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## Township supports planning commission, denies Hedlund's rezoning request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Stating that it really had no grounds to go against the recommendation of the planning commission, the Lowell Charter Township board voted to deny Bill Hedlund and Magic Real Estate's rezoning request.

Hedlund was at the Monday night meeting asking that the township board approve his request to rezone property located at 10451 Cascade Rd. from prime agriculture to rural agriculture.

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## Insurance issues delay BMX trail decision

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

A proposed BMX bike trail at Stoney Lakeside Park will have to wait two more weeks while city staff seeks answers about insurance issues.

At its Monday night city

council meeting, the Lowell YMCA presented a proposal to build a BMX bike trail at the park. The trail, explained Will Welsh, Lowell YMCA director, would provide a safe area in which youth could ride their bikes and would include telephone access and other needs.

"The idea came about after our boardmembers noticed kids riding their bikes in the construction area, cemetery, and railroad tracks," Welsh said.

Welsh said the YMCA began to work with youth on

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## Englehardt's LACF awards grants totaling just under \$154,000

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell and Alto communities will be aflutter with gigantic butterfly sculptures created as part of Lowell Area Arts Council's 25th anniversary celebration - "Art Attack."

The council's art project titled "More Than 25 in the Sky" is a reflection of the LAAC's new stage of being after 25 years of integrating the arts into the Greater Lowell community.

"As part of celebrating our 25 years, the Lowell Arts Council is embarking on a public arts program in collaboration with Lowell Area Schools utilizing the diverse beauty of the butterfly," said Lowell Area Arts Council's executive director, Lorain Smalligan.

The program will involve kindergarten through fifth grade students from the Lowell Area Schools. The elementary students (32 classrooms involving just under 1,000 students) will work with artists from Lowell and the Greater Grand Rapids area to design and create

larger than life butterfly sculptures. Two of the butterflies will be exhibited at the Frederik Meijer Gardens for a March exhibit.

The \$118,500 project will be funded in part with a \$30,000 grant, and a \$10,000 challenge grant (individual gifts will be matched one-to-one, up to a total of \$10,000) from Harold Englehardt's Lowell Area Community Fund (LACF).

The art council has also received a \$20,000 grant from Steelcase Foundation.

The remainder of the funds will be raised through corporate donations, family foundations and individual donations.

"This program is an incredible opportunity for the entire community to experience the potential of the arts in children's learning," Smalligan said. "We are going to see how the arts can transform the quality of life in a community."

Lowell Area Arts Council's grant was one of nine, totaling \$153,950, recommended by the LACF advisory committee and approved by the Grand Rapids

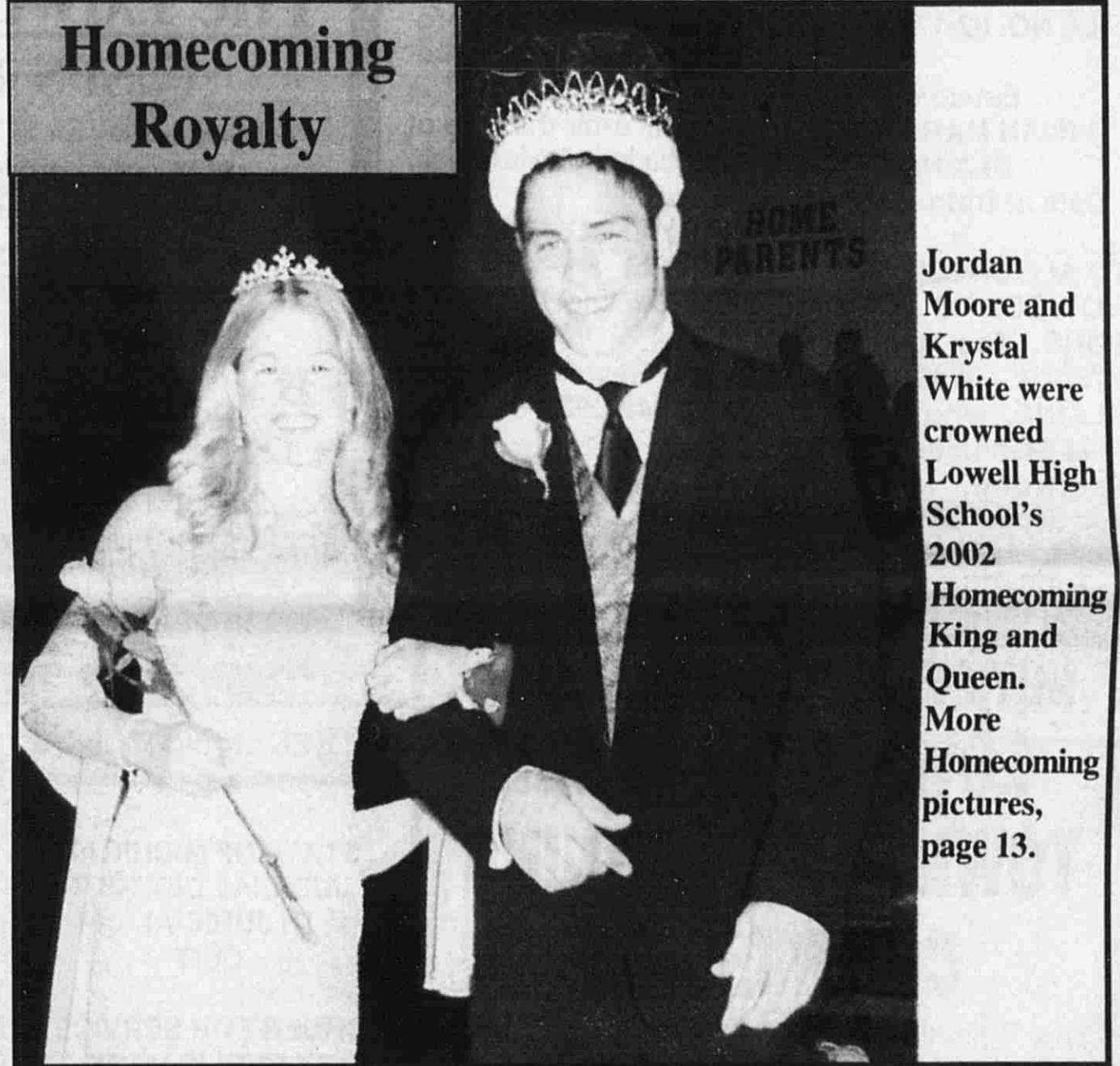
Community Foundation.

Other grants will be used to repair the roof of the Foreman building (\$30,000), provide historic preservation (\$25,000), purchase emergency communications equipment in police cars, (\$17,342), and hire a part-time director for the Fallasburg Historical Society (\$15,000).

Grants were also awarded to Lowell Area Schools to provide life skills lessons (\$8,343), update the security system (\$7,445) and finance leadership training for young women (\$1,630).

"This brings our 2002 total of community grants to more than \$600,000," said Kate Dernocoeur, the LAC fund's volunteer chairman. "It's impossible to drive around Lowell today without seeing the impact of Harold Englehardt's legacy for this community."

Since the fund was established as a donor-advised fund in 1996 with a \$12.7 million bequest from Englehardt, its advisory committee has recommended over 200 grants totaling more than \$3 million.



Jordan Moore and Krystal White were crowned Lowell High School's 2002 Homecoming King and Queen. More Homecoming pictures, page 13.

## Fatal accident takes life of Gowen man

••• Driver of other car uninjured.

A Gowen man was killed in a two-car accident Monday night on Fallasburg Drive NE.

A vehicle, driven by David Minaker, was south-

bound on Fallasburg Drive, when it crossed the centerline and struck a northbound vehicle driven by Scott DeWitt, 29, of Lowell.

Both vehicles separated with Minaker's vehicle leaving the roadway and striking a tree. His 1991 Accura was split in two and Minaker was

ejected from the vehicle. Minaker was pronounced dead at the scene.

DeWitt was uninjured. The Kent County Sheriff's Department said it was unknown whether Minaker was wearing a seatbelt.

DeWitt was wearing a seatbelt.

## Fight Song<sup>2</sup>

While the Lowell and Hudsonville football teams took shelter from the wet and inclement weather at halftime of Friday night's homecoming game, the Lowell marching band took the field. As part of its halftime show the band played Red Arrow fight songs - "Varsity" and "Go Arrows."



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# OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



combination. A coat with a quiet and tough outer shell insulated with Thinsulate or goose down and lined with Gor-Tex will stop wind and water and retain body heat. I like wool for

cold weather hunting because it is traditional and will provide warmth even when wet. For warmer temperatures, Gor-Tex backed Saddle Cloth or similar material is dry and quiet.

Boot selection depends on the type of service anticipated. Knee-high rubber boots, "with or without insulation," work well in wet terrain or where scent control is important. Gor-Tex lined leather boots with nylon uppers are comfortable for use in moderate weather. Pac-boots provide warmth when the snow flies. Felt is often used for a liner in these boots, but there are also liners made of new high-tech materials. Some liners have a built-in pocket for a chemical heat pack.

Insulated Gor-Tex gloves with leather palms and index

fingers provide a good grip and trigger feel. Mitts with finger flaps allow for quick gun handling. Plain jersey gloves work if used with a hand-warmer or muff in cold weather.

Besides clothing, consider carrying the following items in a back pack: knife, flashlight, compass, drag rope, field-dressing gloves, snacks, coffee or water, dry gloves, zip-lock bags, bandage, towel, lighter or matches, parachute cord, and rain gear.

Take time to research the many available products. Careful planning can make hunting in adverse conditions more comfortable.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I have been following the sewer backup situation in Lowell with concern. It seems that there have been several sewer backups into the houses of residents that have done much damage and exposed residents and their families to unsafe, unsanitary conditions. Each month there are more backups, more unhappy homeowners placed in jeopardy. A homeowner group has taken their concerns to the city council. Thus far, there is no reimbursement planned for damages.

Championing a harsh interpretation of a new state law that limits payment for damages suffered, and citing budget concerns, the city council dismissed the homeowners' restitution issues.

However, the city council, after much public pleading and some undesirable publicity, did finally announce a sewer maintenance and cleaning initiative. This program is structured to address one third of the Lowell sewers a year, or however much can be done within the sewer budget. This first year, the city of Lowell plans to spend around \$27,000 on cleaning, televising and repair.

As explained, once that dollar amount is exhausted, the program will cease until the next budget cycle releases another chunk of money. The homeowner group is happy to see that

the long forgotten sewers are finally receiving some much-needed attention.

However, during this very same crisis period of affected, sodden homeowners, the city council proposed and passed a resolution that diverted public monies from the sewer fund to the new City Hall project. It seems that while the project budget was carefully developed, and even included a "slush" fund for unforeseen matters, all the issues related to the City Hall project were not allowed for. It turns out that the sewer system serving City Hall needed some much overdue attention (this should come as no surprise to the presently affected homeowners). This item was not in the original project budget. Consequently, the city council raided the general

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## TO THE EDITOR

sewer fund for \$40,000. This ensures that City Hall will not be subjected to any sewer problems like those that the city council has been hearing so much of lately. This is a shrewd and smart move by a city council that dreads visible project overruns.

But it also throws salt in the wounds of the affected citizens of Lowell. It is outrageous to take funds away from the residential sewer fund at this time. The Lowell sewer system is wanting desperately for maintenance dollars to end these unsafe, costly intrusions of raw sewage into the homes of its citizens. The affected citizens need financial help paying for their damaged homes. And the city council diverts precious public dollars into making their new home impregnable and cozy. For shame!

I propose that the city pay back the sewer fund and instead, install in the new City Hall, those back-flow valves that they are recommending to the residents. I would even be glad to chip in to help pay for them. Not the whole cost however; I think that the city must be held at least partially responsible for their sewer problems.

Peter Vanderhorst

To the voters of Lowell,

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has become a real show place in our community. The dedicated staff has worked very diligently over several years putting together this fine facility. For those who have not visited, it is a valuable experience. The past comes alive vividly, from the early days of the Native Americans who lived here first, to the arrival of fur trappers, then on through the development from a primitive trading post to a thriving town in the early part of the twentieth century.

Such a local asset needs to be maintained and allowed to grow. It is our responsibility as local, voting citizens to make that happen. A stable source of funding is needed. The city of Lowell is unable at this time to continue to carry the museum on its budget.

There is a millage request coming up on the ballot in the next election which is quite modest. It will call for one quarter of a mill or \$10.78 per year on \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Please determine to vote yes on this important proposal in order to continue to preserve the heritage of our city and area.

Donald Gerard M.D.

Letter to Editor,

I have just returned from Nashville, Tenn., where my wife Carol and I visited three historical sites. Two of these sites have recently been restored so that everyone can enjoy the history and articles on display. Our thoughts as we went

through the sites were that this is the very same type of projects going on in Lowell.

It is so important to have a good location such as the Graham house provides. To have enthusiastic volunteers and a dedicated museum board to organize and maintain our museum is vital.

However, it also takes a steady source of revenue to keep the project going. That is why a yes vote is needed on this millage ballot proposal.

We can all be proud of how much has been accomplished in just a few years. With the passage of this millage, the results will be a bigger and better museum that we can all be proud to share with everyone - our citizens, students, visitors and patrons.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Reagan D.D.S.

Dear Neighbors,

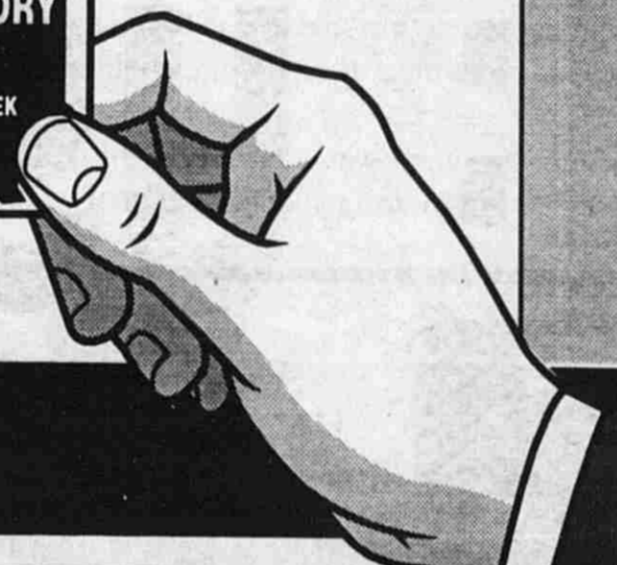
I have been a supporter and member of the Lowell Area Historical Museum since it started in 1989. Over the past 13 years, the museum has worked to collect, preserve and protect our history. We now have a wonderful museum that showcases our community's past. I hope everyone will visit the museum and see for him or herself just how great it is.

The museum needs our help to provide stable operational funding. I am voting yes on the museum millage proposal on Nov. 5 and hope you will too.

Barbara Curtis

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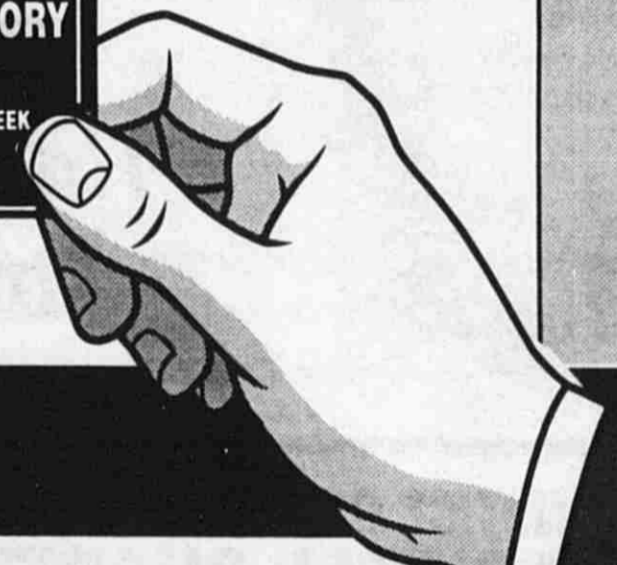
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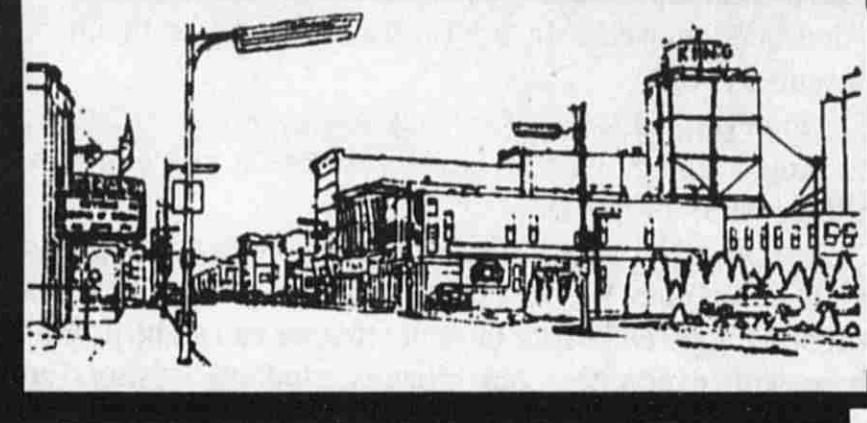
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Lowell Cub Scout Pack 3188 is having their annual popcorn sale now thru Nov. 19. Their premium popcorn will be sold door-to-door and at various businesses Nov. 1, 2 and 4; also available at First United Methodist Church craft sale on Nov. 16. For info. or to order, call Lisa Stormzand at 897-7592.

**LAAC DINNER THEATER AT LARKIN'S**  
The Thebes Players will present "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling at Larkin's Other Place on Oct. 24-27 and Nov. 1 & 2. Tickets are \$23 for dinner/show and \$8 for Oct. 27, Sunday matinee (3 p.m.). Dinner is 6:30 p.m.; show is 7:30 p.m. Senior, LAAC member and student rates are available. For more info. or to make reservations contact the LAAC at 897-8545.

**YMCA KIDS NIGHT OUT**

"Halloween Kids Night Out," sponsored by the YMCA, is Friday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary.

**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.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE**

Lowell Women's Club is selling the new 2003 entertainment books at Lowell Area Arts Council, Hahn Hardware and SOS Salon. Great gift idea.

**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.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENTS...**

"The Many Faces of Old Glory" on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be held at the Lowell Township Hall. Public welcome; light refreshments will be 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.

**HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT TIMES**

Households in the city of Lowell wishing to participate with treats for children on Halloween night Thursday, Oct. 31 may turn on their outside porch lights between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

**ST. PATRICK'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. Artisans, home baked goods, hourly raffles and lunch served all day. For information, call Mary (691-8557).

**FFA HOG ROAST AT LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL**

The annual Lowell FFA hog roast and scholarship auction will be held Friday, Nov. 8 in the Lowell High School cafeteria. Dinner served from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and the auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person; kids five and under eat free.

**NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP**

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will host a workshop for children 8-12 on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wittenbach Agri-science Center. Activities include bracelet-making, leather working, and corn husk doll-making. Lunch included with \$7 registration fee. Call school office or museum 897-7688. Deadline: Nov. 6.

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL**

Hundreds of handcrafted articles made by local artisans and crafters will be available at the 11th annual Christmas through Lowell scheduled for Nov. 15, 16 and 17. Maps are available at Cousins' Hallmark, River Hollow, Michael's Farm Market, Dream Pieces and Touch of Country.

**SEEKING PARADE ENTRIES FOR SANTA PARADE**

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the annual Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Call 897-9161 for an application.

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

If you would like to bake your favorite homemade goodie for the Chamber of Commerce bake sale on Dec. 7, call Linda or Darlene at 897-1140.

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**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  
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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

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Prime agriculture restricts non-farm residents while rural agriculture allows homes to be built on a minimum of four-acre lots.

"The land is not farmable," Hedlund said. Planning commission secretary, Dave Simmonds said while the property contains overgrown pine trees, it has not been demonstrated that the land cannot be used for agricultural purposes.

Township board trustee, Carlton Blough agreed with Hedlund that the land was not by any means the best agricultural property, but voted in accordance with the planning commission's recommendation because Hedlund was not at the planning commission meeting on Oct. 14.

Hedlund explained at the township board he was told the

decision would be made on Oct. 21. "Which is why I am here tonight," Hedlund concluded.

Simmonds, in the audience, said the Master Plan controls what happens over a long-term basis. "Rezoning goes against the Master Plan," he said.

The planning commission also stated that in addition to the approximately 280 single family home sites planned for the northern portion of the township, there are already 40 single family home sites in PUD development within the current AG-2 district in the southern portion of the township.

It also brought into question the ability of the land to safely handle the on-site septic systems of 10 homes (size of the proposed development).

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constructing a BMX track, which included visiting Ionia to see their track. The track would be about 900 to 1,200 feet in length; the width about 15 to 20 feet. The track includes a series

of hills and jumps and would be designed for competitive racing with an eight-rider starter gate.

The proposal was brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission, which approved the plan, suggesting the west side of Stoney Lakeside Park as the site. The commission also recommended the allocation of \$2,000 for the purchasing of dirt.

City manager, David Pasquale said the issue comes down to insurance, explaining that the city's insurance carrier did not have information on BMX tracks. Pasquale said it is a relatively new concept and the company was working on putting together a policy to address it and determine costs.

For that reason, Pasquale requested and got a table on the project until the Nov. 4 council meeting. He said he should have more information about insurance costs and liability for the city.

As for the amount of money requested, Welsh said it would serve as "money to get the project started. The youth are so excited about the project, they have already got Bobcats and other equipment lined up to get it underway."

The council also asked for more information about the Ionia track, which Welsh said he would bring to the next meeting.



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NOVEMBER 5, 2002**

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**AN ADDITION TO THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, THE FOLLOWING STATE PROPOSALS WILL BE VOTED UPON:**

**PROPOSAL 02-1  
A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 269 OF 2001 - AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW**

**Public Act 269 of 2001 would:**

- Eliminate "straight party" vote option on partisan general election ballots.
- Require Secretary of State to obtain training reports from local election officials.
- Require registered voters who do not appear on registration list to show picture identification before voting a challenged ballot.
- Require expedited canvass if presidential vote differential is under 25,000.
- Require ballot counting equipment to screen ballots for voting errors to ensure the accurate tabulation of absentee ballots. Permit voters in polls to correct errors.
- Provide penalties for stealing campaign signs or accepting payment for campaign work while being paid as a public employee to perform election duties.

**Should this law be approved?**

**PROPOSAL 02-2  
A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS PROJECTS, STORM WATER PROJECTS AND WATER POLLUTION PROJECTS**

**The proposal would:**

- Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1 billion to improve the quality of the waters of the state by financing sewage treatment works projects, storm water projects and water pollution projects.
- Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds.
- Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund of the state.

**Should this proposal be adopted?**

**PROPOSAL 02-3  
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO GRANT STATE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH BINDING ARBITRATION**

**The proposed constitutional amendment would:**

- Grant state classified employees, in appropriate bargaining units determined by the Civil Service Commission, the right to elect bargaining representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining with the state employer.
- Require the state to bargain in good faith for the purpose of reaching a binding collective bargaining agreement with any elected bargaining representatives

**Should this proposal be adopted?**

**PROPOSAL 02-4**

**A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REALLOCATE THE "TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE" RECEIVED BY THE STATE FROM CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS**

**The proposed constitutional amendment would:**

- Annually allocate on a permanent basis 90% (approximately \$297 million) of "tobacco settlement revenue" received by state from cigarette manufacturers as follows: \$151.8 million to nonprofit hospitals, licensed nursing homes, licensed hospices, nurse practitioners, school-linked health centers and Healthy Michigan Foundation; \$102.3 million to fund programs to reduce tobacco use, Health and Aging Research Development Initiative, Tobacco-Free Futures Fund, Council of Michigan Foundations and Nurses Scholarship Program; and \$42.9 million to the Elder Prescription Drug Program.
- Guarantee recipients funding at 2001 appropriation levels plus additional state funds on an escalating basis for nonprofit hospitals, licensed nursing homes, licensed hospices and nurse practitioners.

**Should this proposal be adopted?**

**LOWELL CITY PROPOSAL 1**

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSAL**

Shall the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, levy a new special ad valorem property tax of 25¢ of one mill annually (which is equal to \$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation for a ten-year period commencing July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2013, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Lowell Area Historic Museum? The amount raised by such levy in the first year is estimated at \$24,340.73 (an estimated \$20,903.13 would be used for museum operation and maintenance and an estimated \$3,437.60 would be disbursed to the City's Downtown Development Authority for its use).

**Should this proposal be adopted?**

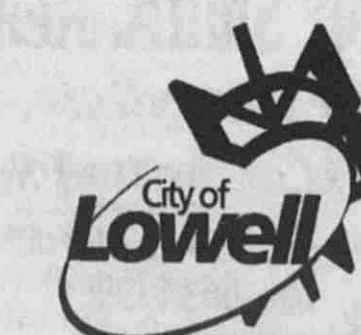
The polls of said election will be open from 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. If you are unsure of your precinct, please call Lowell City Hall, 897-8457 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Notice to Persons with special needs (as defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act). The City of Lowell has made every effort to make every voting site accessible. If for any reason you are still prevented from voting in your precinct due to physical barriers, please contact Betty Morlock, City Clerk at 897-8457 no later than 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2002.

A voter who is physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another person, or who is at least 60 years of age, or will be away from the community is eligible to receive an absent voter ballot. If you wish to apply for an absent voter ballot contact your local City, Betty Morlock at 897-8457 or Michigan Relay Center TDD# 800-649-3777.

**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO QUALIFY AS A VOTER!**

Betty Morlock, City Clerk  
897-8457





# COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

**EVERY OTHER SUN:** Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. 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:** Fallsburg 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 6:30-8:30 p.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 School, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register 1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

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

**THURS.:** 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.

**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.:** Rubber stamping group meets at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841 for information.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** VFW #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. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

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**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.

**OCT. 24 - 27 & NOV. 1 & 2:** Steel Magnolias, at Larkin's Other Place; dinner/theater tickets \$23; theater matinee only, \$8. Sr./student rates also. Call 897-8545 to make reservations or for more info./times.

**SAT., OCT. 26:** Swiss steak dinner 5-7 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash, Alto.

**SAT., DEC. 7:** The annual Christmas parade is at 10 a.m. Contact the Chamber office at 897-9161 if you would like an application.

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The next best thing to knowing something is knowing where to find it.  
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—Samuel Johnson

## 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. 23:** 9:30 a.m. John Ball Zoo, free for Seniors; 12:30 p.m. Shopping Assistance.

**FRI., OCT. 25:** 12:45 p.m. Bingo.  
**SUN., OCT. 27:** Fall back

Adults \$7; children 6-12 \$3.50; 5 and under free.

**SAT., OCT. 26:** Barn Foundation/window framing classes held at Fallas barn from 9-4 p.m. \$15 registration fee; lunch/ refreshments offered. Call 897-0849 or 897-7161.

**SAT., OCT. 26:** Flu (\$17) & pneumonia (\$25) shots from 9-11 a.m. at Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Call 691-8450.

**WED., OCT. 30:** "The Many Faces of Old Glory," by David Cooley, held at Lowell Township Hall, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Area Historical Museum. Public is welcome; light refreshments will be served.

**THURS., OCT. 31:** Between 5:30 & 8 p.m. city of Lowell residents may turn on their porch lights to participate in passing out Halloween treats.

**SAT., NOV. 2:** Annual craft show at St. Patrick Church Parish Center in Parnell, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Artisans, baked goods, raffles and lunch. Call Mary 691-8557 for info.

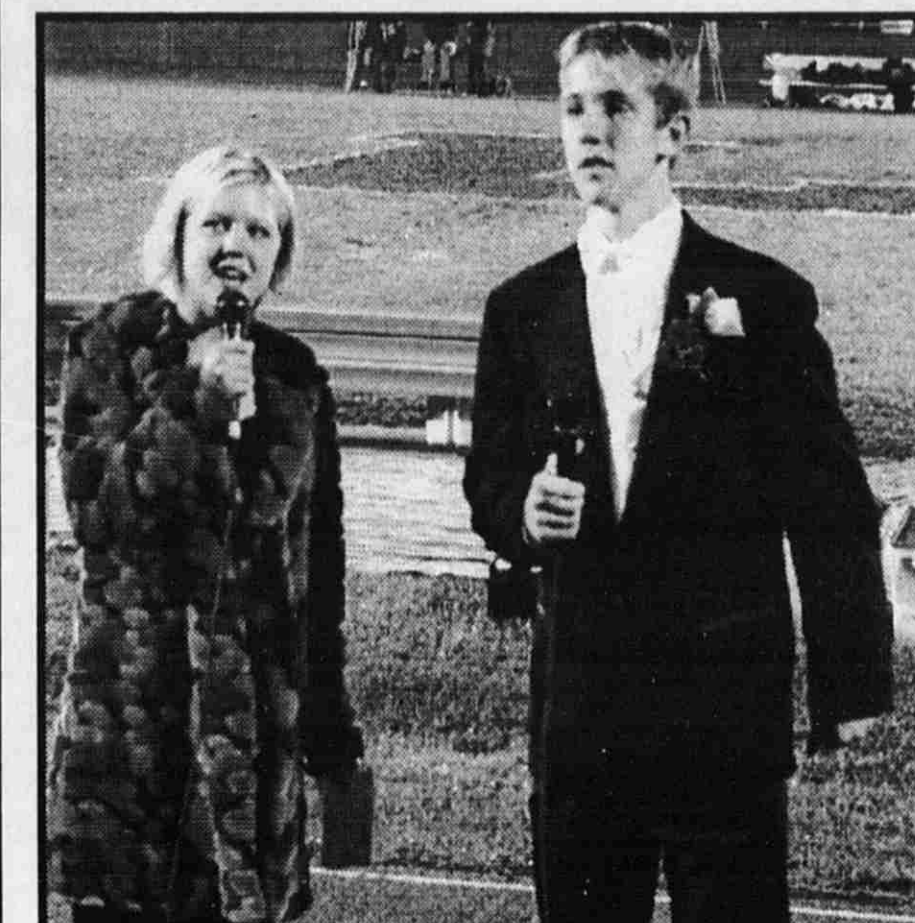
**NOV. 15, 16, 17:** Annual Christmas Through Lowell craft show. Maps available at downtown businesses.

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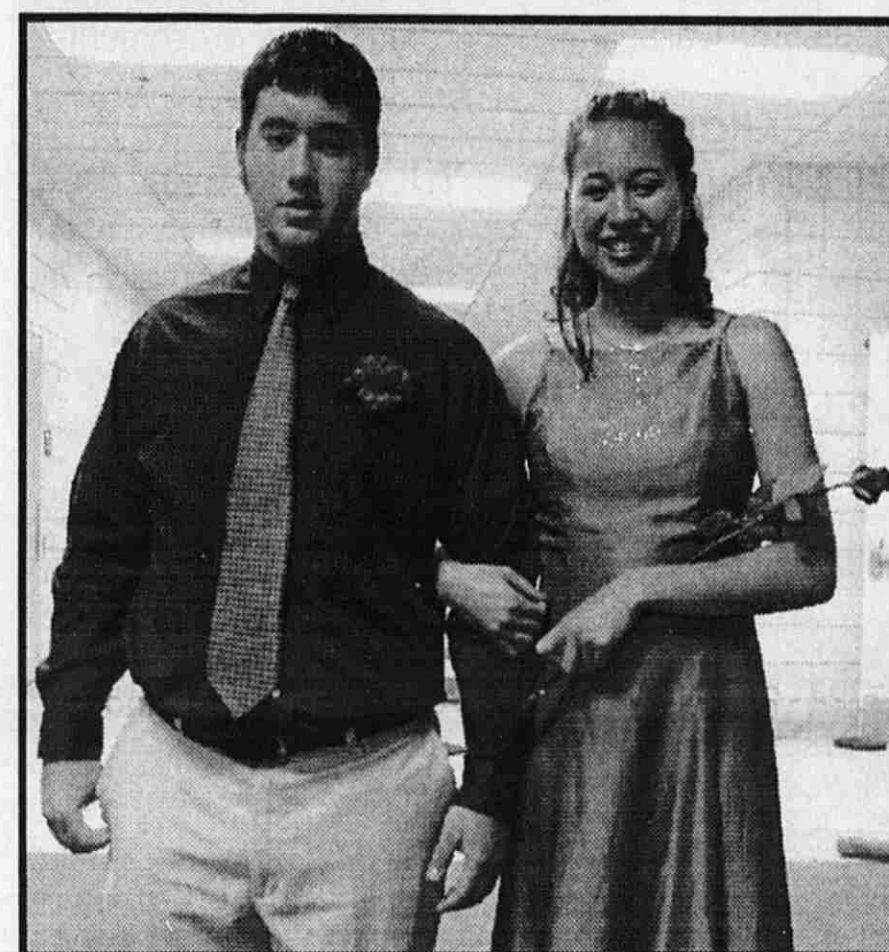


The Lowell High School senior court, pictured from left to right, are: Krystal White, Matt Foster, Jenny Stewart, Jordan Moore, Kim Hoogewind, Ryan Curtis, Cori Drenth, Josh Middleton, Katelyn Bush, Tyler Nethercott, Rachel Penninga and Corey Krieg.

## Faces of the 2002 LHS Homecoming



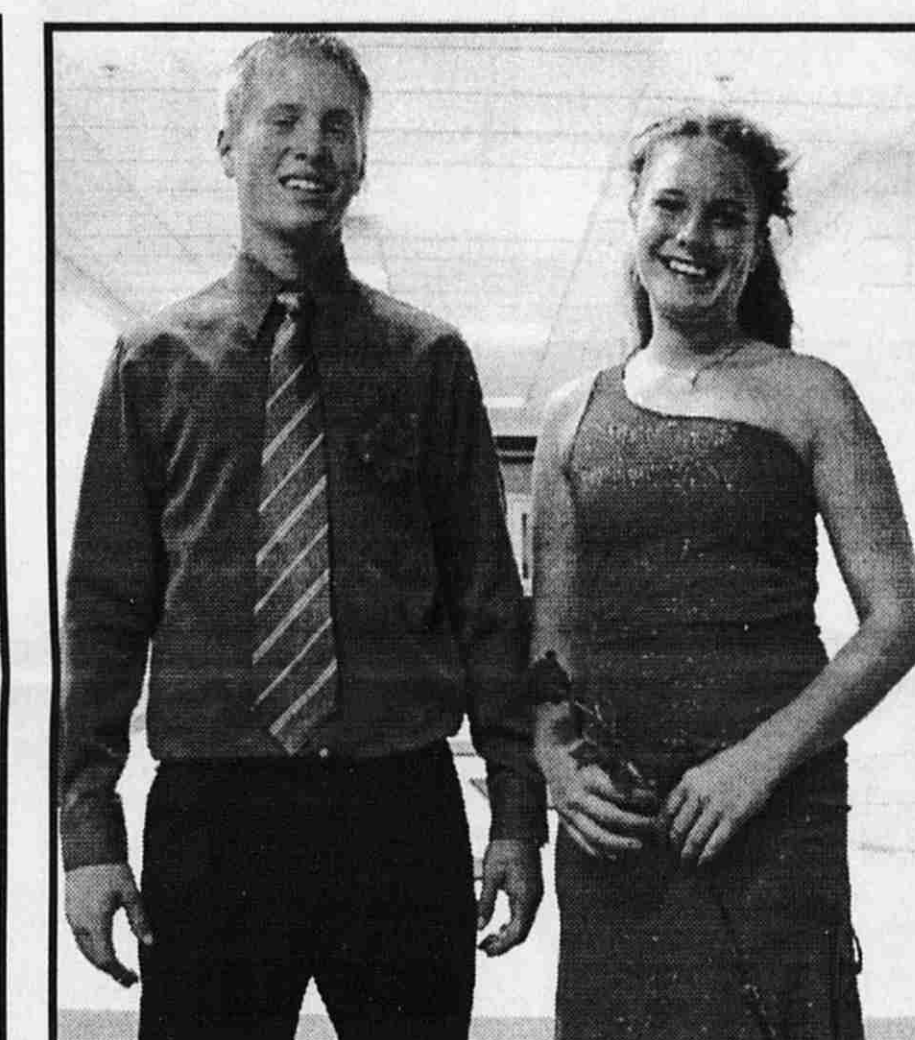
Lowell High School homecoming master and mistress of ceremonies were Jeremy Goff and Holly Plattner.



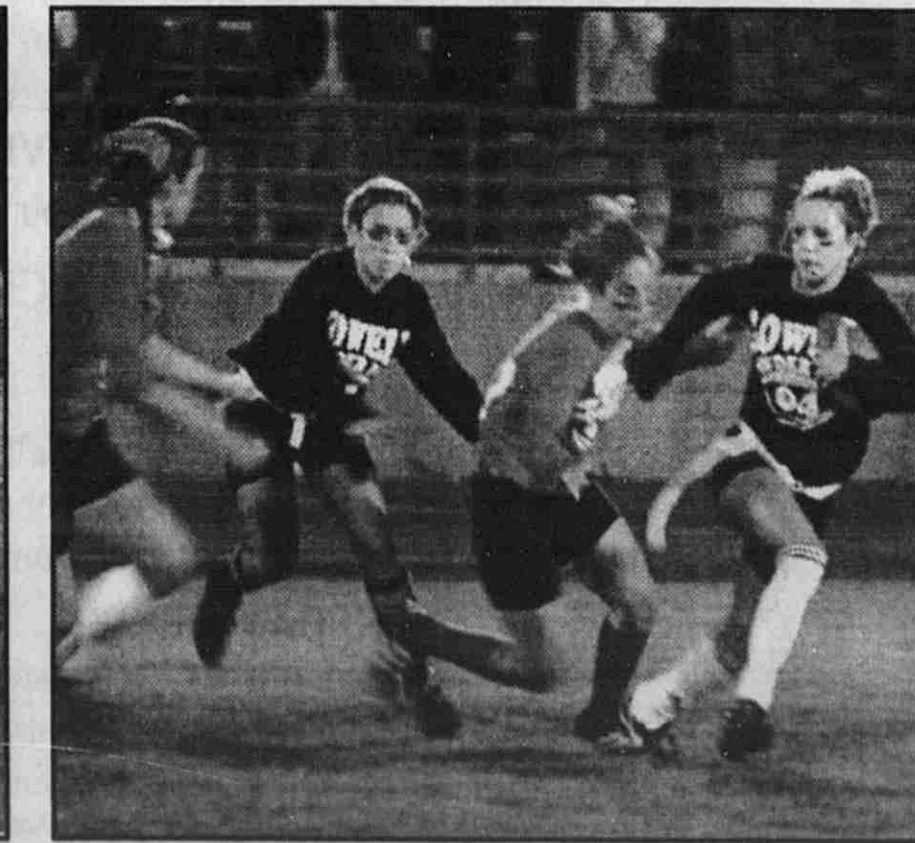
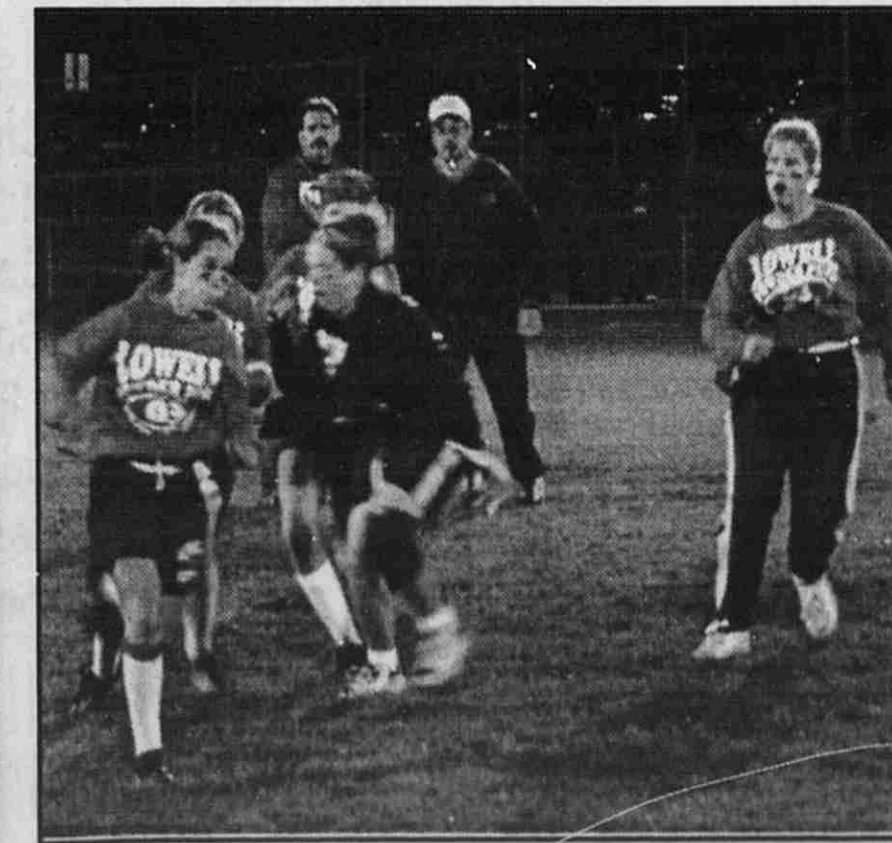
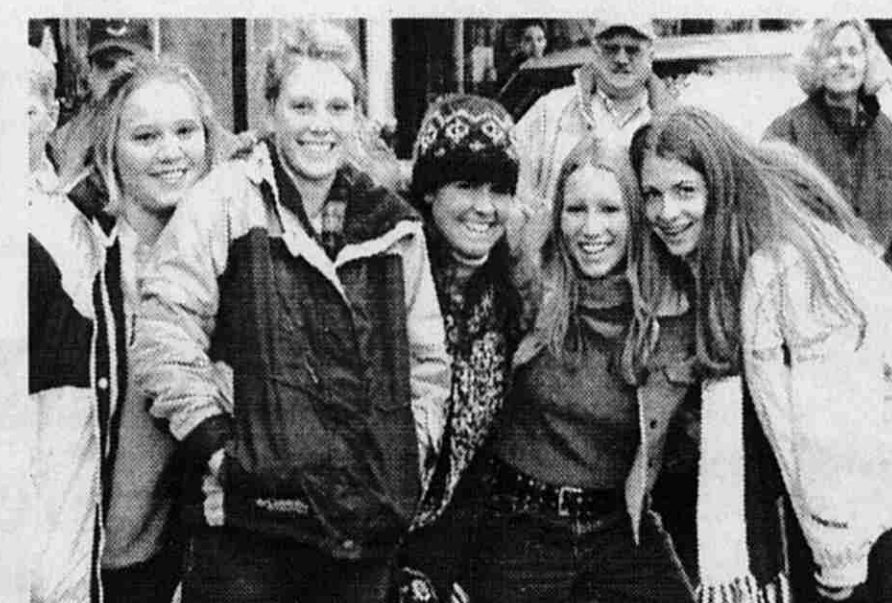
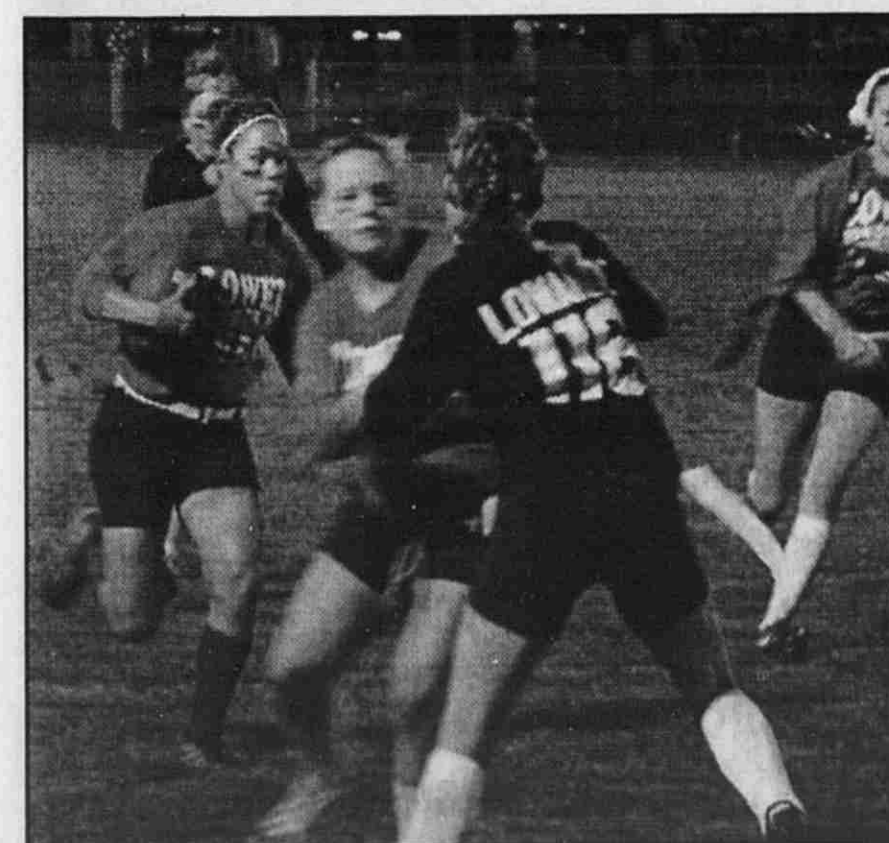
Junior class homecoming representatives, Brendon Harden and Kristen Lee.



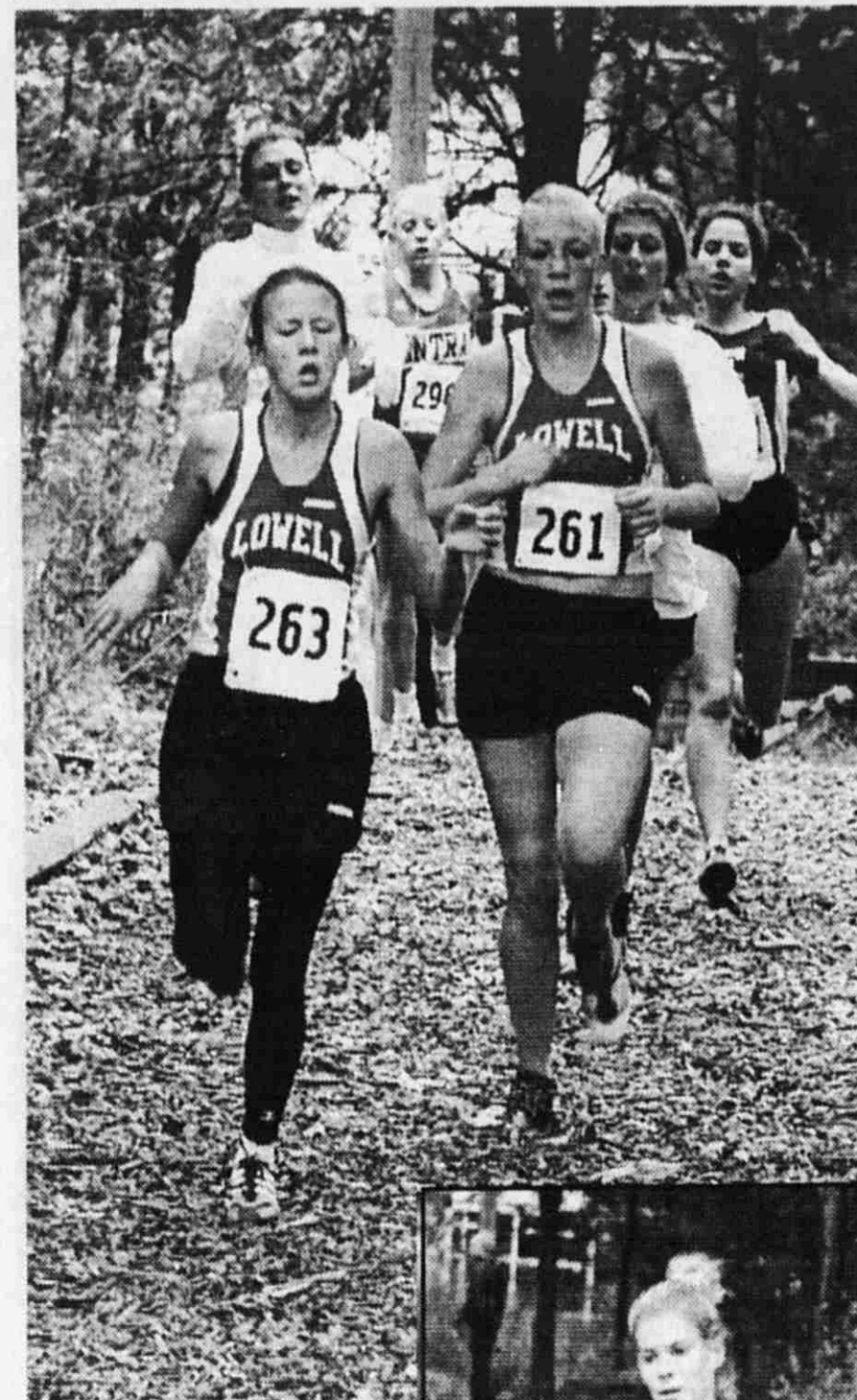
Sophomore class representatives, Shane Stokes and Karis Prill.



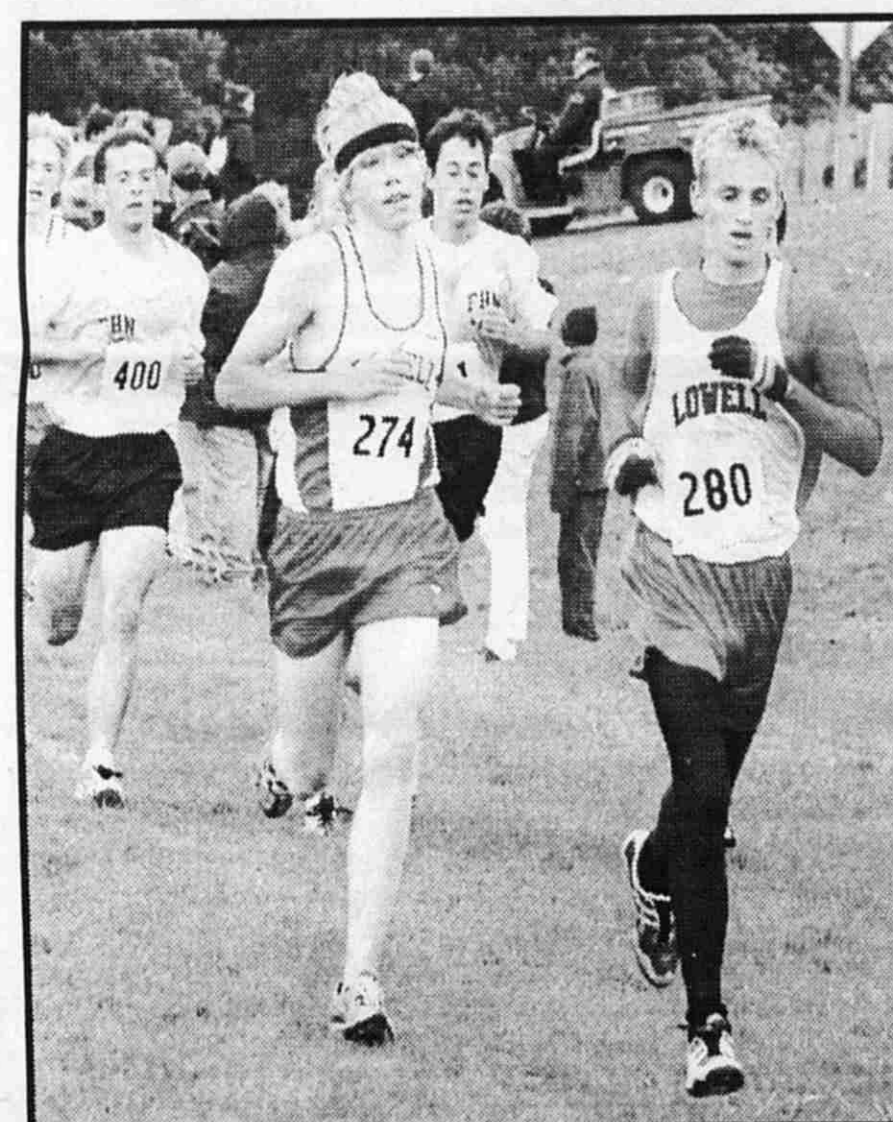
Freshman class representatives, Brock Graham and Nikita Miles.



Lowell High School senior girls defeated the juniors in the 2002 Powder Puff football game 27-13. The seniors were coached by assistant high school principal, Kevin Pearson. The juniors were coached by Jason Stoutjesdyk and Bill McElroy.



Abbie Blanding and Sarah Swab, above, followed Lisa Wojciakowski (right) through the wooded trail at Saturday's league meet.



Scott Riddle (#274) and Chris Gallagher (#280) set the pace for one another.

## Red Arrow girls surprise a few with a 2nd; Lowell boys finish fifth at league meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls cross country team ran with a lot of heart Saturday at the O-K White Conference meet.

Coming off a disappointing 3-3 regular season, placing the Red Arrows fourth in the dual season, Lowell placed four runners in the top 25 en route to a second-place finish to O-K White Conference champion, Forest Hills Central.

"It was a tremendous race... they ran with heart," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "Today the girls made up for losses during the regular season."

Senior Lisa Wojciakowski came home in 20:18, finishing third overall behind Forest Hills Northern's Danelle

Underwood (19:59.9) and East Grand Rapids' Laura Malnor (18:59.9).

Teammate Abbie Blanding was the second Red Arrow home as she placed 10th overall, coming in at 20:44.

Sarah Swab came off the course in 20:50 and was 14th overall. She was followed home by Natalie Kent, 22nd, 21:14.9; and Emily Gerard, 32nd, 21:55.3.

"This was definitely a morale boost. The girls showed today that they are still up there," VanderWarf said. "This will provide them with some confidence going into the regional on Saturday."

Central won the league meet with 46 points. The Rangers did so by placing all

five of its runners in the top 20.

Lowell was second with 81 followed by East Grand Rapids 84; Forest Hills Northern 86; Zeeland 105; Northview 152; and Hudsonville 159.

With Lowell's showing on Saturday, the Red Arrows finished third overall in the O-K White.

Lowell's boys team finished fifth in the league meet behind conference champion, Zeeland 42; East Grand Rapids 53; Forest Hills Central 73; Forest Hills Northern 83; Lowell 125; Northview 134; and Hudsonville 196.

"We were hoping for a fourth-place finish," Lowell coach, Clay Vander Warf said. "We beat the teams that

we defeated in the dual meet part of the season."

Lowell was paced by Steve Ellison's great run. The sophomore came home in 17:19.6, placing him 10th overall.

"Steve ran real well today. It was just a great race," VanderWarf said.

Northview's Derek Scott took top honors with a time of 16:25.2. Zeeland's Matt Plaska was second at 16:39.7. He was followed by teammates, Tad Hulst (16:45.6) and Nate Penny (16:52.8).

Following Ellison home for Lowell were Scott Riddle, 25th, 18:11.4; Mitch Solon, 29th, 18:16.9; Eric Schumm, 30th, 18:18.7; and Chris Gallagher, 31st, 18:20.3.



The 49 runners in the boys conference race finished the Lowell course in a timeframe spanning from 16:25 to 20:19.

Thinking is the activity I love best, and writing is simply thinking through my fingers.

—Isaac Asimov

## Lowell 32, Hudsonville 15

### Lowell starts quick, finishes strong in blasting Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the exception of a bizarre call reversal and a third quarter Hudsonville scoring drive, Lowell controlled the game on both sides of the ball Friday night in routing the Eagles 32-15.

"This game was a good measure for us and the progress we've made," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.

For Hudsonville coach, Dave Duram, it seemed like a step back for his Eagles after a win against Forest Hills Northern last week and the narrowest of losses to East Grand Rapids two weeks ago. "I just didn't think our

guys weren't ready to play. I don't have an answer for it," Duram said. "You can't spot a great football team like Lowell a two touchdown lead and expect good things to happen."

Yes - Lowell's offense rolled up 366 total yards (234 passing, 132 rushing); however its defense limited Hudsonville to 50 yards rushing and 197 through the air.

"Our defense is coming on. It has stepped up all season. They made a lot of big plays in the second half," said Dean. "Neal DeVoid had a real nice game as did Jordan Moore. We took Moore out of the box tonight and had him help us out in our pass coverage."

Lowell led 19-0 midway through the second quarter when a play so bizarre threatened to change the entire complexion of the game.

On second and 10 from the Lowell 33, Brek Trevino rolled right and threw a 33 yard pass to the front corner of the end zone to Chris VanderMolen.

After the officiating crew had placed the ball back at the line of scrimmage and set the play clock, Duram called a timeout and then spent the ensuing five minutes discussing the play with the officials.

Following the discussion, the crew reversed its decision and ruled a touchdown for Hudsonville.

"The sideline official made the correct call after talking about it," Duram said.

It was a critical play because, in a half where Hudsonville had been totally dominated, now all of a sudden they are down just 11 (19-8) following a two-point conversion.

Lowell scored on its opening possession when Mark Catlin threw a nine yard touchdown pass to Mike Koster. Lowell led 6-0; the extra point was missed.

On its next possession Lowell marched 79 yards in eight plays as Catlin again



Lowell's Frank Mulder runs past the outstretched arm of this Hudsonville defender.

"That was a critical call, but I've never seen one overturned quite like that," Dean explained.

Lowell answered with a 41 yard drive before half that culminated in a 36 yard field goal by Matt Foster, giving the Red Arrows a 22-8 half-time advantage.

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On its next possession Lowell marched 79 yards in eight plays as Catlin again

connected with Koster - this time for a seven yard touchdown pass.

Koster caught eight passes for 128 yards. J.J. Wilder took in six receptions for 86 yards.

Catlin threw for 234 yards and rushed for 96.

On its first possession of the second quarter, Catlin capped a 53-yard drive with a one yard touchdown burst, giving Lowell a 19-0 advantage.

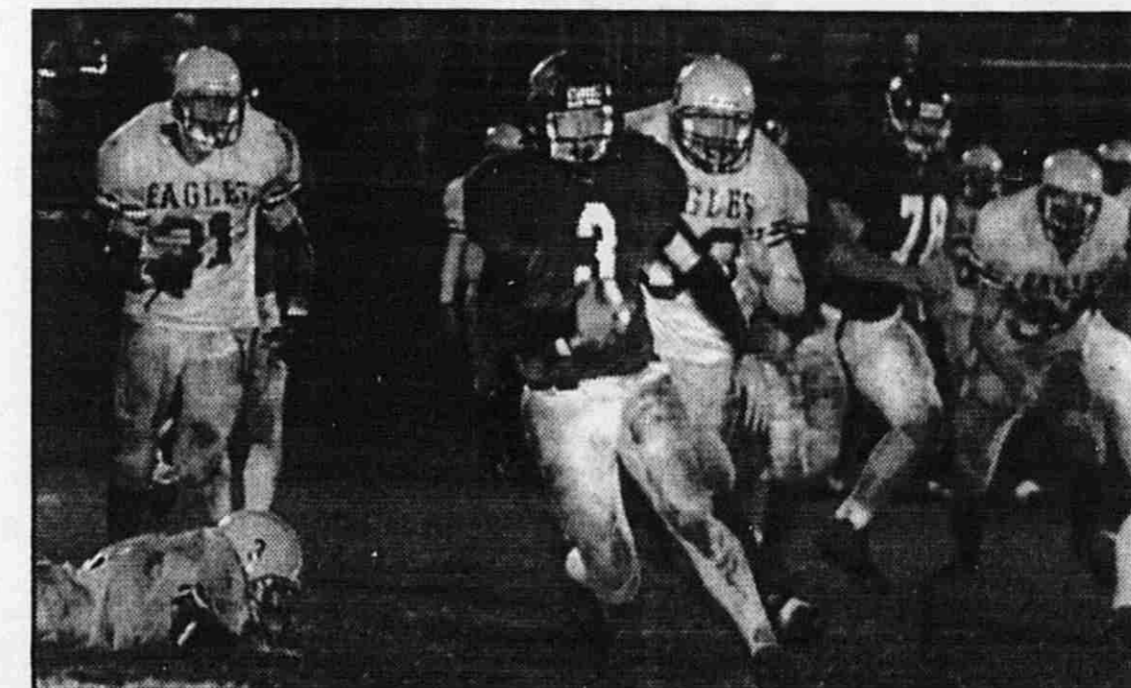
Hudsonville's only score of the second half came on a pass from Trevino to Tyson DeVree, cutting its deficit to

seven at 22-15.

Lowell (7-1, 5-1), responded with a 39 yard drive capped off by a Foster 28-yard field goal, pushing Lowell's lead to 10 at 25-15.

Chris Curtis delivered the final touchdown of the game late in the fourth quarter on a one yard scoring run.

"We're improved and Creston comes here next week to give us another test before the playoffs," Dean said. "We beat a quality football team tonight. I have a lot of good players and we're not finished yet."



Mark Catlin threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third in Lowell's 32-15 win over Hudsonville.

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### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



78er's (L to R)  
Nick Canfield, wide receiver, corner back  
Eddie Parks, tackle, nose guard  
Matt Burton, defensive tackle  
Sean Adriance, offensive tackle

**CITY OF LOWELL**  
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**TUESDAY PICKUP**  
October 1, October 8, October 15,  
October 22, October 29, November 5,  
November 12, November 19, November 26

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October 3, October 10, October 17,  
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November 14, November 21, November 29

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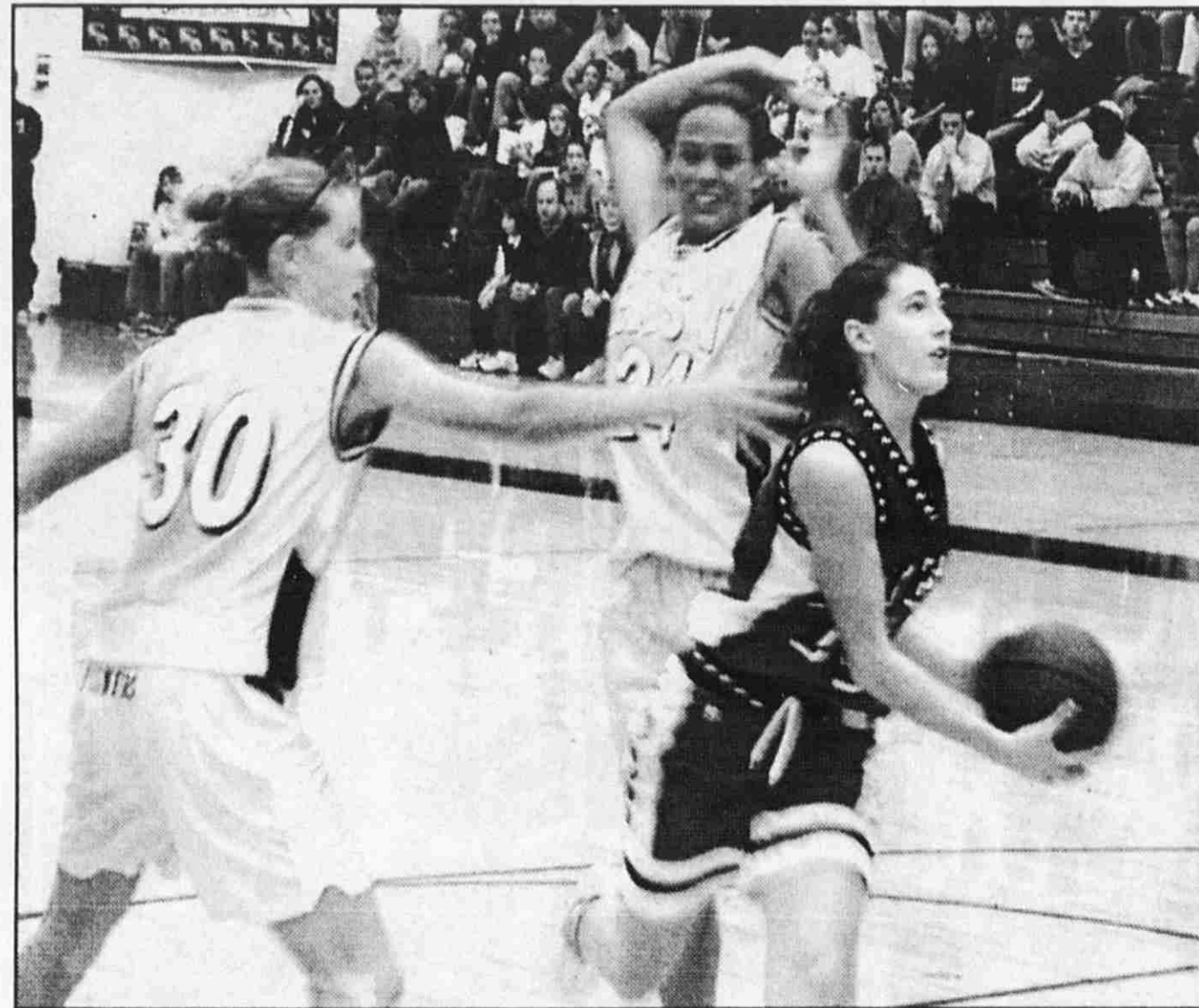
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Lowell's Becky Bosserd drives past two East defenders for a layup. Lowell lost the contest 37-36

## Lowell's shooting from the line goes afoul in one-point loss to East

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Seniors of East Grand Rapids' girls basketball team have made it to the state quarterfinals and semifinals but have not won a conference title.

In its heart-stopping 37-36 win over Lowell Thursday night, East Grand Rapids took a major step toward that elusive title in defeating its nemesis, the Red Arrows.

"These girls have advanced further in the state tournament than other area teams, but they haven't won a conference title. Would they like to change that? You bet," said Pioneer basketball coach, Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate.

Multiple tips and a scramble for a loose ball culminated in Pioneer senior center, Julia Braseth (12 points) kissing her game-winning shot high off the high glass from underneath the EGR basket.

The two state-ranked teams will meet again in the regular season's final game of the year at Lowell with the O-K White Conference title in the balance.

Only an unlikely stumble

by one of the clubs would change that scenario.

Lowell, which led throughout much of the contest, built a lead as big as nine points in the second half, but a five-minute, fourth-quarter scoring drought helped open the door for an eager and motivated Pioneer team.

"I told the girls afterwards the game should not have come down to one final possession," said Lowell coach, Dee Crowley. "If we execute the fundamentals (free throws and rebounding), the game is not in jeopardy at the end."

The Red Arrows had the ball and seven-and-a-half seconds on the clock following Braseth's bucket.

EGR, however, with fouls to give, used them wisely to take time off the clock before Lowell could get the ball up the floor.

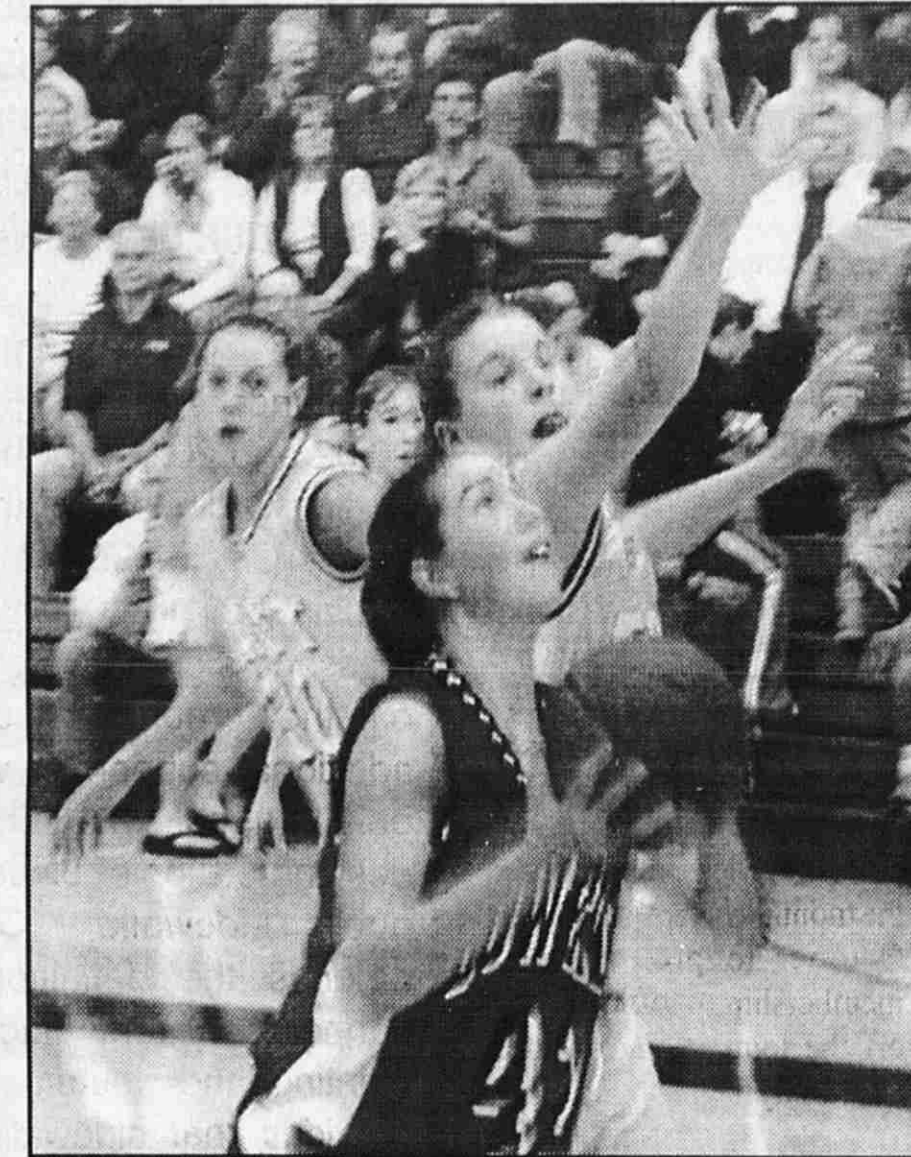
When the Red Arrows finally did, they only had 3.5 seconds to get a shot off. Kendra Gallert's shot from left of the key was well defended and blocked by forward Stephanie Petersen.

Lamoreaux-Tate admitted doubt crept into her mind when her club fell behind by nine. "But then, I saw something in their eyes, which showed me they really wanted this."

That look may not have been more evident than in the eyes of junior Sara Fenton. "The bigger the game, the bigger Sara plays," Lamoreaux-Tate explained.

Fenton scored five of East's 11 fourth-quarter points and tallied 9 for the game.

Lowell was once again led by a solid defensive effort.



Lowell sophomore, Amy Oberlin scores two of her 11 points off this post move.

"Lowell's defense made it tough for us to get into an offensive rhythm. We're used to drilling the ball inside," Lamoreaux-Tate said. "They play defense like we do - physical, tough and in-your-face."

The game was played before a raucous crowd of approximately 1,200 fans.

"This is what my dream for high school girls basketball is - this should happen more consistently," Crowley said.

Lowell received standout play from sophomore center Amy Oberlin.

"She's 5'9" and was playing against a 6'1" all-state center," Crowley said. "I thought based on defense, offense and work ethic, Amy was the most impressive player out there tonight."

Gallert led Lowell with 13 points and Oberlin added 11.

After a 12-0 start, Lowell, now losers of two in a row, will look to get back to their winning ways with games against Forest Hills Northern and Northview.

## Lowell soccer team advances with 1-0 district win over Trojans

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Lowell entered its district soccer game with Middleville, with more of a stagger than a swagger.

The Red Arrows had lost two of their last three games, finishing a disappointing third in the O-K White, behind league champion Forest Hills Central and Hudsonville, a team that beat Lowell twice in a seven-day period.

"We didn't come into the district the way we wanted to," said Lowell assistant coach, Mike Lincolnhol. "This is the time of the season when the boys have to pull it together and make things happen."

From a scoring stand-

point, nothing happened between the Trojans and Red Arrows Monday night until the 24-minute mark of the second half when Lowell's Sam Oberlin pushed one past the Middleville goalie on an assist from Travis Gillan. That score held up as Lowell defeated Middleville 1-0.

"We did not play our best soccer tonight, but the boys showed some second half determination, effort and attitude," Lincolnhol explained. Even in defeat, Casey Aubil, Middleville soccer coach, was pleased with his club's effort.

"I'm extremely happy with the way our kids played," Aubil said. "We're a solid team, but not a high scoring

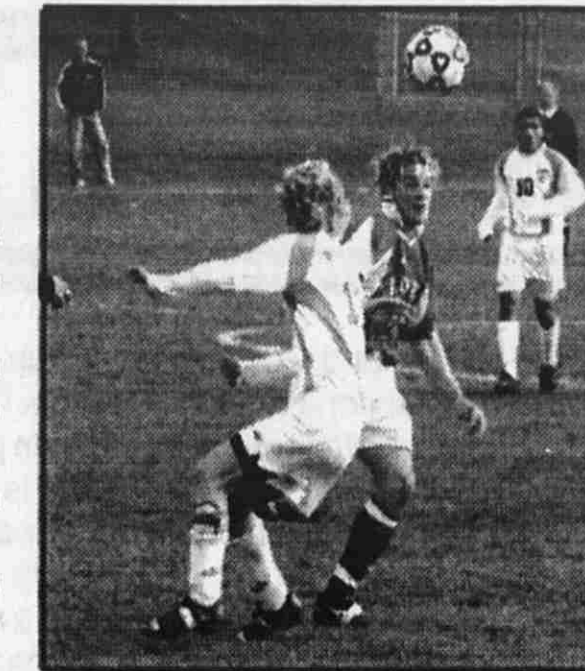
one. We haven't had to be because of our good defensive play."

Lowell had 12 shots on goal while Middleville put up 11 shots.

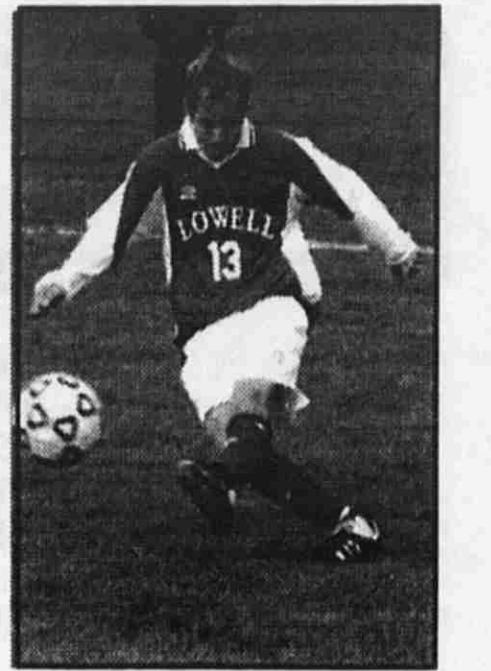
Lowell's goalie, Josh Anderson posted 10 saves. Lowell travels to Hastings Wednesday to play the Saxons at 4:30 p.m.

Red Arrow coach, Paul Legge, who was given a red card for disputing a second-half call, will have to sit out Wednesday's game.

In the O-K White tournament, Lowell lost to Hudsonville 3-1, and then defeated Forest Hills Northern 4-1. The Red Arrows finished third overall.



Shane Stokes, left, heads one past his defender, while Jeremy Goff, right, takes a shot on goal.



# TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Donald S. Smith for a special land use for a private road to provide access to four parcels of land in the A Agricultural District, for approval of a site development plan providing for residential development of four parcels of land, for approval of land division, and for other purposes, all covering the following described lands located on the south side of Five Mile road between Ashley Avenue and Montcalm Avenue, and legally described as follows:

The Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the East 518 feet of the North 420 feet thereof; and also that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, thence South along the East line of said Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 to the Southeast corner thereof, thence East along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 to a point which is 601 feet East of the West section line and the point of beginning; thence South 00°34'51" West along the East line of the West 601 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the Northerly line of the Mid-Michigan Railroad right of way (100 feet wide); thence North 70°18'24" East along said Northerly line of railroad right of way 2,192.91 feet to the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section; thence North along the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 to the North line thereof; thence West along the North line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 and the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; and also that part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner; thence East along the North section line 33 feet; thence South 00°23'00" West parallel with the North-South 1/4 line 1,322.28 feet to the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence East along said North line 1,293.72 feet to the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence South along said East line 797.41 feet to the Southerly line of the Mid-Michigan Railroad right of way (100-foot wide) and the point of beginning; thence continuing South along the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, 527.13 feet to the South line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence West along said South line 977.89 feet to a point which is 511 feet North 89°43'51" East from the intersection of the Southerly line of said railroad right of way and the South line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, thence North 20°16" West 169.95 feet to the Southerly line of said railroad right of way; thence north 70°18'24" East along said Southerly line of railroad right of way 1,104.75 feet to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: October 21, 2002

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## YMCA membership drive runs through October

Individual and Family Lowell YMCA Wellness Center members have been given the opportunity to pamper themselves during a September and October promotion campaign.

Approximately 120 Wellness Center members took advantage of free massages from Professional Touch Massage Therapy; hand massages from Sandra Fizer, and a free Mary Kay consultation from Cathy Dykstra.

The YMCA has also used the months of September and October to promote new membership by offering \$50 off the joining fee for adult and family memberships only.

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—Mark Twain  
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Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.  
—Aldo Leopold  
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## CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 20.03 AND 20.04 OF CHAPTER 20, "SIGNS," OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF SIDEWALK MESSAGE SIGNS

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 02-5 amending Sections 20.02 and 20.04 of Chapter 4, "Signs," of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on October 21, 2002. Ordinance No. 02-5 defines a sidewalk message sign as a sign that will stand upright on the ground or other surface without additional support or which is attached to a pole capable of being inserted into a designated pole placement location in the public sidewalk. Ordinance No. 02-5 amends the definition of sign to include banner, balloon, flag, pennant, streamer, painting and poster. Ordinance No. 02-5 provides that sidewalk message signs may only be located in C-2 Central Business District zone districts and prescribes their location, number and time of display.

Ordinance No. 02-5 is effective 10 days after this publication.



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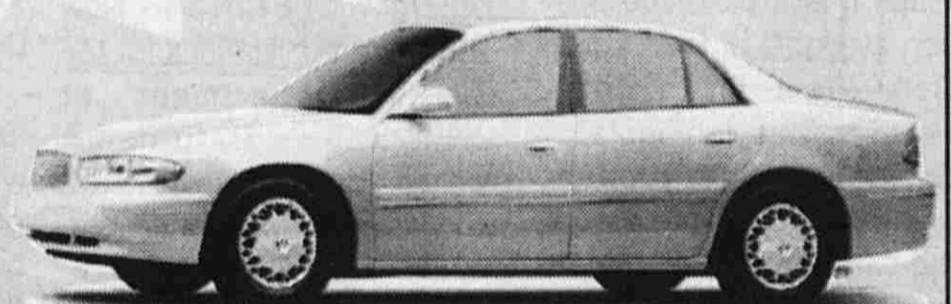


# Fly In...

A meeting of 40 state police and post commanders at the Look Memorial Fire Station was an opportunity for many to view the new state police helicopter for the first time. Based at the Capital City Airport in Lansing, the \$5.4 million twin engine helicopter was flown to Lowell on Thursday by Captain Dan Smith of the special operations division. The helicopter enables the division to fly over water. "What normally took four-five hours because we couldn't go over water now takes two hours," said Smith. "It's a beautiful piece of equipment."

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