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MARVELOUS

Just Ask Mr. Lee!

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger* Editor

Over 500 people turned out for Saturday night's performance of the *Marvelous Wonderettes*.

It was the culmination to the Friends of the Foundation Fall Dinners, sponsored by Lowell Area Education Foundation.

"It was a great night for all who attended and an even greater evening for those who took part in the dinner before the show," said Foundation vice president, Dave Thompson.

The dinners incorporated eight area homes. Each home had a different ethnic flavor. There were 72 seats available and 62 were filled.

"We could have handled more. Being the first time presenting this event to the community, I think it was a positive for all," Theresa Beachum said. "The Foundation will anniversary this event."

The *Marvelous Wonderettes* musical, written by Roger Foundation Fall Dinners, cont'd. pg. 8

Museum board taking message for operation mills to the people

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger* Editor

The Lowell Area Historical Museum Board has scheduled 19 power point presentations between now and the November election to local organizations.

The presentations are to help promote support for a one-quarter mill to assure continuous funding for the operations of the museum.

"I am extremely sensitive to the financial burdens local families have to bear. I am also sensitive to the economic impact that comes with the departure of Family Fare, Attwood and Newell," said Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director, Judy Straub. "The millage we are requesting doesn't come without that in mind."

The quarter mill being requested represents three cents a day, 21 cents a week or \$10.78 per year over the next 10 years.

The city currently levies 15.83 mills against tax payers. If the museum millage is approved, that would increase to 16.08.

"I truly believe it is not a lot of expense for the benefit and/or gain the community will receive," Straub explains.

An estimated \$24,300 will be raised through the millage proposal - \$20,900 of that will be used for museum operations and \$3,400 for the Downtown Development Authority toward improvement and maintenance of the downtown district.

"The DDA is always allowed to collect a portion of the tax toward the improvement and maintenance of the downtown," Straub explained.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum displays and maintains more than 6,000 items and objects in its permanent collection.

"The operation of the museum and the accessibility to the community provide for an opportunity for the community to

Museum, cont'd pg. 8

Costumes no parade, board's recommendation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger* Editor

The debate over school parties in Lowell appears to be over for at least this year.

The Lowell School Board, after studying information presented to it at a special board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, and discussing the issue at a workshop Monday night, recommended to acting superintendent, Jim White that Valentine's Day and Christmas parties proceed as they have in past years.

"How the activities will be handled will change from room to room. Each teacher will make that decision," said Lowell board trustee, Kate Dernocoeur.

As for Halloween, the board recommended that there be costumes but no parade, and that classroom activities continue as in the past. The board also suggested that the Fall Harvest Celebration, after much thought and planning, should still take place on Oct. 24.

The board's recommendations are for this year only; further study will help determine how holiday parties should be handled in the future.

White said afterwards he would deliver the board's recommendations as directives to Cherry Creek Elementary principal, Maureen Dorough.

Prior to the board's decision, White told the board and the roughly 30 parents in attendance that he considered Dorough to be one of the outstanding principals leading an elementary building.

"She makes decisions on what's in the best interest of the kids. With the expertise of Maureen, Cherry Creek will remain in good shape," White explained.

A handful of parents voiced their disappointment that the community made such an issue of the holiday parties.

"I'm appalled at parents in this community who have made such a big deal out of this," said Dawn Crook. "I believe tradition and values should start at home. I support the school's effort to teach integrity, diversity and compassion of all."

Cindy Trierweiler supported the board's decision on how it handled the issue. "I would suggest in the future it combine Halloween and the Fall Harvest Celebration so that it doesn't lose instructional time."

Marsha Roth, a volunteer parent in the classroom, said the issue of changing the name of a holiday party is not an issue that needs to be discussed at this level. "I'm disappointed that it got to this level."

Board president, Nancy Hopkins acknowledged that the board is hesitant to interfere with building decisions.

"We're not here to micro manage," added board trustee, Mark Blanding.

Hopkins went on to add that the whole issue has created an uncomfortable situation for a lot of people.

"As a board, we need to look at things from a district vision as opposed to individual perspectives," Hopkins explained.

Pete Odland, one of many parents who voiced a concern over the change in the traditional holiday party names, noted he was comfortable with how the board handled the issue.

Maureen Kissinger, Cherry Creek Elementary administrative assistant to the principal, and Crook said they felt there was a lot of wrong information given to the press.

"No one ever said to take away Christmas or to not allow holiday parties," Kissinger said.

The administrative assistant also took issue with the assertion that information was not communicated to the parents.

Lowell Middle School seventh grader, and a member of the school's diversity council, Kenny Hayes said he felt everybody should be open to others' backgrounds, views and religions.

Editor's Note: While Monday night's decision laid the holiday issue to rest for this year, The Lowell Ledger will run the Oct. 2 story titled "Parents vocal about keeping school's holiday traditions." The story was not printed in full last week. The story can be found on page 9

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OBITUARIES

BROWN - James H. Brown of Lowell died October 3, 2002. He was born May 2, 1969. He is survived by his son James W. Wheat; mother Frances M. Radhs, father James L. Brown; nine brothers and sisters. A memorial gathering will be held November 9 at 1 p.m. at the Flat River Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters Rd., Lowell.

A dish to pass will be appreciated.

HENRY - Mr. Myron N. Henry passed away Friday, October 4, 2002, joining his wife Beulah in Heaven on their 67th wedding anniversary. Mr. Henry was born October 11, 1908, in Lowell, living most of his life in McCords. He graduated from

Lowell High School where he excelled in basketball. He graduated from Ferris Institute receiving a degree in Pharmacology working first for the state of Michigan and later owning and operating several drug stores. He was a long-time trustee of the Moose Lodge. Myron was preceded in death by his parents Norton and Bessie Henry; brother Gerald and sister Alice Henry. He is survived by several cousins and innumerable friends. The family wishes to thank Porter Hills staff for their care and kindness. Contributions may be made to the Porter Hills Benevolence Fund. Funeral services were held at The Meeting House of Porter Hills, 3600 East Fulton on Monday. Interment at Whitneyville Cemetery.

SHeldon - Mr. Floyd G. Sheldon passed away October 5, 2002, at the Laurels in Lowell. He was preceded in death by his wife Adeline in 1989. They were married 54 years. He is survived by his six sons Floyd (Linda),

George (Pam) and Art (Karen) of Grand Rapids, David (Win) of Ocala, Fla., Richard (Donna) and Oral, of Mo.; 23 grandchildren; two brothers Kenneth (Virginia) and Willard (Irene); one sister Eleanor Matz; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Rothgerst Funeral Home (305 N. Hudson) with his son David officiating.

Making the most of your junior and senior years

You are invited to an evening full of information on Thursday, Oct. 17. "How to Make the Most of Your Junior and Senior Years." Sign-up begins at 6:45 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The program will feature the following:

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No tags important element of "Safe School Week"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Bus safety may very well be the most important lesson teachers and parents can teach their children.

The state of Michigan thought so when it supported a proclamation making Oct. 21-25 Safe School Week. It will be used to help heighten bus safety awareness of students and adults.

"It forces us to provide information that tells people what to do and not to do in and around buses," said Lowell transportation director, Larry Mikulski.

One week a year hardly seems like enough, but

Mikulski calls it a start. "I think it will enable us to better see how to use the proclamation down the road," he said.

Part-time bus driver and volunteer, Rhonda Kropf has been teaching bus safety to children in early 5's through the fifth grade.

"They needed someone three years ago so I volunteered and I've just kept doing it," Kropf said.

Kropf's tutoring tools include videos, coloring books, and a school bus safety workbook.

Not only are children learning about safety in and around a bus, but parents can feel secure in knowing the bus in which their child is

riding is mechanically as safe as they come.

For the fourth time in five years, Lowell's fleet of buses earned a perfect inspection from the Michigan State Police.

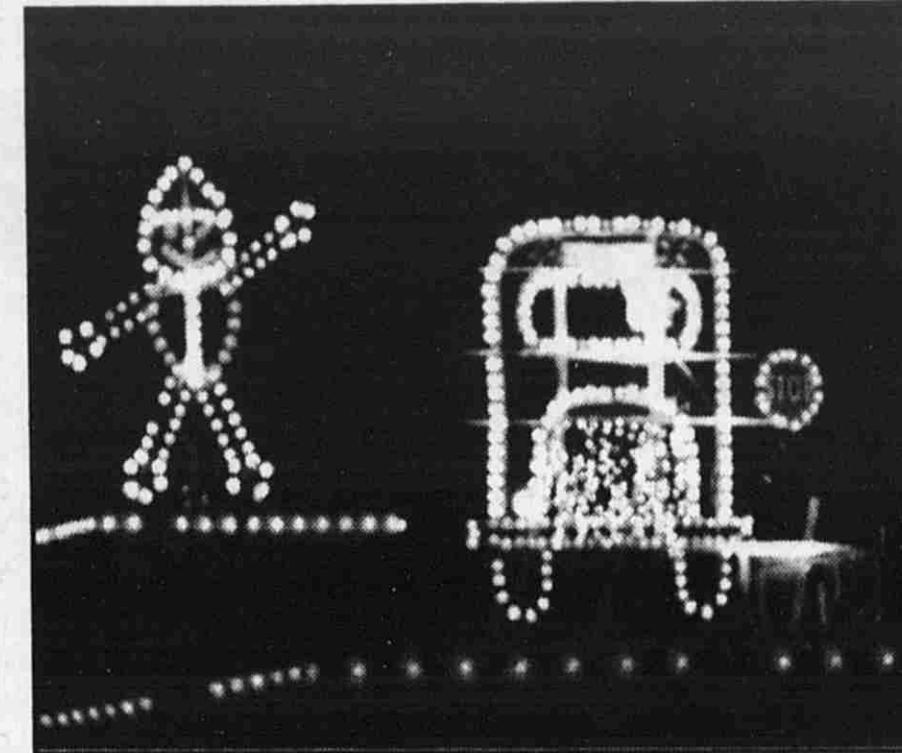
After five days of inspecting 55 district buses and vans, region inspectors found zero discrepancies.

There were no yellow tags - a discrepancy that needs to be fixed, but is not a safety issue and does not require immediate attention.

Nor red tags - a discrepancy that is a safety issue and needs immediate attention before the bus can return to the road.

Mikulski quickly points out that kudos for such success goes to bus garage mechanics, Duane Hamilton and Leo Bower. "Their work is making buses safe for kids," he explains.

Lowell school buses cover 130 square miles. Its annual transportation budget is a little over \$1 million. "It is one of the bigger budgets in the district," Mikulski adds.



Lowell's Ivan Blough designed this light display in recognition of Safe School Week (Oct. 21-25).

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR THE COUNTY
 OF KENT
 FAMILY DIVISION

HON. PATRICIA D.
 GARDNER
 CASE NO. 02-03093-DM

TINA THORNE GRAY
 Plaintiff,
 v.

RICHARD ERNEST
 GRAY,
 Defendant

WESTERN MICHIGAN
 LEGAL SERVICES
 By: Miriam J. Aukerman
 (P63165)

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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At a session of said Court held in the Court-house, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, MI on September 25, 2002.

PRESENT:
 PATRICIA D. GARDNER
 CIRCUIT COURT
 JUDGE

This cause having come before this Court on Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion for Payment of Publication Costs, MCR 2.002 (F), and the Court being fully advised;

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that Kent County pay the publication costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to MCR 2.002 (F).

PATRICIA D. GARDNER
 Circuit Court Judge

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 Beverly J. Fountain
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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 5, 2002 Primary Election in Vergennes Township will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at 10:00 am at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

Mari C. Stone
 Vergennes Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Note 2 in the Table of General Bulk Regulations of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to remove the first sentence which states "For AG-1, AG-2 and R-1 Districts only, Column 5 of the Bulk Table shall require a minimum road frontage instead of minimum lot width" and modify the second sentence to read "In all zoning districts, the minimum horizontal distance between side lot lines shall not be less than 75% of the minimum road frontage."

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002
 TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Lowell Charter Township
 Planning Commission

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on

Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Gavitt of 7000 Ashley Ave. made application for variance from Article 7.04 A Front yard variance request to reduce required minimum front yard of 50'0" to 43'0", Article 7.04B Side yard variance request to reduce required minimum North side yard from 20'0" to 1'0", Article 7.034B Side yard variance request to reduce required minimum South Side yard of 20'0" to 3'0"; article 7.04C Rear yard variance request to reduce required minimum Rear yard of 40'0" to 1'0".

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to Terry Kropf, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
First Congregational Church

Have you ever caught yourself asking something like, "Who made the rules?" "Why are we doing things this way?" It is the type of question that comes to you as you struggle through something that is hard or challenging for you; yet, you know that you need to go about doing it in a certain way. "Who said it needed to be done this way, anyway!?"

That is the kind of feeling and questioning that is going on in the story from Matthew 21: 33-46. The story seems to be about a person owning a vineyard and renting it out to tenants who rebel when it comes time to pay the owner

the percentage of harvest that is the owner's due. It is a story of a vicious encounter between the tenants and those who serve as the vineyard owner's collection agents. It gets even more violent as the story progresses because at the end of the story the very son of the vineyard owner is killed. The killing of the son is the ultimate attempt by the tenant farmer to assert superiority over the landowner and drive the landowner away. After all, possession is 9/10 of the law.

At the end of the story (called a parable), Jesus asks the pivotal question, a question that, on the surface, seems to tell the listener to write the last chapter: "Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" But this question is more than a request to end the story. This question is meant to challenge our thinking about the very nature of the "owner of the vineyard." Jesus is not just talking about something very familiar to the life of his time in history, where the rich owned property and share-cropped it out to tenants at rates that would sometimes exceed 20 to 50 percent of the harvest. Jesus is talking about God's reign in human life; talking about the kingdom of God and the way that God intends for you and me to live our life.

We are challenged in this story to accept some truth that is of God. We are challenged to recognize that the fruits of the kingdom of God (the vineyard) are not the fruits of violence. It is not "an eye for an eye." All we end up with in this kind of thinking is a world that is blind. No! What Jesus is telling anyone who will listen is God does not work by the rules of vengeance or hate. Greed and self-centeredness are not roads to living (inheriting) the kingdom of God. We have a God who makes the rules for living different than what we would make them. In fact, if we take this story as a kind of allegory, we have little difficulty in seeing Jesus as the beloved son sent that we (the tenants of God's good earth) would treat him with respect, but who, ultimately, kill him instead.

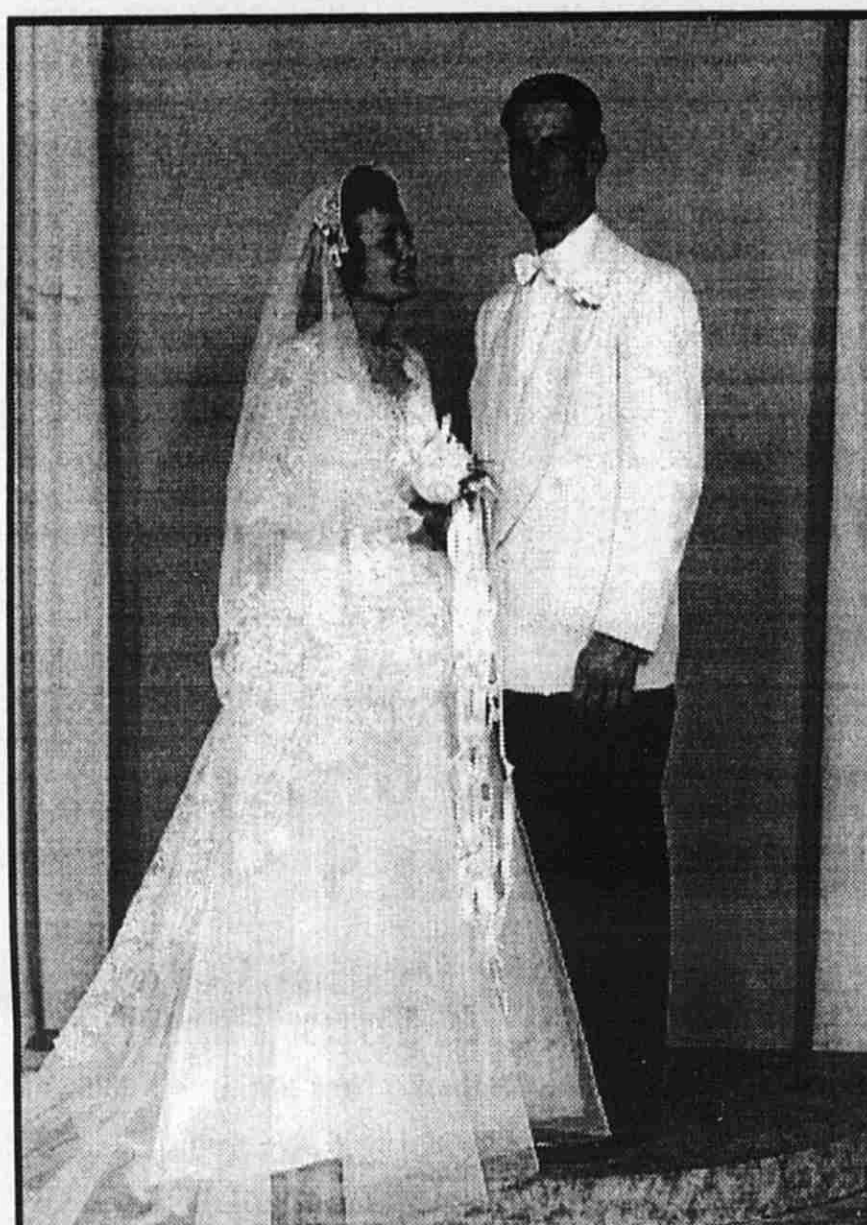
Does the Lord God respond to that death with vengeance and hate? No! The rules have been changed, the ways of death and destruction, the ways of hate and violence, have been reversed. God makes new rules for you and me to follow. They are the rules as old as the Ten Commandments and as refreshing as love for God, neighbor and self. They are the rules of God's grace and they call us out of vengeance, into the light of mercy and friendship. In the words of Abraham Lincoln as he responded to a woman who criticized him for words of compassion for the south during the Civil War: "Madam, do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" Therein reflects the way of God's kingdom.



McLain/ 21 years

Jeff and Kathy McLain will celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary on Wednesday, October 9, 2002.

Their children are Julie Shaffer and Stacy McLain. Grandchildren are Donnie Shaffer, Lexie Shaffer, Taylor McLain, Nathan McLain and Eli Greenfield.

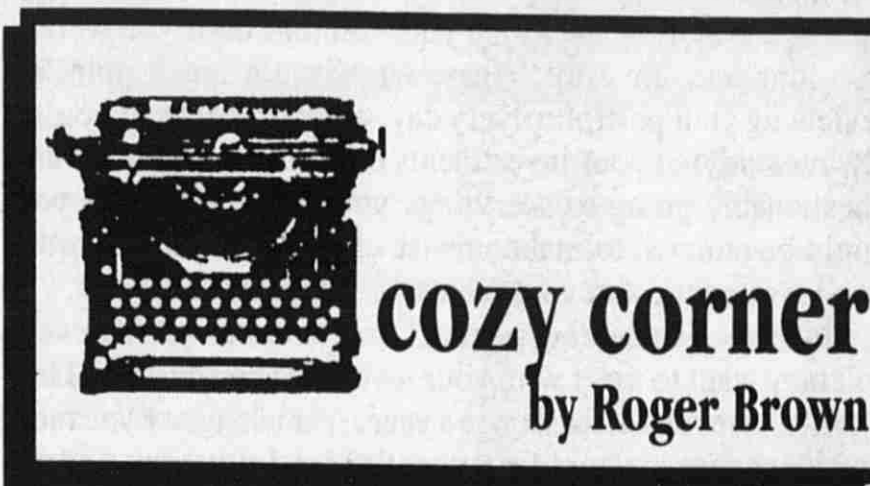


Thompson/ 50 years

Frank and Shirley Thompson will observe fifty years of marriage on October 11. They will celebrate their anniversary with a trip to Big Bay Point Lighthouse, given by their children: Frank Thompson, Martin Thompson, Sheila and Kevin Hoag, Julie and Kevin Echinaw, and Mary Thompson.

They also have seven grandchildren.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

For ten years I have been traveling between Florida and Michigan on a regular basis. For ten years a surprising number of people who know this about me have assumed I fly the trip myself. When these people ask me how long it takes to fly my plane or suggest that it must be nice not to be dependent upon the airlines, I have to suppress myself. The thought of flying my old crate 1,400 miles over mountains, swamps and ocean is laughable.

After ten years of these wrong assumptions, laughable or not, I decided to actually do it. I arrived in the Florida Keys yesterday. My butt looks exactly like a Stearman seat. My airplane was built in 1941. That's about ten years closer to the Wright Brothers' first flight than Monday's space shuttle launch. My old Stearman was built as a primary trainer during WWII. It is a biplane with wood wings, fabric covering, a radial engine, open cockpit and very few creature comforts. On a good day it will cruise at 90 miles per hour. There are only minimal flight instruments and gauges in the panel. There is no electrical generating system, no heater and no in-flight movie. The pilot willing to endure a 1,400-mile trip in this heap is obviously short on equipment as well ... equipment such as good sense, brains, etc.



OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Last spring I wrote a column about all the activities going on in the outdoors at that time. There were so many options that one had to plan carefully so as not to miss anything. Well, it must have something to do with changing seasons because it has happened again this fall.

As the fall season approaches, the focus is generally on a variety of hunting opportunities. Most of us, myself included, hang up the fishing rods and winterize the boat by the end of September. A few die-hard fishermen know better and pursue their sport year around. Coho and king salmon still lurk in big lake tributaries. Steelhead will remain in many of those streams all winter. At this time of year fish are more concerned about finding a meal than spawning and, therefore, are more vulnerable to fishing lures. Drive past the Sixth Street dam on the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids on Christmas Day and you will likely see anglers standing in the ice-cold river. Farther north, hungry walleyes cruise the reefs in Little Bay de Noc well into November. Most of the big walleyes are caught then.

I said the focus was on hunting and well it should be. Pheasant, grouse, and woodcock season opened in September as did the season for squirrel and rabbit. A fall hunt for wild turkeys is in progress for hunters who were lucky enough to draw a license. As the sun breaks over the horizon, a smaller group of hardy souls will be hunkered down in blinds on ponds and rivers to intercept migrating ducks and geese. Successful applicants for black bear licenses are out on their stands around northern Michigan as we speak. Bowhunting for whitetail deer is underway statewide now and firearm season for deer begins November 15. Big game hunters are drawn to other states and countries to pursue moose, elk, deer, bear, and antelope. Figure in the time required to properly prepare for all these activities and you can see it is a very busy time of year for hunters.

In addition to fishing and hunting, it's a great time just to be out and about in the outdoors. The remarkable fall colors make canoeing or kayaking a favorite river a memorable experience. Cooler temperatures and the absence of bugs provide an ideal opportunity to hike or bike a trail system. Road trips through the colorful countryside are a tradition for many families.

Whatever your interest in the outdoors, make sure to get out and enjoy this special season. With all the choices, don't take too long to decide or you could miss the opportunity.

I left Lowell last Wednesday afternoon and arrived at my mechanic's airstrip in central Ohio just before dark. I spent the night and we began the scheduled annual inspection the next morning. I had hoped to wrap things up in a day and be out of there on Friday. I've found that the problem with making such plans is they inevitably go awry. I'm coming to the conclusion that it may be best to wander through life without a plan. The plan went the way of the moose in the form of good news/bad news. My mechanic found a broken aluminum casting in my tailwheel assembly. One side of the casting was completely broken. The other side was cracked. A new \$175.00 part had to be ordered and I would be delayed a day. That was the bad news. The good news was that the mechanic found the broken part. I was only a rough landing away from skidding down a runway on my tail and causing thousands of dollars in damage and being stranded wherever that landing took place. Then I would have had a serious change in my plans.

I left Ohio Saturday morning. A front had gone through in the night. The temperature was in the low fifties and my Carhartt coveralls were on a hook back in the hangar in Lowell. I had four T-shirts and a light cotton jacket in my bag. I put them all on. I did have a pair of light gloves in the plane. Less than an hour later I was numb with cold. I told you the pilot was short on cranial equipment. About two hours into the trip I was across the Ohio River and in West Virginia. The sun was starting to peek through the clouds and the temperature was rising ever so slightly. I landed in a place called Ona for fuel. There was the usual Saturday morning cast of characters hanging around the airport. The guy helping me fuel had to weigh well in excess of 300 pounds. He told me he flew a Pitts Special, a minuscule aerobatic biplane that would easily fit in

most folks' living room with space left for the furniture. The other guys on the ramp said there were just three good parts to the big guy's airshow routine: the gettin' in, the landin' and the gettin' out. I like the brand of humor airport bums all seem to have.

After fueling, using the restroom and eating breakfast/lunch out of a vending machine, I was headed south toward the mountains. An hour or so later I put down in Pikeville, Kentucky. Up ahead I could see peaks and ridges in excess of 4,000 feet disappearing into the bases of the clouds. I hung out for an hour or so waiting for the weather to lift and blow through. As predicted, the weather, remnants of Hurricane Lili, did move through and I was soon comfortable with the visibility over the peaks. The peaks continued to grow as I flew south. I landed in Abington, Virginia, for fuel and to psyche myself up for the last leg over the mountains.

After leaving Abington I had to get to 7,000 to clear the last of the mountains. Even though it was very warm on the ground in Abington, I was glad I hadn't shed any of my T-shirts. The rule of thumb is a three-degree temperature drop per thousand feet of altitude. It was real cold at 7,000 feet. This would be my longest leg of the day and I finally put down at a little airport near Allendale, North Carolina. The place was closed for the evening. I pitched my little tent, rolled out my sleeping bag, put on a pot of coffee. I had a cup of my brew and read for awhile, but I was fast asleep shortly after sundown. I think I may be getting too old to beat myself up like this. North Carolina is only about half way between West Michigan and South Florida. That's good, because that leaves the last half of my little travelogue for next week's column.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 13, 1927

Trophy cups finally are delivered to the Fallsburg School (highest rate of attendance last school year) and Snow School (best performance at Field Day in May).

M.D. Hoyt, banker and lumber company owner of Alto, purchases Lowell Lumber Co. and will move here.

A full-page ad stating "Lowell's Civic Creed" (We believe that Lowell is the best town in America because it is our HOME TOWN) stresses need for residents to support local businesses and organizations.

Kent County budget for rat bounties will stay the same, while weasel and sparrow bounties are reduced. (The reduced bounties about equal the county budget for attorney fees.) All U.S. army posts will be connected by radio soon, to serve if telephone or telegraph lines are disrupted.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 9, 1952

The Supreme Court decision that Justices of the Peace may not serve on township boards, which they have for more than 100 years, creates bewilderment.

The Village Council discusses \$260,000 worth of sewer extensions and improvements.

Fire Prevention Week self-inspection blanks for businesses and 4-H education in Rural Electrification will hopefully reduce fire hazards in both town and country.

Two laws in effect October 18: adding air guns to the list of firearms, and yielding use of party line telephones to emergencies.

White males in their 40's who live in cities are the most likely candidates for catching tuberculosis.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 13, 1977

Voting precincts change to even up numbers of voters in each precinct, Runciman and Bushnell Elementary Schools will be the new handicap-accessible polling places.

Lowell school buses traveled almost 31,000 miles last year, transporting 2500 students.

Salmon fishing is very active at the Main Street dam, and several have exceeded 25 pounds.

The school board officially appoints Donald E. Kelly the new superintendent. He has been in office unofficially since he was hurriedly hired to replace Supt. Sinke, who resigned.

Pheasant season opens next week, Oct. 20.

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TO THE EDITOR

I just wanted to thank you all for taking the time to address our concerns regarding the school parties. I think great strides were made during last night's meeting in bringing this issue to closure. I agree 100 percent with the recommendations that you have made to Ms. Dorough for the party plan for the remainder of this school year. After hearing your discussion

of the long-term plan of getting the new superintendent and the public involved, I am also in total agreement.

I would like to echo Nancy Hopkins' suggestion that it's time to move forward because to dwell on mistakes really serves no purpose now. It is time to move on. I noticed that the school is still looking for volunteers for the Fall Celebration. I just sent in my slip to volunteer and I would like to suggest that anyone else who has the time, to please do the same.

Sincerely,
Ed Hawks

School Menus

Week of 10/14 - 10/18

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"What Does it Mean to be a 'Long-term' Investor?"

During times of market turbulence, you may hear how important it is to stay focused on the long term, but what, exactly, does it mean to be a long-term investor? And what can you do to become one?

To begin with, you need to set your long-term goals. For most people, these goals revolve around retirement. What sort of retirement lifestyle have you envisioned for yourself? Will you work part-time? Travel? Live in a vacation home for part of the year?

After you've clarified your goals, you need to quantify them. How much money will you need? You don't need to know the precise amount, of course, but you should come up

with a good estimate. And, once you've got a number in mind, you'll need to determine how much you have to save and invest each year to reach that figure.

A qualified financial professional can help you develop an investment strategy that meets your individual needs, goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon. But if you're going to be a successful long-term investor, you need more than that. You need discipline. You need patience. And you need the ability to persevere in the face of adversity. What actions can you take to develop these traits?

Consider the following suggestions:

Always keep your goals in mind. Every time you make an investment decision - no matter how seemingly insignificant - think about why you're investing. You may even want to use some visual "cues." For example, if you want to retire early, print your projected year of retirement on a card - and keep it on your desk. If you want to own a vacation home, cut out a picture of a house on a beach, and paste it on a folder containing your investment information. These types of things may sound simplistic, but they can serve as valuable reminders of what you want to accomplish.

Ignore distractions. Basically, once you've established your personalized investment strategy, everything else is a distraction. Headlines about corporate accounting scandals are a distraction. Steep, short-term market plunges are a distraction. Your neighbor's tip on a "hot" stock is a distraction. They're all distractions - and there are hundreds and

thousands more of them out there, too. If you can train yourself to ignore all these annoyances and focus exclusively on what you need to do to meet your goals, you will be putting yourself in the strongest possible position to get the results you want.

Chart your progress - but not too often. Clearly, it's essential that you know the headway you're making toward your objectives. But many people make the mistake of "checking their progress" far too often. Unless you're constantly buying and selling 3/4 which you wouldn't do if you were a true long-term investor - there's really not much point in reviewing your portfolio every day, week or month. If you're always studying your investments performance, you are unquestionably going to see things you don't like - and you might be tempted to make unwise changes. In other words, don't waste time studying reams of "snapshots."

Instead, give the "big picture" time to develop. However, you may want to meet with your investment professional for a portfolio review at least once a year... or whenever you face a major change in your life or your financial situation. As you can see, it's not so easy to be a long-term investor. But, in the final analysis, the effort is well worth it.

Do not put your spoon in a pot that does not boil for you.

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Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang
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Unfortunately, there is no vaccine or cure for hepatitis C infections.

AREA BIRTHS

Racheal and Esther Nijse announce the birth of their new sister, Aimee Leona. She was born on September 6, 2002, at 3:52 a.m. weighing 9 lbs. and 5.5 oz.

Proud parents are Jake and Tanya Nijse. Proud grandparents are Jake and Lona Nijse of Lowell and Peter and Diane Schenderling of British Columbia.

Peckham/50Years



Howard and Rowena Peckham recently renewed their wedding vows after 50 years of marriage.

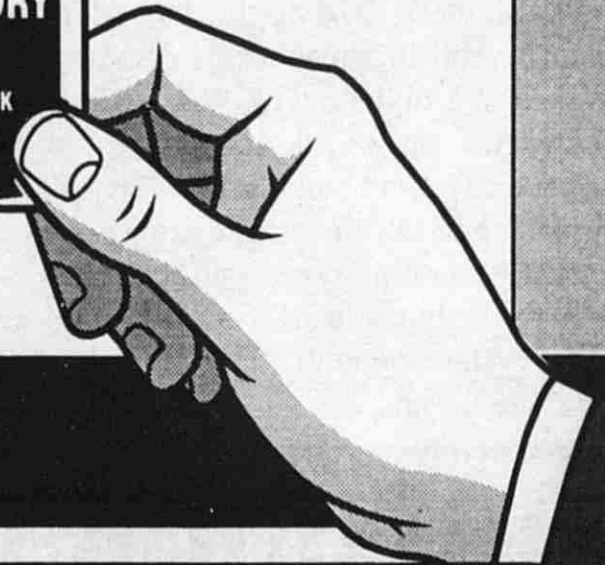
The Peckhams have five children, 16 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

They were married on October 6, 1952, in Lowell and have lived in Comins, Mich., for 48 years.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Comins Eagle Lodge.

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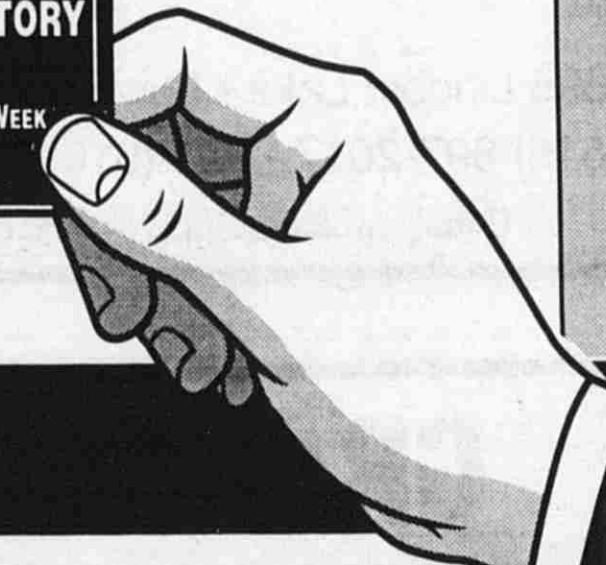
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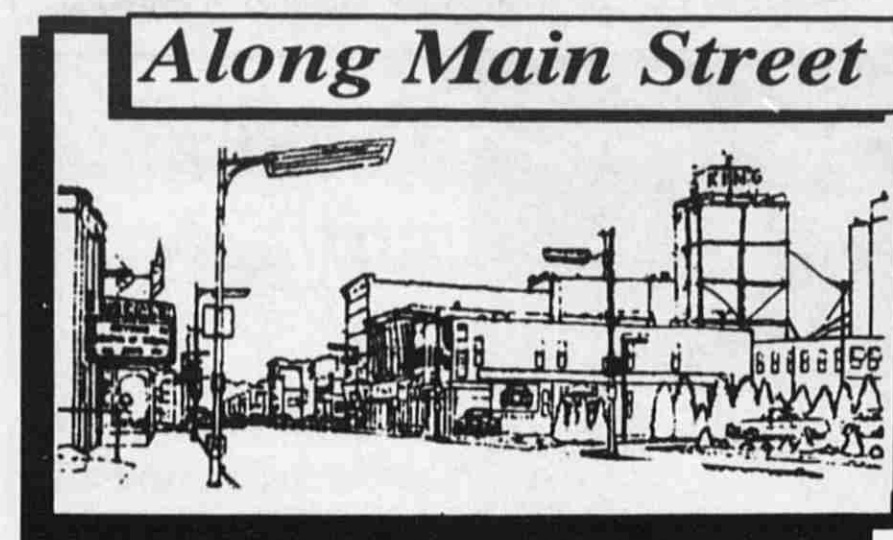
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BOOK FAIR AT MIDDLE SCHOOL
Scholastic Book Fair at Lowell Middle School Media Center now thru Oct. 11 from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Open during Parent-Teacher conferences Wed., Oct. 9 from 4-7:30 p.m. Call the school at 897-9222.

HARVEST CRAFT SALE
Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Building will have a Harvest Arts & Crafts show on Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LAHM FREE ADMISSION
The Lowell Area Historical Museum will offer free admission on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 1-4 p.m.

LARKIN'S CHILI COOK-OFF
Last chance to enter the Chili Cook-off at Larkin's Saturday, Oct. 12. \$25 entry fee. Call 897-5977. You may also drop off your new or gently used winter blankets at Larkin's Other Place during the cook-off, collected by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

HELP DECORATE THE CITY
Scarecrow Building Clinic and Contest: Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lowell Fairgrounds.

NEEDED: WINTER BLANKETS
Between Oct. 12 and 30, Flat River Outreach Ministries

Museum, cont'd... From Page 1

remain connected to its roots," Straub explains. "By ensuring the museum is able to collect, reserve and present Lowell's history, it also provides an opportunity for residents to leave a legacy for family and friends."
A community informational meeting on the one-quarter millage proposal will

Amateur radio club elects officers

Recently elected as officers of A.R.G.Y.L. (Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell) were the following: President, Jared Huffman - KC8REJ; vice president, Drew Morrison - WE2RD; secretary, Dan Brinks - KC8PFZ; treasurer, Nate Vos - KC80ER and middle school rep, Rob Alguire - KC8REK.
A.R.G.Y.L. is a school sponsored club for those interested, or licensed in amateur radio. Members of the club recently completed a field trip to Beaver Island where they set up equipment and made contacts with other amateur radio operators in 26 dif-

will be collecting new and gently used winter blankets. Drop-off locations are Springgrove Variety, Cousin's Hallmark, YMCA Fitness and Wellness centers, and Durkee Optometry.

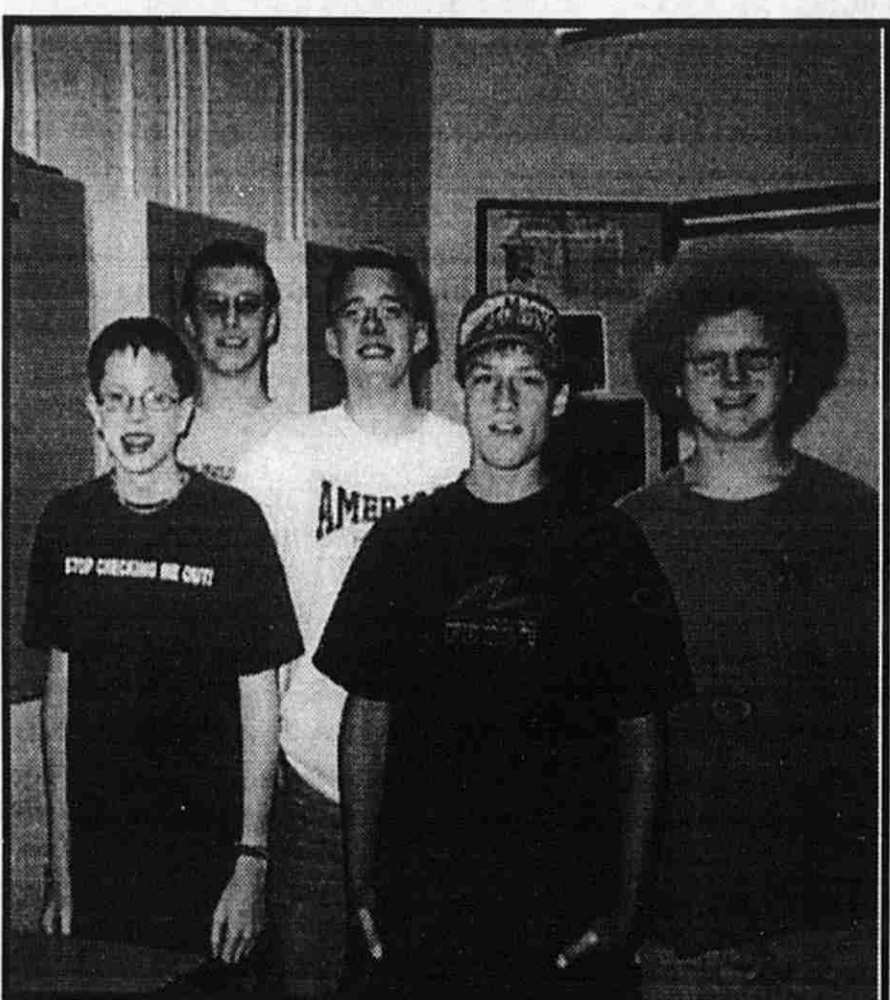
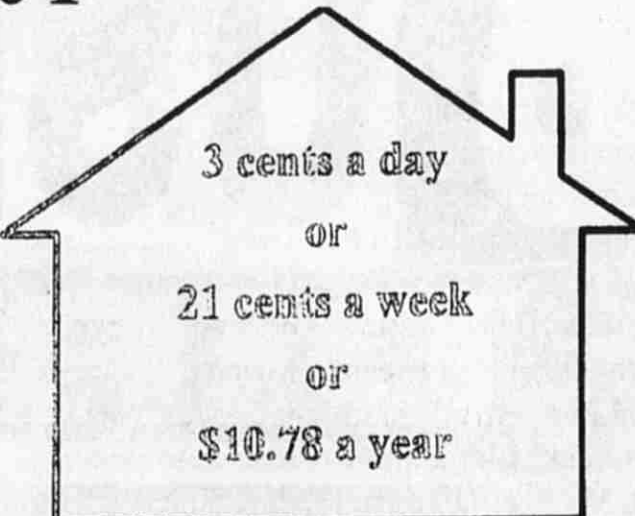
REGISTER FOR UMW HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE
Registrations for the United Methodist Women's annual holiday craft sale are due by Oct. 16. Send them to Ann Dimmick, 944 Grindle, Lowell.

COLLEGE /SCHOLARSHIP INFO. NIGHT
Sophomores, juniors and parents are invited to an evening of information on "How to Make the Most of your Junior and Senior Years" on Thursday, Oct. 17. Sign-up begins at 6:45 at Lowell Performing Arts Center.

MUSEUM MILLAGE INFO MEETING
The public is invited to a Museum Millage Informational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Library. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions concerning the museum millage proposal.

FLAG PROGRAM BY LAHM
"The Many Faces of Old Glory" will be presented by the Lowell Area Historical Museum on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The program, about the flags which have flown throughout the history of the U.S., will be held at Lowell Township Hall. Public is welcome; refreshments will be served.

THEBES PLAYERS - CALL FOR AUDITIONS
The LAAC Thebes Players are seeking actors for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* to be held at Larkin's - The Other Place March 6-15. Auditions: Jan. 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. For a script or more information, call 897-8545.



The newly elected officers of the Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell.

Foundation Fall Dinners, cont'd... From Page 1

Bean, captivated the audience from start to finish with 50's and 60's music, fun, laughter and outstanding performances by Cera Drak (Missy), Chantel Westdale (Betty Jean), Amy Forslund (Cindy Lou) and Kelly Ronan (Suzy).
"We've already had people volunteer for dinners next year," Thompson said. "I just see this becoming more and more successful."
The costs for all the dinners were picked up by the host families.
"That meant all the money from the dinners goes directly to the Foundation fund," Thompson said.
The Foundation has been providing grants for enhanced educational programs and innovative learning since 1995.

Fly-in delivers for Flat River Outreach Ministries

With cold weather approaching, the need for food and financial assistance grows within the community.
Lowell's Flat River Outreach Ministries charge was recently lifted on the wings of the Kent Radio Aeromodelers (KRAM) third annual charity fly-in.
The event raised \$3,534 for the Flat River Outreach Ministries program. In addition, it also collected a half a pickup load of toiletry items.
KRAM is an R/C (remote controlled) aircraft flying club which has been in existence for nearly 30 years.
The event, with 75-80 aircraft present, drew roughly 200 spectators. It was co-chaired by Matt Rose and Troy McClannahan.
"This year we wanted to focus on something more localized to the community," Rose explained.
Past benefactors have been the Visiting Nurses Association and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.
Area residents interested in building and/or flying model aircraft can contact KRAM through Rose at 897-9435 or McClannahan at 591-9163.
Flat River Outreach Ministries used to distribute 10-15 food boxes monthly; that number has risen to 35-40.
"We hope our contribution to the ministries' effort will go a long way in helping those in our community," Rose explained.
Flat River Outreach Ministries is located at 519 E. Main St. in Lowell. Families experiencing a need or who are aware of someone in need may call 897-4189.



Presenting a check to the Flat River Outreach Ministries are KRAM's Matt Rose (second from the right) and Troy McClannahan (far right). Representing the ministries, from left to right, are: Ray Wolfe, Jodie Haybarker and Kraig Haybarker.

Parents vocal about keeping school's holiday traditions

Editor's Note: In the Oct. 2 edition of The Lowell Ledger the story on holiday traditions did not get continued from the front page. The full story follows.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Exposing children to a more diverse scope of celebrations has been met with a broad swipe of criticism from parents.
"The idea of changing the parties other than Halloween was in name only," said Cherry Creek Elementary principal, Maureen Dorrough. "The group opposing that has been very verbal, and good resolve has come out of it."
In putting forth the proposal, Dorrough says she made too many assumptions and should have used more avenues to communicate the plan.
"I think the plan has evolved into a more diverse celebration. I do not believe that was the original intent," said school district parent, Cindy Kehoe.
As long-standing traditions and cultures, Kehoe believes it is important that the holiday party names remain the same.
"If the change in name is not that significant, as they now want us to believe, why change the name at all?" asks Kehoe.
Talk of change initiated over the last year (2001-02)

and the Christmas party to a Winter Celebration.
"I think that's a confusing message. It says we're not proud of our heritage and American holidays," Kehoe says.
Pete Odland added that Valentine's Day isn't even in the spring. "It's still winter. That creates confusion for students - celebrating Valentine's Day at home and the school calling it a Spring Celebration and it's still winter."
Dorrough notes that society is made up of more than just one culture and one tradition. Instead, it has a variety of cultures and traditions. "Why not expose children to all the holidays?"
Hawks, while commending the Cherry Creek administration for the length it has gone to see that all children be included in the celebrations, contends the majority of the taxpayers in the Lowell community would not agree with the politically correct changes proposed.
Dorrough says changing the names of the Christmas and Valentine's Day parties has been put on hold.
The principal added that because of the money spent and the time put into the Fall Harvest Celebration, she would prefer not to cancel it. "I'd prefer to make it a Halloween Party/Harvest Fall Celebration than not go ahead with the celebration."
What's next? During a 7

a.m. special board meeting, a subcommittee (Nancy Hopkins, Mark Blanding and Kate Dernocoeur) was formed to respond to community concerns and to define the steps the board will take, as well as explain how

Halloween/October parties will be handled.
The issue will be on the October school board agenda for discussion - providing community members an opportunity to respond to the publicized steps the board will take.
"The process has to include community input," Dorrough concluded.

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A plethora of Lowell residents spent time sharing stories and reminiscing with former Lowell U.P.S. driver, Mike McBride. An open house was held in his honor on Friday at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office. Above, McBride talks to Lowell fire chief, Frank Martin. Below, he chats with Mary Ann Gwatklin.



EVERYBODY KNOWS HIS NAME

••• After 27 years of delivering in the Lowell area, the U.P.S. driver's name (Mike McBride) is literally known by all, as is his sense of humor and cheerful demeanor.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For those who attended the retirement open house for Mike McBride, it was about being grateful for the service, smiles, laughter and packages the longtime U.P.S. driver has delivered to Lowell over a 27-year tenure.

"He made ordering fun. We used to leave hilarious notes for one another. I'm going to miss Mike tremendously," said Christina Johnson.

Through the coordinating efforts of Vicki VanderWarf, King Milling, and Sherri Hildenbrand, Optech, an open house was held at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in honor of McBride.

"Mike brought a sense of humor. When he was around, you couldn't help but smile," said Vennen Chrysler Dodge president, Darryl Kuiper.

Vennen's parts manager, Tom Russell adds, "He always gave you something to laugh about - shared a cheerful, good word - brightened your day."

McBride embodied the new U.P.S. commercial in which the popular Cheers theme song (Where Everybody Knows Your Name) serves as its slogan.

"Mike had a strong camaraderie with his Lowell

customers," said U.P.S. communications director, Lisa Woday.

A horseback riding accident, nearly a year ago, threw McBride from his route. A long recovery pushed up his plans for retirement. "I had planned on retiring after this year. The accident changed that," he said.

McBride knew after riding the route of his predecessor that he wanted the Lowell route.

"I just liked what I felt out here. I have so many good memories of my time here in Lowell. The people have bent over backwards to help me," McBride said. "Today has been a humbling experience. It makes me feel

pretty good about my 27 years - it's all been worth it."

Friday's open house was a day for thanks and for swapping stories whether it was Mary Ann Gwatklin recalling McBride delivering bait to her husband Orlo; Dolores Alexander recalling McBride sniffing out a snowball ambush put into place by area kids; McBride sharing a story about the good will of Duke Thomet; or all the calls and visits he received from Lowell residents while recovering from his accident.

"Coordinating this event was a team effort. Sherri and I felt it was needed because of how well Mike served Lowell for 27 years," VanderWarf concluded.



Pictured with retired U.P.S. driver, Mike McBride are Gert DeHaan and Marian McIver.



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Location: Cherry Creek Elementary School
Registration Deadline: October 25
Facility member: \$28 • Member \$31 • Non-Member \$42

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL
Grades K-2

Monday Program • November 11 - December 16
Kindergarten - 1st grade • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
2nd grade • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

6-Week Program Location: Cherry Creek Elementary School
Registration Deadline: October 30
Facility member: \$31 • Member \$36 • Non-Member \$43

Saturday Program • November 9 - December 14
Kindergarten - 2nd grade • 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
2nd grade • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

5-Week Program Location: Cherry Creek Elementary School
Registration Deadline: October 30
Facility member: \$26 • Member \$31 • Non-Member \$38

Thursday Program • November 7 - December 19
K-2 • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (after school)
Location: Alto Elementary

Registration Deadline: October 28
Facility member: \$31 • Member \$36 • Non-Member \$43

FALL BASKETBALL LEAGUES
Grades 3-6 • November 4 - December 21
COACHES MEETING: OCT. 30 At The Lowell YMCA • 6:00 p.m.
Location: Cherry Creek Elementary or Lowell Middle School
Registration Deadline: October 26
Facility member: \$36 • Member \$41 • Non-Member \$46

Late Registrations will be charged a \$5 late fee.

Y BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL COACHES WANTED!

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the YMCA office at 897-8445. Coaches Meetings will be held on Friday, November 1 at the YMCA office. 3rd-6th Grades: 7:00 p.m. • K-2nd Grades: 6:00 p.m.

MEN'S OVER 30 BASKETBALL

October 7 - May 26
Open gym will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary
Monday • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Fee: \$18 for 11 weeks or \$2 per person/per visit

WOMEN'S OPEN GYM

October 7 - May 26
Open gym will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary
Monday • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Fee: \$18 for 11 weeks or \$2 per person/per visit

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The best qualified candidate, bucks the superintendent trend

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the hiring of Shari Jo Miller as Lowell superintendent, the number of women school chiefs in the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) climbed to three.

"Typically over the last five-six years, that number has held steady," said KISD communications director, Ron Koehler.

Of those three, Darlene Dongvillo (Grandville) is an acting interim superintendent. Miller, who officially starts Oct. 28, and Dr. Mary Leiker (Kentwood) are the only two permanent women superintendents in place in the KISD which is made up of 20 public school districts.

Recognizing a dearth of women superintendents, the KISD superintendents

formed a diversity committee to work on developing more diversity for students and to look and recognize the need for and appreciating diversity in school administrators.

Statistics show, nationally, there are fewer women superintendents than men. "The reason for that is women have not held as many central office positions as men," Miller explained.

Lowell's new superintendent has been under the leadership of Dr. E. Sharon Banks in the Lansing School District. Banks was honored last year as the superintendent of the year by the Michigan Superintendent's Association of School Administrators.

Miller hopes she can emulate some of Bank's strengths.

"She's a great communicator and gatherer of infor-

mation," Miller says. "Sharon also makes everybody feel as if they are a part of the district team. She sees every student as her own. Every decision she makes, she does as if she's making it for her own child."

Since accepting the superintendent position in Lowell, Miller has returned for the Lowell/Northview football game, attended the Marvelous Wonderettes performance at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on Saturday as part of a Lowell Area Education Foundation fund-raising event, and was in the audience for the school board workshop on holiday school parties Monday night.

"The people of Lowell have been more welcoming, friendly, and encouraging

than I could have imagined," Miller said.

Miller's first 30 days as Lowell superintendent will be spent meeting individually with administrators, staff, parents and community members.

Miller's appointment has been met with support and excitement from her husband Ned and their two children, Holly and Andrew.

Holly teaches eighth-grade English in Petersburg, Va., and Andrew is studying to become a high school English teacher at the University of Indiana/Purdue in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"He's anxious to come and visit after he learned how close I will be to a ski resort," Miller concluded.



New Lowell superintendent Shari Jo Miller starts on her new job, Oct. 28.

Save annuals from frost; grow as house plants over winter

Fall means that killing frost will soon put an end to the flowering annuals you

have enjoyed all summer -- unless you save some of them to grow indoors this winter.

The most commonly overwintered annuals are geraniums, coleus, impatiens and fibrous-rooted begonias, and the key to enjoying indoor flowers is light, says Mary McLellan, Extension Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University.

"Too little light will result in long, straggly stems and few, if any, flowers," she observes. "Leaves will be few, also, and widely spaced on the stems." Because Michigan winters are not exactly famous for lots of bright, sunny days, growing these plants indoors usually means growing them under fluorescent tubes, she notes.

There are two ways to approach saving annuals to grow indoors: starting new plants from cuttings and digging up and potting whole plants. Whole plants will need larger containers and more potting soil, McLellan points out, but they may bloom sooner. To save whole plants, select healthy, growing plants, cut the tops back by half, and then dig them up with as much of the root systems as you can and pot each plant in a container big enough to hold all the roots comfortably. Remove as much garden soil from the roots as you can without seriously damaging the roots, she advises, and use a commercially prepared house plant

potting mix in the pots. Garden soil will not drain as well, she explains, and may contain weed seeds, insects, disease organisms and other pests.

Cutting the plants' tops back makes them easier to handle and brings the top growth into better balance with the reduced root system, she notes. Set each plant into its pot so you can fill in with potting mix to the depth at which it was growing in the garden and still have room in the pot to add water without danger of overflow. Water to settle the growing medium and add more potting mix as needed. Place in a sunny window or under a fluorescent light, water whenever the soil feels dry and fertilize once a month with a house plant fertilizer low in nitrogen and high in phosphorus and potassium. Too much nitrogen will promote spindly growth and discourage flowering.

Plants brought inside from outdoors may contain insects or disease organisms so it's a good idea to keep them separate from other indoor plants for at least a few weeks to keep any problems that develop from spreading to other plants.

To grow new plants from cuttings, begin with 3- to 4-inch tip cuttings from the tops of plants. Cut with a sharp knife to avoid mashing or tearing the stems, McLellan suggests. Remove the leaves on the bottom third of half of

each stem. Then insert the cut end into damp perlite, vermiculite, or sand. You may use a rooting hormone, but it isn't necessary.

Place the container with the cuttings out of direct sunlight and water as needed to keep the rooting medium moist. It should take about six weeks for them to develop roots 1/2 to 1 inch long. Then you can transplant them into 4-inch pots of houseplant potting mix and move them to a brightly lit spot -- either a sunny window, where they'll need frequent turning to keep them from growing lopsided, or under artificial light.

Both whole plants and those grown from cuttings will benefit from pinching, McLellan says. "Removing the growing tips regularly will encourage plants to branch rather than straggle," she explains.

Plants are more likely to grow compact and bushy, and flower indoors if you grow them under fluorescent tubes rather than natural light. A mixture of cool white and warm-white bulbs is recommended, but all cool-white bulbs will be satisfactory. To simplify the lighting, put the lights on a timer set so they receive 12 to 16 hours of light a day.

In the spring, wait until the danger of frost is past and then cut plants back to about one third of their height and transplant outdoors.

Larkin's Chili Cook-off to heat up Harvest Celebration

Harvest Celebration Timeline of Events:

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Harvest Arts & Crafts Show & Luncheon**
Lowell Fairgrounds
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Scarecrow Building Clinic**
Lowell Fairgrounds
- 3 p.m. **Scarecrow Judging**
Lowell Fairgrounds
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Harvest Sales & Open House**
Lowell Merchants
- 11 a.m. **Larkin's 1st Annual Chili Cook-off**
Larkin's Other Place/Patio
- 3 p.m. **Chili Cook-off Tasting & Judging**
Larkin's Other Place/Patio
- 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. **Live Music by the Generations**
Larkin's Other Place/Patio
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Free Admission Day**
Lowell Area Historical Museum
- Oct. 12-30 **Blanket Drive**
Participating Merchants

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There is a \$25 entry fee to participate in the chili cook-off. The cooking will begin at 11 a.m. at Larkin's patio.

If the weather is inclement, the chili cook-off will be taken inside at Larkin's Other Place.

Judging will commence at 3 p.m. Patrons can taste each chili recipe for 50 cents a cup between 4 and 7 p.m. while listening to live music by the "Generations."

The money raised from the entries and tasting will benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Larkin's Chili Cook-off is part of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Harvest Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Other activities planned for that day are a Harvest Arts & Crafts Show (formerly the Cherry Creek Craft Show), scarecrow building clinic, free admission to the Lowell Area Historical Museum, blanket drive, merchant sales and open house.

The scarecrow clinic and contest at the Lowell Fairgrounds will get underway at 10 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. Supplies will be provided but participants are en-

couraged to bring their own.

The scarecrows will be judged at 3 p.m. with 10 winners being chosen. The winning scarecrows will be placed at various locations along Lowell's Main Street as part of The Festival of Scarecrows from Oct. 15 through Oct. 30.

The Harvest Arts and Crafts Show (over 50 crafters) and luncheon are being sponsored by the Kent County Youth Fair. It is being held at the fairgrounds in the Foreman Building.

Flat River Outreach Ministries will also be collecting new or gently used blankets to be distributed to people in need or those who have lost their personal possessions during a time of crisis. They

will also be sold at a reasonable price to those who can afford to purchase them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIRD 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.

1ST & 3RD MON.: Diabetic Support group at 7 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. Call 897-2760 w/???'s.

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

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 (men only) meets at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary Church, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. 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. Call Connie 942-6887.

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

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" (Sr. adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center: 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.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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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.: FFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

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

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 897-2037. Fall & winter fashions available.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 647-3920.

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

WED., OCT. 9: Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. Roast beef & pork dinner 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$7; 5-12: \$2.

THURS., OCT. 10: Lowell High School picture retakes at 8 a.m. Order forms in main office if you missed picture day. Bring old pic packet if getting retakes.

SAT., OCT. 12: Harvest Arts & Crafts show, 9-4 p.m. Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Bldg.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

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

WED., OCT. 9: 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; Noon Movie "Pat & Mike."

THURS., OCT. 10: 1 p.m. Lunch, Cafe in the Woods, Woodland; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI., OCT. 11: 9 a.m. Grand Lodge Color Cruise, \$9+ Bus; Lunch on your Own.

MON., OCT. 14: 12:45 Treasured Memories.

TUES., OCT. 15: 9 a.m. Tour of Felt Mansion in Saugatuck \$2, Bus \$5; Lunch on your Own.

WED., OCT. 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:30 Shopping Assistance.

THURS., OCT. 17: Noon Dance West Side Complex, 1 p.m. Euchre.

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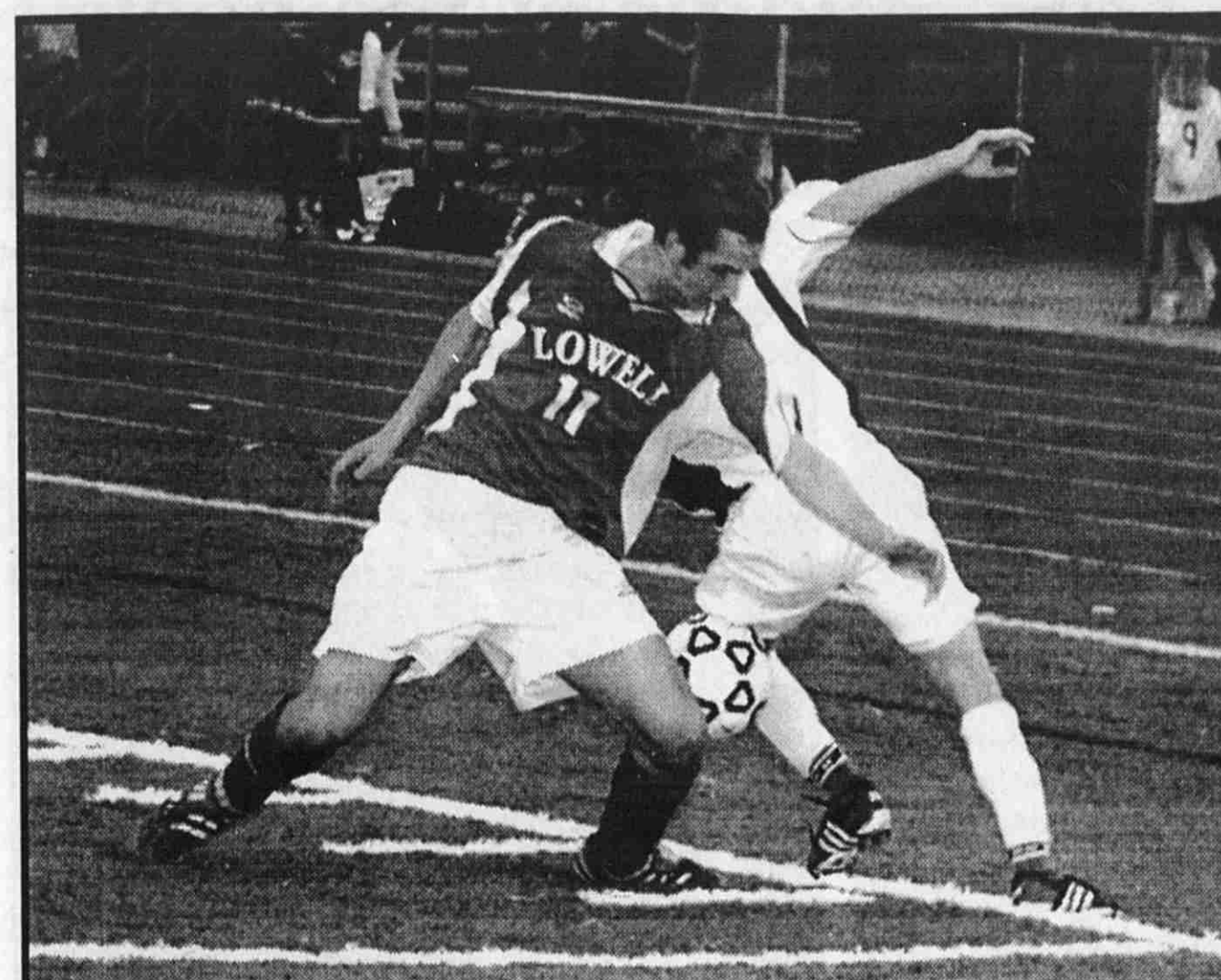
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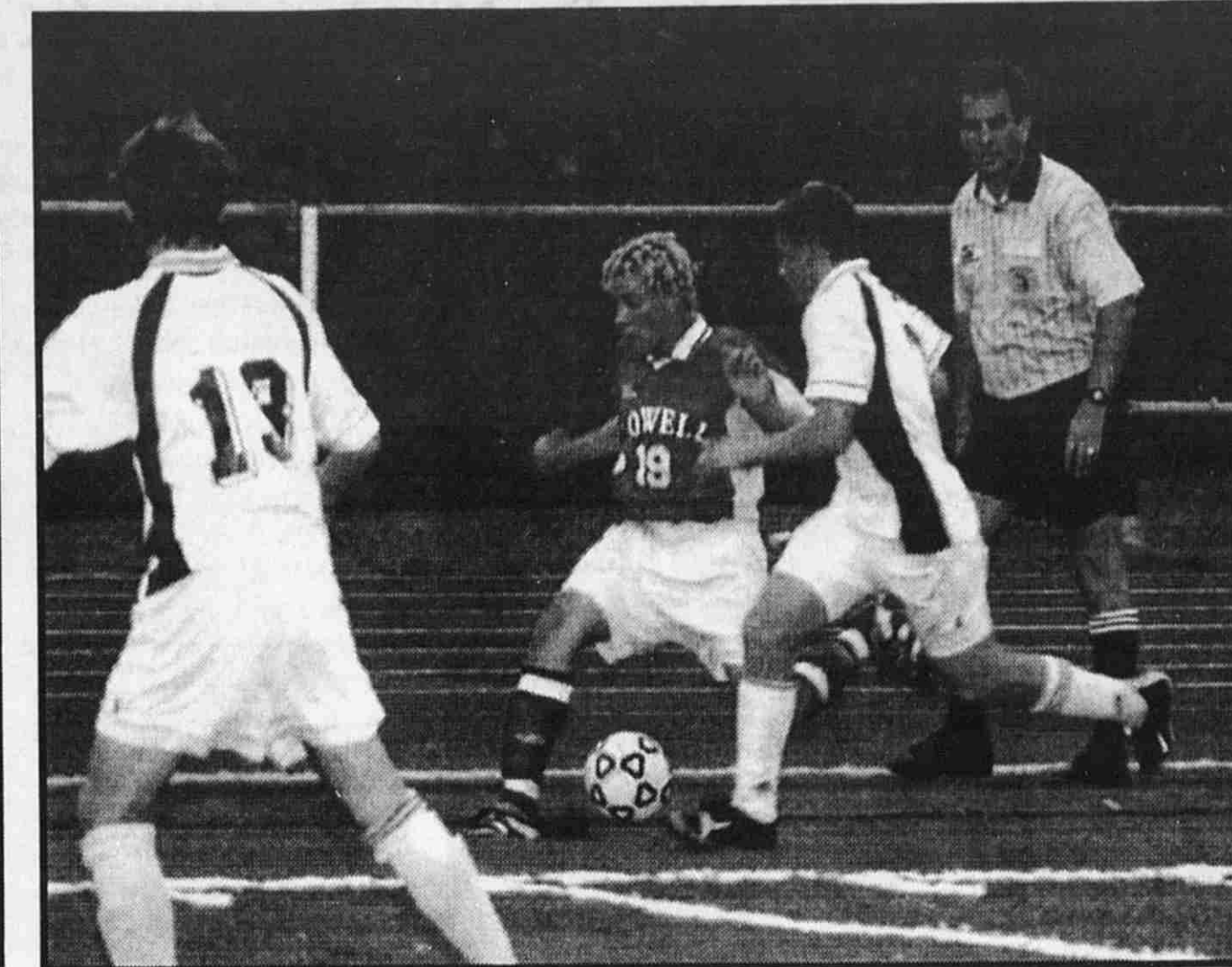
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Lowell's Sam Oberlin is in a brief knee lock in first half soccer action against Forest Hills Central. Lowell and FHC tied 3-3.



Shane Stokes works the sidelines against his Ranger defender.

Mother Nature brings to a close, battle between area's best soccer teams

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Central and Lowell did nothing to hurt their state soccer rankings Tuesday (Oct. 1) night.

The Red Arrows and Rangers, however, did nothing to settle the battle over supremacy in the O-K White either.

The ninth ranked team in Division I (FHC) and the sixth ranked team in Division II (Lowell) battled to a 3-3 tie in regulation before mother nature brought to a halt the much anticipated confrontation before sudden death period could begin.

"The kids wanted a win at all cost, but the consolation is they still have a legitimate shot at winning the conference," Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge said.

The two teams, if they win out, can meet in the finals of the O-K White conference tournament.

If nothing changes in the club's goals scored and goals against, Central would earn the number one seed in the tournament.

"We came into the game the two best teams in West Michigan and nothing tonight changed that," Legge said.

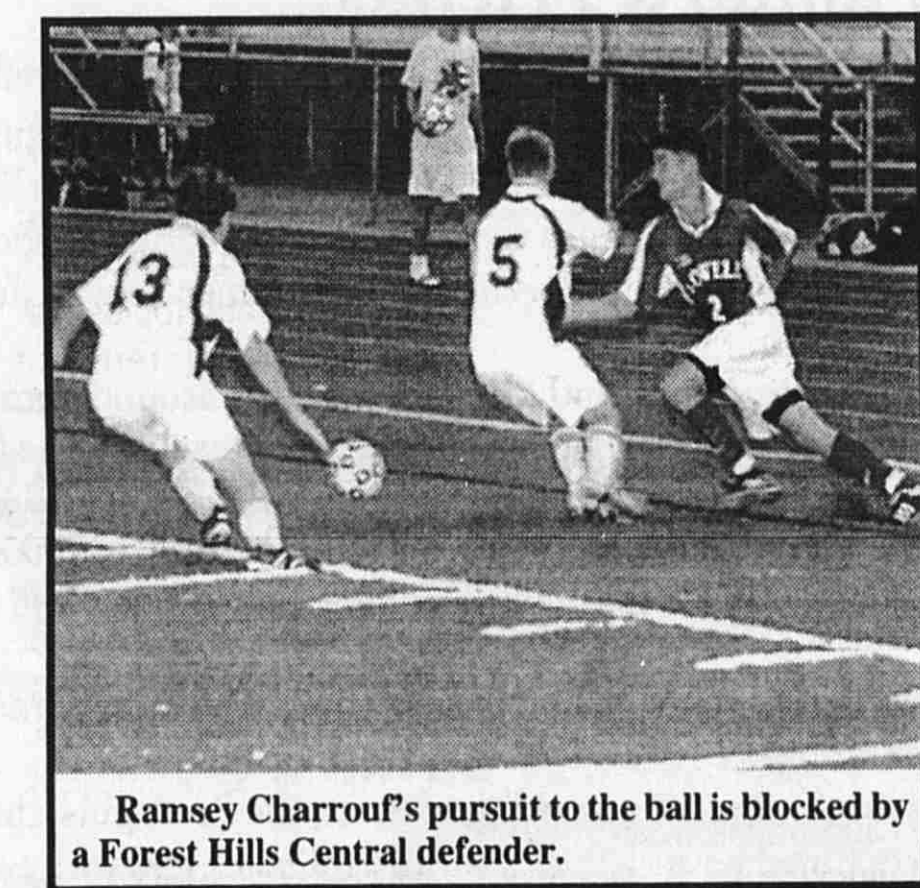
Ranger coach, Clark Udell knew it was a special game by the sound. "The crowd was great - it was one of the few times I can remember that my players couldn't hear me when I yelled out to them."

A relatively quiet offensive first half saw just one goal. It was netted by Ranger, Nick Noe at the 14:25 mark.

The opening 15 minutes of the second half brought an offensive explosion.

Lowell scored a flurry of goals (three) in a span of 10 minutes, turning a 1-0 deficit into a 3-1 advantage.

The Red Arrows' first goal was scored by David Kropf off



Ramsey Charrouf's pursuit to the ball is blocked by a Forest Hills Central defender.

an assist by Jeremy Goff at 36:04 of the second half.

Sam Oberlin put a header past Ranger goalie, Chris Keller at 34:18, giving Lowell a 2-1 lead.

Eight minutes later Shane Stokes, off a rebound of his own shot, booted one into the Ranger net for a 3-1 Lowell lead. Having trailed both Portage Central and Petoskey 2-0, the Rangers did not rattle... instead they picked up their play.

Less than a minute after Stokes' goal, Jake Stacy netted FHC's second goal of the game at the 25:36 mark of the second half.

It remained 3-2 Lowell until 10:17 of the second half when Stacy tied the game.

"We're disappointed in the tie, but I thought we did a good job of pressuring them. None of Lowell's goals came off any sustained offense - they came off restarts. That's something we'll have to work on," Udell explained. "Our kids showed great composure after falling behind 3-1."

The Ranger coach added that he was disappointed his club didn't score more goals in the first half. "We had opportunities and didn't finish," said Udell.

The Rangers had 19 shots on goal with Lowell goalie, Josh Anderson recording 16 saves.

Lowell had eight shots on goal with Keller posting five saves.

The Red Arrows finished their week with a 3-0 win over Zeeland. With the tie, Lowell is now 11-0-2, 4-0-1 and the Rangers are 9-0-2, 4-0-1.

Fall sports teams score a hat trick with state rankings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sparta didn't leave the O-K White because the district was worried about being able to compete with Lowell.

Sparta rejoins Lowell in the realigned O-K White next year; now, however, worried about just that - competing with Lowell.

Dedicated athletes, work ethic and good coaching have changed the perception of Lowell athletics over the last eight years.

"There has been a change in perception. A belief has been built that Lowell can be

successful," Lowell athletic director, Barry Hobrila explained. "I think much of that has to do with having coaches who care."

Never has recognition of Lowell's athletic success been greater than now.

For the first time ever in one season, Lowell has three teams ranked in the top 10 of the state.

Lowell girls basketball team (11-0) is ranked second in Class A; the Red Arrow football team (4-1) is ranked third in Division II, while the Lowell soccer team (11-0-2) is also ranked third in Division II.

Lowell football coach, Noel Dean says the most suc-

cessful coaches never ask athletes to do something they are not willing to do themselves.

"The coaches here at Lowell get along and have nice relationships with one another," Dean explains.

"A strong kicking game has been a large part of our success this year. Those kickers come from the soccer program," Dean said. "Let's not forget the other coaches whose programs have also had success - wrestling, cross country, track and gymnastics."

Since Paul Legge's (Low-

ell soccer coach) arrival, battle lines that had been drawn between soccer and football have now been crossed. "Noel and I get along. There are two soccer players on the football team. Noel and I worked something out. It's been a good experience for both programs and the kids."

"The athletes feed off of each other's success, according to Crowley. "They are also very supportive of one another," she says.

The basketball coach credits Dean with building a winning tradition with Lowell football and setting a precedent for other coaches. "I'd

like to think that over the last three years girls basketball has begun to build a tradition. Legge has also done a great job of establishing a top soccer program," said Crowley.

Legge credits the soccer program's success with the willingness to work hard.

"Obviously I'm excited about our success, not so much for me, but for the kids in the soccer program. They are getting the recognition they deserve - it's long overdue," Legge said.

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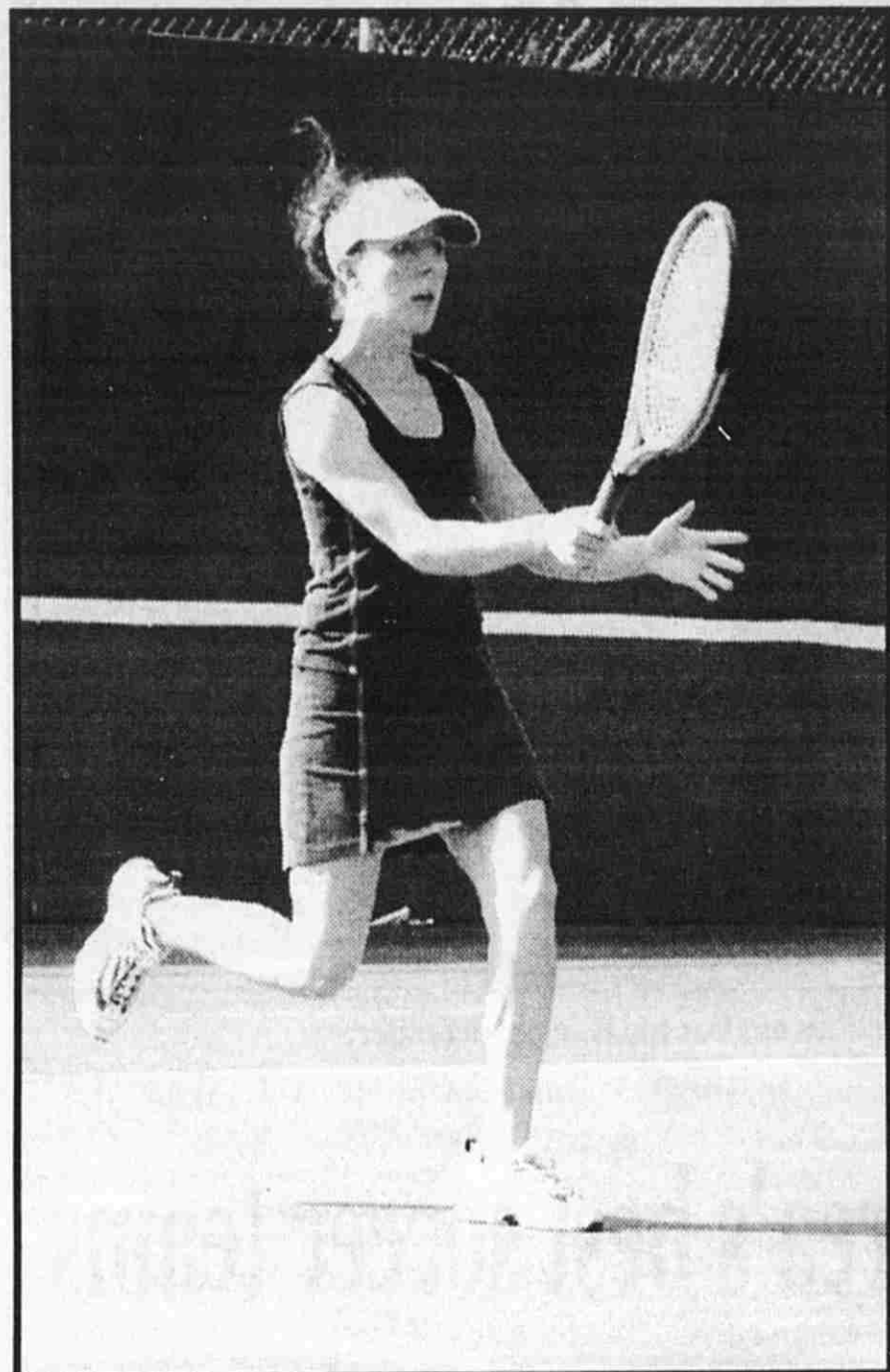
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Mere points separate netters from middle of the pack



Amanda Grochowalski comes to the net following a baseline shot.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Despite standout performances at number one and four doubles, Lowell was unable to catch Northview, Hudsonville and Zeeland.

"Despite finishing last at the conference meet, this team is a lot better than a year ago," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "The girls just couldn't quite get the wins in some key matches."

Red Arrows' first doubles team of Kristie Noall and Shannon Levingston lost their opening match before rebounding to win their last two, finishing fifth overall.

Their victories came against Zeeland and Northview.

The fourth doubles team of Haley Irwin and Stacey Fleet lost a tough opening match in three sets before recovering in victories over Zeeland and Northview, placing fifth overall.

"Haley and Stacey just had an excellent day. They've only been together part of the season, but have really gelled and gained confidence," Wall said.

In singles play, Lowell was led by third singles player, Heather Geelhoed. The Red Arrow won her opening match but lost her next two in finishing fourth overall.

"Heather has one of the best records on the team. She had a solid win in the first round and has had a good season," Wall said.

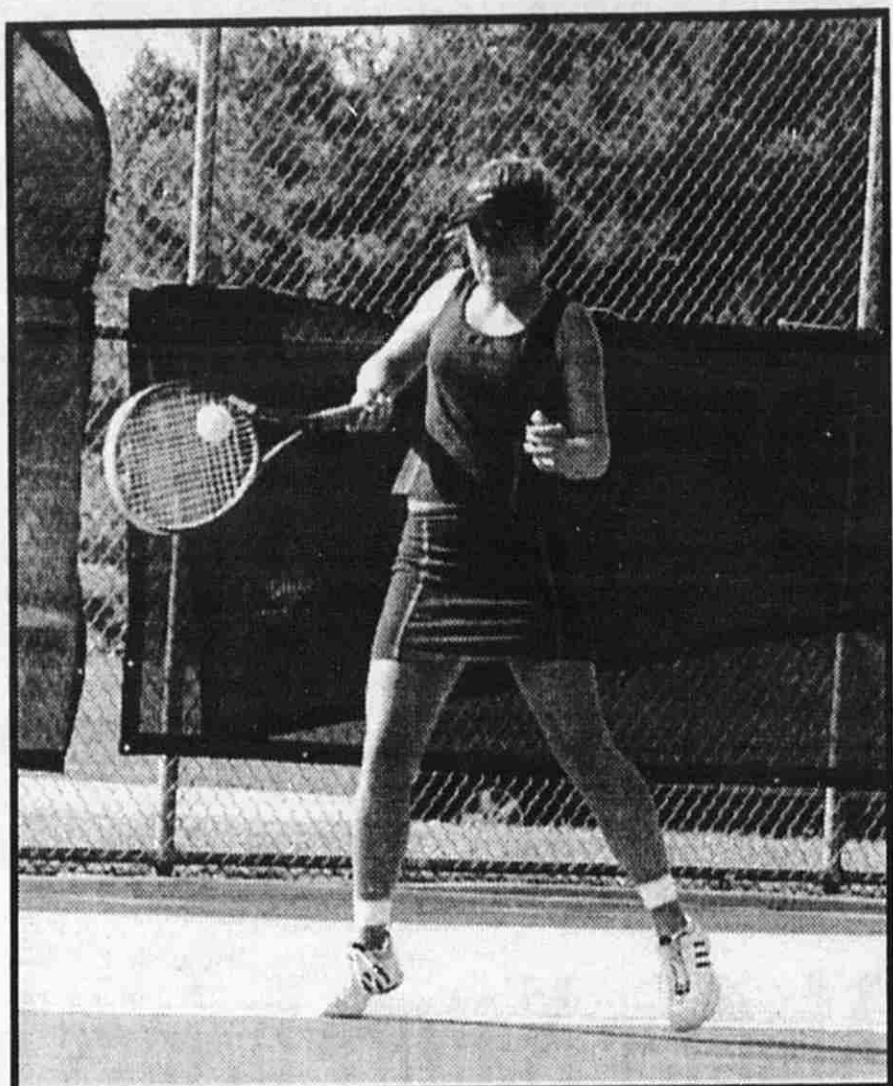
In other singles play, Jenny Gunberg, first singles, and Stevi Thompson, fourth singles, finished 0-2 for the day.

Mandy Gunberg, second singles, went 1-2.

In other doubles action, Rachelle Levingston and Katie Huver finished 1-2. Their only win came against Zeeland in the second round.

The third doubles team of

Amanda Grochowalski and Julie Geelhoed finished the day at 0-2. Lowell moves onto the regional at Forest Hills this weekend.



Stevi Thompson prepares for a forehand return.

Third-quarter offensive pushes Lowell past Forest Hills Central, 35-6

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A 28-point third quarter helped Lowell erase a lackluster first-half performance as the Red Arrows pounded Forest Hills Central 35-6.

The victory had more to do with talent than execution. A more talented Red Arrow team stumbled through a first half which included three turnovers before scoring its only touchdown of the half with five minutes left in the second quarter.

Lowell's passing attack was thwarted by high winds and three interceptions in the opening 24 minutes.

"The elements were the same on both sides of the field. We live in Michigan - you knew this (bad weather) would come," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.

This win, however, isn't one Dean will store on tape for the 78er youths to view, despite the Red Arrows' elevated play in the third quarter.

"That third quarter was one of the better one's I've seen in a while," Dean said afterwards.

The Red Arrow offense found the end zone on all three of its possessions. They were preceded by a defensive touchdown which opened the third stanza.

Senior Bryan White picked up a loose ball off a mishandled Forest Hills Central pitch at the five-yard line and ran it in for a touchdown.

"That was a key play. It's one of those plays where our guys say, 'Oh no, here it goes again,'" said Ranger football coach Tom White. "I have a great group of kids. They fight hard and work hard every day."

Lowell's opening possession of the second half culminated in a 12-yard touchdown pass from Mark Catlin to Mike Koster, giving the Red Arrows a 21-0 advantage.

Four minutes later, Catlin capped a 61-yard drive with a 14-yard touchdown scamper over the left side for a 28-0 Lowell lead.

It built to 35-0, with less than 30 seconds to play in the third



Ranger quarterback Riley Torchetti gets hit as he releases a pass. Lowell's defense held Central to 17 yards passing.

quarter, on a 25-yard scoring strike from Catlin to J.J. Wilder.

The Lowell senior quarterback was six-of-eight for 74 yards and two touchdowns through the air in the third quarter.

"Catlin is just too darn good," White said

Central's only score came midway through the fourth quarter on a 10-yard touchdown run by Tom Stead.

Lowell, now 4-1, 3-1, travels to Zeeland Friday night to play the Chix.

To All of Brett Taylor's Family & Friends,

We want to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, flowers, hugs, plants, trees, ice (Lowell Beer Store), the lilac bush (Sissons), tons of food, cards, soda, notes, words, the use of LA Rental's tents, tables, chairs, chafing dishes - you guys made me cry a much needed happy cry (Rent from them, you guys, they are the best!), for the huge candle which is a reminder of Brett's life (Viau's), books, donations to the high school, newspaper articles, Lowell Student Council - wow! You guys were great! Lowell High School for everything, the bus garage for bringing a tree, Jer loved it, the Lowell High School Band which helped Brett become the drummer he was, Jeremy for adding cool drum lines that the kids actually like to play and for always being there for them.

We want to thank Kip for mowing the grass, Charlie, Kenny and Mark for working around here until they were exhausted, Alto Elementary for everything, Lowell High School, Lowell Middle School, Cherry Creek Elementary teachers - he loved 5th grade! For all of the prayers for Paul (the other driver) who is still in the hospital, Tots on Track for the excellent books which helped Jer and Corrina talk about their feelings, Cathy and Rhonda for changing Corrina (Yuck!), for the Victim Services Team - a volunteer service, amazing people! For the Kent County Sheriff's Department, Aero Med for taking care of Paul, Joanne Childs for making not one but 10 cakes and decorating them all. She has done so much for us every day I can't even begin to explain!

We would like to thank Lifetouch for printing Brett's school pictures even though he didn't order them and for the CD. We'd like to thank Meijer Photo for all of the developing they've been doing.

The music bracelet and pin, the awesome picture frame, the drawing of Brett, the Brett pins, the freezer full of frozen food (Lori), the last piece of gum (Eric), the music played and shared, for whoever left us a wonderful black and white cat on Saturday, teddy bears and teddy dogs, pictures, drawings, for The Design Forum (John's work), The Outback (Brandon's work), The Applewood Family Medical Center (Dena's work), Go Dealer Group (Bill's work), for understanding all of the phone calls and being supportive, for BF Goodrich for the beautiful tree, cash and support, for the Huntington Bank tellers for their kindness.

We are thankful for being able to connect with Keith's family, for them coming over, for the awesome tree that they gave us and the awesome drum kit clock, the use of your trash cans and coolers, for Grandpa Tom for allowing me to ramble on the phone to him and for planting a Brett tree in his yard, for my sister Dena who loves our kids like her own, for all of our friends and family who are embarking on this journey with us, to my old friend Penny and her daughter Melissa for cleaning my house.

We want to thank the 600+ people who came to the Celebration of Brett's Life at our home. We'd like to thank Dan Miller for the wonderful tree and for burying Brett's drumsticks under it. We want to thank everyone for sitting with us at the fire pit, wearing Brett's pins, having enough courage to stand up on the stage with a microphone and share your memories (I hope you kids didn't get grounded for that!).

We are thankful to Terry for bringing Brett's bass drum down to the football field with a blue balloon tied to it, to all the kids who dyed their hair blue in memory of Brett, giving little pieces of yourself to Brett throughout the year to help him become the person he was, the spaghetti, the chicken broccoli casserole, plenty of brownies much to Corrina's delight! And for being there for us and for each other in his life and in his death.

We are thankful for our brother Mark who flew in from California, for our brother Jack and sister-in-law Terry for driving up from Florida, for our sister Betsi and brother-in-law Terry for days spent planting trees and tons of plants, for all the kids who made a pact that they will be Brandon's little brother now, for sharing your stories about Brett so we can get to know him even better and for always taking the time to make Jer and Corrina feel like they are in with the teens.

We are thankful to the Raymors for taking Brett on vacations with you and always being there for him. We are thankful for the Miller's for buying a drum kit so when Brett comes to your house he doesn't have to bring his drums. We are thankful for my old friend Oly for not bringing a keg, for all the parents who gave Brett the added boost of having many moms and dads, all of the phone calls, for taking Jer and Corrina to your house to play so I could experience being alone (Brenda).

We want to thank Renee for spending days with two grieving parents when you could have been at school or with your friends. We'd like to thank the teenagers who got together and are ordering T-shirts for our family with Brett and Keith's picture on them. Your kids are so cool!

We are thankful for all of the teenagers who wrote so many notes, who camped out in our yard, who invited us to sit at Keith's grave with them, who paid for many, many pizzas and flowers with their own money, who stopped by to see if we are okay when they are hurting as bad as we are, who are there for each other, who have a little of Brett in each of them, and to their parents for raising such cool kids who care so deeply, and for sharing them with us, wow, you guys are awesome!

We are so happy to live in Lowell, what a loving, sharing, caring community. We are so happy for all of our old friends and all of our new friends and our family. You guys are it! If I missed anyone or anything, I am sorry. We feel wrapped in love. Thanks so much. You all have made our journey without the physical Brett a little easier. He will always be a part of all of us. Shine on!

Jill, John, Bill, Liz, Brandon John, Brandon Micheal, Brenda, Jerry and Corrina
Forever Brett's family as you will be forever Brett's friends!
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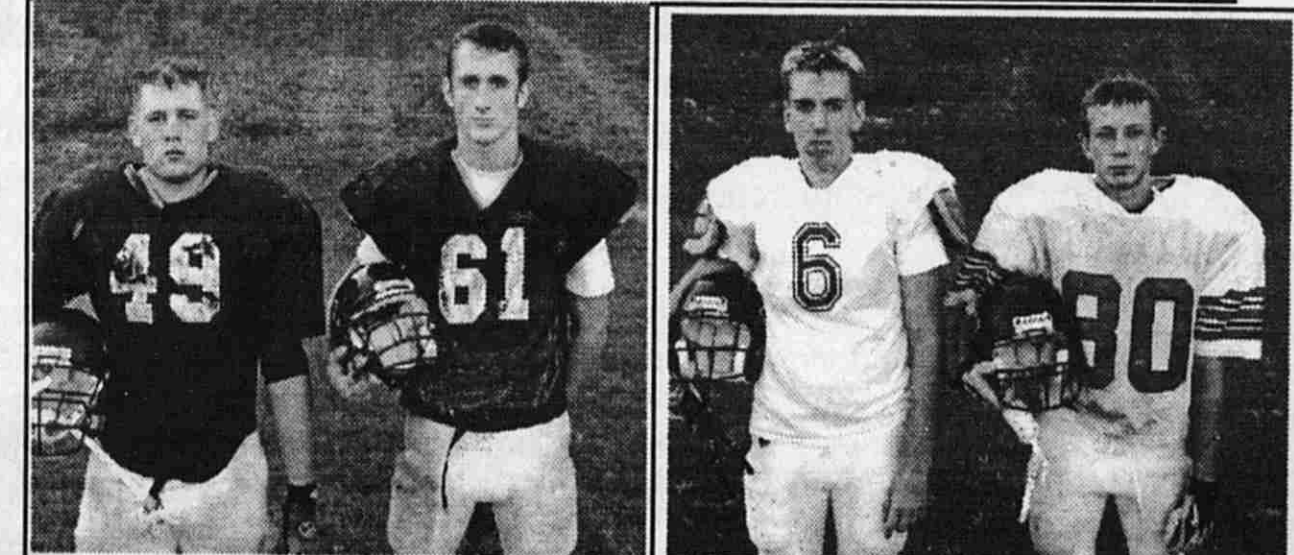
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Bryan White, outside linebacker;
J.J. Wilder, receiver

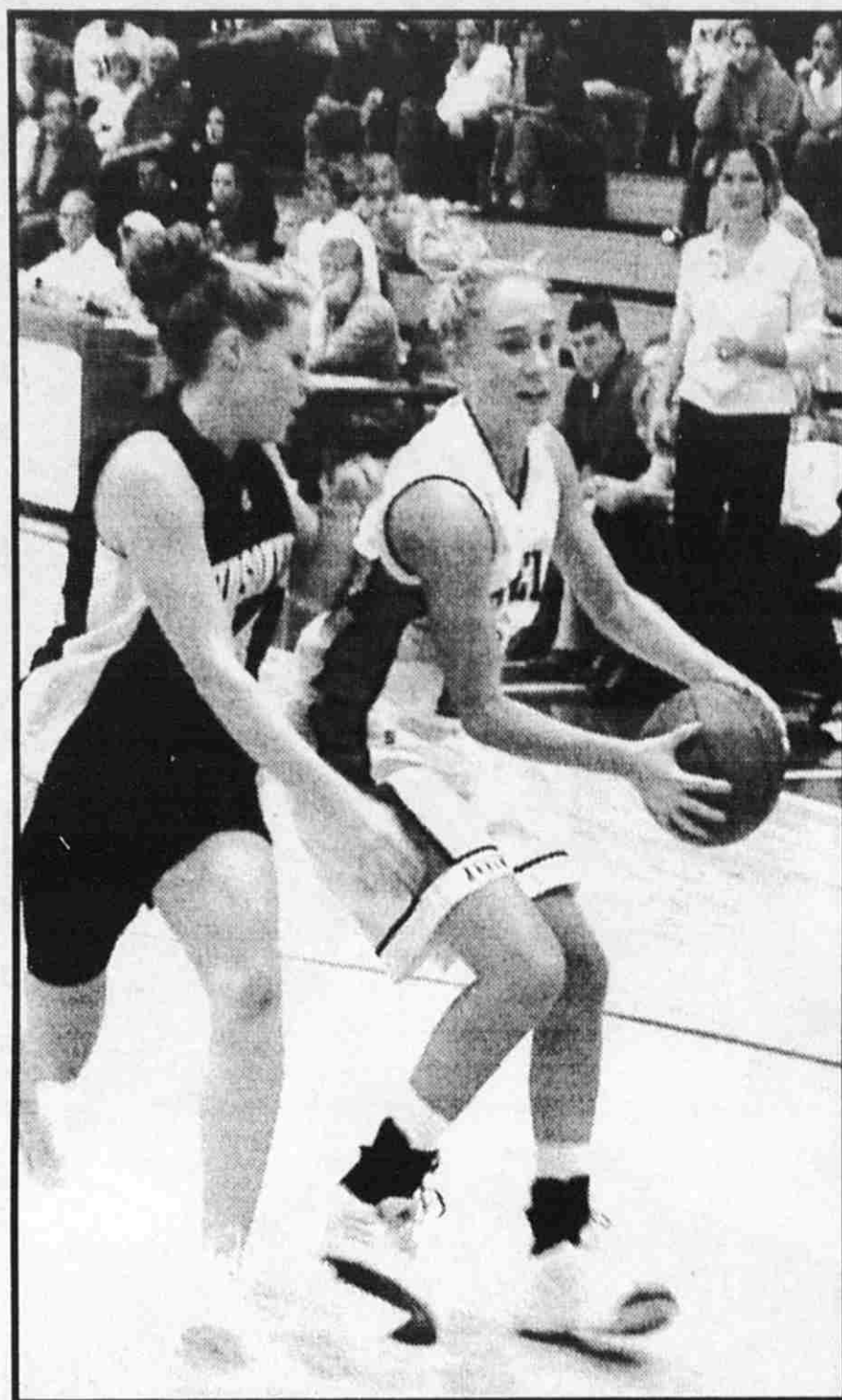
JUNIOR VARSITY (L to R)
Kyle Kaminski, middle linebacker;
Brian Janeschek, cornerback



FRESHMEN (L to R)
Phil Burton, center;
Stephen Kerr, outside linebacker
Ben Ritzema, cornerback

78er's (L to R)
Travis Hippy, tight end; red team
Mike Ford, cornerback; red team
Chris Ritz, tackle; black team

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Vallen VanZyll looks to pass in first half action against Hudsonville.

Chix nixed in strong Red Arrow effort

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Responsibility comes with being ranked number two in the state in Class A - that was the message Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley gave her club prior to its encounter with Zeeland.

"I told the girls that I didn't think we were deserving of that ranking because we hadn't put an entire game together yet and challenged them to do that against Zeeland," said Crowley.

Coming off a difficult and emotional week in which the entire LHS student body dealt with the deaths of schoolmates, Keith Krey and Brett Taylor, the Red Arrows found comfort in returning their focus to a positive in their lives (basketball).

Tuesday night, Lowell unexpectedly throttled Zeeland 52-18. On Thursday, the Red Arrows overpowered Hudsonville 59-29.

The wins improved Lowell's record to 11-0.

"Our defensive intensity, press, rebounding and getting to loose balls were all very good against Zeeland," said Crowley. "The girls were able to take advantage of Zeeland's weaknesses."

The Red Arrows led 16-5 after one quarter of play, and 35-

7 at halftime. Lowell outscored Zeeland 17-11 in the second half.

Lowell has been holding teams in the low 30's while scoring in the mid to upper 40's.

"Defense has been the most consistent part of our game," Crowley said.

Kendra Gallert and Vallen VanZyll led all Red Arrows with 12 points. Blair Meyer and Amy Oberlin each added eight points apiece.

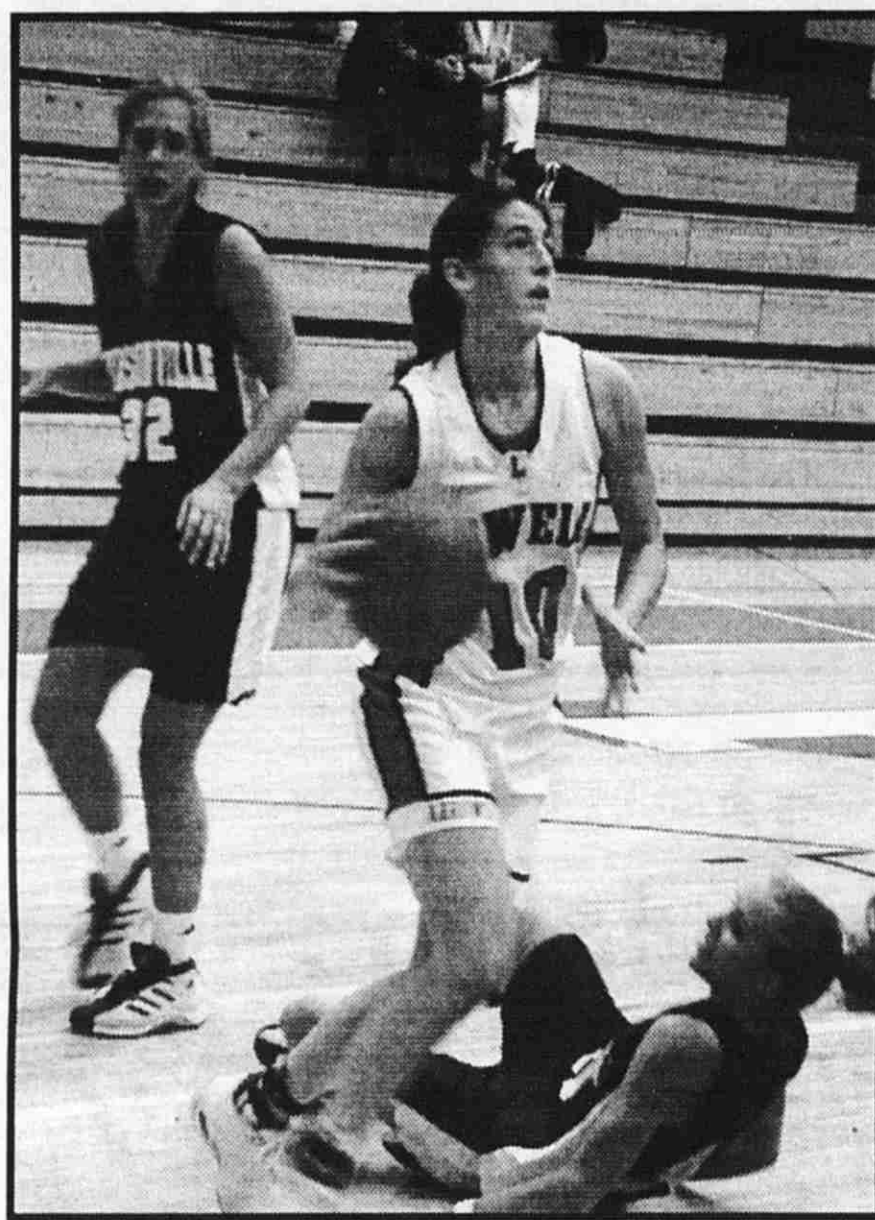
In its game against Hudsonville, Lowell started slowly but used its press to raise the level of intensity, and distance itself from the Eagles.

The Red Arrows led 15-9 after the opening eight minutes and then opened things up with a 20-6 run in the second quarter to take a 35-15 lead at the half.

"I wasn't real pleased with our defense in the first quarter. The girls, however, showed their domination in the second quarter," Crowley said.

Kendra Gallert and Becky Bosserd led the balanced attack with 14 points apiece. Amy Oberlin tallied nine and Vallen VanZyll netted eight points.

Lowell travels to Ionia on Thursday.



Becky Bosserd drives past her fallen defender.



Amy Oberlin puts up a short jumper in the lane over her Hudsonville defender.

Lowell's Punt, Pass & Kick winners...

Seven participants were crowned winners in their Lowell Football Touchdown Club's Gatorade: Punt Pass & Kick contest.

Lowell girls earning top honors in their age divisions were: Lindsey Karasiewicz, eight- & nine-year-old division; Chelsea Harrison, 12- & 13-year-old division; and Brittany

Bueche, 14- & 15-year-old division.

Lowell boys who won their divisions were: Elliot Drain, eight- & nine-year-old division; Josh Drake, 10- & 11-year-old division; Brandon Jahnke, 12- & 13-year-old division; and Tyler Meppelink, 14- & 15-year-old division.



Dis-Abel-ed Buck

For the fourth time in four years, Lowell resident Terry Abel got his buck during bow season. Abel, hunting near Pratt Lake and 52nd St., focused in on an eight point, 210 pound buck around 7 p.m. Sunday evening. The buck had a 19 3/4 inch spread.

Yellow jacket numbers peak as fall arrives

A picnic in the park or a backyard cookout can stop being fun when unexpected guests drop in -- especially if those guests are yellow jackets intent on getting a share of the food.

Yellow jackets are predators but will also scavenge any source of animal protein. In the late summer, they also acquire a sweet tooth, and they will flock to any outdoor eating event that features proteins or sweets.

Yellow jackets away from their nest are generally not very aggressive, but they will

defend themselves if they feel threatened. And once they've located a food source -- your plate, for instance -- it's hard to discourage them from homing in on it.

As summer is giving way to fall, conflicts between people and yellow jackets become more likely because people are outside enjoying the pleasant weather and yellow jacket numbers are at their annual peak. Each yellow jacket colony, which started out in the spring as a single mated female, may number in the dozens or even hundreds

of individuals. And every one of those nestmates will defend the nest against intruders. Freezing temperatures and lack of food will eventually eliminate all but the overwintering queens, but in the meantime, a yellow jacket nest is nothing to mess with.

In this part of the country, 99 percent of yellow jacket nests are underground. The best course is to leave it alone and let cold weather take care of it. If a nest is located where people's daily activities are likely to disturb it or if family members are allergic to stings,

painful and even dangerous confrontations may occur.

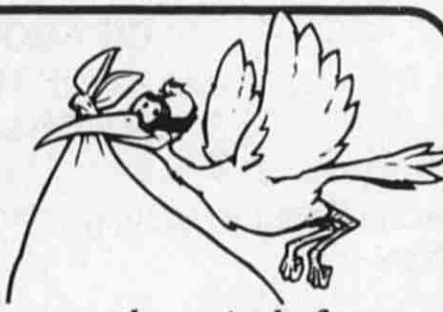
The safest way to control a wasp or yellow jacket nest is to dust the nest opening with Sevin garden dust. An empty plastic squeeze bottle of the sort that liquid dish soap comes in works well. Fill it about half full of dust, and do not add water. With the cap off, squeeze hard a couple of times to propel dust into the nest opening. (Dispose of the bottle after triple rinsing it outdoors and emptying the contents on your lawn or garden.) Wasp and hornet aerosol sprays are also effective if they reach the nest. The advantage of the Sevin dust is that the yellow jackets themselves track the poison into the nest. This is especially handy when the nest is located deep in an animal burrow or inside the wall of a house or other structure.

Some important points about attempting to control a wasp or yellow jacket nest: do it at night or very early in the morning, when the wasps aren't active, and never seal up the opening of an active nest on the outside of a house

-- this will force the wasps to chew their way into the interior of the home. And if you're

allergic to stings, get professional assistance in eliminating a nest -- the risk of a sting is too great.

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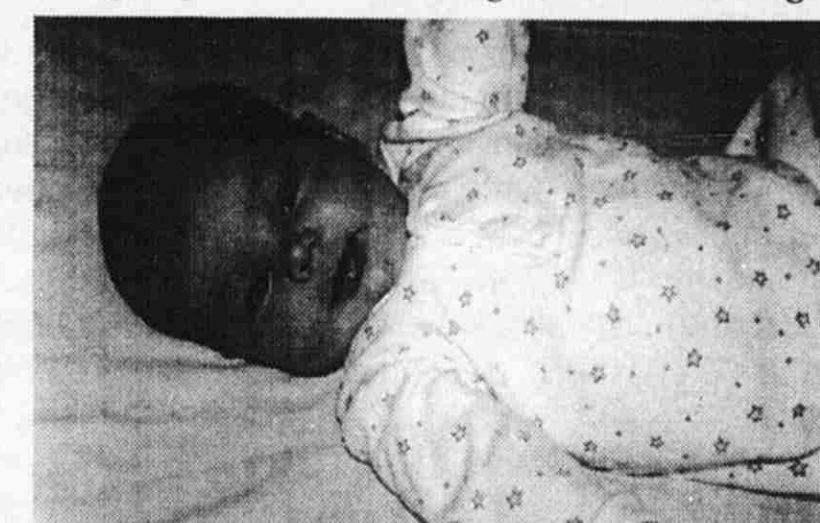


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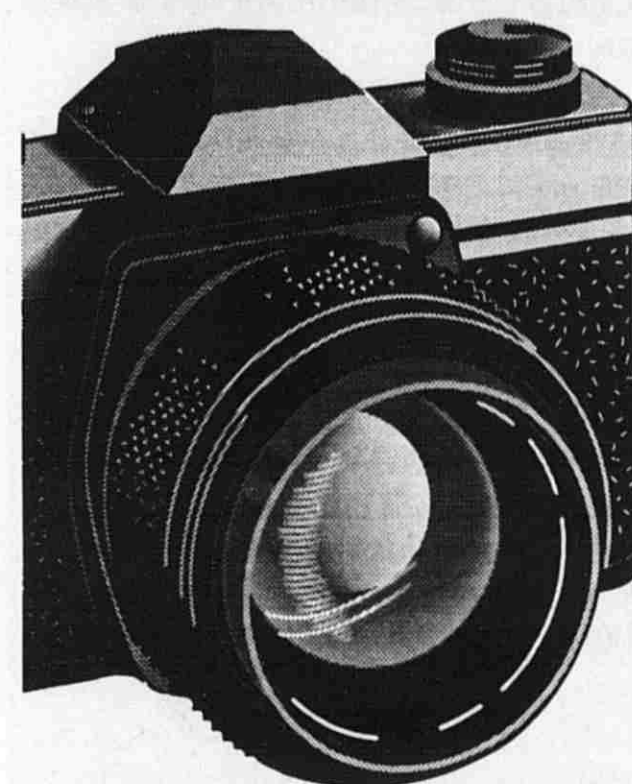
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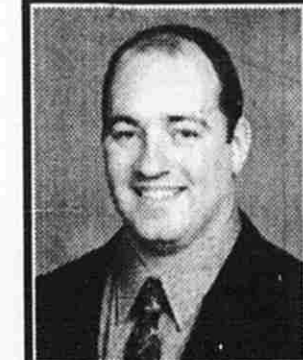
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PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2002.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.
Absent: Councilmember Blough.
Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Fire Chief Frank Martin, Planning Chairman Jim Hall, Planning Commissioner Alan Mathews and Police Officer James Hinton.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to excuse the absence of Councilmember Blough.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER that the minutes of the September 3, 2002 regular meeting be approved as corrected.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (09/16/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$109,473.66
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,453.67
LOCAL STREET FUND	926.84
DDA FUND	248.99
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	210,756.54
AIRPORT FUND	1,845.81
WASTEWATER FUND	21,418.23
WATER FUND	5,052.73
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,818.80
EQUIPMENT FUND	3,949.14
CURRENT TAX FUND	614,918.83

Item #1. AWARD OF BIDS - FIRE PUMPER TRUCK FINANCING. The Council had previously approved the purchase of a new fire pumper truck from Spencer Manufacturing, Inc. of South Haven at a cost of \$283,415. A \$100,000 grant was received from the Lowell Area Community Fund as well as \$40,015 from the City (Fire Truck Reserve Fund) and the two townships. The remaining \$143,400 was placed for bid for a three year installment purchase obligation.

On Friday, September 13, three bids from the following financial institutions were read:

• Greenville Community Bank	2.89%
• Fifth Third Bank	2.95%
• Ionia County National Bank	4.68%

After reviewing these bids, City Attorney Richard Wendt and City Manager Pasquale recommended the installation purchase agreement for the pumper be awarded to Greenville Community Bank.

An additional \$1,103 for miscellaneous changes to the truck would be divided equally amongst the three jurisdictions outside of the lease purchase contract. Mayor Shores confirmed the \$143,400 would be split three ways between the City and Lowell and Vergennes Townships. City Manager Pasquale responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to accept the financing package from Greenville Community Bank for the three year lease purchase of a fire pumper in the amount of \$143,400 at a 2.89% interest rate.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers asked if Fire Chief Frank Martin had reviewed the miscellaneous charges from Spencer Manufacturing. Pasquale responded yes.

Item #2. ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSALS - NORTH HUDSON - FOREMAN SIDEWALK AND UNDERDRAIN STUDY. Earlier this year (January 21), the City approved an allocation from the Federal Community Development Block Grant of \$30,000 to install sidewalk on the westside of North Hudson Street from West Main to the north City Limits, replacing 474 lineal feet of inadequate walk and constructing 765 lineal feet of new sidewalk. Further, 288 lineal feet of walk on the southside of Foreman from North Hudson to Lincoln Lake was proposed.

The following proposals for engineering services for the design and construction phases of the project:

	Design	Construction	Total
• Williams and Works	\$3,500.	\$2,700.	\$6,400.
		Materials testing	
		\$200.	
• Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc.	\$7,300.	\$6,280.	\$13,580.

In reviewing the proposals with engineer Dave Austin, it was noted that Williams and Works has completed some surveying in the area. This helps greatly in terms of cost.

Since both firms have provided excellent service, DPW Director Dan DesJarden and City Manager Pasquale recommended the sidewalk engineering services contract be awarded to Williams and Works at a fee of \$6,400 allocated from the Sidewalks Activity Account of the General Fund, based on lowest cost.

Councilmember Myers asked if the cost of construction inspection was based on 24 hours or less. Austin explained it is always assumed the City is needing a certain amount of hours to base its price. It is more or less dependent on the City's direction as to when the company will be inspecting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to accept the engineering services proposal from Williams and Works for \$6,400 for the North Hudson - Foreman Sidewalk.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Also, a request for proposals was submitted to engineering firms to investigate the need for an underdrain in the Valley Vista area near Creekside Park.

The following proposals were received:

• Williams and Works	\$3,900.
• Tetra Tech MPS	\$5,000.
• Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc.	\$7,100.

Again, each firm has provided excellent previous service. DPW Director DesJarden and City Manager Pasquale recommend Williams and Works be awarded the underdrain study contract at a fee of \$3,900 based on lowest cost, allocated from the Professional Services activity account of the General Fund.

Pasquale stated Williams and Works would be discussing the issue with the affected neighborhood.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to approve the engineering proposal from Williams and Works in the amount of \$3,900 to provide an investigation for the need of an underdrain in the Valley Vista area near Creekside Park.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. PURCHASE OF SECOND POLICE CRUISER. At its August 5, 2002 meeting, the Council approved the purchase of a 2003 Impala (Police Package) from Berger

Chevrolet at an annual three year lease cost of \$6,639.87 (principal \$18,950) after competitive bids were received. A second cruiser is still needed, since none was purchased last year.

Berger has provided the City to purchase a second Impala at the same cost. Police Chief Jim Valentine has stated the cost can be offset by selling the white semi-marked vehicle. Also, a replacement engine for the 1996 cars could be sold.

Therefore, City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council approve the purchase of a second police cruiser from Berger Chevrolet at a lease cost of \$6,639.87 per year for three years.

Valentine stated this would be the second 1996 car, which will be replaced. Currently, the department is in the last year of a lease program on the 2001 Chevy Impala.

The car being replaced has 186,000 miles on it. The last car to replace has approximately 130,000 miles on it. It is still in good shape.
As noted to the Council, the department has a spare motor, which is very valuable.

Councilmember Myers inquired if there would be a bid process. Valentine explained this is a continuing process. The bid was awarded in August.

Myers asked if the reduction in interest rates could offset the increase in the cost of the vehicles. Valentine responded there would be approximately \$1000 difference in finance cost over a period of three years. Valentine stated all bids were based on the dealerships setting the price for a lease purchase. At the end of a lease, the department owns the vehicle for a payment of \$1.00. This is the difference between receiving two cars for a payment of \$14,000 a year versus \$19,000 for one vehicle.

Myers inquired regarding the value of the cars to be disposed. Valentine estimated the car with approximately 130,000 miles could sell between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The other vehicle is currently not running. It is a question of spending money to repair the transmission. This car has a high number of miles. Valentine was unsure of what the department could receive for a stand-alone engine.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired about the semi marked police cruiser. Valentine explained the vehicle does not have overhead lights, but instead dash lights and flashing headlights. He noted this vehicle would be replaced last.

Valentine stated the department has four cars. One vehicle is parked for a month and the others are rotated through the department shifts. This help keep mileage low.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the cost of \$6,639.87 for the three year lease from Berger Chevrolet of a 2003 Impala new police cruiser.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated since the last meeting there has been one report of a sewer problem. After investigating, it was found to be an internal problem inside the building.

Due to the changes in the State legislation, DesJarden proposed a continuous sanitary sewer maintenance program. The program would consist of cleaning the sewer mains and televising every main within the City. A three-year contract would allow the City's system to be cleaned entirely. This would involve one-third of the system being cleaned for the next three years.

While investigating this, DesJarden contacted several cities to find out how their maintenance programs have operated. The city of Hart is under a three-year contract and is completing one-third of their system each year. Approximately \$20,000 is budgeted for the year. Ada Township is also under a similar three year contract with \$40,000 budgeted a year. The city of Cedar Springs

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provides an on-call service. Their last cleaning was \$10,000 per year. The city of Belding has their own jettors and cameras and are also on an on call service. Belding budgets between \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year.

DesJarden also contacted three other sanitary sewer cleaning companies to inquire about prices for televising and jetting of the line. The following prices were received:

	Per Ft.
• Pollution Control Services (PCS)	
Cleaning	.75
Televising	.43
	\$ 1.18

• Plumbers Environmental Services	
Cleaning	.70
Televising	.50
	\$ 1.25

• Ryan's Sewer Cleaning	
Cleaning	.70
Televising	.60
	\$ 1.30

A three-year contract would allow for one-third of the system to be done per year. The first time through will be the most expensive because every single line will be televised. After this, it would be just cleaning the system. For 30,000 feet per year of televising and cleaning, the cost is estimated to be \$35,400.00 per year. The total does not allow for any repairs. DesJarden wishes to have \$40,000 to \$45,000 per year for this program.

The current budget would allow \$27,000 for the program to begin immediately.

DesJarden requested the Council approve the price of \$1.18 from PCS to start cleaning the sewer mains and utilize the \$27,000 from this year's budget.

Councilmember Brubaker explained much of this has developed from previous Council meetings where issues have been raised concerning the sewer backups. A meeting was held with residents where concerns and questions were raised. After the meeting, Brubaker and DesJarden met to discuss what steps could be taken to ensure the system is functioning as well as possible. The proposal is to start on the west end of town, then clean and televise all lines. If a line is broken, it will be fixed. The company will continue the service until the budgeted amount is reached for the current year. Hopefully, this would allow the City to get through one-third of its sewer mains. It will be less expensive in year "four," when the City begins the process all over again.

There was also some discussion about a possible rate study. Pasquale noted the project could be done within the current budget.

Brubaker explained a second idea involves the installation of a back flow preventer if a residence has had, for instance, two backups within a three-year period of time. The City could pay or help defray the cost of inserting a back flow preventer which would protect an individual from additional backups.

The other place where an issue may arise is whether the laterals are actually coming in flat.

Pasquale asked if additional work could be done to further investigate the lateral. DesJarden responded yes, the grade could be examined along with possible blueprints to find out the height of where the sewer lateral is connected. The City could also go into the home and measure the lowest point of the sewer going out and then figure what grade it is flowing in.

Myers questioned why the televising is not done the second time around. DesJarden explained once a pipe is televised, it could be determined if a joint or grouting repair is needed. It would also determine if ground water is infiltrating into the system. By televising the lines once, this gives the City data to compare, if there happens to be another sewer backup.

Councilmember Pfaller questioned what advantage there was to contracting as opposed to purchasing the equipment. DesJarden responded there are a number of advantages. The truck would cost approximately \$200,000. There would be personnel to train and some-

one needed to operate the truck. The sludge would also have to be hauled off site, rather than proceeding to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Cameras cost approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 plus additional personnel.

Shores inquired if the laterals going into individual houses would also be viewed. DesJarden responded the cameras have tilted heads, which would allow examining into the sewer laterals.

Brubaker asked if the cameras could indicate which laterals are flat and which need further investigation. DesJarden responded he would be interested in laterals coming at a straight angle.

Brubaker asked the Council to consider program ideas for the installation of backflow preventors. If it turns out to be what the City wants to do, he suggested City Attorney Richard Wendt draft an amendment to the sewer ordinance.

Brubaker noted Canfield Plumbing submitted an estimate of approximately \$500 to \$700 for the installation of a backflow preventor.

Pfaller inquired where the funds would be allocated. Brubaker was unsure. It would be difficult to budget because it is questionable how often these problems will arise. Pfaller suggested Brubaker prepare a projected cost of the program.

Pfaller was afraid the televising would take the entire budget, leaving no money to repair such items as a broken manhole.

DesJarden inquired if the Council would be more at ease if he requested for \$20,000 to start the project. Shores believed there should be some remaining funds.

Myers questioned how long it would take using \$20,000 a year. DesJarden responded five to six years.

Shores stated the City did not install the lateral lines and questioned if the City should pay for the entire expense. Brubaker stated the laterals were installed by the developer. However, he believed it would save the residents and the City much aggravation if these backflow preventors were installed. Shores believed this should be a cost/share program.

Pfaller asked if the City would be open to any liability once a check valve is installed. He suggested Wendt review the issue. Brubaker did not believe the City would be open to any liability, unless the check valves are improperly installed. He noted the valves need to be properly maintained by the homeowner.

A suggestion was made to require a back flow preventor on all new construction.

Marilyn Branham of 280 Roberta Jayne questioned if the correction of the slope rather than the installation of a back flow preventor would cause a problem with the City's line where it joins. DesJarden responded this could be completed depending upon where the plumbing is and the lowest point.

Brubaker suggested the Council approve \$20,000, so DesJarden can begin the project. He requested the cost of a backflow prevention program be investigated and brought to the next meeting.

Pasquale noted the City Attorney would provide an opinion on any liability issues.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to spend \$20,000 to start the televising and inspecting of the laterals. The investigation of the back flow preventors would also be included.

Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley requested the group of citizens present step outside for discussion pertaining to DesJarden's proposal.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Pfaller wanted to know how much of a sewer rate increase would be needed to meet a budgeted amount of \$45,000 this year. There can then be a reduction in

sewer rates the following year if the funds are in the budget.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to accept the bid of \$1.18 from Pollution Control Services, contingent upon the price not increasing.

Myers questioned if the bid was on 90,000 lineal feet and would it stay the same over the time frame it takes to complete the project. DesJarden stated the price could possibly go up. However, he asked for a three-year commitment.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. REQUEST FROM SUNDRY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING TO DISCUSS SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR THE PHILLIPS PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. Sundry Development representative Les Cole was present to discuss the proposed housing development off Grindle. He wanted to revisit the sanitary sewer and water main waiver. Aaron Catlin of Fleis and Vandenbrink was present, along with Attorney Bill Bowie.

Catlin stated on June 10, 2002 the Planning Commission recommended to grant a waiver to extend water and sewer into this site. The waiver was to not require the extension of public utilities based upon the shape, natural features and distance from the site to the existing utilities. At a subsequent Council meeting on June 17, 2002, a motion was made to grant the waiver, which was denied. The requirements at the time were based on the preliminary fact that sewer was within 1320 feet from the site. A subsequent measurement verified it was 1500 feet away. Since then, the City has explored the possibility of extending public sewer on James approximately 255 feet at the City's expense in order to retroactively make the requirement for sewer extension apply to this particular project.

The City has retained the services of a consulting engineer through a cost estimate of this extension. The cost has been estimated to be \$37,500. This calculates to about \$147 a foot based upon total deliver cost of the utility extension. This includes restoration of pavement, lawns, and six sanitary sewer leads.

Based upon the unit price, this scenario was reviewed with City staff. Sundry numbers were reviewed for estimating the cost for sewer to the site. The cost of the sewer to the site is not a specific requirement for the City to review because it does currently exist beyond 1320 feet from the site. It was felt to be irrelevant to the discussion. In order to bring sewer to the site, James Street with \$107,000 worth of cost. On Grindle Street there needs to be a gravity sewer force main and a lift station to bring it up the hill and then down again. There may also be the need for an additional third lift station to service this particular development of nine homes. Currently, they are anticipating the lift station on Grindle Street location to be determined based upon engineering studies and then on the project having 380 feet of gravity sewer, 850 feet of forced main and an additional lift station. The grand total for just sewer is \$144,000 and on James and Grindle totalling \$307,000. Additionally, a water main was required and in order to extend the flag lot, 1250 feet of water main needs to be installed to service nine residential homes. The total comes to approximately \$500,000 to service nine homes which are being developed consistent with the spirit of the SR zoning. This calculates to be about \$57,000 per lot. This is an impossibility for the developer.

Based upon this, Catlin reviewed their issues and considerations which the Council should consider:

• Closest sewer is currently beyond 1320 feet which is stipulated in the ordinance.

• The estimated cost to have sewer is \$147 per foot. This is expensive.

• The installation benefits other property owners along the way eventually. Some of these property owners may argue this does not benefit them, especially if they are having no problems with their septic system.

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• The City would receive revenues from the users with no payback to the developer at this point.

• The SR zoning sets the lot size and density disproportionate to the cost of public utilities.

• It renders the site virtually useless to the property owner in a sense that they cannot develop with a dense enough lot split.

• The pre-existing flag shape lot was not part of the client's doing. Sundry Development is requesting a waiver to extend water and sewer to the site.

Councilmember Myers questioned the part of the site that would allow for a variance, which would flow the water and sewer into the next development. He did not believe this was to service just these nine lots. Sundry Representative Kevin Rude stated during the initial plan when Sundry was requesting the rezoning application, their intention was to consider this as a combination of both pieces of land. However, based upon public opinion of not wanting dual entranceways and a few other issues, they decided to segregate the two projects. The intention on the southern piece was to independently deal with the northern piece as a buffer or a transitional zone. A layout was provided and approved, and then sewer and water were mandated.

Attorney Bill Bowie stated in this particular situation there are a very small number of lots. Normally, it takes many lots to pay for the sewer extension. Sundry would be able to support the southern piece. However, the sewer is coming off of High Street, which is a totally different direction. The northern part beyond this area is already developing up to the City border lines.

Shores stated she personally would like to have sewer and water go into a new development. Myers asked if there is any further development in this direction which could benefit from water and sewer. Pasquale stated there are some homes on individual lots.

Myers said he goes back to his original thought of the looping process, which would make it a little more cost effective.

Myers mentioned this is the first time he has been exposed to these numbers. He did not feel comfortable moving on the issue tonight. Myers did not believe the City should use utility requirements to eliminate development.

Pfaller felt either the City does or does not have a water and sewer requirement. Brubaker agreed with Myers concerning an independent review of some of the numbers given tonight. He was not ready to make a decision until this is done.

By general consensus, the issue was tabled until the October 7, 2002 meeting. Pasquale recommended Dave Austin of Williams and Works review the numbers. Council agreed.

Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers referred to the report from the Airport Board. The minutes indicate there are sixteen students in training with three additional students enrolling in the flight school. He thought it was also interesting to note there was a request for a model rocket club to use the airport for launching. However, it was determined this was not feasible. He also mentioned a new entrance sign was discussed. It was determined SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation Technology) would provide the foundation and base while the City would pay for the sign with revenues received from the Airport Fund.

Councilmember Brubaker stated the City Manager's Activity Report has several entries regarding economic development strategies with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. He asked if any plans had been developed. Pasquale explained he met with several Lowell business leaders. There was discussion concerning how to market property in Lowell. The group is reviewing the idea of inviting representatives from the Right Place Program and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to the next meeting to develop more definitive strategies and utilizing them. This is an initial step. Brubaker believed it was very important to seek industries to come into the community.

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Dan Duram of 1450 Carol Lynne Drive questioned what the Council would think if he came to their home and let a garden hose run into the basement. He believed this is essentially what the City is doing to him. Duram asked why the City has not turned the sprinkler system off in the park. He believed this system is causing water to run into his basement. Duram requested each Councilmember comment on the issue.

Mayor Shores stated the problem is being addressed with an underground study. The Councilmembers agreed with the statement made by the Mayor.

City Manager Pasquale stated an engineer has indicated the sprinkler system is not the cause of water in Duram's basement. Alan Hull of 1401 Donna Dr. commended the Council on the subject of trying to bring jobs into the City. He also commended DesJarden for his forward movement in taking care of the sewer problem. Hull noted the citizens have decided no additional worksession meetings would be held without being recorded and aired on television. Hull also said he is still waiting for minutes from the last meeting.

Peter VanderHorst of 920 Beech applauded the Council on trying to solve the issues toward the sewer problem. However, there are still some issues which need to be discussed at future meetings. Denise Southland of 757 Hunt Street stated she has had five sewer backups within the past four years.

Marilyn Branham of 280 Roberta Jayne commended DesJarden with his efforts. She asked what would happen if problems develop in an area where it has been inspected before. She also asked what would occur if the entire system is not inspected because there is no more money due to problems found. Shores responded the City can only do what it has the funds to do, unless there is a rate increase. Once the project is started, there will be more knowledge of what may happen.

Dennis Kent of 1700 Faith stated he has not had a sewer backup. He believed what was proposed tonight is a good start and will help prevent future problems. For those who have had backups, he hopes they will be compensated properly.

Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley was pleased with the suggestion brought forth by DesJarden. There are still some restitution issues which need to be resolved. She noted a representative from a law firm was present. He has been advising the citizens on issues involving Public Act 222. She spoke with him concerning the individuals elected to represent the citizens of Lowell. Johnston questioned why the Council is fighting with individuals they represent.

Alan Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive stated the Newell Building is being cleaned up. He also referred to the sewer backups. Mathews questioned how good the laterals were put in. The material underneath could have settled or dropped away. He wanted the Council to consider splitting the cost with the homeowner on the backup valve.

Mathews also referred to Sundry Development and the discussion of the Phillips property. He has some concerns with the Phillips property, including a natural drain, which flows through from Fun Street. It is currently about twelve feet full of fill with no pipe in it. After discussing the issue with DesJarden, he is ready to call the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality). There is also a location within the low spot where the natural water flows from Fun Street down to M21 and across to the river with buried stumps. There also appears to be a small diesel fuel leak. Approximately ten gallons leaked over the weekend. Mathews believed this was contamination and asked if the City regulates such issues.

Traci Mullins of 901 Grindle stated she is selling everything. She still has her easement and five acres.

Virginia Heydenburg of 280 Valley Vista Drive was present concerning the way Valley Vista has been restructured since it was resurfaced. It appeared there was much fill taken out. There is a slant on Valley Vista to Donna and a rise when crossing Sibley to get to the light. Also, it seemed many individuals are hitting the tail pipes on their cars when entering driveways. Heydenburg also be-

lieved many travel at a high rate of speed and questioned if a speed bump could be installed.

Heydenburg questioned when someone would be back to fix her lawn. Shores believed Heydenburg would have a better looking lawn in the Spring.

Dave Austin of Williams and Works responded to the restoration of the job. There was very little precipitation this summer making it difficult for grass to grow. The contractor will not be back in this regard. He recommended the issue be reviewed in the Spring at which time an offer can be made for new top soil and grass seed. Austin stated the valve boxes have been adjusted. He would have to review the manholes.

Austin referred to the steepness of the drive. He said there was very little grade change either up or down the entire road. It was basically a replacement with no widening. He did a visual drive the other day. Austin was unsure if any driveways had changed significantly. He noted he would go out and look at individual cases.

Police Chief Valentine commented on speed bumps. There are some public streets in Grand Rapids which have installed speed bumps. However, a speed bump could then cause snow removal issues along with safety and vehicle damage issues. He suggested the presence of additional police staff. Valentine stated he will also try to target the area concerning loud music.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Michigan Municipal League Conference last week in Dearborn.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired if the Bowes Road project was complete. Pfaller believed the finishing of the project was an embarrassment to the City and wanted the contractor noted. Pfaller also felt future projects similar to this need an end date. Austin stated the initial part was done quickly, while the restoration was not. Austin stated he will make a point to review this with the contractor.

Councilmember Brubaker was grateful to have attended the Michigan Municipal League Conference. One issue presented involved Public Act PA 48 of 2002 which has to do with TeleComm fees. An individual there mentioned all the tasks needing to be done by November 2002 in order to qualify for the funds. After researching on the internet, Brubaker determined Lowell would qualify for \$13,000 to \$15,000. He wanted City Attorney Richard Wendt to confirm if November 1, 2002 was the deadline. Brubaker noted it is called the Michigan Telecommunications Law.

Mayor Shores also attended the MML Convention. It was very informative.

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:
1. The following meeting minutes were provided:
• Airport Board meeting of August 6, 2002.

2. The September 8 Toy Run gathered 609 motorcycles at the Fairgrounds bringing \$950 in donations, tons of toys and two large boxes of toys donated after the run.

3. The archeological study was required for the M-21 curb and gutter project. The study showed no cultural material found.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores received a letter of interest from Jim Hodges (422 N. Jefferson) to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

By general consensus, the City Council agreed to appoint Jim Hodges to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term expiring January 1, 2003 replacing John Curtis who previously resigned.

Shores also noted Todd Wood had presented a plan of action to her concerning the bus shelters. He named a City which has built these shelters. Shores noted she would contact the City to find out how this was handled.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, October 7, 2002
C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
Betsy R. Morlock, Clerk



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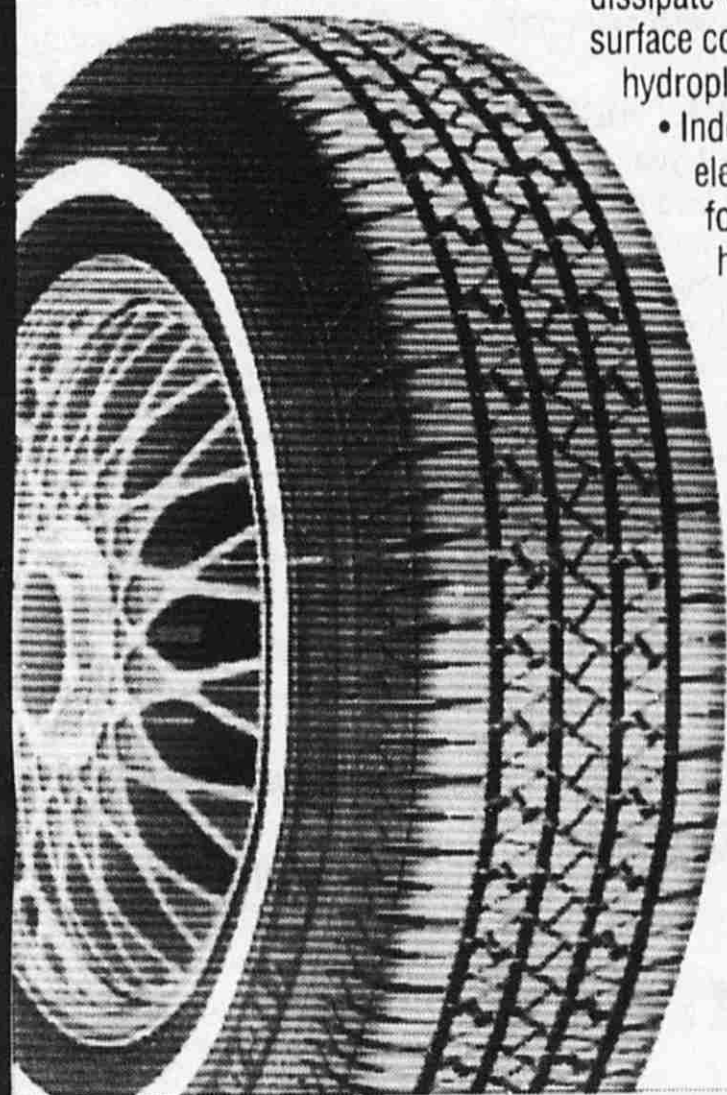
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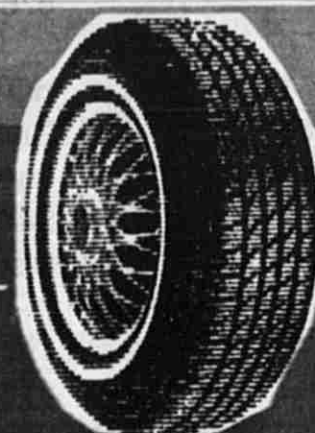
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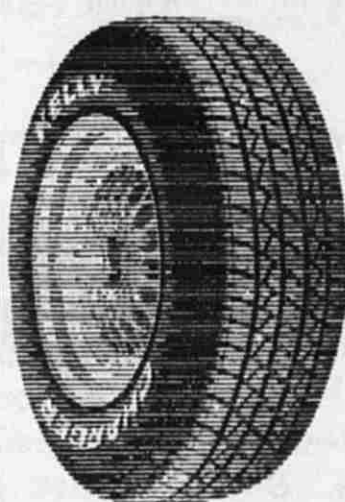
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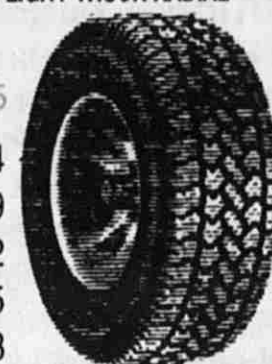
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