offers its cheers to Gilmore Enterprises Bistro restaurant proposal

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Seeing it only as a plus to its downtown, the Lowell City Council unanimously approved a resolution in support of granting the Gilmore Enterprises a liquor license.

The Gilmore Enterprises, which owns The B.O.B. in Grand Rapids, The Kirby Grill in Grand Haven, Rose's and Rose's Express in East Grand Rapids, and the Thornapple Bistro in Ada, is seeking one of a possible 10 Downtown Development Authority liquor licenses from the state Liquor Control Commission. To receive such a license, which would be a class C,

It would create what we want for that area in a destination restaurant with a bistro setting, improving the quality of the business district and providing residents a good time.

both the city and the local DDA must adopt resolutions finding that the license would prevent further deterioration within the Development District and promote economic growth.

The DDA passed its resolution for the project Oct. 1. The council, in a 3-0 vote, did the same. Councilmember Charles Myers was absent and councilmember, Dan Brubaker abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Gilmore Enterprises is looking to renovate and open a restaurant and bar facility at 201 E. Main Street, formerly the White Swan.

During the public hearing, only one resident, Jim Pfaller, voiced an opinion and he came out in support of the venture since the company has proven in the past to provide "quality operations and would be an asset to the downtown."

The council agreed with Pfaller's statement. "I am in favor of this since it would bring more people to our downtown area," said councilmember, Jeanne Shores.

Mayor Mike Blough echoed those same comments. "It would create what we want for that area in a destination restaurant with a bistro setting, improving the quality of the business district and providing residents a good time," Blough said.

Both the city's and the DDA's resolutions will be forwarded

to the LCC, which makes all final decisions on liquor licenses issued in the state.

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TOTS FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tots on Track for School, an early childhood program of the Lowell Area Schools, will have a family Halloween party in the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym at 300 High Street on Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. especially for preschoolers. Wear your costume and join in the parade. Enjoy crafts, games, music, refreshments, a special

**City Hall/police station cuts cont'd...
From Page 1**

\$4.5 million mark with the city looking for an additional 3.7 mills that would reduce over a period of 30 years. After discussions with staff, FTC&H and councilmembers, however, it was decided to approach the DDA for funding as well as see whether the city's general fund could help out in order to reduce the millage to three mills or less, Pasquale said.

While the council agreed to the general direction staff was taking, the mayor said there was still more work to be done. Blough said he and staff planned to host several informational meetings to get feedback from residents. Once more information was in place, he also planned to meet with the DDA to discuss the proposed project.

Halloween story and a puppet show. Call 897-1232 to register; \$1 per family.

SENIOR CLASS TRIP PARENT MEETING
There will be a 2002 Senior class trip parent meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School cafeteria. Please try to attend to hear options and give your ideas.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING SCHEDULE
Households wishing to participate with treats for children on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in the city of Lowell should turn on their outside porch lights between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

WE NEED YOUR POP CANS & BOTTLES
The class of 2003 members will be visiting homes in the Lowell area on Halloween, Wednesday, Oct. 31 between 5 and 7:30 p.m. to pick up cans/bottles. Proceeds will go toward the cost of the prom. Thank you!

DRIVERS TRAINING SEGMENT 2
Drivers training, Segment 2, will be offered on Nov. 5, 6, and 7 to those students who took drivers training at Lowell High School this past summer. Call Mrs. Phillips at the high school, 897-4125, ext. 471 to sign up.



Fourteen girls from Lowell High School joined Lowell Women's Club. Pictured front row, left to right, are: Jamie Sadlak, Kristi Anderson and Molly Balaam; second row: Katie Blough, Katie Alexander and April Telman; third row: Vanessa Beddows, Laura Horsley, Jade Wilder and Tiffany Stokes; fourth row: Megan Liszewski, Kelsey Scheider, Kelly Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Driesenga.

WONDERING ABOUT YOUR OLD CLASSMATES?
The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will be printing a Lowell High School Alumni Directory for the graduating classes of 1944 to 2001. The lists of a few years are already complete. Still needed are the years 1945-1948 and 1963-2001. If you have any information or know of someone who might have reunion lists, please call Marsha Wilcox at 897-8949. The directory will be available early winter of 2002.

SHOWBOAT AMPHITHEATER FOCUS GROUP SESSION
The Chamber of Commerce is coordinating an open forum focus group session on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church basement. Bring your thoughts and ideas on any possible future renovations and usage of the amphitheater.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
There will be no commodities distributed at the Moose Recreational Center on E. Main during the month of October. However, it will continue on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Women's Club Honorary members named

Fourteen Lowell High School girls became Honorary members of the Lowell Women's Club on Sept. 12. These girls will participate in each monthly meeting.

Speaking at the first meeting of the year was Dave Pasquale, city manager, who showed plans and answered questions about the new City Hall/police station. Judy Straub updated the club on the Lowell Area Historical Museum and Kathy Cole, the TOTS director, spoke on education and the programs offered for students and adults.

COLLEGE NEWS

Katie L. Anderson, a graduate of Lowell High School, is among the incoming freshmen who have been selected to receive Board of Trustees Scholarships and WMU Academic Scholarships from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo this fall.

The awards are offered through WMU's Medallion Scholarship program competition, which takes place on campus each February. The event allows academically talented high school students who have enrolled at the University to compete for a share of \$2 million in four-year scholarships.

The event included essay writing and group problem-solving activities for students as well as information sessions for their parents. To be invited to compete, students had to apply to WMU by Dec. 31 and have a high school grade point average of at least a 3.8 and an American College Test score of at least 25.

Board of Trustees Scholarships are valued at \$24,000 over four years and WMU Academic Scholarships are valued at \$4,800 over four years. The top-performing competition participants receive Medallion Scholarships, which are worth \$32,000 over four years and are the highest honor WMU can bestow on an incoming freshman.

Anderson is the daughter of Gordon and Deborah Anderson of Ada.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Dr. Heidi M. Gordon has opened her optometric practice with Dr. David G. Durkee of Lowell Vision Center. Dr. Gordon is a 2001 graduate of the Michigan College of Optometry in Big Rapids. Her undergraduate degree is a B.S. in Vision Science from Ferris State University.



Dr. Heidi M. Gordon

Dr. Gordon has extensive clinical training in every facet of patient care, including

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While at Ferris, Dr. Gordon was involved in student government and professional activities outside of the class-

room. She was honored by making the dean's list and a listing in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities."

Dr. Gordon now resides in Lowell with her husband Dan. She enjoys playing the piano, violin and oboe. Her other pastimes include biking, rollerblading, water sports and traveling.

Dr. Gordon is now welcoming new patients at her practice at 2186 W. Main.

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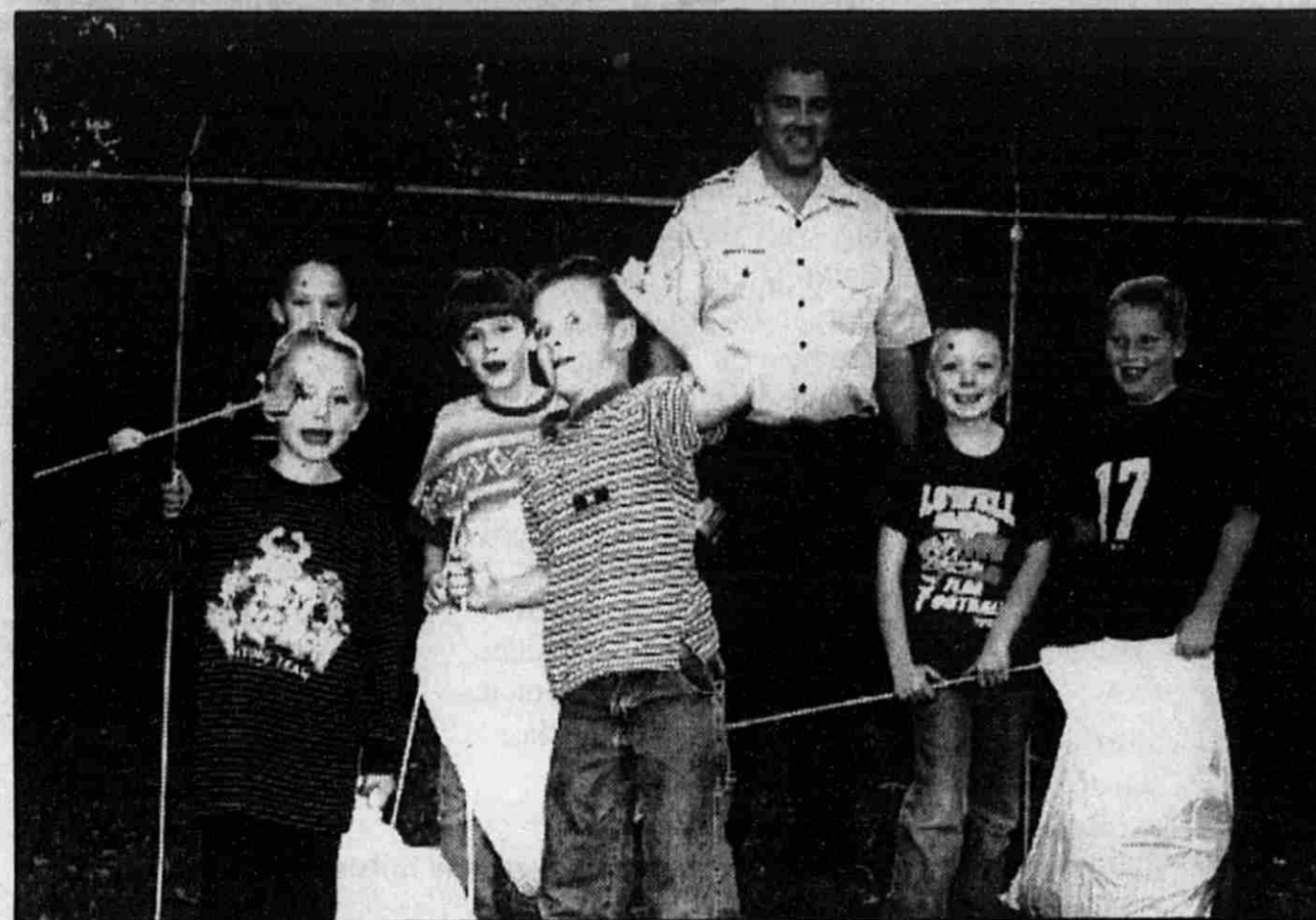
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**Lowell Support Staff
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Pictured above, from left to right, are: Blake Warner, Kyle Bassin, Chris Benson, Michael Keith, Schlosser, Greg Blanton, and Ryan Nanzer.

LHS recognizes its October students of the month

Each month during the academic year Lowell High School honors outstanding students who have excelled in various subject areas. The Students of the Month for October are the first to be selected during the 2001-2002 school year.

Mike Scott, a senior, is the son of Debra Scott of Lowell and James Scott of Sand Lake. He was chosen by the Science Department. Mike's extracurricular activities include the All-School play and Project Pals. He also enjoys water polo and rodeo. He is currently employed at Western Michigan Research. Next year Mike plans to attend Central Michigan University to study science. His teacher nominator states that Mike has achieved at a very high level in Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry and Physics. He also is a valuable member of the Science Olympiad team.

Ben Fleet, a senior, is the son of Mark and Val Fleet, both of Lowell. He is being honored by the Technology Department. At L.H.S. Ben is president of the band and captain of the football and wrestling teams. He is employed at Meijer and also has a paper route. Ben is fourth in the state for wrestling and has received sportsmanship awards for football and wrestling. He plans to attend G.R.C.C. next year and also work in an apprenticeship program. His teacher nominator says that Ben is an outstanding person and leader. He also is a senior who will succeed at anything he wants in life.

Clifford Heiman, a senior, is the son of Mike and Shirley Heiman. He was selected by the Art Department. Clifford also studies at Kent Career Technical Center. He plans to take a year off from his studies next year in order to better prepare himself for college. His teacher nominator says that he pays attention to quality and aesthetic concerns and it is



LHS October students of the month, pictured from left to right, are: Ben Fleet, Tim Freed, Courtney Perkins, Clifford Heiman and Mike Scott.

obvious that he spends extra time and effort on assignments.

Courtney Perkins, a senior, is the daughter of Leslie Kennedy and Bob Perkins, both of Lowell. She is being honored by the English Department. Courtney is active in many extracurricular activities including F.F.A. chapter president, treasurer, regional vice president, B.P.A. chapter president, National Honor Society, Model U.N. and powderpuff football. Next year she plans to attend Purdue or M.S.U. and major in Agriscience Management. Her teacher nominator says that she constantly astounds her with her love of literature and her insightful interpretations of extremely challenging works.

Tim Freed, a junior, is the son of Rev. Greg and Chris Freed of Clarksville. He was selected by the Math Department. Tim is a member of the L.H.S. band and is employed at Taco Bell. His teacher nominator says that Tim's enthusiasm, work ethic and sense of humor have created a great model for his peers to emulate.

Lowell Township extends contract with transit service

The Lowell Charter Township Board approved an increase in its support of the North Kent Transit Service as it pledged \$3,000 to keep the service operating in Lowell Charter Township.

"If it's legitimately being used and needed, I am all for supporting this service which provides public transportation for the disabled and elderly," said Lowell Charter Township supervisor, John Timpson.

The North Kent Transit Service provides six to eight rides per month, according to township clerk, Linda Regan. Rates cost less to destinations within the service area and are available to sites outside the area.

For more information, North Kent Transit Service may be called at 243-2783 or 1-800-410-9491. Users of the service are asked to call by noon the previous business day to schedule a ride.

One sign code dispute settled, another may just be getting started

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Inappropriate signage threatened the lease contract that Innovative Construction had with its tenant, Dollar General at 314 E. Main.

A 60-day certificate of occupancy was imposed on Innovative Construction by Lowell's Downtown Historic Commission for being in violation of the sign code... violations which were missed in a review process.

Joe Nawrocki, owner of Main Street Investments LLC, as builder for Innovative Construction, argued successfully before the Lowell Downtown Historic Commission that the tenant, not Innovative Construction, is responsible for issues dealing with signs.

"There have been no building issues dealing with safety, health or public welfare with what's been done with the building," Nawrocki explained.

He pointed out that Innovative Construction never applied for a sign permit. "So how can this commission hold my business at fault and deny it occupancy if I never submitted for signage permit," Nawrocki explained. "It's stated in my lease that the tenant is responsible for signs. It was the tenant who made the application, got a permit and put up the signs."

In seeking approval for signage, Dollar General was told the size of the sign met with the ordinance, but was not told it was inappropriate for the Historic District.

"The zoning district map does not list it as historic," Nawrocki said. "In essence, it allowed for the mistake to happen."

Steve Doyle, the Historic Commission chairman, said the tenant does not have a permit application for signage; a letter has been sent to them telling them they are in violation.

Historic District commissioner Greg Canfield explained that had it been brought before the commission, it would have

been labeled inappropriate.

"Without a permit the commission has no way to judge the appropriateness of the sign," said city manager, Dave Pasquale.

City Sign Erectors received a permit to install the signs at 413 Main St. on behalf of Dollar General signed by Brian McCarthy of IMS (city building inspector). According to Nawrocki, McCarthy should not be blamed. "He checked the zoning ordinance for sign size requirements, checked the zoning amp, which clearly indicated the zoning at 413, but nowhere did the zoning map or ordinance indicate the resource was historically zoned too."

In its decision, the Lowell Historic Commission approved a permanent certificate of occupancy, stating the sign issue was Dollar General's problem and not Nawrocki's.

The Historic Commission will now deal with Dollar General to correct the sign violation.

Bowne Township contracts for a website with Data Consultants

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Bowne Township residents will soon be able to access information ordinances, events, minutes from meetings and a number of other informational details from the Bowne Township web site.

Blake Forslund, Data Consultants Inc., has been hired to design a web site for the township. The township will incur a one-time fee of \$250 and can purchase two hours of maintenance each month for \$35. Any time over that will cost the township between \$85 and \$135 an hour.

"One of the biggest goals of this township is to improve communication with its residents," Bowne Township supervisor, Pete Siler said. "This will certainly help to do that."

In other township news: Progressive Engineering has been contracted to seek out a firm to operate the township's new wastewater treatment plant. The cost to the township will be \$3,500.

The lawn maintenance and snowplowing contract Bowne Township has with Horizons, of Alto, was renewed at a cost of \$4,000. The snowplowing will include the old township building and historic township building sidewalks, the cemetery, fire barn and library.

KDL harvest hoe-down slated for Oct. 27

The whole family will enjoy some down on the farm entertainment at Kent District Library's Harvest Hoe-Down. This fun-filled hour features stories, games, activities and crafts with a harvest theme.

The Englehardt branch will offer the program on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. Activities may include a square dance and a ring-toss game.

For other dates and locations, call 784-2007.

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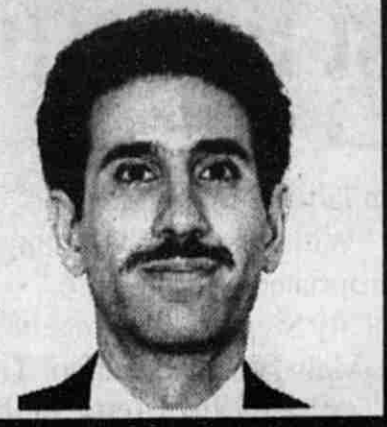


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LEGAL EASE

By
Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: What is a springing power of attorney?

JONATHAN SAYS: A durable power of attorney can be drafted one of two ways: the first way is to make it effective immediately upon its execution. The other way is to make it effective only upon the principal's loss of legal capacity - this is known as a springing power of attorney.

Both types of durable power of attorneys have their pros and cons. The durable power of attorney that becomes effective immediately upon its execution can be a problem if the agent named abuses his or her authority under the document and does something that the principal does not agree with or not in the principal's best interest.

With a springing power of attorney, the principal retains control and the agent is unable to act until the principal no longer has legal capacity. In one sense, this protects the principal from an unscrupulous agent, however, on the other hand, this makes this document much less flexible because it cannot be used while the principal has legal capacity. For instance, if the principal is unavailable to act, i.e., he or she is out of town, or simply does not want to act, the agent under a springing power of attorney cannot act on the principal's behalf because the principal is not disabled. Further, in order for the agent to be able to use a springing power of attorney on behalf of the principal, he or she is going to have to prove to

any third party with whom he or she is dealing that the principal is in fact disabled. Sometimes this can be problematic, especially if the agent needs to act quickly and does not have readily available proof of the principal's disability.

If you are going to implement a springing power of attorney, then you will want to make sure that your document clearly defines how your incapacity (as the principal) is to be established. This is important because if you, as the principal, become disabled, you will want your agent to be able to clearly establish that disability to a third party so as to avoid any delays or problems in his or her being able to act on your behalf.

DEAR JONATHAN: Is my agent under my durable power of attorney able to sign the closing documents on my behalf when I sell my home? There is a good chance that the closing will be scheduled for a time when I am going to be out of town.

JONATHAN SAYS: It all depends upon what type of

Bowne Township approves amendment to Thornapple agreement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

On the south end of Bancroft Avenue SE, and on the south side of 64th St. is the site of the proposed 387 unit mobile home park planned by Thornapple River Development LLC, in Bowne Township.

Before all of that, the Bowne Township Board amended a couple of ordinances and an agreement between the municipality and Thornapple River Development, based on some contingencies.

The four strands to that amendment are:

- Thornapple shall submit a cash payment of \$5,500 as

contemplated by the first amendment to agreement.

- Thornapple shall extend the expiration date of the March 29, 2001 letter of credit from Oct. 31, 2001 to at least Jan. 31, 2002.

- Thornapple shall submit the form of the additional letter of credit due on Dec. 21, 2001 in a form satisfactory to the township attorney.

- A resolution shall be made to the township's satisfaction of the items listed by Progressive Engineering in its memo on the review of the construction plans for the mobile home park.

Bowne Township supervisor, Pete Siler said he be-

lieved Thornapple had met three of the four already. The only one still out there to be satisfied is submitting the form of the additional letter of credit.

In the amendment to the zoning map, the board rezoned R-3 (residential) to R-5 (mobile home park district).

Finally, an ordinance to amend R-5 manufactured housing community district of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and to amend Section 2.53 (defines what a mobile home is) and 2.54 (defines what a mobile home park is) of the township zoning ordinance was approved by the board.

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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.

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

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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/members & under 5.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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

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

WED., 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.

FRI.-MON., OCT. 19-22: Paper Drive for Lowell High School Girls Softball team. Drop-off truck at Lowell High School stadium parking lot. Bring a bundle to football game on Friday, take \$1 off your ticket. Contact Lorrie at 868-6365 with questions.

TUES., OCT. 23: Harvest Dinner at 1st United Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m. Adults: \$7; children 6-12: \$3.50; 5 & under free. Take-outs available 5:30-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets at church office and door.

TUES., OCT. 23: Lowell High School picture retakes starting at 8 a.m. Bring your pictures or student ID. Order forms are available in the office.

THURS., OCT. 25: TOTS will hold a family Halloween party from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym, 300 High St. Call 897-1232 to register. Wear your costume. \$1 per family.

SAT., OCT. 27: Trout Unlimited Junior chapter workshop, ages 12-18, 9-2 p.m. Lunch provided. Bring fishing gear if you have it. RSVP to 987-1002 Wittenbach Center.

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

WED., OCT. 31: Trick or treating in the city from 5:30-8 p.m. Turn on porch lights if you wish to participate.

WED., OCT. 31: Members of the class of 2003 are visiting homes from 5-7:30 p.m. collecting pop cans and bottles. Proceeds toward cost of the prom.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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/anniversary celebration, Bingo.

SUN., OCT. 28: TURN CLOCKS BACK!!!

MON., OCT. 22: 10:45 Shop @ Family Fare. **WED., OCT. 31:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast. Happy Halloween!!!

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2001

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

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Lowell, Biggs, sack Hudsonville's last-minute attempt for victory

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell got to 7-1 Friday night with a thrilling 20-14 win over a pretty good sub-500 Hudsonville football team.

"We won! How come I don't feel like it?" questioned Lowell football coach, Noel Dean, moments after a Brandon Biggs sack halted a final

Eagle drive with less than a minute to play.

Coming off of three lopsided wins, the Red Arrows found themselves locked in a struggle with a spirited Hudsonville team.

"It was a nice tight game. I guess that gives it some play-off purpose," Dean said. "We're happy with the win, but we played a little sloppy tonight."

A Travis DeVoid 28-yard touchdown run with 4:10 to play in the game broke up a 14-14 tie. But a blocked extra point kept Hudsonville within six at 20-14.

On Hudsonville's next possession, Mark Catlin exacted some sweet revenge when he stepped in front of a Kyle Feenstra fourth down pass to Derek Bosch at the 25

and returned it to the Hudsonville two-yard line.

The Eagle defense had one last stand in it, as it held Catlin to one yard on two quarterback sneaks. Then on third and one, Lowell was flagged for illegal motion, pushing the ball back to the six. DeVoid burrowed it down to the three, setting up a 20-yard field goal attempt

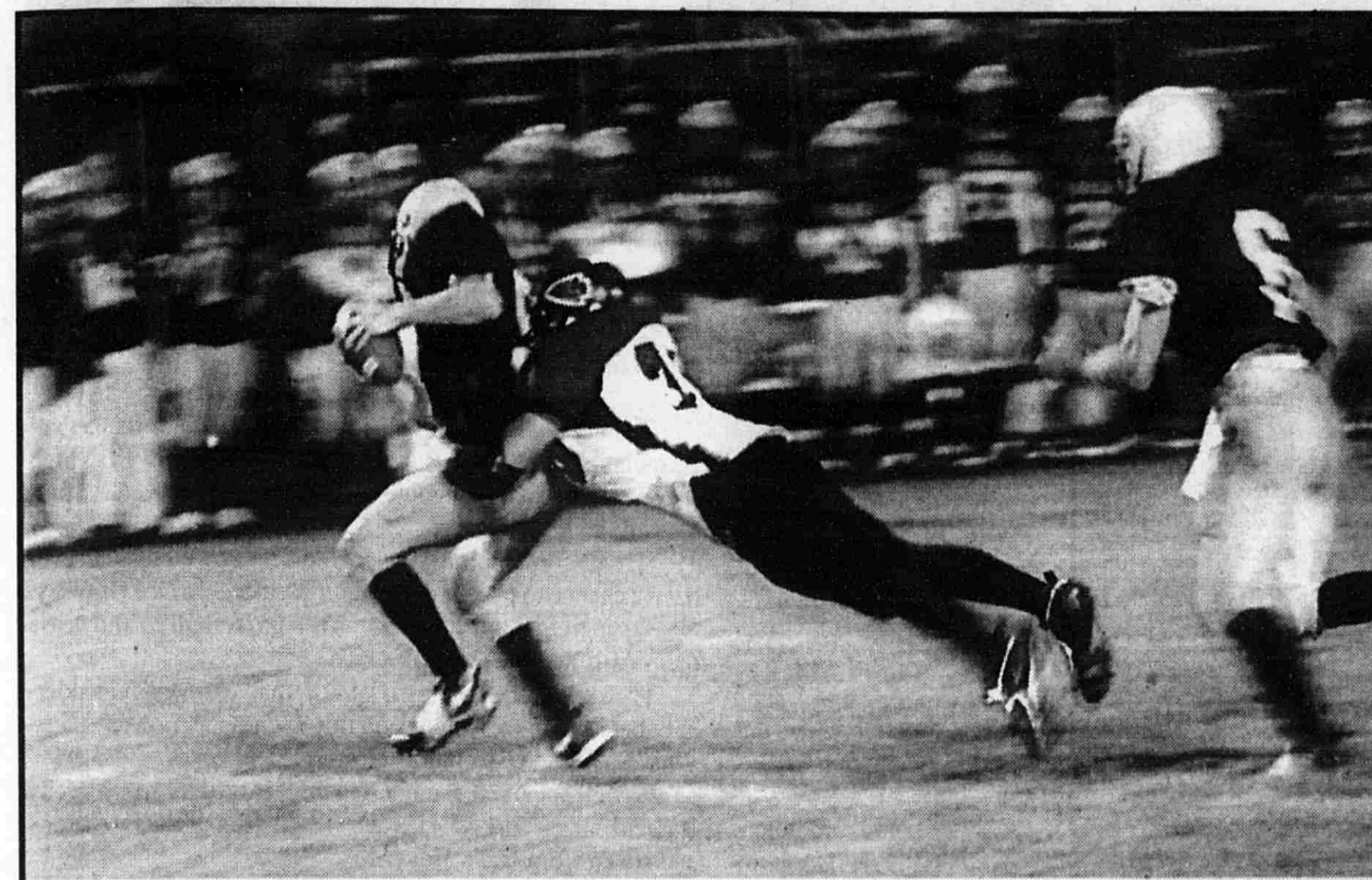
by Matt Foster, who was just barely short on a 49-yard attempt early in the second half. Foster's kick never got past the line, as Hudsonville blocked the kick and returned it to its own 35.

Feenstra connected with Tyson DeVree on a 18-yard touchdown pass to the corner of the end zone.

Hudsonville tied the game at 14-14 early in the fourth quarter on a 72-yard scoring

Credit Lowell, they had a package, they remained calm and they executed on their final scoring drive.

Dave Duram
 Hudsonville Football Coach



Lowell's Brandon Biggs is airborne when he wraps up Hudsonville quarterback Kyle Feenstra from behind. Lowell hosts Harper Woods Notre Dame on Friday in its final regular season home game of the year. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Harper Woods Notre Dame is 3-4 and is a member of the Division AA Catholic League.

With 1:12 to play, the Eagles managed to run off eight plays, garner one first down and drive the ball to the Lowell 43 before Biggs' sack ended it.

"We feel good to have hung close against an excellent football squad, but that's like the fourth time this year we've done that, only to make critical mistakes at the end," Hudsonville coach, Dave Duram said. "We're right on the edge of being as good as anyone."

Lowell opened the game with a 10-play, 73-yard touchdown drive. Catlin scored on a three-yard run, giving Lowell a 6-0 lead.

One play into the second quarter, the Red Arrows made it 14-0 when Catlin ran in from the seven. The two-point conversion was good on a run by Nick Onan.

It remained 14-0 until right before half when

strike from Feenstra to Bosch. The Eagle drive was aided by a disputed pass interference call on a third and 17 from the Hudsonville 23.

The Eagles set up for the two-point conversion, but an offside pushed them back, forcing them to go for the extra point.

"That was big - we wanted to get the lead and see how Lowell would react to the pressure of being behind," Duram said. "Credit Lowell, they had a package, they remained calm and they executed on their final scoring drive."

DeVoid led all Red Arrow rushers with 98 yards and a touchdown. Catlin ran for 89 yards and scored two touchdowns; he also threw for 74 yards (7-of-12).

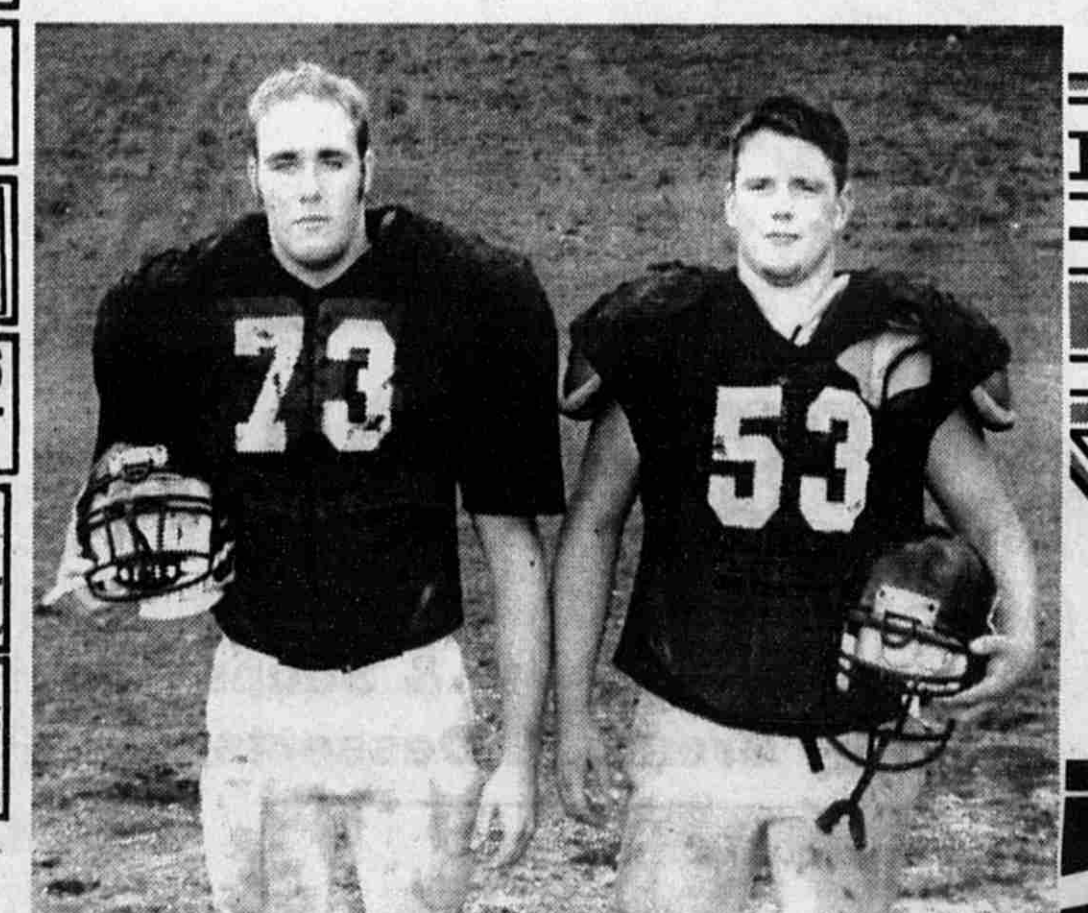
Lowell's defense held Hudsonville to a negative 25 yards rushing. Through the air the Eagles were 9-of-23 for 127 yards and two touchdowns.

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Lowell defensive ends, left to right, Brandon Biggs and Kyle Sitzer.

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Third-quarter surge lifts Red Arrows past Bulldogs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls basketball team trailed Ionia 17-16 at half-time Thursday night.

It marked just the second time this season the Red Arrows faced a halftime deficit. The first time was against Jenison, a game it lost by eight (39-31).

An 11-0 burst to open the third quarter ensured that Lowell would not suffer the same fate as it outscored the Bulldogs 27-16 in the second half en route to a 43-33 nonconference win and the Red Arrows' 11th consecutive win. The winning streak will be challenged this week when Lowell travels to East Grand Rapids.

"Everything we did worked in the first half," said Bulldog first-year coach, Scott Pischea. "We slowed the tempo up, handled their pressure and packed it in defensively. In the third quarter, Lowell picked up the pace, rebounded better and was

thus able to get out and run and get some easy layups."

Lowell coach, Dee Crowley, blamed her club's first half troubles on its defense. "The girls did not play well defensively in the first half and Ionia burned them with some easy buckets," she explained. "Ionia always executes and plays well against us."

The highlight of the second half for Lowell's coach was the play of her bench. "Our subs gave us some solid minutes in the third quarter. They did a great job," Crowley said.



Valen VanZyll looks down court as she works against Ionia pressure during second half action.

Leading the charge off the bench was Courtney Phillips. The junior netted eight second-half points along with providing some spirited defensive energy. The Red Arrows outscored Ionia 18-4 in the third quarter to take a 34-21 lead.

Leslie Crowley led all Lowell scorers with 13 points (nine in the second half). Lauren Vashaw tallied six and Kendra Gallert added six.

Karine Campbell and Bobbie Baldwin led Ionia with nine points apiece.

Lowell 50
West Catholic 34

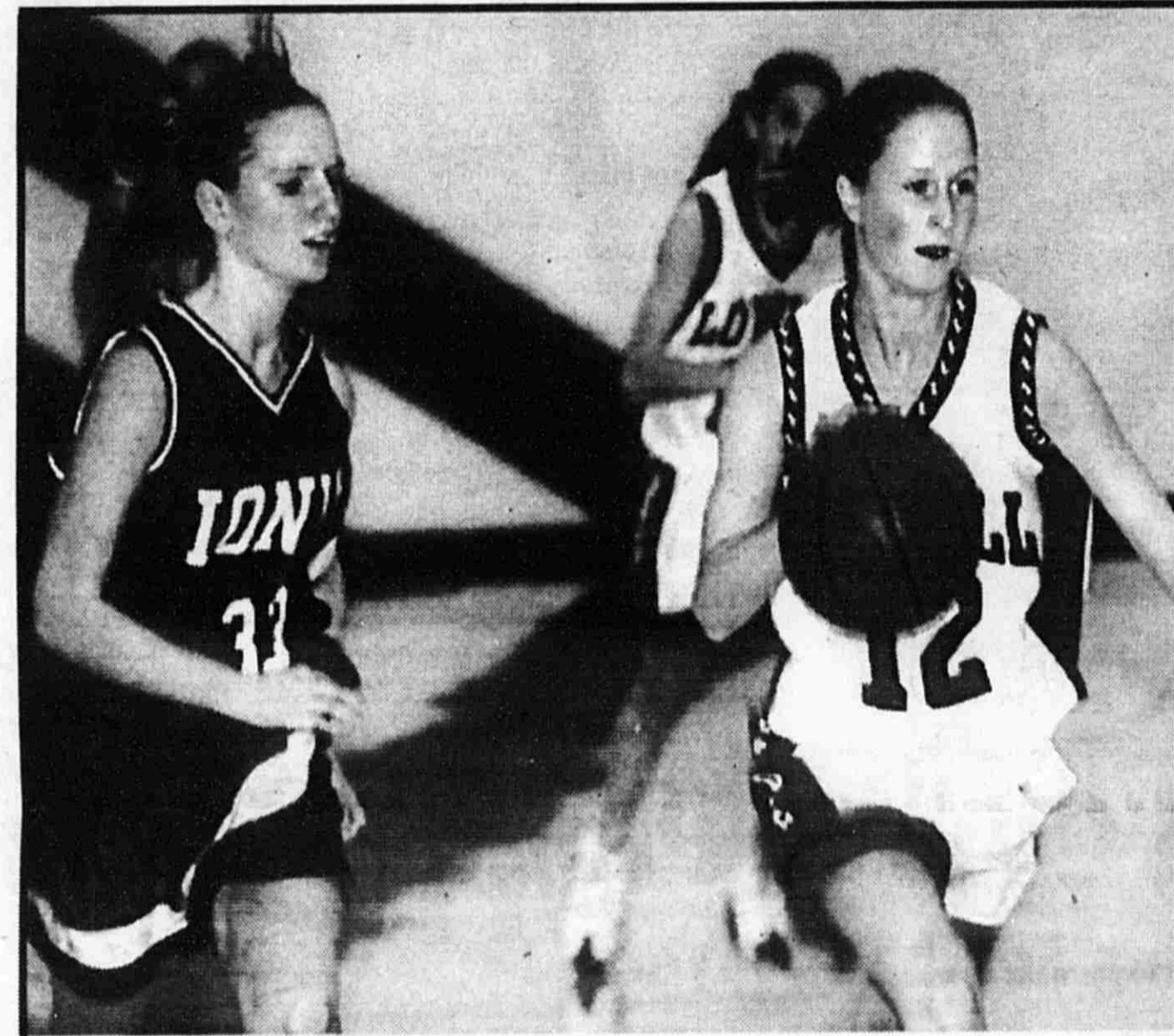
The Delta Plex, new home to the Continental Basketball Association's Grand Rapids Hoops, hosted its first high school girls basketball game in two years as the Red Arrows blasted the Falcons.

"It was cool. I think we were the first Lowell team to ever have a chance to play here," said Lowell coach, Dee Crowley. "It was a great opportunity for girls basketball to showcase their skills at a nice complex."

The skill of the Red Arrow basketball team was considerably better than the Falcons on this evening as Lowell routed West Catholic by 16 points.

Lowell received a game-leading 14 points from Becky Bossard, nine from Leslie Crowley, eight from Kelly Fitzpatrick and seven from Blair Meyer.

Lowell outrebounded West Catholic 44-20. Its defense forced West Catholic into 20 turnovers.



Lowell's Courtney Phillips came off the bench to score eight points in the second half as she helped propel the Red Arrows to a come-from-behind 43-33 win over Ionia.

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Oberlin creeps up on school scoring record in Red Arrows 1-0 win over Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sam Oberlin's 20th goal of the season lifted the Lowell

Lowell netters place fifth at regional

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In the O-K White Conference tournament, Lowell junior Jenny Gunberg may have made her biggest splash. Gunberg, who finished fourth overall at number one singles, shot down Forest Hills Central's Noorain Khan 6-2, 6-1 in the opening round. The win earned Gunberg a seed at the regional tennis tournament.

"Jenny played extremely well and took it to Khan," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

The only other Red Arrow to win a match was Heather Geelhoed, playing at third singles. She defeated Northview's Danielle Setterington 6-2, 6-1.

East Grand Rapids edged Forest Hills Northern to win the title.

In regional play on the weekend, Lowell placed fifth in a nine-team field.

Gunberg advanced to the semifinals with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Kenowa Hills' Bethany Dykstra. The Red Arrow lost in the semis to Forest Hills Northern's Christina Gulish 6-1, 6-0. Gunberg finished the season with a record of 14-11.

Geelhoed also advanced to the semis with a 6-1, 7-6 (1) straight set win over Northview's Christine Maxey. She lost in the semis to Mona Shores' Anne Barrett 6-1, 6-2.

Kelly Riddle, fourth singles, earned a team point with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Creston's Yesica Robinson.

In doubles play, Lowell's number one doubles team of Shannon Levingston and Kristie Noall lost to FHN in the opening round 6-4, 6-3. "They've gotten better each time they've played Northern. The girls played well and were very competitive," Wall said.

Sandrine Shanghai and Jean Kimberlin, playing fourth doubles, upended Creston's Sam Johnson and Celeste Sanchez 6-0, 6-2.

"I felt the girls played at peak level in the regional tournament. I was encouraged by their play. They were really competing. I received many compliments about Lowell's improved play. The girls really rose to the occasion," Wall said.

Lowell 8
Wyoming Park 0

In its final match of the year, Lowell cruised past the Vikings.

In posting a shutout, Lowell lost just 20 games. Posting wins in singles play were Jenny Gunberg 6-1, 6-0; Mandy Gunberg 6-0, 6-1; Heather Geelhoed 6-1, 6-1; and Kelly Riddle 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles action, earning victories were Kristie Noall/Shannon Levingston 6-2, 6-1; Jodi Laux/Stevie Thompson 6-1, 6-0; Maggie Mayhew/Katie Huver 6-2, 6-2; and Sandrine Shanghai/Jean Kimberlin 6-2, 6-2.

Lowell finished its 2001 campaign with a mark of 0-6 in the O-K White and 3-8-0 overall.

Red Arrow Roundup

Lowell's freshman football team stared a 14-7 half-time deficit Thursday, before rallying in the second half to pull out a 20-14 win.

The visiting Eagles started fast and hard with a blocked punt for its first touchdown and a long touchdown drive for another touchdown to take a 12-0 lead.

Lowell's only score of the first half came on a 15 yard run by Mike Koster.

The Eagles posted a safety before half to build its 14-7 lead.

After trading turnovers in the third quarter, the Red Arrows tied the game at 14-14

with a six yard touchdown run by Ryan Esbaugh and a Matt D'Agostino PAT.

Lowell tallied its winning score on a Koster four-yard touchdown run.

The Red Arrow freshman football team finished its 2001 season with a record of 6-0.

The Red Arrows junior varsity football team suffered its third league loss of the season with a 13-0 defeat at the hands of Hudsonville.

Lowell trailed 7-0 at half-time, but was unable to get its offense on track.

The Red Arrows finished the year at 4-4 overall and 3-3 in the O-K White.

The victory improved Lowell's regular season conference record to 3-2-1. The Red Arrows entered the league tournament, which began on Monday, fourth overall.

Central, 6-0, was first followed by East Grand Rapids, 5-0-1 and Northern, 4-2.

Oberlin is three goals away from tying the school's single season scoring record of 23, set by Jim Jastifer.

"Sam has a minimum of three games with a maximum of 6-7," said Lowell coach, Paul Legge. "Sam has scored in 13 of 15 games this year."

Oberlin's winning goal against Hudsonville came three

minutes into the second overtime. Chris Cress won the ball at midfield, carried it down before passing off to Oberlin, who beat two defenders before putting the ball away in the Eagle net.

"Sam did an excellent job of getting past the defenders and then he had a good finish," Legge said.

The Red Arrow coach said his club's play in regulation wasn't what it should have been. "Our problem continues to be consistency in finishing. We don't always show the hunger needed to finish," Legge said. "However, we gain momentum as the game goes on. The boys' plays seem to be stronger in the 60th minute than in the 40th."

The ability to put away opportunities from the start of the O-K White Tournament will enhance Lowell's chances of playing later into the tournament.



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Lowell girls try to catch up to FHN in Saturday's conference meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When Lowell battles Forest Hills Northern Saturday at Johnson Park in the O-K White conference meet, the playing field won't be level, then again, most good cross country courses aren't. Johnson Park is a good course and a stern test. Lowell girls cross country team will have to overcome the test of the course and the team that has been running in front of it all year. Forest Hills Northern. The Red Arrows enters the meet with a league record of 5-1, its only defeat coming at the feet of Forest Hills Northern 26-29.

Lowell the defending O-K White title holder, will have to champion some personal bests if it is to overthrow a strong

Huskie squad.

The Huskies improved their league-leading record to 6-0 with a 15-48 win over Zeeland on Wednesday.

Lowell remained one back with a 19-39 victory over Hudsonville.

"The girls have a shot. It's going to be tough. Northern's been running well, but anything can happen. Our girls are pretty pumped up." Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf explained. We're going to need our three, four and five runners to pick it up and go for personal bests.

The Red Arrows claimed the top three spots in running away from the Eagles. Lisa Wojciakowski was first with a time of 20:29. Sarah Swab, finishing second, stopped the clock in 21:06. Holly Plattner finished third, coming off the course in

21:11.

Lowell's Abbie Blanding and Natalie Kent were sixth and seventh respectively with times of 22:06 and 22:12.

For Hudsonville, it was Rachel Walcott, fourth, 22:02; Allison Weller, fifth, 22:05; Rebekah Woods, ninth, 22:13; Tara Stuire, 10th, 23:25; and Stefanie Wind, 11th, 23:26.

In a bid for its first league win of the year, Lowell boys cross country team was edged out by Hudsonville 25-30.

Leading the way for the Red Arrows was Sam Fitzpatrick, second, with a time of 18:16. Following him home were teammates Steve Ellison, fourth, 18:42; Scott Riddle, seventh, 19:45; Nick Huizenga, eighth, 20:00; and Mitch Solon, ninth, 20:24.

Hudsonville's times and places were as follows: Brad Miedema, first, 17:59; Jon Weller, third, 18:28; Cody Crossman, fifth, 19:23; Grant Koster, sixth, 19:42; and Steve Prescher, 10th, 20:38.

Lowell softball players prepare to take their game down under

Lowell softball players Noelle Dewey and Jacque Benedict will depart from Los Angeles, CA, on Dec. 27 for Sydney, Australia as part of the Coast to Coast Women's All Stars.

They were selected to the team following a tryout at Western Michigan University earlier this fall.

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"The girls were told they would receive word whether they made the team within 2-3 weeks after the tryouts," said Dewey's mother, Jill Dewey. "They were quite surprised to receive confirmation a week after tryouts."

The trip will cost each girl \$3,645. Both girls will seek corporate sponsorship to help defray some of the costs.



Jacquie Benedict

Noelle Dewey

Linksters in O-K White tournament

Lowell boys golf team placed sixth in the O-K White Tournament held at the par 72 L.E. Kaufman course.

East Grand Rapids was clearly the elite team in the field as it won by 15 strokes, posting a team score of 315.

The Pioneers were followed by Forest Hills Central 330; Zeeland 334; Northview 337; Hudsonville 337; Lowell 355; and Forest Hills Northern 365.

The top 10 scores handed in were as follows: Lane Karczewski, EGR, 73; Mike VanderBrink, Zeeland, 77; Par Snare, EGR, 78; Chris Sanchez, Northview, 78; Mike Adams, EGR, 80; Kegan Rue, Zeeland, 81; Scott Polick, FHC, 81; Cody Geers, Hudsonville, 81; Mike Deming, FHC, 82; and Derek Becker, Hudsonville, 82.

Matt Scheider and Dan Harrison led Lowell with rounds of 87. Mark Kimberlin shot a 90 and Steve Palasek carded a 91.

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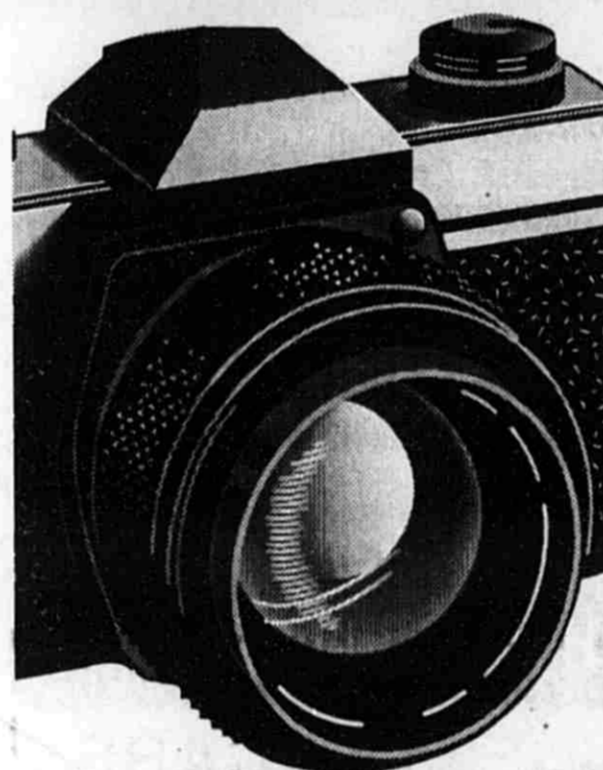
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PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, October 1, 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 Commissioner Al Mathews, Police Officer James Hinton and Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2001 regular meeting as written.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/01/01)

GENERAL FUND	\$103,298.20
MAJOR STREET FUND	41,980.20
LOCAL STREET FUND	738.18
DDA FUND	10,989.71
CITY HALL	
CONSTRUCTION FUND	133,106.74
BUILDING & SITE FUND	175.00
AIRPORT FUND	1,500.00
WASTEWATER FUND	30,666.50
WATER FUND	9,609.45
DATA PROCESSING FUND	96.72
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,916.42
CURRENT TAX FUND	25,721.63
LEE FUND	3,125.00

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

A. 206 S. Division - Matt and Sonnie Sullivan - fence height variance, public hearing. 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 Sullivans replaced an existing fence of similar height.

At its meeting of September 24, 2001, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the variance request.

City Manager Pasquale noted he received an e-mail from Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall which mentioned the Planning Commission is also considering an ordinance amendment allowing a four-foot height for front yard fences.

Matt Sullivan explained the variance has been requested for safety reasons. He has three children who all play in the back yard. His wife also does much baby-sitting. Sullivan noted there is one adjoining yard.

Sullivan presented photos which showed the fence does not cause problems for any motorist turning north onto Division Street.

City Clerk Morlock noted the following phone calls: (1) Steve Morrison, 126 South Division, supported the variance request due to safety concerns for the children (2)

Christine Williams, 222 South Division, no problem with the variance request (3) Doris Canfield, 120 South Division, supported the variance request.

Zoning Boardmember Shores agreed the traffic was bad in this particular area. The chain link fence is in place and does not cause an obstruction to traffic. The fence also matches with the neighbor's fence to the north.

Zoning Boardmember Brubaker stated he is usually hesitant to grant variances for fences. However, this is very unusual because of the way the streets and house are laid out.

Zoning Board Chairman Myers stated he drove by the house this evening. He had to look at the fence close in order to determine if it was three or four feet high. Myers believed the property was unique because of its three sides.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to grant the variance request at 206 S. Division for Matt and Sonnie Sullivan for a four foot high fence along the Jackson, Front and South Division Streets property lines meeting the criteria requirements.

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

Item #2. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING EXPANSION OF NON-CONFORMING RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES - ADOPT OR SET A PUBLIC HEARING (10/15). The Planning Commission had reviewed a proposed ordinance amendment which allows expansion of residences, currently not meeting setback requirements. Expansion is allowed as long as no other new non-conformities are created. This could eliminate a number of variance requests.

City Manager Pasquale explained there have been a number of variance requests similar this year. As an example, the amendment would pertain to a home which would be four to five feet away from a side yard lot line, where six feet is required. Instead of requesting a variance, the homeowner would be allowed to expand the home as long as the existing lot line is not further extended. This would allow the owner to keep the same building line. Pasquale noted a number of communities handle such an issue this way.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 24, 2001 and recommended the adoption of the zoning ordinance amendment.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing for October 15, 2001 regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for expansion of non-conforming residential structures.

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

Item #3. CONSIDERATION FOR A FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT SUPPORTING GRAND RIVER DRIVE BIKE PATH PROJECT FOR THE KENT COUNTY ROAD AND PARK COMMISSION. The Kent County Road and Park Commission requested a resolution of support for 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 a \$1,095,000 resurfacing project, the County is requesting \$400,000 for a bike path.

City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council adopt the resolution.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to support the Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant supporting Grand River Drive Bike Path project for the Kent County Road and Park Commission as requested.

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

Item #4. VALLEY VISTA, DIVISION, M-21 AND BOWES ROAD PROJECTS - WILLIAMS & WORKS - REVIEW OF SPREADSHEET ERROR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION. At the last meeting, the Council awarded a contract to Williams and Works for engineering services involving road construction for Valley Vista, Division, M-21 and Bowes Road. Engineer Dave Austin came to both Dan DesJarden and Pasquale shortly after the meeting when he noticed a spreadsheet entry error, which produced an incorrect amount of hours for construction inspection. This was part of the engineering proposal. Full inspection requires 640 hours in the work plan, while the quote only included 256 hours. This amounts to an additional 384 hours or \$16,228. The corrected quotation should be \$105,428.

Though it is still lower than the quote given by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (\$111,290), Pasquale noted this was not done to simply add engineering costs. Both DesJarden and Pasquale have had the chance to work with Austin, who has provided some quality products for the City.

Pasquale believed this was an honest mistake and was not a means of trying to obtain additional funds from the community.

Mayor Blough questioned if the new corrected quotation was still below the other bidders. Pasquale responded yes.

Blough asked what the next closest bid was. Pasquale responded \$111,000.

Councilmember Shores appreciated Austin bringing this before the Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to accept the revised proposal of \$105,428 from Williams & Works for the Valley Vista, Division, M-21 and Bowes Road Projects.

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

Blough thanked Williams and Works for being up front with the Council.

Item #5. 201 EAST MAIN (FORMERLY THE WHITE SWAN) - GILMORE ENTERPRISES - REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A BUSINESS OPERATING IN A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - SET PUBLIC HEARING (10/15). Councilmember Brubaker noted his conflict on this issue due to his law firm, Mika, Myers, representing Gilmore Enterprises.

Gilmore Enterprises wishes to apply for a Class C Liquor License to the State of Michigan for those who operate businesses in a Development District. The Gilmores wish to renovate and open a restaurant and bar facility at 201 East Main Street, previously occupied by the White Swan. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC) anticipates awarding up to ten DDA licenses late this year.

In order to qualify, the Downtown Development Authority and City Council must adopt resolutions finding that the license would prevent further deterioration with the Development District and promote economic growth.

The DDA held a hearing on October 1 and recommended unanimously to the City Council and the LCC such a license be granted.

The City Council must also adopt the same resolution. It is recommended that a public hearing date be set for October 15, 2001 to consider this issue.

President of Gilmore Enterprises, Greg Gilmore stated his company specializes in renovating older buildings and operating restaurants in these. They own buildings dating back to 1873. Approximately \$200,000 has already been invested into this particular building and is currently under construction. The restaurant could be called "Flat River Bistro." Gilmore anticipates spending approximately \$600,000 into the project. There will be between 20 and 50 employees, depending on the volume of business and open seven days a week serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Councilmember Myers questioned what criteria the LCC requires. Gilmore was unsure of the criteria for this particular license. The City would have much control

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over such a license and did not believe the license could be transferred out of the DDA. Therefore, it will always be an asset to the community.

Myers inquired if Gilmore has previously applied for this type of license. Gilmore responded no.

Myers questioned the cost of the license. Gilmore responded a licensing fee is paid every spring.

Myers asked if there were other liquor licenses available in the area. Gilmore responded based upon the population for the City of Lowell, there are none available. This is why the State created such licenses for DDA Districts.

Blough questioned if Gilmore felt the liquor license was key to making the business viable. Gilmore responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to set a public hearing for October 15, 2001 involving a request from Gilmore Enterprises for a Class C Liquor License operating in a Downtown Development District at 201 E. Main Street.

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

Item #6. ASPHALTING OF REAR DRIVE BETWEEN THE FIRE STATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, RICHARDS PARK BASKETBALL COURT - AWARD OF BIDS. Recently, bids were received to pave the rear entry drive between the Fire Station and the Department of Public Works Garage to Broadway. Also, the paving of the basketball court at Richards Park was included. The following were received:

• Harding Asphalt Maintenance and Paving	
DPW/Fire Station	\$2250
Richards Park	575
	\$2825

• Great Lakes Paving	
DPW/Fire Station	\$2575
Richards Park	1000
	\$3575

• Snyder Asphalt, Inc.	
DPW/Fire Station	\$2600
Richards Park	1200
	\$3800

Streets and Parks Supervisor Scott Fosburg and Pasquale recommended the paving project be awarded to the low bid of Harding Asphalt Maintenance and Paving for \$2825. It should be noted the Richards Park paving will be allocated from the Lee Fund while the General Fund will provide monies from the Fire and Public Works accounts to perform the remaining project.

Mayor Blough confirmed the monies for this have been planned for in the City budget. Pasquale responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the bid from Harding Asphalt in the amount of \$2825 for paving the rear entry drive between the Fire Station and Public Works Garage to Broadway as well as the basketball court at Richards Park.

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

Item #7. CITY HALL / POLICE STATION PROJECT - UPDATE REGARDING COST ESTIMATES AND FINANCING. As a matter of further information, City Manager Pasquale contacted City Attorney/Bond Council Richard Wendt and Michael Gormely of First of Michigan to provide a bonding limitation based on a maximum of 3 mills to levy for the City Hall/Police Station project. A 30-year Building Authority Bond based on a 3% inflationary growth assumption would allow approximately 3.5 million dollar issue. With investment income estimated at \$100,000 and reimbursing the General Fund for remaining property acquisition costs of \$300,000, an available amount of bonding income is approximately 3.3 million dollars.

Architect Tom Smith submitted several cost cutting op-

tions which amount to over one million dollars. Still, there is a gap of over \$800,000.

Pasquale noted one option could also be to construct the Police Station as a stand alone building initially and defer on City Hall project. Allowances could be made to provide for the City Hall and adjoining corridor at a later date.

Council discussion and consideration is requested. Pasquale noted a 3 mill increase on a \$100,000 house (true value) would cost the property owner an additional \$150 a year.

The cost cutting ideas submitted by Smith included not finishing the second floor of the City Hall building. The first drawing provided the Council Chambers and meeting rooms. These could be constructed at a later date and would save approximately \$463,000. There was also an original cost estimate of \$100,000 for asbestos abatement and \$50,000 for lead paint abatement. After reviewing the asbestos and lead paint issues, it is believed there could be a savings of \$70,000 for asbestos removal and approximately \$30,000 for lead paint removal.

There has been discussion of having the DDA fund what would be site improvements, such as the new parking lot and lighting which total to approximately \$200,000. The size of the garage could also be reduced by eliminating the ambulance area and would lower the amount by \$167,000. There could also be some savings, if the common lobby was reduced in size.

Smith stated this provides about one million dollars worth of savings out of the original schematic design cost estimate bringing the project cost to approximately \$4,157,000.

Councilmember Shores questioned what the original cost was three years ago. Smith responded 3.7 million dollars. Since then, due to further investigations, it has been found the floors need to be replaced and asbestos be removed.

Pasquale noted there is approximately 1 million dollars in various allowances.

A worksession was scheduled for October 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. It was noted Councilmembers Shores and Myers would be unable to attend.

Pasquale questioned if there was any other additional information that would be requested of either staff or Smith. Blough suggested looking at increments of about 1/2 mill from between three and four so we know how much we are generating per 1/2 mill. He also requested the square footage be detailed.

Smith noted there were other items which could be cut without reducing square footages. He stated he would assemble a list of items.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned if other banks were sought besides First of Michigan. Pasquale responded this is a bonding proposal based on current interest rates. This is to provide an idea of how much it would cost to finance. At this point, the City is not committed to First of Michigan.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to schedule a worksession meeting for October 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to further examine costs for the City Hall/Police Station project.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Blough invited the community to attend the worksession meeting.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores received a call from a concerned citizen regarding chipped paint on the light post. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden responded this will be repaired.

Councilmember Green encouraged the community to attend the worksession meeting on October 8, 2001.

He also commented on the letter received from IMS concerning the inspection status report. Most of the violations concern residential areas. He asked if there has been any work done on site plan reviews and if the developers have been complying. Pasquale was unsure.

Councilmember Myers received a merchant comment concerning the Dollar General Store signage not being appropriate. Pasquale responded this is being addressed through the Downtown Historic District Commission.

Mayor Blough thanked IMS for the report provided. He requested the amount of hours being spent be provided at the next meeting.

Blough received a letter from the Board of County Commissioners listing available appointments to Kent County Board and Commissions and Committee, effective January 1, 2002.

These positions include the following:

- The Aeronautics Board
- Area Agency on Aging
- Foreign Trade Zone Board
- Friend of the Court Advisory Committee
- John Ball Zoo Advisory Board

The list may be reviewed during regular business hours at City Hall. If interested, a letter should be submitted to the Council and it will be brought for consideration and submittal to the Board of County Commissioners.

Myers noted Martha Smart is the new director of the Kent District Library.

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. The following meetings minutes were provided:

- Planning Commission meeting of August 27, 2001
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of August 16, 2001
- Grand Valley Metro Council- Transportation
- Policy Committee meeting of July 18, 2001
- Board of Light and Power meeting of August 20, 2001
- Board of Cable Television meeting of August 20, 2001

B. On September 24, 2001, the City purchased 310 Avery from Audrey Dykstra in accordance to the established terms. Pasquale asked if the Council wanted to advertise for bids to move the structure or demolish it. Blough asked if there has been interest to move the home. Pasquale responded there have been a few requests.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to advertise for bid the home located at 310 Avery for moving.

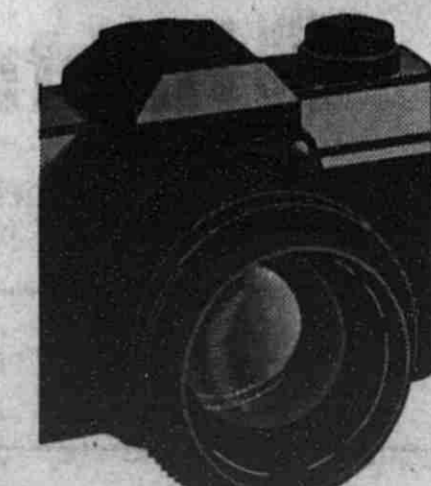
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. A position is available on the Planning Commission. All interested citizens should send their letter of interest to City Hall c/o Michael Blough.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

DATE: Monday, October 15, 2001
APPROVED: Michael K. Blough, Mayor
Betty. R. Morlock, City Clerk

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Study shows traffic volumes okay on Foreman Road; council considers widening intersection for truck traffic

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The residents along Foreman Road asked for and received a study on traffic conditions; the results, however, weren't

quite what they had hoped for.

At the regular Lowell City Council meeting Monday night, city manager, David Pasquale reported on a traffic study done by Ed Swanson from Wade-Trim. The findings of the report

indicated that the amount of truck traffic on Foreman Road travelling east of Gee Drive to and from Hudson Street is reasonable for this street.

However, after interviews with residents and the three major industries in the area of Foreman Road and Hudson Street, Swanson said he did discuss having the industry owners encourage truck drivers to use an alternative west route, taking Foreman Road to Alden Nash and then on to M-21.

Councilmember Dan Brubaker said he was in favor of seeing if that helped the truck traffic on Foreman; he did, however, remain skeptical that it would.

"If the truck traffic diminished, that would be great," said councilmember Don Green, "but the buses are an issue too. They are much larger than when I was a kid."

Green favored not only the wait-and-see approach to the traffic on Foreman, but also to looking into costs on widening the turn radius for the corner. Green did note for the residents along the street that Swanson's three-page report stated trucks were having difficulty in making the turn at the intersection of Foreman and Hudson. The report also indicated that a turning radius of at least 30 feet was needed.

"If that's not a safe situation..." said Garland Barry, of 407 Foreman, with a sign. Barry approached the city with the residents' concerns and the fact they felt they had not received a final answer from the city as to whether there would be any improvements on the intersection.

The residents had other questions such as how long the study took place, at what time of day, and what Swanson did see - questions that the council did not feel it could answer because it did not have the raw data from the study.

Phil Peterson, of 604 N. Hudson, who is a truck driver, said that most trucks haul a 53-foot trailer. Combined with a 20-foot cab, this would require more of a 50-foot turning radius. "If he is saying 30, he's dreaming," Peterson said.

Mayor Mike Blough said he wanted three things to take place: see if the redirected traffic hasn't helped along Foreman; determine what kind of dialogue went on between Swanson and the three industries involved; and determine what the costs would be to widen the intersection. Blough said he also would like the city to consider other alternatives such as reducing the size of the truck or determining specific routes for truck traffic.

Councilmember Jeanne Shores said she wasn't sure about restricting the size of the truck since most areas allow for that size. She said she realized what it is like living with truck traffic since she lives on Hudson Street.

"I'm not going to sell my house, so I am willing to put up with it," Shores said, adding that things have changed over the years.

One of the items Swanson noted was that the conditions currently faced by the council and the residents were developed in the late sixties, when an industrial area was allowed up against a residential zone.

Pasquale said he plans to have Swanson at the next available meeting to answer specific questions from the council and residents.

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—Cicero

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QUEEN LOG BED - firm mattress set w/Amish made bed, frame (bought new, never used) 2 months old. Cost \$1,000. Sacrifice \$195. 517-227-0006.

CAT - needs a good home. 3 years old, declawed front, fixed, has all shots. Female named "Maggie". Call 897-8646.

LAWN TRACTORS - Scotts-John Deere 2000 model, 25 hp, 52" deck. Only 14 hours used. New \$4770 asking \$3,500. 897-0647.

FOR SALE

GARAGE SALE - Thurs. 10 6 pm., 618 Lafayette. Quality winter clothing, excellent infant items, housewares, linens, antiques, collectibles, plus usual stuff.

GARAGE SALE - October 17 and 18, 9353 28th between Snow and Buttrick.

HUGE INDOOR GARAGE SALE - Thurs., Oct. 18, Fri., Oct. 19, 9 - 4 pm. Antique chandelier and chairs, kids formalware for holidays, story book heirlooms, books, hot water tank, rangetop hood/ fan, 6 ft. wood sliding glass doors, folding camp chairs, toys, lots more. Everything must go. 162 Bahala Dr. off Bailey Rd. See signs.

LYONS-MUIR CHURCH YARD AND INSIDE SALE - 132 Prospect, Muir. Friday, Oct. 19, 9 - 4, Sat., Oct. 20 9 - 12, Piano, housewares, books, furniture, youth shoes, mirror, iron train, toys, bike.

FOR SALE

NOTE OF THANKS
To my multitude of friends: I thank each of you for your cards, phone calls and visits during my physical decline. It is very humbling to think of all the well wishes and prayers you have given to me. I know I'll be more gracious to my friends from now on.
Thank you again,
Bruce Walter.

FOR RENT

INSIDE STORAGE - for boats & cars. \$8 per ft. Call 868-6455.

FREE

FREE - Kittens, all colors, 8 weeks to 8 months. Please leave a message 642-3746.

EVENTS

WELCOME ALL DEER HUNTERS - Big Buck Contest, Nov. 15, 16 & 17. See Alto Bar, buffet starting 5 a.m. - 9 & 11-2 p.m. Thurs. - Sat.

WANTED

WANTED - single office space to rent in Lowell or Ada area. Gates Rubber Co. 616-642-6700.

MEETING FACILITY WANTED - for Apostolic Lighthouse. Ph. Pastor Robert Hubbard, 616-241-1739. email aplighthouse@yahoo.com.

WANTED TO BUY - Old milk bottles from Thornapple River Dairy, Ada, MI, which my father co-owned. Please check your attic, basement, garage, etc. The dairy burned down around 1950. Please call Mary 868-7460.

City of Scarecrows



Lorraine Smalligan and her son Connor



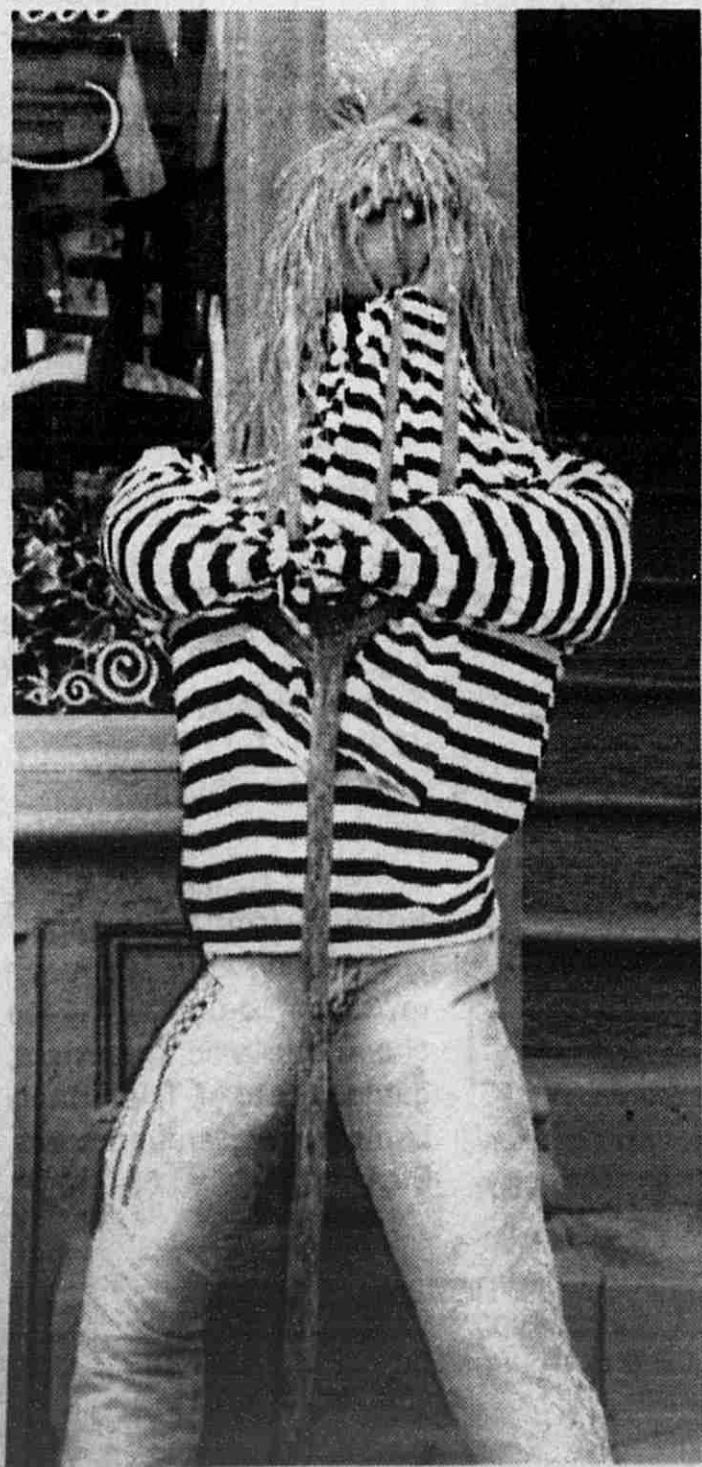
George James and his daughter Jessica



Karl Greinke and Anna Greinke



Sharon McDermaid and Samantha Ellison



A baker's dozen came to make scarecrows Saturday on the Riverwalk Plaza. They will be used to decorate the city.

The scarecrows were judged and the following 10 winners were chosen: The David Ryder Family; Ruth Wood and Candice and Skylar Bowne; George and Jessica James, The Keith Stanford Family; Jodi & Gail Hutchinson; Ed, Lisa, Max and Reed Stormzand; Brittany and Brianna Hiekkila; Sharon MacDermaid; The John & Jill Wenger & BTed and Lorrain Bergin clans; The Jonathan Getz Family.

Lowell residents can view the winners all week at Touch of Country and take part in the silent auction (bid on your favorite winner, opening bid \$10). Highest bid gets to take the scarecrow(s) home with them. All funds raised will be donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. The remaining scarecrows were installed along Main Street. They will stay up through Oct. 31.