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Miller and school board agree on three-year contract

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Shari Jo Miller was offered and accepted the position of Lowell superintendent on Monday, Sept. 23.

Four weeks later, the Lowell School Board and its new superintendent agreed to the terms of a contract.

Lowell's school board approved a three-year deal worth \$120,000 a year at the October board meeting Monday night.

Lowell assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, Connie Gillette said



Lowell's new superintendent, Shari Jo Miller

the structure of the contract is similar to that of former superintendent, Bert Bleke.

The board will provide Miller with an annual evaluation. Miller has the option of requesting more than one evaluation a year.

As deputy superintendent for instruction and operations with the Lansing School District, Miller's responsibilities included curriculum, education, human resources, media services, student services, daily operations, magnet schools, and career preparation.

Miller said she will work toward providing excellence for the learning and teaching of all students. "I want to find opportunity for all students to excel," she said. "In education, one size doesn't fit all. There needs to be a balanced literacy model."

Miller attained her bachelor of arts degree in Spanish with a minor in English from Indiana University.

She earned her master of science degree in education from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Ind.

LL&P to maintain its competitive edge in rates despite increase

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Light & Power customers will incur a 5.8 percent overall rate increase beginning Oct. 17.

This is an average rate increase for the number of different customer types and classes.

"Some may be higher than that and some may be lower, but the average is 5.8," said Lowell Light & Power general manager, Tom Richards.

LL&P anticipates that a 5.5 percent increase will also be needed in each of the next two years. Those increases will be reviewed each year and could be less or more than the 5.5 percent.

The three-year projected increase is 16.8 percent. The increase is needed to ensure rates will collect sufficient revenues for the utility to remain financially stable.

Even with the average increase of 5.8 percent this year, and with the mandated five percent reduction in Consumers Energy's rates, LL&P still maintains a competitive edge in rates, according to Richards.

"It's our hope and goal to keep that competitive edge while providing reliable and dependable power," Richards explained.

The last LL&P rate increase came in 1999.

Power supply costs by season were reviewed and it was determined that it is desirable to implement seasonal rates that reflect the higher cost of energy during the peak usage months from June through September.

"This change will provide better cost/revenue matching and it will send the correct price signal to users who may adjust usage according to the seasonal cost of energy," Richards said.

The seasonal cost of service indicates the cost to provide electric services is approximately 12 percent greater during the summer season compared with average power costs for the year.

Lowell Light & Power is currently in the process of replacing its 40-year-old transmission delivery system and it is constructing a new main substation capable of meeting the projected power demands for the next 20 years or more.

The cost of these improvements is expected to exceed \$5 million with proceeds provided by a combination of internal cash and the issuance of revenue bonds.

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Harvest Celebration

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's second annual Harvest Celebration brought the community together for scarecrow building, arts and crafts, a harvesters luncheon, a chili cook-off and a blanket drive as well as a tour of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Over 50 area residents participated in the scarecrow building clinic at the Lowell Fairgrounds late Saturday morning and early afternoon. Scarecrow contest winners and more pictures are on page 10.

Sewer line maintenance program to commence on west side of town

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Valley Vista subdivision will receive the first phase of sewer line maintenance (televising and jetting of lines).

The tentative date for the start of the maintenance program is Monday, Oct. 21.

"Residents in the affected area will receive a notice prior to maintenance," said Lowell Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden.

Since the Sept. 23 Lowell City Council meeting, DesJarden reported there had been three sewer complaints. "All three were investigated and determined to be the homeowners' sewer lateral blockage," DesJarden stated.

Lowell's DPW was performing sewer maintenance (jetting of line) on Foreman Road at the time the sewer backups were reported. They came from three residents on Donna Street.

City personnel had the blockage taped, and determined there was a break in the sewer main pipe. The break

occurred one manhole north of the blockage that occurred on May 12.

DesJarden said he contacted Meadowbrook Insurance Agency to ask that it reconsider the claims of the

This, however, does not allow for any repairs. DesJarden said that would require \$40-\$45,000.

At its September meeting, the council approved

contracting Pollution Control Services (PCS) at \$1.18 per foot to start cleaning the sewer mains - this would utilize \$27,000 from this year's budget.

The program will start on the west side of town with the cleaning and televising of all lines. If a line is broken, it will be fixed. PCS will continue the service until the budgeted amount is reached for the current year. It should allow the city to get through one-third of its sewer mains.

Residents in the affected area will receive a notice prior to maintenance.

**Dan DesJarden,
Lowell Department of
Public Works Director**

May 12 backup. The information is being reviewed by the claims adjuster.

The DPW mailed 30 questionnaires to city residents that border Creekside Park on Jane Ellen, Faith, and Carol Lynne.

Dave Austin, of Williams & Works, after studying the responses, will meet with affected city residents to obtain additional information.

DesJarden estimates to televise and clean 30,000 feet per year, it will cost \$35,400.

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OBITUARIES

BURTLE-Clarence Edward (Howard) Briggs, Frances Burtle, aged 89, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2002. He is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Pauline; daughters Barbara

(Howard) Briggs, Frances (Donald) Dawson, Evelyn (DeVries) Benbow, Eleanor VanTol; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his brother-in-law

Aaron Easton of Bay City and sisters-in-law Jean Bishop and Dorothy Potter both of Lowell; plus several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Gordie Barry of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment

MATUK - Mr. Anthony J. Matuk, aged 62, of Kent City,

passed away unexpectedly Friday, October 11, 2002. Surviving are three children Troy of Kent City, Todd of Wyoming, and Tracy (Scott) Callaway of Osego; two precious granddaughters Rebecca and Brooke; one brother Phillip Matuk of Lowell; and a niece and a nephew. A funeral service was conducted Tuesday at Arslowicz Brothers Mortuary, West. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Contributions in Anthony's memory will be appreciated.

Protect your plants with winter mulch

When temperatures drop and the cold wind blows, we throw an extra blanket on the bed to keep us warm. If we think we're doing the same thing when we apply a winter mulch to garden and landscape plants, we may be doing the right thing for the wrong reason.

In most cases, the aim of a winter mulch is not to keep the ground from freezing but to keep it from alternately freezing and thawing. This can injure plant roots and push plants and bulbs right up out of the soil.

"Think of all those rocks that appear in plowed fields every spring," says Mary McLellan, Extension master gardener at Michigan State University. "They didn't drop in -- they were pushed up out of the soil by frost heaving." The exceptions are roses and strawberries.

In roses, the aim of winterizing -- covering the plants with soil and/or mulch or rose cones -- is to protect the graft union from freezing. The graft union is the place where the named variety, the flowering part, was grafted onto the rootstock, she explains. If that part isn't protected, the top part may be killed.

Though strawberries are vulnerable to frost heaving, they need a winter mulch to protect the flower buds that will become next year's fruit crop, she explains. Mulching protects the flower buds against temperatures below 15 degrees F.,

which can damage or kill them.

Mulch strawberries after plants stop growing, McLellan advises. Applying mulch before growth stops may smother the crowns. You need to apply mulch before temperatures drop below 20 degrees F., however.

As the name suggests, one of the best mulches for strawberries is straw. Other possibilities are chopped cornstalks, hay, corn cobs and bark chips. Grass clippings and leaves are not recommended because they tend to form thick, smothering mats. Each bale of straw should cover an area about 10 by 10 feet to a depth of 3 to 5 inches.

For perennial and bulb beds, chopped leaves and compost are good because they insulate the beds but plants can push up through them in the spring. Bark chips are often used around trees and shrubs.

A properly mulched tree has mulch over the root zone but not lapping up against the trunk, McLellan notes.

"Mulch piled around the trunk could provide cover for mice and enable them to gnaw on the bark and girdle the plant," she explains.

Strawberry plants need to be uncovered as soon as they begin growing in the spring. Rake the mulch between the rows, McLellan suggests, where it will be handy in case a freeze or frost warning makes it necessary to recover plants. After the danger of frost is past, it can be spread between rows for a summer mulch to help control weeds and slow the loss of moisture from the soil.

Mulches in flower beds and around landscape plants reduce the need to water and keeps lawn equipment at a distance. Injured bark on woody plants can give insects and disease organisms a place to invade, she points out.

"Mulching to retain soil moisture is especially important around newly planted ornamentals which tend to have limited root systems for the first year or two after plantings," she notes. "This makes them more susceptible to drought stress than established plants."

Thebes Players bring Steel Magnolias to Larkin's Other Place

Robert Harlings' "Steel Magnolias" will be showcased by the Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players at Larkin's Other Place.

Under the direction of Jim Marron, the LAAC will offer

both dinner and play Thursday, Oct. 24 thru Saturday Oct. 26 and Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 with the production beginning at 7 p.m.

The play will be co-produced by Debra Duiven and Anne Pasquale.

Community actors with roles in the play include Susan Veenema, Molly McGuire, Pasquale, Shannon

Combs, Sally McAlpine and Judy Wills.

A theatre production only of "Steel Magnolias" will be shown on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m.

Tickets to the theater production are \$8; dinner and a show cost \$23.

Discounts are available for LAAC members, students and seniors through the Lowell

Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545.

All performance dates are reserved seating only. "Steel Magnolias" is set Thebes, cont'd. pg. 6

Lowell FFA to be recognized as one of country's best

When the Lowell FFA chapter delegation attends the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 30 and 31, they will be recognized as one of the top 100 FFA chapters in the United States. This recognition is through the National Chapter

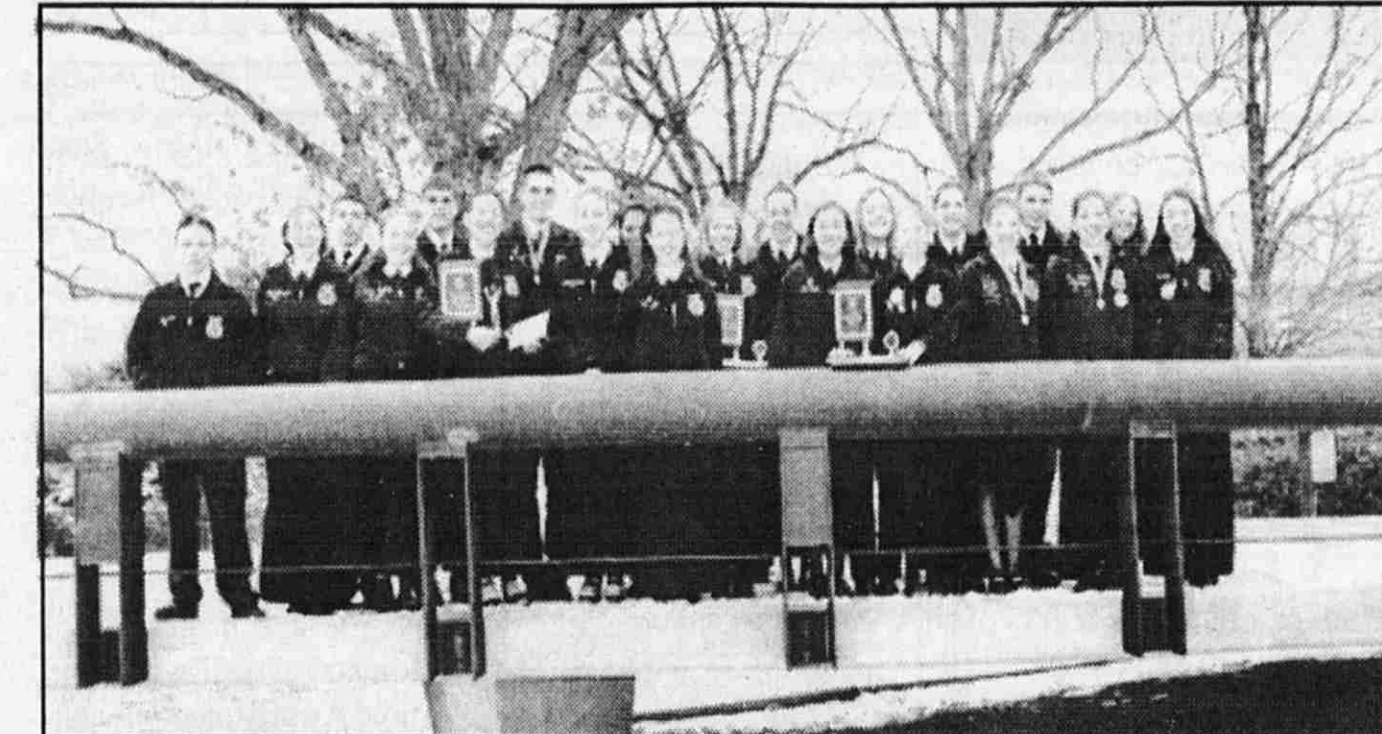
Award program sponsored by the Cargill Company and the National FFA Foundation.

The award is given to chapters who complete a 20-page application on activities that promote member, chapter and community development. The top 10 percent of

the chapter applications received by the state association are sent on to the national level for judging.

The Lowell FFA is part of this elite group. The top five chapters in Michigan gave a 15-minute presentation.

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Lowell FFA members develop leadership skills such as parliamentary procedure and public speaking while building their teamwork skills and commitment to the community.



Cast members of "Steel Magnolias", front row, left to right: Shannon Combs, Susan Veenema and Anne Pasquale; back row, left to right: Sally McAlpine, Molly McGuire and Judy Wills.

There is nothing so powerful as truth—and often nothing so strange.

—Daniel Webster

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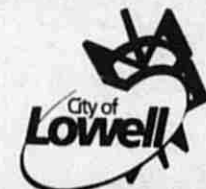
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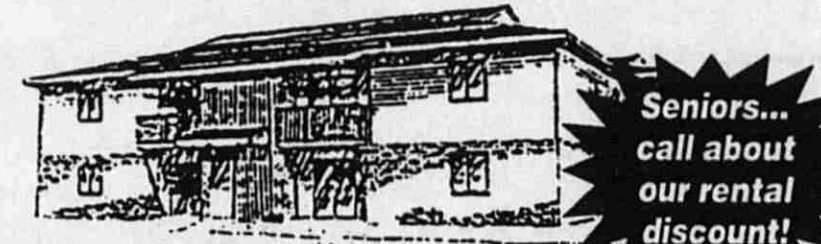
The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 4, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearing is to consider adding 475 S. Hudson (parcel 41-20-11-127-002) to the Downtown Development Authority District.

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



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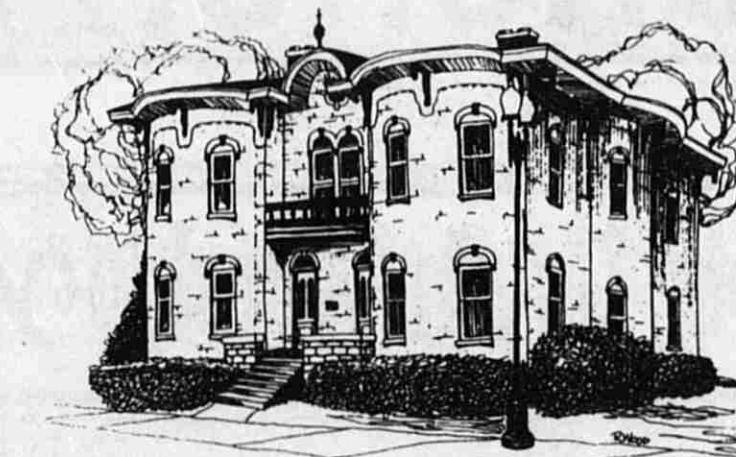


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MUSEUM MILLAGE PROPOSAL

What are the benefits of the Lowell Area Historical Museum?

- It provides a safe place to collect, preserve and display the history of the Lowell area.
- It provides a place where our residents, students and children can learn about and research their community's history.
- It conducts guided museum tours for individuals, schools and organizations.
- It provides historical activities and programming for children and adults.
- It helps guard against the loss of Lowell's historical objects.



What will this millage proposal cost me?

The 1/4 mill or .25 mill tax will cost the average Lowell homeowner:

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Registration deadline Nov. 8 for ACT test

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the Dec. 14 test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 8. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on Nov. 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their high school counselor or register on-line at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the

nation, including all Ivy League schools. A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extracurricular activities, personal background and other information. The test fee is \$25.

To learn more about the ACT Assessments, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school counselor or go to the ACT website (www.act.org), which also offers useful tips, sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials.

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tion to a panel of judges at the state level who ranked the chapters first through fifth. Lowell FFA members were recognized with a plaque for third place during a special session of the state convention in March.

The National Chapter Awards are evaluated by a panel of experts in Indianapolis at the National FFA Center. The awards will be presented at a special session at the National FFA Convention on Oct. 31.

The Lowell FFA was chartered on Dec. 31, 1929. Over

the past 73 years, hundreds of young people have developed leadership and agricultural skills through agriscience education. Today, the chapter is 170 members strong between the high school and middle school and is actively involved in many school and community activities. For more information contact: John Schut, Lowell FFA Advisor, Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Street, Lowell, MI 49331, 616-897-4125 x605. jschut@lowell.k12.mi.us

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in Chinquapin, La., at Truvy's Beauty Salon where all the ladies who are anybody come to have their hair done.

Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic humorously-revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life.

The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength and love which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them touching, funny and amiable company in good times and bad.

To THE EDITOR

Please join me at the polls to vote YES and support our museum.

Jeanne Shores,
Citizen & Mayor of Lowell

An Open Letter to My Community and Friends:

Like so many people in this community, I have enjoyed the visits made to the new museum. We are indeed proud and thankful that people of vision have enabled this museum to be here. It serves as depository and source of preservation for the many historical objects and the archival information so valuable to a community. In the midst of our change and growth in years to come, we will be able to resource and educate our children in an appreciation for people and events so important to this community. All of this helps each of us in our link to one another and our identity as a community.

Keeping the museum and enabling the museum to grow

and provide interesting and educational programs is now up to us. Vote "Yes!" on Nov. 5, 2002. By voting "YES!" we will institute a 1/4 mill on our taxes which will mean \$10.78 yearly that each taxpayer will contribute toward the museum operations. For less than I pay for one full dinner with dessert at Keiser's, I can support the museum for one full year!

Others have worked hard that we might have this wonderful facility. Now you and I can "step up to the plate" and give our support. Won't you join me in voting "YES" on Nov. 5 for the Museum Millage Proposal!?

Sincerely,
Roger La Warre

Sharing The Vision

Nancy Hopkins
Lowell Board of Education President

It's not unusual for friends of mine who do not live in our district to ask why we live in the Lowell area and send our kids to L.A.S. This is not hard to answer; there are many very good reasons. Among them I count a sense of community, beautiful

surroundings, first-rate school facilities with challenging curriculum and excellent teachers. And it seems that in most conversations I begin and end with "the teachers."

All of us probably have memories of a teacher who made a positive difference in our lives. I see that happening with my own children and I am grateful. Is there a Lowell teacher who has made a positive impact on your child's learning? Lowell teachers truly invite our children to learn and that is reflected daily in how our children demonstrate that they care about learning. Our teachers genuinely strive to meet our students' need for purpose and contribution in their classrooms. Students, because of these committed teachers, believe that they are accepted, safe and cared for. As our teachers continually extend the invitation to learn, our children sense that academics (at all grade levels) are meaningful and that learning has purpose.

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The date for the "Kids Night Out," sponsored by the YMCA, has been changed from Friday, Oct. 18 to Oct. 25 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE

Lowell Women's Club is selling Entertainment books at Hahn Hardware and S.O.S. Salon. Make great gifts!

HOUSEWARES SALE

Flat River Outreach Thrift Shop will have houseware items on sale Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Saturday, Oct. 19.

NEEDED: WINTER BLANKETS

Between now and Oct. 30, Flat River Outreach Ministries will be collecting new and gently used winter blankets. Drop-off locations are Springrove Variety, Cousin's Hallmark, YMCA Fitness and Wellness centers, and Durkee Optometry.

PRESERVE OPEN SPACE INFO. MEETING

Kent County Purchase of Development Rights public information meeting, free at Lowell Township Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 7-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by MSU Extension.

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.

FHS OFFERS STONE FOUNDATION CLASSES

The Michigan Barn Preservation Network and the Fallasburg Historical Society will offer 2 classes at the Fallas barn in Fallasburg on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9-4 p.m. Registration (\$15) is required, lunch included. Call 897-0849 or 897-7161 for more information.

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, at Lowell Township Hall, is about flags which have flown throughout the history of the U.S. Public welcome; refreshments served.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE COMING SOON

The Lady Arrows Varsity Club will be hosting its second annual Father-Daughter dance for 2nd and 3rd grade girls on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Contact your school for more info.

ST. PAT'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Historic St. Patrick Church will have a craft show on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Parish Center. Besides artisans, there will be home baked goods, hourly raffles and lunch served all day. Call Mary (691-8557) for more information.

NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will host a workshop for ages 8-12 on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Held at the Wittenbach Agri-science Center, activities include bracelet-making, leather working, and corn husk doll-making. \$7 includes lunch. Registration forms available at school office or museum 897-7688. Deadline: Nov. 6.

Rate Increase, cont'd... From Page 1

The cash generated from the current operating margin is not sufficient enough to support the ongoing maintenance and capital improvement program of LL&P, resulting in net losses beginning in 2003-2004.

"As the demands of the system grow and as we use more energy, the ability to grow and serve our customers depends on our ability to contribute \$200,000 annually to our cash reserve," Richards explained.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

Immediately following the public hearing the Zoning Board will hold the second of two required meetings for the year. On the agenda is any and all business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

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Scarecrows Abound on Fairgrounds



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Kathy Siebelink and Missy Tava

Over 50 participants took part in the Harvest Celebration scarecrow contest on Saturday. Judges chose 10 winners - each received a gift bag donated by Lowell merchants. All 50 scarecrows will be displayed along Main Street through Oct. 30. Participants are encouraged to pick up their scarecrow on Oct. 30.

This year's 10 scarecrow winners are: Kathy Siebelink & Missy Tava; Sean DenBraven & Family; Katlin Manszewski, Noah & William Burt, Kathy & Briana Manszewski & Hannah Burt; Brownie Troop 1842 (Alto); Meagan & Amy Eaton; Martha Hayden's first-grade class at Bushnell Elementary; Sally Golds; First United Methodist Church - Kids Club third-sixth grade; Amy Breen & Katie Zegunis; and the Lowell YMCA.



"Generations" entertained at Larkin's Chili Cook-off on Saturday.

TASTES GREAT

... That was the consensus on Dave and LeeAnn Abel's White Chili - the winner of the first annual Larkin's Chili Cook-off.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The two hottest tickets in West Michigan on an October Saturday are normally reserved for Michigan/Michigan State football.

Based on the Spartans' 44-16 loss to Iowa Saturday, Larkin's first annual Chili Cook-off may have dislodged MSU from that perch.

The hottest chili ticket Saturday was Dave and LeeAnn Abel's White Chili. It received top honors from the panel of four judges.

"I stumbled across the recipe about 10 years ago and have been tweaking it," Dave Abel said. "This is my first chili competition."

Dave and LeeAnn's effort earned them two tickets to the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day game against New England.

Abel's White Chili included chicken, white northern beans, jalapenos, hot salsa, cheese and garlic.

Rick Sauber's Big Rick's Chili earned the honor of runner-up by judges.

Prior to Saturday, the only other time Sauber had competed was in the 2000 Cottage Bar Chili Cook-off.

"I've been making this chili for around 10 years," Sauber said.

His chili's ingredients include marinated chicken, light and dark kidney beans, jalapenos, ranchero peppers, orange and yellow bell peppers and a little corn for color.

Other participants included Mark and Laura Snider and their Jailhouse Blues Famous Chili which included kidney beans, jalapenos, serrano and cayenne peppers.

"I first learned of this chili recipe in the early 90's while I was serving in the Navy," Mark Snider explained.

Kim Koewers served up her "It's Alright" chili.

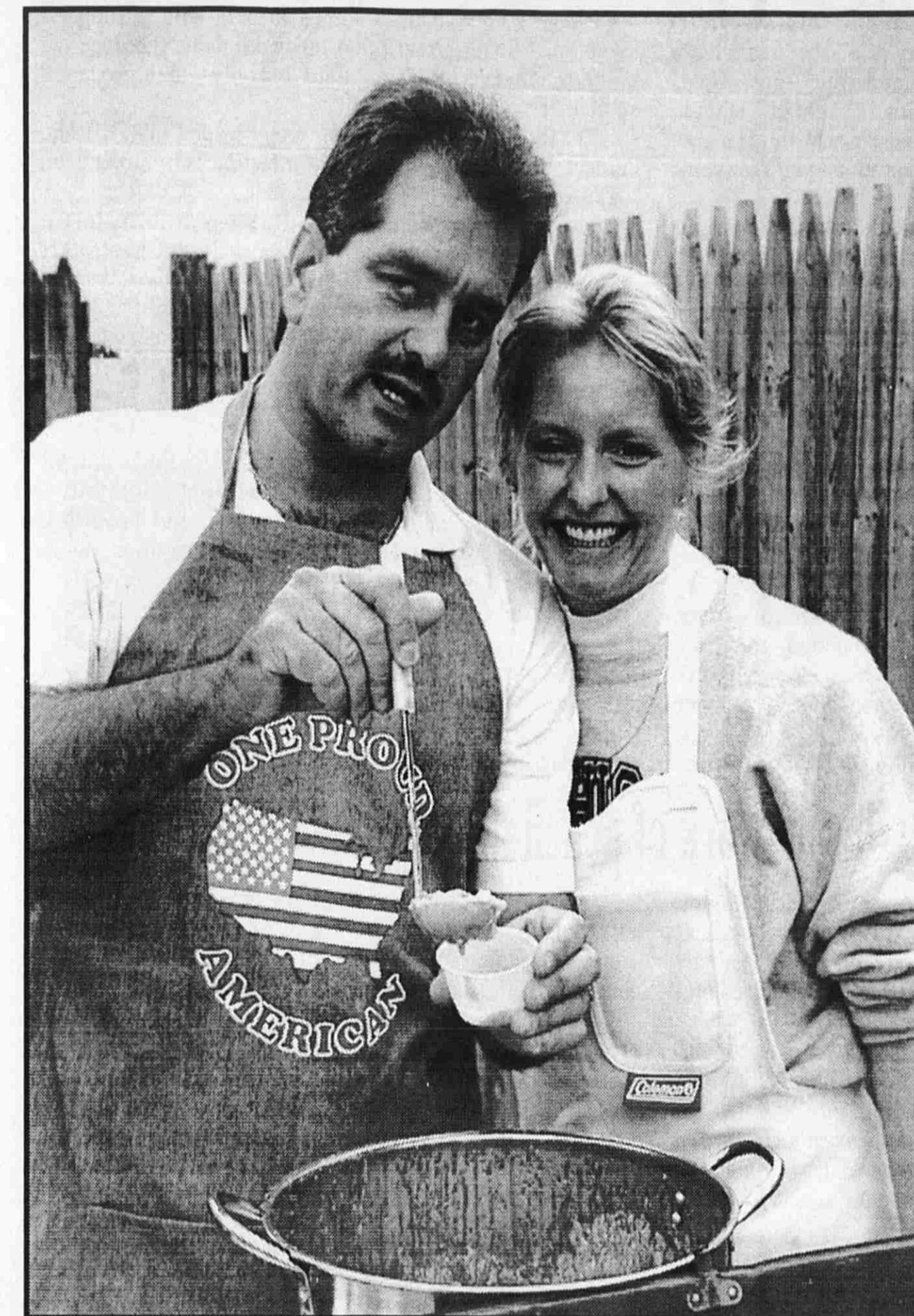
Larkin's Chili Cook-off was also Koewers' first. "I may do this again next year. This year we're just having fun with it," she said.

Her chili did receive the People's Choice award.

Event coordinator, Mark Schmaltz, while hopeful of more participants, was pleased with the event's inaugural showing.

"Three years from now I'd like to see Broadway closed off, with tents set up and about 50 entrants," Schmaltz said.

Larkin's Chili Cook-off raised \$200 for Flat River Outreach Ministries.



Dave and LeeAnn Abel scoop a sampling of their white chili for a hungry "ace reporter."

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Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 5, 2002 General Election will be conducted Monday, October 21, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall (Huntington Bank), 414 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

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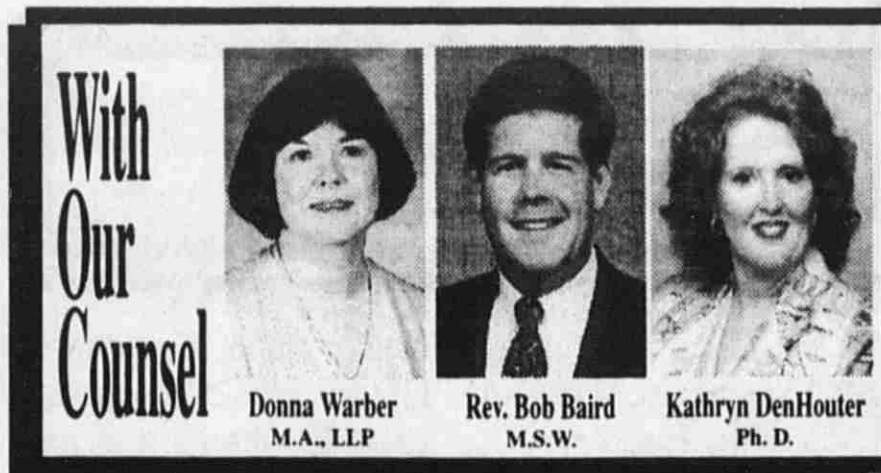
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Helping Your Child With Homework

The beginning of a new school year can be both exciting and stressful. It usually involves getting back into a regular routine for school along with planning for extracurricular activities. As parents, it is also necessary to help your child with daily homework assignments. Helping with homework begins with modeling the attitude that education and homework are important. Homework is an opportunity for students to learn and for parents to be involved in their child's education. A parent's interest can spark enthusiasm in a child and help teach the most important lesson of all - that learning can be fun and is well worth the effort. Helping your child with homework is not always easy. There are certain steps you can

take to make the process more pleasant for both you and your children.

Setting a regular time for your student to complete homework can decrease the amount of resistance about doing homework. The best schedule is one that works for your child and your family. It is also helpful to designate a particular place for homework. A study area should have lots of light, supplies close by and be fairly quiet. Your child may enjoy decorating a special study area. It is advantageous to turn off television and restrict phone calls during study time.

Often times, a child needs help with organization when completing academic work. You can help your child by teaching the use of a calendar or assignment notebook to keep track of what is due and when. For longer assignments, it will be necessary to break work into smaller components so that children will not feel overwhelmed. The use of homework folders may help students to stay organized. While providing these supports for your children, it is important for your child to complete the actual assignments. Doing assignments for your child will not help them understand the work or become confident in his/her own abilities.

Usually at the beginning of the school year, your child's teacher will communicate homework expectations to parents. This usually includes an approximate amount of time that daily assignments should take. If problems arise, it is important to share your concerns with your child's teacher. You may want to contact the teacher if:

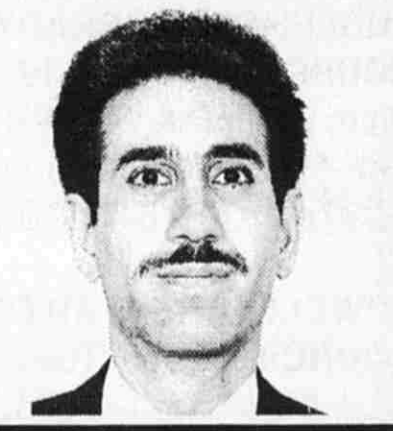
- Your child refuses to do assignments even with your help
- Instructions are unclear
- You cannot seem to get your child organized
- Assignments seem either too hard or too easy
- Your child has missed school and needs to make up assignments.

Communication between teachers and parents is very important in solving homework problems. Talk with the teacher as soon as you suspect your child is having a problem. It is very helpful to get acquainted with the teacher before problems arise. Let the teacher know that you want to be kept informed. Be sure to approach the teacher with a cooperative spirit. If you are requesting a meeting, tell the teacher why you want to meet. While meeting with the teacher, try to explain what you think is going on and ask for the teacher's help in solving the problem. Make sure communication is clear. Be sure you understand the teacher and that the teacher understands you. It is helpful to summarize your understanding at the end of the meeting. If after the meeting you discover something is not clear to you, call the teacher for clarification. Follow up to make sure that the approach you agreed upon is working.

Implementing the above strategies should contribute to a positive beginning of a new school year. It is important for both parents and teachers to work together for the success of the child.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I am a widow with three young children. How do I go about naming a guardian for my children if something happens to me?

JONATHAN SAYS: Under Michigan law there are two ways you can appoint a guardian for your minor children. First of all, the traditional method is for you to prepare a last will and testament and appoint a guardian for your minor children in that will. For many years this was the only way one could appoint a guardian for their minor children. However, when Michigan's revised probate code was replaced by the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC) in April of 2000, a second method for appointing guardians for minor children became available. Under EPIC, the parent

needs to be probated.

Preparing a separate appointment of a guardian outside of a will also makes sense because the last will and testament only takes effect upon death and in the event something happens to you during your lifetime, i.e., you become incapacitated for a period of time, the stand alone appointment of a guardian would serve to allow you to nominate the person you want to care for your children while you are alive but disabled.

You should meet with an estate planning lawyer to review in more detail how you go about appointing a guardian for your minor children.

DEAR JONATHAN: My husband and I are going out of town later this year for a few days and our children will be cared for by my sister. What happens in the case of a medical emergency - does she have the right to act for us in our absence?

JONATHAN SAYS: To avoid any potential issues that may arise regarding her authority to act for you, I recommend that you prepare a delegation of parental rights which is basically a durable

power of attorney delegating your parental rights to the caregiver of your children. In this regard, Michigan law provides as follows:

By a properly executed power of attorney, a parent or guardian of a minor or a guardian of an incapacitated individual may delegate to another person, for a period not exceeding 6 months, any of the parent's or guardian's powers regarding the care, custody, or property of the minor child or ward, except the power to consent to marriage or adoption of a minor ward or release of a minor ward for adoption.

I recommend that you have an estate planning lawyer prepare this document on your behalf.

DEAR JONATHAN: Does a minor child have the right to object to the guardian who is named by a parent?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes, a minor child who is 14 years of age or older may file an objection with the court objecting to the appointment of a guardian or for the purpose of terminating an appointment. The written objection must be filed with the court before it is accepted or within 28 days after its acceptance. There is no guarantee that the court will honor the child's objection, however, if the child has a legitimate concern, he or she should make full use of his or her rights and have those concerns heard.

City contracts with Pitsch for another three years

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Pitsch Companies was awarded a three-year contract with the city of Lowell.

The solid waste, recycling and yard waste contract will run through 2005.

Pitsch wrestled the contract away from Sunset Waste three years ago (1999).

With the new contract, Pitsch will charge 90 cents per bag of solid waste; residents will pay 70 cents while the city contributes 20 cents.

That will increase to 92 cents in year two and 94 cents in year three.

Curbside recycling will cost \$2.45 in year one, \$2.52 in year two and \$2.59 in year

three of the contract. The city of Lowell covers this cost for residents.

Pitsch will charge 75 cents per bag for yard waste in the first year with residents paying 35 cents and the city contributing 40 cents.

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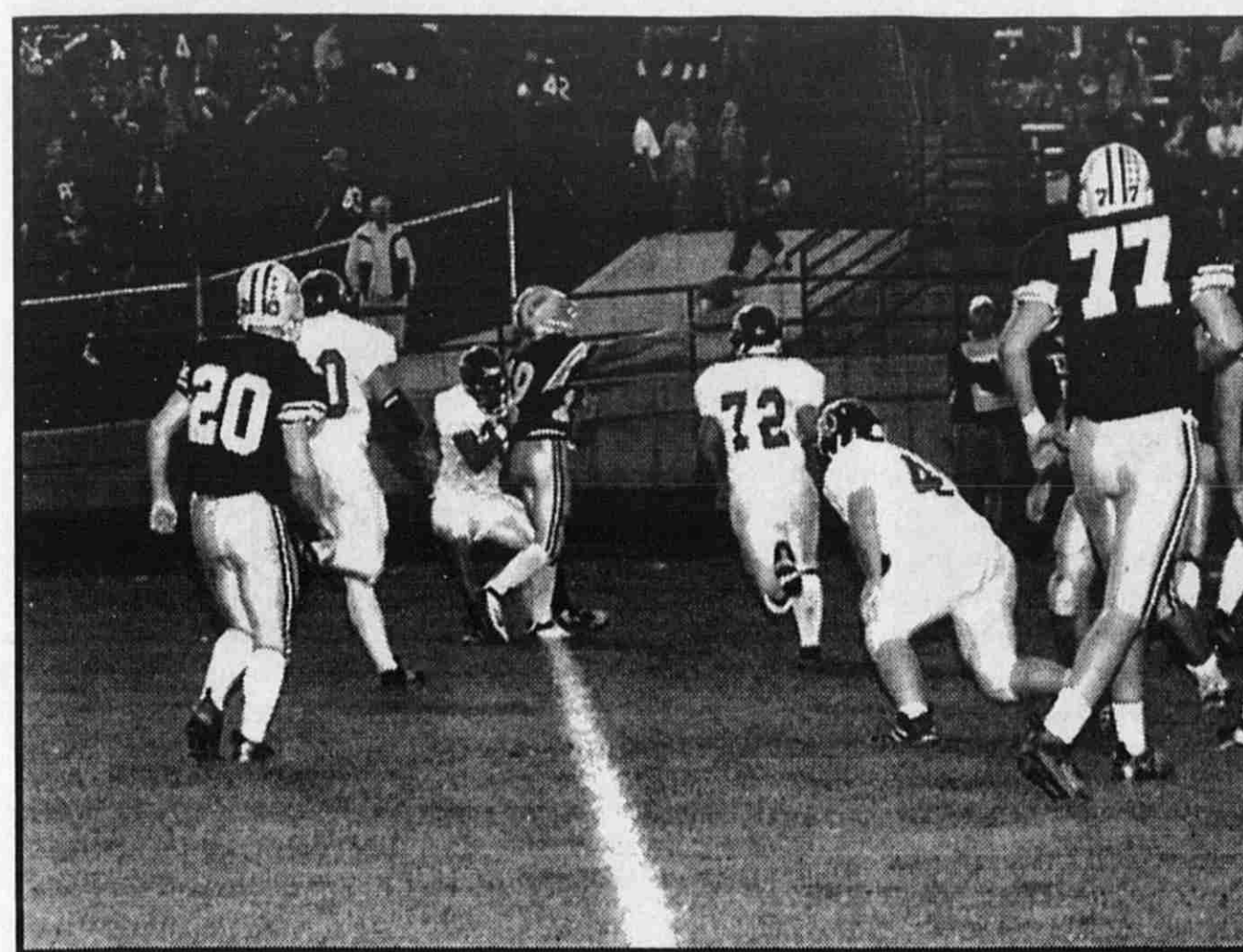
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PLAYOFF BOUND

••• Lowell's 31-point win (58-27) over Zeeland Friday night qualified the Red Arrows for the playoffs.



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's 58-27 win over Zeeland vaulted the Red Arrows into the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoffs.

The Red Arrows' last two regular season games will determine if Lowell will enjoy any home-cooking during the 2002 playoffs.

"The win tonight put us in the playoffs; the last two games will determine our position," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.

Following Friday night's victory, Lowell stands at 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the O-K White.

The Red Arrows, winners of four in a row, clinched a playoff spot for the fourth straight year and for the fifth time in six years.

Lowell was strengthened in its resolve to claim victory number six by the play of sophomores John Rasch and Frank Mulder.

Rasch, called up from the junior varsity, started at offensive guard Friday night.

"He's one of our best linemen. Tonight, he showed the

confidence needed to be on the varsity with us," Dean said.

Mulder, a tailback, rushed for 77 yards and scored a touchdown. "We knew Mulder was a nice player," Dean explained. "We now have six sophomores up playing varsity football and our junior varsity team is 7-0. We feel pretty good about our future."

The future is now, and leading the masses is senior quarterback, Mark Catlin. The Red Arrow QB threw for two touchdowns, ran for one while returning a punt 37 yards for a touchdown, and returned a kickoff 51 yards for a touchdown.

Catlin rushed for 145 yards and threw for 152 (11-of-22).

The future also holds home games against Hudsonville (Friday), tied for second in the O-K White with Lowell, and Creston, vying for another City League championship.

"We're 5-1 against Hudsonville over the last six years. We feel pretty good

about that and hope our success will continue," said Dean.

On the defensive side of the ball, Lowell garnered eight sacks against Zeeland; four came from senior middle line-backer Jordan Moore. "What can I say - Jordan is just very, very, very good," Dean said afterwards.

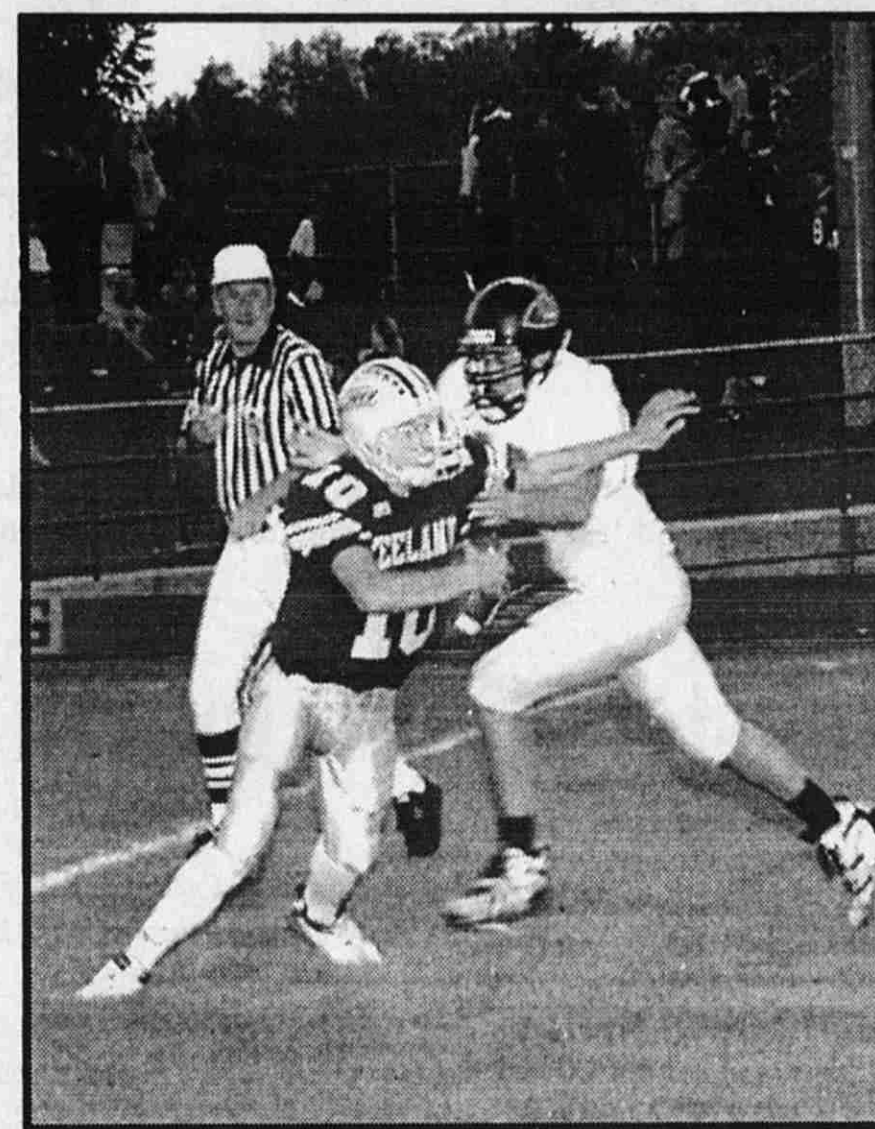
Moore and the Red Arrow defense held Zeeland to 102 yards rushing and 170 through the air.

Lowell put a 31-yard field goal from Matt Foster and a 67-yard touchdown run by Catlin on the board in the opening 12 minutes to take a 10-7 lead.

The Red Arrows exploded for 28 points in the second quarter, thanks to 45- and 15-yard touchdown passes to Mike Koster; a 29-yard touchdown run from Chris Curtis; and a one-yard scoring burst from Mulder.

The second half saw Catlin return a punt and kick-off for touchdowns, and a nine-yard scoring run by Mike Vegter.

Lowell's defense pressured and harassed Zeeland quarterback, Tyler Kamer throughout much of the contest Friday night.



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VARSITY (L to R)
David Hefferan, offensive tackle;
John Rasch, offensive guard

JUNIOR VARSITY (L to R)
Matt Gillhespy, tightend/defensive end;
Ken Kline, defensive tackle

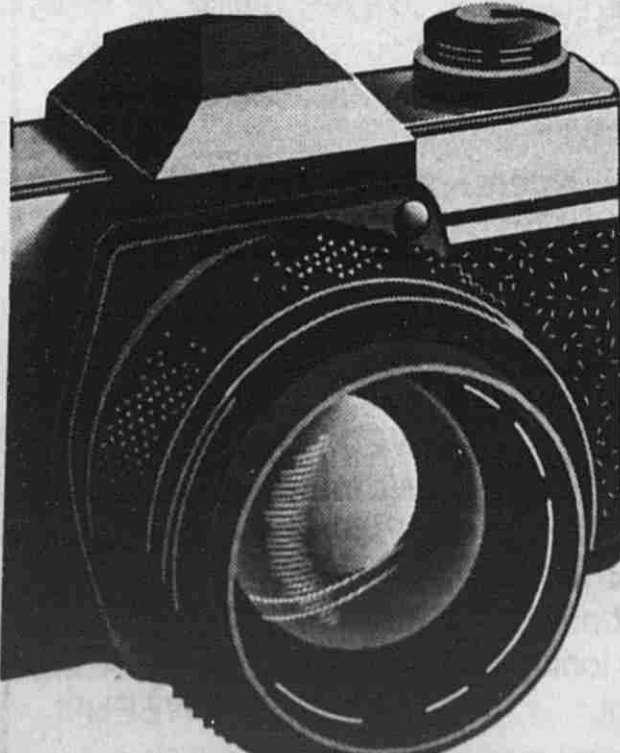


FRESHMEN (L to R)
John Fleet, linebacker;
Josh Hettinga, cornerback;
Josh Gilliard, cornerback



78er's (L to R)
Larz Lindstrom, linebacker, black team
Evan Ormiston, defensive tackle; black team
Samantha Lambert, tackle; red team
Brad Nordman, offensive guard; red team

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*** Those whom fortune has never favored are more joyful than those whom she has deserted. ***

—Seneca

Red Arrow tennis season comes to a close at regional

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls tennis team won plenty of respect in the 2002 season... just not as many matches as they would have liked. "But the girls are going to keep on working at it," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

Lowell tied for seventh with Kenowa Hills in the Division II Regional at Forest Hills Central on Friday.

"It was tough competition and we were not able to win the big points," Wall explained.

Forest Hills Northern won the regional going away with 32 points. They were followed by Mona Shores 17, FHC 16, Grand Rapids Christian 12, Northview 7, Greenville 5, Kenowa Hills and Lowell 3, and Reeths-Puffer 1.

Red Arrow points came with wins in third and fourth singles.

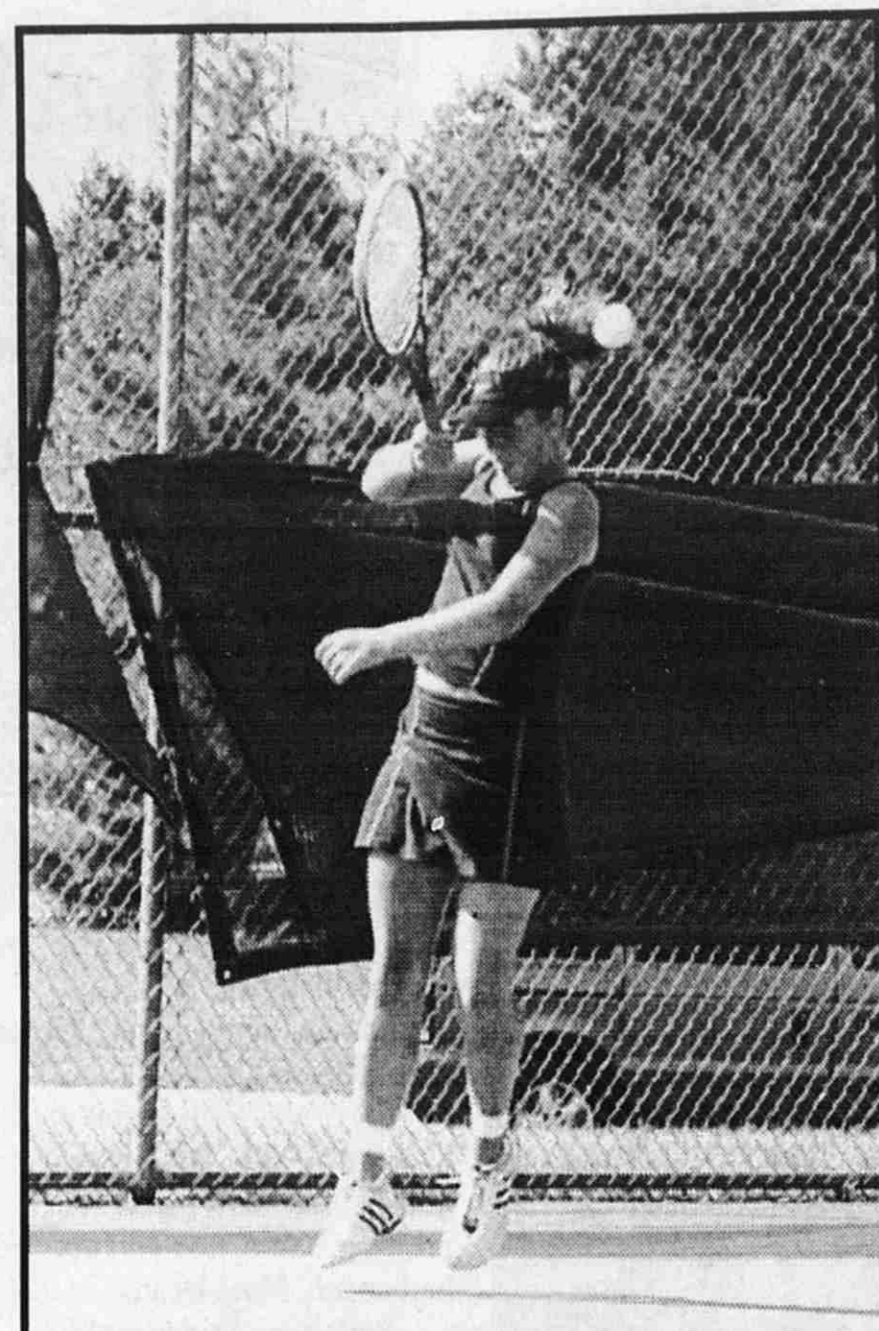
Heather Geelhoed earned a bye in the first round before toppling Megan Holtrop (Kenowa Hills) 6-0, 6-0.

Geelhoed bowed out with a loss to Northern's Stacey Morris 6-2, 7-5.

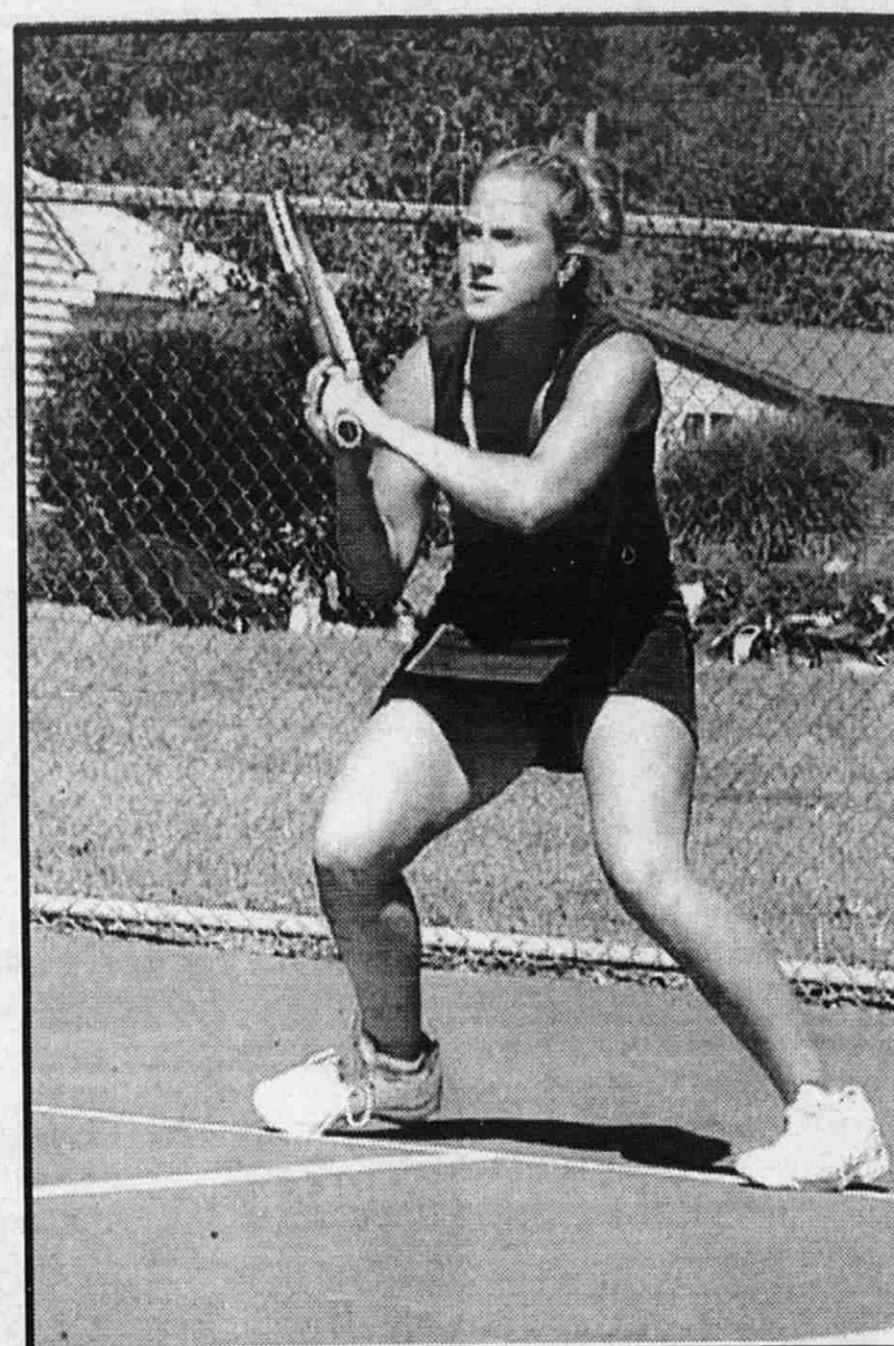
Lowell's other win came at fourth singles when Stevi Thompson defeated Grand Rapids Christian in three sets 6-2, 1-6, 6-2. Thompson then lost to Northern 6-0, 6-0.

Kristie Noall and Amanda Levingston, in one of their best matches of the year, fell to Mona Shores 6-4, 6-4.

Rachelle Levingston and Katie Huver were eliminated



Stevi Thompson



Heather Geelhoed

from the tourney in a three-set loss to Northview.

Amanda Grochowalski and Julie Geelhoed, third doubles, lost 6-2, 7-5 to Mona Shores.

Both Jenny Gunberg and Mandy Gunberg lost their opening matches to Forest Hills Central.

Red Arrow linksters finish fourth in league

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In its final O-K White Golf Tournament, Lowell boys golf team finished fifth at the L.E. Kaufman golf course.

Lowell, however, with its fourth place finish in the dual part of the season, finished fourth overall.

"The boys met their goal. They wanted to finish in the top four of the league," said Lowell coach, Jack Ogle.

Forest Hills Central won the tournament with a team total of 308, finishing 10 shots in front of Zeeland (318).

The Chix won the overall

league title based on its unbeaten dual record.

East Grand Rapids finished third with a score of 322. Northview came home fourth at 337 and Lowell was fifth at 338.

Forest Hills Northern was seven shots back at 345 while Hudsonville was last with a round of 347.

Luke Tomczak led all Red Arrows with an 18-hole total of 83. Matt Scheider was one shot back, carding an 84. Nick DuBois and Chris Lechner came home with rounds of 85 and 86 respectively.

"I'll miss the O-K White. It's been a good league. I'll also miss the friendly group of coaches," Ogle said. "This group of kids will be competitive whatever league they're in. They are dedicated to improving."

The tourney medalist was Central's Quin VanDerVen. He carded a 74.

Division II Regional

Lowell linksters left their "A" games at home as the Red Arrows struggled in the Broadmoor regional in Caledonia.

"The boys just didn't play very well," Lowell golf coach, Jack Ogle said.

The Red Arrows were 13th in a 15-team field.

Lowell shot a 352. Battle Creek Harper won the regional with a 315. St. Johns was second at 316 and Eaton Rapids placed third with a round of 319.

Matt Scheider and Nick DuBois led all Red Arrows with rounds of 86. Chris Lechner carded an 88 while Andy Courtney and Luke Tomczak finished with rounds of 92 and 93 respectively.

Lowell's JV girls win three of five

Lowell's junior varsity girls basketball team continued its winning ways as they rolled past West Catholic 63-33.

Devon Collins poured in a game-high 34 points and added seven assists. Brook Van Eck chipped in with 10.

Playing without Collins on Thursday at Ionia, Lowell lost 37-29 to the Bulldogs.

Van Eck led all Lowell scorers with nine points followed by Nicole Shepard and Krashawn McElveen with five points each.

Lowell led by as many as 11 before Forest Hills Central rallied for a 47-46 victory.

Devon Collins and Nicole Shepard led Lowell in scoring with 15 and 10 points respectively.

Lowell topped Zeeland in a thrilling double overtime contest 49-45. Collins poured in 24 points while Brook VanEck netted 11.

Krashawn McElveen dominated the boards as she pulled down a game-leading 16 caroms.

The Red Arrows finished out the week with a win over Hudsonville 40-36.

Collins netted 15 and Abbie Debiak tallied 12 for Lowell.

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Lowell girls absorb first loss at Ionia; pound West Catholic

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Losing is never a good thing, but in Lowell's four-point loss (50-46) to Ionia Thursday night, the Red Arrows' girls basketball team got a sample of things to come.

"Ionia is similar to East Grand Rapids in that they have a good post player (Bobby Baldwin) and they play a tenacious man-to-man defense," said Lowell coach, Dee Crowley. "It's always bad when you lose, but in the loss, we saw some things we need to work on to get ready to play East."

Baldwin netted a game high 19 points and was instrumental in Ionia's 28-16 advantage on the boards.

"Ionia basically did ev-

erything better than we did tonight," Crowley explained. "They rebounded better, played better, more tenacious man-to-man defense and they made big buckets when they needed them."

Lowell's coach said her club missed easy shots to start the game and the second half, and didn't run through its offense enough so that the players they wanted taking the shots were getting the shots.

"We have to be more patient," Crowley explained. At the defensive end, the Lowell coach said her help-side defense was slow getting over to help and Lowell did not pressure the ball handler enough to prevent the pass.

Vallen VanZyll led all Lowell scorers with 13 points.

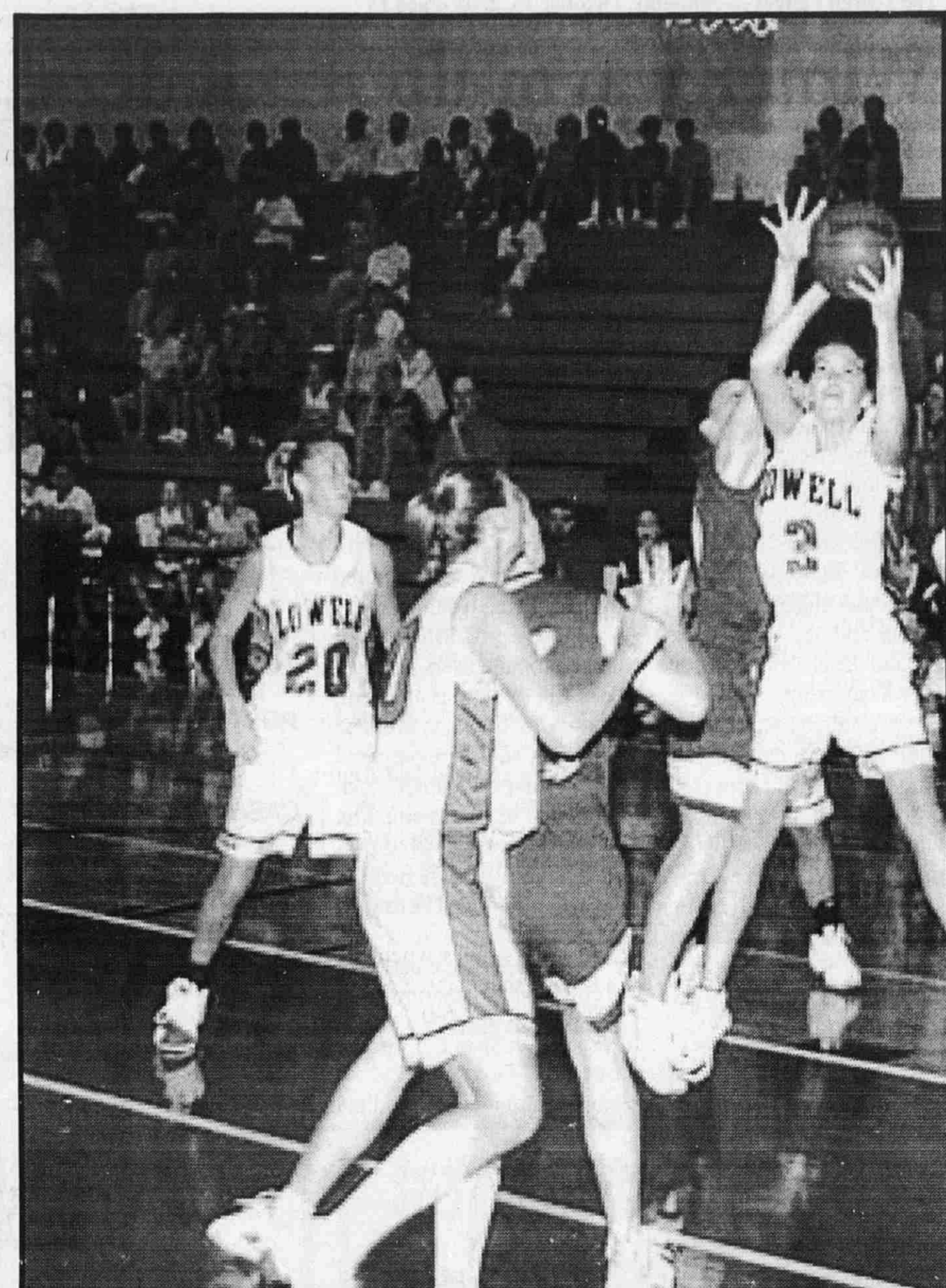
Blair Meyer and Amy Oberlin each netted 12 points.

Lowell used a 30-point first half to pull away from West Catholic in earning a 49-32 nonconference victory.

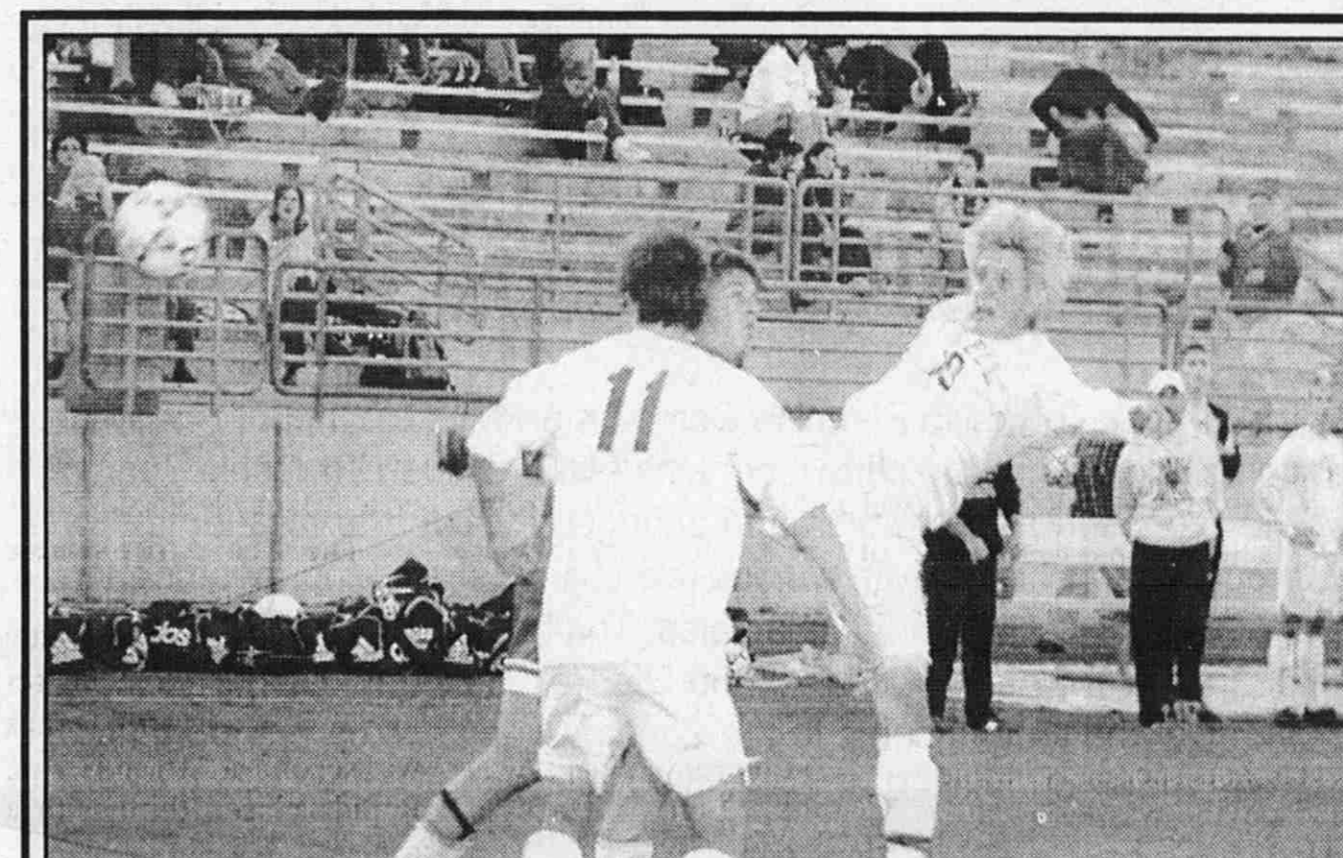
"We got off to a good start and played strong defensively," Crowley said. "We weren't, however, as patient on offense as I would like."

Kendra Gallert led Lowell in scoring with 18 points. Amy Oberlin added 10 and Blair Meyer netted nine.

Lowell finished the week with a record of 13-1 overall and 5-0 in the O-K White. The Red Arrows travel to East Grand Rapids this week for a much anticipated clash with the Pioneers.



Rebounding was critical in Lowell's loss to Ionia and will be again in the tussle with East Grand Rapids.



Shane Stokes advances the ball forward with his head in action against Northview.

Red Arrow soccer team falls to Eagles; shuts out Wildcats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time this season, Paul Legge's Red Arrow soccer team entered a contest looking to snap a losing streak.

That was the scenario as Lowell entered the O-K White soccer tournament on Wednesday against Northview.

The losing streak, however small, was in this case only one game. It came via a 3-0 loss to Hudsonville.

"It was a feeling of helplessness. We carried the play, but no matter what we did, it wasn't working and it wasn't going to work," Legge explained. "We were running fast but getting nowhere."

One thing that remains is Lowell's list of beat-up players. "We're beat-up and hurt. We need to get some people healthy," Legge said.

The loss means even if Lowell would defeat Forest Hills Central in the conference final, the Rangers would win the overall league championship.

Legge has his eye on the next game at Hudsonville (played on Monday). The Eagles defeated Zeeland 4-0 in their opening game of the conference tournament.

"We want to play Hudsonville again. Things

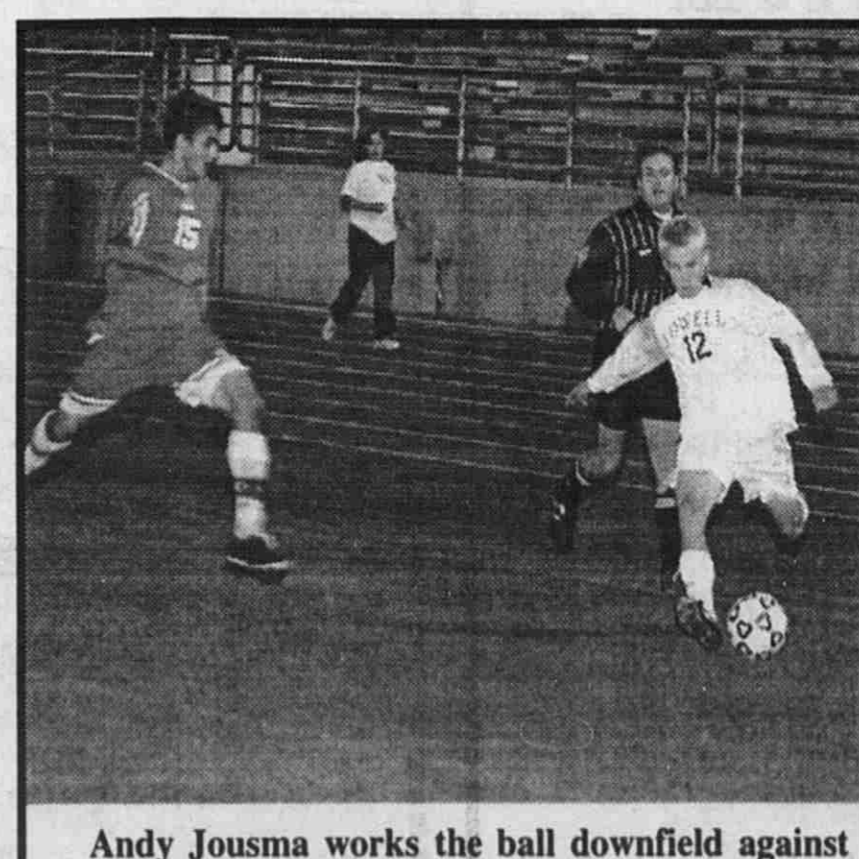
will be different next time," Legge said.

Things were different against Northview. Lowell, after starting slowly, recovered to post a 3-0 win over the Wildcats.

"The boys were anxious to play again after losing to Hudsonville. There was some anxiousness and nervousness at the start," Legge admitted.

That all went away after Lowell scored its first goal late in the first half. Sam Oberlin punched one past the Wildcat goalie on a penalty kick.

Lowell recorded two second half goals by Shane Stokes and a second goal by Oberlin (penalty kick).



Andy Jousma works the ball downfield against Northview.

Red Arrows race past Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Both the Lowell boys and girls cross country teams earned victories against Hudsonville on Wednesday.

Coming off bye weeks, the Red Arrows didn't miss a stride as they easily raced past the Eagles.

Lowell's boys team defeated Hudsonville 18-45 while the girls earned a 19-42 win.

"They were convincing wins," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "We had good, hard practices over the bye

week, but that's not the same as a race."

The Red Arrow boys claimed five of the top six spots.

Steve Ellison raced home with top honors as he stopped the clock in 17:37. Scott Riddle placed second, coming off the course in 18:22.

Lowell's Eric Schumm finished fourth in 18:32 followed by Mitch Solon (fifth) 18:36, and Nick Huizenga (sixth) 18:37.

The win improved Lowell's league record to 2-3.

"They ran great as a pack," VanderWarf ex-

plained. "Our times are getting closer together."

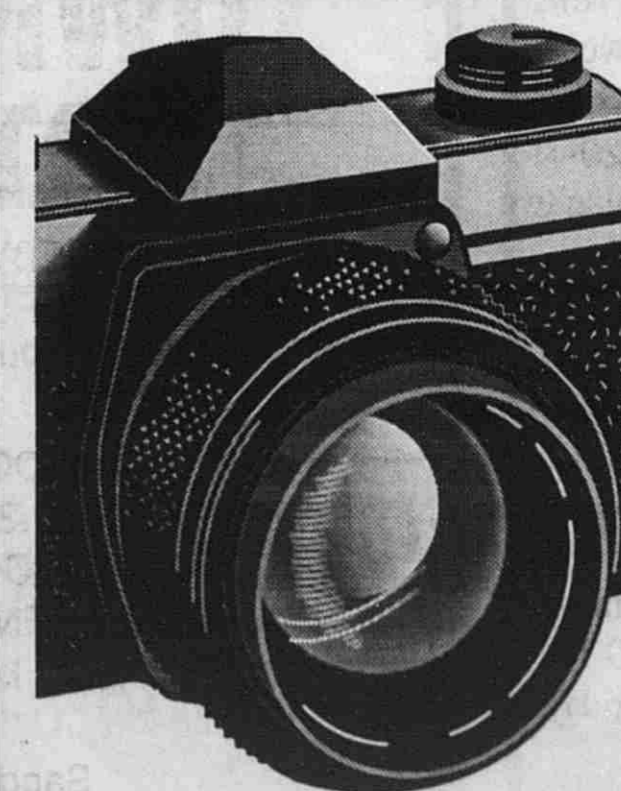
Lisa Wojciakowski came home in 20:04 at Manhattan Park in leading Lowell's girls past Hudsonville.

"The girls' times are getting better. Ideally we want to peak at the conference and regional meets," VanderWarf explained.

Following Wojciakowski home were teammates Holly Plattner, third, 21:47; Sarah Swab, fourth, 21:51; Natalie Kent, fifth, 21:57 and Abbie Blanding, sixth, 22:09.

The win improved Lowell's mark to 3-2 in the O-K White.

Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



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All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

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Winter warm-up reminders...

With winter just around the corner, the Employee-Owners of the Lowell Ferrellgas team want to remind local homeowners that now is the time to get ready for the cooler months ahead.

To help propane users protect their heating systems, and themselves, Ferrellgas is providing this list of winter warm-up tips and helpful reminders. These tips and reminders were compiled by Ferrellgas, the Propane Education and Research Council, and the National Propane Gas Association.

"Ferrellgas wants to do everything it can to help homeowners, and especially propane users, prepare for the winter months ahead," district manager, Steve Drake said. "By offering these tips and reminders, homeowners are armed with essential information to keep them safe and warm this winter."

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- Lighting pilots is not for the novice. Only trained professionals should light your pilot lights.

- Review all manufacturers' instructions and safety

warnings provided by your propane company. Share this information with your family. Also familiarize yourself and your family with the smell of propane, so you can identify if there is a leak.

- Under some conditions, you may not smell a gas leak. Consider installing one or more propane gas detectors

in your home, in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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OF ACTION

CASE NO. 02-09782-DO

Plaintiff
GAIL LYNN HILL-
PRUETT
c/o WMLS
Miriam J. Aukerman

v.
Defendant
CHRIS EDWARD
PRUETT
Address Unknown

TO DEFENDANT,
RICHARD ERNEST
GRAY

IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in the court at the court address above on or before NOVEMBER 29, 2002. If you fail to do

so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint file in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. The publication costs shall be paid by Kent County pursuant to MCR 2.002 (F).

A copy of this order shall be sent to DEFENDANT, CHRIS EDWARD PRUETT at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

OCT. 07, 2002

PAUL J. SULLIVAN,
JUDGE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION GRATTAN TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

On November 6, 2002, the Grattan Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding proposed amendments and changes to certain portions of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended. The proposed amendments and changes include the re-adoption of and changes to Articles 17 through 21, inclusive (with various text changes), and the renumbering of various sections, pages and subsections within those articles. The hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2002, at the Grattan Township Hall at 12050 Old Belding Road, NE. A full and true copy of the proposed changes and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance can be obtained, inspected, examined, reviewed, and/or purchased at Township Hall during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Members of the public are welcome to appear at the public hearing and comment regarding the proposed amendments and changes. Furthermore, written comments will be accepted provided they are received by the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

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

Article No.	Title	General Description of Changes (not exhaustive)	Significant Changes (utilizing new section numbers)
Article 17	Site Development Plan	Several text amendments; renumbering or addition of subsections; significant changes to text	17.01, 17.02, 17.03, 17.04, 17.05
Article 18	Board of Appeals	Several text amendments; renumbering of sections; significant changes to text	18.01, 18.02, 18.04, 18.05, 18.06, 18.07, 18.09, 18.10, 18.11
Article 19	Administration and Enforcement	Several text amendments; renumbering of sections; significant changes to text	19.01, 19.02, 19.03, 19.04, 19.06, 19.07, 19.08, 19.09, 19.10, 19.11, 19.12, 19.13
Article 20	Amendment and Adoption	Several text amendments; significant changes to text	20.01, 20.03
Article 21	Miscellaneous Provisions	Several text amendments; significant changes to text	21.01, 21.02, 21.03

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

Dated: Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Green
Grattan Township Clerk

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 5, 2002 General Election will be conducted Monday, October 21, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, October 28, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- A rezoning request from Sundry Development Consulting, L.L.C. to rezone 1115 East Main, parcel #41-20-01-176-001 from SR (Suburban Residential) to PUD/R-1 (Planned Unit Development/Residential Single Family).

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

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