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## City moves forward on plan to check all city sewer lines within three years

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

In light of the concerns over sewer backups in the city of Lowell and recent changes in the state law, the council has decided to move forward on a plan to check the city's entire 90,000 linear feet of sewer lines over the next three years.

The plan was presented by Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden at Lowell City Council's Monday night meeting. In his report about bi-weekly sewer backups, DesJarden said he began to investigate the possibility of having the city's entire sewer line cleaned and televised after discussions with residents. Currently the city has portions of the lines televised, but not a video recording of all of them.

The cost for such a project would be

about \$35,400 each year for three years with the city tackling about a third of its sewer lines each year. DesJarden proposed going with a company called Pollution Control Services which placed the lowest bid out of three companies at \$1.18 per linear foot to clean and televise the sewer lines.

This process would allow the city to have a recording of what is currently taking place in the sewer lines and to correct any problems that exist, DesJarden explained. He proposed that about \$45,000 would be needed annually to cover the program along with making any necessary repairs.

Since the city didn't budget the project for this year, DesJarden said he went over the current budget with the treasurer and found about \$27,000 to get the program

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## New approach in scoring and categories brings questionable hikes in new test scores

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Caution: Recently released math and science test scores may appear to be better than what they are.

Or... Had previous years been reviewed with the same criteria, they may have been just as high.

Jim White, Lowell assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, is quite sure this year's students are not that much smarter than the students who preceded them.

"The reason test scores are so much higher in math and science this year has to do with the way the new tests were scored," White said.

Tests results were grouped into four categories as opposed to three in previous years. Those students whose scores were grouped into the top two categories were labeled proficient/passing.

In prior years, when three categories were used to score tests, only the students in the top category were deemed proficient.

White suggests that the top category was not reflective of the total number of students doing well.

"Whenever there are changes in test content or scoring criteria, it makes it difficult for schools to know if their teaching strategies

have made a difference or strictly a difference, is due to change in test scoring," White explained. "I've said this before, but it will take two-three years (data over time) to know where we are."

The new math and science tests are being phased in. This year 30 percent of the multiple choice items were old items from the previous test. Over the next two years, 20 percent will be from old tests and in 2005, the test will be completely new.

At the fourth grade level, 82 percent of Lowell students earned satisfactory scores on the new math tests. A year ago on the old math test, 90 percent did.

At the fifth grade level, 90 percent of Lowell students scored satisfactorily on the new science test. That was 40 percent higher than a year ago.

On the eighth-grade's new science test, 79 percent scored satisfactorily while only 31 percent did a year ago.

On the new eighth-grade math test, 72 percent of Lowell's students scored satisfactorily.

"In reality, previous years reviewed with the same criteria would probably have been just as high," White concluded.

## Sundry seeks relief from connecting to city water and sewer

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Claiming that it would cost about half a million dollars to put in sewer and water lines to its property, a developer came before the Lowell City Council Monday night seeking a waiver from city utilities.

Representatives from Sundry Development, Inc. made this presentation seeking relief from putting in sewer and water lines, stating the cost was simply too much for the small number of houses to support. The request speaks only to the northern portion of its property at 751 Grindle, called the Phillips' property, where the development company plans to construct nine homes.

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## Board scheduled to visit sites of all three candidates

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

As told by students and staff, the story is clear and reads quite well of Lowell, according to the three candidates vying for the district's chief office.

What remains unclear is the direction the Lowell Board of Education is steering, following a second week of interviews.

While the interviews more clearly defined the candidates and their style, they do not appear to have provided much separation.

In a 4-3 split decision, the board chose to make site visits to all three of the candidates' school districts.

Board president Nancy Hopkins, treasurer Jim Reagan, secretary Pat Nugent, and board trustee Mark Blanding voted to visit the districts of all three - Tyrus Wessell Jr., Shari Jo Miller and Robert Currie.

Board vice president Mark Lessens, trustee Kate Dernocoeur, and trustee Peter Haefner voted to visit the district sites of just Miller and Currie.

On Tuesday (Sept. 17) it visited the East Grand Rapids District to gather more information on Tyrus Wessell Jr.

On Wednesday (Sept. 18), the district will travel to Marshall, the home district of Robert Currie and on Thursday (Sept. 19) it will visit Miller's home district in Lansing.

"I was intrigued and impressed by how articulate, polite and respectful the Lowell students were," said Miller. "They all spoke well of the district."

Miller grew up on a farm with a strong work ethic said the opportunity to live and work in both environments (urban and rural) helps make her a good fit for Lowell.

"I look forward to a graduation that when students walk across the stage, I know them," Miller explained.

On the hot button issue of privatization Miller said reports indicate there are greater benefits and results using people of the district. "Privatization has not been as productive as first hoped," she said.

After touring the district's buildings and talking to district staff and students on

Wednesday, Miller noted that she sensed there can be improvement in the linkage between buildings. "I sense we can improve assistance provided to the students in their transitional years and expand collaboration between buildings."

Miller added that she and

her husband, Ned would live in Lowell and would be contributing members of the community.

Wessell, East Grand Rapids Middle School principal, talked of how he was struck by the district's sense of pride. "It is obviously a proud community. I was also intrigued by the neighborhood layout at Cherry Creek," he said. "I sensed the concern about growth and the need for planning for growth."

The East Grand Rapids administrator and 1964 Lowell High School graduate said the position wasn't just another superintendent's job for him. "It's the superintendent's job. This community offered me a lot growing up and I've benefited from the education I received at Lowell. It's the kind of program, school and community I want to lead."

Wessell's passion for teaching kids and making sure all students succeed runs deep. "I get impatient about the task of doing that."

On the topic of Proposal A being tweaked? "I know Proposal A is an improvement from where we've been, but I also know something has to happen to be where we need to be. Right now, there is about a \$1,227 per student difference in what Forest Hills receives compared to Lowell. We have to be able to control our own destiny without the consent of other districts," said Wessell.

Currie related to the Lowell Board of Education that the ongoing debate of changing the school's nickname (Redskins) has provided him three-five years of superintendent experience all in one.

It has not caused him, however, to divert from the way he deals with volatile situations. "I pride myself in not losing control in angry

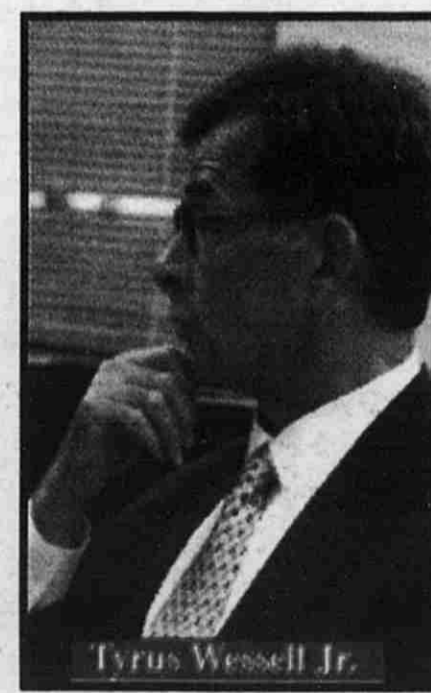
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Shari Jo Miller



Robert Currie



Tyrus Wessell Jr.

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# OBITUARIES

**BALL** - Theodore R. Ball, aged 79, of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday September 13, 2002. Ted is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Lorraine; children Steve Ball and Marchiea Anderson of Seattle, Wash., Chad and Judy Ball of Grayslake, Ill., Dan Ball of Ohio, Missy and Bill Harrison of Lowell and Betsy and Bob Standish of Mattawan. Ted was blessed with 12 grandchildren: Bill, Dan, Nichole, Michael, Sarah, Chelsea, Trevor, Daniel, Mitchell, Conner, Sydney and Brett; many wonderful brothers and sisters-in-law; nieces and

nephews and very special friends who were an important part of his life. Mass of Christian burial was offered Monday at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider, Celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Society.

## Fallasburg Fall Festival: An appealing combination of arts, crafts, music, food and demonstrations

Fallasburg Fall Festival offers a unique arts event which is fun for both participating artists and the thousands of people who attend it.

Over 30,000 people are expected to attend the 34th annual event. The festival is from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29 at Fallasburg Park, four miles north of Lowell.

The event offers an appealing combination of fine arts, traditional craft demonstrations, musical entertainment and food.

This year, 80 artists have been selected to sell their artworks in a juried competition. Booths include jewelry, pottery, glass, leather, fiber work, wood, painting and photography, to name a few. The festival also includes demonstrations of rug hooking, origami, quilting, basketry, woodcarving, caning, rustic wood furniture, leather work, spinning and weaving.

"The spirit here (Fallasburg) is so great. It always has a



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## R/C Fly-In Saturday

Kent Radio Aeromodelers Inc. will host a free R/C Fly-In on Saturday, Sept. 21 to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at a field on Wingeier Road between 72nd and 84th streets.

The Michigan Aerobats team will perform along with many other R/C aircraft.

The R/C Aircraft Club is a nonprofit organization which holds this event each year for a different charity.

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Conference is Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Alto, plus Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Lowell at 9:30; First Baptist Church of Alto at 11 a.m. and Alaska Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

There is no charge for this conference - it is recommended for ages 8+.

Unlocking the Bible & Science...



# LMS workshops address needs and concerns of teens

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Middle School will begin eight weeks of workshops focusing on the needs and concerns of teens for district parents.

The series of workshops will start on Tuesday, Oct. 1 and run through Oct. 29.

The final three workshops are scheduled for Nov. 12, Dec. 3 and March 11, 2003. All workshops will start at 7 p.m. and will run until 8:15 p.m.

Todd Johnson will be the featured speaker at the initial

workshop. He will speak on the topic of "Discipline and Dignity," sharing great insights and strategies on providing consequences that work.

The Oct. 8 workshop will highlight Robert Baird, M.D.IV, MSW. He will present critical information on teenage depression and suicide.

Lowell chief of police, Jim Valentine will present information on teen use of drugs and alcohol, and understanding and preventing teen violence during the third week, Oct. 15.

The next four sessions: Oct. 22 and 29, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3, will focus on teen drug and alcohol use, as well as violence. These workshops will also be presented by Valentine.

The final workshop will be offered on March 11 by Marcia McEvoy, Ph.D., an expert in the areas of bullying, harassment and intimidation in schools.

Snacks will be provided at the free workshops and there will be a chance to win a door prize each night.

At the final workshop, the names of the participants who came to each session will be put in a drawing for a grand prize. The more workshops a person attends - the greater their chances of winning.

"The workshops are a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the needs and concerns of teens," said Lowell Middle School assistant principal, Cindy Geiger.

## Diabetic support groups to begin meeting in October

If you are a diabetic you are aware of all the changes it makes in your lifestyle. Often having the opportunity to be with others who are sharing your experiences can be helpful.

Two diabetic support groups are being organized for our Lowell area. These will be times for sharing, discussion, questions and information. We will occasionally have per-

sons such as dieticians, pharmacologists, optometrists, podiatrists, etc. as speakers.

The daytime group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m. beginning on Oct. 1 at Schneider Manor Community Room.

The evening group will meet the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. beginning on Oct. 7 at Lowell United Methodist Church in the dining room; use the parking lot on the corner of Main and Jackson.

If you have any questions, please call 897-2760.

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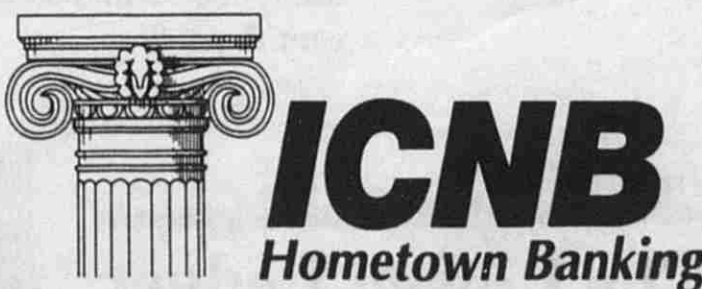


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## Dedicated To Our Dear Friend, Granddaughter, Daughter and Sister

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Who Was Sadly Taken From Us  
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Poems By: Sarah Waldorf

### A Little Dream

I dreamed a little dream, and again I cried a tear...  
I prayed to God to see again your face without the fear.  
The color of your hair so blonde, the tone of your skin,  
To be with you just like a friend should, to know just where you've been.

I feel that you've been watching me from very far away,  
I see your face from where you are, and I know that's where you'll stay.

If angels dream of places, and people that they love,  
And feel our warm embraces, from very far above,  
Know that we are sending you a hug from us to you,  
And know that we are feeling the hug you sent us, too.

### You Meant So Much

You meant so much to all of us, you were special and that's no lie. You brightened up the darkest day, and the cloudiest sky. Your smile warmed hearts; your laugh was like music to the ear.

We would give absolutely anything to have you well and standing here.

Not a second passes when you're not on our minds,  
Your love we will never forget, the hurt will ease on time.  
Many tears we've seen and cried, they've all poured out like rain.  
But we know that you're happy now, free from any pain.

We Will Always Love You Jessie

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# Reflections Of Faith

Roger LaWarre, pastor  
1st Congregational Church

There is a little word that has a big meaning for the Christian and yet, it is probably one of the most abused and misunderstood words in the Bible. I am referring to the word "grace." In the Greek (*charis*) the word means "generosity in gift" as well as "the generous unconditional love God gives." It is a key concept of God in both the Hebrew scriptures and the Christian scriptures. We find it acted out in the stories associated with the great Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and we find it in the many parables of Jesus.

The story of God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery and death is a central story in Hebrew scripture. We find this story in the book of Exodus and through this story we glimpse the powerful outreach of a gracious God that seeks a people, a nation. In a very real way, that gracious God continues to seek a people (you and me), our nation. Now, as then, God implores us to live in God's love and act as a people generous in our compassion and mercy.

In the Christian Scriptures (New Testament), we are again reminded that we are to live our lives guided by the Grace of God. Jesus' parable of the Unforgiving Servant

lives. That is a sad commentary.

The Grace of God, the generous gift of love that transforms, forgives, and rebuilds lives, is at work even in the flawed lives and systems of the church. We are challenged to be the channel of grace to others. And I believe that when people of faith are seen coming out of their beautiful sanctuaries and reaching out to the homeless, the poor, the youth in our towns and cities, then the old stereotypes of hypocrisy will be made obsolete. More people will recognize the power of God's love in our working together for the benefit of the underprivileged, working together in Habitat for Humanity or working together in the Flat River Outreach Ministries, than through our piety and evangelistic services. Our words and our actions must speak in harmony so the others will know and claim the grace of God - a grace so great that even the hopeless situation is made new and alive with peace.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 19: Abbey Goff, Megan Claypool, Brian Ryder, Renae Heinicke, Griff Brenk, Julie Kline.

SEPT. 20: Donald Rittersdorf Jr., Patrick Parish, Mitchell Walling.

SEPT. 21: Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph Scott.

SEPT. 22: Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes.

SEPT. 23: Steve VanLaan.

SEPT. 24: Hillary Boss, Kenneth Gregersen II, David Powell, Clara King.

SEPT. 25: Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingieier.



## Wills/ Gunter

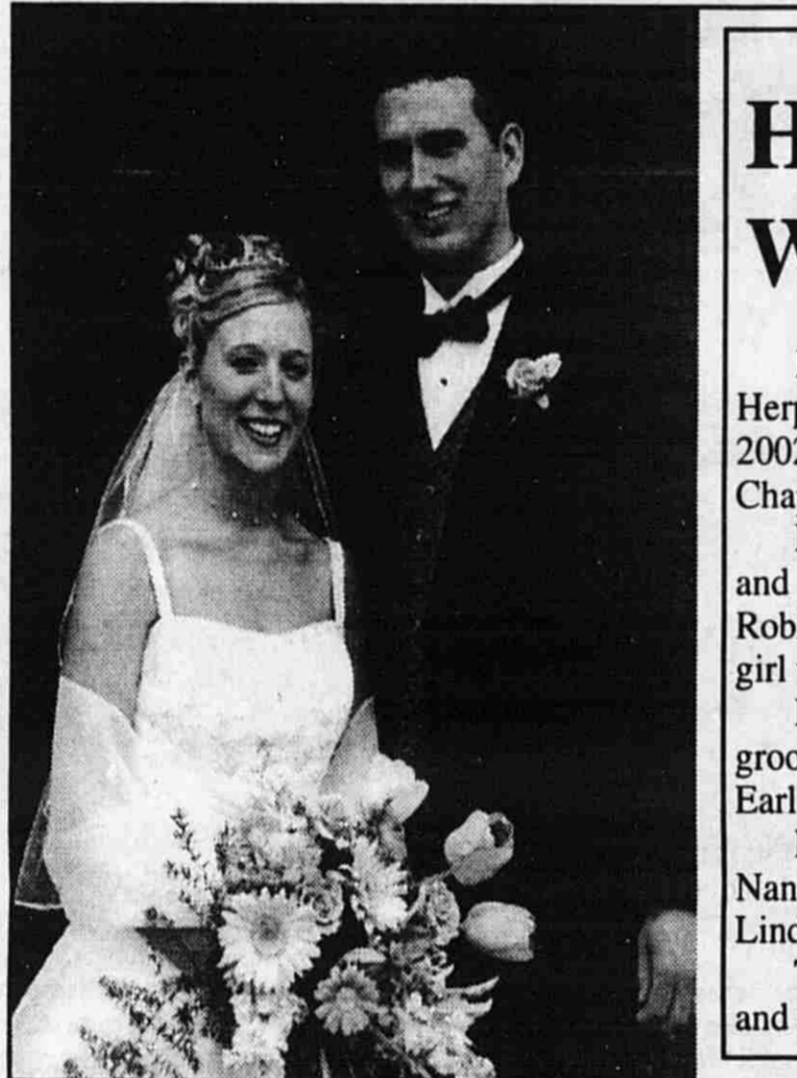
Peter Roger Wills and Kendra Christine Gunter were wed October 27, 2001 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids.

Maid of honor was Laurel Gunter and the bridesmaids were Tricia Marcy and Mandy Wills.

Best man was Roger Wills and groomsmen were Gregg Peters and Joel Herpolsheimer.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Nancy Wills of Belding and James and Judith Gunter of Alma.

The couple honeymooned in the Caribbean and now reside in Grand Rapids.



## Herpolsheimer/ Wills

Mandy Joy Wills and Joel R. Herpolsheimer were married on May 11, 2002 at the Reformed Bible College Chapel in Grand Rapids.

Matron of honor was Katie Peters and bridesmaids were Mandy Meyer, Robin Sarine and Alethea Blough. Flower girl was Jasmine Peters.

Best man was George Bogdan and groomsmen were Casey Meyer, Ryan Earl and Peter Wills.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Nancy Wills of Belding and Ralph and Linda Herpolsheimer of Grand Rapids.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now reside in Grand Rapids.

# Viewpoint



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

I recently overheard a brief encounter between two old friends while in the grocery store. The friends were a man and a woman about my age. The woman instigated the conversation when she rather loudly blurted, "Why Bobby Lee, is that really you? Why look at you ... all cleaned up and all? You even trimmed up that big ol' beard. What, y'all got a court date comin' up?" Anyone from frozen foods to produce could have heard her.

Bobby Lee responded with far less enthusiasm, and a lot less volume.

He said something like, "Hey Arletta. Yup, I had an appearance two weeks ago." Then it was, "See ya around Arletta" and "Take care Bobby Lee." The meeting was over.

The encounter reminded me of the old wisecrack used when meeting someone in a tie who doesn't normally wear one. It goes, "Hey (whoever) goin' to a funeral?" This is moderately funny unless "whoever" tells you that as a matter of fact a close relative has died. Then you feel less like a comedian and more like joining the deceased relative. On the other hand, I doubt Arletta felt much remorse in pegging the reason for Bobby Lee's beard trim.

I couldn't help but sneak a peek at Bobby Lee. He was sporting a big old Gabby Hayes kinda beard. If it was noticeably trimmed, then the original must have been a down-to-the-belt-buckle Z.Z. Top monster. His attire, though reasonably clean, was your everyday gym shorts, tank top and flip-flops. He was headed for the checkout with a case of beer under his arm like it belonged there. If Bobby Lee was spiffed up, then I can't imagine a more relaxed version.

When I was leaving for my court appearance last Monday, my wife questioned my attire. I was headed out the door in khaki shorts, T-shirt, sneakers and a modest two-day beard. I was going to tell her it was my new "Bobby Lee" look, but she wouldn't have understood. I grabbed a cup of coffee and hit the road.

I was involved in an accident a couple months ago. A guy in a cube van pulled out from a stop sign in front of me. I locked

up the brakes and skidded past a survey crew working in the center of the road. I'm guessing the surveyors needed a change of underwear after my slide-by.

I didn't quite get stopped and hit the van with my right front smacking his left front. The bumper and fender of my pickup were crumpled. The steering was knocked out of whack. The van had a dented fender. I jumped out with an attitude and shouted something like, "What, are you bleeping blind!?" I cooled down when I got a look at the other driver and realized my teeth could be in jeopardy if I pressed the issue.

We had a nice chat along the highway while we waited for the police to show up and file an accident report. I apologized for my attitude. He thanked me for not coming out swinging. The highway patrol wrote it up, wrote the other driver a failure to yield ticket plus a ticket for no chauffeur's license to drive the heavy-duty van. About a month later a county cop knocked on my door with a subpoena to appear as a witness. The other driver was fighting his tickets.

So, I'm out making sales calls, minding my own business, observing the speed limit and a guy mindlessly pulls out in front of me. The result is rattled nerves, lost time at the accident site, insurance hassles, a week without my truck, the logistics of getting it to and from the body shop, etc. Now, on top of all that I had to take a day off work, drive 150 miles to appear as a witness for the state in case that should be open and shut guilty. My "Bobby Lee look" was a statement.

As I sat in traffic court I paid close attention and made lots of notes for future reference. After about two hours I came to the conclusion that a person should fight any traffic ticket. It seemed to me that if there were any excuse, the judge dismissed the case. If the driver had a clean record for two years prior, he excused the points and only imposed fines and court costs. Like I say, I learned a lot, and given my track record I just might get a chance to put this knowledge to use.

When our case was called I approached the bench with the highway patrol officer and the other driver's lawyer. The officer and I made our statements, then the lawyer moved for a dismissal on a technicality. The judge referred to his law book. He agreed with the lawyer and the case was dismissed. The judge thanked me for appearing, as if that was unusual. Like I said, if you get a traffic ticket, you stand a pretty good chance of beating the wrap, even if you are guilty as sin.

That's the story of my court appearance. I'm sure Bobby Lee's story would be a lot more interesting. Unfortunately, he wasn't too talkative and Arletta didn't press the issue.



By  
Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1877

Sample of this editor's puns: "We can't explain the origin of all insects, but it is established that 25 cents a pound makes the butter fly."

During this potato harvest, only a spud six pounds or better will be a news item.

The new press that arrived at the Journal last Friday required the services of several muscular men to move in.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher will lecture in Grand Rapids next week; seats will be a very high one dollar each, grumbles the editor.

Lobbyists as well as legislators are assembling in Washington for the new Congressional session.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1902

The Lowell Foot Ball Association is formed. As both high school students and other players will compose the team, it will be called the High School Reserves, and a schedule has been arranged.

The Lowell Dancing Club begins its series of parties at Train's Opera House Friday evening; 50 cents admission.

The Lowell Boys' Union next Happy Hour series will feature the "preliminary business life of a boy."

San Francisco is the "best telephoned" city in the world, with 62 telephones per 1,000 population.

"Temperance" is a weekly two-column feature of several articles on the subject.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND  
THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 22, 1927

The Ledger will have its own building at 214 Main, two doors east of the present rental quarters and will move next month.

The Runciman elevator has added machines and has 50 bean and pea pickers this fall.

Lowell Specialty Co. is moving up from a slow season, and many men are employed in rebuilding the Lowell Power Dam north of the village.

Kent County applies to the state for a new bridge to replace the Ada covered bridge.

An itinerant farm hand working on a farm in Vergennes dies. If no next of kin can be found, the body will go to the medical school at Ann Arbor.

Dedication of the Rix Robinson monument boulder will be held at Ada Saturday.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1952

A dead pig that floated down the river and lodged in some timbers at the dam accounted for the "awful stench" on Main Street the first of the week.

The village issues a permit for Nick Kloosterman to open his 10-trailer park.

Lowell's 59-piece band will be among the 105 school bands participating in U of M's Band Day Oct. 18.

Lowell school enrollment 10 years ago: 727; now: 868.

The Lowell Board of Trade organizes a Community Development Corporation, starting with the B of T's \$1,000 in government bonds.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 22, 1977

Saranac's new bridge over the Grand River is dedicated. Vergennes Township authorizes a planning commission, to be appointed by supervisor Carl Kroff.

The Smiler's Club of LHS 16 gets together the 62nd time for their annual luncheon: Mabel Scott, Margaret Gaugherty, Pauline Watts, Doris Gardner and Evelyn Denny.

City police, armed with the new radar unit, have been giving warnings but are now moving to tickets for speeders.

The street sweeper, a brush type, demands many repairs, and city manager, Ray Quada recommends getting a vacuum type.

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SERVING SARA (PG-13)  
12:10, 4:40, 9:15  
FEAR DOT COM (R) 3:10, 9:50  
SIGNS (PG-13)  
12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45  
SPIDER-MAN (PG-13)  
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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 and Zoning Administrator Brian MacCarthy.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER that the minutes of the August 19, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written.

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

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

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

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (09/03/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$101,375.67
MAJOR STREET FUND	6,226.42
LOCAL STREET FUND	75,284.14
DDA FUND	895.06
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	19,834.69
AIRPORT FUND	114.17
WASTEWATER FUND	30,377.78
WATER FUND	6,454.61
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,753.72
EQUIPMENT FUND	976.92
CURRENT TAX FUND	52,884.69

**Item #1. REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SANITARY SEWER LOCATED IN ALLEY OFF WASHINGTON STREET TERMINATING BEHIND NEW POLICE STATION.** Public Works Director Dan DesJarden explained during the construction of the City Hall/Police Station a sanitary sewer line was discovered in the alleyway connecting the VFW Building, Tummino, Overbeck Construction and Lowell Auto Body being in poor condition.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber provided a cost estimate of \$44,792.88 with an additional \$1,500 for easement costs to provide a new eight inch sanitary sewer.

DesJarden said the City Hall/Police Station lines will be disconnected and rerouted. A catch basin behind the City Hall near the VFW is desired. This will be extended down to Washington and connect all the laterals so that there would be a manhole on both ends of the system allowing for access, in case of a backup.

Councilmember Myers questioned the cost of \$1,500. DesJarden believed this amount was high. With the sale of the VFW building, there is already an easement. However, an easement would be necessary for the other businesses to the east.

Myers asked if this would impact the construction progress. DesJarden noted the project may be delayed a week or two.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the proposal from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber to replace the sanitary sewer in the alley behind the police station for an amount of \$44,792.88 as allocated from the Wastewater Fund. In addition, \$1,500 should not be exceeded for easement costs.

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

**Item #2. PRESENTATION OF FUTURE DESIGN PLANS FOR THE LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM.** Lowell Area Historical Museum Executive Director Judy Straub stated Phase I of the capital campaign was very successful. A goal of \$225,000 was reached and an additional \$43,000 was raised. Currently, the

museum has been very focused on the millage campaign.

Immediately following Phase I, the museum began raising funds for Phase II, which now totals approximately \$70,000.

There has been some design changes from the original concept. The size of the gift shop will be decreased. This would provide a larger area for changing exhibits. This also will allow the museum to create a hands-on 1870's dining room.

Phase II will also include a garden area where teas or luncheons could be held.

The changing exhibit area would allow the many different donated artifacts to be showcased. It will also allow community members to display collections such as dolls, toys and planes.

In order for this to take place, minor modifications need to be made to the interior of the building. An individual would enter the building and proceed toward the gift shop and period area or toward the exhibit area.

Councilmember Myers inquired when Phase II would be complete. Straub responded it was originally thought to be three to five years. However, the YMCA has since moved out of the east wing and as soon as the City is finished using the space for storage, the museum work can begin.

Councilmember Blough inquired about the number of visitors. Straub responded the Museum expected to have 1,000 visitors within one year. Currently, there have been 1,200 visitors and it has not been quite one year.

Councilmember Brubaker verified the museum building is both State and nationally registered as a Historic Building. Straub responded yes. Brubaker asked if this would hamper the ability to provide structural changes. Straub responded no. The State, National and Local Historic Districts can regulate what is done to the outside of the building, but cannot regulate what is undertaken on the inside of the building.

Mayor Shores asked if there were any plans for the upstairs. Straub responded no. It is currently being used for storage.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to endorse the plan as proposed for the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

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

**Item #3. ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN EIGHT INCH SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION ON JAMES STREET.** In response to the pending development for the Phillips' property off Grindle Drive, a sanitary sewer extension on James Street, 245 feet north of High Street, is planned. This would bring the sewer within 1,320 feet of the Sundry development, which will be their responsibility to complete.

Two proposals were received for design and construction services as follows:

	Design Engineering	Construction Services	Total
Williams and Works	\$1,750	\$2,700	\$4,950
		\$500 materials testing	
Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc.	\$5,200	\$3,400	\$8,600

Since both firms have provided excellent service to the City, the recommendation was based on cost. Thus, Williams and Works is recommended to provide engineering design and construction services for the James Street sanitary sewer for \$4,950 as allocated from the Wastewater Fund.

Councilmember Myers noted the project engineer is Dave Austin, who is a City resident.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the bid from Williams and Works for \$4,950 to provide engineering services for the design and construction of an eight inch sanitary sewer extension on James Street.

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

**Item #4. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT.** As requested by

the Council, an agenda item was set aside to review issues regarding sanitary sewer and storm water backups. DPW Director Dan DesJarden noted one call was received since the last Council meeting. Upon further investigation, a City employee discovered the clean out top was broken off, which allowed dirt to enter the sewer lateral. At the time, the employee advised the homeowner to contact a plumber. No further information was provided.

**Item #5. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Dan DesJarden received a fax from the Michigan Department of Transportation which indicated there would be bridge work near Exit 52 off Alden Nash on August 3, 4 and 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ivan Blough expressed his appreciation to the City and DesJarden regarding the clean up of the amphitheater. It is a good start.

Allen Hull of 201 Donna Drive was hoping to have work started concerning back ups in the Valley Vista neighborhood. Hull created a bar chart of the information provided by DesJarden. The chart indicates the Valley Vista area has a greater number of sewer back up problems than the rest of the City.

**Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Pfaller thanked the Police Department for the ticketing program given to the kids on bicycles. Councilmember Blough asked for an update on North Division Street. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated curb has been placed. It has taken longer than expected because of Ameritech working to relocate lines. DesJarden spoke with the contractor who plans on laying the base coat down on August 5. Hopefully, no later than August 9, clean up and having the driveways ready to asphalt can begin.

DesJarden noted a few issues still need to be addressed on the Valley Vista/Bowes Road project. Curb work has begun between Valley Vista and West Street along Main Street. The contractor wanted to place asphalt on the south side, but it was not allowed because MDOT did not believe the asphalt mix was right. On August 7, the contractors will cross M21 near McDonalds and connect the two storm sewers together. The old one was too high. Once the asphalt mix is ready, the job can be completed.

DesJarden also noted the water main project on the north west side near Hunt Street should be completed at the same time as North Division. Councilmember Myers asked if it is the intention for the duration of the City Hall/Police Station project to have Avery Street blocked. DesJarden stated the street would be closed during the project. This is preferable than for contractors using more of the parking lot.

Mayor Shores believed the project on North Division Street would be a great improvement. Shores also commented on the Riverwalk Festival. It was very successful. She was very impressed with all of the fire trucks and equipment in the parade.

**Item #7. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- The following meeting minutes were provided:
    - Planning Commission meeting of July 22, 2002
    - Downtown Development Authority meeting of July 11, 2002
    - Chamber of Commerce meeting of July 10, 2002
  - The Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) will hold its annual meeting in Grand Rapids from September 18-20. An employer delegate of the City must be appointed by Council. Jim Valentine is recommended for approval while Dan DesJarden would be selected as an alternate.
- For Council's information, Betty Morlock was elected as the employee delegate and David Morris is the alternate.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to appoint Jim Valentine as the delegate and Dan DesJarden as the alternate to the Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.  
DATE APPROVED: Monday, September 16, 2002

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

## Sisters catch eyes of Alto pageants judges

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

They'd been to the Alto Festival almost every year that they could remember.

Ocean Moore and her younger sister, Mariah turned the most recent Alto Festival (22nd) into one they will never forget.

Ocean Moore, a freshman at Lowell High School, won the title of Miss Alto while Mariah, eight years old, was crowned Little Miss Alto.

It is the first time in the history of the pageant sisters have won.

Both girls, while admittedly nervous, concurred it was a lot of fun and something they'd do again.

"It was a chance for me to get up in front of people and sing," Mariah explained.

When it was her turn to sing (talent part of the pageant), Mariah sang (acappella) "Let the Sunshine In."

Ocean performed an acappella rendition of "Amazing Grace."

Pageants are not an unfamiliar event in the Moore home. Their mother, Marjorie, competed in the 1998 Miss Michigan contest.

Following their success at Alto, both girls spoke of aspirations of continuing to participate in pageants. "I'd like to try and take this to a higher level," said Ocean.

Mariah added, "I want to be just like mom." As representatives of the Alto pageants, the Moore sisters will participate in area parades as well as visit hospitals and hand out presents over the Christmas holiday.

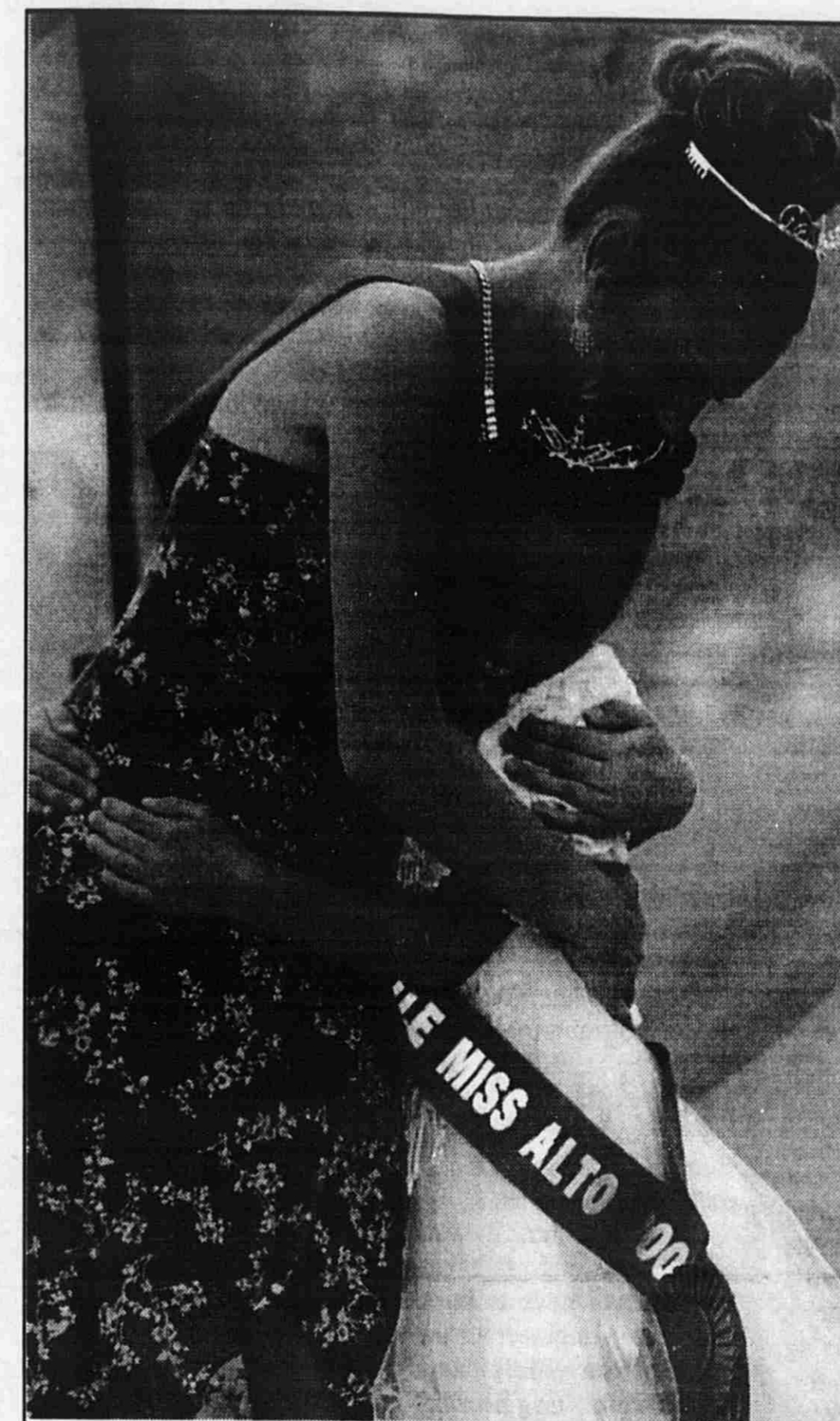
Along with her Miss Alto title, Ocean also earned the Women's Sexiest Legs title while her father, Noah won the Men's Sexiest Legs honor.

Competing against the freshman in the Miss Alto contest were Lindsay Vos, Erin Williams, Crystal Carney and Stephanie Johnson.

Crowning Ocean was last year's Miss Alto, Jacqueline Vos.

Erin Williams, the 2001 Little Miss Alto, crowned Mariah Moore. Competing against Mariah were Molly Denison and Kaylee Depew.

For winning the pageants, both Moore girls received \$25.



*The deepest American dream is not the hunger for money or fame; it is the dream of settling down, in peace and freedom and cooperation, in the promised land.*

Scott Russell Sanders

Ocean Moore congratulates her younger sister, Mariah after she was selected Little Miss Alto. Ocean won the Miss Alto title, marking the first time sisters have won both pageants.

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**THURS:** Pepperoni pizza or ravioli with cheese and bread and butter, corn, apricots & cherries, birthday cake.

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The family of Dwight Brown would like to thank Rev. Ken Harger for his kind words, the service was wonderful. Thank you to Doug Thompson for the luncheon, and to those who brought food to the house - we never ate so good. Many thanks for the flowers, memorial cards, and most of all for all the hugs and kind words.

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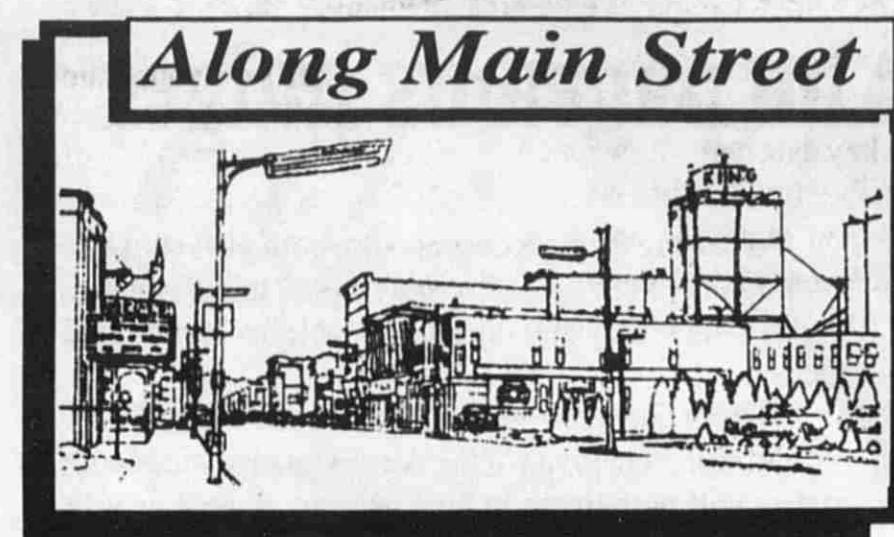
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## Sewer Lines, cont'd... From Page 1

started this year. This would prevent a rate increase for the work, he said. The council, however, balked when it determined that this would leave little money for any unforeseen repairs, so DesJarden asked and received \$20,000 from the sewer work.

Council member Dan Brubaker raised the issue of the city paying to install back flow devices into the laterals to protect homeowners from sewage backups in the main line. The cost is approximately \$500-\$700 per home. The homeowner would be responsible for the yearly maintenance of the device, Brubaker said.

There was some concern about this move, especially since the laterals are not considered city property, but homeowner property.

"I feel as a resident you have to have some responsibility yourself," said city mayor, Jeanne Shores. "I think there has to be a cost share on it."

Council member, Jim Pfaller said he has liability concerns for the city and wanted to get an idea of how much such a project would cost. The council decided not to move forward on the back flow devices until city staff could get more information.

Residents from the audi-

ence indicated during public comment they were pleased to see the city move forward on such a project but still felt there were other concerns to be addressed such as safety and restitution.

DesJarden said in his studies he did determine that other cities of this size do perform regular cleaning of their sewer systems with the cost ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

But keep in mind that a 401 (k) is largely a "self-managed" plan - so you're the one who must keep track of what's going on. As a 401(k) owner, you're responsible for several things. First, you need to decide how much to contribute to your plan. Next, you're in charge of picking your own investments from those available. And finally, you'll need to periodically review your 401(k) holdings and make adjustments as needed, in response to changes in your life or changes to the investments themselves. In short, when it comes to managing your 401 (k), you've got a lot of obligations.

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**Account summaries** - Here's where you'll find the beginning and ending balance of your individual accounts over the statement cycle. This section gives you a "snapshot" of how your investments performed over the past statement cycle - typically a quarter or a month.

**Investment summary** - In this section, you'll find descriptions of how your individual holdings have done over time. Your statement may include annualized total returns over various time periods such as one, three, five and 10 years. This long-term perspective can be valuable to you, especially if you're concerned about a drop in your balance from last quarter's - or last month's statement. While this past performance does not guarantee or predict future results, it can still give you an idea of how your accounts have done in various economic environments.

**Asset allocation** - Ultimately your 401(k)'s ability to help you meet your retirement goals will largely depend on your asset allocation - the mix of investments you've chosen to fund your plan. Your statement should have some type of graphic representation - possibly in pie charts - showing you how your money is spread among the various options. Pay close

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Arts & Crafts, Games, Movie, Food, Music, Fun Activities  
\*\*\*Please bring a white t-shirt for your child to decorate\*\*\*  
\$15.00 Member      \$18.00 Non-Member  
Register at 1335 W. Main St. or call 897-8445

**1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Klackle Orchard**  
Bus leaves Cherry Creek Elementary @ 6:45 PM  
Returns @ 9:00PM  
Wagon Ride, Donut & Cider, Lots of Fun!  
\$ 12.00 Member      \$ 15.00 Non-Member  
\*\*\*Limited to the first 50 children registered\*\*\*  
Register at 1335 W. Main St. or call 897-8445

**Teen Center - Open House**  
Free to public 6:30-9:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> grade and up  
Located next to Mancino's at 1335 W. Main St.

**Wellness Center - Open House**  
Free to public 6:30-9:00 PM  
Kids' Corner (child care) available for infant through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Located next to Mancino's at 1335 W. Main St.

**Come check out the YMCA!**

**SIGN UP FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**  
Baseball/softball fans: Fallsburg Historical Society is starting an 1860's rules baseball team, open practice on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Free - all skill levels welcome. Call Kerry Shubach 897-0849 or Dan Stevens 235-2807.

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE**  
The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRIES NEEDED**  
Anyone interested in participating in the Lowell Homecoming Parade on Sept. 27, please contact Kurt Kaeb 897-7445 (home) or 897-4125 ext.449 (school).

**SENIOR TRIP MEETING FOR PARENTS**  
There will be an important meeting at Lowell High School on Monday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. for all parents of seniors to discuss the 2003 class trip. Call Carol Dreth (897-8785) with any questions.

**HARVEST CRAFT SALE**  
The Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Building will have a Harvest Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Oct. 12. Call Ron Wenger at 897-6050 to sign up or for more info.

**CHILI COOK-OFF AT LARKIN'S**  
The 1st annual Chili Cook-off at Larkin's will be held Saturday, Oct. 12. There is a \$25 entry fee. To get an application or for more info., call Larkin's at 897-5977.

**HELP DECORATE THE CITY**  
Scarecrow Building Clinic and Contest will be on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Supplies will be provided or you may bring your own.

**DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTION**  
The Lowell Area Arts Council Thebes Players will present *Steel Magnolias* at Larkin's - The Other Place on Oct. 24-27 and Nov. 1-2. Tickets are \$23 dinner and show/\$8 show only. Discounts for seniors, students and LAAC members. Call 897-8545 to make your reservations.

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## Sundry, cont'd... From Page 1

The city council decided to table any decision on the matter until city staff had a chance to review Sundry's numbers along with having time to digest the new information Sundry presented Monday night. The council plans to discuss the request at its next meeting, Oct. 7.

Sundry had sought a waiver from utilities in June, but it was voted down by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Shortly after that meeting, it was discovered that the development did not fit into the 1,320-foot requirement to hook up to the sewer. The council decided that in light of this development and future development, including the southern portion of the Grindle property, it would move forward and spend about \$37,500 to extend the sewer line so that Sundry would have to connect.

At the time, it was thought to be important that the property have utilities brought to it. Engineer Aaron Catlin from Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering said, however, after running the numbers, it would cost about \$57,000 per lot to put in water and sewer for that property. The biggest hurdles are that the property is a "deep flag-shape," forcing the lines to run a long distance to a few number of homes; and the hilly area will require at least two pumping stations, possibly three, Catlin explained.

Council member, Dan Brubaker said he was under the impression that the line would eventually be extended into the southern portion. Sundry representative, Kevin Rude said the company, however, currently does not own the southern portion and is still working on a plan to develop that area, which is scheduled to come before the Lowell Planning Commission next week. Rude said his company has been treating the two projects as separate developments, and it could come down that Sundry may not develop the other parcel.

"The area to the north is pretty much developed," Rude said. "So the question becomes - why do we need it on ours?"

Catlin said the lots were large enough to hold their own septic fields and water tanks and would meet all Kent County Health Department regulations.

Mayor Jeanne Shores said she would like to see sewer and water brought up in that area and Council member, Jim Pfaller said he didn't think the council should consider cost a factor of whether utilities go in.

"Either we have the requirement or we don't," he said.

Council member, Charles Myers said he thought by looping it in with the other project, that would reduce the cost. Catlin said even if Sundry were to develop the southern portion first, it would cost about \$40,000 per lot to bring sewer and water to the northern portion because of the hill terrain. With that in mind, Myers said he could understand the developer's situation although he needed more time to consider the information.

## Superintendent Search, cont'd... From Page 1

situations. I think my background in counseling helps me pervade an attitude of calmness. That helps people see me as a person in control," Currie explained. "Anger does not belong in a professional setting. It is not productive."

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**Here's What to Look For on 401(k) Statements**

If you have a 401 (k) plan where you work, consider yourself fortunate, because your 401(k) offers you a great way to build resources for retirement. Your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, and your pre-tax contributions lower your annual tax bill. Plus, you've probably got a good choice of investment options.

But keep in mind that a 401 (k) is largely a "self-managed" plan - so you're the one who must keep track of what's going on. As a 401(k) owner, you're responsible for several things. First, you need to decide how much to contribute to your plan. Next, you're in charge of picking your own investments from those available. And finally, you'll need to periodically review your 401(k) holdings and make adjustments as needed, in response to changes in your life or changes to the investments themselves. In short, when it comes to managing your 401 (k), you've got a lot of obligations.

Fortunately, you can get some help through an extremely useful tool - your 401 (k) statement. Many people just look at their statements to check on their current balance. And, of course, it is important to know how much you've got. But don't stop there - your statement is full of information that can prove helpful to you in running your 401(k). Here are a few things to look for:

**Account summaries** - Here's where you'll find the beginning and ending balance of your individual accounts over the statement cycle. This section gives you a "snapshot" of how your investments performed over the past statement cycle - typically a quarter or a month.

**Investment summary** - In this section, you'll find descriptions of how your individual holdings have done over time. Your statement may include annualized total returns over various time periods such as one, three, five and 10 years. This long-term perspective can be valuable to you, especially if you're concerned about a drop in your balance from last quarter's - or last month's statement. While this past performance does not guarantee or predict future results, it can still give you an idea of how your accounts have done in various economic environments.

**Asset allocation** - Ultimately your 401(k)'s ability to help you meet your retirement goals will largely depend on your asset allocation - the mix of investments you've chosen to fund your plan. Your statement should have some type of graphic representation - possibly in pie charts - showing you how your money is spread among the various options. Pay close

attention to this picture, because it can change without you really being aware of it. For example, if one of your stock-based accounts has grown substantially over the years, your overall 401(k) portfolio may now be more heavily weighted toward growth stocks than you had originally intended. If that happens, you may need to rebalance.

**Loan Information** - If you've taken out a loan from your 401(k), you'll find all the key data here - how much you borrowed, what interest rate you're paying and how much you've paid back.

By paying close attention to what's on your statements, you'll find it easier to successfully manage your 401(k) plan. So, the next time you get a statement, take a close look - and, if you need to, take action on what you see.

# Sharing The Vision

**Nancy Hopkins, president**  
Board of Education

I have a wish for this school year. My wish is for both our school and larger Lowell communities to be open to a challenge. Jim White, our acting superintendent, first presented this challenge to district staff just prior to the first day of school. I was at the staff welcome meeting when he suggested that each of us think of what we can do to make our new district vision "come alive." How can each of us take ownership of this vision of balance prepared learners and give it real meaning to our children and us?

To do this we must act. It is not enough just to talk general support for our children's educational experiences. It is not enough just to endorse a vision, hoping it will do some good. These are our kids. Their problems are our problems. So, let's throw open our minds to the challenge and do something with this honorable vision.

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I hope because we really care about our kids, we will make this effort, commit to more than an exercise in feel-good futility. Let's give the children the best of ourselves, and learning that both starts with each of us and is tied to a vision of the future.

Will you accept the challenge?

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## LEGAL NOTICES

<p><b>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> Decedent's Estate</p> <p>FILE NO. 02-174,066-DE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Estate of <b>MARY MARCELLINE BERNOTT,</b> Deceased</p> <p>Date of birth: May 13, 1913</p>	<p><b>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> Decedent's Estate</p> <p>FILE NO. 02-174,093 DE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Estate of <b>ELIZABETH MAY WELCH</b> Deceased</p> <p>SSN: 303-01-3014</p>
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TO ALL CREDITORS:      TO ALL CREDITORS:

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, ELIZABETH MAY WELCH, who lived at 217 - 60th St., S.E., Kentwood, Michigan, died August 4, 2002. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT E. WELCH, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., #2500 Grand Rapids, MI 49504 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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<p style="text-align: center;">09/10/02</p> <p><b>SUSAN M. POTYRAJ</b> (P46249) 410 Bridge St. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 454-4119</p> <p style="text-align: center;">09/03/02</p> <p><b>JOHN D. MITUS</b> (P-31244) 410 Bridge St. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 774-4001</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">09/03/02</p> <p><b>ROBERT E. WELCH</b> 1025 Buckingham, S.W. Wyoming, MI 49509 (616) 988-9034</p>
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## CITY OF LOWELL

### PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, September 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Sections 20.02 and 20.08 to allow sidewalk message signs in the Central Business District.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.

**Betty R. Morlock**  
City Clerk  
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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### REZONING HEARING

**PLEASE BE NOTIFIED** that the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

**Monday, September 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.**

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

The following changes of zoning will be considered:

Magic Real Estate LLC has requested rezoning of property located at 10451 Cascade Road (PP#41-20-20-300-001) Lowell, Michigan, from the current zoning classification of Prime Agriculture (Ag-1) to Rural Agriculture (Ag-2).

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

**Linda S. Regan, Clerk**  
Lowell Charter Township





## United Way contribution gets employee car wash from boss

Litehouse, Inc., was chosen by the Heart of West Michigan United Way as a Pacesetter company for this year's annual campaign. The company was chosen because they have demonstrated a strong commitment to United Way in the past. The company's results were announced

at the communitywide kickoff held on Sept. 5 which coincides with the annual Day of Caring.

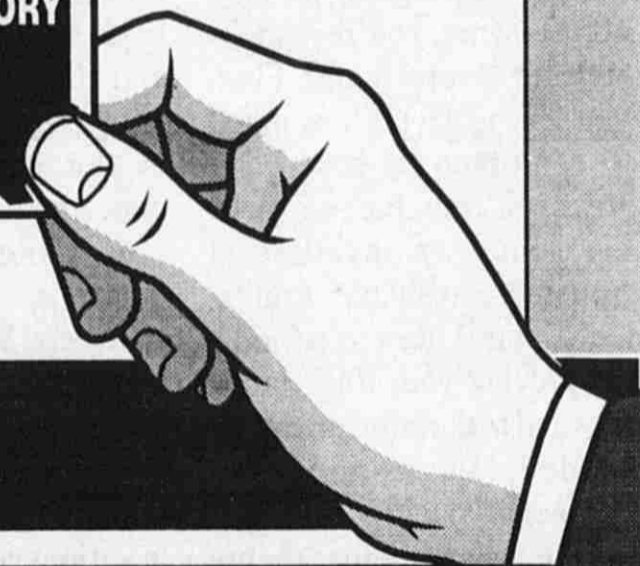
Litehouse offers incentives to employees to show appreciation of their support to United Way. This year, each employee making a contribution was entered into a drawing for a complimentary car wash provided by Wendell Christoff during lunch hour in the parking lot. Bob Anderson of the Research and Development Department received his free car wash on Monday, Sept. 16.



Linda DesJarden, Litehouse campaign coordinator, reports that contributions increased 15 percent over last year and credits the company and its employees for their continued support to improve the quality of life for others.

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## '50s-'60s music show coming to Lowell Performing Arts Center

The Lowell Education Foundation will be hosting a series of nine gourmet dinners around the district on Saturday, Oct. 5, and concluding at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. with an uproarious performance by the Marvelous Wonderettes. The show, open to the public, will offer tickets for only \$10 per adult and a maximum of \$25 per family. The evening also includes a beautiful intermission dessert provided by Meijer Incorporated for everyone in attendance.

The Marvelous Wonderettes began in the summer of 2000 as part of the Community Circle Theater's summer run in John Ball Park, filling the Pavilion Theater for three weeks and then selling out for an additional two-week overrun.

It was this tremendous success that caused this quartet of four local women to keep their marvelous show of '50-'60s music and banter alive and playing to corporate and other groups since the summer of 2000. They also played to packed houses for six weeks at the popular downtown BOB, a Gilmore Restaurant, which will also be opening a new restaurant on Main Street in Lowell in another month.

The show is a compilation of favorite toe-tapping songs from the '50s and '60s, woven through a story of a high school girls quartet who is pressed into service at the last minute to sing at their senior prom. The second act, following intermission, takes place during their 10th class reunion.

A limited number of tickets will be available for the Marvelous Wonderettes which provides a great opportunity for families to enjoy a show together. General admission tickets may be purchased at the Lowell Ledger office or at any Lowell Schools' office. The show is being sponsored by the Lowell Education Foundation and every dollar earned goes directly into the school education programs.

## Marvelous Wonderettes



## Kent District Library Alliance of Friends Fall Color Tour

Enjoy West Michigan's beautiful fall colors while visiting Kent District Library's 18 branches located throughout the county. Those who visit at least three branches will be eligible to win a reading gift basket.

Many of the local Friends Groups will sponsor book sales and special events on Saturdays in September and October to coincide with the fall color tour. A map of the

branches with fall program information can be picked up at any KDL branch. This event is sponsored by the Kent District Library Alliance of Friends.

## KDL holds "Super Science Day"

Several branches of Kent District Library will be offering children the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of science at Super Science Day. Children ages six

and up can enjoy a special fun-filled hour of hands-on experiments, informative presentations and take-home projects. Pre-registration for this program is required and

participation is limited. The Alto branch will be offering the program Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. Please call 647-3820 to register.

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## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

### Summary of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2002

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Matt Tomko, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board of Education, reported to the board that the high school students would be taking a moment of silence on September 11. The Student Council is sponsoring an ice cream social on September 12 to welcome all new high school students. A leadership conference on September 18 will be attended by several students and homecoming activities are being planned.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF** - Connie Gillette introduced the new teaching staff to the Lowell Board of Education.

### ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
- Richard & Jean Bewell donation of antique wildflower, trees and fruit and vegetable identification guides valued at \$125 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
  - Rob and Susan Stevens donation of desk valued at \$100 to be used by Cherry Creek Elementary School.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION** - Kathy Cole, Student Development Director, gave a report on character education activities taking place at Lowell Area Schools. Last year the school district joined the National Character Counts Organization which will allow teachers to order many excellent materials for integrating character education into the curriculum.

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

- The minutes for August 5, 2002 Board Workshop, the August 12, 2002 Special Meeting, the August 12, 2002 Closed Session, the August 12, 2002 Regular Meeting, and the August 26, 2002 Board Workshop.
- The following payment of bills for August 2002:  
GENERAL FUND.....\$1,011,707.35  
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND  
A. Food Service Fund.....\$6,460.85  
B. Athletic Fund.....\$17,427.95  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....\$4,350.00  
1990 DEBT FUND.....\$77.34  
2000 DEBT FUND.....\$29.54  
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$443,442.18  
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$17,359.88
- Leave: Sarah LieVan - Cherry Creek reading teacher - first semester of the 2002-2003 school year.

- New Hires:**
- |                      |                          |                             |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joe Keglitz          | 5th grade                | Cherry Creek                |
| Mickey Chichester    | Spanish & Social Studies | High School                 |
| Kathleen Harrington  | Music (part time)        | Middle School & St. Patrick |
| Katherine Leewenberg | Computer (part time)     | St. Patrick                 |
- Revision to Board Policy #1300 to reflect that the regular board meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

**BOND FOLLOW-UP** - Jim White reported that the walls for the high school addition are almost all up with brickwork to be done soon. Cherry Creek and Middle School renovations are almost complete. There was a delay on receiving new lockers for the Middle School due to the steel embargo. The

majority work for the technology part of the bond issue is complete.

**NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** - Jim White talked about the need to look at the timing for constructing the new elementary school. Flattened enrollments last year caused the project to be put on hold. Now with increasing student growth, it is necessary to make a decision on when to begin construction. The item will be placed on the agenda of the special board meeting scheduled for September 23, 2002.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Jim White reported that the schools are off to a great start. MEAP scores are in on the new elementary and middle school tests in science and math. Standard and Poor's (the state's source for evaluation of schools) will be releasing a report on the Lowell Area Schools on September 16. A preliminary report was transmitted to the Superintendent's office and the report was very favorable toward Lowell Area Schools.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Special Board Meeting  
Monday, September 23, 2002  
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 7:00 p.m.
  - Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, October 14, 2002  
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# Planning commission to hear committee's report on Sundry Development

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After almost two months of discussion, a committee will report its findings to the Lowell Planning Commission next

week about a developer's project to construct homes on the city's west end.

Sundry Development, Inc. has been working to develop property at 751 Grindle St. Work has already begun on the northern portion of the property, called the Phillips' property, and for the past two months Sundry representatives have been meeting with a committee appointed by the planning commission concerning its plans for the southern portion, the Leeman property.

At the Sept. 23 planning commission meeting, set for 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Library, it is expected Sundry will request a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property. The PUD will be made under the current zoning of suburban residential.

In July, Sundry proposed a neo-traditional home development for the property. The homes would be in a ring with the fronts facing each other and the backs, with garages, toward a one-way 15-foot street that would wrap around the entire development. In the center, where the homes faced, there would be a recreational area complete with sports fields, picnic area, play sets, and a possible paved area for basketball or tennis. At that meeting, Sundry officials requested having an appointed committee made up of city council members and planning commission members to help with any issues about the new proposed project.

There were some issues centering on the long one-way driveway around the entire project as well as concerns from residents about density. Over all, the planning commission at the July meeting indicated they felt the developer, who has been working on developing the property for about a year, had

made some significant improvements over previous plans.

"I think the details will need to be ironed out," said council member, Dan Brubaker, one of the three city council members who was on the committee. "They have gone to a plan that is much more what the city wants to see in that area."

Brubaker said Sundry has stayed with the neo-traditional development for the project, making some modifications.

The proposed plan also has increased the number from 35 homes to about 52 homes on 24,000 square-foot lots, which does not quite meet the suburban residential requirement, said planning commission member, David Rapp, who was also on the committee. Suburban residential requires 35,000 square-foot lots. The project, however, is designed to be a cluster development, leaving a lot of open space to help create a buffer to the residential area, Rapp said. The one-way road also has been designed to follow the lay of the land.

Both Rapp and Brubaker said there is still some fine-tuning to be done on the project before any dirt gets moved on the property. Sundry also has several public meetings planned to get those details worked out.

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**Dan Brubaker**  
Lowell City Council

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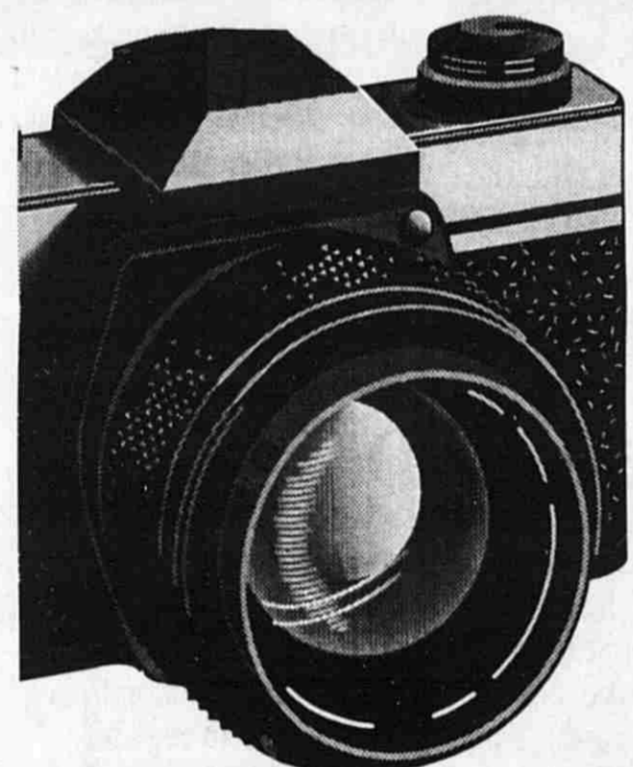
Revenue	
Property taxes captured Summer 2000	\$13,686.52
Property taxes captured Winter 2000	\$66,967.89
Interest	\$4,078.29
Rental Income	\$88,836.70
Bond Reserve	Have no bonding
Expenditures	
Community Development	\$10,674.79
Obligations or Debts	-0-
Outstanding bonded indebtedness	Have no bonding
Initial Assessed Value	
Ad Valorem homestead	\$706,000
Ad Valorem non-homestead	\$2,755,967
Total	\$3,461,967
Captured Value	
Ad Valorem homestead	\$1,281,683
Ad Valorem non-homestead	\$6,276,173
Total	\$7,557,856
Tax Increment Revenues Received	
From Bowne Township	\$20,305.69
From Kent County	\$40,313.60
From Kent District Library	\$6,348.60
From Grand Rapids Community College	\$13,686.52
Total	\$80,654.41
Number of jobs created	3
Additional Information	
The DDA is committed to the following community projects in the final planning stage -	
Modernizing present Village Playground	\$35,000.00
Restoration of or new Township Office	\$70,000.00
10% of cost of Firetruck for Bowne Fire Dept.	\$21,000.00
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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 7-8:30 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:** 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 meeting 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 Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For 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.

**1ST & 3RD MON.:** Diabetic support group beginning Oct. 7 at Lowell United Methodist Church in dining room at 7 p.m. Call 897-2760 for info.

**1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Diabetic support group beginning Oct. 1 at Schneider Manor Community Room at 10 a.m. Call 897-2760 with any questions.

**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. 527-2345/897-7020.

**1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. 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. All are welcome.

**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 Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. All Masons are welcome.

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

**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 949-8555.

**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. Register 1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers meet: Choir at 6:30 p.m. and band at 7:30. Call Kathy 897-5981 for info.

**EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / 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.:** Alto Lions Club at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7.

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

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room beginning Sept. 19.

**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 at 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 at 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. - Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 897-2037. Fall & winter fashions now available.

**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.

## 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., SEPT. 18:** Advisory Council 10 a.m.; Shopping Ass't Meijer, 12:45; Taping of Chef "O" TV show, 3:15 p.m.

**THURS., SEPT. 19:** Dance at West Side Complex, noon.

**FRI., SEPT. 20:** Senior Neighbors Annual Picnic at Johnson Park, 9:15 a.m.

**MON., SEPT. 23:** Treasured Memories, 12:45.

**TUES., SEPT. 24:** Lunch w/Alto seniors at Alto School, 12:30 p.m.

**WED., SEPT. 25:** Women's Bkfst, 8 a.m. Shopping Assistance-Meijer 12:45 p.m.

**THURS., SEPT. 26:** Shopping G.R. Meijer 12:45 p.m.

**FRI., SEPT. 27:** Bingo 12:45 p.m.

**MON., SEPT. 30:** Tour Lowell Area Schools bus garage, 12:45 p.m.

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

**WED., SEPT. 25:** Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program, 2-7 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**THURS., SEPT. 26:** Edward Jones hosts market update seminar, 6:30 p.m. For information call Barb, 987-9515.

**MON., SEPT. 30:** Meeting at LHS at 7 p.m. for all parents of seniors to discuss 2003 senior class trip. Call Carol Drenth at 897-8785 with any ?'s.

**TUES., OCT. 1 & MON., OCT. 7:** Two diabetic support groups will begin. Tues.: 10 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room; Mon.: 7 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. Call 897-2760 with ?'s.

**SAT., OCT. 12:** Harvest Arts & Crafts show at Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Bldg. For info./sign up, call Ron Wenger at 897-6050.

**SAT., OCT. 12:** Larkin's Chili-Cook-off, \$25 entry fee. Call 897-5977 for application.

**SAT., OCT. 12:** Scarecrow Building Clinic at Lowell Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Supplies provided or bring your own.



# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** The living trust my husband and I created a few years ago has title to most of our assets. We set up the trust primarily for probate avoidance purposes and to manage those assets on behalf of our children if something happens to both of us. One asset that has not been transferred to our trust is our home. I understand that since it is in both of our names, there is no danger of probate so long as one of us survives. I also understand that if something happens to us in a common accident, then the house will need to be probated. Are there any disadvantages to placing the house in our trust?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** That is a good question and there are a couple of disadvantages that we can talk about here. First of all, since the house is in both of your names, it is considered tenancy by the entireties property - this simply means that the house is titled in the joint names of a married couple. One advantage of tenancy by the entireties property is that it is not subject to the claims of just one spouse's creditors; that is not true, however, in the case of a joint debt of both spouses. Once

the home is transferred to your trust, you lose that protection. Having said that, however, for most people this is not a concern.

Another disadvantage to placing the home in your trust probably does not apply to you, but it does apply to older people who are attempting to qualify for Medicaid. Under the Medicaid rules, a person's home is not deemed to be a countable asset for the purpose of determining a person's eligibility for Medicaid. This is a huge benefit when the Medicaid applicant has very little in the way of assets other than a house. However, once a house is transferred to the Medicaid applicant's trust, it loses its protected status and becomes a countable asset, which could disqualify the person's eligibility for Medicaid.

Those are the two main disadvantages associated with transferring a house to a trust. If neither of those problems are issues for you, then transferring your house to your trust should not pose a problem. If you choose to transfer your house to your trust, then you should be aware of certain other issues that are involved in making such a transfer:

1. A deed will need to be prepared to transfer the home from you and your husband to your trust. This deed can be a quit-claim deed or a warranty deed. However, it is probably a good idea to have a warranty deed prepared to preserve any title insurance issues which may arise down the road; a quit-claim deed will not protect you in this regard. The other option is to have a new title insurance policy issued or an endorsement issued to that policy.

This deed should be prepared by an estate planning attorney familiar with drafting documents for the purpose of trust funding. There are many little nuances that go into

preparing a deed and you want to make sure it is prepared properly on your behalf.

The deed should be recorded with the county register of deeds office.

2. Although transferring your house to your trust will not be deemed to be a transfer of ownership and is in fact an exempt transfer, you will still be required to file a property transfer affidavit with the city assessor's office. When completing the form, you will want to make sure that you check off the appropriate exemption that refers to transferring property to a trust. To make sure this is completed properly, you may want to have the attorney who prepares your deed complete this form. This affidavit needs to be filed with the city assessor within 45 days of the date of transfer.

3. Although it may not be technically necessary, it is probably a good idea to file a new homestead exemption affidavit with the city assessor's office reflecting that the trust is the new owner of the property. Before filing this form, you should check with your assessor to see if they require it. If they don't, you can skip this step.

4. You should notify your homeowners insurance agent and advise him or her that the house has been transferred to the trust and that you would like to have the trust named as an additional named insured on the policy.

In deciding whether to transfer the house to your trust, you should determine whether either of the disadvantages I have mentioned are an issue for you and be aware of the added steps you need to take once you make the decision to make that transfer. Good luck.

## EAST 35 LOWELL 32

### Red Arrows and Pioneers give another classic performance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two outstanding and well-coached football teams, with outstanding individual players, gathered... in great weather to boot.

It is why 7,000 football fans filled Memorial Field Friday night for a clash of O-K White powers.

"It truly was a great football game. That (Lowell) is a good football team," said Peter Stuursma, an elated and relieved East Grand Rapids

head football coach, following his Pioneers' 35-32 win over Lowell. "I didn't think we had it won until the clock went to zero."

Red Arrow coach Noel Dean, for the second time in 10 months, was left to feel empathy for the pain his boys felt following a tough loss. This time by three points, one more than the 16-14 loss suffered in the playoffs last year.

"I just feel for our kids. They hung in there tonight and banged and hit with the

number two rated team in the state in Division III," Dean reflected. "And they made it interesting at the end."

Great players make big plays in big games. And this game had a number of them.

Mark Catlin did that again Friday night. The only thing he and his Red Arrows didn't do was win.

"Catlin - can he make plays? I have a lot of respect for his play and the way he does it," Stuursma said. "He's one of the more exciting players in the area."

The senior quarterback connected on 17-of-29 passes for 258 yards, two touchdowns, ran for two more and intercepted two Pioneer passes (one prevented an East touchdown).

"But he's only the second best player to watch in the area," said Dean, in reference to a preseason article which gave that honor to the Pioneer's Kevin Grady Jr. Lowell's coach also



Lowell senior Mark Catlin threw for 258 yards, two touchdowns and ran for two more against East Grand Rapids Friday night in a 35-32 loss.

dished out admiration for the Pioneer running back tandem of Grady and Joe Gritter.

"Those two boys are pretty good. That's an outstanding inside, outside pair of runners," Dean said.

"Gritter is amazing. He pedals the bike faster around the end than any back I've seen."

Between the two, they garnered up 355 yards on the ground. Gritter amassed 194 yards and scored two rushing touchdowns. Grady netted 161 yards and scored one

touchdown on the ground and caught a second one.

Let's not forget Red Arrow sophomore wideout Mike Koster - 11 receptions, 213 yards and two touchdowns. If Koster could reach the ball, he caught it.

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**FRESHMEN (L to R)**  
Greg Stevens, left tackle; Tony Adrianse, right guard.

**78er's (L to R)**  
A.J. Seese, tight end, black team; Bill Watikunas, running back, black team; Kameron Blake, running back, red team; Tylor Meppelink, tight end, red team.



**LOWELL 42 ROCKFORD 33**

# Rams held in check by Red Arrow defense

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Unable to put Rockford away at the foul line, Lowell relied on its stifling defense in a 42-33 win over the Rams.

Lowell netted just 2-of-15 shots from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

"Normally, we're a good shooting team from the free throw line, tonight we just couldn't connect," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

However, the Red Arrow defense was strong again. It held Rockford scoreless for the first three minutes of the fourth quarter and the Rams only scored five points over

the final eight minutes.

"Our defense didn't allow them a shot over that first three minutes," Crowley said. "This is a big win against a confident Rockford team."

While Lowell's defense remains strong, its offense is still work in progress.

The Red Arrows did not have a player in double figures although it had five players within two points of one another.

Lauren Vashaw led all Red Arrows with nine points, Valen Van Zyll scored eight points off the bench and Becky Bossard, Blair Meyer and Amy Oberlin all contributed with seven points apiece.

"Valen gave us some shots and good defense off the bench," Crowley said.

Oberlin, recovering from

an ankle sprain, tested the injury on some big plays in the paint. At the offensive end on a fastbreak, Oberlin extended to catch a pass and then finished the play with a layup.

Working on the offensive boards, Oberlin tapped out a missed shot to help Lowell regain possession and eventually hit a shot.

"The girls did a better job of getting the ball into the post and pushing it back out," Crowley said. "We also did a good job of attacking the Rockford press in the second half and then scoring."

With the win, Lowell improved its record to 6-0 and will open up league play against Forest Hills Northern and Northview this week.

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Dee Crowley  
Lowell Girls Basketball Coach



1. **Rockford** - Rams (3-0) unbeaten following 44-7 dismantling of Holland. Hosts West Ottawa on Friday.

2. **East Grand Rapids** - The Joe Gritter and Kevin Grady show was just enough to get the Pioneers (3-0) past the Red Arrows 35-32. East travels to Northview Friday.

3. **Coopersville** - Broncos (3-0) beat up Calvin Christian 35-3, travels to Rogers Friday.

4. **Lowell** - The verdict is in, this young Red Arrow team (2-1) can play with the best of them: Friday's tough three-point loss to East proved that. A big challenge awaits Lowell on Friday at Forest Hills Northern.

5. **Forest Hills Northern** - Huskies (3-0) pulled away late against Northview (41-21). FHN's first real big league test is Friday when Lowell comes a-calling.

6. **West Ottawa** - (3-0) Big, big win (56-21) against Jenison. The winner's prize: a date with Rockford on Friday.

7. **Jenison** - The Wildcats (2-1) fall hard at West Ottawa, 56-21. Travels to Holland Friday.

8. **Hudsonville** - The Eagles (2-1) after tagging Musk. Reeths-Puffer with a 35-0 defeat. The Eagles battle Zeeland Friday.

9. **Creston** - Polar Bears are 3-0 following a 16-12 win over a sub-par Grand Rapids Central club.

10. **G. R. Christian** - (3-0) A 21-7 winner against Fowlerville, hosts Grand Rapids Central Friday.

# Lowell soccer team runs win total to seven with victories

Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A stretch of three games in five days physically took its toll on the Red Arrow boys soccer team. It did not, however, blemish Lowell's undefeated record.

Lowell (7-0-1, 2-0) persevered as it posted wins over Forest Hills Northern (2-1); Grandville (4-1) and Caledonia (2-1).

"If you count Petoskey, the boys played four games in seven days. That's a tough stretch of soccer," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge.

The Red Arrows opened the week with a 2-1 win over conference foe FHN.

"Northern played back and packed it in," Legge said.

It worked for a half as the Huskies opened up a 1-0 lead after 40 minutes of play.

"We played well enough in the second half to get the result we were looking for," Legge explained.

Red Arrow Zach Horan tied the score at 1-1 with a goal off an assist from Ramsey Charrouff.

Sam Oberlin netted the game's winning goal (unassisted).

"The boys were a little sloppy and did not play a great game, but it's nice to know when you're off your game you can still find a way to get the job done," Legge said.

Legge described the Red Arrows' first half against Grandville as some of the best high school soccer he's seen.

"That first 40 minutes is the best half of soccer I've seen a Lowell team play," Legge said. "We stretched the field, had good

services from the touch line and played the ball to the outside."

All four of Lowell's goals were netted in the first half.

Jeremy Goff got Lowell on the board when he scored off an assist from Sam Oberlin.

Later, Oberlin made it 2-0 on an unassisted goal.

Oberlin posted his second assist of the day when he fed Shane Stokes for Lowell's third goal.

Stokes tallied Lowell's final goal of the half (and game) on an unassisted goal.

"All of our goals came in a 10-12 minute stretch in that first half," Legge said.

On Saturday, Lowell traveled to Caledonia for a nonconference tussle.

A tired bunch of Red Arrows came out sluggish and found themselves clinging to a 1-0 lead at half.

"We weren't doing a good job of chasing and pressuring," Legge said.

Caledonia came out early in the second half and pushed one past Lowell goalie, Josh Anderson to tie the score at 1-1.

It took a Ramsey Charrouff pass to Sam Oberlin who then broke free and booted Lowell's second and winning, goal past the Fight'n Scots' goalie.

With the three wins last week, Lowell remains one of three undefeated teams in West Michigan. The other two are Forest Hills Central and East Kentwood.

Lowell plays Northview (Tuesday) and Fruitport (Thursday) at home this week.

# Lowell nets 1st tourney championship at Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was another landmark win for a growing Lowell girls tennis team.

Lowell won the Northview Quad tennis tournament over the weekend for the first time ever.

"It is our biggest win," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "It's an exciting time for this program."

Lowell finished with 27 points, two ahead of the host Wildcats which finished with 25. Fremont scored 19 points and West Catholic tallied nine.

Lowell won three of the eight flights and finished second in the remaining five.

Red Arrow Jenny Gunberg was simply outstanding in her play at number one singles, according to Wall. "I think it was her best tennis of the year. Her shot selection and anticipation

were good. She followed that up by doing the right things off her shot selection."

Gunberg defeated Northview's Lindsay Adams.

In second singles, Mandy Gunberg was defeated by Fremont's Rachel Breining.

Heather Geelhoed, third singles, lost to Fremont's Nicole Heyboer.

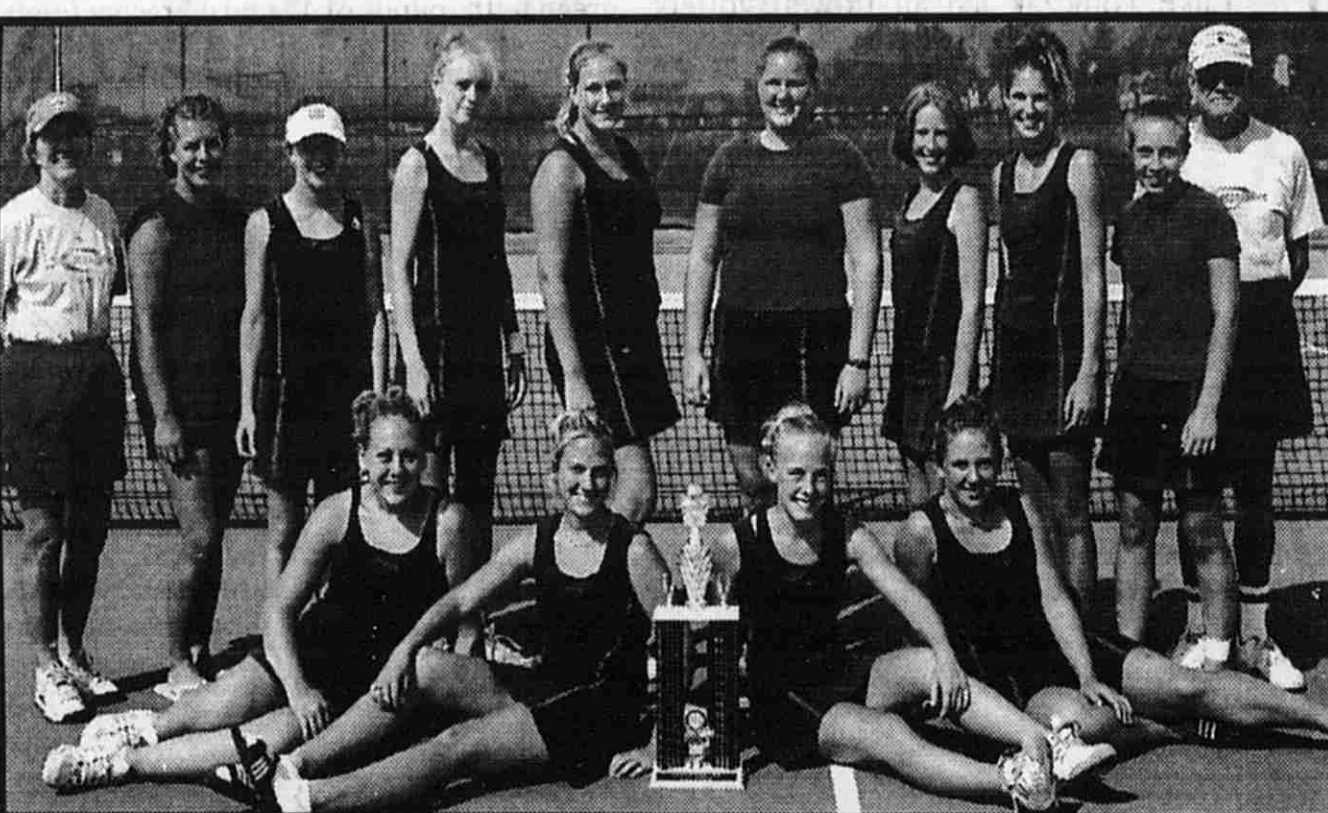
Northview's Danille Settrington defeated Lowell's Stevi Thompson in the championship match at fourth singles.

In doubles play, Lowell won two of the four flights.

Kristi Noall and Shannon Levingston were victorious at number one doubles against Northview. "They've been struggling lately, but wanted this win and pulled it off," Wall said.

Amanda Grochowalski and Julie Geelhoed upended Northview at third doubles.

"The girls stepped up and



The Lowell girls tennis team, front row, left to right, are: Katie Huver, Heather Geelhoed, Jenny Gunberg, Stevi Thompson; back row are: coach Bonnie Wall, Jolene Roth, Amanda Grochowalski, Haley Erwin, Julie Geelhoed, Kristie Noall, Rachelle Levingston, Shannon Levingston, Mandy Gunberg and coach Roger Wall.

came through with a good performance," Wall said.

Katie Huver and Rachelle Levingston (second doubles) and Haley Erwin and Jolene Roth

(fourth doubles) lost their championship matches to Northview.

"The girls have a team cohesiveness and are developing a pride in their play," Wall

explained. "They now realize they can win."

Earlier in the week, the Red Arrows were shutout by Forest Hills Northern 8-0.

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"Mike's a pretty nice receiver. He had some nice catches," Dean understated.

It didn't go unnoticed on the Pioneer sideline. "We brought people up to bump him and try to reroute him and Lowell's other receivers, but they are so quick they got free," Stuursma said.

"Lowell's passing game really hurt us in the intermediate zones."

The Red Arrows took a 25-21 lead into the final eight

minutes after Catlin hooked up with Koster for a 35-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter.

The Pioneers answered with a steady diet of Grady and Gritter, marching 66 yards to regain the lead at 28-25.

On its very next series, it was more Gritter and Grady as they accounted for all 78 yards of East's touchdown drive.

Lowell scored with 1:22 on the scoreboard clock on a

42-yard touchdown pass from Catlin to Koster, cutting the deficit to 35-32; however a failed on-side kick closed the book on another great football game between these two schools.

A Catlin one-yard run capped a marvelous game-opening scoring drive of 66 yards.

Grady tied the game at 7-7 late in the first quarter on a one-yard run.

Lowell regained the lead

(10-7) on a 47-yard field goal by Matt Foster.

East fought back and took a 14-10 lead on a Kyle Cunningham TD pass to Nathan Vanderploeg (16 yards).

A 34-yard touchdown scamper by Grady with just under three minutes to play in the half made it 21-10 East.

Lowell answered, driving 66 yards in just over a minute to score before half. A two-point conversion closed the gap

to 21-18 at halftime.

"We're going to take this as the learning thing that it is and move on," Dean said. "We're very young. It's going to take time to build. We only had four starting position players return. We'll regroup."

Lowell will have to - a visit to Forest Hills Northern is next. The Huskies defeated Northview Friday 41-21.

# Equestrian teams victorious again in year's second meet

It came down to the final class of the day, but the Lowell Varsity C Division equestrian team pulled out a 118-104 win over last year's champions, Forest Hills Central.

Lowell trailed by as much as 35 points early in the day. In the final four classes, Lowell speed riders outscored FHC 63-18.

The exciting two-person relay saw a first place finish by Lowell's Katelyn Bush and Kim Vandenberg, and in second place, another Lowell team of riders, Michele Wolf and Liz Foster.

Combined with wins by teammate, junior Jessica Hamp (40 points), Lowell C won their second meet of the season.

Lowell led Grant all the way, starting with a first, third and fourth place finish in the

Equitation Over Fences class earned by Lowell senior Ryanne Oetman and sophomores Kelly Foote and Julie Dunn.

Travis Craig (sophomore) led the showmanship team of freshmen Collette Benmark and Lauren VanEns, and sophomore Meghan Silverman, to give Lowell 27 more points.

Sophomore Ashley Waldron helped increase that lead by earning 22 points in the Saddle Seat division.

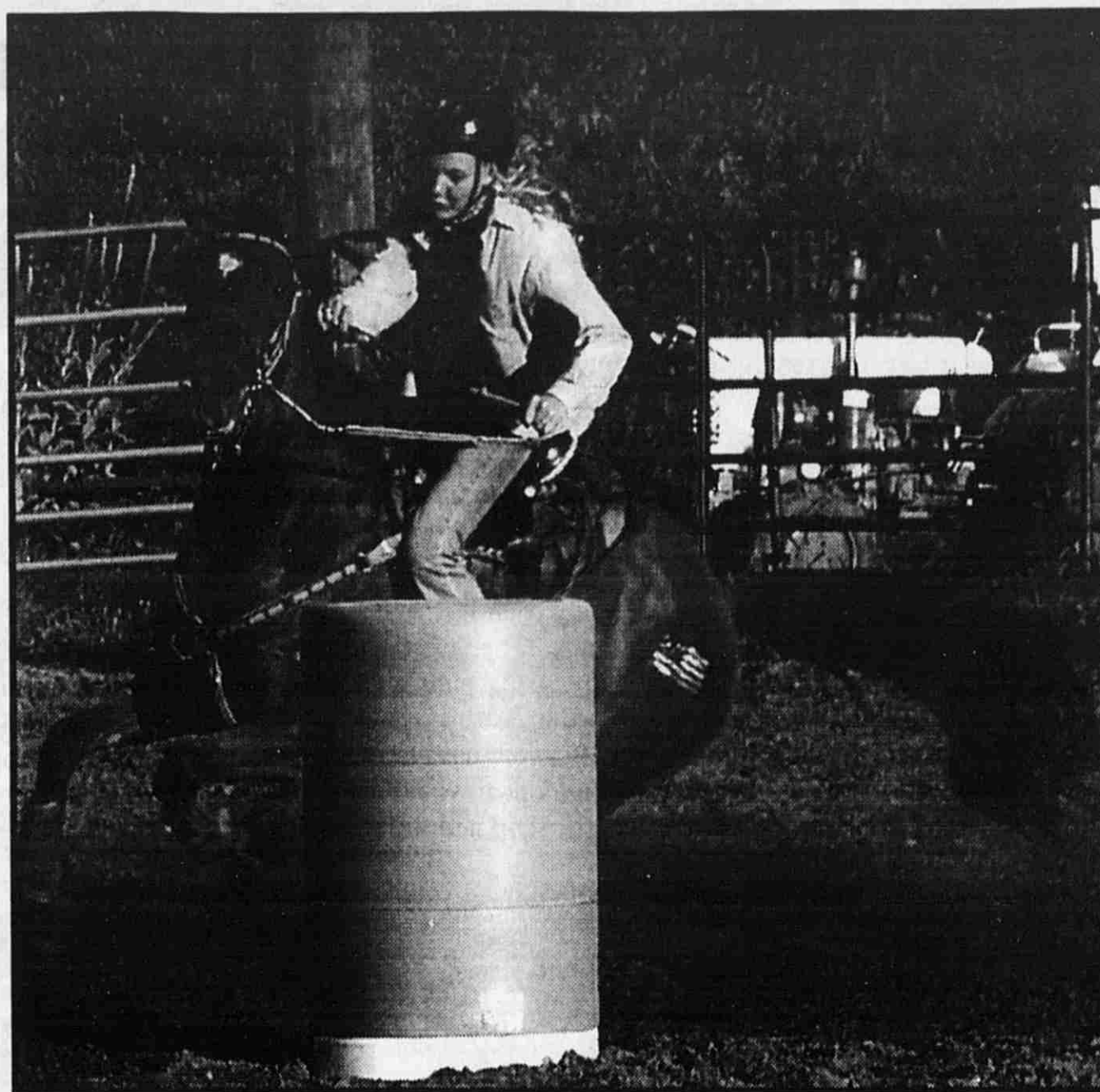
It was a 51-point run of Lowell's speedriders, including three wins by freshman Jason Seeley, and the winning relay race team of sophomores, Chelsie Smith and Amanda Wingeier that ran the points to 210 for Lowell.

"Lowell should be proud of these young riders - not only are they terrific athletes, but they also represent the Lowell Schools and community of Lowell, with sportsmanship and outstanding team effort," said Lowell equestrian coach, Gail Parker.

In the JV division, Lowell moved up to fourth place in the B Division. Junior Sandra Wisniewski earned a major win taking first place in the trail class.

Freshman Meg Fizertook a seventh place in the flag race, and Mary Mendez teamed with fellow freshman Janice Wisniewski to finish eighth in the relay race.

Lowell teams will compete in the final of three meets this Saturday at Cedar Springs.



Lowell equestrian member, sophomore Kim Vandenberg.

# Red Arrow cross country teams find success against Wildcats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Both Lowell's boys and girls cross country teams picked up their first league victory of the season against Northview at Johnson Park.

The Red Arrow boys narrowly clipped the Wildcats 28-29.

With three runners in for both clubs, Northview held a 17-20 advantage. Eric Schumm, Lowell's fourth runner, finished eighth while Northview's fourth runner, Nate Basel was 12th.

Steve Ellison led all Red Arrows, finishing second overall with a time of 17:55. Scott Riddle was fifth, com-

ing home in 18:49. He was followed by teammates Nick Huizenga, sixth, 18:52, and Mitch Solon, seventh, 19:02. In Saturday's run at the Sparta Invitational, the club finished fifth with 163 in a field of 14.

Rockford won the Blue division championship with 46 points, followed by Mona Shores 82, West Ottawa 111, Forest Hills Northern 130, and Lowell 163. Other O-K White schools to participate in the invitational were Northview, seventh, 198; and Hudsonville, 14th, 353.

Lowell's top runner Saturday was Scott Riddle, 26th, 17:41. He was followed home by Nick Huizenga, 30th, 17:48; Mitch Solon, 39th, 17:57; and Eric Schumm, 46th, 18:08.

Lowell Girls Cross Country

Red Arrow girls cross country team claimed five of the top seven spots in defeating Northview 21-37.

Lisa Wojciakowski led all runners with a time of 20:53. Following her home were Holly Plattner, third, 22:26; Sarah Swab, fourth, 22:47; Abbie Blanding, sixth, 23:31; and Emily Gerard, seventh, 23:35.

At the Sparta Invitational on Saturday, Lowell placed sixth in a field of 13.

Rockford won the Blue division championship with 27 points, followed by Grandville 73, Forest Hills Northern 93, Forest Hills Central 97, Grand Haven 128; and Lowell (sixth) 164. Other O-K White schools to participate in the invitational were Hudsonville, eighth, 240; and Northview was ninth at 252.

Lowell's top runners were Lisa Wojciakowski, fifth, 20:05; Sarah Swab, 34th, 21:30; Holly Plattner, 37th, 21:43; Abbie Blanding, 41st, 21:51; Natalie Kent, 48th, 22:12; Emily Gerard, 54th, 22:34; and Katie Clements, 59th, 22:59.

# Sportsmen capture slow pitch championship

Lowell's 70 & Olderslow pitch softball team, The Sportsmen captured the National Softball Players Association Championship in Plano, Texas.

The club, coached by Ivan Blough, overcame a 10-1 deficit in the championship game against Oklahoma in pulling out a 20-13 win. The Sportsmen used a 15-run fourthinning to turn the tables on its Oklahoma opponent.

The Sportsmen's journey to the championship got off to a rough start as it fell to Colorado 4-3.

The quiet bats, however, came alive in wins over Texas (11-0) and Florida (10-6). The victories earned the club a sixth seed in the double elimination portion of the tourney.

The Lowell club, however, combined good hitting and sound defensive play in its 17-0 shutout over Arkan-



Members of the championship Sportsmen's team, front row, left to right, are: Carl Bowles, John Mull, Frank Miller, Bob Thielen, Ivan Blough, Mel Curtis and John Kenworthy. Back row, left to right, are: Henry Hamilton, Ted Martin, Bob Bakker, Jim Willyard and Don Follett.

sas and in a 15-5 drubbing of Florida which advanced the team to the title game.

Along with a championship team plaque and a championship wrist watch, many members also earned a number of national individual awards.

Sportsmen second

baseman, John Kenworthy was awarded the tournament's most valuable player.

Henry Hamilton, who got on base in 16 of his 23 at-bats, was named the most valuable offensive player.

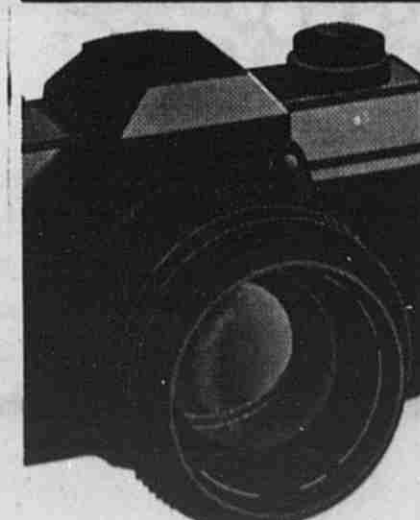
Don Follett posted two shutouts in six starts earning him the most valuable defen-

sive player award.

Bob Bakker was named the most improved player.

Blough received the national slow pitch association manager of the year award; and Blough, Jim Willyard and Frank Miller were selected to play in the national All-Star game.

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# Straub lays out future design plans for the Lowell Area Historical Museum

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell ledger Editor

While the city uses the unused half of the Lowell Area Historical Museum for storage during the Lowell City Hall/ police station project, Judy Straub, museum executive director, and its board are busy putting together future design plans.

Original plans have been tweaked a little bit from their original concept. Plans for a period parlor, rotating exhibits and gift shop have been changed to an 1870's period parlor dining room and a rotating exhibit area with a scaled down gift shop.

"We have limited space. But we want to make sure we use all of our artifacts to tell the story of the long, rich history which is the Lowell community," said Straub. "The period dining room we want to be as usable as possible so that people can sit on the furniture and have lunch catered in."

In order for this to take place, minor modifications need to be made to the interior of the building. An individual would enter the building and proceed toward the gift shop and the period area or toward the exhibit area.

The changing exhibit area will allow many different donated artifacts to be showcased. It will also allow community members to display collections such as dolls and planes.

Phase I of the capital campaign was successful as the goal of \$225,000 was reached with an additional \$43,000 being raised.

That total, plus another \$27,000 which has been raised

since Phase I was completed, brings Phase II totals to \$70,000.

Most on the minds of Straub and the museum board is the November millage vote. The museum will ask voters to approve a quarter-mill. "What that means to a household is 3 cents a day, 21 cents a week or \$10.78 a year (dinner for two

at MacDonalds)," Straub explained. "Right now we're focusing on getting out the facts and answering questions. The community donated the artifacts and capital funds for the museum; the care of our history has been entrusted to the museum."

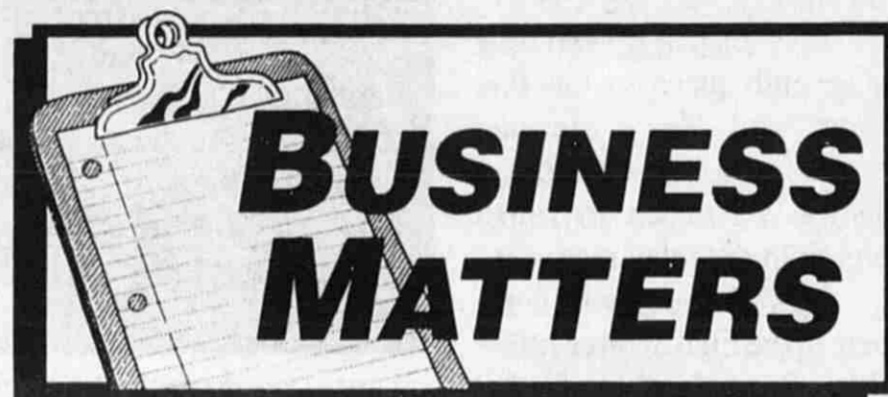
## JV basketball club off to a good start

The girls junior varsity basketball team, coached by Roxanne Gallert, is off to a good start winning four of their first five games.

They won the Kenowa Hills Tournament putting away Kenowa 50-36 and Jenison 52-34. Devon Collins was top scorer for both games, scoring 10 and 17 points. Melissa Telman and Kelsey Graham added nine apiece in the Kenowa game. Nicole Shepard contributed 14 against Jenison. Collins

had a game high 19 points in a lopsided win, 50-16, against Traverse City West. Book VanEck added 12.

Their first loss was to Byron Center, 49-44. Collins again paced the Red Arrows scoring 17. Shepard added 11. The lady Red Arrows put away the Greenville Yellowjackets on Saturday 43-20. VanEck scored 12 to lead Lowell with Krashawn McElveen close behind at 11.



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**HOME FOR LEASE - Country living. Saranac schools. 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath. Credit/personal references required. \$750/mo. 616-987-9056.**

**ESTATE SALE - All household items, many extras. Garage & workshop tools, misc. farm equipment. Sept. 20-29, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 4065 Michigan NE.**

**BARN SALE/CRAFT SALE - Fri. and Sat., Sept. 20 and 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 13280 92nd St., Alto. Clothing, school desks, household items, lots of crafts, including homemade dishcloths, potholders, bird feeders and holiday items.**

**ESTATE SALE - Some antiques, collectibles, misc. household goods. 411 Ottawa, Fri., Sept. 20 thru Sun., Sept. 22, 8-5 p.m.**

**HUGE 2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Children's toys and clothing, furniture, household items. Thurs. and Fri., Sept. 19 and 20, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 831 Honey Creek, Ada.**

**FOR INSTALLATION - Call 616-642-6471, ask for Phil (access to affordable carpet).**

**CONCRETE REPLACEMENT SERVICE - Driveways, walks, porches, steps, patios, floors. Free estimates. 682-9712.**

**DRYWALL, HANGING, FINISHING, PAINTING & TEXTURE CEILINGS - When quality really helps. Call for free estimates 897-0185.**

**TOWING - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas. Flat bed & wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 897-9040.**

**CONCRETE WORK - Driveways, basements, pole barns, etc. Free estimates. 292-3638.**

**JOHN DEBIAK HORSESHOEING & HOOF TRIMMING - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.**

**AMERIDREAM, HART, NEHEMIAH GRANT PROGRAMS - 3 nonprofits will gift up to 7% to purchase your next home. No income restrictions. Call Scott or Michelle for more info at CTX (616) 464-1348/(800) 282-0325, ext. 313. CTX is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.**

**CARD OF THANKS**

THANK YOU  
To Sarah Waldorf: Thank you for all of your poems throughout the year. They helped so much.  
Mrs. Clinton Hunt

**SERVICES**

**PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.**

**BED & BREAKFAST - McGee Homestead. Gracious accommodations for your out-of-town guests. Gift certificates available. Call 897-8142 or www.iserv.net/~mcgeebeb.**

# GREAT NEWS!!!

## The Lowell Ledger NOW AVAILABLE AT:



**MEIJER** (Inside Store)

In Our Community 

★ AMOCO

★ SHELL ★ SPEEDWAY

★ RITE AID

★ MEIJER GAS MART

★ LOWELL FOOD MART

★ LOWELL BEER STORE

★ GARY'S COUNTRY MEATS

★ ALTO TOTAL STATION



# Homecoming 2002!



Freshmen - France  
 Sophomores - Egypt  
 Juniors - China  
 Seniors - Antarctica

**SPIRIT DAYS**  
**MONDAY:** 80's Day  
**TUESDAY:** Formal/Dress-Up Day  
*\*No midriff - dresses must have straps*  
**WEDNESDAY:** Costume Day *\*No Masks*  
**THURSDAY:** Class Spirit Day  
**FRIDAY:** Red, White & Black Day

**HOMECOMING COURT 2002**

- Katelyn Bush
- Joshua Middleton
- Cori Drenth
- Tyler Nethercott
- Kimberly Hoogewind
- Matt Foster
- Rachel Penninga
- Cory Krieg
- Jennifer Stewart
- Jordan Moore
- Krystal White
- Ryan Curtis

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

- Freshman: Nikita Miles & Brock Graham  
 Sophomores: Kris Prill & Shane Stokes  
 Juniors: Kristen Lee & Brendon Harden

**GRAND MARSHALS**

Bob & Carol Reagan

**MASTER & MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES**

Holly Plattner & Jeremy Goff

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Monday, Sept. 23: Girls JV Tennis vs. Zeeland  
 Wed., Sept. 25: Girls/Boys X-Country vs. Zeeland  
 Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Hudsonville  
 Powder Puff Football  
 Thurs., Sept. 26: Boys Varsity Golf vs. EGR  
 Girls JV Tennis vs. Rockford  
 Fri., Sept. 27: Homecoming Parade - 6 p.m.  
 Varsity Football vs. Northview

**Saturday, September 28**

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**HOMECOMING**

**DANCE**

High School Gym



**SPEERSTRA INSURANCE**

835 W. Main St.

**897-9259**

**LARKIN'S RESTAURANT**

301 W. Main St.

**897-5977**

**CANFIELD HEATING & PLUMBING**

403 N. Washington

**897-0887**

**ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF LOWELL**

11610 E. Fulton

**897-8484**

**CURTIS CLEANERS**

1410 W. Main

**897-9809**

**ROOKIES SPORTCARDS PLUS**

106 W. Main

**897-5650**

**LOWELL AUTO DEALERS**

930 W. Main

**897-9281**

**SHOWBOAT AUTOMOTIVE**

1450 W. Main

**897-9231**

**ELITE AUTO BODY**

12663 Vergennes

**897-6464**

**ADA-LOWELL SELF STORAGE**

2075 Bowes Rd.

**897-1000**