

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Coopers' 34.7 acre land donation preserves opportunity for wildlife education

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the second time in two years, a gift to the Lowell Area Education Foundation will provide for educational opportunity and purpose.

Dick and Shirley Cooper have donated 34.7 acres of land at the northeast corner of Alden Nash and Foremen to the foundation for the purpose of preserving it in its present state.

The deed is in the process of being registered in the name of the Lowell Area Education Foundation (LAEF). The land will be called the Cooper Woodland Preserve.

"The preserve fits with the mission of LAEF with supporting education," said the organization's board president, Marsha Wilcox.

In March of 2000, a \$200,000 gift from June Wittenbach and her late husband, Everett Wittenbach to the Lowell Area Education Foundation made way for the design and construction of the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Center.

The Cooper Woodland Preserve is flat with sharp drop-offs to the north and east. "It is a fine wooded area for walking and viewing nature," Wilcox said.

Tom Nederveld, from the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, is in the process of putting together a manage-

ment and educational plan. he has proposed dividing the woods into quadrants with different management practices in use for each quadrant.

Some of the management areas may be able to harvest some selected trees for timber.

"It should be a very helpful learning tool," Wilcox said. "Tom also proposes making educational wildlife timber walking trails."

Cooper said he's been toying with the idea of the land donation to the foundation for about a year.

"Last September, I applied for rezoning of the land (154 acres in all) in accordance with Vergennes Township's new Master Plan," Cooper explained.

After receiving opposition to his request for most of a two-and-a-half hour meeting, Cooper was asked by Peter Wege, founder of the Wege Foundation, if he would listen to another offer for the land. Cooper said, "Yes," to the delight of those in attendance.

"We began talking the next day and that was really the start of things," Cooper said.

A little while later Cooper approached the foundation. "I've known Marsha for years and knew that she was involved with the Foundation."

Cooper added that the school owns property to the southeast of his and that he would eventually like to see a walking/bike trail extend from the Wittenbach Center across his property to the school property. From there it would extend through the park to the Grand River and along the river to Lowell Charter Township's Grand River Riverfront Park.

Wilcox said recognition for the Cooper Woodland Preserve will be planned for next spring.



### District Championship Delight

The Lowell girls basketball team won the Class A District basketball championship Friday night with a convincing 46-24 win over Rockford. It was Lowell's first district title since 1988. The Red Arrows advanced to the district finals with wins over Forest Hills Central (56-17) and Forest Hills Northern (60-34). The story and pictures are on page 18.

## LACF poured over \$700,000 into Lowell community this past year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Community Fund advisory committee.

Since 1998, the Lowell Area Community Fund has infused a total of nearly \$2.5 million in charitable dollars into the Lowell area.

In the past fiscal year the advisory committee of the Lowell Area Community Fund has granted over \$711,000 to 35 groups.

The 2001 Lowell Area Community Fund annual report, however, showed the declining economy had a slight impact on its finances.

"Due to the type of endowment, it's had a limited impact," said Kate Lockert, a Grand Rapids Foundation assistant to the

### Financial Statement

Lowell Financial Statement for period ending 6/30/2001

Beginning Endowment Balance.....	\$16,920,140.52
Grants into the Community.....	\$(711,446.50)
Program Expenses.....	\$(25,245.21)
Contributions.....	\$700.00
Investment Income (Loss).....	\$(818,027.25)
Investment Manager Fees.....	\$(90,482.36)
Grand Rapids Community Foundation Support.....	\$(56,470.51)
Ending Endowment Balance.....	\$15,219,168.69

Lockert said.

Dave Pasquale, advisory committee member and Lowell city manager, said over a period of four years, it has become

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The role of the advisory committee is to look at the Lowell area and its needs and to make recommendations. "My role is to advise the committee as to the legal ramifications,"

## Parking violators will have more out-of-pocket costs if they don't pay tickets

..... Increased parking ticket fees to go into effect before the end of the year.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

In hopes of curbing the city's parking problem, the Lowell Police Department has proposed a new pay structure for parking tickets.

Chief of police, Jim Valentine came before the Lowell City Council requesting that fees for parking tickets increase after 10 days. A person who receives a ticket would have until the tenth day to pay the \$5 parking fine. After the tenth day, the cost would increase to \$25. After the thirty-first day, the fee would increase to \$50.

Valentine said after the thirty-first day, the city could also pursue collections or send the matter to small-claims court.

"This is not a means for the city to make money," Valentine said. "We are just trying to get people in compliance and quit parking where they shouldn't be."

The parking problem seems to escalate in the winter time partly because of the snow, Valentine said. The problem the police department has had in the past is that there has been no way to enforce a summons or ticket once it was issued.

The department has sent out letters, but unless the person comes into the department on another matter, the ticket remains outstanding.

"We have tickets that have been out for a number of years," he said.

It is the hope of the department that by putting more of

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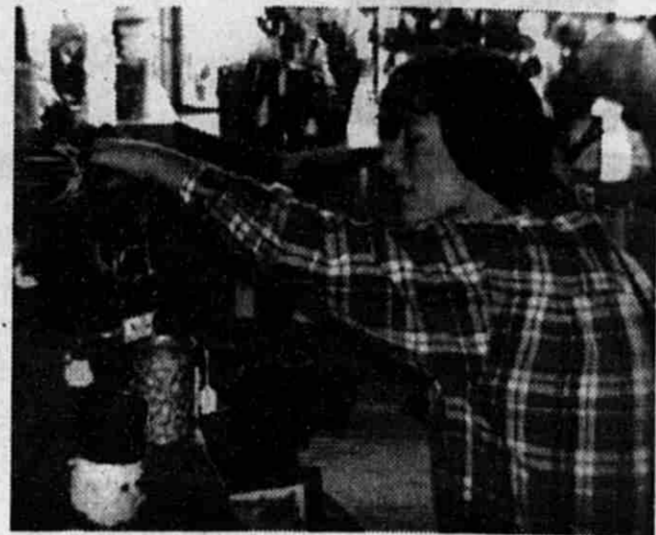




## Crafts for Christmas

Visitors from Freeport, Ann Arbor, Ada, Lowell and other parts of West Michigan took part in the three-day Christmas Through Lowell. Holiday shoppers visited 24 homes, five businesses, and the Lowell Area Arts Council as part of the 2001 tour. Approximately 1,200 took part in the event.

Right: Carla Cook, of Lowell, checks out some of the holiday crafts at the Lowell Area Arts Council during the 10th annual Christmas Through Lowell.



Lower right: Deborah Malloy, left, and Sally Malloy enjoy a cookie and some cider while browsing at Joy's Angels.



Left: Camilla Wood (leaning on window sill) views some crafts at the LAAC with her sister Aubrey and her father Gerard.



## Public Act 291's aim to curb firearm accidents involving children

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The State of Michigan, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Michigan Sheriffs Association will be distributing firearm safety devices (gun locks) through Public Act 291.

The firearm safety device grants are provided to local units so they can give firearm safety locks to residents in their communities.

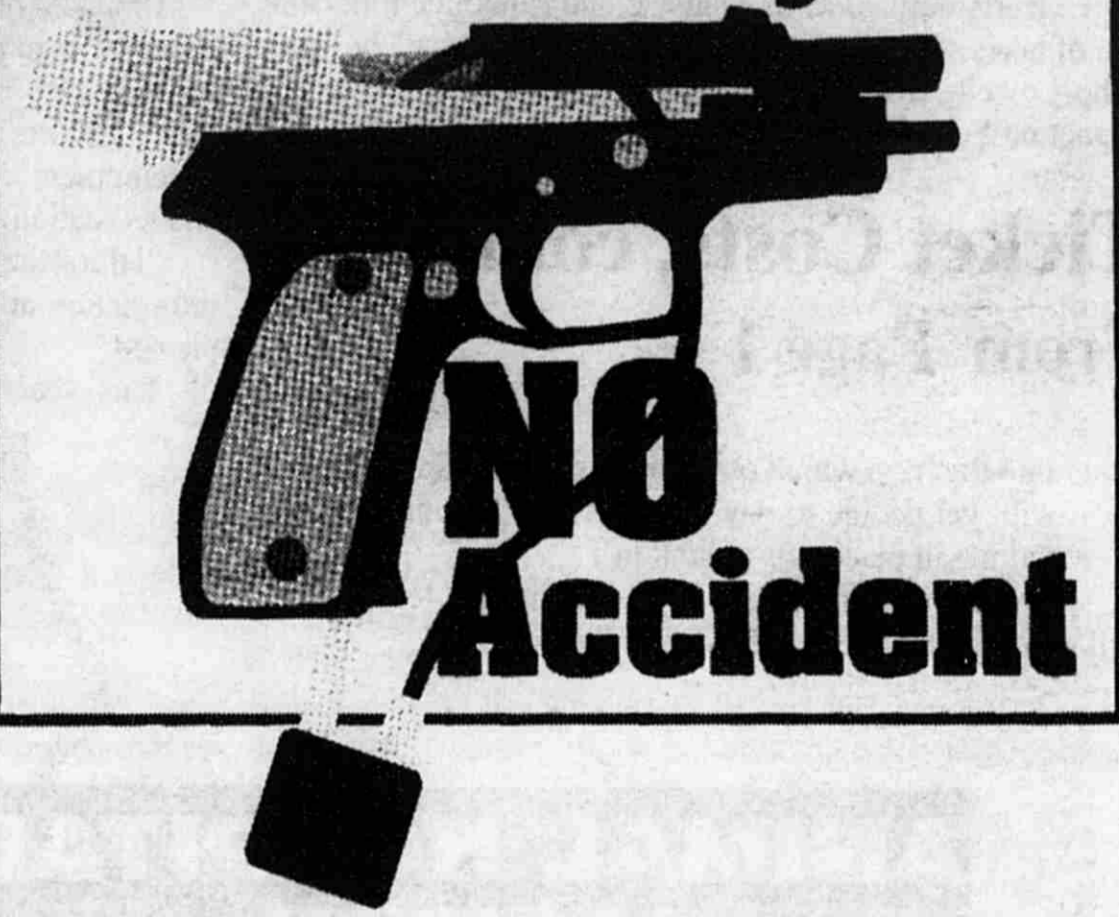
The program is being paid for through state appropriated funds.

Lowell chief of police, Jim Valentine received his

order of gun locks on Friday. He received 2,100 while only ordering 500. They are available to Lowell residents at no cost. "I was going to send some back, but after some thought I think we will be able to use them. All a resident has to do is come into the police station or City Hall and pick their locks up," Valentine said. "The locks will also be made available through other community activities."

The gun lock devices are aimed toward households with children and are expected to serve as a deterrent in preventing gun/firearm accidents," Valentine explained.

## Gun Safety Is



Jim Bishop

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more clearly defined as to what can and cannot be funded in lieu of taxes. "There needs to be a charitable intent," he said. "The Lowell Area Community Fund has had a substantial impact on Lowell."

Chuck Myers, the Huntington Banks representative on the advisory committee, noted that as an advisory committee member, he is more familiar with the process and much more aware of the various areas (arts and culture, community development, education, environment, health, human service and recreation) covered through the fund.

"I think the committee does a better job of communicating information about the fund to the community," Myers explained.

This year the Lowell Area Community Fund grants

## Ticket Costs, cont'd... From Page 1

a bite into the fees, which other cities such as Grand Rapids do, it will get people to pay the fines and discourage them from parking in places they shouldn't.

The council unanimously approved the new fees, which will go into effect before the end of the year.

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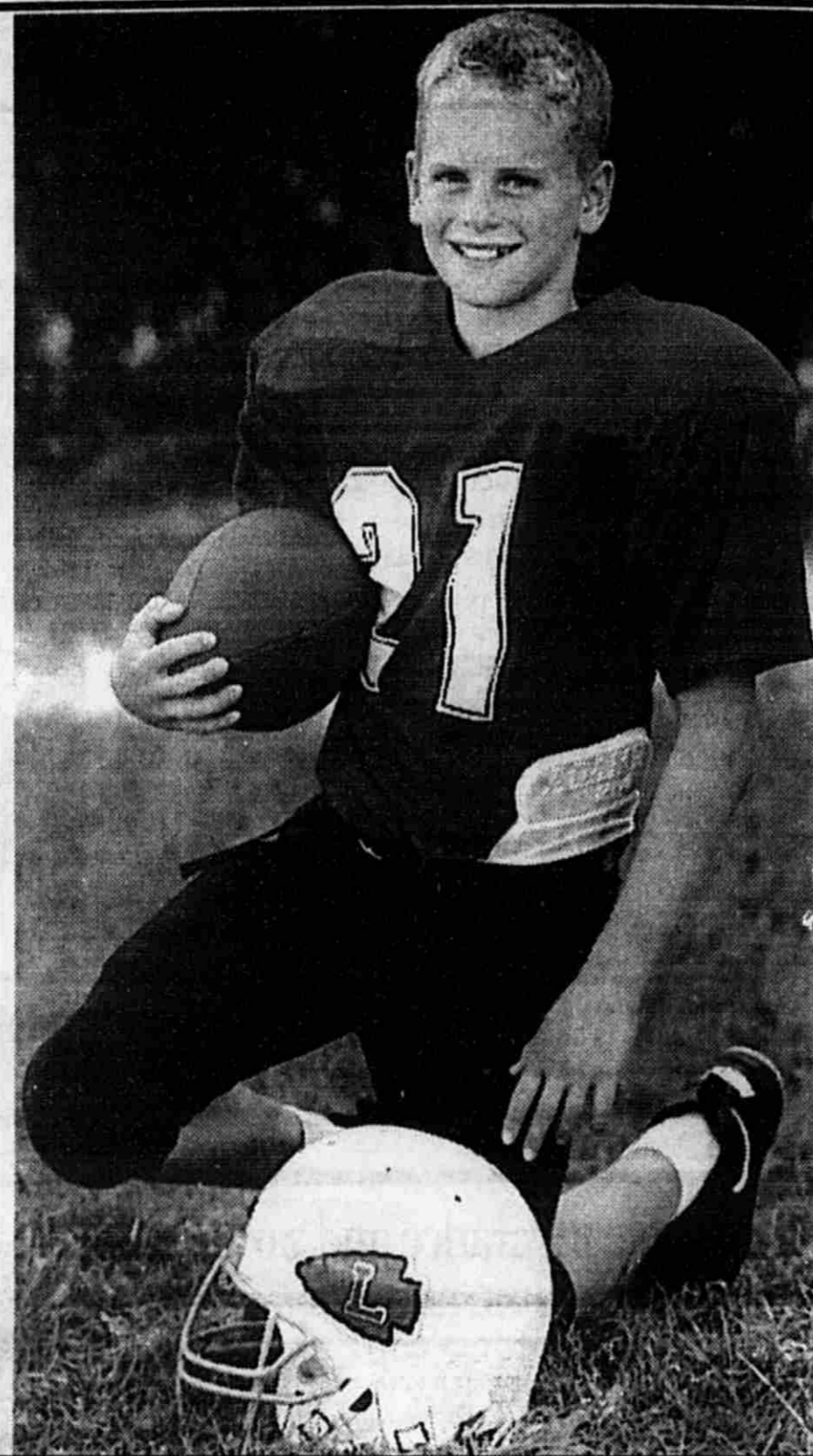
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## Boss Among State's Best

Lowell fifth-grader, Torsten Boss II finished third in the state's 10 & 11-year-old Punt Pass & Kick competition at the Pontiac Silverdome on Sunday, Nov. 11. Boss advanced to the state competition by winning his age division at the local level, and at the sectional qualifier in Muskegon. Boss is the son of Torsten and Michelle Boss. He was also a member of the undefeated (7-0) Flaming Arrows (Lowell Youth Football) team.



touched on two or more of the categories stipulated as "areas of interest."

It was the vision and purpose of the Lowell Area Community Fund to honor Harold Englehardt's wishes by seeking cooperation and participation in those seven areas that will create and promote a healthy, dynamic community.

To receive more information about giving to the Lowell Area Community Fund, or to receive a copy of the planned Giving Guide, call Molly Parker, vice president of development for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, at 616-454-1751, or visit the web site at www.grfoundation.org.

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REFERENDUM ON BECOMING A CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

## TO THE EDITOR

bumbling, forgetful vicarious life through your Cozy Corner stories.

Last week Muslims. Next week Hollanders. I can't wait! The name is Speerstra - that's not Irish. My only complaint is that sometimes you don't write a Cozy Corner and I am left with nothing of any socially redeeming value to read in my Ledger before I wrap the garbage in it.

Jim Speerstra

## OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



### QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT

It would seem that an activity as traditional as deer hunting in Michigan would remain unchanged over the years. Not so. Anyone hunting deer in Michigan today must diligently study the latest Hunting and Trapping Guide from the Department of Natural Resources to understand the rules, season dates, and license options. The boundaries of the deer management units (DMU) have been reapportioned this year to allow micro-management of the deer herd throughout the state. Some issues being addressed by special regulations include crop damage, vehicle-deer accidents, TB, habitat maintenance, and buck-doe ratios.

Private landowners have been doing some tinkering themselves. A deer management idea called Quality Deer Management (QDM) is becoming more popular with groups of hunters and landowners. The objective is to manage local deer herds

Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises.

—Samuel Butler

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 18, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed amendment in the Grattan Township Master Plan so as to designate the following described lands for Moderate Density Residential use:

The West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 EXCEPT the West 165 feet of the South 188.57 feet thereof; and the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, all in Section 35, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan,

and so as to amend the text of the Master Plan with respect to the designation of said lands for Moderate Density Residential use.

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

Dated: November 15, 2001  
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Dear Editor,

We need National Health Insurance for our National Self-Defense. The recent spate of Anthrax attacks has clearly demonstrated our weakness to biological attack.

There is no better defense to biological attack than early detection and treatment. With the number of uninsured Americans expected to rise from 43 million to 60 million during this recession, many citizens cannot afford to see a physician or buy medicine. This huge number of uninsured Americans demonstrates a grave national weakness in dealing with biological attack. This weakness is not shared by other industrial nations. Almost every developed nation has National Health Insurance except America. Both President and Senator Clinton tried to correct this weakness. Their efforts were defeated by

Republicans in Congress. We are weaker as a nation as a result of Republican politicians serving the HMO's instead of the American people.

We cannot get early detection and treatment for biological attack if our citizens do not all have the financial means to pay for these services. It is time for the Republicans to put public good before private business interests and support Democratic efforts to provide National Health Insurance. Having so many uninsured puts all Americans at risk. It is time to protect America from biological attack.

Sincerely,  
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to maintain a balanced buck-doe ratio and to produce older and, therefore, larger bucks. This is accomplished by reducing doe numbers and, at the same time, allowing young bucks time to mature.

In October, I was invited to bow hunt on land that was under voluntary QDM. My host, through determined diplomatic effort, convinced the majority of owners of adjoining parcels in the section to agree to harvest only bucks that are at least two years old. The agreement has been in place for five years and has resulted in the sighting and harvesting of some big bucks.

I had to make an attitude adjustment before the hunt. Until this season, I have never passed on a legal buck that presented a high percentage shot. This year I had the good fortune to tie my regular combination license tag on an apparently inexperienced six pointer. The remaining restricted tag, which requires one antler to have a minimum of four points, allowed me to return to the woods and hunt with Gwen.

After spending many hours over several days in a tree stand, a tall racked buck walked into my primary shooting lane and stood in the exact spot where I expected him. I could easily count three long tines on a side. He may have had additional brow tines between his ears, but I could not find them (can't shoot a bow with my bifocals on), so I let him walk. It took a while to get over that feeling of disappointment, like the first time I released a big walleye.

On the QDM hunt, I did see a large mature buck which stayed out of bow range. An eight pointer could be a keeper;

the decision had to be made by judging antler mass and spread as well as body size to determine age. Besides having the opportunity to hunt with a fine group of sportsmen, I saw lots of deer and enjoyed observing them close up for extended periods without the pressure of having to make a shot. Patience paid off for my host as he harvested a very large mature seven point the first week of November.

The DNR will work with interested parties on developing QDM programs that may include mandatory restrictions proposed by private landowners and hunters. Contact the Wildlife Division if you would like more information.

This may not be your grandfathers' deer hunt, but nowadays we usually have choices to make with almost everything we do.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2001 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The City of Lowell residents who use the yellow refuse bags and pick up day is Thursday will have their refuse and recycle picked up on Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Betty R. Morlock  
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## CITY OF LOWELL

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Any questions or concerns please contact Dan DesJarden at the Department of Public Works at 616-897-5929.

Bids must be returned to the Office of the City Manager, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 no later than Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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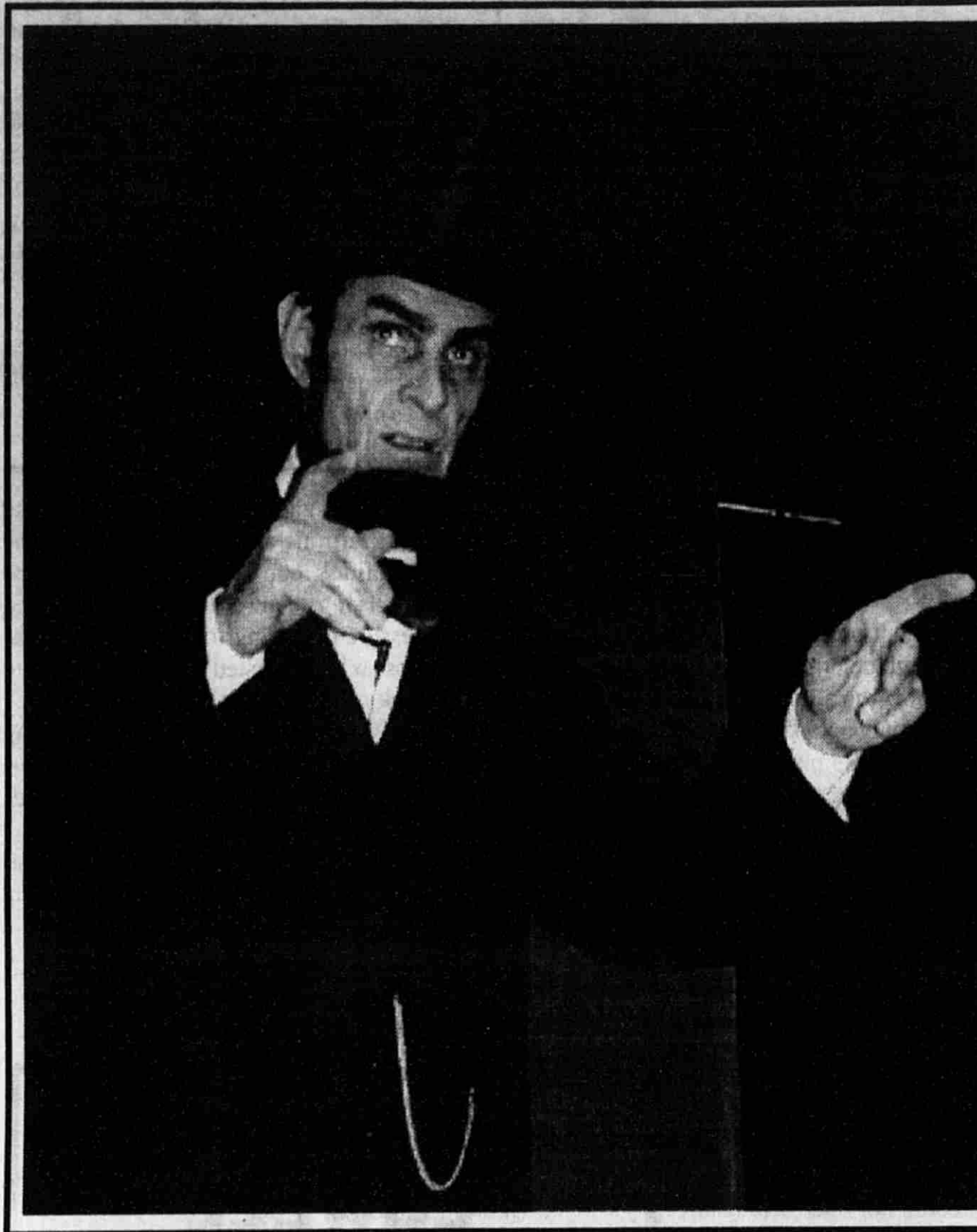
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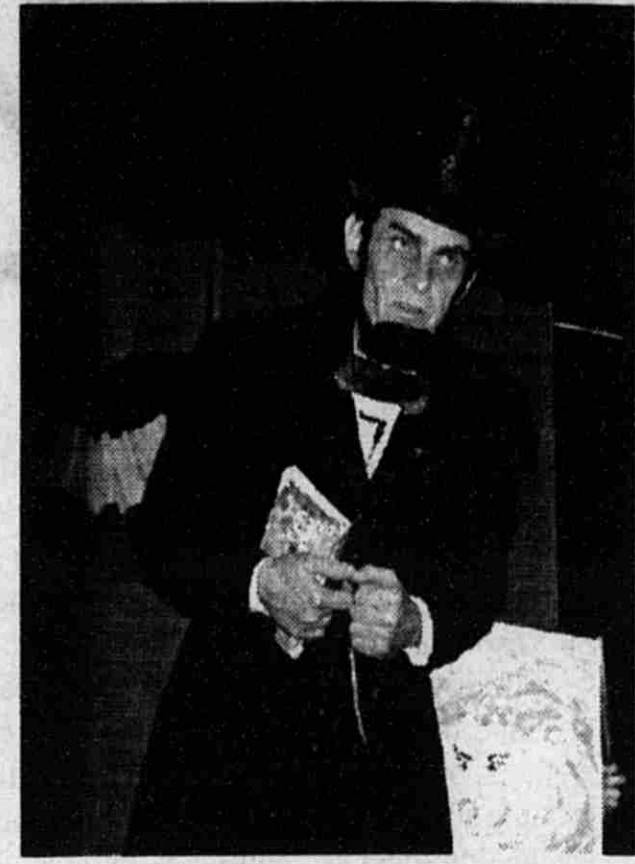
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## When Abe Speaks....

As Abe Lincoln, Gerald Bestrom has toured the country with his insightful portrayal of this country's 16th president. Abe again came to life as a guest of the Fallasburg Historical Society last Thursday. Bestrom gave personal statements and told of events not commonly known, with the verbal expounding of events behind the scenes from Lincoln's point of view.



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**'77 CLASS REUNION PLANNING MEETING**  
There will be a class reunion planning meeting for LHS class of 1977 at Mancino's on Monday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED**  
The Lowell Moose Recreational Center will be distributing the following items on Thursday, Nov. 29: Canned applesauce, canned red pitted cherries, dried cherries, frozen ham, powdered milk, rice; also cans of pears, potatoes, veg. and tomato soups and tomatoes.

**COMMUNITY VESPERS SERVICE & LUMINARIES**  
Join the Lowell Area Ministerium Association on Friday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza to pray for "Visions of Peace." Begin your holiday season in prayer and help light the Christmas season.

**NEEDED: SANTA CLAUS PARADE ENTRIES**  
Be a part of the Christmas Parade "Visions of Peace" Saturday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. Call the Chamber for an application at 897-9161.

**PARADE BREAKFAST**  
A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and hot chocolate with Good Ole' St. Nick will be served at the King Memorial Youth Center from 8 a.m. to noon.

**SANTA PICTURES**  
Come and have breakfast with Santa before the parade at

the King Youth Memorial Building on the fairgrounds Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 to 9:45 a.m. OR get your picture taken after the parade at the former White Swan building on Riverwalk Plaza. Cost: \$3.

**HISTORIC TOURS AND WAGON RIDES**  
Enjoy a horse drawn ride Saturday, Dec. 1 and learn some history of Lowell. Tours will depart the King Milling parking lot at 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

**BAKE SALE IN THE CHAMBER OFFICE**  
Would you like to bake a goodie for the bake sale Saturday, Dec. 1 in the Chamber along Riverwalk Plaza? Call Linda or Darlene at 897-1140 for information.

**AUTUMNAL JOY EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY**  
The Lowell Area Arts Council is presenting the exhibition Autumnal Joy: Aspects of the Season at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main now through Dec. 6 during regular business hours. Call the LAAC at 897-8545 for info.

**DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY FUND**  
The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Saturday, Dec. 1. Contact Bob Reagan at 897-7515 with any questions.

**CHRISTMAS LUMINARY WALK ON WITTENBACH TRAILS**  
Bring your family to the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 2-6 p.m. for a walk along the trails and some hot chocolate. Snowshoe rental is \$10/adults; \$5/child size.

**ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING**  
The Boosters meeting will take place in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

**NATURE HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP**  
The craft workshop will be held at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20; payment and registration required in advance. Call 987-1002.

**ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS SHOW AND SALE**  
The 19th annual Rogue River Artisans Show will take place at Lowell High School (formerly at Deer Run) on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At least 75 designers/artists will be selling specialty items: a light breakfast and lunch will be available as well. \$1 admission is charged at the door with all proceeds going to the 2003 Lowell High School class.



Bandleader Count Basie's real first name was William.

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**2ND SHIFT - 6-WEEK POSITION**  
Extra money - Monday through Friday: 2:45 - 11:15 P.M. \$11.00/hour. Aquinata Hall - a long term care facility for women religious is looking for an individual with proven skills to provide quality, compassionate care. We are pleased to offer a high staff to resident ratio, a clean working environment, and a commitment to providing proper equipment and training. Certification required.  
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**NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW DECEMBER 11, 2001**

**NOTICE OF CORRECTED PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT**

**ACT 14 OF 1985**, being Section 211.53 (b) of General Property Tax Laws provides for correction of clerical errors and due to mutual mistake of fact with respect to assessment roll figures, upon verification of the local assessing officer and approval by the Board of Review at a meeting called for the purpose, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday following the Second Monday in December.

On December 11, 2001, a meeting will be called for the purpose at 9:00 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## City moves forward on Gypsy Moth program

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Seeing results from the countywide Gypsy Moth program, the city has once again approved funding for the annual spraying.

In the spring, the county sprays various identified areas within Kent County for gypsy moths in an effort to reduce the population and preserve the trees. City manager, David Pasquale said the city had approximately 80 acres sprayed last year, mostly around the cemetery and adjacent properties.

"I will again be asking them to look around the cemetery and those areas," Pasquale said, adding that the program has helped in getting the gypsy moth population under control.

"I think it's an important program to save our trees," said councilmember, Jeanne Shores.

Pasquale said the county does a survey of the number of egg masses in an area and from those results determines if the area should be sprayed. The spray used in the process is a biodegradable spray which only affects the moth lava.

The cost is about \$6 per acre for the survey and around \$20 per acre for the spraying. "We may end up with less than 80 acres this year," Pasquale said. "It depends on the survey."



Week of 11/26 - 11/30

- ELEMENTARY**
- Lunch: \$1.45**  
Milk \$.30  
Peanut butter & jelly sandwich & chef's salad are also available daily as lunch options.
- MON:** Chicken nuggets & biscuit or footlong hot dog on bun, whipped potatoes & gravy, blueberries & cream.
- TUES:** Nachos w/meat & cheese & cornbread, or pork rib BQ on bun, pears, celery & carrot sticks, animal crackers.
- WED:** Pepperoni pizza or ravioli & cheese w/bread & butter, corn, apricots & cherries.
- THURS:** Sausage, egg & cheese on English muffin or chili w/soft pretzel, tater tots, juice choice, fruit snacks.
- FRI:** Chicken patty on bun or dinosaur pasta w/franks & French bread, fresh fruit choice, green beans, homemade cookie.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE**

Public notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Circuit Court for the County of Kent, State of Michigan, on the 17th day of September 2001, in the action known as RICHARD G. BISHOP, Plaintiff versus BRADLEY JAY FELTY, Defendant, Case No. 01-6029-CH, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, at a public auction to be held at the West Entrance on the first floor of the Kent County Courthouse, 180 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Kent County, Michigan, on December 19, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. local time, the following described property:

Lot 5, Rathbone's Addition to the City of Grand Rapids, Section 2, Town 6 North, Range 12 West, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 20 of Plats, Page 28, Kent County Records Commonly known as 1219 Rathbone S.W., Wyoming, Michigan.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: October 31, 2001

Mary Hollinrake  
Kent County Clerk

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COMING EVENTS

NOTICES IN THE LEDGER'S 'COMING EVENTS'... TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. EVERY SECOND WED.: Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library... EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church... LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. SAT., DEC. 1: Pancake breakfast at King Youth Memorial Center at fairgrounds 8 a.m. - noon. SAT., DEC. 1: Christmas Lunary Walk on Wittenbach Center trails. SAT., DEC. 1: Pictures with Santa after the Christmas parade at former White Swan, \$3 each. SAT., DEC. 1: 19th annual Rogue River Artisans of Michigan show & sale from 9 - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. SAT., DEC. 8: Franciscan Life Process Center offering a program for siblings of children with special needs, ages 5-15, 1-4 p.m. SAT., DEC. 8: Franciscan Life Process Center offering a program for siblings of children with special needs, ages 5-15, 1-4 p.m. GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Hwy. THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 7 P.M. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949









# Holt ends Lowell's tournament run in regional semifinal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In the end, the Lowell girls basketball team could not rebound from its inability to make the little things happen in its 49-44 Class A regional semifinal loss to Holt at the Don Johnson Fieldhouse Monday night in Lansing.

"The little things that these girls did throughout the

season to get to this point just didn't happen tonight," said Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

Trailing 46-44 with 59 seconds left in the game, Lowell put Holt's Cassie Monette on the line to shoot a one-and-one. Monette missed the front end and the rebound went off a Red Arrow's hand and out of bounds. Eight seconds later, Lowell fouled Rams' Sara Benington. She

netted the first foul shot and missed the second, only to have Holt grab the rebound.

"We assumed we'd get the rebound instead of going to get it," Crowley said. "Holt is an aggressive, hard working, blue collar team, which is also fundamentally strong."

Ironically, it was offensive rebounds that kept Lowell close in the first half.

"We outshot Lowell 56 percent to 31 percent in the

first half, but they took 11 more shots because they were getting put-backs," Holt coach, Doug Harkema explained. "Our girls came out and did a tremendous job on the boards in the second half."

Lowell led 39-38 going into the fourth quarter. The Red Arrows, however, were unable to net a field goal over the final eight minutes as Holt outscored Lowell 11-5.

"I thought we had good shot opportunities, but they rimmed out," Crowley explained. "We were never able to get over that wall."

Holt was led by its outstanding guard tandem of Anna Malatinsky and Sara Bilunes. Malatinsky scored 20 points (4-of-6 from the three-point arc). Bilunes netted eight points and teammate Ashleigh Taylor threw in 12.

Lowell got a team-high 18 from Leslie Crowley. Kendra Gallert netted 12 and Blair Meyer tossed in eight (all in the first half).

The Red Arrows were 14-of-51 (27 percent) from the floor. They were 5-of-29 from three-point land.

Holt was 18-of-37 for 48 percent from the floor and 4-of-7 from the three-point arc.

"We didn't use the high post enough. When we did I thought good things happened," Crowley said. "The girls became content with shooting threes."

The loss ended Lowell's winning streak at 20. The Red Arrows finish the season at 21-2. "The girls can't complain. They would have liked to have made more of a run, but it's been a great year," Crowley concluded.

## LHS' "Ladies of the Jury" begins Nov. 29

Lowell High School will present Fred Ballard's *Ladies of the Jury* Thursday, Nov. 29 through Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.

Ticket prices are \$5 for students and senior citizens (Pre-sale). At the door and for all others tickets, the cost is \$7. The play starts at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

"It's a murder trial comedy. It's a difficult play to perform in that the entire cast is on stage the whole time. The students must always be in character," said play director, Laurie Summerfield. "There are 24 characters. In all, there are 25-30 students involved in the live production."

The leading roles will be performed by Megan Fleet (Mrs. Livingston Baldwin Crane) and Tory O'Haire (Jay J. Pressley).

The original production of *Ladies of the Jury* was given at the Erlanger Theatre, New York City, Oct. 22, 1929.

## Sharing The Vision

By Kate Dernocoeur,  
LAS Board of Education

I heard an interesting concept recently regarding the difference between democracy and tyranny. In tyranny, the speaker said, the world is very orderly - but only because those in power are forcing people to be a certain way. The freedoms that we associate with democracy, on the other hand, can make a country like ours seem chaotic. After all, people can live their

lives independent of the heavy hand of a dictator. This means there is room for the differences among people. Right here in our own community, there is such diversity! Diversity isn't just about ethnic background or skin color - it extends to socioeconomic, religious choices, age, gender, and much more.

As the newest member of the Board of Education, I feel grateful for the chance to witness the process of de-

mocracy up close. The public school system in America is a true hallmark of the principles upon which this great nation was founded. Think of it: No matter who you are, you can enroll your child at a public school. Every child has a seat at their local public school.

I hope the members of this community will also be mindful that the success of our school system is dependent on us all, regardless how chaotic our daily lives become. The more people who put time, energy, and talent into making the schools strong, the better they will be. I hope each person can find a way - through volunteering, paying attention to Board decisions, joining a committee, mentoring a child. In whatever way you choose to be part of Lowell Area Schools, remember: we all have a part to play. Won't each of you join in?

### JV girls win

The JV girls basketball team finished their season with a 44-19 win over Hudsonville. Devon Collins was the high scorer with 17 points and Amy Oberlin followed with 11.

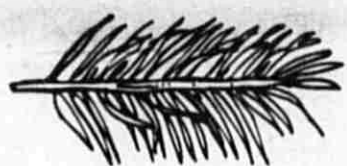
The win brought the JV girls' record to 11-8 for the season.

### Symphony members perform for 3rd graders

As part of the Artists-In-Residence program, a group of musicians from the Grand Rapids Symphony performed for third grade students at Cherry Creek Elementary. The students

were treated to an interactive program and listened attentively to the various sounds/music produced by the different instruments (clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, and French horn).

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## Living Truth 2



*Living Truth 2* is a husband and wife ministry team composed of Elroy and Tammie Kusters from Caro, Michigan. The two combined play many antique and contemporary instruments, including acoustic guitar,

Appalachian dulcimer, bass guitar, guitar zither, keyboard, mandolin guitar, marxaphone, melodica, psaltery, recorder, soprano saxophone and wooden flute. They travel throughout Michigan presenting their ministry of music and occasional drama sketch in combination with their testimonies of a vital, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the  
Lowell Board of Education

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Jason Craig, Student Council president and representative to the Board, reported that 105 people came to donate blood. A winter dance is being planned with proceeds going to a charitable organization.

### ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:

- Ginger and Dirk Koning donation of \$25 in commemoration of Ivan and Carolyn Jane Blough's 50th wedding anniversary to go towards the Lowell Area Schools reading program.
- Heather Organek donation of song books, crafts, circle time activities and finger plays valued at \$60 to be used by the Tots On Track program.
- Andy and Mary Partin donation of computer equipment to be used where needed at Lowell Area Schools.
- Patty O'Brien donation of chamois and towels valued at \$61.42 for Unity High School fund raiser for Red Cross victims of the September 11 terrorist attack.
- Margaret Hoats donation of computer and software valued at \$1,800 to be used by the Cherry Creek Media Center.

Ratified the LEA and LESPA Contracts.

**CORRECTION - AUDIT REPORT** - The October Board Briefs and Lowell Ledger reported in error that the fund balance dropped \$600,000. It should have read that it dropped \$64,000.

### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:

- The minutes for the October 8, 2001 Regular Meeting, the October 8, 2001 Closed Session, the October 22, 2001 Special Meeting and the October 22, 2001 closed Session.

- The following payment of bills for October 2001:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$934,680.69
1990 Debt Fund.....	\$85,750.00
2000 Debt Fund.....	\$339,669.39
<b>SCHOOL SERVICES FUND</b>	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$93,231.92
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$14,941.38
Headlee Underfunding.....	\$55,574.96
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$183,595.48
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$22,187.56
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....	\$15,000.00

- Leave:  
Child care leave during 2nd semester of the 2001-2002 school year for Jennifer Bolhuis - Alto Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher.
- Approved the Overnight Student Trips for the 2001-2002 school year as presented
- Increased the permit substitute pay to \$70.00 per day and certified substitute pay to \$75.00 per day.
- The resolution to amend and restate the Board's Cafeteria Plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- The resolution calling for the continuation of a summer tax collection for the 2002 year.

**BOND FOLLOW-UP** - Bert Bleke reported that a systemic process will be shared at the December Board

meeting as to decisions regarding construction of the new elementary school and addition to the high school.

**FAMILY LINKS** - Mrs. Joanna Williams presented information regarding Family Links. This organization (former PTO) "links" parents to other families, teachers, and administrators from Runciman, Bushnell and Cherry Creek for the purpose of staying connected, informed and involved.

**BUDGET UPDATE** - Connie Gillette reported that the district is hopeful that the budget will be okay this year but measures are being taken to brace for the future. There may be a freeze in the foundation allowance next year and a reduction in categoricals.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Vicki Fredline, LESPA President, thanked the Board for the contract resolution.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke expressed the need to plan for the worst and hope for the best in regards to the uncertain economic situation. The district will take a systemic approach with Board and staff involvement as it relates to any possible future program reduction.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, Dec. 14, 2001 • 7:00 p.m.  
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room  
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