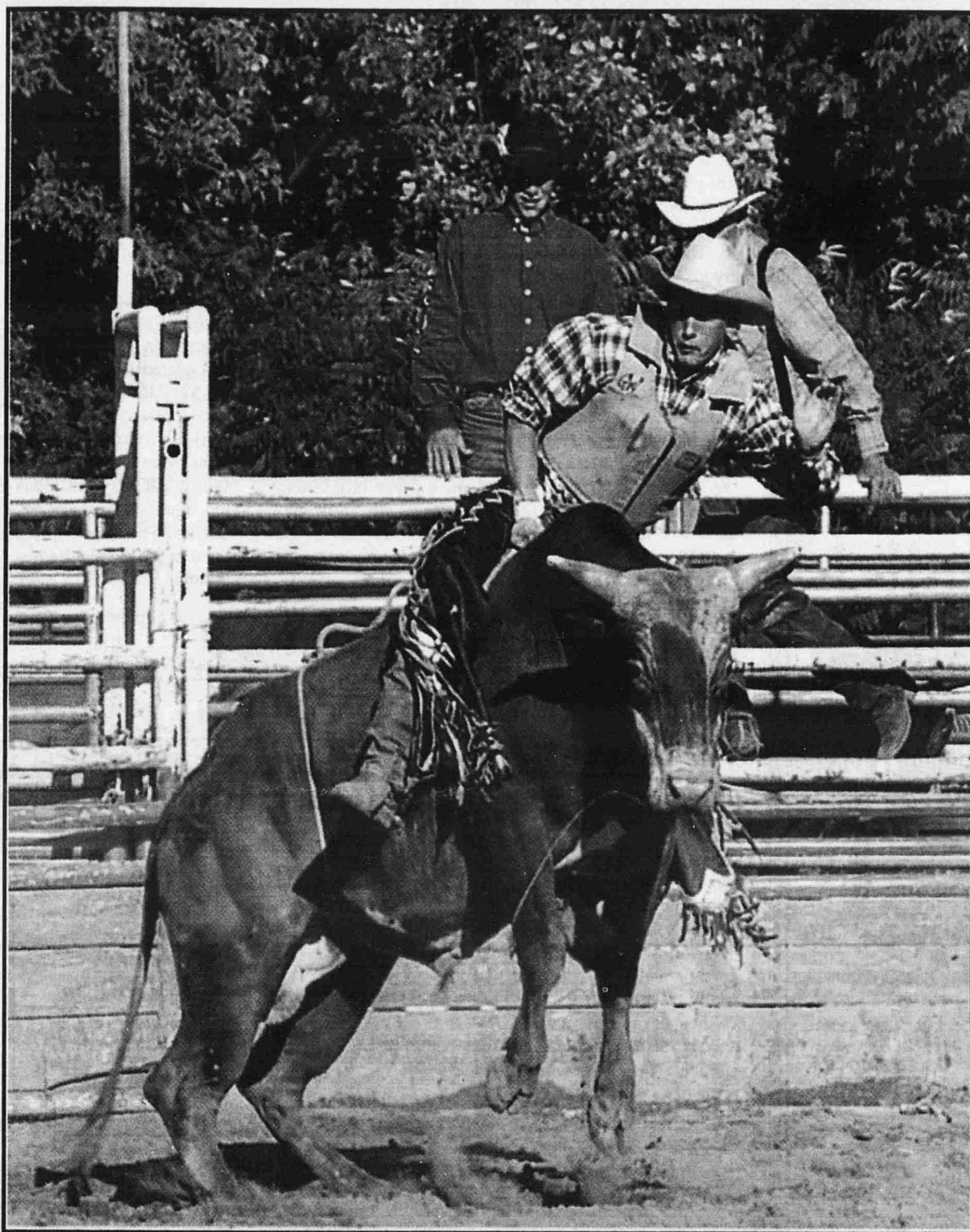


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## Which Way Do I Steer?

Saladin Shrine World Championship Rodeo was held at the Lowell Fairgrounds over the weekend with everything from bull riding to cowgirls' barrel racing filling the three-day competition. Story and more pictures, page 10

## Township balks at Cumberland's request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Neal Kraay, vice president of development at Leasure Living Management, came back before the Lowell Charter Township board asking for help so it can connect to the water system.

Leasure Living Management, which operates Cumberland Manor, requested that the township pay the special water assessment and it would then reimburse the township over a 10-year period.

It was met with less than favorable response from the township board.

"Why should we use private dollars for one enterprise?" questioned board trustee, Richard Huver.

Fellow trustee, Paula Blumm said she'd prefer that Cumberland just finance it privately through a banking institution.

Kraay said it is difficult to add something like the water assessment to a secondary mortgage.

Alyn Fletcher, trustee, cautioned that helping to finance

a special assessment would set a precedent for many things which will take place down the road in the township.

Kraay wanted the township to combine the \$36,000 to extend the water main to the back of the Cumberland property with the existing special assessment in the front part of the property.

Cumberland would then pay the \$30,000 tap fee within 30 days.

The board's reluctance to agree to such terms, Kraay says, may force Cumberland to defer water hookup for some time.

The whole discussion arose, according to Kraay, when he learned there would be a tap fee. "But what came at the end of the day was different than what I was led to believe," according to Kraay.

There was also discussion concerning the ownership of the property and the township's ability to collect money even if it did allow for the special assessment.

"I'll go back and talk with my people," Kraay said. "The well has worked good for us up to this point."

## Residents, tired of backups, push city for answers to their sewer main problems

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

They came seeking answers to why they were experiencing sewer backups, and many of those Lowell residents left feeling like they still were searching for answers.

A group of Lowell residents came to the Aug. 5 city council meeting raising questions about sewer backups and why their claims for reimbursement for damages were denied by the city's insurance company. After almost an hour of citizen's comments at Monday night's meeting, the group was directed to set up a meeting with Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden to discuss specific issues and to help build better communication between the residents and the city.

"I don't think we can take

the blame for all of the sewer backups," said mayor, Jeanne Shores.

Many of the residents, however, believe the city should be responsible for covering the damages to their property that occurred when the city's sewer backed up earlier this year; in some cases, that backup happened repeatedly over several months. Michigan's Public Act 222, which was passed by the legislature in 2001, defines when the city's insurance company needs to cover such damage. There are five criteria that need to be met which includes a defect in the line, which city officials have stated there was not.

DesJarden said it was determined that the blockage which happened in the main,

Sewer, cont'd pg. 8

## Rashid courted as possible new township assessor

Debbie Rashid has been the assessor in Vergennes Township for the past six years.

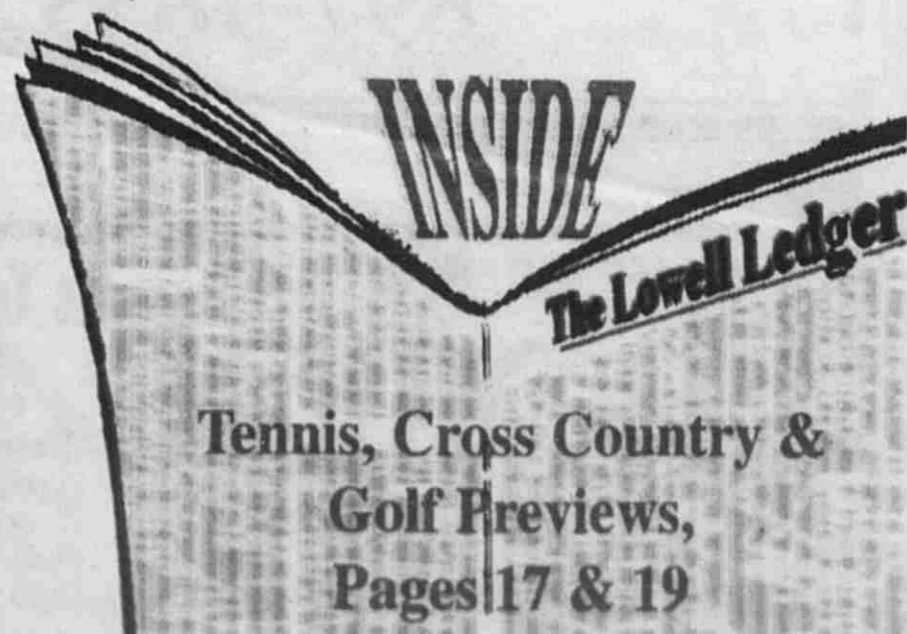
Soon Rashid may be applying her craft in Lowell Charter Township as well.

The Cascade Township resident went before the Lowell Charter Township board Monday night to provide background and to answer any questions the board may have about her.

Rashid, a level three assessor, told the board upgraded software (equalizer windows) could be helpful in getting information on a website so that residents could access it on their own.

"I would have office hours during the day," Rashid explains. "I currently have office hours in Vergennes on Monday and Wednesday and sometimes on Friday."

Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson said hiring Rashid would cost more, but believes the township will get more and improved service for its dollar and for its residents.



# OBITUARIES

**DETMERS** - Paul J. Detmers, originally of Lowell, now residing in Greenville and Lake Placid, Florida. Born November 3, 1922, in Keene Township and passed away August 17, 2002. He was a dedicated farmer and founding member of the BPO Elks of Lake Placid. He is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Elsie; loving daughters and their families Karlene (Ron) Redder of Kentwood, Berdie (Jim) Cook of Lowell and Paula (Dan) Kruger of Ionia; his grandchildren Laurie and Scott Floyd, Jamie (Christopher) Frain, Jennifer (Aron) Kik, Cindy (John) Wildeboer, Zachary (Meagen) Strouse, Noah, and Jedidiah Kruger. He is also survived by his sister Maxine (Lewis) Gasper of Belding; sisters and brothers-in-law Lena Groenboom of Grand Rapids, John and Eileen Essenburg of Ada, Frank and Elva Middlebrook of Belding,

and Carolyn Hansma of New York; many nieces, nephews and good friends. The funeral service was held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Rev. William Amundsen officiating. Interment Rest Haven Memorial Gardens, Belding. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Placid Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862-1440 or Hospice of West Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

**SONDORP** - Mrs. Henny Sondorp, aged 72, of Kentwood, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, August 14, 2002 with her family by her side. She was born on March 7, 1930, in the Netherlands. She is survived by her children Ann (Mark) DeMull, Inge (Ray) Whittemore, Judy (David) Watson, Robert (Vicki) Sondorp; her grandchildren

Rebecca, Jennifer and Mark DeMull, Diana (Tom) Bruxvoort, Bonnie Trollard, William and Andrew Watson, Kyle and Paige Sondorp; eight great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Saturday at Burton Heights Christian Reformed Church, with Pastor Bob Bolt officiating. Interment Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be given to Burton Heights CRC Christian Education Society.

**WARREN** - Jeremy Christopher Warren, aged 10 months, was greeted in Heaven by his big sister, Jenna Rose and great-grandfather, Walter Marvin. Jeremy is survived by his parents, David and Donna Warren of Clarksville; brothers Justin and Jordan

Warren; sister Jessie King; grandparents, Louis and Louise King of Lowell, Betty Warren of Grand Rapids, Bill & Kathy Warren of Wyoming; great-grandmothers Avis Warren, Laih Marvin, Donna Wilcox; aunts, Dawn (David) Stiles, Pam (Mike) Rynearson; uncles, Dan (Ashley) King, Mike, Bill (Marie), Brent, Doug (Lori) Warren. Funeral services will

be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 211 N. Washington, Rev. Greg Freed, officiating. Interment Fairplains Cemetery. Visitation Wed. 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jeremy Warren Memorial Fund.

## Bob Grummet, Alto Fall Festival's Grand Marshal

If you have not enjoyed a real country festival lately, this will be a good family time that shouldn't be missed. Alto Fall Festival Committee is gearing up for the 22nd Annual Alto Fall Festival Saturday, Sept. 7.

Begin your day with a pancake breakfast at the Alto Fire Station located at 6260 Bancroft St. beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 9 a.m. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:15 with the raising of the American flag and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by John Sanchez. Arts and

crafts open at 10 and run until 5 p.m. The crowning of Miss Alto and Little Miss Alto will take place at 10:30 a.m. Luke Lenhart, a local Blue Grass artist, will perform at 11 a.m. The parade is always a great attraction; it starts at 12:15 p.m.

There is a contest for everyone. The popular Blue Ribbon contest is expanding its categories to be judged to include any and all desserts, cookies/bars, candies, yeast/quick breads, jams/jellies and pickles/preserves. Other contests include pie and watermelon eating, Puff & Pedal, the ever-popular Sexiest Men's Leg contest, and for those who feel lucky, Medieval War Bingo. This is a unique discharging of a trebuchet, a leverage artillery machine used from the 14th through the 16th centuries. There is the Alto "Wanna Be A Millionaire" contest for those trivia buffs who want to test their skills.

The best antique tractors from in and around Alto will be on display at the Alto Garage on Bancroft and Depot streets. At 4 p.m. a local talent show will take place until 6 p.m. The past years have brought some promising acts. You will find kids' games, a pet show and the Alto Library gently used book sale. Kids can bounce in the Moonwalk, and back by popular demand is Baking Bingo, a new twist on an old game.

The Kent County Sheriff's Dept. will be on hand to pass out informative fliers as well as Life Ambulance who will show and demonstrate their lifesaving equipment and techniques. The Michigan Army National Guard will have various service vehicles on hand as well as recruiting information.

New this year will be the performance of Luke Lenhart, the Bowne Township Historical Society rummage sale, a cake walk, the Stanley Cup Puck Toss with "Griff" from the Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey Team, a nail driving contest for those 18 years and older, a paper boy obstacle course and the "How Slow Can You Go" slowest bike contest.

The Alto Baptist Church will have children's programs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They include a water balloon gauntlet, a paint ball target competition, face painting, cookie decorating, balloons, storytelling and a water station. There will also be a few informational booths.

This year's festival Grand Marshal is Bob Grummet and Person-of-the-Year is Pat Thomet.

Located just off I-96 at exit 52, Alto is not hard to find. After the exit go south on M-50, following to 60th to the street, turn west on 60th. When you come to the stop sign, you have arrived. Parking is available on the streets and at the Alto Baptist Church.

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BIRTHDAY.....10/26/92

HOBBIES.....Roller skating, riding her bike, playing piano  
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### July "No Cavities" Club Members

- |                |                  |                 |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| William Little | Molly Lundquist  | Andrew Potter   |
| Katie Jousma   | Nicole Cummings  | Joseph Williams |
| Jacob Sweet    | Courtney Schmidt | Joseph Sweet    |
| Kait Cummings  | Nick MacDonald   | Sara Mosher     |
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## Fall is dandelion control season

Remember how your lawn looked in the spring? If the image that comes to mind is a carpet of yellow flowers followed by a forest of pinkish stems topped with white fluffy seedheads and you don't want to see it again next spring, fall is the time to do something to prevent it.

"Fall is the best time to control dandelions and many other hard to control perennial weeds, such as ground ivy," says Ron Calhoun, extension turfgrass specialist at Michigan State University. "The seeds from the spring crop of dandelions germinate in the lawn in the fall and herbicides are very effective against these actively growing young weeds."

Fall weather usually provides ideal growing conditions for lawn grasses, he notes, so grass will quickly fill in spaces left by removing weeds. Many herbicides are available for controlling dan-

dilions and other broadleaf weeds in the fall. Applied following label directions, they will move through the plant and kill the root. This means no top growth and no flowers and seeds next spring.

Fall is the best time to kill troublesome weeds because of the way they grow as they prepare for winter, Calhoun explains. "Growth goes from shoots to roots as plants prepare for winter," he says. "In spring, growth is going from roots to shoots, so if you apply a herbicide, you may kill off the top but not the roots, and the weeds grow new tops." Fall-applied herbicides may appear to have no effect, he notes, because the tops don't usually show any injury... but the next spring, the weeds will be gone.

Another reason for treating lawn weeds in the fall is that landscape plants are well on their way to their winter dormant state and so are less

susceptible to damage by accidental exposure to herbicides. Vegetable crops and annual flowers are also finished for the year, so you don't have to worry about wiping them out along with the weeds.

Once dandelions and other persistent weeds are under control, your best defense against a weed reinvasion is to maintain a thick lawn, Calhoun points out. Many weed seeds need sunlight to germinate, and they can't get it if the ground is shaded by a thick mat of grass.



Week of 8/26 - 8/30

ELEMENTARY	
MON:	No School
TUES:	Chicken nuggets or cheeseburger on bun, whipped potatoes w/ margarine, icy juice, frozen juice treat.
WED:	Pepperoni pizza or ham & cheese on bun, pasta salad, pineapple tidbits, fresh vegetables.
THURS:	Italian DUNKERS w/meat sauce or Crispito & Roll, cheese stick, perfect peaches, mixed vegetables.
FRI:	No School

*Just because some of us can read and write and do a little math, that doesn't mean we deserve to conquer the universe.*

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

### COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on August 19, 2002, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance amending Grattan Township Uniform Ordinance No. 1 and repealing Ordinance No. 02-026. The regulatory effect of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- 1. Vehicle and Item Sales.** The ordinance amends Uniform Ordinance No. 1 to add Section III-A thereto. Section III-A prohibits certain vehicles and items from being displayed for sale for more than 45 days per calendar year if the vehicle or item is visible from a public right of way or an adjoining property. This prohibition does not apply to a lawful commercial vehicle or implement sales business that complies with the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. Prima Facie Evidence.** The ordinance amends Section III of Uniform Ordinance No. 1, regarding prima facie evidence, to provide that this provision applies to lands owned, leased or occupied by any person, entity, firm or corporation.
- 3. Severability.** The ordinance amends Uniform Ordinance No. 1 to add Section V-A thereto, regarding severability of the ordinance provisions in the case one or more of its provisions are declared invalid.
- 4. Repeal of Ordinance No. 02-026.** The ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 02-026, adopted by the Township Board on July 15, 2002, but which would not have become effective until August 30, 2002.
- 5. Effective Date.** The amending ordinance will become effective August 23, 2002. A copy of the amending ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: August 19, 2002

Township Board of the Township of Grattan

## GARAGE SALE PAGE

**BIG 4 FAMILY SALE**  
 Thurs., Fri., Sat., Aug. 22, 23, 24, 8-6 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, new clothing, close-out sale, sports card collection, Scott John Deere rider 42", 260 Valley Vista, Lowell.

**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**  
 Girls clothes, sizes 6 to 8, Barbies, books, Avon, stereo and more. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 22 & 23, 9 to 3 p.m., 11404 Foreman Farms Ct.

**2 DAY SALE**  
 Everything must go. Too much to mention, including a boat, 1349 Jane Ellen Dr., Lowell. Aug. 23 & 24, 9-5 p.m.

**MULTI-FAMILY BARN SALE**  
 Aug. 22, 23, 24, 8880 Alden Nash S.E. Waterbed, dressers, TVs, microwave, tools, baby to adult clothes, toys, baby stuff and much more.

**MOVING SALE**  
 Fri. & Sat., Aug. 23 & 24, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Antiques, books, furniture, garden equipment, tools, toys, treadmill. 3231 Snow Ave.

**OKAY EVERYBODY! YARD SALE**  
 Sat., Aug. 24, 3550 Segwun, Lowell. Rain day Sunday. Women 7, 8 & 9, towels, new twin comforter, electronics, winter coats, prom dresses, more! 1 1/2 miles S. of Main St. light to Segwun, 1 1/2 miles to sale. Bring this ad for FREE select items.

**GARAGE SALE**  
 at 6891 McCords SE, Alto. Thurs., 8/22 thru Sat., 8/24, 9-6 p.m. Lots of furniture & clothes, '92 Plymouth Accord, '86 Ford F150.

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Thurs., 8/22 & Fri., 8/23, 826 Grindle, 9-5 p.m., baby clothes & toys, infant car seat, kids' videos & books, cookbooks & PB's, Avon, puzzles, men's & women's clothes, computer desk, collectibles & much, much more!

**GARAGE/MOVING SALE**  
 Die cast collectible trucks, toys, children & adult clothes, king size bed, lawn mowers, bookcase, '94 Arcticcat snowmobile, '04 Stiehl chainsaw, steel wheel corn planter, tandem trailer; much, much more! Thurs., Aug. 22 thru Sat., Aug. 24, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 6222 3 Mile Rd. between Pettis & Egypt Valley.

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Fri., Aug. 23 (9-4), Sat., Aug. 24 (9-1), 867 Hillside Ct. (Main St. E. to James, N. on James to Grindle, W. on Grindle to Hillside Ct.) Video camera, typewriter, misc. plumbing & elec. sup., framed oval mirrors, volleyball net & poles, microwave, hand-made quilt, children's clothing, stroller & misc. items.

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**4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
 Sat., Aug. 24, 9-4 @ 10391 Peck Lake Rd., 2 miles NE of Jimmy's Grill. Cornet, tools, bedding, toys, books, child's desk, 4 in 1 game table, drapes & clothes.

**FRI., AUG. 23**  
 9-?. Multi family garage sale. Sofa table, wicker couch, over 40 video tapes, knick knacks, and lots more goodies. 139 N. Vosper, Saranac.

**6 FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
 Aug. 22 & 23, 9-5. 1 1/2 miles N. on Hawley, 1 1/2 miles W. on Rickert. Clothing kids-XXL, 2 sets bar stools, teaching materials & supplies, arts & crafts, lots of books, holiday decorations, Ford tractor ZN w/back blade & disc, homemade boat trailer, pony cart, 180 egg commercial incubator, 65 BTU natural gas heater.

**YARD SALE**  
 Aug. 22, 23 & 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Table & chairs, fridge, furniture, household items, clothes, knick-knacks & more. 9244 Downes (corner of McCabe & Downes).

**BIG SALE**  
 Thurs., Aug. 22 & Fri., Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 10176 Bailey Dr. NE. Adult & kids' clothes, household items, toys & more. No prior sales.

**BIG SALE**  
 Aug. 22-24, Thur. - Sat., 9-6, 1225 E. Main St. Car bed, entertainment center, shredder, golf balls, cordless phone and much more!!

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Sat., Aug. 24, 9-4 p.m. Toys, games, books, woodstove, misc. 1154 Lincoln Lake, 4 miles N. of Lowell.

**1 DAY SALE**  
 Sat., Aug. 24, 9-? Toys, clothes & lots of misc. 282 Mill St., Saranac.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
 Aug. 22 & 23, 9-6 p.m. 251 Cumberland, west of high school. Household items, furniture, bicycles, ping pong table, windows, adult and children's clothing, plus much more.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
 Aug. 22, 23, 24, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 220 West St. N.

**GARAGE SALE**  
 More items to choose from. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Aug. 23-25. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10763 Grand River Dr.

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What a wheeler/dealer your friend is," you think as you enjoy the show. Soon mother nature begins to call and you ask him where the rest rooms are.

The world is a lot like that. When I was young, the

allurements of the world looked so good to me, but as I began getting older and "hooked" on certain life-damaging practices, I could see that the things I thought were "fun" began to turn on me like a hungry lion on fresh meat.

What I learned about life is that the wide gate narrows to a tight path that if traveled on far enough will become impossible for a person to turn around. It is on this road that

death from overabuse occurs. The narrow gate, however, broadens and the traveler finds himself free from the encumbrance of sin as he travels on it.

On Dec. 24, 1972, I made a calculated decision to step from the narrow path that was killing me to the path that leads to eternal life by accepting Jesus as my only hope.

Here are a couple of sayings that make sense to me: There ain't no free lunch. Whatever goes around comes around. If you want to dance, the band has to be paid. Happy traveling.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 22: Mike Blough, Shane Teelander, Austin Goos.

AUGUST 23: Kacy Anderson, Rhea Bundy Anes, Stephen Rhodes, Brandon Taylor, Ron Kennedy, Jesse Carr.

AUGUST 24: Tim Raymor, Angela Rasch, Don Geelhoe, April Barnes, Kelly Johnson, David VanKeulen.

AUGUST 25: Patty Elzinga, Lindsey Trierweiler, Margaret Rozeboom, Misty McClure-Anderson.

AUGUST 26: Teresa Kimble, Regan Doyle, Dianne Gee, Elva Ayres, Bandie Barnes.

AUGUST 27: Virgil Roudabush.

AUGUST 28: Lee Miller, Terri Hoag, Kim Stager.

Historical society plans rummage sale

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

As its name indicates, Bowne Township Historical Society is a gatherer and keeper of information and pictures documenting its area's rich history.

Bowne Township Historical Society and its president, Sally Johnson are working to get the information and pictures into safe storage, so it can be preserved.

Council again approves Toy bike run

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

It has become almost as annual as jingle bells around the holiday time. It is the roar of motorcycles as the drivers make their way through the streets of Lowell.

Once again, the Lowell City Council has given its approval for the annual Motorcycle Toy Run to come to the city. The event, which collects toys for area hospitals and other charities like Mel



It's been three years in the making, and now Oak Hill Development (site condo) is complete.

Wolber Landscaping completed the entranceway landscaping a little over a week ago.

The 61 acre, 19 site development, located off of Alden Nash (north of the township hall), offers lots ranging in

"We recently purchased a computer and are now working to raise funds to purchase new software so that we can record all our inventory and burn pictures onto CDs," Johnson explained.

Funds are also needed for maintenance work on the museum as well as the Bowne Center School Museum.

The historical society will hold a rummage sale at the Alto Fall Festival on Sept. 7 in an effort to raise funds.

"We are looking for donations of items (no clothing) that we can sell," Johnson explains. "We will also be selling the old office furniture (computer desks, desks and chairs)."

The sale will be held in the old offices on Linfield in Alto.

For more information, contact Johnson at the township offices (868-6846) on Wednesday or Friday or call her at home (868-6424).

Trotter, comes to Lowell on Sept. 8. The bikers are expected to roll in to the Lowell Fairgrounds about 1 p.m. from Grand Rapids. The event usually wraps up around 4 p.m.

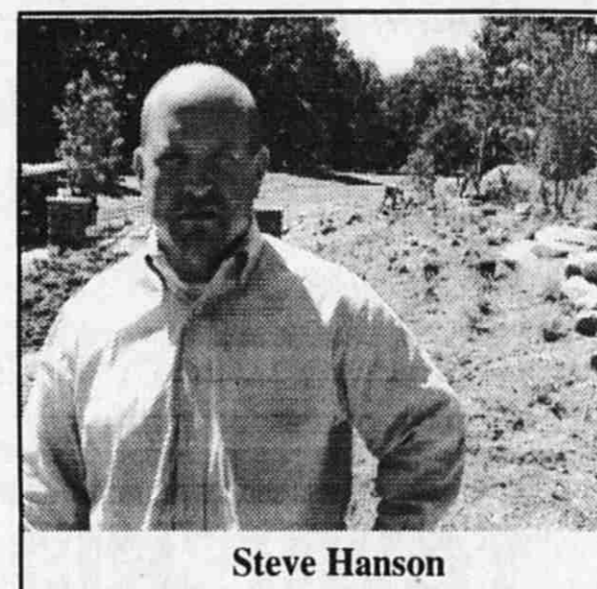
"It is interesting to see all the bikes come and all the toys they collect," said mayor, Jeanne Shores. "They put out big boxes for the toys."

This is the fourth year out of eight that the run has come to the city of Lowell. For the past two years, rain

has kept attendance around 500 bikers, but organizers are hoping for good weather this year and, of course, more bikes.

Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine gave the "thumbs up" for the event, adding that it was one in which the city should partake.

When asked if the police's motorcycle would be participating, he said, "It all depends on whether it rains."



Steve Hanson

mony with landscape by minimizing the impact of development on surroundings.

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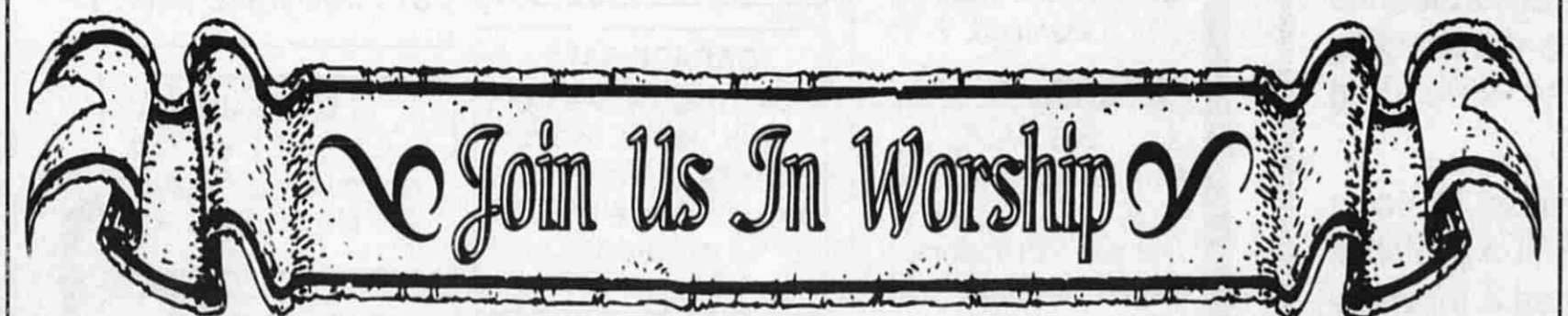
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Sharing The Vision

Nancy Hopkins President Board of Education

The telltale signs of an impending change in routine have been popping up around us. Bus schedules arrived in the mail. Shopping for "must have" clothes is a priority.

The Lowell Board of Education is looking forward to an exciting, successful year. We share a strong determination to keep this district growing, improving and providing the best education experience possible for our students.

Some other things have recently changed. I'm honored to

have the opportunity to serve our students and community as the new board president. It's actually quite humbling to step into the job that was done so well for so long by Pete Gustafson. We've said good-bye to Bert Bleke - an outstanding leader who did so much for Lowell Area Schools.

Despite these changes, I believe we have a tremendous opportunity in front of us. Lowell Area Schools deserves the best, and the board is committed to finding a new superintendent who will continue the tradition of exceptional leadership.

Daily routines change with the opening of school. Leadership changes present new challenges. While we have big responsibilities ahead of us, we also have the ability to handle them successfully. Working together through the changes - and always keeping what's best for the kids first - the board, administrators, students, teachers, staff, parents, and other community members will make the 02-03 school year truly successful.

To understand how circuit breakers work, consider the thresholds set for the second quarter of 2002:

A 1,050-point drop in the Dow before 2 p.m. would have halted trading for one hour; if the same drop happened between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., trading would only have been halted for 30 minutes. And if the 1,050-point threshold had been reached after 2:30 p.m., it wouldn't have stopped trading at all.

A 2,100-point drop in the Dow before 2 p.m. would have halted trading for two hours if the decline occurred before 1 p.m., but only one hour if it happened between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. And if the Dow had fallen 2,100 points after 2 p.m., trading would have been halted for the day.

A 3,150-point drop, at any time, would have halted trading for the rest of the day.

As you can see, circuit breakers are fairly easy to understand. But trading collars are a bit more complex. Trading collars restrict index-arbitrage trading, a strategy that professional traders use to profit from the difference in value of stock indexes - such as the S & P 500 - and "futures" contracts on those indexes. So, for example, a trader might buy the less expensive S & P 500 futures contract while simultaneously sell the more expensive underlying stocks of the S & P 500 index.

Just as it does for circuit breakers, the New York Stock Exchange sets new trading collar trigger levels every quarter. If the Dow Jones Industrial Average falls or rises a certain number of points, then trading collars go into effect to restrict index-arbitrage trading.

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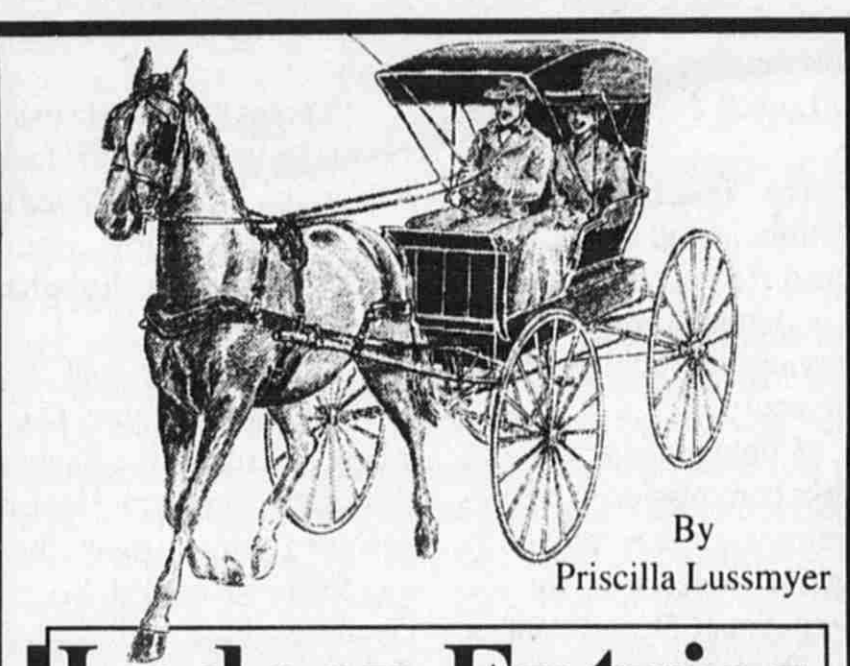
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By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 22, 1877

Corunna ships out 100 tons of coal per day. The editor claims to have seen many fewer drunks on the streets this summer, thanks to the red ribbon campaigns. The post office in Grattan was burglarized Wednesday night. Thieves took money, stamps and brandy from Spencer's drug store where the PO is located.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 21, 1902

The canning factory opened for business Tuesday with about 40 women on hand for canning peaches. Another 40 are needed. "This paper until January 1, 1903, only 25 cents (per year) to new subscribers."

Lowell High School is not on the University list, so Will Lind of McCords will attend Big Rapids High School his senior year.

Attorney Perry has secured an increase of pension from \$12 to \$60 a month for John W. Clark of Alto.

After four years of work, S.P. Hicks secured a \$12 pension for Mrs. Cynthia Hamner, with \$576 back pay.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 25, 1927

C.H. Runciman rents the old Ford Garage for seed storage, employing 100 women. A new building will be erected in the spring.

King Milling buys the old Peckham Furniture Co. building, including water power. The settlement was required to be cash.

Schools will open August 29. Parents should help their high school children choose a definite course.

Gov. Fred Green, orating at the Ionia Free Fair, announces he will run again.

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50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 21, 1952

The new Board of Trade booklet and map promoting Lowell is ready for distribution, says Pres. Jack Fonger.

The new 4-H Exhibition Hall proved very popular, with commercial and organizational booths around the perimeter, and 4-H exhibits in the center.

Yours truly was hitched in one of the four weddings that Rev. Philip Grotfelty officiated at last Saturday afternoon and evening. Rep. Gerald R. Ford praises the Procurement Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee for riding herd on wartime expenditures, such as saving \$200,000 on Navy office chair purchase.

MSC's South Haven Experiment Station develops a new raspberry strain, the "Early Red."

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 25, 1977

Mutual Broadcasting Company, the largest and one of the oldest radio networks, is bought by Amway.

Congressman Hal Sawyer's weekly column includes a request from readers to comment on a national bill he favors, as well as suggesting energy-saving measures.

A new law, effective October 1, will require hunters to wear blaze orange vests, jackets or caps.

Rotary Notes begins with "Presiding and praying with pointed, peerless perfection, President Dean—" Other phrases: "vivacious visitors" and "groovy, gregarious guessers."

Harold Zeigler buys Marge Weaver's 1,110 pound Grand Champion Steer at the 4-H Fair for \$1.31 a pound, or \$1,454.

# LAAC exhibit showcases prominent life of Lowell artist

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A retrospective exhibition of artworks created by nationally acclaimed Lowell artist, Oren Sayles "Jack" Frost opened on Sunday at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The "Touch of Frost" exhibition includes his work from different eras of his life:

- Artwork created while studying at Michigan State University.

- Commercial graphic art works commissioned by corporations while employed as creative supervisor for the International Department of the J. Walter Thompson Company.

- Political campaign images created as owner of Jack Frost Design in Washington D.C.

- Fine art paintings created in 1980's and 90's.

Frost was a 1935 graduate of Lowell High School and earned a degree from

Michigan State University in 1939 before carrying out a five-year stint in the U.S. Army.

It was in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he met his wife, Dodi.

"This exhibit is to help let people know how terrific Jack was and how much he loved it here," said his widow, Dodi. "Jack lived and breathed what he did."

In 1969 Frost took his talent to Washington D.C. where he created the Republican logo (elephant). He also designed political image buttons for the Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford and Ronald Reagan presidential campaigns.

Frost also created images for Pan American, Ford, RCA and Eastman Kodak.

"He would have loved this (exhibition)," said Dodi. "I wish we could have done this while he was alive."

Frost so loved Lowell that, with his failing health,

he requested that they leave their San Diego home in 1995 and return to Lowell. "He said he wanted to walk through the family orchard one more time."

On that return visit, Frost also got to see his Spartans play football.

Tied in with the exhibition are paper mache three-dimensional apples created by young children attending an "Oren Frost Apple Orchard" workshop.

His wife also offers a 15-minute videotaped interview in which she comments on Jack's early days, graphic design, commercial art, and his work in the political arena.

Frost learned in 1994 that he suffered from Alzheimers. It took his life on March 25, 1997.

The "Touch of Frost" exhibition will be on display through Sept. 21 at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery and in the Huntington National Bank lobby.



This Oren Frost painting titled "Rain" is a family favorite.

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## LEGAL EASE

By  
**Jonathan David**

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I am married and have two young children. My husband and I do not have a large estate and everything we own is in both of our names. My understanding is that if something happens to either one of us, the survivor will automatically own all of the assets without the interference of probate. If this is correct, then there is no reason for us to prepare wills. Am I correct?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** You are right in that if you and your husband own everything jointly, then upon one of our deaths there will be no probate and the survivor will automatically own those assets by virtue of his or her surviving the other. However, notwithstanding the probate avoidance issue, it is important that you and your husband have an estate plan for a variety of reasons regardless of the size of your estate.

First of all, as to the probate issue, spouses who hold assets

jointly only avoid probate in the event of one death. If you die in a common accident, then the assets will need to go through probate and upon the completion thereof, whatever assets you have will be held in a conservatorship account on behalf of your minor children. A conservator will be appointed by the probate court and will need to file annual accountings with the court as to what he or she has done regarding the management of those assets. Further, at the time each child reaches age 18, that child will be entitled to his or her fair share of the assets.

A better plan would be to set up a joint trust and have that trust own your assets or in the case of certain assets, such as life insurance, be the beneficiary of those life insurance proceeds. By having the trust own your assets, you avoid probate at either of your deaths regardless if you die individually or in a common accident because at the time of death, the assets would be owned by the trust and not either one of you. Further, by transferring title of your assets to your trust, you are not giving up any control of those assets because you and your husband would be the trustees, as well as the beneficiaries, of the trust during lifetime. Also, since the trust is revocable, you can change it or terminate it at any time.

Besides probate avoidance, having a trust allows you to provide how you want your assets managed on behalf of your minor children if something happens to both of you. Remember, if there is no trust, then the assets will be controlled by a court appointed conservator until each child reaches age 18. By having the trust own your assets, you get to pick who you want to act as trustee of the trust - the person who is in charge

of managing the assets in the trust on behalf of your children. Further, you can set forth in the trust document when you want those assets to be distributed to your children as opposed to having those assets automatically distributed to your children when they turn age 18. For example, you could say that the assets are to be held in trust on behalf of all of your children until the youngest reaches age 22, at which time the assets will be split into separate trusts on behalf of each child. Until that time, however, the assets would be available to pay for each children's growing up expenses - education, health, living expenses, etc. Once the trust is split into separate trusts on behalf of your children, then you could further indicate at what age or ages you want the children to receive distributions from their separate trust shares.

Whether you choose to implement a trust or not, each of you would also have last will and testaments. Among other things, your will would contain provisions which name the beneficiaries of your assets (if you create a trust, then you would typically name the trust as the beneficiary); the personal representative of your estate (person who would be in charge of handling the probate of your estate if there is one) and who you want to act as the guardians and conservators of your children if both of you are gone. Obviously, this designation is a very critical one and it is not something you want to take lightly or leave up to the court to decide.

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#### OREN FROST EXHIBIT

The Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery now has a display titled "Oren Frost's Apple Orchard." It runs now through Sept. 21. Call 897-8545 for more information.

#### RIVERWALK GALLERY WATERCOLOR DISPLAY

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has a watercolor and mixed media exhibit by Lowell artist, Jerri Teelander. A reception will be held Friday, Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. and runs through Sept. 3 at Riverwalk Gallery. Call 897-9161 for viewing.

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#### CLARKSVILLE STEAM & GAS ENGINE SHOW

The 13th annual Clarksville steam and gas engine show will take place Aug. 23 and 24 from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Aug. 25

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#### ST. MARY'S MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

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## Sewer Backup, cont'd... From Page 1

not the laterals connecting to the homeowners, was from sludge.

"You could have the best designed sewer main and still have a backup," said councilmember, Dan Brubaker. "The conduct of the individual also plays a role in this as to what they are flushing down the lines."

Many of the residents, primarily in the Valley Vista and Donna streets area, said they would like to know exactly who is responsible for the mess in their basements.

"I don't believe the city is 100 percent responsible for this," said Alan Hall, of 201 Donna Drive, adding that he does feel those who are should be made to take care of the situation. In fact, several residents pointed toward such businesses as Litehouse, Laurels of Kent, and other businesses in the area as possible problems. Litehouse is monitored by the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which has reported no violations. DesJarden

indicated the city is working with Laurels of Kent.

Peter VanderHorst, of 920 Beech, said he didn't mind serving as the scapegoat for the city in finding where it needs to do maintenance on its lines as long as the city reimbursed him for damages. He said he would like to see the city institute better policies on how to handle backups and restitution.

Sandy Johnston, of 1201 Sibley, said she would like some answers to the questions raised at the meeting two weeks ago - questions she has been asking for the last several months but getting nowhere.

The council recommended that the residents sit down and discuss these issues with DesJarden. Shores offered to help arrange the meeting if necessary. Johnston said she would consider it and check her schedule, and Hall said he was interested. After learning DesJarden could not overrule the city insurance agency on restitution, VanderHorst said no. Councilmember, Mike Blough said he had suggested the meeting before in hopes of opening up dialog between the residents and staff. None of the residents, however, had contacted DesJarden or city staff during the last two weeks. He said the city needs to know when people are experiencing backups or taking out roots so the system works better for everyone.

The council also is receiving reports on sewer backups from DesJarden for the next few months in an effort to get a handle on the situation. The council received its first report Monday night. There were four backups - all due to roots in the homeowner's sewer lateral, DesJarden explained. He also is currently working on getting bids for engineering firms to look at the possibility of an underdrain pipe for the Valley Vista area near Creekside Park. This is to help with groundwater issues in that area, DesJarden said.

## LEGAL NOTICES

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

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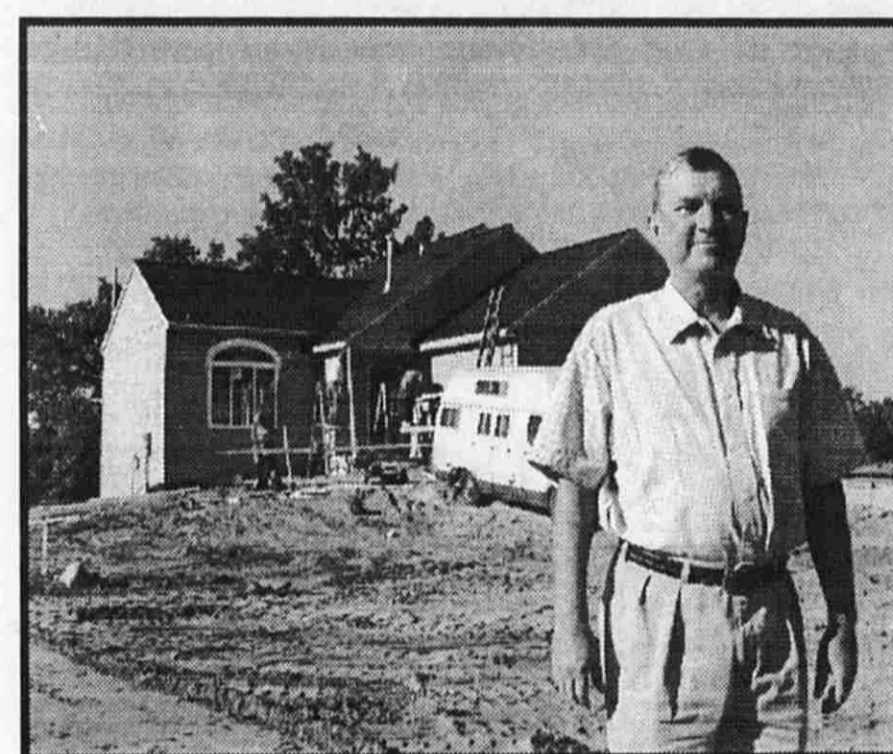


Finally, it is important that each of you have financial durable power of attorneys and health care power of attorneys. These documents allow you to designate someone (typically your spouse and a back up) to act for you regarding your financial matters (financial durable power of attorney) and your personal and health care matters (health care power of attorney). If you do not have these documents in place, then upon your disability, the probate court will need to appoint a guardian and conservator to act on your behalf.

So you can see there is a lot more to estate planning than simply probate avoidance. Although, holding property joint might get you the probate avoidance you are looking for in the event of just one death, it is not a good substitute for estate planning.

I recommend you meet with an estate planning attorney who can review with you in more detail the benefits of engaging in estate planning and what is involved in putting together an estate plan that is tailored to your circumstances.

## BUSINESS MATTERS

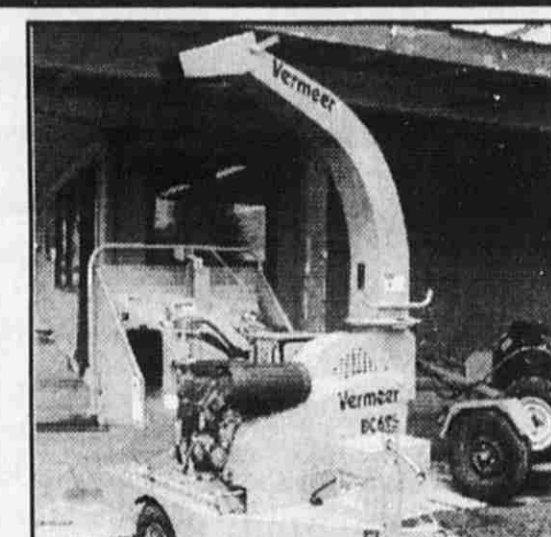


Construction of homes at the Whispering Hills development site just west of Meijer is underway. The first phase will see 30 units go up. When fully completed there will be 185 houses. The cost of the homes will range in lot size from 15-30,000 square feet and in price from \$130,000 to just under \$200,000. Holwerda Builders has been contracted carry out the construction work. Utilities will be provided through a cooperative effort between Lowell Charter Township and the city of Lowell. There will also be a road leading west from the development out to Cumberland. Pictured above is John Scott of City Realty.

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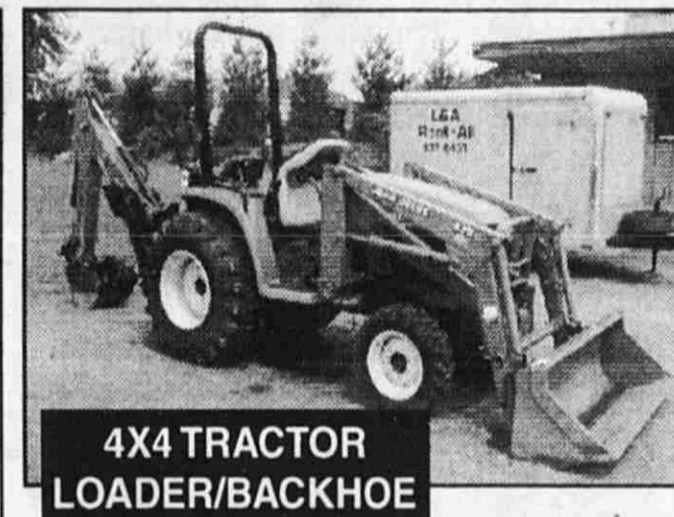
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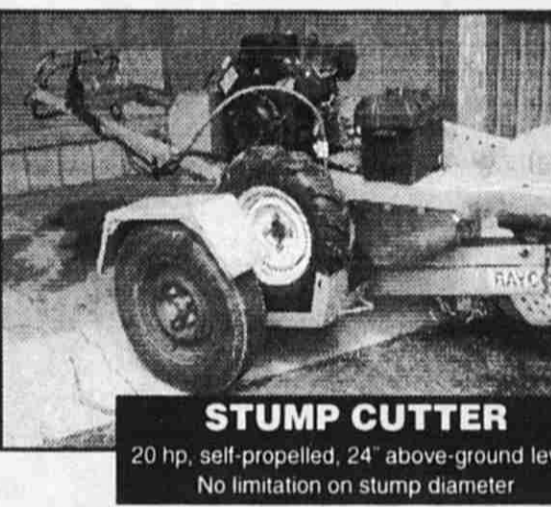
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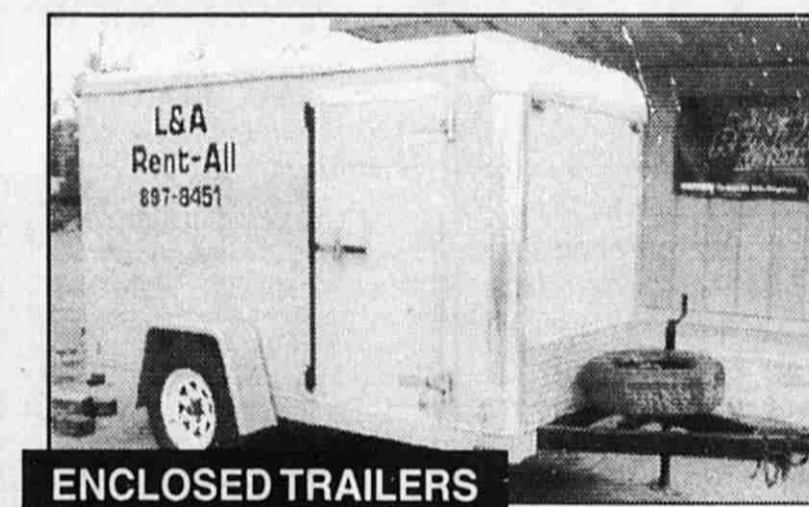
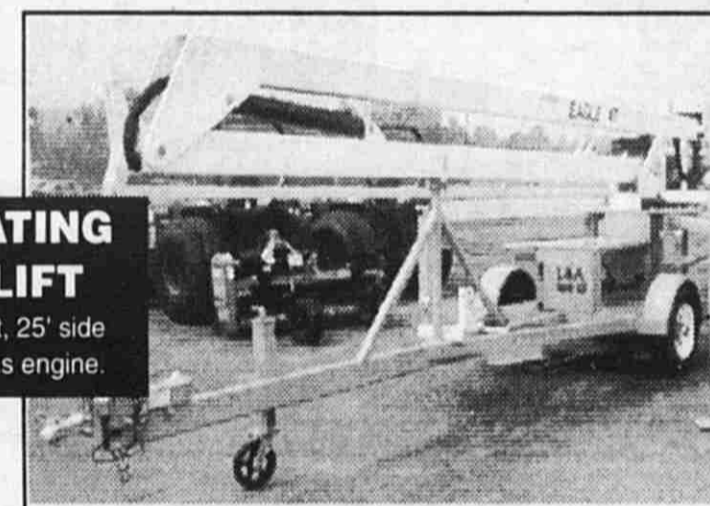
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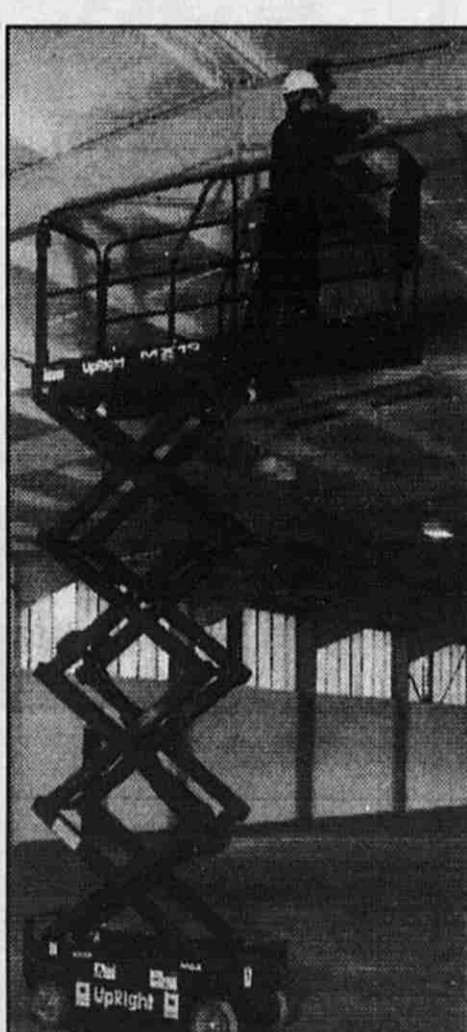
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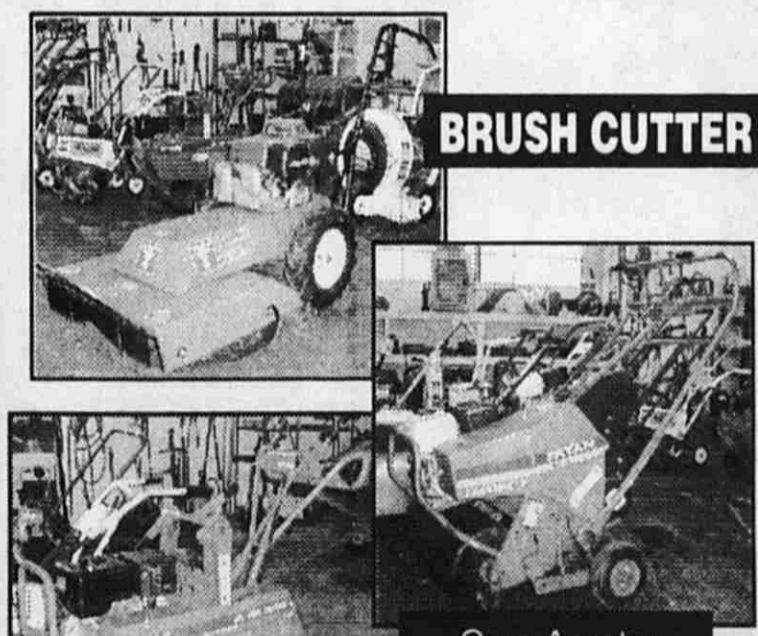
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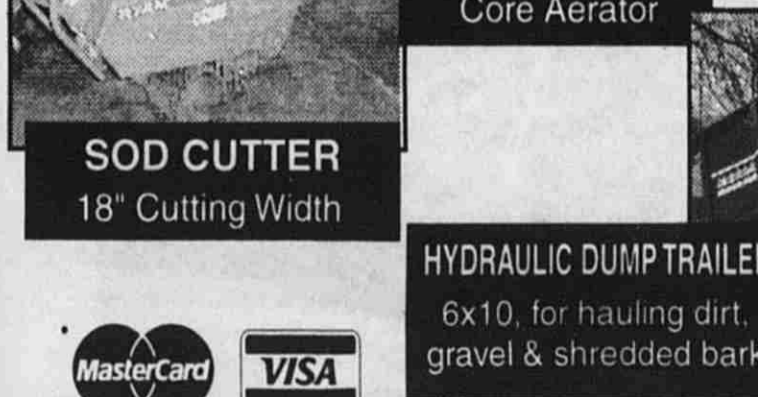
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# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

#### Summary of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2002

#### ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:  
• JoAnne Ayotte donation of 35mm color film, a medieval-style lamp, and assorted magazines, pamphlets and photos valued at \$445.00 to be used by the high school art and drama classes.  
Cast a ballot for MASB Board members.

#### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/accepted were:

- The minutes for July 15, 2002 organizational meeting and the July 15, 2002 special meeting.
- The following payment of bills for July 2002:
 

GENERAL FUND.....	\$860,561.84
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$13,367.72
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$7,514.93
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....	\$6,200.00
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$212,759.65
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$20,397.73
- New hire:
 

Jill Kreuze	District-Wide	Speech Pathologist
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- Chartwells' Food Service Renewal Agreement
- 4-year-old Readiness program participating resolution
- Bond bids - Lowell Middle School - Mechanical, Lowell Middle School and Cherry Creek Elementary - Electrical

**BOND FOLLOW-UP** - Jim White reported on the following summer bond projects: the addition at the high school, parking lot repairs at the Lowell Middle School and Cherry Creek Elementary School, completion of several technology upgrades, repair work in the Cherry Creek gymnasium, replacement of lockers in a wing at the middle school, new exterior lighting at Cherry Creek, and minor mechanical work in the middle school.

**EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS** - Connie Gillette read the list of employees who will be receiving service awards. These will be presented at individual building level staff meetings.

**REPORT - MICHIGAN VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL** - Scott Vashaw explained a new opportunity for high school students to take classes on-line through the Michigan Virtual High School. These classes are available as enrichment classes, a way to make up credits, or a way to take subjects not currently offered at the high school.

**BOARD GOALS** - Nancy Hopkins briefly reviewed the procedure for establishing board goals. This will be discussed at a board workshop with formal approval of the goals at the September or October board meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**- Jim White reported

that the schools are all gearing up for back-to-school. The first day for students is Tuesday, August 27. The bus schedule will appear in the Buyers Guide.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH** - Nancy Hopkins reported that board members chose the following 6 applicants to interview in early September out of 29 who applied: **Dr. Michael Radke** (currently on the American Board of Emergency Medicine in East Lansing and is also an assistant professor at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University); **Robert Currie** (currently the superintendent of Marshall Public Schools in Marshall, MI); **Dr. Michael Lindley** (currently the Superintendent of New Buffalo Area Schools in New Buffalo, MI); **Dr. Ty Wessell, Jr.** (currently the principal of East Grand Rapids Middle School); **Mark Shelling** (formerly the superintendent of Rochester Public Schools in Rochester, MN); and **Shari Miller** (currently the deputy superintendent for instruction and operations at the Lansing School District in Lansing, MI).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, September 9, 2002  
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 7:00 p.m.

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Thank You, Brian Doyle & family for purchasing my market hog.  
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Thank you Joice Smith & family of Remax Country Hills for purchasing my market hog.  
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Thank you Kirk Collins & family of Showboat Automotive Supply for purchasing my 4-H steer.  
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Thank you Doug Olin & family of Olin Excavating for purchasing my 4-H steer  
Dylan Olin

Thank you Toby Jones & family of TC Farms for purchasing my market hog.  
Dylan Olin

# ROUGH RIDERS

••• Approximately 1,600 patrons took in the three-day rodeo at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Saladin Shrine's Bill Harris has been a member since 1962.

With that, he has also served as the organization's chief photographer for special events.

It took 40 years, but the Alto resident covered his first rodeo over the weekend at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

"I'm not used to shooting such fast motion," Harris said in between rides in the calf roping event.

The weekend's Saladin Shrine World Championship Rodeo, produced by the Big Hat World Championship

Rodeo Co., attracted roughly 1,600 fans over the three-day event.

"You're never pleased with attendance. You always want more," said rodeo promoter, Joe Vanderhoff. "I think people were scared by poor weather forecasts."

The rodeo was pleased with the host site. "The facilities were good," Vanderhoff explains. "Ron (Wenger) and his crew did a beautiful job working to put the arena together."

Joey Heles, of Sagnin, Ohio, and Aaron Platt of Roanoke, Ind., shared top honors in bareback riding with 75 points each.

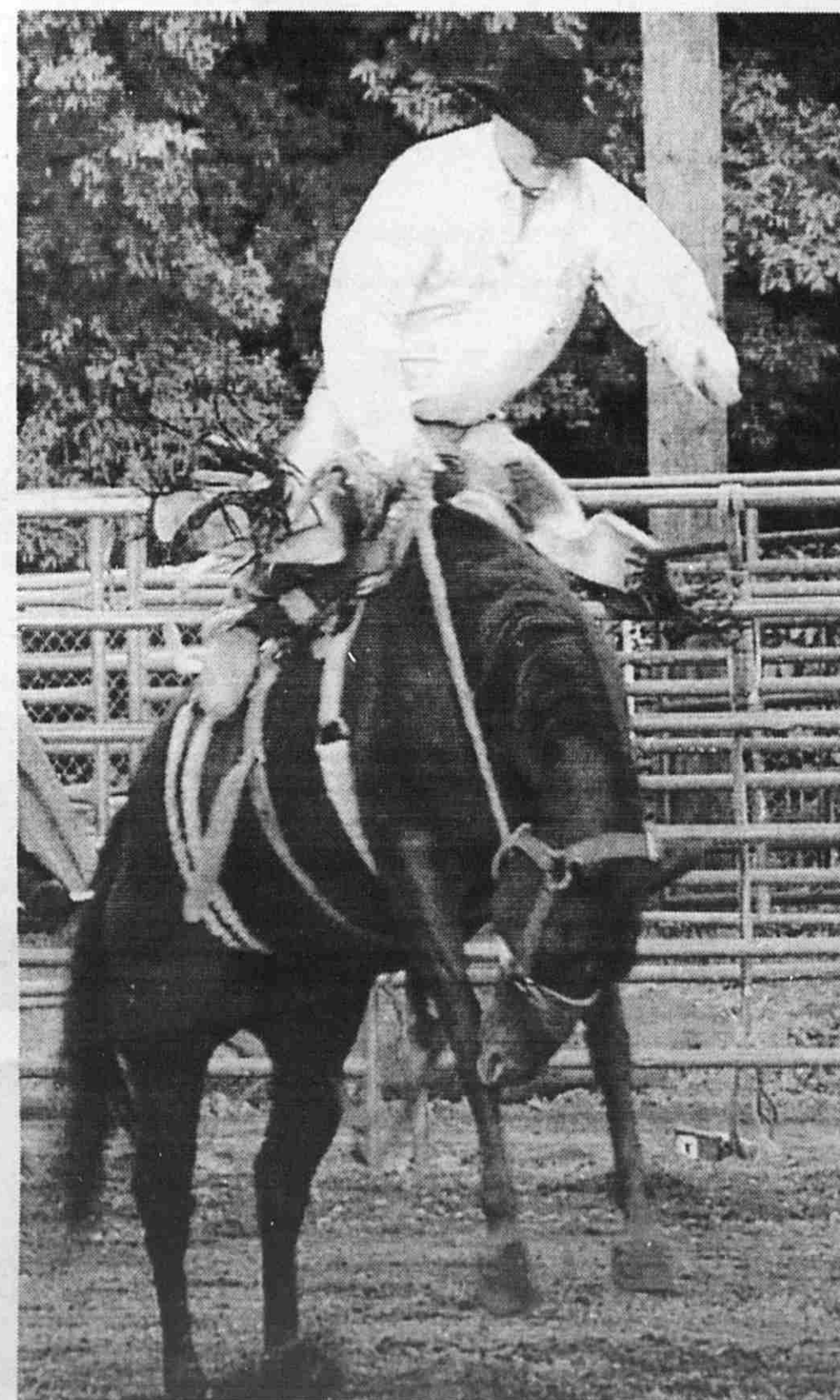
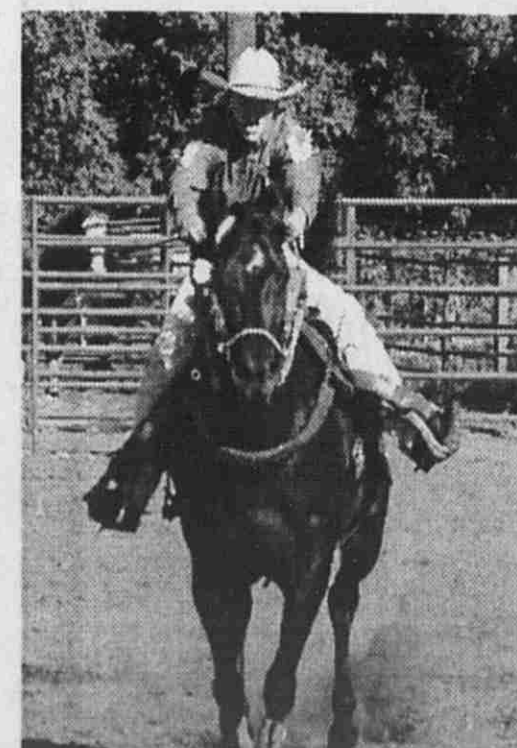
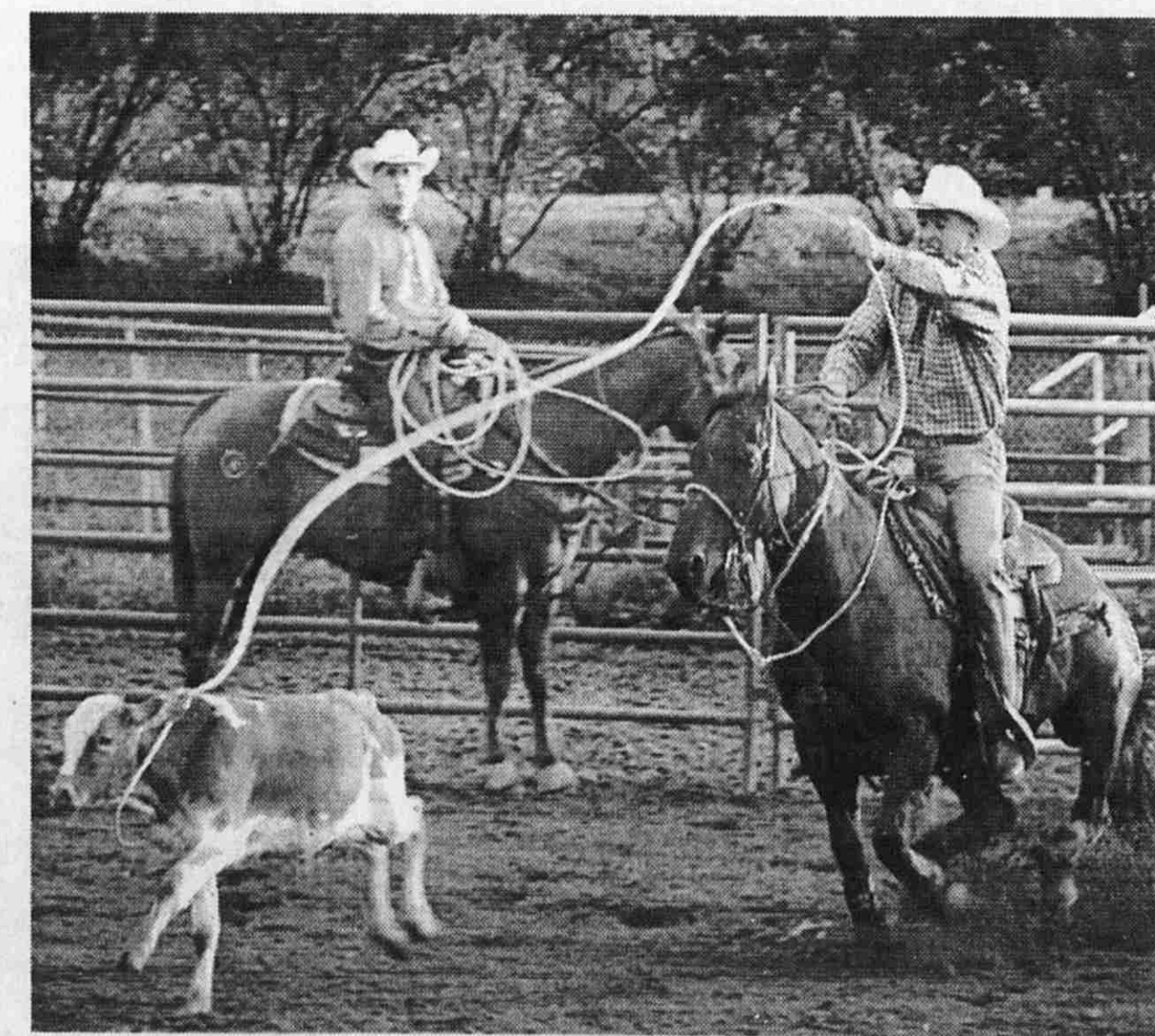
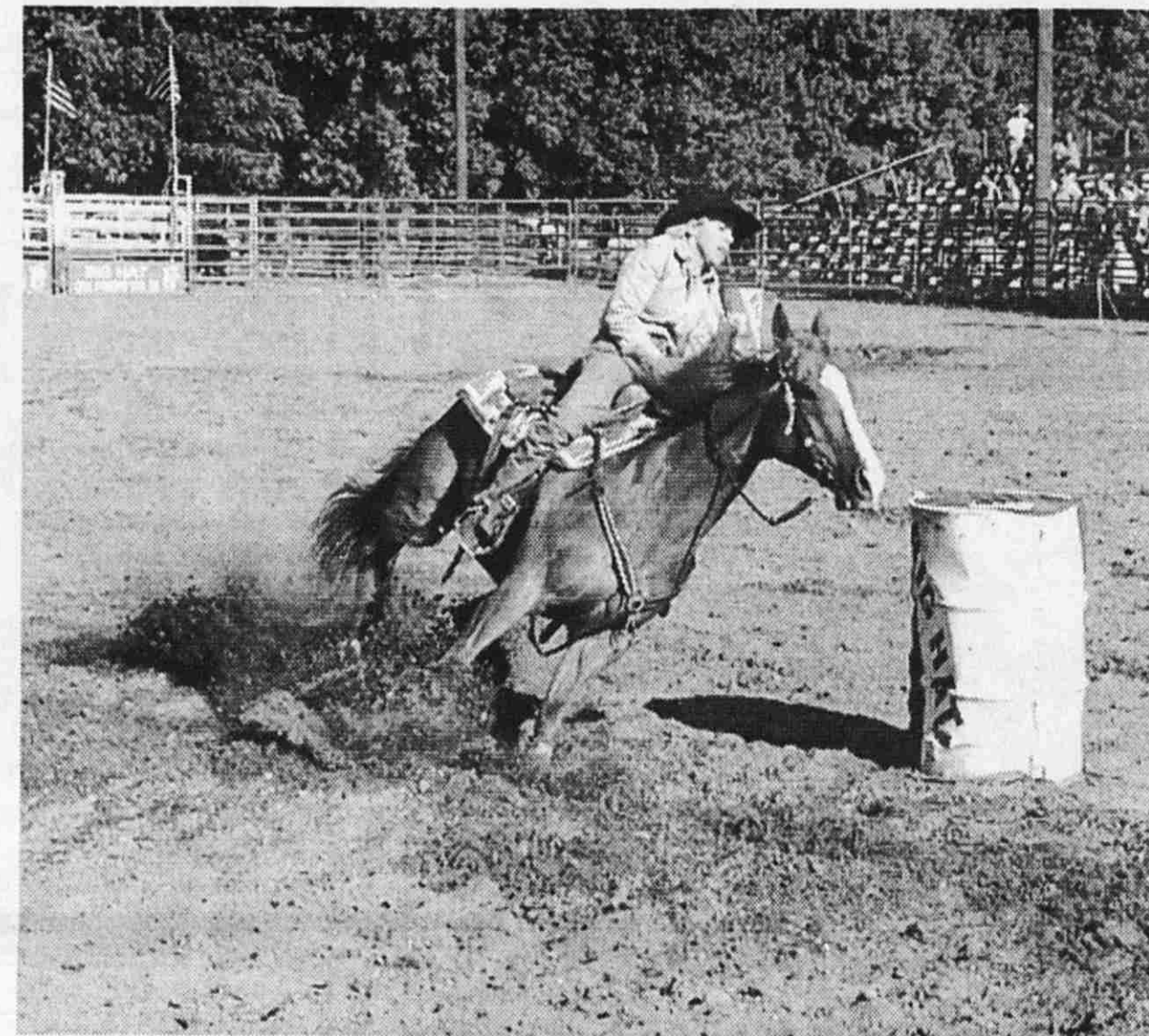
Walt White, of Okmulgee, Okla., won the calf roping contest with a time of 7.3 seconds.

Saddle bronc riding was won by Matt Whitman of El Reno, Okla., with 77 points.

Steer wrestling was won by Raymond Postlewaithe of VanWert, Ohio, with a time of 5.2 seconds.

Tristin Happ, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, won the barrel racing event in a time of 15.355 seconds.

Luke Skrabis, of Kent City, won the bull riding event with 81 points.



## IN THE SERVICE

Son of Alto resident deployed in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom"

By Melissa Cooper

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Chad A. Carlson, son of Pamela Carlson of Alto, is stationed aboard USS George Washington (CVN-73), one of the world's largest nuclear-powered warships which is based in Norfolk, Va. This floating city, as high as a 24-story building and as long as four football fields, is currently on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom" and America's war on terrorism.

In 1999, after graduating from West Ottawa High School, Carlson raised his right hand and swore to protect and defend America by serving in the United States Navy. He knew that his decision to enlist in the world's most powerful naval force would change the rest of his life. Along with valuable experience and training, this sailor would have the opportunity to travel from one end of the world to the other.

When asked what he was most looking forward to during this deployment, Carlson was quick to respond. "Since the attacks of Sept. 11, I feel pride because I know that I am helping to take care of my country and doing the job right," said the 22-year-old sailor. "I feel that my job in the Navy is really worth a lot more now."

As a Navy interior communications electrician, Carlson contributes a great deal to the mission of the

important because we transport, launch and recover aircraft. We make all aspects of air operations possible."

Carlson has had many learning experiences and exciting journeys in the three years he's been enlisted. "I will always remember the friends that I have made of my co-workers," said Carlson. "We share a bond common to people who have known each other for many years."

Whatever the future holds, Carlson and his more than 5,000 shipmates are serving on the front lines on the war on terrorism. Aboard USS George Washington, Carlson is providing a forward presence and exemplifying the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.

## COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 1,251 students completed the requirements for degrees or certificates at Ferris State University during winter 2002 semester (January - May.)

From the Lowell area are Sally Klokkert with a certificate and Dustin A. Steien with an associate in arts and bachelor of science.

From the Alto area are Paula M. Cronk, Daniel V. Hansen and Kyle W. Kietzman (also associate in applied science) with bachelor of science degrees; Linda E. Hansen with a bachelor of science in business degree.

About 3,400 students were among the May graduates at Central Michigan University.

From the Lowell area are Nichole M. Fortin and Kylee A. Sparks, graduating with BAA degrees.

From the Alto area are Lillain R. Hawkins with a BSED degree and Alisha M. Reynolds with a BS degree.

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Mark Twain

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DATES: Tuesday, August 27th or Wednesday, August 28th  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: City of Lowell Chamber of Commerce  
113 Riverwalk Plaza  
Lowell, MI 49331

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Y. Fourth Annual Lowell Branch YMCA/Lowell Masonic Lodge

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# COMING EVENTS

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**EVERY MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates and times call 897-5015. Guests are welcome.

**1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.:** Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

**EVERY OTHER SUN:** Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ lt. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

**EVERY MON.:** Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., 1 p.m. following senior meal. Come knit & crochet or learn the craft. Call Lana at 691-8450 for info.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallsburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at Chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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

**SECOND MON. OF THE MONTH:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. Info. call Dave : 897-2533.

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

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8 p.m.

**THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY 1ST MON.:** V.F.W. Post #8303 (men only) meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:00 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

**TUES.:** Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

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

**TUES., WED, THURS.:** Ionia County Literacy Council, free help with learning English: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul Catholic School, High St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or 897-7020.

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

**1ST TUES.:** WINGS Parent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd months; program meetings/even months. Open to all.

**EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 meets 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 w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Bellline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY WED.:** The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

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

**EVERY FOURTH WED.:** Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in activities. Times: 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. Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2

hour before meetings. New members invited 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: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.**

**FIRST THURS.:** 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURS.:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at VFW Clubroom, 307 E. Main. No Bingo.

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

**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 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

**THIRD FRI.:** All players & listeners: Join Nick & Patti at The New Riverview, M-21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk Music" session, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or 897-9948 Lyle.

**FRI.:** Walking-exercise program 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

**SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH:** Ada Historical Society meets 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada 7144 Headley.

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

**SECOND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club @ 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, 7144 Headley 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS:** Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:** Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 897-2037. Gift certificates.

**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. Call 647-3920.

**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.

**FRI. - SUN., AUG. 23-25:** Clarksville Steam & Gas Engine Show on Robbins Road. Adults \$3; seniors \$2 on Fri., children under 12 free. Call Dave 642-9509 for information.

**SUN., AUG. 25:** 7th annual Parish Festival & Chicken BBQ at St. Anthony Church, Saranac. \$6.50 general; under 12, \$3; serving 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Arts/crafts, raffle, baked goods, games, musical entertainment.

**SUN., AUG. 25:** Start at Lowell High School for new students and Freshman. Orientation from 4-5 p.m. Freshman schedule, building tour & parent info. sessions. Call 897-4125 for information.

**SAT., AUG. 31:** Wanted: parade participants for Lowell annual Labor Day Parade. Call Chamber of Commerce (897-9161) for an application or info.

**THURS., SEPT. 5:** Commodities at Moose Lodge Recreational Building. Call 897-6792 for list of foods available. Bring your card.

**THURS., SEPT. 5:** Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Marcia Roth of Lowell Senior Neighbors. Please bring items for the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Hostesses: Marsha Wilcox and Pauline Burtle. Sponsor: Pauline Burtle.

**FRI., SEPT. 6:** St. Mary's mobile mammography unit at Grattan Twp. Hall. Call 752-6266 or 1-800-639-6266 for appt. There is a charge/insurance information is required.

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—Boris Pasternak

### 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 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**WED., AUG. 21:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare. **TUES., AUG. 27:** 9 a.m. Tour Douglas and Saugatuck; Lunch on your own, Bus \$5.

**THURS., AUG. 22:** 1 p.m. Euchre. **WED., AUG. 28:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 Shop Family Fare.

**FRI., AUG. 23:** 11:15 a.m. Potluck Picnic at Creekside Park. **THURS., AUG. 29:** Noon Dance, West Side Complex; 1 p.m. Euchre.

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2002.**

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

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Baker.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH that the minutes of the July 16, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (08/05/02)	
GENERAL FUND	\$163,602.43
MAJOR STREET FUND	10,175.79
LOCAL STREET FUND	15,439.02
DDA FUND	13,776.96
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	83,790.98
AIRPORT FUND	31.97
WASTEWATER FUND	66,861.89
WATER FUND	28,502.13
DATA PROCESSING FUND	951.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,405.31
CURRENT TAX FUND	57,857.06

### Item #1. M-21 CURB AND GUTTER STORM SEWER PROJECT BETWEEN VALLEY VISTA AND WEST STREETS.

**A. Contract Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation.** Pasquale stated Wyoming Excavators, Inc. has been contracted to carry out the work. The project is primarily funded through federal funds, with major street funds involved. A contract is necessary in order to initiate construction.

Williams and Works Engineer Dave Austin explained the project is primarily funded by MDOT, through a federal grant. Approximately eight bids were received ranging from \$215,000 to \$160,598.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the contract of \$160,598.70 with the Michigan Department of Transportation as submitted concerning the M-21 curb and storm sewer project between Valley Vista and West Streets with the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the document.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Contract for Archaeological Services.** During the course of project review, the State of Michigan determined the project site to possibly contain significant archaeological artifacts or features. As such, an archaeologist must be utilized during the course of construction to determine if any artifacts exist. Williams and Works secured proposals and have recommended Andrews Cultural Resources of Fountain, Michigan, to perform this task. The total project costs amount to \$4,230, which would be reduced to \$3,250 if no artifacts were found.

Councilmember Myers found it interesting to note an 1839 map shows an area in Lowell had been reserved for a university site.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to approve the contract for archaeological services with Andrews Cultural Resources for the M-21 curb

and storm sewer project.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Austin updated the Council on the recent street work. He stated Valley Vista Drive is ninety-five percent complete. Shaler Excavating is still working on some restoration issues and a few adjustments need to be made on the water main valve boxes.

The street and curb work on Bowes Road is completed. However, there is still some restoration and sidewalk work, which needs to be finished.

The work on the Hunt Street water main is active but again restoration and pavement patching is needed.

The majority of the work is taking place on North Division Street. This work was delayed approximately one month because Ameritech wanted to relocate all of its lines underground. All of the storm sewer has been installed and grading will begin. Curb and gutter will be installed next week along with the final road grade. A retaining wall on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Division and Grindle will be constructed.

**Item #2. PRESENTATION BY RICHARD CRAIG OF A CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT OF 202 - 206 WEST MAIN (EAST PORTION OF THE ANTIQUE MALL).** Richard Craig of Craig Architects was present to present his conceptual drawings for condominiums located in the three-story section of what is currently known as the Flat River Antique Mall.

He wishes to develop the first floor as retail and the second and third floors as loft condominiums. The prices for the condominiums would range from \$159,000 to \$259,000. The historic texture and color would remain. There would be an addition on the south side of the building, which faces the mill. This would allow vehicle access to the units.

There would be a total of eight units with one being a model unit.

Councilmember Blough questioned why some residents in Grand Rapids prefer this type of living as opposed to a more traditional structure with a yard. Craig explained condominiums are valued because there is no yard work. The individuals in these units are usually couples in their 50's or either single or divorced men. Craig also believed the project in Grand Rapids drew attention because there is nothing similar to this in the surrounding cities.

Blough believed the master plan offers this type of living within the City limits.

Mayor Shores stated the project would be exciting and hoped it would take off.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned the condition of the existing building. Craig stated the building is not in bad shape. The roof needs to be repaired as well as all new mechanical, electrical and plumbing fixtures. Overall, the structure is fairly sound. There is very little height in the lower level and would be used for storage.

Craig noted his company has refurbished many buildings in downtown Grand Rapids.

Craig stated he would review the project with the Downtown Historic District Commission and determine what could be done to the rear of the building.

**Item #3. NORTH KENT TRANSIT SERVICES - CONTRACT AMENDMENTS.** With the close of the 2001 - 2002 budget year, the Kent County Community Development Department stated the North Kent Transit contract needs to be amended from \$7,500 to \$7,504, reflecting final costs.

The 2002 - 2003 budget must be adopted for North Kent Transit. Pasquale recommended the amount of Community Development Block Grant funds to be programmed at \$7,500.

The North Kent receives a subsidy of \$16 per ride for senior (60 years and over) and handicapped riders paid from the federal Community Development Block Grant.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the contract change from \$7,500 to \$7,504

with North Kent Transit Service and the Kent County Community Development Department.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to adjust the 2002 - 2003 budget to reflect \$7500 for the Community Development Block Grant Funds for the North Kent Transit subsidizing ridership for senior citizens and handicapped riders.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. AUTHORIZATION OF 2002 - 2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.** As required by Kent County in order to comply with federal CDBG requirements, the document outlining program requirements must be approved if funds are to be received. City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council approve the agreement at this meeting authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to approve the 2002 - 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. LEASE PURCHASE OF A 2003 POLICE CRUISER.** Police Chief Jim Valentine recently requested bids for the three year lease-purchase of a 2003 police cruiser, which will be allocated within the present budget. The following bids were received:

	Principal	Payment
Thomet Chevrolet & Buick Impala	\$21,758.93	\$7,623.60
Signature Ford (Perry) Crown Victoria	\$20,995.27	\$7,440.14
Berger Chevrolet (G.R.) Impala	\$18,950.00	\$6,639.87

Valentine and City Manager Pasquale recommended the City lease-purchase a 2003 Impala (Police Package) from Berger Chevrolet at an annual three year lease cost of \$6,639.87.

Pasquale stated the City is also considering the possibility of lease-purchasing of another vehicle, but wanted to further review the budget. The City has until September to secure another vehicle from Berger at the same price. The department does need another vehicle considering one was eliminated from last year's budget.

Councilmember Blough asked if this was a replacement vehicle. Valentine responded yes. The vehicle being replaced has approximately 180,000 miles.

Mayor Shores inquired if the vehicles were traded in or placed for bid. Valentine responded placed for bid.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to approve the lease-purchase of a 2003 Impala (Police Package) from Berger Chevrolet at an annual three year lease cost of \$6,639.87.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #6. APPOINTMENTS OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION.** The Council needs to appoint a Representative and an alternate to the business session of the Michigan Municipal League held in Dearborn on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 as part of the annual meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to appoint Mayor Shores as the representative and Councilmember Brubaker as an alternate to attend the Michigan Municipal League Business Session on September 11, 2002.

# City sells VFW Hall to local restoration firm

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

A local firm eyeing to create a retail space and apartments and/or offices was awarded the old VFW Hall at Monday night's city council meeting.

The council unanimously voted to accept the bid of \$45,500 from Architectural Building Restoration, Inc., for the building located at 307 E. Main Street. The city purchased the building and the parking lot from the local VFW so as to expand its parking lot which is part of the current City Hall/police station project. It was the intention of the city to resell the building.

Architectural Building Restoration was one of two bidders; the other was Fond Dream Builders putting in a bid of \$25,300.

Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said Mark Batchelor from the company made an alternative offer to repair the brick wall located next to Lowell Auto Body and Tummino & Tummino P.C. The company had made a bid in July of \$57,375, but explained it is willing to do the work for \$45,500, said city manager, Dave Pasquale. This amounts to basically a swap of the building for the brick work.

The wall has been a concern of the city for some time with falling bricks damaging cars in the parking lot, Pasquale explained. DesJarden said the wall is actually an interior wall that was exposed when the adjoining building was torn down some time ago.

Architectural Building Restoration is proposing to build a foundation and an outer brick wall to seal up the exposed bricks and prevent further bricks from "popping out",

DesJarden said. The work would be subject to the approval of the Downtown Historic District.

The council agreed to the exchange: First, the council accepted the \$45,500 bid for the building from the company; then in a second motion, accepted the price tag of \$45,500 to do the brick work on the wall.

As for the old VFW Hall, the company stated in its proposal it planned to restore the front and back brick, replace windows, and open the storefront on the lower level. The large stove would be donated to the Lowell Area Fire Department. It is the company's goal to create a retail specialty store in the lower level and either two apartments or three offices with shared conference room and receptionist area in the upper level.

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

**Item #7. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA PACKETS DELIVERY DATE.** Several meetings ago, Councilmember Pfaller raised the issue of having Council packets delivered on Wednesday rather than the Friday before the meeting providing added time to review agenda information.

City Manager Pasquale explained the staff has a relatively short time period to prepare an agenda and these two days are critical.

Pasquale noted he tries to summarize any critical information in a memo, which is included in the agenda after the Accounts Payable list.

By general consensus, the Council decided to keep the agenda delivery dates on Friday evenings.

**Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley had concerns with repeated sewer backups and water flooding in basements. She commented on the new legislation of Public Act 222 which affects this problem.

Johnston believed she and others who experienced these problems have basements which cannot be used. This makes it next to impossible to sell their homes because the homeowner will have to disclose the risk for sewage backups or water damage. The families have been exposed repeatedly to the health hazards, which are associated with sewage.

This year alone there have been at least ten sewage backups between the month of January and May. Prior to the legislation signed by Governor Engler, which gives municipal immunity, the City was very quick to find out who was responsible. Now, immediately after this legislation went into effect, the City states "there is nothing wrong with our sewage line" and places the responsibility back to the homeowners. Johnston stated the City claims there is nothing wrong with the sewage lines. She questioned why the City is reluctant to find out what the real reason is. She and her neighbor have had sewage backups three times.

Dan Durham of 1450 Carol Lynne Drive has lived in his house for 31 years. He had no water in his basement until Creekside Park was established and the area was regraded. Every time there is a significant rainstorm he has water in his basement. Durham has voiced this to the City for years. The City indicated there was no problem and installed a sprinkler system. This has raised the level of the water table behind his house and he now has a spot in his basement which never dries out.

Pasquale explained he has instructed Public Works Director Dan DesJarden to investigate the ground water problem and provide a recommendation.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned if City staff has reviewed the sewer backup issue. DesJarden explained

currently the policy is to remove the blockage. Each blockage is televised. It will also show sewer laterals or if the actual sewer service is causing the backups.

Brubaker asked if a device can be placed once an individual has a backup which would prevent another one from happening. Brubaker questioned the cost of such a device. DesJarden was unsure but would inquire.

DesJarden noted an individual should first call City Hall when there is a sewer backup.

Linda Sturgeon of 225 Elizabeth Dean asked why the City does not inquire with Litehouse, Inc. if the company had already admitted responsibility once or twice. Sturgeon noted Laurels of Kent has assumed responsibility for some of the backups. They installed drains and special equipment. The owner has assured her the drains are checked on a daily basis. Sturgeon stated Litehouse, Inc. has done nothing. Pasquale noted Litehouse, Inc. has installed a pre-treatment plant.

Shores inquired if Litehouse has had any problems since the system has been installed. DesJarden responded no. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt provides a monthly report, which indicates there have been no violations.

DesJarden explained the City turns over all claims to the insurance company who in turn performs an investigation.

Alan Hall of 201 Donna Drive also had a sewer backup. He questioned how the violations are reported and who is responsible for it. He questioned who monitors the companies and issues tickets if there is a violation. Pasquale responded the WasteWater Treatment Plant does the monitoring.

Blough suggested the Council be notified over the next several months whenever there is a backup.

Blough asked if DesJarden could go in periodically and view the lines. DesJarden stated the procedure is very expensive. The City would need to have its own TV and jetter.

Shores asked if the back up problems have dropped since Litehouse solved their problem. DesJarden responded there have been no problems with Litehouse since they have had their own line. There have been two issues with Laurels of Kent. This is something they are working on.

The Council decided to keep this issue as a continuing agenda item to determine progress.

**Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Myers noted the 4-H Fair is starting. He also urged individuals to vote.

Mayor Shores attended the opening ceremony of the 4-H Fair. It will be a good fair.

Shores also commented on the new Chamber of Commerce sign along Main Street and on the building.

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

1. Peter Haefner of Rehman Robson and Company was introduced. Haefner will be handling the municipal auditing. He was a former president of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and currently lives in the area.

Councilmember Blough questioned the format of the audit and comparing this with previous years. Haefner explained this issue has been discussed with City staff. There was discussion about placing prior year balances in the budget. The audit should appear fairly similar.

2. The following meetings minutes were provided:

- Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of June 5, 2002
- Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Policy Committee meeting of June 19, 2002
- Parks and Recreation meeting of June 8, 2002
- Planning Commission meeting of June 24, 2002
- Boards of Light and Power and Cable Television meetings of May 20, June 24 and June 27, 2002.

3. Chamber Executive Director Liz Baker requested the mounting of corporate ducks on the downtown light poles. Baker presented pictures of the ducks to the Council. The corporate ducks were initiated last year and were mounted on a flagpole along Main Street. Unfortunately, twelve of the ducks, along with the poles, were lost due to vandalism. Baker believed mounting the ducks to the light post with a plastic zip tie would deter this so that the pole would not be damaged.

Mayor Shores stated she would not object to the ducks being placed on the light poles in lieu of what happened last year as long as these are mounted so as to not damage the poles.

Councilmember Myers suggested using the hangers which are used for the cloth banners. Baker explained this way would be much simpler. The cloth banners are hung by a hired individual.

By general consensus, the Council agreed to hang the ducks along the light poles as long as the poles are not damaged.

4. The final moving day to the bank is Friday, August 9, with opening for business scheduled on Monday, August 12.

5. Governor Engler has recently vetoed statutory revenue sharing to local governments. This means the City of Lowell will be affected with over \$214,503. There will be a capital rally on August 13 at 9:00 a.m. Also, State Representative Hart will hold a session in East Grand Rapids. This is very critical in terms of operating the City.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, August 19, 2002

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor  
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk





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## Red Arrow girl harriers expect to run at front of pack in 2002

••• Lowell vying for second O-K White championship in three years.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Over the last three years, there hasn't been a better girls cross country team in the O-K White than Lowell.

The Red Arrows have posted an accumulative record of 17-4 and one conference championship.

Lowell returns the core of runners responsible for that winning mark of 81 percent.

"The girls expect to be strong again this year," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf.

Lisa Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner, Natalie Kent, Abbie Blanding and Katie Clements are the senior core who got the winning ways started in 1999.

Clements who incurred an injury following her freshman year returns her senior year after sitting out for two seasons. "Katie is healthy and looked strong in camp," VanderWarf explains.

Wojciakowski will be Lowell's stop harrier, running in the low 20's to high 19-minute mark.

Wojciakowski will be followed closely by Plattner, Kent and Blanding, Clements, Sarah Swab and Rebekah Woods.

"I think they can all run in the mid to low 20s and some may reach the low 19s on some courses," Lowell's coach explains.

Junior Kristie Luebs and freshman Erica Huizenga should help provide depth.

Other harriers on the roster are: Julie Webb, Amanda Oracz, Kim Seaman, Angie Wood, Emily Gerard, Brittany Dietz, Elly Drain, Autumn Nethercott and Megan Shellenbarger.

Forest Hills Northern, defending conference champion, returns its 2001 nucleus.

The Huskies and Red Arrows are expected to battle it out for league honors. They will meet the first week of the conference season.

"Everybody has been running hard and putting a great deal of effort into it," VanderWarf said. "The girls finished fifth in the state last year and they want to improve on that this year."

## On the Upswing: A young but experienced Lowell boys golf team appears ready to compete in O-K White.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ofentimes young is synonymous with inexperience. That reference would be a mistake when discussing the 2002 Lowell boys golf team.

"We're young but we have players with experience," said Jack Ogle, who enters into his 19th year as the Red Arrow varsity golf coach.

This year's varsity members have played a lot of golf and have competed in many summer tournaments... which explains Ogle's optimism. "I'm encouraged by what they've done. I think the kids are encouraged too."

Leading the deep and balanced attack will be juniors Luke Tomczak and Matt Scheider or as Ogle refers to them - "1 and 1-A."

Both juniors carded 79s in the Kent County Classic at the par 72 L.E. Kaufman Golf Course.

"Both were just two shots short of a top 10 finish," Ogle said.

Lowell's number three golfer is another junior, Chris Lechner. He fired an 89.

The fourth slot will be a shoot-out between Dan Harrison, Dave Maylone and Nick DuBois.

"Dave has played a lot of tournament golf and has shown a lot of improvement," Ogle says.

Both Maylone and DuBois shot rounds of 89 at Kaufman. The remaining roster will be filled by juniors, Corey Scudder, Dan Miller, Tim Vezino and senior, Jake Rickert. They enter the season shooting in the low 90's; the Lowell coach has challenged them to lower their scores into the mid 80's.

"We have more depth, balance and good players than we've had in probably 10 years," Ogle said. "We're going to be good enough to beat anyone on any given night. The key will be to have everyone shoot well on the same night."

Lowell's veteran coach tabs Zeeland as his league favorite with EGR and Forest Hills Central right behind the Chix.

Lowell finished eighth in the 18th annual Lowell Invitational at Deer Run Golf Course.

The Red Arrows finished with a 325 total, 19 shots in back of the invitational champion, Forest Hills Central which finished with a 306.

Completing the top five were St. Johns 309, Grand Rapids Central and Grand Rapids Christian 312; and Northview 320.

Other area scores were Greenville 331, Ionia 338, Lowell "B" team 363 and Belding 366.

In the medalist division, Red Arrows' Luke Tomczak shot an 84 and Matt Scheider fired an 85.

In the best ball contest, Lowell's Chris Lechner and Nick

DuBois carded a round of 78.

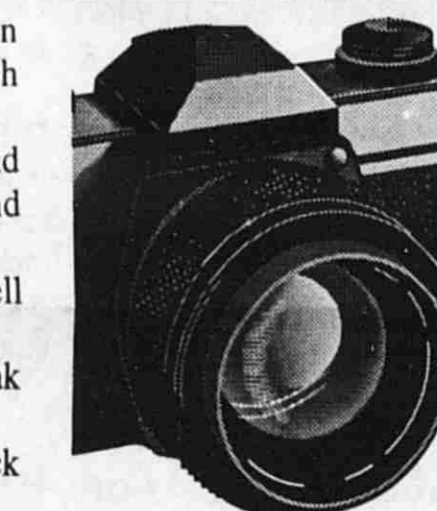
Red Arrows' Dan Harrison and Dave Maylone penciled in a 78 in the scramble event.

Catholic Central's Brian Ottenweller won the medalist division competition with a round of 75.

Best ball was won by FHC's Quin VanderVeen and Kevin Smith with 69s.

Rockford's Pat Wassner and Lucus Bro won the scramble by carding 65s.

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## Lowell's tennis feet and program moving in the right direction

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

There's an excitement about Lowell girls tennis, and it's more than a "swinging fancy."

The excitement isn't about a player, a doubles team, a season... it's about a growing program.

"We're excited about this year and about the girls' level of play," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "The girls are developing well. They want to win - now they just have to believe in themselves and go out and do it."

Anchoring what Wall calls the best collection of tennis players she's coached since coming to Lowell is a strong core of singles players.

"They are looking pretty strong. They are moving their feet well and doing what we ask of them," Wall explains.

Lowell's top four singles players are Jenny Gunberg (sr.),

Mandy Gunberg (soph.), Heather Geelhoed (sr.) and Stevi Thompson (soph.).

At the Wayland Invitational on Saturday, Jenny Gunberg cruised past Wayland's Heather Drobný 8-0.

Mandy Gunberg shut out Rogers' Ashley Bravata 8-0.

Geelhoed defeated Kate Steffens (Comstock Park) 8-2 in third singles while Thompson upended Luci Richards (Wayland) 8-3 in fourth singles.

Lowell won the tournament in decisive fashion. The Red Arrows finished with 34 points followed by Comstock Park 21, Wayland 20 and Rogers 15.

In doubles play, minus partner Shannon Livingston, Kristie Noall partnered with Eva Geldersma to turn back Wayland's Deb Rookers and Jessica Ferris 8-5 in number one doubles.

In second doubles, it was Rachelle Livingston and Katie Huver defeating Comstock Park's Jessica Wheaton and Stacy Gillett 8-5.

Amanda Grochowalski and Julie Geelhoed, third doubles, outlasted Laura Robinson and Samantha Fidler 8-4.

In other doubles play, Red Arrows Sandrine Shanghai and Jolene Roth lost 9-8 (5) to Wayland's Melissa Martinski and Lisa Weibeng.

Haley Irwin and Shelly Wernet lost their doubles match to Comstock Park's Erin Scheede and Kim Harp 8-6.

"Our doubles teams have come a long way," Wall explains. "We return our number one team (Noall and Livingston), who gave Northern a tough match last year."

Wall has tabbed East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern as conference favorites.

"Central will also be good. I'd like to think we can compete with them. We'll have to see if we can," Wall concluded.

*We're excited about this year and about the girls' level of play. The girls are developing well. They want to win - now they just have to believe in themselves and go out and do it.*

Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall

### Young faces bolster 2002 Red Arrow cross country team and beyond

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Having posted just one league win over the last two years, the Red Arrow boys will look to youth to lead them to greener pastures in 2002.

Lowell has 10 freshman on its cross country roster for 2002.

"We're real young, but I think we're going to be all right," coach Clay VanderWarf said. "We will be improved. It's nice to see many young faces in the program."

Leading the Red Arrow charge, though, will be sophomore Steve Ellison who should have his time in the 17s by year's end. "He's going to run low 18s, high 17s."

Other Lowell runners who VanderWarf expects to join Ellison are senior, Bobby Gingerich; junior, Scott Riddle; sophomore, Mitch Solon; and freshman, Nick Huizenga.

Zeeland and East Grand Rapids were tabbed as conference favorites by VanderWarf.

New faces who could step up and provide needed depth are freshman, Jon Riddle and sophomore, Eric Schumm.

Other Red Arrows on the roster are Alex Getz, Steven LaFave, Steve Nugent, Adam Baker, Caleb Baker, Brett Ostrander, Ryder Jones, Nathan Clements, Tyler Nethercott and Marc Wernet.

"The boys ran strong at camp and as long as there are no injuries, I expect that it will continue," said VanderWarf.

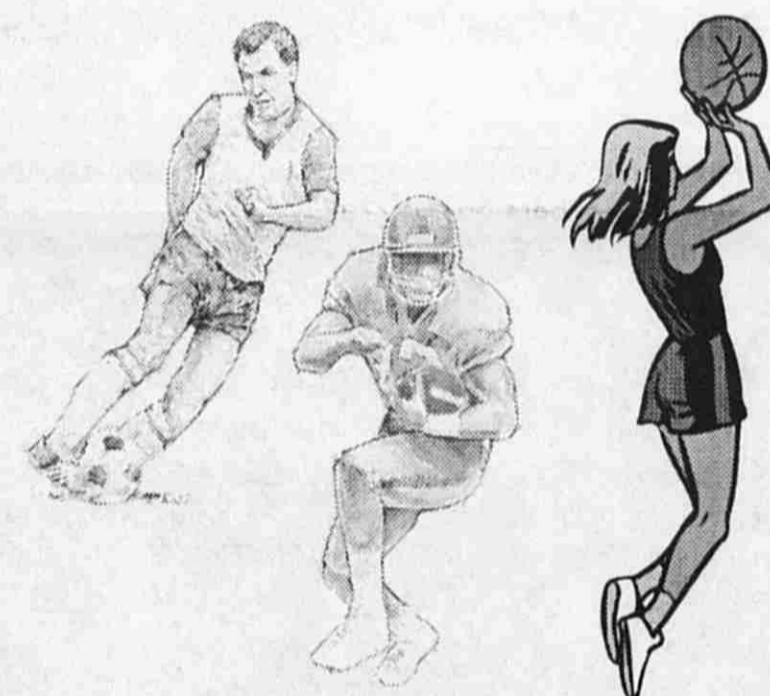
Lowell opens its season on Thursday (Aug. 22) at Manhattan Park in the Pioneer Classic.

### Lowell's Class of '82 reunion Sept. 21

Lowell High School's Class of 1982 will hold its 20th class reunion on Sept. 21 at Cannonsburg Ski Lodge beginning at 7 p.m. The reunion is being planned by Ann Woodhead-Berman, Meredyth Althaus, Heidi Elzinga and Kelly Byrnes.

List of names with no addresses:  
Brenda Allison, Mike Amelia, Dan Bailey, Diana Bock, Laurie Churchill, Tom DeLong, Steve DenBoer, Lori Drayton, Mark Dunning, Adela Esparza, Edie Evans, Lisa Gless, David Hayes, Ramona Hayes, Todd Hendrick, Wendy Christensen, Julie Thompson, Kim Larabee, Ray Marshall, Steve Martinez, Joan Miller, Shannon Mouton, Tom Myers, Julie Olson, Richard Onan, Philip Palmer, Judy Videan, Bryan Rector, Maria Vicki Rojas, Dan Ruesegger, John Russell, Elmer Scharswak, Marie Schoenborn, Scott Seeley, Rick Serne, Nikki Shelley, David Strouse, Jim Valentine, Chris VanCamp, Quentin VanKooten, Pam Walters, Bob Yakes, Sue Yakes.

If you have information regarding the whereabouts of the aforementioned class members, please contact Woodhead at (616) 475-1169



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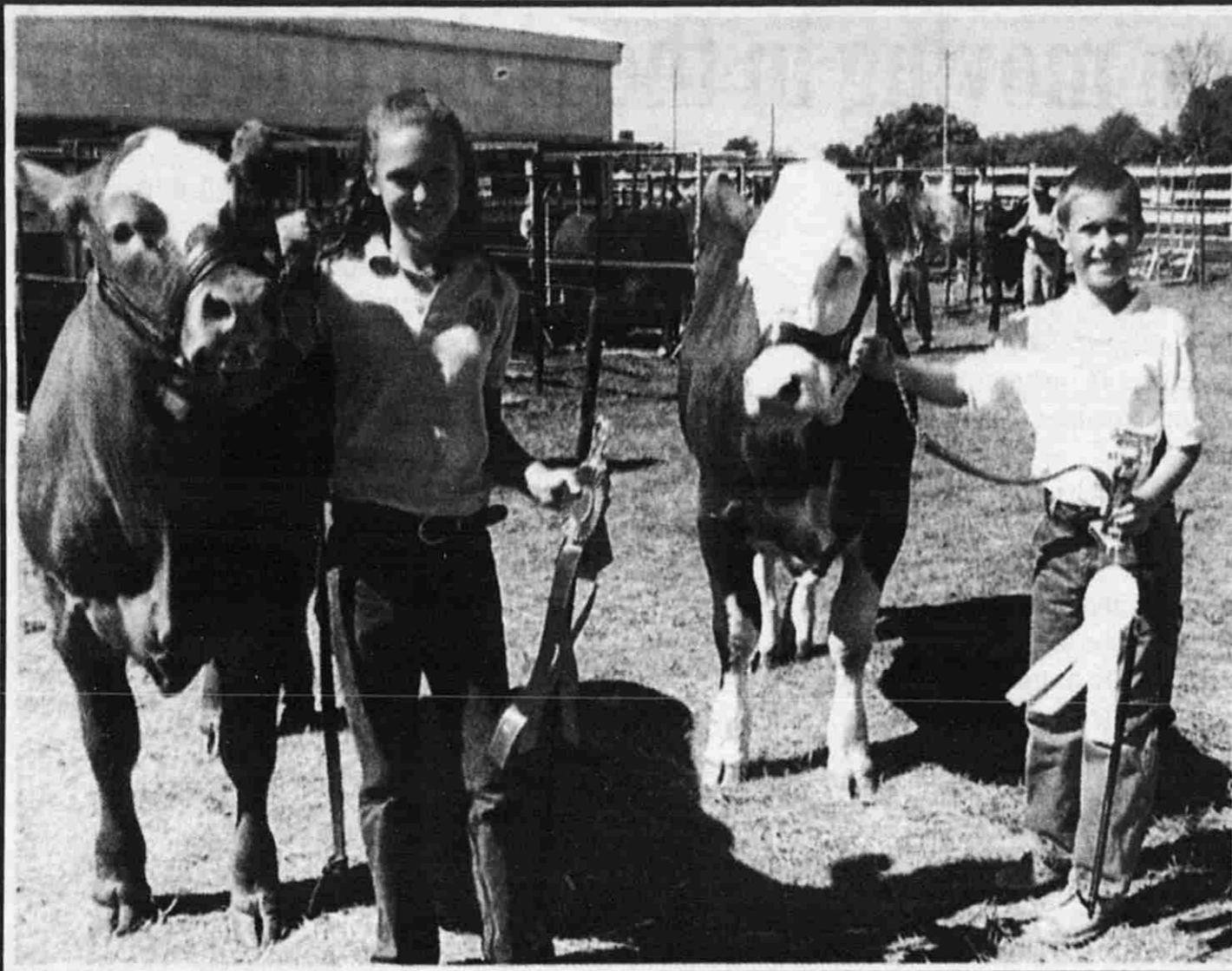
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## TOP OF THE CLASS

The championship Simmental Class came down to two - two from the same family: Morgan Olin, 12 years old, the medium weight Simmental division champion, and her 10-year-old brother, Dylan Olin, champion of the heavyweight Simmental division. Morgan and her 1,090-pound steer Red earned the first place trophy while Dylan and his 1,320 pound steer, Chuck Roast, garnered the title of reserve champion. The competitive siblings had never competed against one another until this year's Kent County Youth Fair. "Dylan was more disappointed that his ribbon was more pink than red," says his mother, Sue Olin, with a grin. It was Dylan's first time showing steer, while Morgan was competing for a third straight year.

## Valentine named Lowell's first assistant city manager

••• The new position will assist and advise in overall management of city operations.

By J.N. Boorsma *Contributing Writer*

Clerk Betty Morlock has a deputy clerk. Treasurer Suzanne Olin has a deputy treasurer. Even the mayor, Jeanne Shores has a mayor pro tem. But who covers the city manager David Pasquale's position when he is either unavailable or on vacation?

As of Monday night, that position fell to Lowell city police chief, Jim Valentine who was named by the city council to also serve as assistant city manager.

Pasquale said he has discussed creating such a position with the council for some time. This position would include assisting and advising in overall management of city operations, directing the execution of major special projects, and serving as city manager in his absence.

Valentine was chosen for this position because of his

service to the Lowell community which started in 1983 as police officer, Pasquale said. In 1994, Valentine was appointed to the position of police chief.

Pasquale also noted Valentine is currently enrolled at the University of Phoenix with plans to complete his bachelor's degree. Valentine plans to go on and then earn a master's degree in public administration. He also recently completed the FBI Academy program.

"In an effort to provide greater responsibilities and an opportunity for career development, I am proposing Jim Valentine be appointed assistant city manager in addition to the position of police chief," Pasquale said.

The council unanimously accepted the recommendation, naming Valentine as the city's first assistant city manager.

## Health Fair to run in conjunction with Riverwalk Festival

The second annual Lowell Community Health Fair will take place at Unity High School on Saturday, Aug. 31. Event activities run from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with area health care providers on hand to show you ways to stay healthy.

Drive up to the car seat safety check behind the school for an inspection by an officer from the Lowell Police Dept. Try to escape from the Lowell Fire Dept. firehouse. Visit the booths inside the school and learn about your health.

A fun 1.5 mile walk through Lowell is also available. The information booth will have a route/question card which you may complete and turn in to collect a prize.

There will be a demonstration tent with exhibits including bike helmet safety, antioxidants, biblical perspective on health, fire safety in the home and alternative health services, to name a few.

Funding for this event comes from the Lowell Area Community Fund and Meijer. Organizers are the First United Methodist Church of Lowell and the Lowell YMCA Wellness Center.



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