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# Board peers east for new superintendent

••• Shari Jo Miller, deputy superintendent for instruction and operations in the Lansing School District, was appointed Lowell's new superintendent Monday night.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Following a weekend summer visit to Lowell, Shari Jo Miller and her husband, Ned both left with the same impression.

"Lowell felt like home to both of us," Miller said.

Following Monday night's announcement by the Lowell Board of Education, the school district of nearly 4,000 students will now be the Millers' new home.

Miller, in a unanimous vote (7-0), was appointed and accepted the position of superintendent of the Lowell School District.

"I'm delighted and excited. I can't wait to start working in a terrific school district," Miller said by phone after receiving a phone call by board president, Nancy Hopkins.

"Throughout this intensive process I tried to concentrate on sharing my values and the type of person that I am with the board," Miller explained. "This is a great opportunity for me and I'm excited and glad to have been selected."

Hopkins said the selection process proved to be a difficult challenge for her.

"Miller brings to Lowell a strong package including a wide variety of proven leadership experience, a dedication to the development of children of all abilities, and significant experiences relating to budget, curriculum, staffing and daily operations," Hopkins said.

Miller comes to Lowell, having spent the last nine months as deputy superintendent for instruction and operations in the Lansing School District. Prior to that she spent roughly 1 1/2 years as the associate superintendent for student achievement in Lansing.

The search process for a superintendent started back in early May following the announcement that Miller's predecessor, Bert Bleke was leaving Lowell to take the Grand

# Sundry seeks rezoning and PUD request; public hearing set for October

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

More than a year and several changes later, a developer will once again try to have the zoning changed on a parcel on which he is hoping to build 52 single family homes.

Sundry Development, Inc., which has been working to develop the Highland Hills project located at 751 Grindle, will move forward next month to seek a rezoning and Planned Unit Development request all at once for the south end of the property known as the Leeman property. The company is planning to construct 52 single family homes, which fall outside of the 31 allowed in the current zoning of the suburban residential property.

Les Cole, a Sundry representative, said at the meeting that his company would prefer to go for the zoning change followed by the PUD request to show in good faith that the company has plans to move forward with the project as intended. Lowell Planning Commission also recommended that the company follow this procedure since the other direction would be to seek a variance, and commission members were not sure Sundry would meet all of the qualifications for a variance.

"I think this is the smoothest road for you to take," said Lowell City Manager David Pasquale.

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Rapids' superintendent position.

Miller was selected from an original field of 29 applicants. She, along with Tyrus Wessell Jr., principal at East Grand Rapids Middle School, and Robert Currie, Marshall superintendent, were the three finalists.

The board of education interviewed each candidate twice and then visited their districts last week.

"All three were outstanding candidates. They all have a passion for education, children and quality leadership," Hopkins explained.

Board trustee, Mark Blanding said his choice was determined by Miller's combination of strengths - vision, educational background and financial and personnel experience.

Kate Dernocoeur, board trustee, added that in Miller's initial interview, she noticed a woman who listened to the questions thoroughly and answered them thoroughly and completely with thoughtful answers.

"She is able to handle a full range of interpersonal needs and I like that she has had direct hands-on experience sitting on both sides of the bargaining table with the union,' Dernocoeur explained.

Lori Ingraham, a teacher of pre-primary impaired in the Bright Beginnings building, sat in on all but two interviews

and participated in the site visits of all three candidates. She was pleased with the board's selection.

"I'm really excited about their choice. Shari brings great things

to this district and will help Lowell to continue moving

forward," Ingraham said. Miller's start date is pending final contract approval. Hopkins said she expects it to take place over the next six weeks.

The new superintendent will be moving into the Lowell



Shari Jo Miller will succeed Bert Bleke as Lowell Superintendent.

# Apartment fire displaces three families

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Layla Boggs was returning home from Meijer with some picture frames for the apartment wall of her threeyear-old daughter, Hailey.

"We were gone about an hour. We went to Family Dollar and then to Meijer," Boggs explained

The Lowell mother and daughter were stopped at the corner of Valley Vista and Deborah where they learned their Lowell One apartment was on fire.

The fire started in the apartment below Boggs'.

Lowell fire chief, Frank Martin said the fires started underneath a bed. The source of the fire is undetermined at this time.

The apartment was being occupied by Heather Wallace, Scott Smith and her five-year-old son.

The call went out to the Lowell Fire Department at approximately 6:30 p.m. Martin said the response team was on the scene in four minutes. "By the time we got there, however,

ing through the roof," he said. The fire department

One Apartments.

9/24/02, 2:24 PM

needed roughly 20 minutes to knock down the fire.

Two apartments were destroyed by fire; one incurred smoke and water damage while 15 apartments were af-

fected because power had to be shut off and residents evacuated.

The American Red Cross was on the scene to assist those with no place to live.

Boggs, without insurance, said she would go wherever someone could put her.

"I'm grateful that God made it so Hailey and I were safe," Boggs said.



## **OBITUARIES**

Adams, Jr., aged 71, of Low-September 12, 2002. He is rial contributions may be of Birmingham, Mich. Fu- The Ada Congregational neral services were held Church

ADAMS - Thomas "Tim" Monday at Ada Congregational Church with Rev. Gary ell, passed away Thursday, Burdick officiating. Memosurvived by his wife Ardie; made to The Land Consersister Clarissa (Tom) Goad vancy of West Michigan or

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Garden.Interment Findlay Cemetery, Ada.

FREIMUND - Our beloved Harding and husband David mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Alice B. Freimund, aged 89, of Union, Mich., was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart, Ind. She was born October 11, 1912, in Porter Township, Cass County, Mich., to (Harper) Collins, and had vice was held on September born in Manchester, England, spent her entire life in the 20 in the Pleasant View in 1923, and served in the Cass County area. She was a Church of Christ, Cassopolis, British Royal Air Force durhomemaker and a friend of Mich., with Rev. Larry Settle, everyone, and spent her life pastor, officiating. Burial was United States in 1946 as a war caring for those around her. at Kessington Cemetery in bride. She became a U.S. citi-Alice married Clinton L. Cass County. Memorials may zen in 1959 in Cadillac and Freimund on April 15, 1933, be made to the Pleasant View has been a Lowell resident for in Elkhart. He preceded her Church of Christ, 66550 the past 35 years. Funeral ser-Alice was also preceded in Cassopolis, MI 49031 or to Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. death by a sister, Erma the Michiana Christian Ser- Gordie Barry officiating. Collins. She is survived by

two daughters, Helen Naleid NORTH - Marion C. North, and husband Jon of Lake in aged 78, of Lowell, passed the Hills, Ill. and Marjorie away Friday, September 20, 2002. She is preceded in death of Lowell; two sons, Richard by John W. North and Terry Freimund of Haslett, Mich. North (son). She is survived and Charles Freimund and by her children Lynda (Joe) Mayberry of Va., Gwenn wife Jean of Union. She also leaves eight grandchildren: (Clarence) Wert of Kent City, Heather Stull, Alicia Naleid, and John (Tonia) North of Erica Hoffman, Michael Lowell; sister Edna (Bryan) Harding, Candice Hovarter, Lynham of England; seven grandchildren and two great-Jill Lueck, Shelly DuBois and grandchildren; and many Kristine Blair; and 13 greatgrandchildren. A funeral sernieces and nephews. She was ing WWII. She arrived in the Crooked Creek Rd., vices were held Tuesday at vice Camp, 7383 Steinbauer, Memorial contributions may Rd., Niles, MI 49120.

be made to the Salvation Army or Kent County Humane Society.

REYNOLDS - Elaine F. Reynolds, aged 77, of Lowell, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away September 16, 2002. She is survived by her brother Robert (Jean) Reynolds of Columbus. Mont.; nieces and nephews Robert B. (Connie) Reynolds of Fromberg, Mont., Teryl (Jim) Nowak of Ada, Mark Geldersma and sons. Augustus and Joshua of Lowell; uncle, Fred Giles of Grand Rapids. Ms. Reynolds was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Mildred Reynolds, niece Charlie Geldersma, aunt Eileen Giles. Graveside funeral services were held Monday at the Georgetown Cemetery in Jenison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kent County Humane Society.

# Fallasburg Fall Festival offers arts, music and food for all

Fallasburg Fall Festival arts, traditional craft demon- wood furniture, leather work. offers a unique arts event strations, musical entertainwhich is fun for both participating artists and the thou-

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 woodcarving, caning, rustic vice, offering postal services

ment and food.

sands of people who attend it. been selected to sell their art-Over 30,000 people are works in a juried competiexpected to attend the 34th tion. Booths include jewelry, annual event. The festival is pottery, glass, leather, fiber work, wood, painting and photography, to name a few. The festival also includes demonstrations of rug hooking, origami, quilting, basketry,

spinning and weaving. "The spirit here This year, 80 artists have (Fallasburg) is so great. It always has a tremendous gath-

> As in previous years, the once active Fallasburg Village Post Office will be reinstated by the U.S. Postal Ser-

ering of popular high quality

artists and their work," said

exhibiting artist, Russ

and featuring a cachet and cancellation designed by Lowell artist, D. Fletcher Davis.

Lowell Area Arts Council's annual quilt, homemade by artist Dawn Ysseldyke, will be raffled along with over 60 other artworks provided by exhibiting artists. The proceeds from the raffle support arts programs provided by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will-his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and



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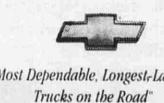
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# REGIS remains a good idea and unaffordable for now

operation fees for three years.

admits it isn't affordable right now.

ber election," Blumm explained.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With funding being too tenuous an issue to say "yes" to REGIS now, Paula Blumm doesn't want the Lowell Charter Township Board to say "no" either.

"I want to look for some alternative ways of buying into the Regional Geographic Information System," Blumm explained. "I want the townships to keep the issue of REGIS alive."

Since the REGIS buy-in idea has not gone before the Lowell City Council, the city has not yet decided if it is in or not. Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said it probably won't go before the council for a couple of months.

Blumm proposed that the three governmental agencies (city and two townships) write a grant to the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund to cover the participation and

IN THE SERVICE

At any given time, Navy vessels are on patrol around the

world, protecting American interests abroad. Lowell's Melisa

J. Kessel, aboard the USS Higgins (DDG 79) is preparing to

If the ballot issue of using tobacco money for health care is approved, many believe the state will take funds from revenue sharing to make up for it. "They're going to take

on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

money from somewhere if the tobacco issue is passed. It could mean as much as 20 percent of the township's revenue

Navy Seaman Apprentice Kessel, the 21-year-old daugh-

ter of Casey Wilkinson of Lowell, is a seaman on board

Higgins. She maintains and preserves ship surfaces and deck

goals to accomplish during the deployment to keep her

On top of Kessel's day-to-day duties, she also has other

Blumm maintains that REGIS is a good idea, although

"I don't see a plan being finalized until after the Novem-

sharing funds," Blumm said.

If the Lowell grant is awarded, it would give the local If that is accepted and the plan is finalized, the townships governments a trial period to test the Regional Geographic and the city could get involved in the program as early as next Information System and see how things turn out.

Blumm and township clerk, Linda Regan traveled to "A cooperative venture between the townships and city is the way to go," said Lowell Charter Township supervisor, Byron Township to see how it is using the system.

"Currently, just their clerk is trained to use it and he uses

it 6-8 times a day," Blumm explained. Byron Township is paying \$6,885 quarterly or \$27, 540

The township uses it for parcel views, assessor uses and to print off maps for planning uses and residents. They plan on adding sewer and water.

Blumm points out that most of the data provided by REGIS is based on aerial views. "The county will redo all aerial maps next year," Blumm explained.

do her part in protecting her country's freedom. In November, "My goal is to save money and get my top secret clearance. Kessel and over 300 of her fellow crewmembers will set sail I also want to enjoy the ports we hit and protect our country from

> terrorism," said Kessel, a one-year Navy veteran. Kessel and her fellow crewmembers' experience and skills will be heavily relied on during this deployment. They are dedicated, well-trained and ready to conquer the challenges that may come before them.

> Smith is a Navy journalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station, San Diego.

Story by Cynthia Smith

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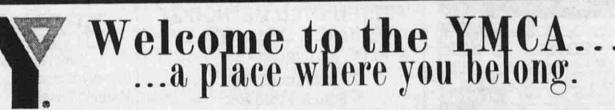
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that way. For instance, when

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and called Peter and Andrew

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say, "Oh, just believe in me

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proached Jesus, they already knew that Jesus wasn't au-There is a story in Matthew 21 beginning in the 23rd thorized or certified by the authorities that traditionally verse that is a story about "credentials." The story starts with ordain the leaders of their rethis information: Jesus came ligious institutions. They alback to the Temple; and as he ready knew that this Jesus taught, the chief priests and was outside the boundaries the elders came to him and of "certified and ordained asked, 'What right do you preacher/teacher." They alhave to do these things? Who ready knew that they did not gave you such right?' On the want his type of message surface it sounds like a rea- coming to the people and unsonable question. After all, dermining the temples' we, like those who are asking self-serving structures. Yes, Jesus to show his credentials, they asked to see the diploseek to know that our doctor mas and certificates framed has the education, training and and hanging on his walls but authority to treat us. We look they were really interested in finding a way of silencing at the diplomas and certifiand banishing him from their cates on the doctor office wall. We look for the credentials in the funeral home, the about this Jesus that you and auto-body repair shop, the barber shop. Credentials are I have noticed In fact, they, like us, could feel some chalimportant. So, Jesus, who and what gives you the authority lenge from Jesus and therefore did not want him around to teach in the temple and to messing up their self-serving, heal on the street and to feed familiar and "do-as-I-please" large groups of people on the



hill sides of Galilee?

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Like the early church leaders asking for credentials, we don't really mind having Jesus around as long as he doesn't really have an effect on our lives. Yet, to name Jesus as Lord and Savior and then, to not become more and more of the disciple that Christ would enable us to become is the greatest lie we can have as individuals called Christians and as communities of faith called churches. It is not about naming Jesus credentials; it is about living our lives as people who know the savior, the Lord of all life. And that is the chal-

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 26: Micah Soyka, Ila Phillips, Torin Hacker, Alexis

SEPT. 27: Brooke Tetzlaff. SEPT. 28: Bruce Weeks, Erin Dovle, Chad Newhouse, Tony Johnson, Matthew Foster. SEPT. 29: S.J. Ayres, Orison Abel, Judy Baird, Kayla Brenk, Kelleigh Walling, Edward Stormzand II.

SEPT. 30: Ernie Barnes, Jimmy Hodges, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Ray Zandstra, Mark Willmarth, Jay Thaler, Marion Miller, Haley Main. OCT. 1: Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes. Sara Schuitema. OCT. 2: Doris Titcombe.



# celebrate 40th anniversary

**Dowlings** 

Wayne and Marian (Whittier) Dowling of Grand Rapids are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on September 29.

Their children are Lynn Dowling of Calif., Michelle (Mike) Ergang of Mich., Nancie (Steven) Mathews of Mich. Chuck (Chris) Schram of Minn, and Pat Dietz of Mich.

Grandchildren are Cortney, Cody, Brittany, Crystal, Taylor and Brayden.

## AREA BIRTHS

announce the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Rose to David and Julie Gleason. Avery was born at Spec-

Sharon trum Health Butterworth VanTimmeren are proud to Campus on July 23, 2002. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Raiden Lee would like to announce the arrival of his new brother, Mackenzie Rai, born on August 27, 2002 at 6:56 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Proud parents are Randy and Melissa Miller of Lowell. Grandparents are Lola Hunt, Corrina Miller, both of Lowell, and Wes Shaffer of Alto. Greatgrandparents are Walt and Barbara Shaffer of Alto.

## **KDL News & Notes:**

Corduroy, the bear who lost his button, comes to life this fall at the Kent District Library! Come and celebrate with bear stories, games, crafts and a visit from Corduroy! This program is for ages six and under.

The Englehardt branch will present the program on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920); the Alto branch on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m. (647-3820). Registration is required.

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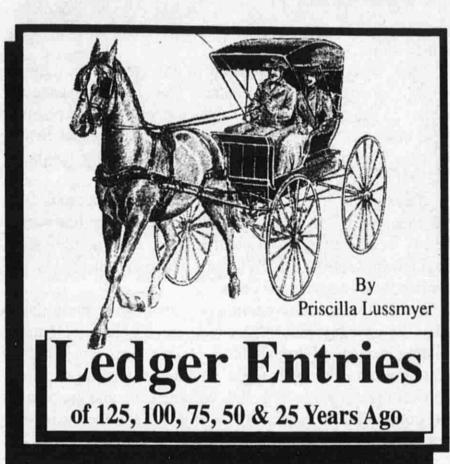
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# Viewpoint.



### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **SEPTEMBER 26, 1877**

Wilson Church has a 17 lb. cabbage and an ear of evergreen corn with 720 large, round kernels. John Kopf's furniture (manufactured here) takes first

premium at the Ionia Fair. Will Coleman of Detroit, formerly of Lowell, has written 4588 words on a postal card.

D.H.English, of So. Boston, owns a three-year-old Durham bull that weighs 2,145 lbs.

The post office goes from the Saturday 9 p.m. summer closing back to 8:30 p.m.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 25, 1902**

Frank McMahon thinks Daniel Sullivan's suggestion of adding a shooting gallery to the bowling alley is a joke, until the equipment arrives, charged to the Bowling Association.

season, but tomatoes are in short supply.

There is plenty of employment for Lowell women with the bean factory, evaporators (dried apples) and canning factory. This year's peach harvest doubled, with 175 iced refrigerator cars handling 40,888 bushels.

J.C. Train says a new cement sidewalk will be installed in front of the post office.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 29, 1927

The Ledger will not move from its rental quarters. F.M. Johnson was going to sell it to the Ledger, but Mrs. Johnson did not give her approval.

Three people have lost chickens and ducks to thieves in the past two weeks. The sheriff's office and Deputy Pat Bowes are working on the cases.

The itinerant farm worker who died in Vergennes last week is buried by the Charles W.Clark Post of the American Location" this week. Legion; he had mentioned being a World War veteran.

River from dumping tons of clam meat in the river between much rain. Saranac and Ada (shells are sold). Grand Rapids draws drinking water from the river.

Receivers of unordered Christmas cards are requested to get them to the Board of Trade. The Grand Rapids Association of Commerce is dealing with the company that sent them out.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 25, 1952**

Munroe Food Market joins the new Spartan Stores cooperative buying group

The dead pig under Main Street bridge last week turned out The canning factory has steam heat installed. It's tomato to be a large dog. Herb Swan and Harvey Roberts were the brave "rescuers.

> The Showboat Garden Club women replace petunias with chrysanthemums in the Main Street tubs.

> Congressman Gerald R. Ford was the speaker at Rotary last Wednesday.

A minor driving a car in which alcoholic drinks are found can be arrested and convicted after Sept. 18.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 29, 1977**

Farmers can get the latest Washington agricultural reports by calling a toll-free number.

Cross-country coach Tom Stahr is credited with saving the lives of 40 boys and girls by hitting the ditch with the school bus to avoid an oncoming truck passing illegally on a curve.

Lowell is the featured place for the WUHQ-TV show "on The Alden Nash improvement between Segwun and 1-96

There is no law to stop the 15 to 20 clammers on Grand is complete, but the M-21 widening is delayed because of too

Leonora Tower, chairman, announces the annual Fallasburg Fall Festival for this weekend, Oct. 1 and 2.



### WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

Everyday, as the Masters Walleye Circuit fishing tournament got closer, more boats plied the flats and reefs of the Bays De Noc in search of a secret spot that would produce the winning catch. Most contestants need to pre-fish to have a chance at placing in the money.

Anglers came from a dozen different states including New York, Florida and the Dakotas. The majority of boats were registered in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Six husband and wife teams and one all-girl team participated in the 160-boat tour-

launch at nearby Kipling Saturday morning most of the boats headed south out of the

weigh-in location at Gladstone. The north end of the bay 225 horsepower outboard appeared on the horizon as a 20-foot walleye boat roared by on the calm water. The wind picked up in the afternoon as the 4 o'clock weigh-in deadline grew near.

just couldn't catch five fish, but usually the problem was not catching walleyes small enough because a slot limit allows only two fish over 23 inches. The best catch on the first day was a five- fish limit that weighed in at 27 pounds.

action and excessive boat pressure over now popular sites challenged most anglers. When the wind did pick up, it blew

The two-day tournament begins with a meeting with the hard. Fishermen who were out in Big Bay De Noc had to run M.W.C. staff on Friday night. The two angler teams are briefed 25 miles in heavy seas to get back to the weigh-in site. Anglers on rules, given boat ID numbers, and assigned a launch with the best catches reported picking up their big fish in Big location for Saturday morning. One hundred boats would Bay De Noc, and then finding the smaller slot fish (15 to 23 launch at Gladstone Harbor and the remaining 60 at the D.N.R. inches) in Little Bay. Big spinners and bottom bouncers caught most of the walleyes, but crank baits on planer boards were a

There were pay-outs for the three largest fish each day. The remained relatively quiet. Occasionally the rooster-tail from a biggest fish of the tournament was 10.11 pounds and was worth \$1,024.00 to the lucky angler. Six to eight pound walleyes were common. The first 28 places received a cash pay-out totaling \$77,000. A father and son team from Wiscon-Only a few teams brought in a five-fish limit. Some anglers sin took first place with 46.38 pounds and received \$20,000.00. Sixteen teams never caught a legal fish in two days of fishing. It was not an easy tournament.

Almost all the fish were released back into the bay. Part of the \$600.00 per boat entry fee was donated to local fish On day two, the lake went flat early. The lack of wave stocking efforts to replace the few fish that didn't survive. The fillets from these fish were given to a local food bank program.

# TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

turbed that Lowell Schools has made the decision to change the names of the holiday celebrations. I guess we won't see the names Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc., anymore! Now it's "Fall Celebration," "Winter Celebration,"

From what I understand, this decision was made based upon requests from a couple of parents who were afraid their children might be offended. By trying not to "offend" the small minority, they've likely offended the vast majority. I would up with. How about putting this to a vote and sending a ballot home with every child in the school? This decision was made without any input from the parents or residents of Lowell. There was no opportunity to discuss it, just "this is how it's going to be."

The school's action, based on that small minority, has made it very clear to me now that school vouchers would put the power back into the hands of the majority of parents. I for one will be lobbying arduously to get vouchers back on the ballet. I guess only when the school's budget is directly affected will the majority of the people be heard. I'm not the only one in our community who has had enough of this politically correct nonsense!

The designers of the Constitution wanted "freedom of religion," not "freedom from religion." They were not opposed to public religion; they were opposed to a national religion. Every document they wrote started out with, "In the year of our Lord." Why? Because our entire calendar system

is based on the life of Christ. This year is 2002 AD. AD is derived from the Latin word, "anno Domini," meaning "Year of our Lord."

It seems very ironic to me that the school would remove the birthday of Christ from a calendar, which is based on his life! The school can remove "Christmas" from December 25th Like many others in the community, I'm extremely dis- on their calendar, but they can't remove the fact that the entire calendar is based on Christ's life!

The buzzword today is "tolerance" and yet these measures are based on intolerance. A few people are intolerant of allowing my children to dress up like Spiderman at Halloween, celebrate Easter or, heaven forbid, call December 25th Christmas. Because of their intolerance they pressure the school to stop my children from enjoying these traditions! I grew up in a home where we didn't pray or attend church, but I was taught that others had the right to do so. To this day, in my presence, like to see my children enjoy the same traditions we all grew if someone has a religion, ritual, prayer or whatever, and it's

something I don't believe in, I quietly allow them to partake in their belief. That doesn't mean I agree with or believe in what they are doing; I'm merely tolerant of their beliefs. I ask for the

To the School Board: You can try to remove God from your life, but please don't attempt to remove Him from the children's lives. Names must be very important to God, given the fact that He changed the names of several men in the Bible. Considering that, I hope you re-evaluate this very important decision. Please allow my children to celebrate Christmas, Easter, and Halloween in the same tradition that we did.

To all the people of the Lowell community: I urge you to call the school and voice your opinion. Do not allow this creeping socialism to gradually take our rights from us and from our children.

Respectfully, Pete Odland

# **GREAT NEWS!!!**



By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

With little fanfare and even less public comment, Lowell Planning Commission unanimously recommended changes owners and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, will go

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to the sign ordinance allowing sandwich-type signs in the city's central business district.

The changes, which came about at the request of business

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before the Lowell City Council for final approval. The council is expected to receive the changes at its next meeting Oct. 7.

The planning commission has been considering the changes ever since a request was made by chamber director, Liz Baker, on behalf of the central business owners. The owners contended that such signage would help attract potential buyers

Such signs were not allowed in any area of the city's business district. The new changes would allow business owners in the central district to place one sandwich board, stand alone, or flag/pennant sign in the front area of their business. The sign cannot be greater than 12 square feet per side and the height cannot exceed four feet.

The signs cannot be anchored to the building, but must be able to withstand the wind. They also have to be in line with the city's current flag poles and tree grates and cannot block the sidewalk or create a safety hazard. The signs must be taken in when the business is not open.

It took the planning commission about four months to make the changes which meet with some objections from building inspector, Doug Hopkins. His concerns centered on creating too much clutter in the area and enforcement. The chamber has agreed to help with enforcement, and the planning commission was certain that in good faith the business owners themselves would make sure others comply.

# Foundation's dinner and a performance Oct. 5

Lowell Area Education ous Wonderettes may be 2. Foundation is hosting its first dropped off or sent to Lowell ever Friends of the Founda- Schools Administration tion Fall Dinner on Saturday, Building, 300 High Street,

Friends of the Foundation dinners will incorporate tend the performance and desnine area homes. Each home sert may purchase a ticket for will have an ethnic flavor with \$10 apiece or \$25 per family dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. by calling 616-752-8375. preceded by a social hour. At approximately 7:30 p.m. the cial until payment is received. dinner guests will depart to the Lowell Performing Arts Marvelous Wonderettes 7616 Knapp NE Center (high school) for an evening of entertainment by the "Marvelous Wonderettes"

at 8 p.m. Dessert will be served at intermission of the performance. The dinner, dessert and performance will cost \$75

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# **Marvelous Wonderettes**

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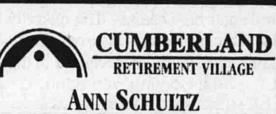
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PARENTS' MEETING FOR SENIOR TRIP All parents of seniors are urged to attend a meeting at Lowell High School on Monday, Sept. 30 (7 p.m.) to discuss the 2003 class trip. Call Carol (897-8785) with any questions

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN UP F.R.O.M. Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. will need volunteers on Saturday, Oct. 5 for outside clean-up, fix-up, and painting on the property. Beginning at 9 a.m. at the corner of Main and Jackson streets, help is needed so bring your garden rakes,

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

paint brushes, and lawn and garden tools!

Scholastic's Book Fairs comes to the Lowell Middle School Media Center the week of Oct. 7-11 from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Also open during Parent-Teacher conferences on Mon., Oct. 7 and Wed., Oct. 9 from 4-7:30 p.m. For more information call the school at 897-9222.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING Their regular business meeting will be held in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

HARVEST CRAFT SALE

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

CHILI COOK-OFF AT LARKIN'S

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Scarecrow Building Clinic and Contest: Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lowell Fairgrounds. Supplies are provided or bring your own.

UMW'S HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE Registrations for the United Methodist Women's annual holiday craft sale are due by Wednesday, Oct. 16. Send them ASAP to Ann Dimmick, 944 Grindle, Lowell.

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.

# Sundry, continued... From Page 1

It is a road that Sundry has been down before and has been denied twice by the city council. The concern from the council centered on the fact that if rezoned, 106 homes could be constructed on the property under R-1. With a PUD, however, the company is restricted on what can be built on the property, thus giving the city more control over the project. Cole said.

Facing those concerns, Sundry met with a special committee made up of planning commission members and city council members to review the proposal for a neo-traditional development on the land. The development would call for the homes to ring around a community area that would include a gazebo, sports area and play area. All the homes would face into the area with the backs and garages facing a one-way 15 foot street which would circle the entire development.

"I believe we have come up with a plan that we and the city of Lowell can be proud of." Cole said. "It will be a beautiful entrance to the east side of the city.'

Not everyone was convinced of that with the planning commission reviewing such issues as road width, rules governing the development, and lighting. Sundry is proposing photo cell lights that would be on all the time during dark hours and off during daylight, although the developers want to put in

...Madison Stadt

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timed lighting for the central area. Sundry representative, Kevin Rude explained this was to address the concern of lights coming into people's bedrooms when trying to sleep.

Mayor Jeanne Shores said she was not pleased with that since not having the lights on could create a safety issue. Shores also questioned the effectiveness of by-laws for enforcement of rules and the width of the road.

Rude said he would bring a copy of site condo by-laws that would be similar to what would govern this property. The company also planned to present a more detailed lighting

As for the road, Rude explained it is half of what would be standard road (30 feet) because the road would only be one way. There would be a 24-foot entrance off High Street into the development, and the development would have full utility service, he said.

With that, the planning commission decided to hold a public hearing at its next meeting about the proposed project, scheduled for Oct. 28.

Commission member, Clark Jahnke, who is on the special committee, said he plans to get a survey together of those members as well as some residents' feedback to make sure everyone is comfortable with what is being presented.

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1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.: Family Council of Troop 102, for boys 11 & 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 at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Call Call 897-2760 for info. 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 earn the craft. Call Lana at 691-8450 for info.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

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. at Schneider Manor, Bldg.

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

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 up or completing the 5thgrade, 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 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 7 at Lowell United Methodist Church in dining room at 7 p.m.

> Schneider Manor Community Room at 10 a.m. Call 897-2760 with any ques-

> TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo-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. EVERY WED.: The "Pep- M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7. Call Lana 691-8450 for

Woodcarvers meet 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-

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

St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Linp.m. Call Sister Colleen coln Lake. All Masons are welcome.

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Lowell Lions Club meets at EVERY 1ST MON.: 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 897-9794. St. Luke's Lutheran (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen

**EVERY 1ST TUES:** Adults meetings. New members with AD/HD Issues Group invited 1-800-651-6000. meeting at Calvin College bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: Kathy 897-5981 for info. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Chris-

EVERY WED.: Pioneer pregnant women / adoles-Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil- p.m. 897-9393. dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

gational Church basement. p.m.

meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

pers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process EVERY 2ND THURS .: p.m. 897-2037.Fall & win-TUES .: Flat River \$10 per week. Transporta- p.m. at Trinity Lutheran tion available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

> Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's pro- Schneider Manor Commugram, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. nity Room beginning Sept. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

> Kent County Youth Fair Parents Supporting Par-Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

> **EVERY SECOND WED.:** 7842. Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk 949-8655. ter, 119 Lincoln Lake,

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

Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school-age Nursing children welcome children from Lowell in Adachurch.Call 752-8300. activities. Times: 9:45 to

ment Center, 897-7842. EVERY FOURTH WED.: 897-9948 Lyle. Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 FRI: Walking-exercise pro- seminar, 6:30 p.m. Call p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michi-

gan Dr. Grand Rapids.

Church, 32156 4 Mile NE THURS .: Weight Watch- SECOND SAT. OF EV- 2003 senior class trip. Call ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washing- Historical Society at 1 p.m. group call Sarah 281-6588. ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum Register1/2 hour before of Ada, 7144 Headley.

Rm. 206 of the Commons EVERY THURS .: Saranac ogy - Alto Family Tree Club Area Musicians and Sing- at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m. ers meet: Choir at 6:30 p.m. and band at 7:30. Call

EVERY THURS. - St. social gathering; 10 a.m. 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Dia- tian Reformed Church. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis meeting. LARC sponsors Schneider Manor. Bring Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694. Center, 402 Amity St., non- the 145.27 MHz area radio items for Flat River Outdenominational help for repeater system. cents at the school: 11 a.m. EVERY FRI. & SAT .: esses: Donna Ford & Betty -3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 -8 Averill Historical Museum

> FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at LOWELLAREA HISTORI-WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON Lowell Middle School choir CAL MUSEUM HOURS: meets at Lowell Congre- room. 897-1502 after 5 Tues., Sat. & Sun.:1-4 p.m.:

EVERY WED.: Rotary FIRST AND THIRD 5-17 \$1.50; members free. SAT., OCT. 12: Harvest THURS.: Alto Lions Club

Center from 1-3:30 p.m. N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 ter fashions now available. Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** EVERY WED.: Lowell VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at

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

> **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Cen-Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meet-

EVERY FOURTH WED .: ing7p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women.

10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 THIRD FRI.: All players & LOWELL AREA ARTS listeners: Join Nick & Patti Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the at The New Riverview, M- Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m. Franciscan Child Develop- 21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat. Music" session, 7:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or

> gram 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

> ERY MONTH: Ada

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Geneal-

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m.

of Ada,7144 Headley 1-4 Bieri. p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: & lawn/garden tools. \$10; individuals \$3; ages

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COUNCIL: Open Tues.

THURS., SEPT. 26: Edward Jones market update Barb, 987-9515.

MON., SEPT. 30: Meeting at LHS at 7 p.m. for parents of seniors: discuss Carol 897-8785

TUES., OCT. 1 & MON. OCT. 7: Diabetic support groups 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.

THURS., OCT. 3: Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at 1 p.m. at reach Ministries. Program Crafts by Donna. Host-Heaston, Sponsor: Phyllis

SAT., OCT. 5: Clean-up day starts 9 a.m. at Flat River Outreach Ministries. Bring rakes, paint brushes

Arts & Crafts show at Wenger at 897-6050.

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# Planning commission considers two sets of changes to city ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Changes in residential home construction along with new driveway pavement requirements may be coming down the pike very soon.

Lowell Planning Commission, at its Monday night meeting, considered two sets of changes to the city's ordinance: one dealt with lot sizes and home sizes; the other with when a driveway has to be paved.

For the past several months, commission member, John VanderWilp has been reviewing the city's requirements for the R-1 residential district and the suburban residential district. Monday night he made some changes to his recommendation in an effort to make the verbiage "less technical," he

VanderWilp proposed that in the R-1 district, lot sizes be about 9,750 square feet with a minimum lot width of 75 feet. In the suburban residential, he recommended lot sizes go down to 23,000 square feet with a 125 square foot minimum for lot width. VanderWilp said this would put the city more in line with surrounding communities.

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districts be a minimum of 1,200 square feet with homes of two or more levels being a minimum of 800 square feet on the first floor and a minimum of 1,400 total. This would be for the dwelling foot print or livable space, but would not include garage areas, which follow the building code, according to building inspector, Doug Hopkins.

The commission liked the new verbiage and asked that the ordinance be rewritten and brought back to its next meeting, Oct. 28.

On the heel of those changes, the planning commission considered changes that would require any homeowner who

He also recommended that a single level home in both constructs a new accessory building or expands an existing one to have a hard surface driveway. The change comes after concerns were raised about people not paving their driveways and the gravel washing up into the streets.

Hopkins raised concerns about enforcement since currently the building code does not require anyone to seek a building permit for an accessory building that is under 250 square feet. Planning commission member, Clark Jahnke said he would be willing to work on the language to help with the enforcement issue. The commission tabled the ordinance until its next meeting.

# IN THE SERVICE

Army National Guard Pfc. Donald J. Braam has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia

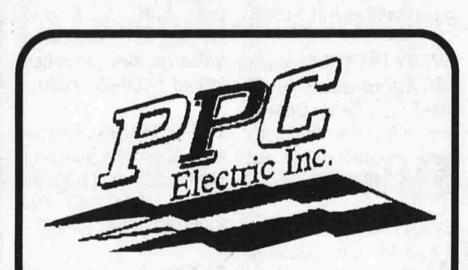
During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and

unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, and Army history, tradition and core values, and special training in

Braam is the son of Robert and Pamela Braam of Lowell

Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after.

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**TOWNSHIP** 

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday October 7, 2002 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 to consider and review the following application

and accepting public comment:

George Kazemier is requesting a private road construction review before the Planning Commission for the purpose of developing property located at 12430 Downes, Lowell in the SE 1/4 of section 15, RA zoning district, into single family home sites. The public hearing is to accept comment on the proposed construction of the private road.

The complete application is available for reviewing at the Township Offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 during office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Call with questions 616-897-5671, or fax to 616-897-5674. Written comments will be accepted if received before the meeting. Comments can also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

> Planning Commission of Vergennes Township

# NOTICE

OF LAST DAY OF **REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2002** IN THE FOLLOWING CITY AND **TOWNSHIPS** 

> City of Lowell, Bowne, Lowell and Vergennes Townships

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE MON-**DAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002.** 

Persons who are not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their City or Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; office of the Secretary of State or at the office of a designated State Agency during their regular business hours. To register by mail, call your County Clerk or Local Clerk.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE: \*Citizen of the United States

\*At least 18 years of age on or before November 5, 2002

\*Resident of the County of Kent

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact their City or Township Clerk. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired may place a call through the Michigan Relay Center TDD# 1-800-649-3777.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO QUALIFY AS A VOTER!

For all the advances in medicine, there is still no cure for the common birthday.

Sen. John Glenn

# **TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that** on October 2, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Big Pine Island Lake Development, L.L.C., so as to rezone the following described lands from the A Agricultural District to the Planned Unite Development district, in accordance with the final development plan of Big Pine Preserve Planned Unit Development, said lands being commonly described as approximately 12462 Heffron Street, and legally described as

That part of the South 1/2 of Section 3, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, bounded on the North by the centerline of said Section 3, on the West by the shore of Big Pine Island Lake, on the South by a line which is parallel to and 660 feet, more or less, North of the South line of said section, and bounded on the East by the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section, all designated by Permanent Parcel No. 41-12-03-400-007, and comprising about 103 acres in area, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

A copy of the proposed amending ordinance and the development plan of Big Pine Preserve PUD is on file and may be examined at the township office, at the abovestated address, during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinance.

Dated: September 11, 2002

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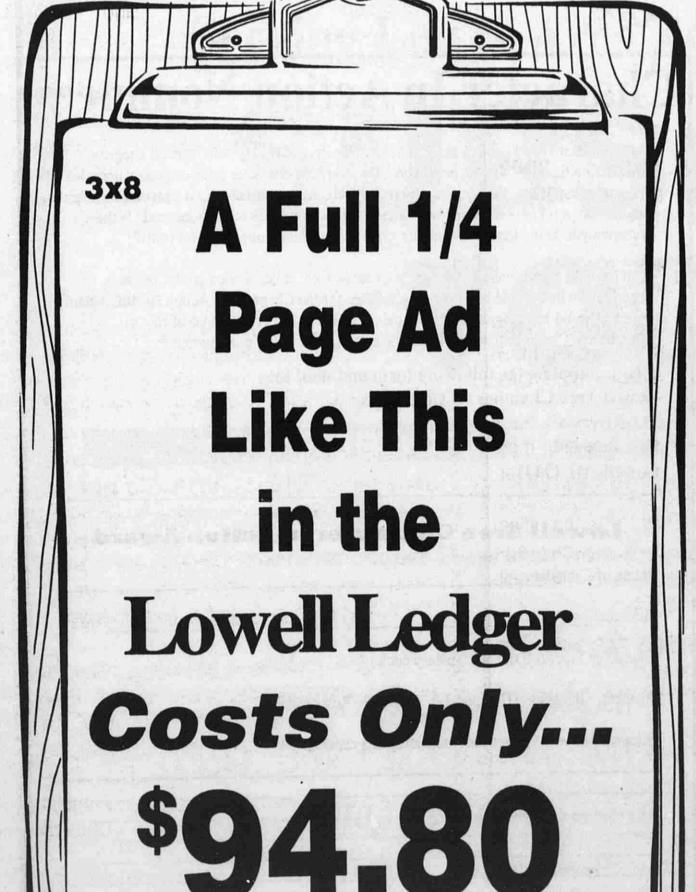
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# Education program addresses car/deer crash problem

Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC) underscores the J. Miller of AAA Michigan, need for motorists to be extra watchful for deer when driv- crashes in deaths, injuries and ing this fall.

Public service announcements sent to all Michigan radio stations are part of the MDCC's campaign to keep the car-deer crash problem in the forefront of motorists' minds. Michigan's large deer the most active, and when most crashes occur.

"Michigan's car-deer

over the last five years, "said Coalition Chairman Richard "but the results of these millions of dollars in damage caused each year remain

In 2001, there were Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa. 66,993 crashes, up three per-Forty-four percent of the Due to unreported crashes, he said, the actual figure is in 2000. pegged at closer to 80,000.

Crashes also are preva-

A new public education crash totals have leveled out lent in spring when deer seek one every eight minutes, all highways. Since 1991, state 39 percent. Michigan's annual total represents nearly crashes in five Midwestern states: Michigan, Wisconsin.

> Eleven Michigan motorcent from the year before. ists were killed and 2,109 persons were injured in 2001, crashes occurred in the compared to eight October-December period. deer-related crash deaths and a similar number of injuries

"That means on average there are 184 crashes a day,

out the first green grass near year long," Miller said. "The fact that there are car-deer crashes occurring in every Michigan county is why we are stressing to motorists to half of all reported car-deer think 'deer,' whether they are driving in Detroit's suburbs or in northern Michigan's woods, and always fasten your safety belts and drive defensively. Safety belts are your

> If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, the MDCC rec-

ommends motorists: Stay in your lane.

first line of defense in any

· Brake firmly Hold onto the steering wheel. · Come to a controlled stop. · Get your vehicle off the road-

"Very few persons are injured by simply striking a deer. They are injured when they swerve to try to avoid a crash, go out of control and hit an obstacle or an oncoming car, or roll over. And they often hit the deer regardless," Miller

bining to make the car-deer crash problem grow, he said. Urban growth spreading into deer habitat and a swelling deer population that is four times higher than in 1970

combine to force deer into the fall mating season. In the with people—too often in the form of car-deer collisions.

Car-deer crashes result in an estimated \$130 million in auto repair expenses annually in Michigan alone. Nationally, one study found, the figure for reported car-deer crashes totals \$1.1 billion.

Many drivers may think that most car-deer crashes occur in northern Michigan. However, more than half occur in southern Lower Michi- ing.

In 2001, the top 10 counareas inhabited by deer, and ties for car-deer crashes were all in southern Lower Michigan: Kent 2,327; Jackson, 2,051; Calhoun, 1,959; Montcalm, 1,643; Oakland, 1,633; Eaton, 1,479; Ingham, 1,433; Kalamazoo, 1,411; Washtenaw, 1,395; Mecosta,

That is why Gov. John Engler has declared October "Michigan Car-Deer Crash Several factors are com- Safety Awareness Month."

1,379. Michigan's deer herd

is estimated to be between 1.8

Here are some tips to avoid injury should you encounter a deer in the road: Watch for deer at dawn

and dusk. Deer are most ac-

tive then, especially during

startled by an oncoming vehicle, they can dart out from any direction without warn-• Be alert all year long in

spring deer will move from

cover to find food, and back

to cover. They often feed

along roads, where grass

may be more. Deer often

travel single file so if you see

one deer cross the road,

chances are more are nearby

waiting to cross. When

• If you see one deer, there

greens up first.

 Watch for deer warning signs. They are placed near known deer crossing areas and are your first alert that deer may be in the area.

especially on two-lane roads.

Remember, Michigan IS

More than 1,000 copies of "Stay Clear of Deer All Year," an 11-minute videotape produced by the MDCC in 2001, have been distributed nationwide, including to every Michigan driver education school. Copies are available free by going to www.michiganresourcecenter.org or by calling (800) 626-4636 or (517) 882-9955.

We call things we don't understand complex, but that means we haven't found a good way of thinking about them.

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

Scott Russell Sanders

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Also in order to keep pictures from piling up in the future, we are implementing a new policy. Anyone wanting their photographs returned after they have appeared in the Buyers Guide or Ledger must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or pick up the photo within 60 days of publication. After 60 days, photos will be discarded.



Our community is filled with citizens living their lives everyday with respect, integrity, compassion, honesty, and responsibility. These are the character traits our community has chosen to emphasize. Do you know someone who goes beyond what is expected to help others? Do you know someone who has overcome great obstacles to succeed? Is there someone you know that lives their life every day modeling our character traits?

You have the opportunity to recognize an adult, teen, child, service group, business, or organization that would be a worthy candidate for the Character in Action Award. Award winners would be recognized in the local press and would receive a certificate of recognition. Please help us recognize the everyday heroes of our community!

Please complete the following form and mail to: Lowell Area Chamber Of Commerce 113 Riverwalk Plaza P.O. Box 224 Lowell, MI 49331

### **Lowell Area Character in Action Award**

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# **NOTICE OF ADOPTION** SUBDIVISION (PLAT) ORDINANCE **GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**

### **KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Please be advised that the Grattan Township board at its 09-16, 2002 meeting adopted a new Subdivision (Plat) Ordinance which will regulate subdivision/plats, certain aspects of site condominium projects and land divisions and other matters within Grattan Township. This new ordinance will replace the former subdivision Ordinance once the new ordinance becomes effective. The new ordinance will become effective 30 days after this notice appears in the newspaper. A full and true copy of the new ordinance can be obtained, inspected, purchased, and/or reviewed at Grattan Township Hall at 12050 Old Belding Road, N.E. during normal office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). The ordinance was adopted pursuant to the Michigan Land Division Act, as amended (MCLA 560.101 et seq), MCLA 41.181 et seq. and other applicable statutes and the Michigan constitution.

A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

Foreward - This section explains the background regarding the Ordinance.

Article 1 - General Provisions. This article specifies the name of the ordinance, its purpose, the legal basis, the scope, provides for the establishment of fees, and states the general applicability of the Land Division Act where the ordinance is silent.

Article 2 - Definitions. This article defines various words, terms and phrases for purposes of the ordinance.

Article 3 - Platting Procedure And Data Required. This article specifies the procedural requirements and processes for preliminary and final plats, location requirements and procedures, involvement of the Planning Commission and Township Board, approvals and related

Article 4 - Subdivision Design Standards. This article contains various standards and requirements regarding the design and composition of plats and certain other developments, including roads, easements, drainage, lot requirements, zoning requirements, buffer strips, landscaping matters, open space, public uses, preservation of natural features, dedications and compliance with other applicable ordinances.

Article 5 - Subdivision Improvements. This article addresses required and optional improvements in plats and other developments including required public improvements, monuments, streets and roads, curbs and gutters, utilities, storm drainage, water supply systems, sanitary sewer systems, sidewalks, recreational facilities, landscaping and buffers, performance and financial guarantees, special agreements, inspections and penalties in case of failure to complete required improvements.

Article 6 - Variances. This article provides for variances from the requirements of the ordinance under certain circumstances, including addressing issues such as notice and hearing procedures.

Article 7 - Enforcement And Penalties For Failure To Comply With This Ordinance. This article specifies enforcement procedures, penalties for violation of the ordinance and the availability of stop work orders for township enforcement.

Article 8 - Amendments. This article specifies the procedure and requirements for amending the ordinance.

Article 9 - Miscellaneous. This article addresses issues such as severability, the repeal of the prior ordinance and the effective date of the new ordinance (i.e., 30 days after the ordinance or a summary thereof is published in the newspaper).

Dated: 09/16, 2002

Respectfully submitted by, Lana Green Grattan Township Clerk

# School board approves starting construction process of new elementary building

solution is coming."

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With the arrival of a large work together knowing that a number of new kids this year, and with the student count exceeding the highest projections put forth, the Lowell School Board voted unanimously to begin the construction process on the new Murray Lake Elementary

were sold originally for construction of the new elemen-Lowell's acting superintendent, Jim White said it will tary building. That was detake two years to build the layed due to unexpected flat elementary school; however, growth. Those bonds were the district has already paid then used for the high school for the property, and blueproject, which was moved up, prints of the new building have and building upgrades and already been completed. technology.

"Making the move now enables us to take advantage sale of those bonds plus a of a good bidding climate," second series of bonds will be White said. "Construction sold to pay for the new elwould probably not start until ementary building. the fall of next year."

Board vice president, Reagan, while voting to build Mark Lessens said he felt the the new school, reiterated his packed school buildings have concern with the process used already started to degrade the to select the location for the new elementary building. education.

Trustee, Kate Dernocoeur disagreed. "I don't see Low-

ell on a downward turn. I input of experts who make those decisions," Reagan said. think, collectively, we will "I would have liked the district to use the Grand Rapids Metro Council and/or the Dernocoeur reminded the Michigan Land Institute." board that when taxpayers

Trustee, Peter Haefner approved a bond issue for roughly \$27 million that inagreed with Reagan."I would like to see a Master Plan used cluded a second elemntary in the selection of future build-The first series of bonds ing sites.

Pat Nugent, board secretary, said he thought the site choice was an issue of fairness and equity.

"I defend the concept of neighborhood schools. I see it as an issue of equity and fairness. We've been serving, with a neighborhood elementary, the southern half of our district for 30 years and bussing the northern half into the city. Now, we will have a neighborhood elementary in the northern half. That's something I would have enjoyed 20 years ago. The new neighborhood school will be a great addition to my neighborhood," Nugent said.

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving to words evidence of the fact.

Money leftover from the

Board treasurer, Jim

"The district did not have

# NO WAR!!!

# am more threatened by:

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- Tax cuts for the very wealthy and not enough money for Social Security and Medicare
- Loss of decent jobs to Mexico and other cheap labor countries
- Corrupt corporations stealing my savings for my daughter's college and my retirement
- Our worsening environment that gets no attention
- Our economy that just gets worse

I am more threatened by these things than I am by Iraq.

> Mike Stephens 11751 Lally Lowell, MI 49331



Student members of the Benjamin Morse Society visited the sites of the many Gettysburg battle fields.

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November 12, November 19, November 26

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October 3, October 10, October 17,

October 24, October 31, November 7,

November 14, November 21, November 29

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SPRINGROVE VARIETY

# **Benjamin Morse Society fosters** student enthusiasm for history

By Thaddeus J. Kraus owell Ledger Editor

Sara Poelstra describes her involvement with the Benjamin Morse Society as an opportunity to learn and understand what happened efore she was here.

"To learn about the Civil War and the presidents, I found all of that very interesting,"

The seventh grader wasn't the only one. She was one of about 80 students who took a trip to Gettysburg this summer.

It's the largest contingent of students to take part in the summer trip since its beginning

Lowell Middle School students traveled to Gettysburg to visit the Civil War battlefield sites, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's home, the Gettysburg Museum, and Hershey Park in

The Benjamin Morse Society, however, is more than just a summer trip.

With the inception of the school club, Low-Il Middle School history teacher, Jack Misner has been able to capture the attention of students through the study of American history.

There were 11 meetings after school. Students met every Wednesday for approximately an hour. The meetings led up to the trip in June. This year they focused on Gettysburg

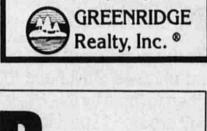
> which served to increase students' devotion in understanding why those who fought were willing to give their last full measure of de-

"The Benjamin Morse Society works because Jack (Misner) gets the kids interested in history through meetings and discussions," said Lowell Middle School counselor and trip chaperone, Jim Harden. "The kids know that what they are reading and talking about at these meetings. they will likely see on the trip and they have a great time doing this."

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Alice Blumm, a freshman at the high school this year, was a member of the Benjamin Morse Society for three years.

During that time she studied and visited Gettysburg, the Lincoln home in Springfield, Ill., and the Truman home. "I really enjoyed studying Truman. I found him to be very interesting," Blumm said. "I also enjoyed the tours this

summer of the battlefields in Gettysburg.' How does one get students interested and excited about

"I think teaching is better today than it was 20 years ago. History is no longer memorizing dates. It's teaching them the values and character of people like us and the important things they did that we benefit from every day," Misner said.

The middle school history teacher said he is lucky to teach in a community where heritage is valued.

"I was told I couldn't read the Gettysburg Address to middle school students - they wouldn't understand it," Misner said. "I do and they know and understand the Gettysburg

For Drew Kyllonen, visiting the museum and battlefields brought what he studied to life.

"I really liked the museum. It showed the guns and weapons used and provided information on the battle positions," Kyllonen explained. "I think students are interested because Mr. Misner gets us involved in history through elections, movies and trips. We learn about our country and what happened."

Misner formed the Benjamin Morse Society in January of 1996 to commemorate the name and spirit of Lowell's Congressional Medal of Honor recipient from the Civil War.

Private Morse earned the medal of honor for what was then considered a very heroic act.

He captured the colors of the enemy. It was no easy feat since an entire company of men usually guarded the flag and

To capture the colors of the enemy was virtually to blind them in their ability to communicate on the battle-field, since the regiment's colors were used to signal and guide an attack. His heroism during the Civil War was largely forgotten

and buried with Morse in a quiet corner of the Oakwood That all changed with the ceremonial unveiling of the

plaque issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs. "I loved the trip (Gettysburg)," said Theresa Mundt, one

of eight chaperones to make the two-day, three-night trip. "Other than sleeping on the bus." All three of Mundt's children have taken part in the

Benjamin Morse Society. "The trip is enjoyable because Jack (Misner) goes through all the trouble of organizing things," explained Mundt.

Eighth-grader Andy Oesch called the experience fun and

"It provides a lot of good information and you learn a lot. I would definitely recommend the Benjamin Morse Society to other students. You learn while also having some fun.'

If a child lives with approval, he learns to live with

-Dorothy Law Nolte

# NOTICE

### OF LAST DAY FOR **RECEIVING REGISTRATION FOR GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**

THE NOVEMBER 5™ 2002 **GENERAL ELECTION** WILL BE: OCTOBER 7, 2002 AT 4:00 P.M.

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Grattan Township, who is not already registered to vote for the November Election may register at any Secretary of State Offices: County Clerk or local Clerks office on or before Monday, October 7, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

**QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO** VOTE:

\*Citizen of the United States \* At least 18 years of age on or before July 8, 2002

\* Resident of Grattan Township You must be registered to qualify as a

Lana Green, Clerk

### The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, September 25, 2002 -Page 16 BOWNE TOWNSHIP **ORDINANCE NO. 2002- 04**

### STORM WATER ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the regulation and control of storm water runoff; to provide for storm water permits and the procedures and standards for the issuance thereof; to provide for payment or reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred by the Township associated with storm water permits and the consideration thereof; to establish standards and requirements for the protection of floodways and for the control of soil erosion and sedimentation; to adopt other provisions for the establishing, maintaining and protection of drains and drainageways; to provide regulations for the inspection, sampling and monitoring of storm water and other discharges; to establish performance and design standards for storm water management in specified zones of the Township; and to provide penalties for violations of the ordinance.

### THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS: Article I - General Sec. 1.01 Statutory Authority and Title

This ordinance is adopted in accordance with the Township Ordinance Act, as amended, being MCL 41.181, et seq.; the Township and Village Public Improvement Act, as amended, being MCL 41.721, et seq.; the Drain Code of 1956, as amended, being MCL 280.1, et seg.; the Land Division Act, as amended, being MCL 560.1, et seq.; the Revenue Bond Act, as amended, being MCL 141.101, et seq.; the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as amended, being MCL 324.101, et seq.; Section 401(p) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act), as amended, being 33 USC 1342(p) and 40 CFR Parts 9, 122, 123 and 124; and other applicable state and federal laws.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Bowne Township Storm Water Ordinance.

### Sec. 1.02 Findings

The Township finds that:

- (1) Water bodies, roadways, structures, and other property within, and downstream of the Township are at times subjected to flooding;
- (2) Flooding is a danger to the lives and property of the public and is also a danger to the natural resources of the Township and the region;
- (3) Land development alters the hydrologic response of watersheds, resulting in increased storm water runoff rates and volumes, increased flooding, increased stream channel erosion, and increased sediment transport and deposition:
- (4) Storm water runoff produced by land development contributes to increased quantities of water-borne pollutants;
- (5) Increases of storm water runoff, soil erosion, and non-point source pollution have occurred as a resulof land development, and cause deterioration of the water resources of the Township and downstream municipalities;
- (6) Storm water runoff, soil erosion, and non-point source pollution, due to land development within the Town ship, have resulted in a deterioration of the water resources of the Township and downstream municipalities;
- (7) Increased storm water runoff rates and volumes, and the sediments and pollutants associated with storm water runoff from future development projects within the Township will, absent reasonable regulation and control, adversely affect the Township's water bodies and water resources, and those of downstream municipalities;
- (8) Storm water runoff, soil erosion, and non-point source regulation of storm water runoff from development;
- (9) Adopting the standards, criteria and procedures contained in this ordinance and implementing the same will address many of the deleterious effects of storm water runoff:
- (10) Adopting these standards is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

### Sec. 1.03 Purpose

It is the purpose of this ordinance to establish minimum

storm water management requirements and controls to accomplish, among others, the following objectives:

- (1) To reduce artificially induced flood damage;
- (2) To minimize increased storm water runoff rates and volumes from identified new land development;
- (3) To minimize the deterioration of existing watercourses, culverts and bridges, and other structures;
- (4) To encourage water recharge into the ground where geologically favorable conditions exist;
- (5) To prevent an increase in non-point source pollution;
- 6) To maintain the integrity of stream channels for their biological functions, as well as for drainage and other purposes;
- (7) To minimize the impact of development upon stream bank and streambed stability;
- (8) To reduce erosion from development or construction projects;
- (9) To preserve and protect water supply facilities and water resources by means of controlling increased flood discharges, stream erosion, and runoff pollution; and,
- To reduce storm water runoff rates and volumes. soil erosion, and non-point source pollution, wherever practicable, from lands that were developed without storm water management controls meeting the purposes and standards of this ordinance.
- 11)To reduce the adverse impact of changing land use on water bodies and, to that end, this ordinance establishes minimum standards to protect water bodies from degradation resulting from changing land use where there are insufficient storm water management controls.

### Sec. 1.04 Applicability, Exemptions and General Provisions

- (1) This ordinance shall apply to any development site which requires approval of a plat, a site development plan, building permit, or any other permit for work which will alter storm water drainage characteristics of the development site, provided, however, that this ordinance shall not apply to the following:
  - (a) The installation or removal of individual mobile homes within a mobile home park. This exemption shall not be construed to apply to the construction, expansion, or modification of a mobile home park.
- (b) Farm buildings or structures to the extent application of this Ordinance is expressly preempted by Act. No. 93 of the Public Acts of 1981, as amended. Farm dwellings are not exempt from this Ordinance but are exempt from Article II of this Ordinance.
- (c) Plats with preliminary plat approval and other developments with final land use approval prior to the effective date of this ordinance, where such approvals remain in effect.

### Sec. 1.05 Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this Section unless the context in which they are used specifically indicates otherwise:

- Base Flood A flood having a one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given
- (2) Base Flood Elevation The high water elevation of the Base Flood, commonly referred to as the "100year flood elevation".
- pollution can be controlled and minimized by the (3) Base Flood Plain The area inundated by the Base Flood.
  - Best Management Practices (BMPs) A practice, or combination of practices and design criteria that comply with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Guidebook of BMPs for Michigan Watersheds, or equivalent practices and design criteria that accomplish the purposes of this ordinance (including, but not limited to minimizing storm water runoff and preventing the discharge of pollutants into storm water) as determined by the Township Engineer, and, where appropriate, the standards of the Kent County Drain Commissioner.

- (5) Building Opening Any opening of a solid wall such as a window or door, through which floodwaters could penetrate.
- Clean Water Act The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 USC Sec 1251 et seq., as amended, and the applicable regulations promulgated thereun-
- (7) Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Storm water runoff from a development site following an earth change.
- Design Engineer Registered and licensed professional engineer responsible for the design of a drain-
- (9) Detention A system which is designed to capture storm water and release it over a given period of time through an outlet structure at a controlled rate.
- (10) Developed or Development The installation or construction of impervious surfaces on a development site that require, pursuant to state law or local ordinance, the Township's approval of a site plan, plat, site condominium, special land use, planned unit development, rezoning of land, land division approval, private road approval or other approvals required for the development of land or the erection of buildings or structures; provided, however, that for purposes of Article II only, developed or development shall not include the actual construction of, or an addition, extension or modification to, an individual single-family or a two-family detached dwell-
- Developer Any person proposing or implementing the development of land.
- (12) Development Site Any land that is being or has been developed, or that a developer proposes for development.
- Discharger Any person or entity who directly or indirectly discharges storm water from any property Discharger also means any employee, officer, director, partner, contractor, or other person who participates in, or is legally or factually responsible for, any act or omission which is or results in a violation of this
- (14) Drain Any drain as defined in the Drain Code of 1956, as amended, being MCL 280.1, et. seq., other than an established county or intercounty drain.
- (15) Drainage The collection, conveyance, or discharge of ground water and/or surface water.
- (16) Drainageway The area within which surface water or ground water is carried from one part of a lot or parcel to another part of the lot or parcel or to adjacent land.
- Earth Change Any human activity which removes ground cover, changes the slope or contours of the land, or exposes the soil surface to the actions of wind and rain. Earth change includes, but is not limited to, any excavating, surface grading, filling, landscaping, or removal of vegetative roots.
- (18) EPA The United States Environmental Protection
- (19) Erosion The process by which the ground surface is worn away by action of wind, water, gravity or a combination thereof.
- (20) Exempted Discharges Discharges other than storm water as specified in Section 4.02 of this ordinance.
- (21) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) The agency of the federal government charged with emergency management.
- (22) Flood or Flooding A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas resulting from the overflow of water bodies or the unusual and rapid accumulation of surface water runoff from any source.
- Floodplain Any land area subject to periodic flood-
- (24) Flood-Proofing Any structural and/or non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures or property that reduce or eliminate flood damage to land, or improvements utilities and structures.
- (25) Flood Protection Elevation (FPE) The Base Flood

Elevation plus one (1) foot at any given location.

- (26) Floodway The channel of any watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved to carry and discharge a base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one-tenth (1/10) of a foot due to the loss of flood conveyance or storage.
- (27) Grading Any stripping, excavating, filling, and stockpiling of soil or any combination thereof and the land in its excavated or filled condition.
- (28) Illicit Connection Any method or means for conveying an illicit discharge into water bodies or the Township's storm water system.
- (29) Illicit Discharge Any discharge to water bodies that does not consist entirely of storm water, discharges pursuant to the terms of an NPDES permit, or exempted discharges as defined in this ordinance.
- (30) Impervious Surface Surface that does not allow storm water runoff to slowly percolate into the ground.
- (31) KCDC Kent County Drain Commissioner.
- (32) Lowest Floor The lowest floor or the lowest enclosed area (including a basement), but not including an unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure which is Sec. 2.02 Storm Water Permit Review Procedures usable solely for parking of vehicles or building access.
- (33) MDEQ Michigan Department of Environmenta Quality.
- (34) NPDES National Pollution Discharge Elimination
- (35) Overland flow-way Surface area that conveys a concentrated flow of storm water runoff
- (36) Person An individual, firm, partnership, association, public or private corporation, public agency, instrumentality, or any other legal entity.
- (37) Plan Written narratives, specifications, drawings, sketches, written standards, operating procedures, or any combination of these which contain information pursuant to this ordinance
- (38) Pollutant A substance discharged which includes, but is not limited to the following: any dredged spoil. solid waste, vehicle fluids, yard wastes, animal wastes, agricultural waste products, sediment, incinerator residue, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological wastes, radioactive materials, heat, wrecked or discharged equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt, and industrial, municipal, commercial and agricultural waste, or any other contaminant or other substance defined as a pollutant under the Clean Water Act.
- (39) Property Owner Any person having legal or equitable title to property or any person having or exercising care, custody, or control over any property.
- (40) Retention A system which is designed to capture storm water and contain it until it infiltrates the soil or evaporates.
- (41) Soil Erosion The stripping of soil and weathered rock from land creating sediment for transportation by water, wind or ice, and enabling formation of new sedimentary deposits.
- (42) State of Michigan Water Quality Standards All applicable State rules, regulations, and laws pertaining to water quality, including the provisions of Section 3106 of Part 31 of 1994 PA 451, as amended.
- (43) Storm Drain A system of open or enclosed conduits and appurtenant structures intended to convey or manage storm water runoff, ground water and drain-
- (44) Storm Water Permit A permit issued pursuant to this ordinance.
- (45) Storm Water Runoff The runoff and drainage of precipitation resulting from rainfall or snowmelt or other natural event or process.
- (46) Storm Water Runoff Facility The method, structure, area, system, or other equipment or measures which are designed to receive, control, store, or convey storm water.
- (47) Stream A river, stream or creek which may or may not be serving as a drain, or any other water body that

continued flow or continued occurrence of water.

- (48) Township Township of Bowne, Kent County,
- (49) Water Body A river, lake, stream, creek or other watercourse or wetlands.
- (50) Watershed A region draining into a water body.
- (51) Wetlands Land characterized by the presence of water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support wetland vegetation or aquatic life.

### **Article II - Storm Water Permits**

### Sec. 2.01 Permit Required.

- A developer shall not engage in any development without first receiving a storm water permit from the Township pursuant to Section 2.02.
- The granting of a storm water permit shall authorize only such development for which the permit is required, subject to the terms of the permit, and it shall not be deemed to approve other development or other land use activities.

The Township Supervisor or his or her designee shall grant a storm water permit, which may impose terms and conditions in accordance with Section 2.09, and which shall be granted only upon compliance with each of the following requirements:

- (1) The developer has submitted a drainage plan complying with Section 2.03.
- (2) The drainage plan contains a description of an adequate, temporary storm water retention system to prevent construction site storm water runoff, satisfying the requirements of Section 2.05, and the developer has obtained a soil erosion permit, if necessary.
- One of the following conditions is satisfied:
- The developer provides:
- A permanent on-site storm water system sufficient to provide on-site detention of storm water runoff in a twenty-five (25) year storm event, and
- A direct connection for all storm water runoff that will be discharged from and through the development site in a one hundred (100) year storm event; or
- (b) The developer provides a permanent on-site storm water system with a restricted outlet designed to result in no net increase in storm water runoff volume or rate onto any adjacent property in a one hundred (100) year storm event.
- (4) The developer has paid or deposited the storm water permit review fee pursuant to Section 2.04.
- The developer has paid or posted the applicable financial guarantee pursuant to Section 2.06.
- The developer provides all easements necessary to implement the approved drainage plan and to otherwise comply with this Ordinance including, but not limited to, Section 7.02. All easements shall be acceptable to the Township in form and substance and shall be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds.
- The drainage plan is designed in conformity with the Township design and performance standards for drains and storm water management systems, as set forth in Article VIII.
- (8) All storm water runoff facilities shall be designed in accordance with the then-current BMPs.
- (9) The developer provides the required maintenance agreement for routine, emergency, and long-term maintenance of all storm water runoff facilities and in compliance with the approved drainage plan and this Ordinance including, but not limited to, Section 7.03. The maintenance agreement shall be acceptable to
- the Township in form and substance and shall be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds.

### Sec. 2.03 Drainage Plan.

The developer shall provide a drainage plan to the Township for review and approval by the Township. The has definite banks, a bed, and visible evidence of a drainage plan shall identify and contain all of the follow-

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- (1) The location of the development site and water bodies that will receive storm water runoff
- The existing and proposed topography of the development site, including the alignment and boundary of the natural drainage courses, with contours having a maximum interval of one foot (using USGS datum). The information shall be superimposed on the pertinent Kent County soil map.
- (3) The development tributary area to each point of discharge from the development.
- (4) Calculations for the final peak discharge rates.
- (5) Calculations for any facility or structure size and configuration.
- (6) A drawing showing all proposed storm water runoff facilities with existing and final grades.
- (7) The sizes and locations of upstream and downstream culverts serving the major drainage routes flowing into and out of the development site. Any significant off-site and on-site drainage outlet restrictions other than culverts should be noted on the drainage map.
- (8) An implementation plan for construction and inspection of all storm water runoff facilities necessary to the overall drainage plan, including a schedule of the estimated dates of completing construction of the storm water runoff facilities shown on the plan and an identification of the proposed inspection procedures to ensure that the storm water runoff facilities are constructed in accordance with the approved drainage plan.
- A plan to ensure the effective control of construction site storm water runoff and sediment track-out onto roadways.
- (10) Drawings, profiles, and specifications for the construction of the storm water runoff facilities reasonably necessary to ensure that storm water runoff will be drained, stored, or otherwise controlled in accordance with this ordinance.
- (11) A maintenance agreement, in form and substance acceptable to the Township, for ensuring maintenance of any privately-owned storm water runoff facilities. The maintenance agreement shall include the developer's written commitment to provide routine, emergency, and long-term maintenance of the facilities and, in the event that the facilities are not maintained in accordance with the approved drainage plan, the agreement shall authorize the Township to maintain any on-site storm water runoff facility as reasonably necessary, at the developer's expense.
- (12) The name of the engineering firm and the registered professional engineer that designed the drainage plan and that will inspect final construction of the storm water runoff facilities.
- 13)All design information must be submitted to the Township Engineer in an electronic format acceptable to the Township Engineer.
- 14) Any other information necessary for the Township to verify that the drainage plan complies with the Township's design and performance standards for drains and storm water management systems

### Sec. 2.04 Storm Water Permit Review Fees.

- All expenses and costs incurred by the Township directly associated with processing, reviewing and approving or denying a storm water permit application shall be paid (or reimbursed) to the Township from the funds in a separate escrow account established by the developer, as provided in subsection (2). The Township may draw funds from a developer's escrow account to reimburse the Township for outof-pocket expenses incurred by the Township relating to the application. Such reimbursable expenses include, but are not limited to, expenses related to the following:
  - (a) Services of the Township Attorney directly related to the application.
- (b) Services of the Township Engineer directly related to the application.
- (c) Services of other independent contractors working for the Township which are directly related to the application.

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- (d) Any additional public hearings, required mailings and legal notice requirements necessitated by the application.
- permit, the developer shall deposit with the Township clerk, as an escrow deposit, an initial amount as determined by resolution of the Township Board for such matters and shall provide additional amounts Sec. 2.08 No Change in Approved Facilities as requested by the Township in such increments as are specified in said resolution. Any excess funds remaining in the escrow account after the application has been fully processed, reviewed, and the developer with no interest to be paid on those funds. At no time prior to the Township's final decision on plan. an application shall the balance in the escrow account fall below the required initial amount. If the funds in the account are reduced to less than the required initial amount, the developer shall deposit into the account an additional amount as determined by Township Board resolution, before the application review process will be continued. Additional amounts may be required to be placed in the escrow account by the developer, at the discretion of the Township.

### Sec. 2.05 Construction Site Runoff Controls

Prior to making any earth change on a development site regulated by this ordinance, the developer shall first obtain a soil erosion permit issued in accordance with Part 91 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, if one is required. The developer shall install storm water runoff facilities and shall phase the development activities so as to prevent construction site storm water runoff and off-site sedimentation. During all construction activities on the development site, the Township Engineer may inspect the development site to ensure compliance with the approved construction site runoff controls.

### Sec. 2.06 Financial Guarantee

- (1) The Township shall not approve a storm water permit until the developer submits to the Township letter of credit or other financial guarantee for the timely and satisfactory construction of all storm water runoff facilities and site grading in accordance with the approved drainage plan. Upon certification by a registered professional engineer that the storm water runoff facilities have been completed in accordance with the approved drainage plan including, but not limited to, the provisions contained in Section 2.03(8), the Township may release the letter of credit, or other financial guarantee subject to final Township acceptance and approval. If the storm water runoff facilities are not completed in accordance with the approved drainage plan, the Township may, but is not obligated to, draw on the letter of credit or other financial guarantee for the purpose of completing the storm water runoff facilities.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the amount of the financial guarantee shall be \$200 per acre of the development site with a minimum of \$1,000, unless the Township determines that a greater amount is appropriate, in which case the basis for such determination shall be provided to the developer in writing. In determining whether an amount greater than \$200 per acre (with a \$1,000 minimum) is appropriate, the Township shall consider the size and type of the development, the size and type of the on-site storm water system, and the nature of the off-site storm water runoff facilities the development will
- (3) The Township Supervisor or his or her designee may reduce or waive the amount of the financial guarantee for a development that will not increase the percentage of impervious surface of the development site by more than ten percent (10%).
- (4) This ordinance shall not be construed or interpreted as relieving a developer of its obligation to pay all costs associated with on-site private storm water runoff facilities as well as those costs arising from the need to make other drainage improvements in order to reduce a development's impact on a drain consistent with adopted design standards.

### Sec. 2.07 Certificate of Occupancy

No certificate of occupancy shall be issued until storm water runoff facilities have been completed in accordance with the approved drainage plan; provided, however, the Township may issue a certificate of occupancy if an acceptable letter of credit or other financial guaran-

tee has been submitted to the Township, for the timely and satisfactory construction of all storm water runoff facilities and site grading in accordance with the approved drainage plan. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the Township Engineer may inspect (2) At the time a developer applies for a storm water the storm water runoff facilities to verify completion in accordance with the approved drainage plan, notwithstanding inspection by the developer's engineer.

Storm water runoff facilities, after construction and approval, shall be maintained in good condition, in accordance with the approved drainage plan, and shall not be final Township approval and acceptance of the subsequently altered, revised or replaced except in ac- (c) Prevent damage to any public utilities or services development has occurred will be refunded to the cordance with the approved drainage plan, or in accordance dance with approved amendments or revisions in the

### Sec. 2.09 Terms and Conditions of Permits

In granting a storm water permit, the Township may impose such terms and conditions as are reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance A developer shall comply with such terms and conditions. (f) Apply for all required approvals or permits prior to the

### Article III - Storm Water System, Floodplain and Other Standards, Soil Erosion Control

### Sec. 3.01 Management of and Responsibility for Storm Water System

The Township is not responsible for providing drainage facilities on private property for the management of storm water on said property. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to provide for, and maintain, private storm water runoff facilities serving the property and to prevent or correct the accumulation of debris that interferes with the drainage function of a water body.

### Sec. 3.02 Storm Water System

All storm water runoff facilities shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local ordinances, and rules and regulations.

### Sec. 3.03 Storm Water Discharge Rates and Volumes

in a form and amount satisfactory to the Township, a The Township is authorized to establish minimum design standards for storm water discharge release rates and to require dischargers to implement on-site retention; detention or other methods necessary to control the rate and volume of surface water runoff discharged into the storm water drainage system, in the following circum-

- (1) A parcel of land is being developed in a manner that increases the impervious surface area of the parcel;
- (2) The discharge exceeds the Township -calculated pre-development discharge characteristics for the subject property, and the Township determines that the discharge is a violation of the drainage, flooding or soil erosion regulations of this ordinance.

### Sec. 3.04 Floodplain Standards

- All new buildings and substantial improvements to existing buildings shall be protected from flood damage up to the Flood Protection Elevation (FPE) and shall be in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local ordinances, and rules and regulations. Floodway alteration shall be permitted only upon review and approval by the Township, in accordance with an approved drainage plan.
- A drainage plan providing for the filling or alteration of a floodway may include provisions for maintaining stability of the banks of streams or other water bodies, by means of the establishing of buffer zones and other means of providing protection of the slopes and banks of water bodies.
- (3) Within any required buffer zone, no earth change shall take place except in accordance with the approved drainage plan. Such a plan may also include provisions for the replacement of flood plain storage volume, where such storage volume is lost or diminished as a result of approved development

### Sec. 3.05 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control

(1) All persons who cause, in whole or in part, any earth change to occur shall provide soil erosion and sedimentation control so as to adequately prevent soils from being eroded and discharged or deposited onto adjacent properties or into a storm water drainage system, a public street or right of way, wetland, creek, stream, water body, or floodplain. All development shall be in accordance with all applicable

federal, state and local ordinances, rules and regu-

- (2) During any earth change which exposes soil to an increased risk of erosion or sediment track-out, the property owner and other persons causing or participating in the earth change shall do the following:
- (a) Comply with the storm water management standards of this ordinance.
- (b) Obtain and comply with the terms of a soil erosion and sedimentation control permit if required by law.
- within the limits of grading and within any routes of travel or areas of work of construction equipment.
- (d) Prevent damage to or impairment of any water body on or near the location of the earth change or affected thereby.
- (e) Prevent damage to adjacent or nearby land.
- commencement of work.
- (g) Proceed with the proposed work only in accordance with the approved plans and in compliance with this ordinance.
- (h) Maintain all required soil erosion and sedimentation control measures, including but not limited to, measures required for compliance with the terms of this ordinance.
- Promptly remove all soil, sediment, debris, or other materials applied, dumped, tracked, or otherwise deposited on any lands, public streets, sidewalks, or other public ways or facilities, including catch basins, storm sewers, ditches, drainage swales, or water bodies. Removal of all such soil, sediment, debris or other materials within twenty-four (24) hours shall be considered prima facie compliance with this requirement, unless such materials present an immediate hazard to public health and safety.
- (i) Refrain from grading lands at locations near or adjoining lands, public streets, sidewalks, alleys, or other public or private property without providing adequate support or other measures so as to protect such other lands, streets, sidewalks or other property from settling, cracking or sustaining other dam-
- (k) Request and obtain inspection of soil erosion and sedimentation control facilities, by the Township at such frequency as required by the Township.

### Sec. 3.06 Building Openings

- (1) No building opening shall be constructed below the following elevations:
  - (a) One foot above the 100-year floodplain.
  - (b) The building opening established at the time of plat or development approval and on file in the Township Engineer's Office.
  - (c) Three feet above the top of any downstream
  - (d) Four feet above the bottom of any permanent and defined drain.
- (2) A waiver from elevations stated in Section 3.06(1) may be granted by the Township Engineer following receipt of a certification from a registered professional engineer demonstrating that the proposed elevation does not pose a risk of flooding.
- (3) Upon completion of construction of the structure's foundation and or slab on grade, a registered land surveyor shall certify any minimum building opening elevation specified by this ordinance. This certificate shall attest that the building opening elevation complies with the standards of this ordinance. The permittee for the building permit shall submit the certificate to the Township Building Inspections official prior to the commencement of framing and/or structural steel placement. If the surveyor should find that the minimum building opening elevation is below the elevation specified in Section 3.06(1)(b) or (c), that opening must be raised using a method that meets with the approval of the Township. After reconstruction, a registered land surveyor or engineer shall re-certify that the minimum building opening elevation complies with the standards of this ordinance prior to the commencement of framing and or structural steel placement.

### Sec. 3.07 Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Protection of the public health, safety and welfare shall be a primary consideration in the design of all storm water runoff facilities.

### **Article IV - Prohibitions and Exemptions**

### Sec. 4.01 Prohibited Discharges

No person shall discharge to a water body, identified representative may place on the discharger's directly or indirectly, any substance other than storm property the equipment or devices used for such samwater or an exempted discharge. Any person dischargpling or inspection. ing storm water shall effectively prevent pollutants from being discharged with the storm water, except in accor- Sec. 5.02 Storm Water Monitoring Facilities dance with best management practices.

implement pollution prevention measures, utilizing BMPs, necessary to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants into the Townshipis storm water drainage system.

### Sec. 4.02 Exempted Discharges

The following non-storm water discharges shall be permissible, provided that they do not result in a violation of State of Michigan water quality standards:

Water supply line flushing Landscape irrigation Diverted stream flows Rising ground water Uncontaminated ground water infiltration to storm

Uncontaminated pumped ground water Discharges from potable water sources Foundation drains Air conditioning condensate

Non-commercial residential car washing Dechlorinated swimming pool water Street washwater

Discharges or flows from emergency fire fighting Discharges for which a specific federal or state permit has been issued.

### Sec. 4.03 Interference with Natural or Artificial Drains

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, fill, dam, confine, pave, alter the course of, or otherwise interfere with any natural or constructed drain, or drainageway without first submitting a drainage plan to the Township and receiving approval of that plan. Any deviation from the approved plan is a violation of this ordinance. This section shall not prohibit, however, necessary emergency action so as to prevent or mitigate drainage that would be injurious to the environment, the public health, safety, or welfare.
- No filling, blocking, fencing or above-surface vegetation planting shall take place within a floodway.
- For an overland flow-way:
- Silt screen fences shall not be permitted below the top of the bank of a water body.
- Chain link fences shall be permitted if the Township determines that the fence will not obstruct or diverthe flow of water.
- If a fence is removed by the Township for drain access or drain maintenance, the fence shall be replaced by the owner of the fence at the owneris
- No shrubs or trees shall be planted below the top of the bank of a water body.
- Shrubs, trees or other above-ground woody vegetation shall not be planted over the top of an underground storm sewer or over the top of the easement within which the storm sewer has been installed.

### Sec. 4.04 Storage of Hazardous or Toxic Materials in Drainageway

Except as permitted by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to store or stockpile within a drainageway any hazardous or toxic materials unless adequate protection and/or containment has been provided so as to prevent any such materials from entering a drainageway.

Article V - Inspection, Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping.

Sec. 5.01 Inspection and Sampling

To assure compliance with the standards in this pervasively regulated area, the Township may inspect and/or obtain storm water samples from storm water runoff facilities of any discharger to determine compliance with the requirements of this ordinance. Upon request, the discharger shall allow the Township's properly identified representative to enter upon the premises of the discharger at all hours necessary for the purposes of such inspection or sampling. The Township shall provide the discharger reasonable advance notice of such inspection and/or sampling. The Township or its properly

A discharger of storm water runoff shall provide and The Township is authorized to require dischargers to operate equipment or devices for the monitoring of storm water runoff, so as to provide for inspection, sampling, and flow measurement of each discharge to a water body or a storm water runoff facility, when directed in writing to do so by the Township. The Township may require a discharger to provide and operate such equipment and devices if it is necessary or appropriate for the inspection, sampling and flow measurement of discharges in order to determine whether adverse effects from or as a result of such discharges may occur. All such equipment and devices for the inspection, sampling and flow measurement of discharges shall be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances and requlations.

### Sec. 5.03 Accidental Discharges

the discharge.

- (1) Any discharger who accidentally discharges into a water body any substance other than storm water or an exempted discharge shall immediately inform information is given orally, a written report concerning the discharge shall be filed with the Township

  - (c) All measures taken to clean up the accidental discharge, and all measures proposed to be

taken to reduce and prevent any recurrence.

- making the report, and the name of a person who may be contacted for additional information on the matter.
- A properly-reported accidental discharge shall be an affirmative defense to a civil infraction proceeding brought under this ordinance against a discharger injunction, to obtain recovery of costs or to obtain discharge. A discharge shall be considered properly reported only if the discharger complies with all the requirements of Section 5.03(1).

### Sec. 5.04 Record Keeping Requirement

Any person subject to this ordinance shall retain and preserve for no less than three (3) years any and all books, drawings, plans, prints, documents, memoranda, reports, correspondence and records, including records on magnetic or electronic media and any and all summaries of such records, relating to monitoring, sampling and chemical analysis of any discharge or storm water runoff from any property.

### **Article VI - Enforcement**

### Sec. 6.01 Sanctions for Violation

and subject to a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,500 for a first offense, and not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000 for a subsequent offense, plus costs, damages, expenses, and other sanctions as authorized under Chapter 87 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961 and other applicable laws, including, without limitation, equitable relief; provided, however, that the violation stated in Section 6.01(2) shall be a misdemeanor. Each day such violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense and shall make the violator liable of 1933, as amended. for the imposition of a fine for each day. The rights and remedies provided for in this section are cumu- Sec. 6.07 Appeals lative and in addition to any other remedies provided by law. An admission or determination of responsi- Any person as to whom any provision of this ordinance

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bility shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirements of this ordinance.

For purposes of this section, "subsequent offense" means a violation of the provisions of this ordinance committed by the same person within 12 months of a previous violation of the same provision of this ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible.

The Township Supervisor is authorized to issue municipal civil infraction citations, or appearance tickets pursuant to Section 6.01(2), to any person alleged to be violating any provision of this ordi-

- (2) Any person who neglects or fails to comply with a stop work order issued under Section 6.02 shall upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 93 days, or both such fine and imprisonment, and such person shall also pay such costs as may be imposed in the discretion of the court.
- Any person who aids or abets a person in a violation of this ordinance shall be subject to the sanctions provided in this section.

### Sec. 6.02 Stop Work Order

Where there is work in progress that causes or constitutes in whole or in part, a violation of any provision of this ordinance, the Township Supervisor is authorized to issue a Stop Work Order so as to prevent further or continuing violations or adverse effects. All persons to whom the stop work order is directed, or who are involved in any way with the work or matter described in the stop work order shall fully and promptly comply therewith. the Township concerning the discharge. If such The Township may also undertake or cause to be undertaken, any necessary or advisable protective measures so as to prevent violations of this ordinance or to avoid or within five (5) days. The written report shall specify: reduce the effects of noncompliance herewith. The cost of any such protective measures shall be the responsibil-(a) The composition of the discharge and the cause ity of the owner of the property upon which the work is being done and the responsibility of any person carrying out or participating in the work, and such cost shall be a (b) The exact date, time, and estimated volume of lien upon the property.

### Sec. 6.03 Failure to Comply; Completion

In addition to any other remedies, should any owner fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, the Township may, after the giving of reasonable notice and (d) The name and telephone number of the person opportunity for compliance, have the necessary work done, and the owner shall be obligated to promptly reimburse the Township for all costs of such work.

### Sec. 6.04 Emergency Measures

When emergency measures are necessary to moderate a nuisance, to protect public safety, health and welfare. for such discharge. It shall not, however, be a and/or to prevent loss of life, injury or damage to property, defense to a legal action brought to obtain an the Township is authorized to carry out or arrange for all such emergency measures. Property owners shall be other relief as a result of or arising out of the responsible for the cost of such measures made necessary as a result of a violation of this ordinance, and shall promptly reimburse the Township for all of such costs.

## Sec. 6.05 Cost Recovery for Damage to Storm Drain

A discharger shall be liable for all costs incurred by the Township as the result of causing a discharge that produces a deposit or obstruction, or causes damage to. or impairs a storm drain, or violates any of the provisions of this ordinance. Costs include, but are not limited to. those penalties levied by the EPA or MDEQ for violation of an NPDES permit, attorney fees, and other costs and

### Sec. 6.06 Collection of Costs; Lien

Costs incurred by the Township and the Drain Commissioner pursuant to Sections 6.02, 6.03, 6.04 and 6.05 (1) Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be a lien on the premises which shall be enforceable shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction in accordance with Act No. 94 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended from time to time. Any such charges which are delinquent for six (6) months or more may be certified annually to the Township Treasurer who shall enter the lien on the next tax roll against the premises and the costs shall be collected and the lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for in the collection of taxes assessed upon the roll and the enforcement of a lien for taxes. In addition to any other lawful enforcement methods, the Township or the Drain Commissioner shall have all remedies authorized by Act No. 94 of the Public Acts

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has been applied may appeal in writing, not later than 30 days after the action or decision being appealed from, to the Township Board the action or decision whereby any such provision was so applied. Such appeal shall identify the matter being appealed, and the basis for the appeal The Township Board shall consider the appeal and make a decision whereby it affirms, rejects or modifies the action being appealed. In considering any such appeal, the Township Board may consider the recommendations of the Township Engineer and the comments of other persons having knowledge of the matter. In considering variance from the terms of this ordinance so as to provide relief, in whole or in part, from the action being appealed, but only upon finding that the following requirements are

- (1) The application of the ordinance provisions being appealed will present or cause practical difficulties for a development or development site; provided, however, that practical difficulties shall not include the need for the developer to incur additional reasonable expenses in order to comply with the ordinance; and
- (2) The granting of the relief requested will not substantially prevent the goals and purposes sought to be accomplished by this ordinance, nor result in less effective management of storm water runoff.

### Article VII - Storm Water Easements and Maintenance Agreements

### Sec. 7.01 Applicability of Requirements

The requirements of this Article concerning storm water easements and maintenance agreements shall apply to all persons required to submit a drainage plan to the Township for review and approval.

### Sec. 7.02 Storm Water Management Easements

The developer shall provide all storm water management easements necessary to implement the approved drainage plan and to otherwise comply with this ordinance in form and substance required by the Township and shall record such easements as directed by the Township. The easements shall assure access for proper inspection and maintenance of storm water runoff facilities and shall provide adequate emergency overland flow-ways.

### Sec. 7.03 Maintenance Agreements

The developer shall provide all storm water maintenance agreements necessary to implement the approved drainage plan and to otherwise comply with this ordinance in form and substance as required by the Township, and shall record such agreements as directed by the Township. The maintenance agreements shall, among other matters, assure access for proper inspection and maintenance of storm water runoff facilities and adequate emergency overland flow-ways.

### Sec. 7.04 Establishment of County Drains

Prior to final approval, all storm water management facilities for platted subdivisions shall be established as county drains, as authorized in Section 433, Chapter 18 of the Michigan Drain Code (P.A. 40 of 1956, as amended) for long-term maintenance.

### Article VIII - Performance and Design Standards

### Sec. 8.01 Performance Standards

In order to achieve the goals and purposes of this ordinance, the following three storm water management zones (Zones A, B and C) are hereby established. The Zones are shown on the map attached as Appendix A and made a part of this ordinance.

- (1) Zone A represents areas which require the most protective storm water management regulations. The goal of this zone is to preserve the natural condition of water bodies included in it, in whole or in part. Zone A has, in general, little impervious surface area and few storm water facilities. Where site conditions do not permit infiltration, detention with a restricted outlet will be required. This storm water management practice provides greater protection for surface water quality, and also assists in augmenting stream base flow, reduction of flash storm flows and prevention of stream bank erosion. Section 8.02 specifies design criteria for Zone A, in order that the volume and rate of storm water runoff are controlled at predevelopment levels.
- (2) Zone B represents developed areas that have significant impervious surfaces and storm water runoff facilities in place. The goal of Zone B is the control of storm water runoff in order to prevent further

destabilizing of streams and other water bodies. In this zone, the use of detention ponds, the maintenance and enhancement of buffer strips and other measures to reduce directly-connected impervious areas are specified in Section 8.02 for the achieving of the storm water management standards applicable to Zone B. The management practices for this zone are intended to maintain existing water quality and to alleviate adverse downstream impact on water bodies.

any such appeal, the Township Board may grant a (3) Zone C consists of highly urbanized areas, or areas In addition to the requirements of Section 2.02(3), the where there has been significant modification of area in Zone C is generally greater than 25%. Among following:

the measures required in Zone C, as stated in Section 8.02, are the use of sediment basins, the maintenance and enhancement of buffer strips along water bodies and the reduction of impervious surface areas that are directly connected to water bodies. An important element of storm water management practice in Zone C is the control and prevention of sedimentation, in order to reduce pollution of water bodies.

Sec. 8.02 Design Standards

design standards for storm water runoff facilities for drainageways. The amount of impervious surface Zones A, B and C, as described in Section 8.01, are the

Salvers Lucia Kon	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C
Criteria	High quality waters. Meets water quality standards. Less than 10% imperviousness.	Degraded physical, biological, or water quality indicators. 10% to 25% imperviousness.	Heavily degraded physical, biological, or water quality indicators. Greater than 25% imperviousness.
Storm Water Management Standards	Use infiltration basins, infiltration trenches, extended detention basins, and/or constructed wetlands. Maintain and enhance buffer strips.	Use detention ponds; maintain and enhance buffer strips, and reduce directly connected impervious area.	Use sediment basins, maintain and enhance buffer strips, and reduce directly connected impervious area.
Water Quality Control	Detain the first 0.5" of runoff from the contributing watershed, with detention per Zone B and infiltration where conditions permit, or provide equivalent treatment.	Detain the first 0.5" of runoff from the contributing watershed for 24 hours or provide equivalent treatment.	Provide sedimentation control within the drainage system.
Bank Erosion Control*	Rate of release shall be limited to 0.05 cfs/acre for a 2-year storm event.	Release rate of 0.13 cfs/acre per KCDC rules.	Storm water runoff shall not exceed the capacity of the downstream conveyance system.
Flood Control	Detention with infiltration when conditions permit. Release rate of 0.13 cfs/acre per KCDC rules.	Release rate of 0.13 cfs/acre per KCDC rules.	Direct conveyance of storm water runoff within the capacity of downstream system.

\*Applicable when discharging to a stream as defined in Section 1.05(47).

The developer shall comply with the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Subdivision Drainage Rules for design of the specific storm water runoff facilities listed above.

## Design Standards

The Township Board may adopt a resolution establishing more detailed design and performance standards for storm water runoff facilities, consistent with the terms of this ordinance, and in order to further implement its goals and purposes.

### **Article IX - Other Matters**

### Sec. 9.01 Interpretation

Words and phrases in this ordinance shall be construed STATE OF MICHIGAN) according to their common and accepted meanings, except that words and phrases defined in Section 1.05 COUNTY OF KENT shall be construed according to the respective definitions given in that section. Technical words and technical phrases that are not defined in this ordinance but which have acquired particular meanings in law or in technical usage shall be construed according to such meanings.

### Sec. 9.02 Catch-Line Headings

The catch-line headings of the articles and sections of this ordinance are intended for convenience only, and shall not be construed as affecting the meaning or interpretation of the text of the articles or sections to which they may refer.

### Sec. 9.03 Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any part or provision of this ordinance should be declared invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other part or provision of the ordinance.

### Sec. 9.04 Other Ordinances

Sec. 8.03 Resolution to Implement Performance and This ordinance shall be in addition to other ordinances of the Township, and shall not be deemed to repeal or replace other ordinances or parts thereof except to the extent that such repeal is specifically provided for in this

### Sec. 9.05 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication hereof or publication of a summary of the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

I, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk of the Township of Bowne of the said County of Kent do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2002-04 as approved and adopted by the Bowne Township Board on the 16th day of September, 2002. The Ordinance in its entirety was published in the issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 24th day of September, 2002. Said Ordinance was recorded in the office of the Clerk of Bowne Township on the 16th day of September, 2002.

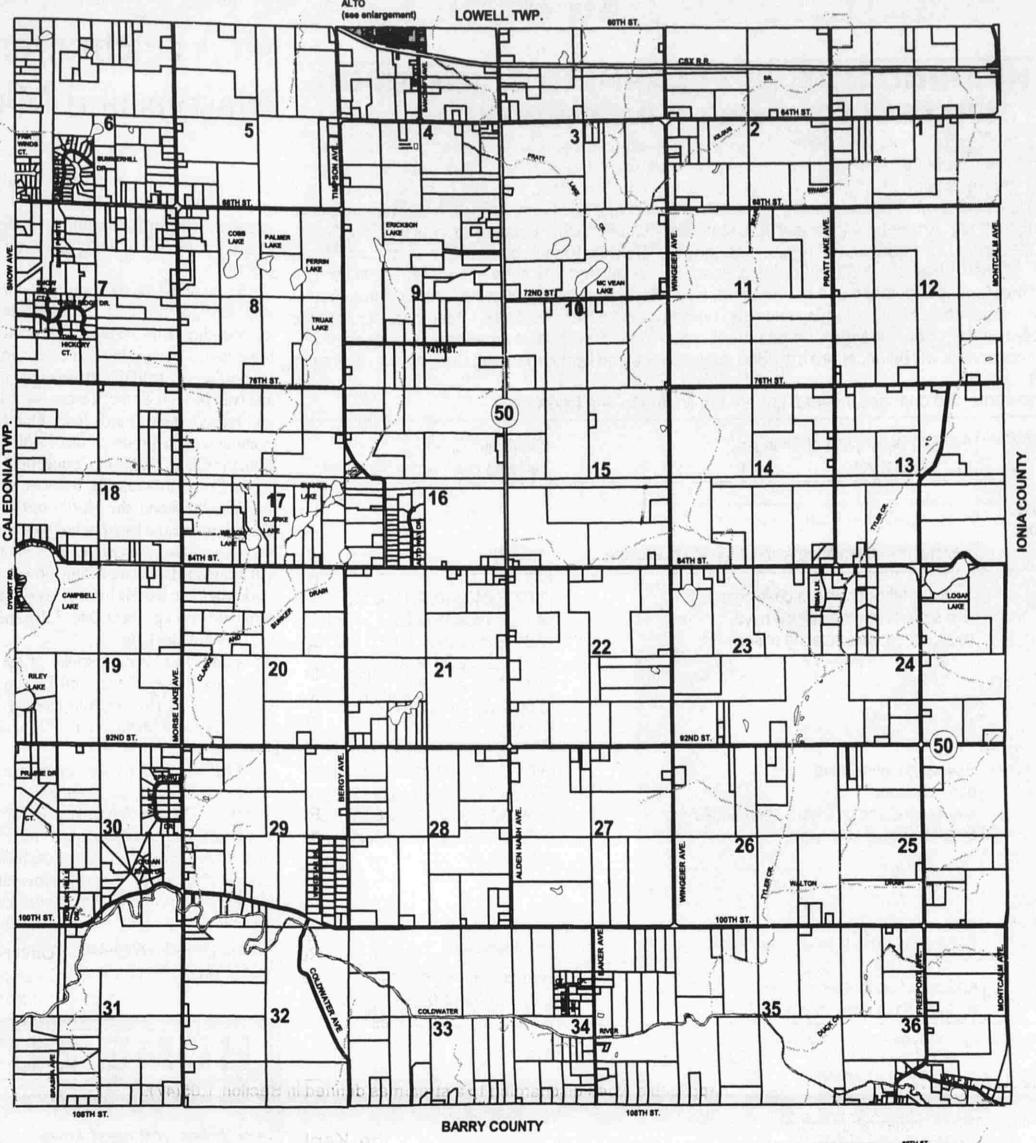
In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand for the Township of Bowne, in said county, this 18th day of September, 2002.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Bowne Township Clerk

Peter F. Siler, Bowne **Township Supervisor** 

### **Bowne Township** Storm Water Ordinance

### APPENDIX A



LEGEND ZONE A ZONE B

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ZONE MAP

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### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE • PLANNING COMMISSION GRATTAN TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY**

On October 2, 2002, the Grattan Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding proposed amendments and changes to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended. The proposed amendments and changes include the readoption of Articles1 through 16, inclusive (with various text changes), renumbering of many sections and subsections within those articles, the addition of new and additional Article 6A (the new intensive livestock operation district) and Article14-A (the new 50% statutory cluster article). Existing Articles17-21, inclusive (i.e., the balance of the Zoning Ordinance), will remain unchanged. The hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2002, at the Grattan Township Hall at 12050 Old Belding Road, NE. A full and true copy of the proposed changes together. and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance can be obtained, inspected, examined, reviewed, and/or purchased at Township Hall during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Members of the public are welcome to appear at the public hearing and comment regarding the proposed amendments and changes. Furthermore, written comments will be accepted provided they are received by the Planning Commission at or prior

The proposed amendments and changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

Article No.	Title	General Description of Changes (not exhaustive)	Significant Changes (utilizing new section numbers)
Article 1	Title, Purpose, interpretation, and Scope	Several text amendments; renumbering of sections	1.03(B)
Article 2	Definitions	Several definitions have been changed and several new definitions have been added; renumbering of sections	2.02, 2.04, 2.10, 2.11, 2.14, 2.16, 2.17, 2.18, 2.19, 2.20, 2.21, 2.23, 2.24, 2.29, 2.32, 2.33, 2.34, 2.35, 2.36, 2.38, 2.39, 2.40, 2.41, 2.42, 2.44, 2.48, 2.51, 2.52, 2.53, 2.55, 2.56, 2.59, 2.62, 2.64, 2.69, 2.70, 2.75, 2.77, 2.81
Article 3	General Provisions	Several sections have been changed and several sections have been added; renumbering of sections	3.01, 3.07, 3.09, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.23, 3.25, 3.28, 3.30, 3.40, 3.41, 3.52, 3.53, 3.54, 3.55, 3.56
Article 4	Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots	Several changes to words and terms	Not applicable
Article 5	Districts	Addition of an ILO district; several sections have been changed	5.01,5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 5.05
Article 6	"A" Agricultural District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	6.02
Article 6A (new)	"ILO" Intensive Livestock Operations District	This article is new and is an addition to the Ordinance	Not applicable
Article 7	"R-L" Residential District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	7.02, 7.03, 7.04
Article 8	"R" Residential District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	8.01, 8.03
Article 9	"R-R" Residential District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	9.01, 9.02, 9.03
Article 9-A	"MHC" Manufactured Housing Community	No changes except references	No changes
Article 10	District "C-1" Commercial District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	10.02, 10.03
Article 11	"C-2" Commercial District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	11.02, 11.04, 11.06, 11.07
Article 12	"I" Industrial District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	12.03, 12.04
Article 13	Special Uses	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	13.04, 13.05, 13.08, 13.09, 13.10, 13.15, 13.22
Article 14	Planned Unit Developments (PUD)	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	14.02, 14.04, 14.05, 14.08, 14.10
Article 14A (new)	Open Space Preservation PUD	A new and additional article regarding statutory clustering	Not applicable
Article 15	Off-Street Parking and Loading	No changes except to Section15.09 and references	15.09
Article 16	Signs and Billboards	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	16.04, 16.05, 16.06, 16.07, 16.08, 16.09, 16.10

The above is only a general summary and is not an exhaustive list of the proposed changes. For a full draft of the proposed changes, please contact the Township Clerk or staff at Township Hall during normal business hours. Dated: September11, 2002

Respectfully submitted, Lana Green, Grattan Township Clerk

# **Festive Board:**

# ••• A celebration of local Masons and Masonry.

Local Masons and their Ladies met on Saturday evening to celebrate the lives of their membership, both living and ancestral. One of the traditions of the Lodge is the "Festive Board," gathering to enjoy good food, laughter and stories

Some of the local members honored were Roger Roberts and Harold Zahm, each awarded a lapel pin for 60 years of membership. Life membership or 40- year pins were also presented to Robert Hayes and Leonard Jackson. Twenty-five years of service to the Craft were recognized for Peter Osborne and Ivan Blough. Some Masons were unable to be present and will receive their awards later. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a 50-Year pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and his George Washington Lodge to Arthur B. Steeves, who lives near Alto.

William Wood, the Master of the Lowell Lodge, told of his visit with Eljie Rudd, who lives near Ionia. Brother Rudd has been a Mason for 74 years. A young man of 99 years, he still mows the lawn on a riding mower and helps with the farm work when needed. He lives today on the farm in which he was born, 100 year ago, next Dec. 7. Brother Rudd accepted a 70-Year Award lapel pin.

Frank "Ted" Pararia spoke of the early days of Lowell Lodge and some of the well-known Brothers, Carlton H. Runciman, C. S. Hooker, John Hooker and John Quincy Look, Grand Master in Michigan in 1891 and his brother, Dexter G.

"Ted" Wilson reminded us that the purpose of Masonry is a Force for Good in our community.

Michael Rooze, Senior Warden of the local Lodge, spoke of some of the good things done recently: a five-year \$5000 commitment to the YMCA "Invest in Youth" program, a new dock for the Lowell Area Schools, help with Habitat for Humanities House and Flat River Outreach Ministries, the cornerstone ceremony for the Englehardt Library, and the proposed cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new Lowell Police Department.

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# Balanced attack carries Lowell past Forest Hills Northern

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A balanced Lowell attack blasted an undefeated Forest Hills Northern squad Fiday night 42-14.

For the first time in four games, Lowell's running game surpassed its passing game.

Lowell ran the ball for 224 yards and threw for 142. "Running the football was one of our primary deals. Our offensive line is working and getting better each week. We've had to work through some growing pains," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.

Passing attack, running attack or balanced attack, the focal point of Lowell's offense remains senior Mark Catlin.

That's all people want to talk about. Mark's nice, but he will tell you there are a lot of other players who do things for him that allow him to be successful." Dean said.

Nonetheless, Catlin's numbers continue to grow. He rushed for 126 yards including two touchdowns and threw for two more while connecting on 10-of-13 for 142 yards.

"Catlin is one of the best players in the state and you saw that again tonight," said FHN coach, Brent Myers, "He can run and he can throw the ball on a dime. He's also strong. You're not going to arm tackle him."

After forcing Northern to punt, Catlin and company marched 67 yards. The scoring drive was capped by an eightyard touchdown pass to Mike Koster. It was the first of two touchdown receptions for the sophomore.

On the night, Koster caught five passes for 63 yards. His final catch of the night was also for a touchdown. This time it came on a third and 14 from the 22. Catlin rolled right and threw into the end zone for the sophomore receiver. He leaped high into the air for the ball, absorbed a crushing hit but still managed to hang on for the touchdown.

"I can't believe that kid is a sophomore. I'm happy where he's playing. That play on third down was roll right and throw it to Mike in the end zone," Dean said. "We have the luxury of being able to do that because we have a great field goal kicker (Matt Foster). If we miss on the pass, we know we're going to come away with something.'

Leading 6-0, Lowell drove 73 yards on its second possession with Catlin running it into the end zone from three yards out, giving Lowell a 14-0 advantage.



FHN's Andrew Kimball is stopped at the line of scrimmage. Lowell won the game 42-14.

Northern pulled to within eight early in the second quarter on a 28-vard touchdown pass from Nate Hockstra to Travis Worst.

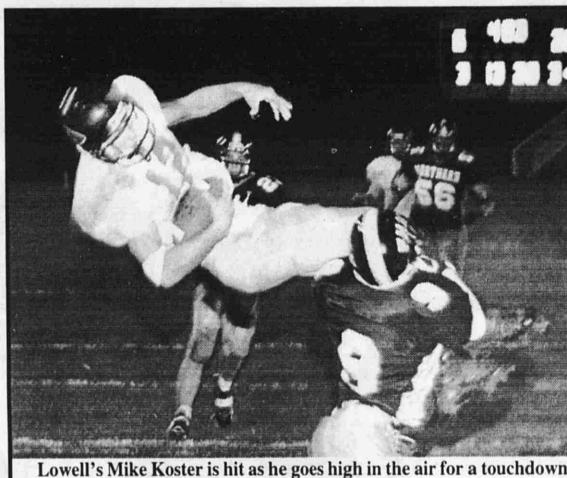
The Red Arrows found the end zone twice more before half on a Catlin 40-yard touchdown run and on a 63-yard touchdown pass from Catlin to Dustin VanLoon.

Lowell's final touchdown of the night came midway through the fourth quarter on a 16-yard scamper by backup quarterback, Ryan

Lowell's defense held Northern to 229 yards rushing and 49 yards passing. The Huskies, however, played all but three plays without their star running back, Kemp Luchie.

"I'm proud of our kids. They came back from a tough loss and did a nice job against a 3-0 club who was averaging 40 points a game, Dean concluded. Lowell is now 3-1 and will host Northview

on homecoming Friday.





# Lowell senior harrier carries on where brothers left off

Wojciakowski

Northview's

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lisa Wojciakowski's Wojciakowski explains. work in the off season is once again elevating her into the elite level of runners in the O-K White.

good runners in the league sion III girls race.

this year with Laura Malnor being at the top."

"There are a number of third-place finish in the Divi-



Steve Ellison, above, makes his way through the pack at the start of the Division III boys race on Saturday at the Lowell Invitational. Chris Gallagher, right, races to the finish line.

1. East Grand Rapids - Kevin

Grady rushes for 194 yards and

Northview 33-13. EGR travels

to Forest Hills Northern on

2. West Ottawa - (4-0) The

Panthers play big for a second

Rockford 31-24. West Ottawa

following a 31-24 loss at home

to West Ottawa. Rams will try

to regroup against a good East

awaits Grandville Friday.

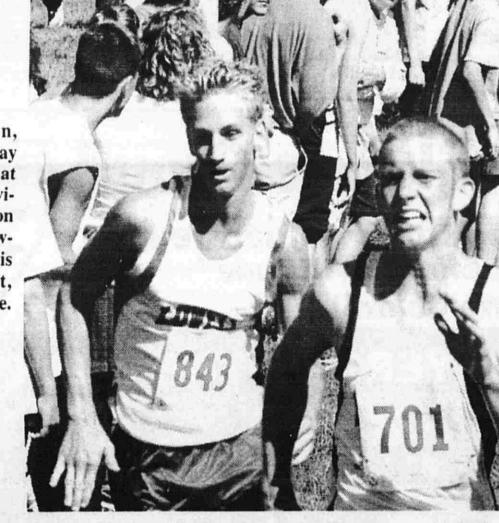
3. Rockford - Rams (3-1)

Kentwood team on Friday.

consecutive week in tripping up

scores four TDs as the

Pioneers (4-0) defeated



4. Coopersville - Broncos (4-0)

defeated Rogers 41-14, host

5. Lowell - The big challenge

never surfaced at Forest Hills

Northern. The Red Arrows (3-

dominating the Huskies (42-14 from start to finish. Lowell

1) found a running game in

hosts Northview Friday.

Grand Haven is next.

7. East Kentwood - The

Haven 60-8. First big test

6. Jenison - Wildcats (3-1)

recover from last week's loss

Falcons (4-0) thrashed Grand

comes Friday against Rockford.

8. Grand Rapids Christian

(4-0) A 27-0 winner against

Grand Rapids Central. Now

prepares for big City League

9. Hudsonville - The Eagles are

3-1 after upending Zeeland 34-

14. Hudsonville prepares for a

visit from Forest Hills Central.

10. Union - The Red Hawks (3-

1) are atop the City League

after a 14-8 win over Creston.

The game is Friday, though,

against Grand Rapids Christian.

contest with Union.

with a 35-12 win over Holland.

Belding Friday.

ished the course at the Lowell 20:30.7. Good enough for a

"I was hoping for a little

lower time, closer to 20," Wojciakowski said. "They

VanSlooten in 20:16.8 and

Zeeland's Ginger Wiersmain

Both of her brothers Mike and John had successful high school running careers.

Wojciakowski, an all state

The senior will continue

to run following high school.

Wojciakowski said.

"Right now, I plan on run-

in the state meet.

The two have shared that success with their younger sister. "They have been very supportive and have helped ne out," she adds.

Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf describes the senior leader as ocused and a hard worker. The Red Arrow girls were

fourth with 88 points - behind Grand Rapids Christian 79, Ionia 83 and Forest Hills Northern 87. Coming home behind Lowell were the Rockford "B" team 96. Zeeland 105. Greenville 190. Northview 196, and West Ottawa 203.

Following Wojciakowski home for Lowell were Sarah Swab, ninth, 20:56.2; Abbie Blanding, 19th, 21:26.9; Holly Plattner, 21st, 21:37 and Natalie Kent, 36th,

Lowell's boys team laced fifth behind Rockford "B" 57, Grand Rapids Chris-Zeeland 123 and the Red Arows 131. They were followed

Abbie Blanding, right. picks up the pace as a competitor closes the gap.

by Forest Hills Northern Coming home ahead of changed the course. It had a 136, Northview 165, Greenville 187, Kenowa Hills 201 and Ionia 217. harrier last year, finished 26th

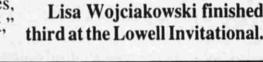
Steve Ellison, Lowell's top harrier, finished 14th overall with a time of

"Steve has been at Aquinas," steadily improving. A week ago he ran his best time of the year (17:36) at Sparta, VanderWarf said.

> Coming home after Ellison for Lowell were Mitch Solon, 27th, 18:06.2 Scott Riddle, 29th, 18:09.6; Nick Huizenga, 30th 18:11.5; and Chris Gallagher, 31st, 18:12. "The guys ran well

against some good teams Our top five runners all finished within the top 31 spots. That's a good pack," VanderWarf said. The Lowell coach was surprised by the fast times.

"It was a technical course (lot of turns). Some people want courses with faster try. If they want fast times, they need to run on a track," VanderWarf concluded





# GETTING RESULTS

••• With wins over Northview (5-1) and Fruitport (2-1), Lowell's soccer team ran its record to 9-0-1.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell soccer team's winning ways are beginning to ever beaten Northview. open a few eyes in the West Michigan area.

Lowell boys soccer coach, Paul Legge. "They are ranked second in the area behind Forest Hills Central and I think they may even break into the state's top 10."

Lowell improved its record to 9-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the league with a 5-1 win over Northview and a 2-1 win over Fruitport.

"The boys are getting the results," Legge added. Against the Wildcats, the results came in the opening 40 minutes as Lowell exploded for five first-half goals.

Sam Oberlin accounted for four of them while Shane Stokes netted one goal. Oberlin finished the week with 19 goals and 14 assists

while Stokes now has 14 goals and 14 assists. "That's unreal. I'd love that (33 goals/28 assists) from

five players," Legge said. "That's the most handily we've

On Thursday, the Red Arrows won an ugly contest 'The boys are starting to get some recognition," said against Fruitport. "We took care of business and got the result we wanted, but it was ugly," Legge said. It was also a long game, as the two clubs endured a rain

> Oberlin and Stokes accounted for Lowell's two goals Oberlin scored his off an assist from Kevin Gillman,"It was a set play from about 18 yards out - executed perfectly,' Legge explained.

Stokes scored his goal off an assist from Oberlin. Lowell travels to Reeths-Puffer and Rockford this week.

We're taking care of business and getting the results we want.

> Paul Legge **Lowell Boys Soccer Coach**

# Equestrian teams earn district championships; ride on to state

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell will send two equestrian teams to Detroit Oct. 24-27.

Both Lowell's Division A and C teams earned district championships Saturday securing their place at the state finals in Detroit.

Prior to the start of the speed events, Lowell held a precarious seven-point advantage over Grant in the Division A district. Lowell used its speed to

race away from the challenge presented by Grant. Speed riders Steve

Koning, a junior; and sophomores Chelsie Smith and Amanda Wingeier; and freshman Jason Seeley helped Lowell secure the Division A title with a final meet score of 158-116.

Sophomore Julie Dunn started the Hunt Seat competition with a first-place finish in the Equitation Over the Wisniewski, sophomore Detroit," Parker concluded. Fences class.

Graham with eight

season-high 23 points while dishing out five assists.

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Dunn also teamed with senior Jenni Meyers, and fellow sophomores, Travis Craig, Kelly Foote, Meg Silverman and Ashley Waldron, along with freshmen Collette Benmark and Lauren Van Enstoplace in all eight Hunt and Saddle Seat

"Grant came at us with everything they had - and made this young team work even harder," said Lowell equestrian coach, Gail Parker. "We are proud to represent District V and Lowell at the state finals with both Division A and C teams. These young riders are both talented and ready to compete."

In the JV division, freshman Carolyn Johnson scored big wins in both Trail and the Flag Race, and ended the day as overall high point rider with

Freshmen Meg Fizer, Mary Mendez, and Janice

Lowell's JV basketball team wins two

Lowell girls' junior varsity basketball team improved its record to 6-2 with a 52-31 victory

A strong defensive effort paced Lowell to a 45-23 win over Northyiew. Collins netted a

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MOVEMENT OF DESTINY

over Forest Hills Northern. Devon Collins led the way with 12 points followed by Kelsey

Amanda Roberts, and juniors Jerry Parker and Sandra Wisniewski each placed in posting a final day score of 63 points and fifth place in

Lowell won the Division C district title with a 332-232 win over Forest Hills Central.

Lowell senior, Katelyn Bush, junior Jessica Hamp, sophomores, Liz Foster, Kim VandenBerg, and Michelle Wolf combined for the vic-

Bush scored 33 points, placing first in both the Saddle Seat Equitation and the Saddle Seat Pattern classes.

Lowell's Varsity C team earned 47 points in the speed classes, with wins by Wolf in the Flag Race, and a 9.74 second keyhole event for VandenBerg.

"These young riders are talented and ready to compete. I would like to see both teams finish in the top 10 in

Chelsie Smith, a sophomore speed rider, helped Lowell earn a district championshi Saturday in Cedar Springs.

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3.39. **OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended).

The proposed amendment would add a new Section 3.39, Open Space Development Regulations, to the Zoning Ordinance to provide greater flexibility in development and to preserve open space in accordance with Act No. 177 of the Public Acts of 2001. The proposed amendment allows residential development with a minimum of 50% open space and with the same number of dwelling units that could otherwise be developed under existing zoning under certain criteria. The proposed amendment provides that a residential Open Space Development (OSD) would be permitted in the AG, R-1, R-2, and R-3 Districts on parcels of 35 acres or more, subject to approval by the Planning Commission pursuant to specific review procedures and standards.

The proposed amendment requires an applicant for an OSD to submit a sketch plan and a parallel plan showing the number of dwelling units that could be developed under existing zoning to the Planning Commission. Following approval of the sketch plan, an applicant must submit a final site plan and other application materials to the Planning Commission. Following a public hearing on the site plan, the Planning Commission must then deny, approve, or approve with conditions, the final site plan for the OSD.

The proposed amendment prescribes the standards and requirements for approval of an OSD, including the requirement that all open space must be deed-restricted or protected by conservation easement in perpetuity. Minimum lot area, width, setbacks, and yard requirements would be determined by the Planning Commission as part of the review process (subject to certain building area setbacks from a public street not constructed as part of the OSD). The proposed amendment also establishes design principles for OSDs and specific review standards used by the Planning Commission when considering an OSD. Finally, the proposed amendment allows a density bonus based on the provision of additional open space and availability of water and sanitary sewer services.

The proposed zoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

> September 11, 2002 Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk **Bowne Township**

# Red Arrows capture share of Lowell Invitational championship

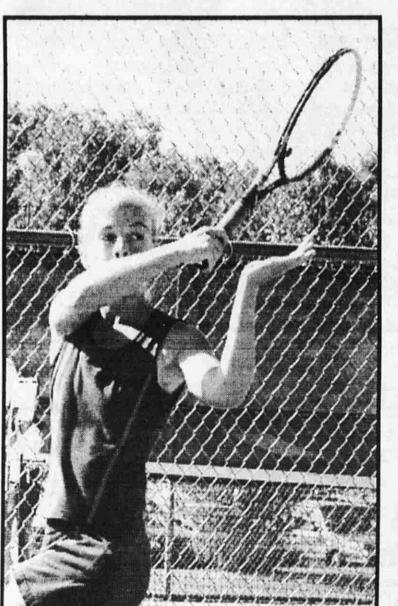
By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It's no secret: In this, her senior year. Heather Geelhoed is playing her best

Saturday when Geelhoed won vear at the Lowell Invitational.

With success has come enjoyment. "I'm enjoying playing tennis more. When I first started (as a sophomore), tennis was just something to do," Geelhoed explained. That was evident again "Now, I work harder at it."

The change in approach her fourth tournament of the has resulted in a 14-5 record so far this season.



Jenny Gunberg finished second in first

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

her club's struggles on offense are in the details.

It may not be evident in the score: Lowell 65, Northview

Record remains perfect as Red

Arrows bury Wildcats, 65-35

Saturday with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Trish Manion of Big Rapids in the finals at third singles.

Geelhoed's victory helped Lowell tie Big Rapids championship. Cadillac was second with 20 and Caledonia placed third with 14 points.

"It was a great, competitive tournament," said Low-



Mandy Gunberg claimed a first at second singles on Saturday.

"It's taken a lot of hard Geelhoed's success to more forceful shots, attacking the work. I try to learn something ball more, getting under the new everyday and the coaches ball more on her top spin shots, have helped me," Geelhoed and better anticipation.

"For both Roger (Wall) The senior went 3-0 on and me, it's been great watching Heather. She's a good athlete who works hard and is coachable," Wall explained. Geelhoed wasn't the only

Red Arrow to win her singles with 23 points for the tourney flight. Teammate Mandy Gunberg, second singles, defeated Big Rapids' Kajsa Stolberg 6-2, 6-3.

"It was a big win for Mandy. She cruised through ell girls tennis coach, Bonnie all three of her matches. She lost just seven games in three Lowell's coach attributes matches," Wall said.

In othe final's matches, Jenny Gunberg (2-1), first singles, was a 6-1, 6-1 victim to Big Rapids' Jana Burgerova.

"Jenny played well. Burgerova is just a top notch player. I do not believe any other to Caledonia 6-1, 6-3. player won a game against her," Wall

play, Kristi Noall Levingston, first doubles, lost 7-5, 4-6.(8-10) to Big

Haley Irwin said.

and Wildcats tied 4-4.

The second doubles team "It's a strange game. of Rachelle Levingston and Katie Huver placed third as did the third doubles team of Amanda Grochowalski and

Heather Geelhoed was the champion at third singles

Stevi Thompson, playing fourth singles, finished third. "They all played close competitive matches," Wall

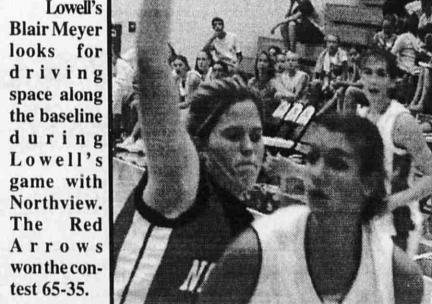
Julie Geelhoed.

at the Lowell Invitational.

dual match against doubles (Haley Irwin/Stacey their finals match Northview, the Red Arrows Fleet).

Players who won at the Northview tournament lost in the dual match and vice versa," Wall explained.

Lowell's wins came at third singles (Heather Geelhoed); first doubles (Kristi Noall/Shannon Levingston); third doubles (Amanda Grochowalski/Julie Earlier in the week in a Geelhoed); and fourth



yet we scored 65 points," Crowley The Red 35, but to listen to Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley, The details are better execution, wonthecon-

ments. We didn't play great on offense,

"We need to make some improve-

better ball movement, and setting and test 65-35. sing picks better.

What was noticeable in the 30-point win was the offensive output of Blair Meyer.

The senior netted 11 points and hit a handful of shots from 15 feet and in. "Blair has been in a slump. We got her going tonight and she hit some shots; hopefully this will help get her confidence back," Crowley said.

What remains consistent is the play of sophomores Kendra Gallert and Amy Oberlin.

Despite sporting sore ankles, Gallert scored 10 points and Oberlin pulled down 10 rebounds.

Vallen VanZyll continued her fine play as she netted 10 points. "Vallen has been playing well and I reward that," Crowley said in reference to the junior's increased minutes.

Northview played and hung tough with Lowell in the opening quarter, but the Red Arrows' strength then began to wear the Wildcats down.

"That's the way things have gone over the last few games. It takes the girls a quarter or a half to feel things out and then we wear them down in the second half," Crowley explained. Lowell led 16-11 after one quarter, 29-14 at half and 45- K White.

25 after three quarters. "We keep getting better, but scoring droughts have killed us," said Northview coach, Tyler Shomin. "You just can't go for periods of time without scoring against good teams. We hung with them, but then Lowell went off in the fourth quarter and hit most of their shots."

Fleet-footed Becky Bosserd gets out ahead of the defense on a breakaway layup.



The loss ended a week in which Northview played East Grand Rapids and Lowell on the road. "I daresay we had the toughest schedule in the state this week," Shomin said.

Earlier in the week, the Red Arrows beat up Forest Hills Northern 49-25.

The trio of Kendra Gallert, Amy Oberlin and Vallen VanZyll led the way. Gallert hit for 17 points, Oberlin added 12 and VanZvll contributed with 10.

Lowell ended the week at a perfect 8-0 and 2-0 in the O-

The Red Arrows have two tough road games this week as they travel to Forest Hills Central and Zeeland.

We need to make some improvements. We didn't play great on offense, yet we scored 65 points.

Dee Crowley **Lowell Girls Basketball Coach** 



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This inventory we are liquidating must be replacedtop dollar will be allowed on all trade-ins!

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PAYMENTS FOR 4 DAYS ONLY.

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Bring your trade, title and /or payment book. Be prepared to take immediate delivery.

Salespeople and financial consultants will be on hand to assist you with your purchase and special finance needs.

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