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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

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 community.



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 three-year-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,

the flames were already coming through the roof," he said.

The fire department

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-

ected 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.



Layla Boggs and her daughter, Hailey lost their apartment in a fire at Lowell One Apartments.

## 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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# Planning commission recommendation for change in sign ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

With little fanfare and even less public comment, Lowell Planning Commission unanimously recommended changes

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 owners and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, will go

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 to their stores.

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.

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# Foundation's dinner and a performance Oct. 5

Lowell Area Education Foundation is hosting its first ever Friends of the Foundation Fall Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Friends of the Foundation dinners will incorporate nine area homes. Each home will have an ethnic flavor with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. preceded by a social hour. At approximately 7:30 p.m. the dinner guests will depart to the Lowell Performing Arts 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 per person.

Money for the dinner and/or tickets to see the Marvelous Wonderettes may be dropped off or sent to Lowell Schools Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

Those wishing only to attend the performance and dessert may purchase a ticket for \$10 apiece or \$25 per family by calling 616-752-8375.

Reservations are not official until payment is received. Tickets for the Marvelous Wonderettes performance may be purchased at any of the district school buildings and The Lowell Ledger office.

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## Marvelous Wonderettes



Members of the Marvelous Wonderettes, pictured left to right, are: Amy Forslund as Cindi Lou, Chantel Westdale as Betty Jean, Sera Drake as Missy, and Kelly Roman as Suzy.

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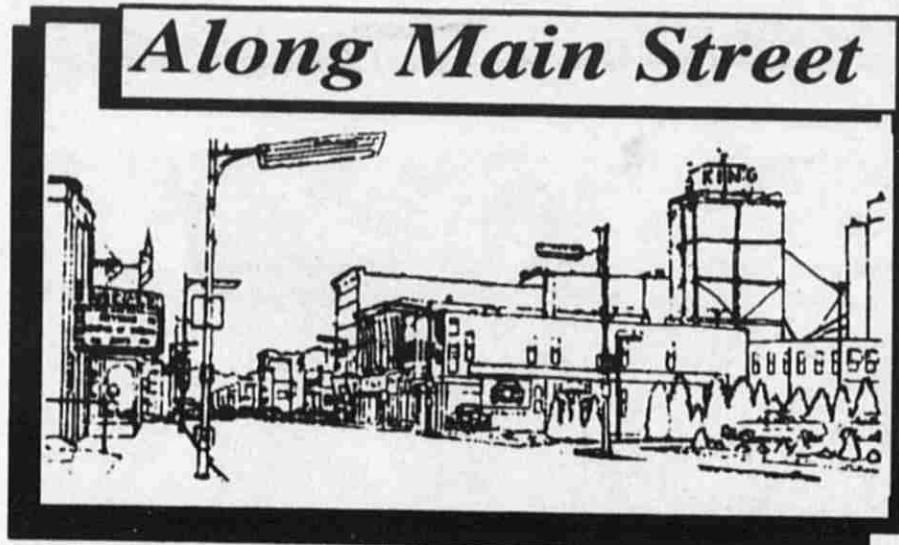
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**PARENTS' MEETING FOR SENIOR TRIP**  
All parents of seniors are urged to attend a meeting at Lowell High School on Monday, Sept. 30 (7 p.m.) to discuss the 2003 class trip. Call Carol (897-8785) with any questions.

## 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

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 plan.

**CHILI COOK-OFF AT LARKIN'S**  
The 1st annual Chili Cook-off at Larkin's will be Saturday, Oct. 12. Entry fee: \$25. To get an application, call Larkin's at 897-5977.

**HELP DECORATE THE CITY**  
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 Grindie, 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.

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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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY WED.:** Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

**ing 7 p.m.** Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

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

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

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

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

**SECOND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

**EVERY FRI. & SAT.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

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

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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 VanderWip 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 said.

VanderWip 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. VanderWip said this would put the city more in line with surrounding communities.

He also recommended that a single level home in both 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

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, S.C.

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 human relations.

Braam is the son of Robert and Pamela Braam of Lowell.

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**VERGENNES 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 MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002.**

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QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:  
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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.

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**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 follows:

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 above-stated address, during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinance.

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## Education program addresses car/deer crash problem

A new public education program announced by the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC) underscores the need for motorists to be extra watchful for deer when driving 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 herd is moving into the fall mating season, when they are the most active, and when most crashes occur.

"Michigan's car-deer

crash totals have leveled out over the last five years," said Coalition Chairman Richard J. Miller of AAA Michigan. "but the results of these crashes in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in damage caused each year remain huge."

In 2001, there were 66,993 crashes, up three percent from the year before. Forty-four percent of the crashes occurred in the October-December period. Due to unreported crashes, he said, the actual figure is pegged at closer to 80,000.

Crashes also are preva-

lent in spring when deer seek out the first green grass near highways. Since 1991, state car-deer crashes have risen 39 percent. Michigan's annual total represents nearly half of all reported car-deer crashes in five Midwestern states: Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

Eleven Michigan motorists were killed and 2,109 persons were injured in 2001, compared to eight deer-related crash deaths and a similar number of injuries in 2000.

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

one every eight minutes, all 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 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 first line of defense in any crash."

If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, the MDCC recommends motorists:

- Stay in your lane.
- Brake firmly.
- Hold onto the steering wheel.
- Come to a controlled stop.
- Get your vehicle off the roadway.

"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 said.

Several factors are combining 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 smaller areas and into contact 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 Michigan.

In 2001, the top 10 counties 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, 1,379. Michigan's deer herd is estimated to be between 1.8 and 2 million.

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

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 active then, especially during

the fall mating season. In the spring deer will move from cover to find food, and back to cover. They often feed along roads, where grass greens up first.

If you see one deer, there 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 startled by an oncoming vehicle, they can dart out from any direction without warning.

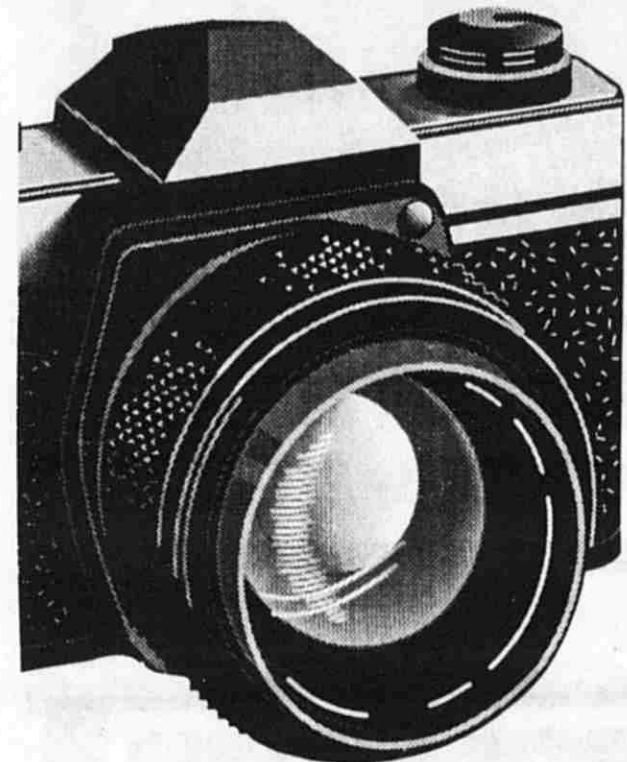
Be alert all year long in areas inhabited by deer, and especially on two-lane roads.

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.

Remember, Michigan IS deer country.

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](http://www.michiganresourcecenter.org) or by calling (800) 626-4636 or (517) 882-9955.

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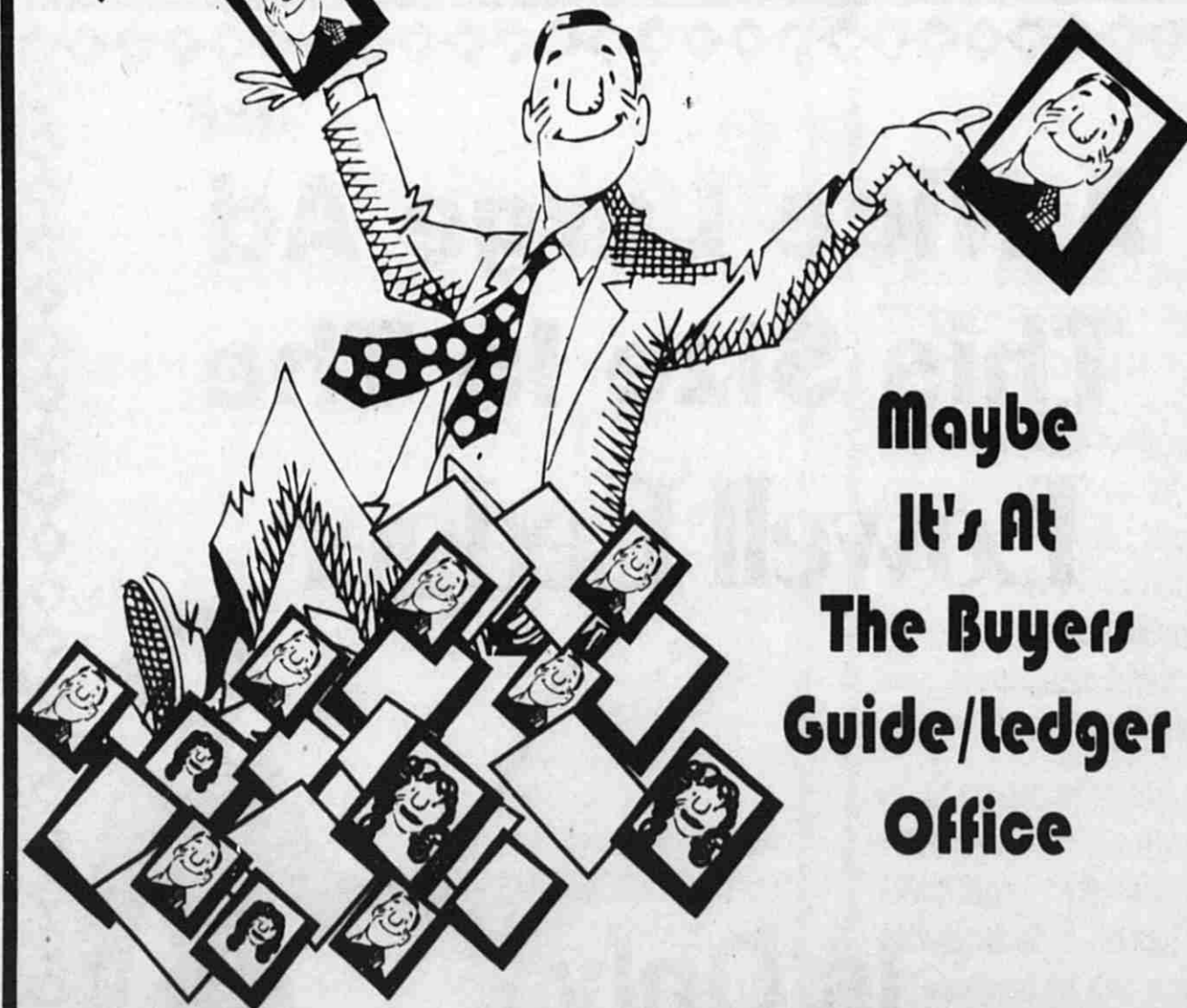


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Tsutomu Shimomura

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Scott Russell Sanders

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## School board approves starting construction process of new elementary building

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the arrival of a large 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 Building.

Lowell's acting superintendent, Jim White said it will take two years to build the elementary school; however, the district has already paid for the property, and blueprints of the new building have already been completed.

"Making the move now enables us to take advantage of a good bidding climate," White said. "Construction would probably not start until the fall of next year."

Board vice president, Mark Lessens said he felt the packed school buildings have already started to degrade the education.

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

ell on a downward turn. I think, collectively, we will work together knowing that a solution is coming."

Democoeur reminded the board that when taxpayers approved a bond issue for roughly \$27 million that included a second elementary building.

The first series of bonds were sold originally for construction of the new elementary building. That was delayed due to unexpected flat growth. Those bonds were then used for the high school project, which was moved up, and building upgrades and technology.

Money leftover from the sale of those bonds plus a second series of bonds will be sold to pay for the new elementary building.

Board treasurer, Jim Reagan, while voting to build the new school, reiterated his concern with the process used to select the location for the new elementary building.

"The district did not have

input of experts who make those decisions," Reagan said. "I would have liked the district to use the Grand Rapids Metro Council and/or the Michigan Land Institute."

Trustee, Peter Haefner agreed with Reagan. "I would like to see a Master Plan used in the selection of future building 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 busing 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.

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Mike Stephens  
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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 matters.

**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

## Benjamin Morse Society fosters student enthusiasm for history

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

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

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

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 in 1996.

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 Hershey, Pa.

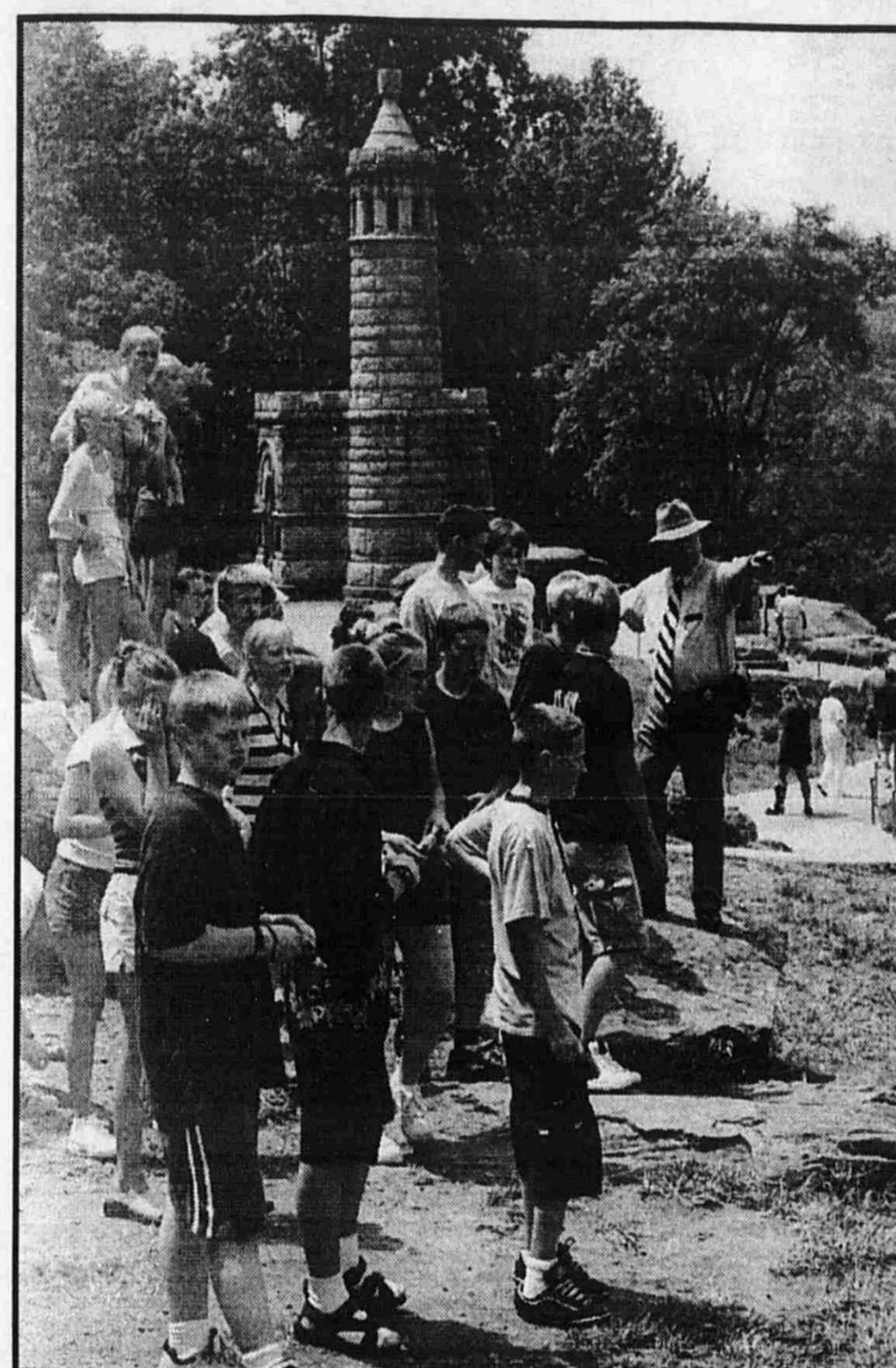
The Benjamin Morse Society, however, is more than just a summer trip.

With the inception of the school club, Lowell 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 devotion.

"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."



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

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 history?

"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 Address."

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 prevented its loss.

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 Cemetery in Lowell.

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 informative.

"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 himself.

—Dorothy Law Nolte

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**THE NOVEMBER 5TH 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 Office: 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 voter.

Lana Green, Clerk



**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 seq.; 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 result of 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 Township, 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 pollution can be controlled and minimized by the 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 water-courses, 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,
- (10) 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:

- (1) Base Flood - A flood having a one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
- (2) Base Flood Elevation - The high water elevation of the Base Flood, commonly referred to as the "100-year flood elevation".
- (3) Base Flood Plain - The area inundated by the Base Flood.
- (4) 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.
- (6) Clean Water Act - The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 USC Sec 1251 et seq., as amended, and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (7) Construction Site Storm Water Runoff - Storm water runoff from a development site following an earth change.
- (8) Design Engineer - Registered and licensed professional engineer responsible for the design of a drainage plan.
- (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 dwelling.
- (11) 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.
- (13) 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 ordinance.
- (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.
- (17) 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 Agency.
- (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.
- (23) Floodplain - Any land area subject to periodic flooding.
- (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 usable solely for parking of vehicles or building access.
- (33) MDEQ - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
- (34) NPDES - National Pollution Discharge Elimination System.
- (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 drainage.
- (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 has definite banks, a bed, and visible evidence of a

continued flow or continued occurrence of water.

- (48) Township — Township of Bowne, Kent County, Michigan.
- (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.**

- (1) A developer shall not engage in any development without first receiving a storm water permit from the Township pursuant to Section 2.02.
- (2) 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.

**Sec. 2.02 Storm Water Permit Review Procedures**

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.
- (3) One of the following conditions is satisfied:
  - (a) The developer provides:
    - (1) 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
    - (2) 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.
  - (5) The developer has paid or posted the applicable financial guarantee pursuant to Section 2.06.
  - (6) 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.
  - (7) 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 drainage plan shall identify and contain all of the follow-

ing:

- (1) The location of the development site and water bodies that will receive storm water runoff.
  - (2) 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.
  - (9) 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.**
- (1) 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 out-of-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.



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 any such appeal, the Township Board may grant a 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 satisfied:

- (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.

- (3) Zone C consists of highly urbanized areas, or areas where there has been significant modification of drainageways. The amount of impervious surface area in Zone C is generally greater than 25%. Among

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**

In addition to the requirements of Section 2.02(3), the design standards for storm water runoff facilities for Zones A, B and C, as described in Section 8.01, are the following:

	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C
<b>Criteria</b>	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.
<b>Storm Water Management Standards</b>	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.
<b>Water Quality Control</b>	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.
<b>Bank Erosion Control*</b>	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.
<b>Flood Control</b>	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.

**Sec. 8.03 Resolution to Implement Performance and 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 according to their common and accepted meanings, except that words and phrases defined in Section 1.05 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**

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 Article.

**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.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
COUNTY OF KENT )SS

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.

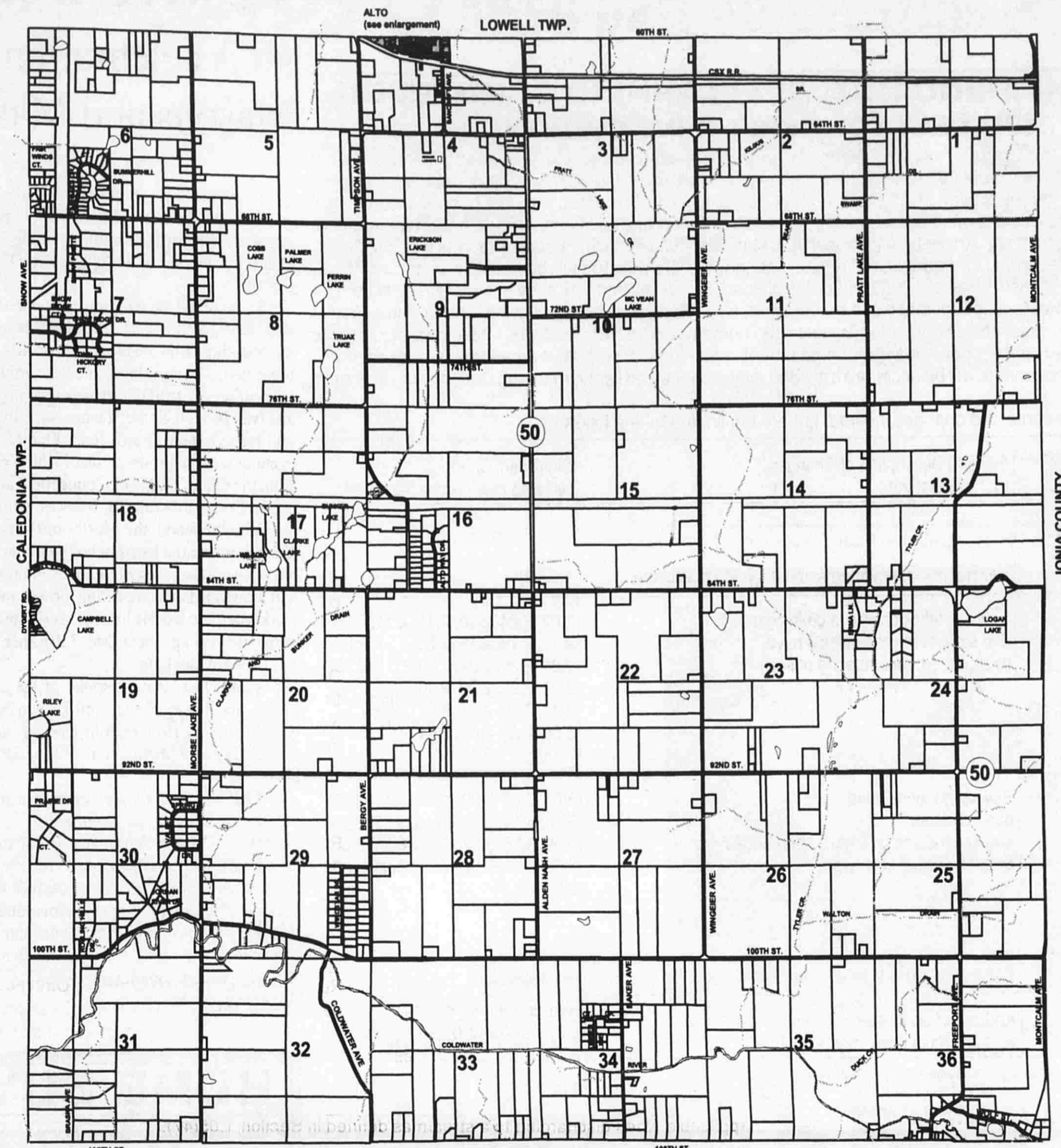
In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand for the Township of Bowne, in said county, this 18th day of September, 2002.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk,  
Bowne Township Clerk

Peter F. Siler, Bowne  
Township Supervisor

Bowne Township  
Storm Water Ordinance

**APPENDIX A**

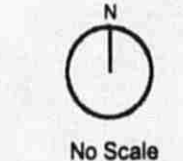


**LEGEND**

- Zone A
- Zone B



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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 re-adoption of Articles 1 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 Article 14-A (the new 50% statutory cluster article). Existing Articles 17-21, 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 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 to the public hearing.

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 District	No changes except references	No changes
Article 10	"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 Section 15.09 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: September 11, 2002

Respectfully submitted, Lana Green, Grattan Township Clerk

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 together.

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 Eljje 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. Look.

"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 Humanity 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 Friday 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.

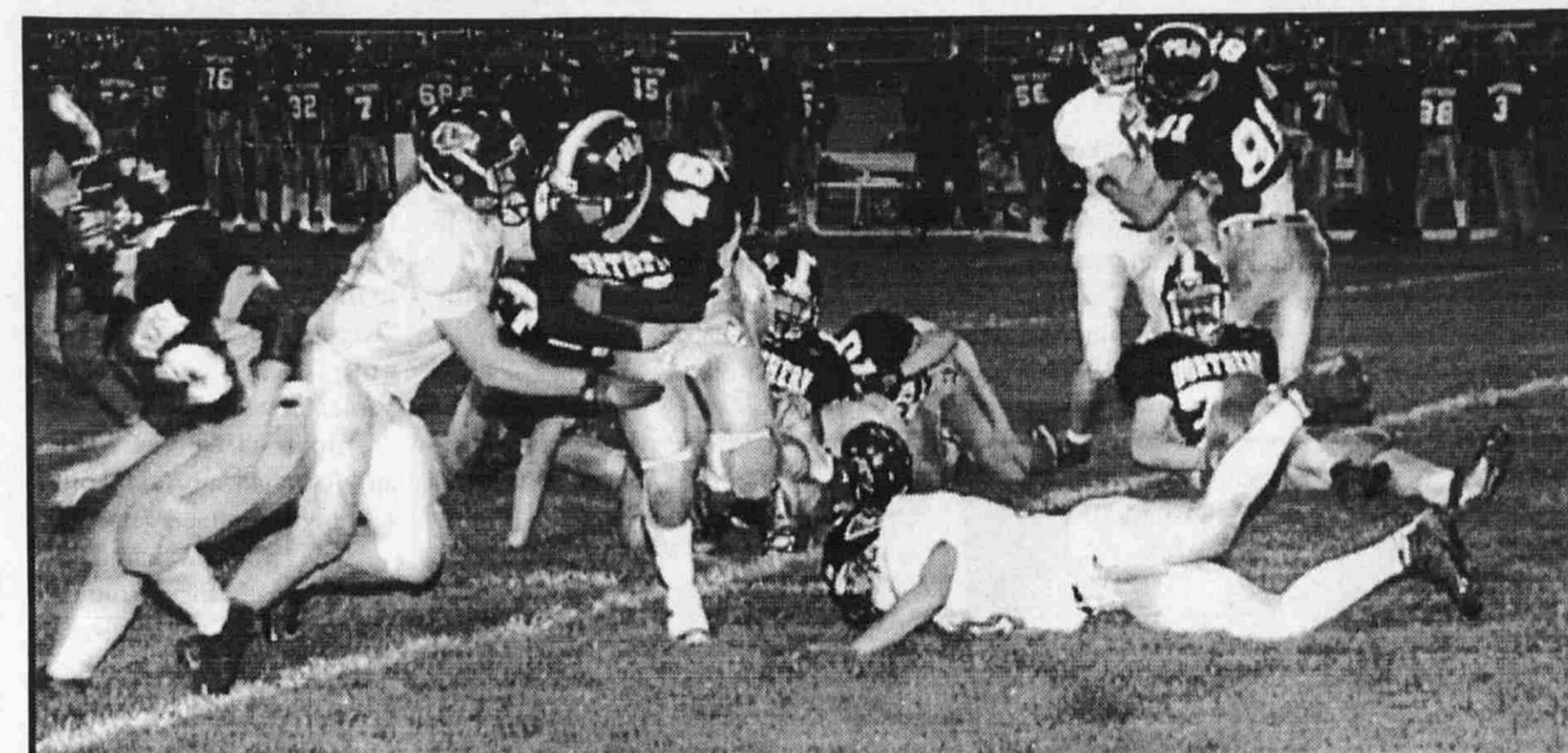
"Catlin is one of the best players in the state and you saw that again tonight," said FHN coach, Brent Myers. "He can run and he can throw the ball on a dime. He's also strong. You're not going to arm tackle him."

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

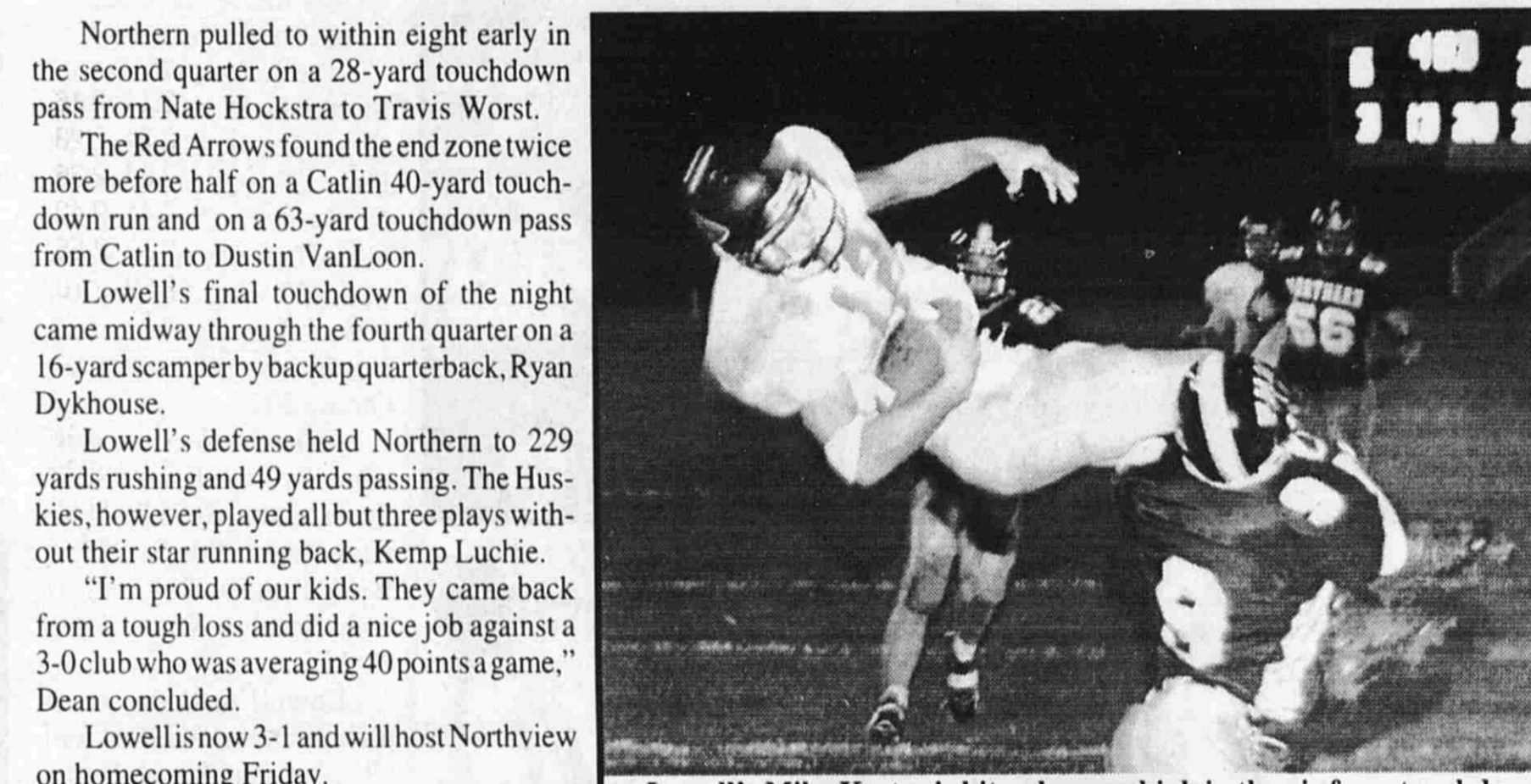
On the night, Koster caught five passes for 63 yards. His final catch of the night was also for a touchdown. This time it came on a third and 14 from the 22. Catlin rolled right and threw into the end zone for the sophomore receiver. He leaped high into the air for the ball, absorbed a crushing hit but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



Lowell's Mike Koster is hit as he goes high in the air for a touchdown reception Friday night.

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## Lowell senior harrier carries on where brothers left off

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

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

"There are a number of good runners in the league

this year with Laura Malnor being at the top," Wojciakowski explains.

The Lowell senior finished the course at the Lowell Invitational in a time of 20:30.7. Good enough for a third-place finish in the Division III girls race.

Coming home ahead of Wojciakowski was Northview's Ashley VanSlooten in 20:16.8 and Zeeland's Ginger Wiersma in 20:28.1.

"I was hoping for a little lower time, closer to 20," Wojciakowski said. "They

changed the course. It had a few more hills."

Wojciakowski, an all state harrier last year, finished 26th in the state meet.

The senior will continue to run following high school. "Right now, I plan on running at Aquinas," Wojciakowski said.

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

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

Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf describes the senior leader as focused 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, 22:24.5.

Lowell's boys team placed fifth behind Rockford "B" 57, Grand Rapids Christian 97, West Ottawa 115, Zeeland 123 and the Red Arrows 131. They were followed

by Forest Hills Northern 136, Northview 165, Greenville 187, Kenowa Hills 201 and Ionia 217.

Steve Ellison, Lowell's top harrier, finished 14th overall with a time of 17:37.9.

"Steve has been 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 times. This is cross country. If they want fast times, they need to run on a track," VanderWarf concluded.



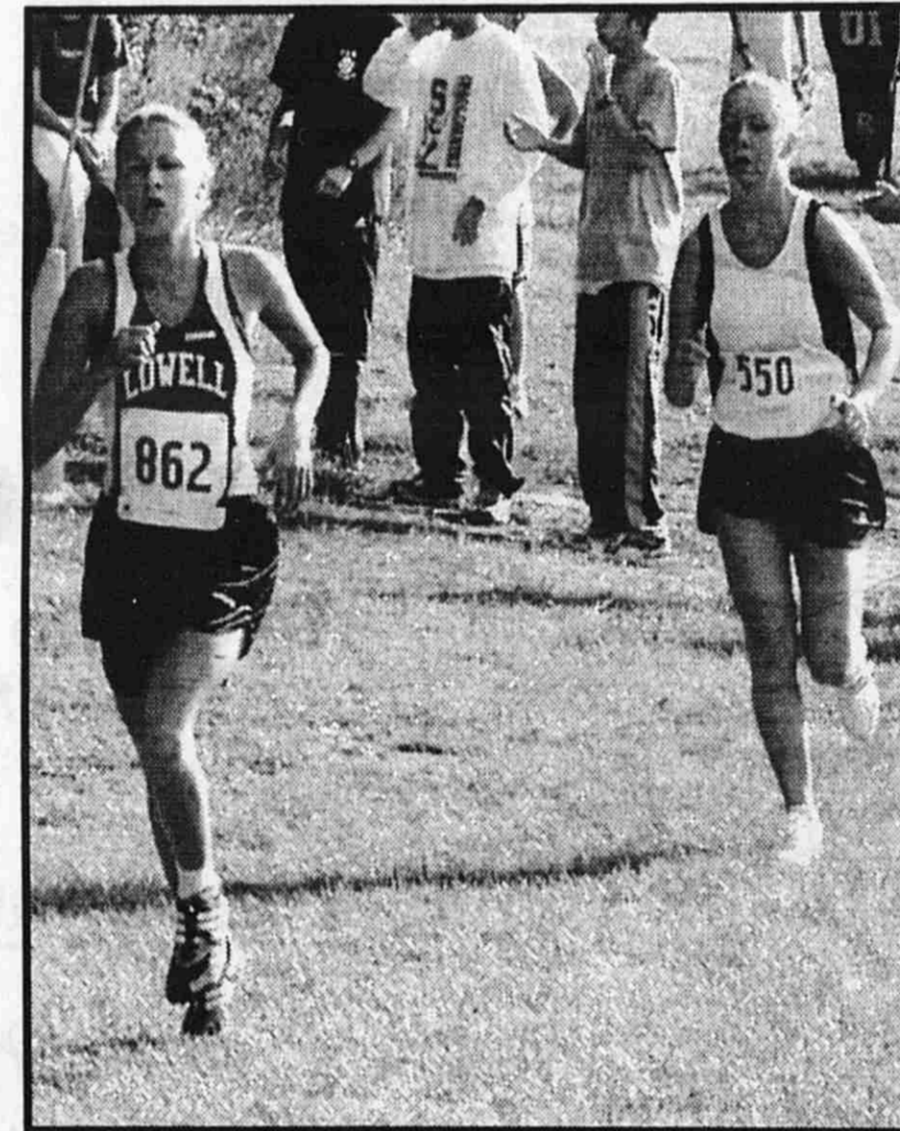
Lisa Wojciakowski finished third at the Lowell Invitational.



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.



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



## 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 Fences class.

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 Ens to place in all eight Hunt and Saddle Seat events.

"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 39.

Freshmen Meg Fizer, Mary Mendez, and Janice Wisniewski, sophomore

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

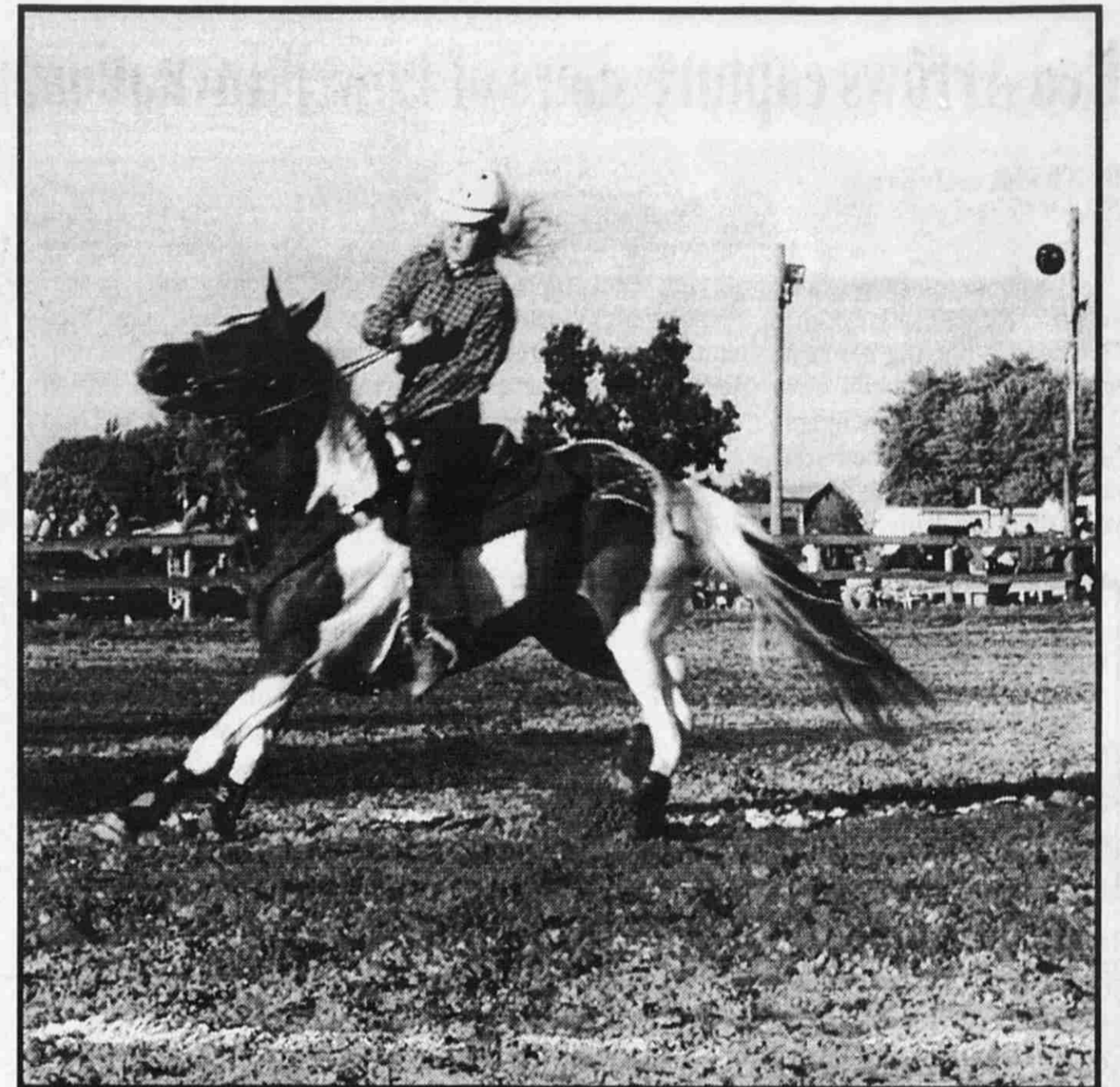
Lowell won the Division C district title with a 332-232 win over Forest Hills Central.

Lowell senior, Katelyn Bush, junior Jessica Hamp, sophomores, Liz Foster, Kim Vandenberg, and Michelle Wolf combined for the victory.

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 Detroit," Parker concluded.



Chelsie Smith, a sophomore speed rider, helped Lowell earn a district championship 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



1. East Grand Rapids - Kevin Grady rushes for 194 yards and scores four TDs as the Pioneers (4-0) defeated Northview 33-13. EGR travels to Forest Hills Northern on Friday.
2. West Ottawa - (4-0) The Panthers play big for a second consecutive week in tripping up Rockford 31-24. West Ottawa awaits Grandville Friday.
3. Rockford - Rams (3-1) following a 31-24 loss at home to West Ottawa. Rams will try to regroup against a good East Kentwood team on Friday.

4. Coopersville - Broncos (4-0) defeated Rogers 41-14, host Belding Friday.
5. Lowell - The big challenge never surfaced at Forest Hills Northern. The Red Arrows (3-1) found a running game in dominating the Huskies (42-14) from start to finish. Lowell hosts Northview Friday.
6. Jenison - Wildcats (3-1) recover from last week's loss with a 35-12 win over Holland. Grand Haven is next.
7. East Kentwood - The Falcons (4-0) thrashed Grand Haven 60-8. First big test comes Friday against Rockford.
8. Grand Rapids Christian - (4-0) A 27-0 winner against Grand Rapids Central. Now prepares for big City League contest with Union.
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.

## 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 open a few eyes in the West Michigan area.

"The boys are starting to get some recognition," said 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 ever beaten Northview."

On Thursday, the Red Arrows won an ugly contest 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 delay.

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.

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Lowell Boys Soccer Coach

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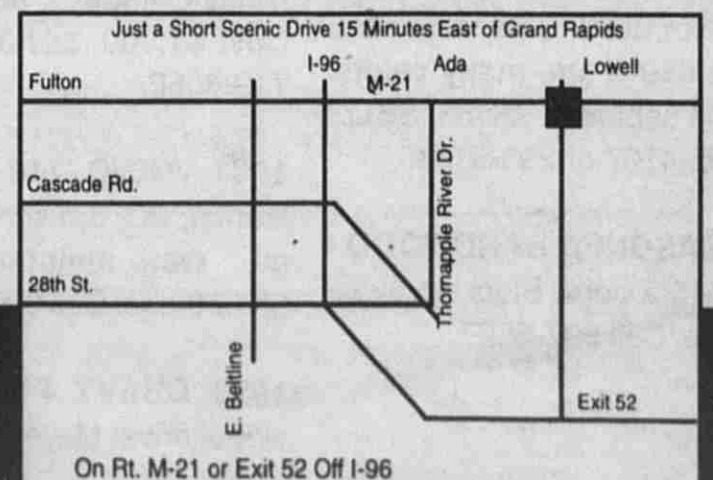


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