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Wednesday, October 23, 2002

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

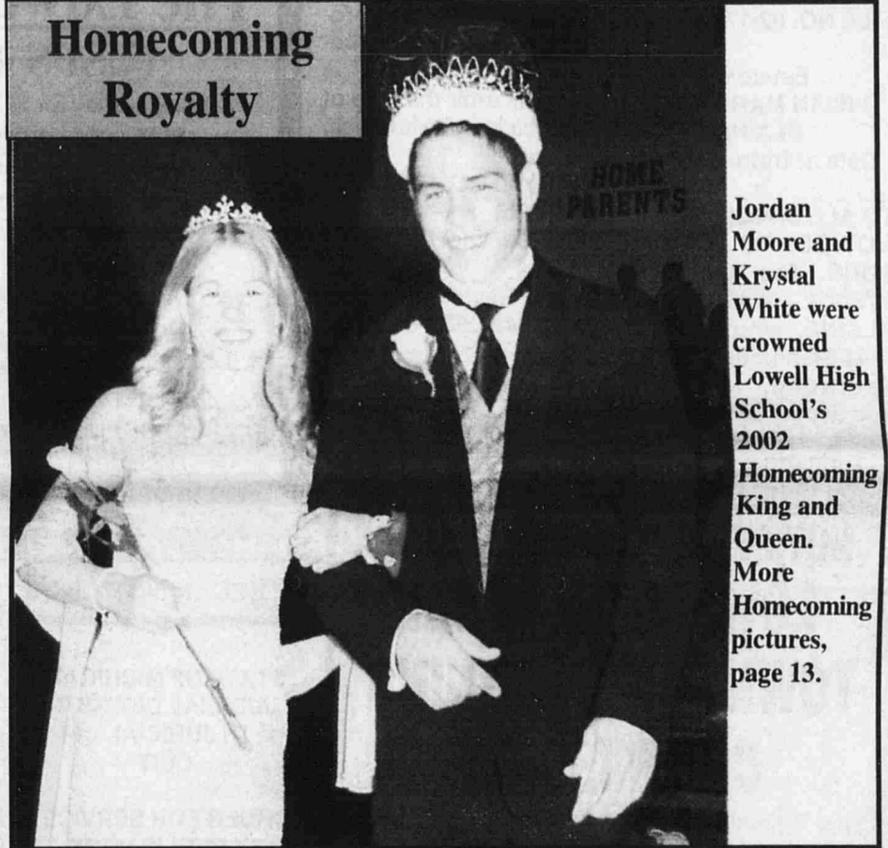
Community Foundation.

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 Song²

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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OBITUARIES

RASCH - Darlene Ruth (Kliffman) Rasch, aged 47, went to be with her Lord after a long courageous battle with lupus, and is now receiving her reward. Darlene was preceded in death by her father Leonard Kliffman. She will be remembered by her daughters Nicole Rasch and Angela Rasch and their father

Tom Rasch; her grandchildren Joe, Brett and Kaitlyn Senneker; her mother Dorothy Kliffman of Byron Center, formerly of Lowell; her brother and sisters Paul (Cindy) Kliffman, Judy (Jim) Eyer, Sandy (Ralph) Sloterbeek, Rachel Kliffman, Yvonne (Kent) Chipman, Rebecca (Bob) Grummet,

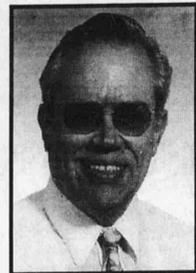
Sharon (Dave) Peden, Kimberly (Steve) VanderHelm and Kamelia (Jeff) Szarowicz; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends who loved her dearly. A special

thanks to all who have given care to Darlene and especially to Dr. Michael Zakem, Helena and Reint Dykhouse, Robert Oom and to all the staff at Crestview.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Alto Baptist Church (6015 Bancroft S.E.) with the Rev. George Coons, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Crestview Activity Fund, 625 36th St. S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509.

Lowell's Thaler honored with "Mercury" Award



David G. Thaler

David G. Thaler, advisor with American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., the nationwide financial planning service company, has received national recognition by earning the company's Mercury Award for achieving outstanding business production during his first 20 weeks with the company.

Thaler earned this award by providing financial services in the Greater Grand Rapids area. He works at the Grand Rapids district office

located in the Cascade area. Thaler, a native of Lowell, is the son of Orion (dec.) and Lila Thaler of Lowell and is a graduate of Lowell High School. He also received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in business administration and earned an MBA from the Eli Broad Graduate School of Business at Michigan State University.

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nation's leading financial planning companies. It is part of the American Express Financial Corporation, which currently owns or manages more than \$253 billion in assets. Through a network of more than 11,500 financial advisors and its online brokerage, the company provides comprehensive, long-term financial planning and high-quality financial products to more than 2.6 million clients throughout the United States.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 02-174,395 DE

Estate of VIVIAN MARGARET BLAINE Date of Birth: 5/21/16

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, VIVIAN MARGARET BLAINE, who lived at 1944 Glenmoor Ct. S. E., Kentwood, Michigan died September 21, 2002. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims

against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JEFF CHRISTENSEN, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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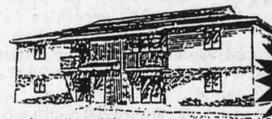
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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE 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.

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PDR, a voluntary program, which helps limit future development of farm land for nonagricultural purpose

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Preserving prime unique farmland in Kent County with the consent and permission of the landowners.

That's the charge behind the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program, an economic and conservation tool to protect valuable farmland that is economically important to Michigan's second largest industry - agriculture.

It is also a voluntary program that compensates owners of agricultural property for their willingness to accept a permanent deed restriction on their land, thus limiting future development of the land for nonagricultural purposes.

It targets economic, environmental and social benefits while enhancing the quality of life and viability of rural and urban communities through the voluntary protection of valuable Kent County farmland.

Kent County is the fifth most agriculturally productive county in the state with a market value of over \$121 million annually.

Establishing a goal of protecting 93,000 acres represents 50 percent of the current farmland acreage, less than 20 percent of the county's total land area and allows 80 percent of the county to be fully developed.

Once farmland is converted to development, it cannot be returned to farming. Large blocks of farmland are needed to create a long-term business environment for farm operations. Essential infrastructure such as farm equipment suppliers, processors, and other agribusinesses will leave if they don't have a sustainable customer base.

Not every farmer may wish to participate in PDR, but the track record across the country indicates more than seven farmers are on a waiting list for every farm that is preserved.

One of the key factors that makes the program attractive is that all private property rights remain intact.

Assuring farmland is available guarantees an adequate local food supply. Farmland provides more than just a safe, adequate local food supply and \$120 million in economic revenue to Kent County.

Farmland also provides key environmental benefits such as watershed protection, wildlife habitat and is an important part of the natural resource infrastructure that provides many recreational opportunities for local citizens.

In the area of funding, P.A. 262 established the state Agricultural Preservation Fund to provide matching funds to support local Purchase of Development Rights programs, up to 75 percent of the total cost.

In addition, the federal farm bill has earmarked \$985 million for matching funds for farmland preservation.

Anyone interested in the farmland protection efforts should contact Erika Rosebrook, with the Kent County Administrator's office at (616) 336-8768 or Kendra Wills, MSU Extension Agent at (616) 458-6805.

The Kent County Urban Sprawl committee is seeking public input through area meetings.

The committee made a presentation to area farmers and residents Wednesday night at the Lowell Township Hall.

Final 2002 CROP Walk numbers extend beyond expectations

The 2002 annual CROP Hunger Walk raised over \$28,250 in pledges.

"The enthusiasm and support that the Lowell community shows for this event is overwhelming," said CROP Walk coordinator, Lee Watterworth.

The 8th annual hunger walk garnered 200 participants. The total number of dollars pledged places the Lowell CROP Hunger Walk at 99 out of the approximately 2000 National CROP walks across North America.

Locally, Senior Neighbors will receive over \$1,700 and Flat River Outreach Ministries will receive \$5,296.

"Once again, the Lowell community has shown its heart

and support for a good cause," Watterworth said. "It's exciting to see community involvement in action and having the results exceed expectations."

Here is a list of the revenues raised by area churches and organizations:

- Alto Lions Club - \$300.
- Alto United Methodist Church - \$1,143.25.
- Bowne United Methodist Church - \$881.
- Cascade Christian Church - \$2,909.03.
- First Congregational Church of Lowell - \$2,826.
- First United Methodist Church of Lowell - \$5,057.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - \$435.

Lowell Church of the Nazarene - \$55.50

Lowell FFA - \$25.

Snow United Methodist Church - \$11,729.30.

St. Mary's Catholic Church - \$887.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - \$723.

St. Robert's Catholic Church - \$405.

Vergennes United Methodist Church - \$500.

Miscellaneous donations - \$225.

The 2003 Lowell Area CROP Hunger Walk is slated for Sunday, May 4.

NOVEMBER Lowell Community Events Calendar

Compliments of the Greater Lowell Community KALEIDOSCOPE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	KEY
<p>The Lowell Area Arts Council presents, "Steel Magnolias", a comedy/drama at Larkin's-The Other Place. Show dates are November 1-2.</p> <p>An Exhibition: LOWELL CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS, will be presented by Lowell Area Arts Council. A reception to meet the artists will be held on Thursday, November 14, from 7-9:00pm. Please join us.</p> <p>The Lowell Area Historical Museum is sponsoring a "Native American Workshop" on November 16, for children ages 8-12. Registration at 9:00am, cost \$7. Activities include: Bracelet/Jewelry Making, Pump Bow/Friction Fire Making, Corn Husk Doll Making and Leather Working. Each child can choose 2 classes, one in the AM and one in PM. Join us for this fun, informative event!</p> <p>The Kent District Library (both in Lowell and Alto) are again offering the Fall Family Storytime series. Featuring stories, songs, crafts and other book related fun! Ages 3-6. A different theme will be offered each week. See below for times.</p>						1	<p>FHS: 897-7161 Fallsburg Historical Society</p> <p>FLPC: 897-7842 Franciscan Life Process Center</p> <p>FROM: 897-5906 Flat River Outreach Ministries</p> <p>KCYF: 897-6050 Kent County Youth Fair</p> <p>KDL: 647-3920 Lowell 647-3820 Alto</p> <p>Kent District Library www.kdl.org</p> <p>LAAC: 897-8545 Lowell Area Arts Council</p> <p>LACC: 897-9161 Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce www.lowellchamber.org</p> <p>LAHM: 897-7688 Lowell Area Historical Museum www.lowellmuseum.org</p> <p>LAS: 897-8415 Lowell Area Schools/TOTS</p> <p>NCT: 897-5987 North Country Trail Association www.northcountrytrail.org</p> <p>TOTS: 897-1232 Tots On Track for School</p> <p>VEEN: 897-7065 Veen Observatory www.graa.org</p> <p>WITT: 987-1002 Willenbach Agriscience & Environmental Ctr./Wege Natural Area</p> <p>YMCA: 897-8445 YMCA of Lowell www.gymca.org</p> <p>LAS = Lowell Area Schools</p> <p>PLEASE REMEMBER - many events, programs and classes have detailed descriptions in the Lowell Programs & Events Guide (published quarterly). Some may require pre-registration & pre-payment. Please call 897-8545 for a Guide if you did not receive one in the Lowell Area Schools Directions Newsletter.</p> <p>Great effort has been made to make sure these dates are accurate, however, we encourage you to call to confirm dates & times. MANY PROGRAMS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION, so call early to enjoy your community programs!</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	KDL (Alto): Family Story-time, ages 3-6. 10:30AM	TOTS: Love & Logic Class, call 897-1232. 6:30-8:00PM	YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11am. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Family Story-time, ages 3-6. 1:30PM	TOTS: Mommies Night Off, at the Pottery Palace. Call 897-1232. 6:30-8:00PM	YMCA: Kids Night Out, for children grades 1-5. A Thanksgiving theme for this fun-filled kids night out. 6:00-9:00PM. Call Sarah at 897-2688 for more information.	FROM: FoodMobile at Fairgrounds. Bring your own bags. 10-Noon. Mostly produce, open to everyone! LAAC: Getting Started in Independent Film Production, 10-5:00PM. Call 897-8545.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	KDL (Alto): Family Story-time, ages 3-6. 10:30AM. LAS: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00PM	KDL (Low): Book Club, books to be discussed: Belcaro by Ann Patchett & Giant's House by Elizabeth McCracken, 10:00AM. TOTS: Family Night-Turkey Time, call 897-1232. 6:30-7:30PM	YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11am. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Family Story-time, ages 3-6. 1:30PM		? CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL. Nov. 15: 9-9PM. Nov. 16: 9-7PM. Nov. 17: 11-5PM. Call the Chamber at 897-9161 for more information.	LAHM: Native American Activities Workshops, ages 8-12. Fee \$7. Call for times. WITT: Trout Unlimited Saturday (RSVP)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	KDL (Alto): Family Story-time, ages 3-6. 10:30AM	KDL (Low): Mother/Daughter Book Club, 7:00PM. KDL (Low): Author Laurie Kuna Visits. For teens & adults. 7:00PM. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.	LACC: Good Morning Lowell Breakfast Club @ the Chamber, 7:30AM. YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11am. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Family Story-time, ages 3-6. 1:30PM. KDL (Alto): Captain Underpants Party, 4:00PM. All ages!		LAAC: Finding Your Writing & Acting Voice, 9-2:00PM. Call 897-8545. WITT: Full Moon Family Walk		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	KDL (Alto): Family Story-time, ages 3-6. 10:30AM. TOTS: Wiggles & Giggles, call 897-1232. 6:30-8:00PM	KDL (Low): Captain Underpants Party, 6:30PM. All ages. FLPC: VISIONS OF HOPE, an all-media show opens at the Center. TOTS: Love & Logic Class, call 897-1232. 6:30-8:00PM	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	<p>Mark your calendars for the Lowell Christmas Parade, 10AM on December 7!</p>	

Following a few rules helps ensure a fun and safe Halloween

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Youthful ghosts and goblins will soon descend on Lowell neighborhoods and streets.

The city of Lowell will be observing Halloween on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-8 p.m., according to James Valentine, Lowell chief of police.

To help ensure a safe and fun evening, Valentine recommends that children and their parents follow these safety tips:

- Wear light colored costumes or clothing. If a costume is dark colored, place reflective material on the costume. Reflective material can also be placed upon the treat bags children are carrying.
- Masks or face coverings

should have large eyeholes.

- Carry a flashlight.
- Use sidewalks. If no sidewalks are present, walk on the side of the roadway facing traffic.

• Always look for cars before crossing the street, and cross only at intersections. Never cross a street from between parked cars.

• An adult should accompany children when trick or treating.

• Bring treats home so parents can inspect them. Children should not be allowed to eat the treats until they are inspected.

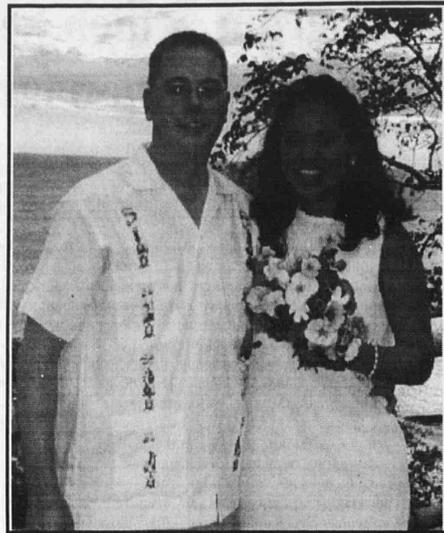
• Trick or treat in your own neighborhood or at familiar houses.

Safety tips for motorists:

1. Drive with your headlights on during the daylight hours.
2. Be alert for children running across the street, especially from between parked cars. Be ready to stop your vehicle; anticipate that children may suddenly dart into the street.

3. Drive at a safe and prudent speed, especially after dark. Operate your car below the speed limit in residential districts - especially in areas where you see pedestrians and children trick or treating.

"We all need to work together to prevent a tragic accident and help Halloween in Lowell be a fun and safe event," Valentine said.



Lindhout/Rios

Claudia Rios and Mike Lindhout, both of Managua, Nicaragua, were married October 8, 2002, on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua at the Marsella Beach Resort in San Juan del Sur.

It was a simple beachside ceremony performed by the local judge and witnessed by the mothers of the bride and groom. The flower girl was Sara Rios, daughter of the bride, and ringbearers were Max and Nate Barber, nephews of the groom.

The guests included the bride's parents, Jose Dolores and Josefa Rios of Dhiria, Nicaragua, along with her extended family and friends from the couple's "hometown" of Dhiria and several of the groom's fellow Peace Corps volunteers from 1996 and their families.

The wedding party was attended by a large contingent of the groom's family which included his parents, Jim and Sue Lindhout of Ada; Michele Lindhout and Jason Barber, Tammy and Jeremy Barber (sisters and brothers-in-law) and Max and Nate Barber (nephews).

The couple spent their week-long honeymoon on a series of off-road adventures in Nicaragua.

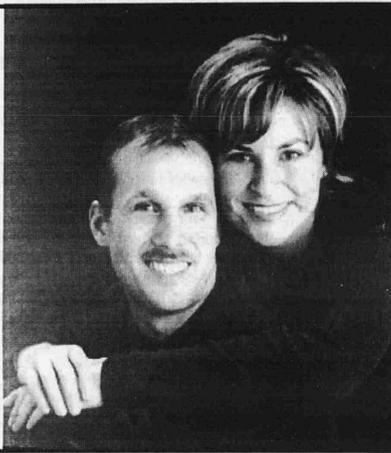
Stephens/Buckland

Neille Stephens of Lowell and Matt Buckland of Portland are engaged and planning a November 2, 2002 wedding.

The future bride is the daughter of Michael Stephens of Lowell, Jack and Cheryl Armstrong of Grand Rapids and Dan Simon of Lake, Mich. She is a graduate of Aquinas College and works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan.

The groom-to-be is the son of Richard and Joyce Buckland of Portland. He attended Northern Michigan University and works for Innovative Polymers in St. Johns.

The couple plans to reside in Portland.



School Menu

Week of 10/28 - 10/31

ELEMENTARY

MON.: Chicken rings & biscuit or ham & cheese on bun, whipped potatoes & gravy, Rainbow apples.

TUES: Spaghetti w/meat sauce & breadstick or fish & cheese on bun, pineapple tidbits, Calif. blend vegetables, ice cream sandwich.

WED: Soft shell beef taco w/cheese & lettuce or mini corn dogs, peaches & pears, fresh veggies & dip.

THURS: Pepperoni pizza or ravioli w/cheese & bread, corn, fruit mix, Halloween treat.

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JONAH & VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G)

12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:50

THE TRANSPORTER (PG-13)

1:25, 3:30, 5:35, 7:40, 9:50

RULES OF ATTRACTION (R)

3:00, 9:30

RED DRAGON (R)

11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40

SWEET HOME ALABAMA (PG-13)

11:50, 2:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

THE TUXEDO (PG-13)

1:00, 5:20, 7:30

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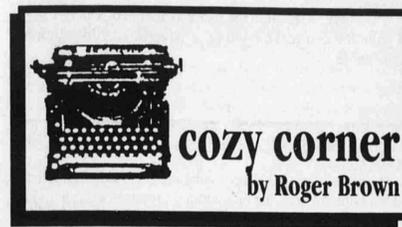
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Viewpoint . . .



I was innocently watching the World Series the other night. Out of the blue my wife says, "That's a really good look." I knew what she was talking about, even though the comment could have been in reference to any number of things. I hadn't shaved all weekend, I need a haircut, I could stand to lose a few pounds, my clothes were in the "comfortable" category, etc. No, the comment was about my eyeglasses. I had them pushed way, way down to the very tip of my nose. Let me explain.

The pair of glasses I was sporting were my new ones. They are over a year old. I refer to them as new because I've only worn them about two times. They are bifocals. For anyone out there who has gone through the ordeal of getting used to bifocals, I need not say more. For those who haven't, you'll have to get bifocal advice from somebody else. So far I've been too wimpy to rise to the challenge of getting used to them.

The reason, it was a big, old, 36 inch job, without my glasses... I just can't make out much of what's happening on

the screen. When watching sports it's nice to be able to read the scores, stats, times, etc., that are continually displayed around the screen. Tracking the ball and making out who's on the field and who's batting is also nice. The reason I wasn't wearing my old glasses is simple. They were out in my truck and I was too lazy to get them.

My bifocals were way down on the tip of my nose because I was slouching in my chair. Any true American knows you don't watch the World Series sitting bolt upright like you're in a job interview. Slouched in my chair, my head is naturally tilted back. In this position I was looking through the bottom of my bifocals and literally couldn't see the TV, even though it's as big as a refrigerator. With the glasses at the tip of my nose, I was looking through the top part of the lens and could see the TV just fine. Now you know why I got the "good look" comment.

Of course my bifocals' dilemma opened the door to a discussion about my vision in general. Just what I needed during one of the best World Series games ever played.

Had to get corrective lens for my far vision to pass a flight physical three years ago. Those are the glasses I wear to drive, fly and watch anything worthwhile on TV... namely some selected sports. Since that time, my near vision has slipped and I need drugstore cheaters to see anything up close. My arms are still long enough to accommodate normal reading without glasses. So, between my glasses, cheaters, bifocals and regular sunglasses, I'm in a constant state of flux with what's going on and off my face. Then there is the cost involved, searching for lost glasses and perhaps a little griping on my part. All this adds up to my wife's campaign to get my vision taken care of.

My wife wears contacts... has for years. She has a mono-

vision prescription. The idea is that they correct one eye for far vision and the other for near. If you wear them long enough, your brain kinda figures out that you look far with one eye and near with the other. My brain has always been reluctant to figure things out. Typing is a good example. I've been in the publishing business for forty years and I still hunt-and-peck at a keyboard.

I tried bifocals briefly three years ago and couldn't wait to get 'em peeled off my eyeballs. After my bifocal experience, I'm guessing this mono-vision contact thing would have me in a constant state of nausea. I'm pretty sure it's not for me, but I got the sales pitch in the middle of the World Series anyway. Your wife is not like a tele-marketer that you can simply hang-up on.

The other thing out there is laser surgery. She has suggested I check into that. I sometimes wonder if my wife is setting me up as a Guinea pig. You know, just to see how painful it is to have your eyeballs blasted with a laser gun and to find out if the surgery actually works.

I'll probably continue with my "good look" attitude toward eyewear. I've been seen with my Ray Bans parked on top of my head with my glasses on my nose, cheaters hanging around my neck and clip-on sunglasses in my pocket. That's a "good look" as well. Also, I just had a pair of dorky goggles made with my far vision prescription. I wear them flying and riding my scooter. That's a really "good look!"

Tonight is game three of the World Series. The Angels are at San Francisco. The series is tied at one game apiece. I'll have to remember to get my old glasses out of the truck. I don't want to get into a vision discussion in the middle of an Anaheim rally. I want to see the monkey.

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 24, 1877
This issue is missing. We substitute October 26, 1888.

An ad for Ivory Soap, upper right corner front page, states: "Out through the gates of Ispahan. One morning rode a studious man, Who looks for the greatest wonder of the ages..." Guess what he found.

Train wrecks and train fatalities are a weekly front-page column.

Campaigning politicians argue over disposition of the surplus in the U.S. Treasury.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 23, 1902

A burglar enters F.N. White's residence during the night, but house guests scream when he points a gun at them and he

leaves hastily in the confusion following. Cliff Hatch's evaporator closes down due to scarcity of hard coal. The Kellogg evaporator can run on soft coal or wood, so continues operation.

Only 11 members of Joseph Wilson Post No. 87 G.A.R. (Civil War veterans) remain. Post Commander Benj. Morse has missed only three meetings in the 20 years the post has existed.

Congressman Wm. Alden Smith will be at Train's Opera House Tuesday, along with many Grand Rapids' residents plus the Young Men's Marching Club and Furniture City Band.

Lock your cellars. People are complaining of losses of canned fruit and other things.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 27, 1927

Harvey Callier shows drawings for his new brick movie theatre, with space for two ground-floor businesses in front with offices above.

John Mills advertises on the front page that he has wagon and buggy rims for wheels, plus neck yokes and whiffletrees for sale.

The regular Lowell Board of Trade luncheon will be at Bailey Corners, with roast chicken served by Vergennes Grange. Ladies are also invited to this one.

Two men are arrested for stealing first a gallon can of gasoline and then the barrel from a farm, but someone enters Justice Springett's office by way of the transom and steals the can being held for evidence.

A new serial, "Idle Island," starts this week in the Ledger.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 23, 1952

A stray log coming down the river and into a grating at the King corn mill prompts low-water repairs both there and on other river buildings.

High winds with rain, sleet and snow blew down trees, cut

antibiotics so the antibiotics don't work against them. Resistant bacteria develop faster when antibiotics are used incorrectly.

How can you tell if you need an antibiotic? The following are some basic guidelines:

1. Common colds and the flu are caused by viruses and do not respond to antibiotics.
2. Bronchitis is almost always caused by a virus. However, if you have a chronic lung condition, or a long-standing infection, greater than two weeks, you may require antibiotics.
3. Sore throats are typically caused by viruses and do not require antibiotics. The exception is strep throat which requires a lab test and an antibiotic to treat.
4. Ear infections can be caused by both viruses and bacteria. Antibiotics are used for some, but not all of these infections.
5. Sinus infections should only be treated with antibiotics if the infection is severe or persists for more than two weeks.

Often the best thing you can do for a mild illness such as the common cold or flu is to let it run its course. Sometimes this can take two weeks, or more. As always, see your doctor if you are not getting better, or if you have any questions.

power lines and caused accidents from Lowell north on Sunday.

The Smith home near Showboat bleachers is now home to the high school Household Arts program, and much of the refurbishing was done by the students.

The annual Halloween celebration gets bigger, with a dress parade, many refreshments, games and contests, prizes and a big bonfire at Richards Park.

The deer herd is so large this year that the last three days of the season will be "any deer."

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 26, 1977

Farmers who must be certified under the new pesticide certification law are urged to learn the ropes at a meeting next Monday at the high school.

After many delays the new eight-phase traffic light at 28th Street and the East Beltline is working.

Wood trim on City Hall and the library is being repaired and painted. Most of the library soffit has to be replaced. Too-long deferred maintenance, says city manager, Ray Quada.

Two lanes of M-21 at the East Beltline are open, motorists are now spared the detour.

The Moose Civic Affairs Committee, the VFW Auxiliary and Lowell Firemen will be holding Halloween parties for the kids, and Cherry Creek Nursing Home invites them for a costume parade and treats.

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Firearm deer season is coming soon to a woods near you. Are you ready? It is time to make a list of clothing and equipment, and start assembling your hunting gear.

Just a reminder - sight-in that firearm and get some practice at the range. Never mind that it shot tight groups last year - always check it out before going into the field.

Hunters who spend the season in heated shacks don't have to be as careful about clothing as those of us who still-hunt or sit on open stands. Fortunately the selection of outdoor clothing has never been better. In fact, there are so many choices that selecting apparel can be confusing.

Layering several garments has advantages. Layers trap air for insulation and it is easy to add or remove items as conditions change. Outer clothing will need to be a larger size to fit well over preceding layers. On the way to my stand, I carry a fleece pullover and a goose down vest in a back pack. The purpose is to avoid working up a sweat and then having to sit all day in wet clothes.

Underwear made from new high-tech fabrics will wick perspiration away from the skin and help to control odor. A wool shirt, sweater, or fleece vest can be worn alone or in

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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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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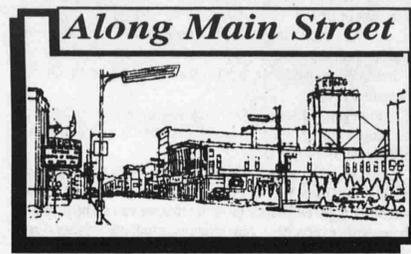
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LOWELL CHARTER
TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

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

Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

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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.

Rezoning, cont'd... From Page 1

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).

BMX Trail, cont'd... From Page 1

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.

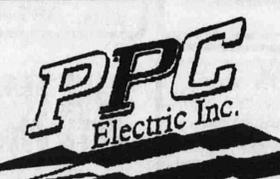
The proposal was brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission, which approved the plan, suggesting the west side of Stoney Lakeside Park as the site. The commission also recommended the allocation of \$2,000 for the purchasing of dirt.

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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**CITY OF LOWELL
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

To the Qualified Electors of Lowell, Michigan
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a General Election will be held on:
NOVEMBER 5, 2002**

The **POLLS** of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. of said day of the election for the purpose of electing the following partisan and non-partisan officers:

GOVERNOR
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Secretary of State
Attorney General
State Senator
State Representative

Judicial
Justice of Supreme Court
3rd District Court of Appeals
17th Circuit Court
17th Circuit Court
(New Judgeship)

State Board of Education
University of Michigan Board of Regents
Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Wayne State University Board of Governors

Probate Court
61st District Court
62nd District Court
63rd District Court

Congressional
United States Senator
Representative in Congress

County
Commissioners

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
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Equestrians deliver food for pantry

The 28-member, Lowell Equestrian team completed a local food drive for Access Six Food Pantry, as a community service project in conjunction with competing at their three district horse meets throughout September. Members were asked to bring a food donation to each competition held at the Red Flannel Saddle Club in Cedar Springs. Their goal was 100 or more items being collected for this worthy cause. This was an accomplishment that these high school students and their families easily met to help others within the community. "We are very proud of these youth, and wish them the best of luck as they compete at the MIHA State Championships in Detroit, from Oct. 24 - 27," said Cindy Koning, parent community service coordinator. Lowell members will be facing school teams throughout the state to vie for places in showmanship, horsemanship, jumping, reining, trail and gymkhana classes. For more information about the Lowell Equestrian team, please contact Gail or Casey Parker, team coaches.

City seeks answers on insurance claims

J.N. Boersma Contributing Writer

Tired of waiting for answers from its insurance company, the Lowell City Council requested that city staff push forward in trying to resolve the sewer back-up claims made during the past six months.

The claims include those made in May for the areas of Donna and Sibley streets, September for Donna and October for Beech Street, when residents suffered severe home damage due to sewage backups.

Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden, who has been making bi-monthly reports about sewer backups to the council since early fall, said he talked to Meadowbrook Insurance Company on Monday before the meeting and was informed that the company was evaluating the claims. About two weeks ago, DesJarden submitted new information concerning the May backups on Donna and Sibley to the insurance company.

"Do we have a set policy as to when a vendor to the city, such as Meadowbrook Insurance, needs to have a resolution?" said council member, Mike Blough. "I think we have given them enough time to give us some answers, especially on the earlier claims."

Blough said he would like city staff to look at its policy to see what time frame Meadowbrooks needs to answer and if the company does not give the city a date on when it plans to resolve these issues, then the city's attorney, Richard Wendt should be called in.

The council also asked that staff move forward on putting together a back flow valve policy, especially for people who have suffered from backups. DesJarden said he did not feel comfortable throwing something together for the Monday night meeting. Instead, he asked for more time to work on the proposal with a work session scheduled with the council for Nov. 11 to review possible options.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Pvt. James P. Kelly, a 2002 graduate of Lowell High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Kelly successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Kelly and fellow recruits

began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Kelly spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Kelly and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Kelly and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution.

Justin R. Doyle (JR) who enlisted in the U.S. Navy last March and received his recruit training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and advance training as corpsman has been transferred to Pearl Harbor and assigned aboard the USS Russell DD659, a destroyer class naval vessel.

His parents are Rob Doyle of Wheeling, West Virginia, and Patty Livingston of Saranac. Grandparents are Charlie and Dee Doyle and Connie Phillips of Lowell.

NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPECIAL BALLOT PROPOSAL IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as required by Section 653a of the Michigan Election Law, MCLA 168.653a, that the following special Ballot Proposal will appear for vote by the electorate on the Ballot at the General Election to be held in Lowell Charter Township on November 5, 2002, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.:

REFERENDUM ON LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 00-08, ADOPTED AUGUST 7, 2000

Shall Lowell Charter Township Ordinance No. 00-08, being an amendment to Article III, Section 4.1.1 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, and the Table of Use Regulations, to allow residents in an AG-2 Zoning District to obtain a Special Use Permit from the Township Planning Commission for a "Home Based Business," be approved?

List of Polling Place Locations:

1. Precinct 1 - Lowell Township Hall (Upper Level), 2910 Alden Nash
2. Precinct 2 - Lowell Township Hall (Lower Level), 2910 Alden Nash

This notice is given by authority of the Township Board of Lowell Charter Township, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT TIMES

The date & time for trick or treating in the City of Lowell is
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
From 5:30 to 8:00 P.M.
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OCT. 26: Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings.
OCT. 27: George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Tracey Johnson.
OCT. 28: Aaron Stencil, Bonnie Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk.
OCT. 29: Tammy Barber, Al Mulder, John Butler Jr.

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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2002

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Tomko, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board of Education, reported that the homecoming activities are rescheduled for this weekend. There will be a parade Friday evening with floats and the homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, November 8 is another student council sponsored blood drive. The student council members will be participating in "road clean-up" in a couple of weeks.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF - Connie Gillette introduced the following new staff:
HIGH SCHOOL: Kim Keglovitz, Heidi Kolp, Ryan Graham, Ben Botwinski, Mickey Chichester
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Janae Russell
CENTRAL OFFICE: Shari Miller

REPORT - Artist in Residence Program - Marlene Heemstra updated the board regarding last year's Artist in Residence program at Unity High School. This program was made possible by a grant written in collaboration with the Lowell Area Arts Council and resulted in a publication entitled, "The History of My Town" (a coloring book that Unity students wrote, illustrated, and published).

REPORT - Athletic Department Update - Barry Hobra and Jim Harden provided the board with a summary of last year's athletic programs.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:

• Paul and Noreen BaJaam donation of stuffed animals, puppets, and books valued at \$644 to be used by Bushnell Elementary School, the donation of a computer monitor

valued at \$50 to be used by the Technology Department, and the donation of a leather chair valued at \$200 to be used by the high school Drama Department.

- Betty Brink donation of computer equipment valued at \$400 to be used by the Technology Department.
- Jodie Bishop and Kris Endres donation of nursery items valued at \$100 to be used by Unity Alternative Education Program.
- Lyonnais, Inc. and Bushnell Brownie Trop donation of trees valued at \$1,275 and labor for planting the trees valued at \$680 for the Bushnell playground.
- Kristin Bergh donation of stuffed animals valued at \$150 to be used by the TOTS program.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/accepted were:

• The minutes for September 3, 4, 5-1st round superintendent interviews, September 9, 2002 regular meeting, September 10, 11, 12 - 2nd round superintendent interviews, September 17, 18, 19 - site visits, September 19, 23, and 26 special meetings.

• The following payment of bills for August 2002:

GENERAL FUND.....\$946,332.11
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$51,383.83
B. Athletic Fund.....\$12,416.99
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....\$2,500.00
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$373,920.68
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$10,947.11

• Personnel - rescind the motion to employ Katherine Leeuwenburg as St. Pat's computer teacher for the 2002-2003

New Hires:

• Janae Russell Math Teacher Middle School
• The contract to employ Shari J. Miller as superintendent of Lowell Area Schools commencing October 28, 2002 at a salary of \$120,000.

- Overnight student trips
- Seek bids for 4 new buses for the 2003-2004 school year.

BOND FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the exterior walls for the high school addition are complete. There is a prebid meeting set this week for the new Murray Lake Elementary School. The board will soon need to approve the selling of more bonds and this will be discussed at a future meeting. A press box for the girls softball field is being bid with construction this fall.

BOARD RETREAT - The board set Saturday, Nov. 9 for a board retreat from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with location to be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Judy Straub, Lowell Historical Museum Director, addressed the board asking for support for the upcoming museum millage that will be placed on the city ballot on November 5.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Jim White thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as acting superintendent for the past 5 1/2 months.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop
Monday, October 28, 2002
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2002
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 7:00 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 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 TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. All Masons are welcome.

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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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

THURS., OCT. 24: 12:45 Carrie Schuback speaks on Fallsburg Park.

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.

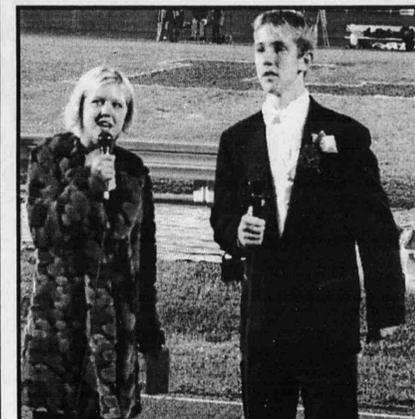
SAT., NOV. 2: Annual craft show at St. Patrick Church Parish Center in Parnell, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Artisans, baked goods, raffles and lunch. Call Mary 691-8557 for info.

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

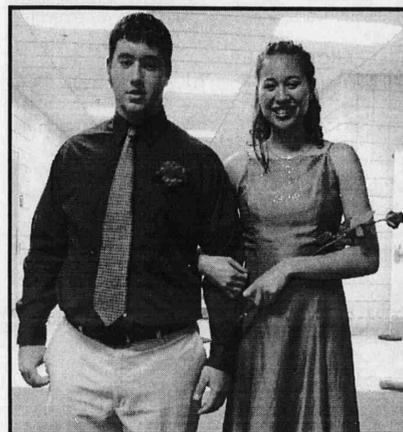


The Lowell High School senior court, pictured from left to right, are: Krystal White, Matt Foster, Jenny Stewart, Jordan Moore, Kim Hoogewind, Ryan Curtis, Cori Drenth, Josh Middleton, Katelyn Bush, Tyler Nethercott, Rachel Penninga and Corey Krieg.

Faces of the 2002 LHS Homecoming



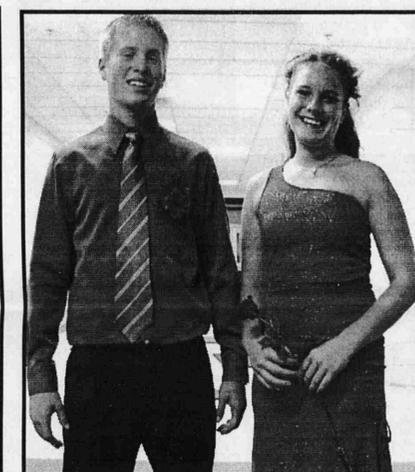
Lowell High School homecoming master and mistress of ceremonies were Jeremy Goff and Holly Plattner.



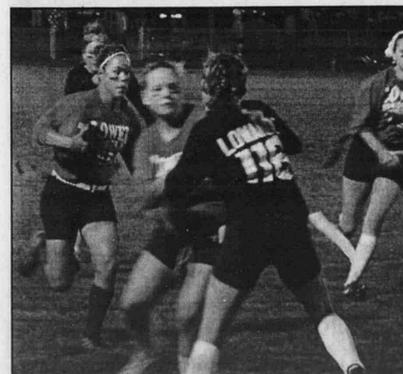
Junior class homecoming representatives, Brendon Harden and Kristen Lee.



Sophomore class representatives, Shane Stokes and Karis Prill.



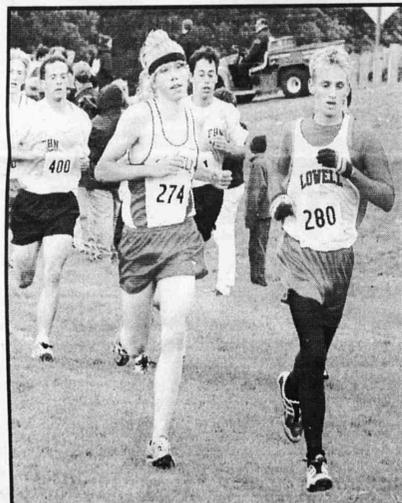
Freshman class representatives, Brock Graham and Nikita Miles.



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.

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

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.

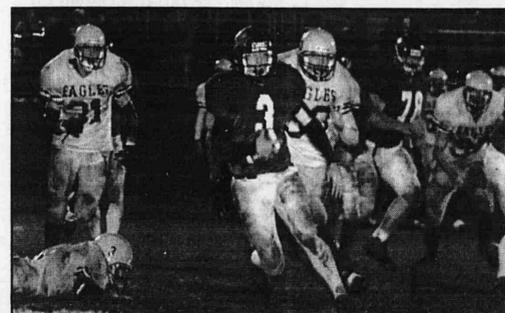
Hudsonville's only score of the second half came on a pass from Trevino to Tyson DeVree, cutting its deficit to

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

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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.

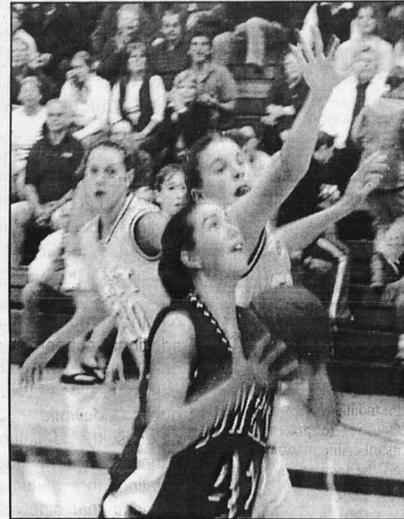
When the Red Arrows finally did, they only had 3.5 seconds to get a shot off. Kendra Gallert's shot from left of the key was well defended and blocked by forward Stephanie Petersen.

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

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

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.

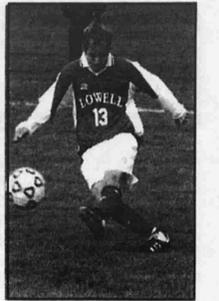
Lowell's goalie, Josh Anderson posted 10 saves. Lowell travels to Hastings Wednesday to play the Saxons at 4:30 p.m.

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.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up.
—Mark Twain

Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.
—Aldo Leopold

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.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll. Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Sergeant Steve Junewick, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Planning Commissioner Alan Mathews, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager Tom Richards, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Boardmembers Norm Borgerson and David Austin and Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the September 16, 2002 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/07/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$329,228.47
MAJOR STREET FUND	20,381.15
LOCAL STREET FUND	10,758.56
DDA FUND	1,476.84
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	40,475.61
AIRPORT FUND	37.21
WASTEWATER FUND	30,174.34
WATER FUND	6,734.69
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,293.83
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,990.80
CURRENT TAX FUND	466,217.27

Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ALLOWING SIDEWALK MESSAGE SIGNS IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (10/21). In reviewing the ordinance text, Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker explained this was the first time she had seen the language drafted by City Attorney Richard Wendt. The ordinance presented to the Planning Commission was slightly different. The definition read "a sidewalk message sign is a sandwich board stand-alone sign (not a sandwich board sign) or a flag pennant that contains information, which when placed upon the ground will stand upright without additional support". Baker stated the Attorney's definition simply stated "a sidewalk message sign is a sign, which when placed upon the ground or other surface will stand upright without additional support". The intention was to make clear a sidewalk message sign could be a sandwich board sign, stand-alone sign, flag or pennant.

City Manager Pasquale stated this could be added.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing for October 21, 2002 to consider a zoning ordinance amendment allowing sidewalk message signs in the Central Business District.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. PRESENTATION OF LIGHT AND POWER RATE INCREASE. Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager Tom Richards stated the Light and Power Board approved a rate change, which was filed with the City Clerk on September 17, 2002. At the same time, the Councilmembers were informed of this and provided with documentation concerning the rate changes. Richards stated the central substation currently has inadequate capacity to continue to serve the City of Lowell. There are also reliability limits. The transmission system which brings the high voltage energy is 40 years old. It has not been significantly upgraded.

Light and Power has paid in excess of \$15,000 each month for a wheeling charge. This is a charge to convey the electricity from the outside power grid to Lowell. Also, Light and Power is at what is considered an inefficient voltage, which means larger conductors are needed.

A new transmission line and a new central substation will provide the City with increased efficiency and reliability.

With this, increased expenses arise. The cost of replacing the transmission line and substation is 5.3 million dollars. Light and Power has issued 5.3 million in revenue bonds to pay for this. However, the cost involved will be approximately \$400,000 annually for debt service and an average of approximately \$225,000 additional each year for depreciation expenses. At the present rates, these new expenses would place Light and Power over by \$441,000 annually in terms of net losses. There would also be inadequate cash flow to continue to upgrade the plant.

The firm of Utility Financial Solutions performed a cost to service study. The study included the cost to purchase power, cost of operation and maintenance of the system. Each was taken in account, as well as reviewing the types and size of customers. Light and Power's projections also included the growth of the system, revenues (both current and future) and expenses.

The results and recommendations found the rates to be nearly in line with the cost of service. In some cases, one type of customer may have been paying less or more than what it cost to provide the service. It was also recommended Light and Power undertake an average 5.8 percent increase immediately with 5 percent per year increases over the next two years. The Board recommended annual reviews to determine the proper percentage at the end of each year.

The study also recommended that Light and Power implement seasonal rates. During the summer months of June through September, the cost of providing electric service is approximately 12 percent higher than what it is throughout the rest of the year.

Based upon these recommendations, the Board took action to the following: 1) adjust each rate relative to the cost of services; 2) adopt an average increase of 5.8 percent plus or minus 1.5 percent; 3) establish seasonal rates; 4) review prior to any rates adjustments to be made in 2003 and 2004.

Richards stated the rate changes would take effect on October 17, 2002.

The goal is to maintain a lower cost and a very competitive system. The residential rates after the increase will still be maintained approximately 20 percent below Consumers Energy rates for the area. The business rates should be maintained between 5 and 15 percent below Consumers Energy and the larger commercial rates will have a benefit of approximately 8 to 11 percent below Consumers Energy.

Richards stated Light and Power continues to appreciate the support and confidence of the Council and the citizens of Lowell.

Councilmember Myers questioned what increase was included in the bar chart provided by Richards. Richards responded this is in comparison to the increase which is being activated this year. It does not take into account the future because it is unsure what the future cost would be for the competitors.

Myers mentioned when Richards mentioned a possible increase of 12 percent as a seasonal rate increase in the summer and asked when the increase would be effective. Richards explained the winter rates would take effect in October and the summer rates would take effect in June 2003.

Councilmember Blough believed this was good information to show, especially when seeking businesses to the City of Lowell. Also, the residents are given an advantage relative to areas which are serviced outside the Lowell Light and Power service area. However, it is a bit disconcerting as the Council reviews this year after year and hears about the state of Light and Power. He found it surprising to hear some of the justification for the rate increase, such as because the system has a deficiency. It is not a desired state to have the system on two different voltages. Blough would hate to see the City have a major power outage in this kind of condition. He was hopeful by expanding the system to attract additional revenue, it

would offset the cost of expanding the system. If this area is not able to attract larger commercial businesses to be serviced at rates which will help subsidize the residential rates, then Light and Power should be very cautious and hope the Board will take that into account and not expand the system. Light and Power should offer the residents the lowest possible rates in the area.

Blough was concerned about the rates increasing over the next three years and urged the board to do an annual review.

Councilmember Brubaker was also concerned. He noted Light and Power's rates are actually very close to Consumer Energy's rates. Brubaker stated there are several reasons why the City has its own municipal power system, which includes offering lower rates than the competitors.

Councilmember Myers stated the same philosophy has always been discussed with Lowell Cable.

Mayor Shores believed the City should consider the service provided by Light and Power. While no one wishes to see rates increase, the customers of Light and Power do not have near the power outages as Consumers Energy customers.

Blough questioned how the seasonal rates would be communicated to the customers. Richards responded each customer has received a notice discussing these changes.

Richards explained the cost to produce energy is the highest in the summer because virtually every generating unit in the State is brought into play.

No further information was provided.

Item #3. PRESENTATION OF THE LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM MILLAGE PROPOSAL. Judy Straub, Executive Director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, wanted to share what is being communicated to the community concerning the millage ballot proposal. She wanted to explain what the millage proposal is, what it means as well as the benefits and cost.

Straub stated the Lowell Area Historical Museum was originally founded in 1990 as the Lowell Area Historical Association. Its name was changed in 2000 to better reflect this is an actual site in the community. It opened to the public in September 2001 and was well received. Today, the museum has had more than 1,300 visitors, which is beyond the initial goal. The museum's permanent collection includes more than 6000 artifacts and continues to grow weekly, being located in the historic Graham building. The exhibit museum is located on the lower west side of the Graham building. The entire second floor is used for office space and storage of artifacts as well as the education and research department. Currently, the lower east side is being used by the City of Lowell for storage during the construction of the new City Hall/Police Station. Once this is vacated, the museum will continue to Phase Two and provide a parlor period dining room and a rotating exhibits area.

The museum maintains approximately 5000 square feet of space. To date, the total amount of money raised for the museum is \$350,000. Approximately \$270,000 was donated for Phase One of the capital campaign to establish the Lowell Area Historical Museum. The additional revenues have been raised and is currently being provided for a new roof to be placed on the building.

Currently, there are 231 members in the museum. The museum is staffed by 26 dedicated volunteers. To date, they have contributed 13,000 volunteer recorded hours. Many more hours have not been recorded.

The exhibit galleries are open 19 hours a week on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday's from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The archives are open to the public approximately 24 hours a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Straub noted the Lowell Ledger has donated close to 1200 photos, which has provided a wonderful historical record.

A complete record is maintained for every object. Every object is then stored in a protective environment.

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The building is rented from the City of Lowell at a cost of \$1200 per year, including utilities. The current annual budget is \$42,000 per year. The museum is a 501c3 non-profit corporation which means any donation of artifacts is tax deductible. The museum is also guided by a 15-member board of directors, which represents a wonderful cross section of the community.

Straub referred to the ballot proposal and stated .25 mills are being requested. The actual wording on the ballot reads "shall the City of Lowell levy a new .25 mill property tax for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Lowell Area Historical Museum." It would cost the average homeowner \$.03 a day, \$.21 a week or \$10.78 a year. The cost per \$100,000 of property is 3.4 cents a day, 24 cents a week or \$12.50 per year. The millage would raise an estimated \$24,300. From this, \$20,900 would be allocated to the museum, while \$3,400 will be directed to the Downtown Development Authority who has the responsibility of maintaining and improving the downtown area. The millage will expire in 10 years and a vote would be required in order to be renewed.

Straub believed the residents should support the millage because the Lowell Museum provides a safe repository for the community history. There are tax poll records being stored at the museum, which date back to 1873. There is also a collection of cemetery records, plat maps and history specific to this geographic area. Also, a history of the different Showboat programs, military records, Lowell High School Annuals and area authors is maintained. The museum provides a site to display the local history as well as providing educational programs. The museum also guards against the loss of artifacts and history. It provides recreation and culture, as well as economic development. Historic tourism is the fastest growing industry in the world. For every one-dollar which is spent on Historic tourism, \$3 come back to the community.

Straub believed one of the most significant reasons to support the millage is it is probably the most equitable to share and it spreads the responsibility of supporting this museum to all the taxpayers who will benefit.

Straub hoped everyone would vote yes on November 5, 2002 for the millage proposal.

No further information was provided.

Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2-CITY HALL - POLICE STATION PROJECT. Pasquale noted the Council needed to consider \$99,789.87 in change orders related to the City Hall - Police Station construction project. It was noted \$44,358 has been attributed to the sanitary sewer extension being installed in the alley. This was approved by the Council at its September 3, 2002 meeting allocating \$44,792.88 plus \$1,500 for easements per parcel. This project is being charged to the Wastewater Fund and not against the Construction Contingency account.

A letter of explanation from architect Tom Smith was provided regarding the change order items. It was noted the payment and performance bond was well as the construction manager fee rise with the increase in the contract amount.

Construction Project Manager Rick Davis explained the following changes:

Item No 2. Changing the height of the precast landscape block walls was required to align with the existing masonry coursing and resulted in a minimal increase in cost.

Item No 3. We have requested and received a price for removing additional brick on the east side of the existing City Hall adjacent to the VFW building.

Item No. 4. The changes in height to the Boiler Room floor and the Boiler Room door were required to get the mechanical equipment out of the floor plain.

Item No. 6. Covering the bottom of the existing wood joist at the second floor of City Hall with drywall was a requirement of the building official and the building code.

Item No. 7. Adding floor vents at the Police garage was a requirement of the Michigan DEQ.

Item No. 9. Based on information received from the City of Lowell, there was a water line located on Avery Street to the north of City Hall. The original design showed the domestic and fire protection water connections going north to Avery Street. We were subsequently informed

by the City that there is no water line at this location; therefore, the water lines had to be rerouted out to Main Street.

Davis noted the sanitary sewer portion will be paid in a separate budget. Therefore, it would not come out of the contingency from the City Hall - Police Station project. City Manager Pasquale explained there was \$333,000 in the contingency and \$58,380.50 will be used. Pasquale also believed there would be less surprises now that the construction is above ground.

Davis stated there would be some landscape changes made to the area between the south side of the City Hall and the existing building owners. Dumpster enclosures have been added as well as rearranging some electrical services.

Davis noted an additional Bulletin provides for some restoration above the second floor windows. After demolition, additional repair was found.

Councilmember Brubaker asked what the Construction Manager fee was. Pasquale responded 5 percent of the total construction cost.

Councilmember Blough requested a detailed report also be received when a credit is provided.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve Change Order No. 2 including Bulletin 1 and 2 for the City Hall - Police Station construction project as submitted by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. AWARD OF SOLID WASTE - RECYCLING - YARD WASTE CONTRACT.

On September 26, bids were received for a three-year contract involving solid waste, recycling and yard waste collection. The following bids were received:

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

	PITTSCH COMPANIES	SUNSET WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT
From 10/15/2002 to 10/14/2003	\$0.90	\$0.98	\$1.96 per bag
2003 2004	\$0.92	\$1.00	\$2.02 "
2004 2005	\$0.94	\$1.02	\$2.08 "

CURBSIDE RECYCLING
From 10/15/2002 to 10/14/2003
resident per month

	PITTSCH COMPANIES	SUNSET WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT
From 10/15/2002 to 10/14/2003	\$2.45	\$2.50	\$4.25 per bag
2003 2004	\$2.52	\$2.55	\$4.35 "
2004 2005	\$2.59	\$2.60	\$4.45 "

YARD WASTE
From 10/15/2002 to 10/14/2003

	PITTSCH COMPANIES	SUNSET WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT
From 10/15/2002 to 10/14/2003	\$0.75	\$0.98	\$2.12 per bag
2003 2004	\$0.78	\$1.00	\$2.18 "
2004 2005	\$0.81	\$1.02	\$2.25 "

DPW Director Dan DesJarden and Pasquale reviewed performance and recommended Pittsch Companies be awarded a three year contract based on low bid.

Currently, the following prices are provided:

Solid Waste - \$.90 per bag (resident pays \$.70 while the City contributes \$.20)
Recycling - \$2.45 per residence per month (City cost)
Yard Waste - \$.75 per bag (resident pays \$.35 while the City contributes \$.40)

Councilmember Myers inquired if the missed pickups have subsided. Pasquale responded yes. Pittsch Companies Representative Steve Pitsch explained originally any new drivers were being placed in Lowell. Once this was discovered, he placed experienced drivers in the City. The company is currently in the City two days a

week. Myers asked if Pitsch anticipated any service changes in the next three years. Pitsch responded no.

Myers questioned the percentage the resident would pay for bags over a three-year period. Pasquale explained the resident or the City could pay more or possibly split the difference. He noted the rates would remain the same over the next year.

Councilmember Blough asked how the recycling billing is handled. City Clerk Morlock explained the Department of Public Works checks every month or so to record numbers to determine who is recycling. Pitsch also does this and the two reports are compared.

Shores questioned the procedure to picking up both solid waste and recycling. Pitsch explained three separate vehicles are used.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to award a three-year (2002 - 2005) contract to Pittsch Companies for the removal of solid, recycle and yard waste based on the low bids provided.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. CONSIDERATION OF INCLUDING 475 SOUTH HUDSON (BARTON PROPERTY) IN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE (10/21). One of the goals established by Council is the acquisition of 475 South Hudson Street, known as the Barton property. This 0.73 acre parcel is the only residential property adjoining the Fairgrounds and Recreation Park.

In discussing the purchase with the Barton family, an agreement has been reached subject to Council approval, having the City pay \$54,000 for the parcel taking possession by February 1, 2003. City Assessor Jim Marfia has agreed the price is very reasonable.

In order to assist in the sale, the Downtown Development Authority recommended this property be included in the DDA district at its September 19, 2002 meeting.

The Council is requested to hold a public hearing on October 21, 2002 to consider including 475 S. Hudson in the DDA district.

Councilmember Myers questioned what would happen to the structure. Pasquale responded it would be torn down. The owner recently passed away.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to set a public hearing for October 21, 2002.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. REPORT FROM WILLIAMS AND WORKS REGARDING SUNDRY DEVELOPMENT UTILITY COST ESTIMATES, SUNDRY REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF MAXIMUM ROAD SLOPE REQUIREMENTS ON PHILLIPS PROPERTY. Dave Austin of Williams and Works explained there was discussion at the last meeting with the developer and Council regarding cost that is estimated to extend sanitary sewer to the nine lot development off Grindle. This includes extending sanitary sewer from James Street to Grindle and then through the site. Engineer Aaron Catlin, of Fleis and Vandenbrink, provided a cost estimate (\$514,360), which Austin had been asked to review. Austin provided a very similar cost and concurred that two lift stations would be needed. It is also assumed full reconstruction and restoration of James Street would be necessary as estimated in the first extension of the 255 feet.

Austin stated City Manager Pasquale had also asked him to review, from a physical feasibility standpoint, what it would take to extend sanitary sewer from the northern proposed development directly south, through the proposed PUD area to High Street, which then connects to James Street. Austin believed this could be accomplished with one lift station. This is a low area where the pump station could pump the waste to the high point at the northern end of the proposed PUD area. Then the flow by gravity will come down to High and James streets. The cost would be approximately \$300,000. This estimate included the sanitary sewer and leads for the nine-unit development. The previous estimates included a pump station, a force main, which would traverse through a portion of the PUD area, a gravity sewer, and then

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sanitary sewer services to approximately 23 lots. Austin noted the number of lots was calculated from one of the proposed site plans. He stated additional sewer would have to be installed because the plan is in a circular area. This sewer would just come down the west side.

Sundry Attorney Bill Bowie noted all five Councilmembers were not present at the last meeting time. Sundry had asked for a waiver of the sewer and water requirement. The Council indicated they wished to have input from the engineer before any further discussion was made. Bowie was renewing the waiver request for utilities. This is in the SR zone which has large lots. It was desired to have these large lots in this particular area by the zoning and also through the process of the Planning Commission and the Council. It is extremely expensive to extend the sewer extension this distance. At the time the site plan was reviewed, it was anticipated the location of this particular project would be in excess of the 1,320 feet. He believed the Council had suggested the City would pay for a portion to be within 1,320 feet. If this was a 50 or 60 unit development, Sundry could afford the cost of sewer. The sewer will cost \$50,000 a lot and the water almost \$7,000 a lot. This is \$57,000 a lot total just for the utility cost. The market value of these lots is not \$57,000. The developer can not afford to build the lots and with these utilities. Sundry did not anticipate such services would be necessary. The utility extension policies deal with how the utilities will proceed throughout the jurisdiction, where other undeveloped land would be handled. Bowie noted the City boundary is Fun Street. Most of the property between the beginning of the development and Fun Street is currently already developed with residential lots and has relatively large homes. Bowie stated the area of Highland Hills is large enough to pay for its own utilities, if approved.

Bowie stated if these utilities are required, it places everyone backwards and creates a financial burden on the developer, which far exceeds the value of the property. It does not allow any other further public purpose with respect to health, safety and welfare. The property is well suited for wells and septic systems.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned how the surrounding parcels are being used. He asked if Pasquale saw any future developments where the City would want to extend sewer. Pasquale responded there are vacant parcels to the north. He was unsure how the land would be developed.

Brubaker questioned if there were any homes with acreage. Planning Commissioner Alan Mathews stated John VanderWip of 1264 Fun Street has 10 acres and is possibly interested in developing. Traci Mullins of 901 Grindle Drive has 5 acres currently for sale. Bowie stated these are extremely small parcels which would allow very few homes. The parcels are also not immediately adjacent to the Sundry property.

Myers stated his original support of requiring the installation of utilities was largely based on the concept once through the new development it could be looped back down through the Highland Hills project. He asked if there had been any changes to the possibility of looping this back through there. Bowie responded the only utility which could be looped is water.

Blough disagreed with the statement that Sundry did not anticipate this would be a requirement. There have been discussions with the parties involved relative to the placement of the easement. Sundry knew the original requirement and chose to move forward with the development and take the project to its present state. The company has chosen to spread the cost against the parcels involved in these particular parcels as opposed to combining it with the site plan which was considered. Blough did not find it justifiable for Sundry to come back at this point and stated the cost was not anticipated. Bowie explained the distance at the time was in excess of 1,350 feet. Blough responded the City Council voted to bring it within acceptable limits at the City's expense. Bowie believed this was after the fact. Blough stated immediately the day after the site plan was passed with sewer and water, a representative from Sundry met with City officials and found the wheel used by the City was not calibrated correctly. At the following City Council meeting, Council was informed of this miscalibration. Bowie stated the Council should stop the project if this is a requirement. The lots cannot be sold at a negative amount. Blough stated the City Council places the site plan requirements on the plan. It is Sundry's decision to stop the project. It is up to Sundry if they want to levy these costs against both parcels. The City Council has no control over this. Bowie noted the City Council has not yet approved the other parcel. Blough responded the City

Council has worked under good faith with two Sundry representatives at length, including Planning Commission members, to have a site plan which everyone stands behind and endorses. Bowie stated the density on the second parcel is different and it makes sense from both a planning standpoint and from their point to provide utilities of both water and sewer.

Blough stated Council, along with Sundry, approved an area where these particular utilities could proceed. It was his understanding this was the intent and use of the easement. Blough asked if Sundry no longer intends to do this. Bowie stated the company wishes to get started on this particular project and move forward.

Councilmember Pfaller felt Sundry sought approval on the wrong parcel first. Pfaller was in agreement with Blough. He attended the meeting when the Council, very specifically, talked regarding the easement and its purpose. Now, it is being totally disregarded.

Sundry Representative Les Cole stated when the sanitary sewer issue was reviewed, there was an additional meeting held with the engineering firm of Williams and Works. The firm was asked to perform a cost estimate to identify the cost associated with extending the sanitary sewer to the 1320 foot mark. Approximately one month lapsed. Sundry would then be able to utilize the easement to the southern parcel of the Highland Hills area for the water main if it needed to be looped or possibly have a failing septic system. This would provide a corridor for the sanitary sewer system to proceed. This was the intention of utilizing the easement.

Sundry Representative Kevin Rude stated the company has presented numerous plans over these two parcels. In the beginning, the two parcels were being treated as one. Public opinion indicated people were against a through road. The Planning Commission felt the northern piece could be used as a buffer or transitional zone between what was consistent on the northern part and what can actually occur on the southern piece. Rude stated with the present grades, it is feasible with the density to be able to allow sewer and water. The northern piece is different because the grades do not allow it because nine lots would serve one pumping station, costing \$100,000. Rude noted a subcommittee was formed. Sundry has tried to be consistent with the intentions of the SR district. The Planning Commission agreed and knew the cost of installing sewer and water would be too expensive for a nine-lot development. Therefore, the recommendation was to waive the sewer, water and sidewalks. Because of this, Sundry moved forward. If the Planning Commission had denied the waiver request, Sundry would have not spent any time with the Council.

Brubaker referred to Austin's letter, which states if the Highland Hill PUD was approved, it would still cost \$300,000 to get sewer and water to these nine parcels. Austin noted it also includes an additional 23 sewer leads toward the PUD. However, that cost would only be approximately \$18,000.

Brubaker questioned what is the incremental cost of bringing sewer and water to the northern nine parcels, assuming the PUD is approved. Austin responded another way to consider the land is to take the second route discussed. It appears the route would cost \$300,000 with one lift station. The other route shows it proceeding to Grindle, down to James Street. A report from Fleis and Vandenbrink indicates the water main would cost \$62,000 of the \$514,000. Austin believed the utilities would be cheaper if all the properties were linked together.

Austin wanted the Council to remember this proposal has one lift station, which has a high capital cost. The City should also consider the cost of operating and maintaining a lift station. It is extremely expensive.

Blough commented on the amount of time spent on this issue. There doesn't seem to be a good solution, so possibly the current situation is the best. Brubaker disagreed. His goal is to provide utilities to the parcels. He did not believe leaving the area SR and installing their own water and septic systems was the right direction. This would be backtracking on the progress made. Brubaker was unsure of what the actual cost of extending utilities to the parcel would be. Pasquale stated as long as the property is zoned SR, larger lots are required and would not allow for the cost of water and sewer to be spread over several parcels. There had been discussion about rezoning the area to R1 or R2. However, resistance from the neighbors was received. If the Council is serious about the requirement of utilities, there should be thought about rezoning the area to allow for smaller lot sizes. Blough stated it is cost prohibitive if one evaluates

the cost for utilities on the single parcel, unless executive homes are built which can bear the utility price tag.

Myers explained when he heard the Planning Commission was willing to waive the water and sewer requirement, he thought it made sense due to the shape of the parcel and number of lots. However, when Sundry came and said in addition they wanted to install a road and provide this as an outlet to the south, Myers noted he was concerned about the comments received from the public. He was in favor of the Planning Commission's decision until they determined the parcel was to be used as a loop to service the southern parcel. It was at this point he decided water and sewer should be required. But, as a stand-alone project, it does not make any sense.

Bowie stated the fact the two may be connected should not require the Council to treat these as one for utility purposes.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to deny the waiver request of water and sanitary sewer for the Phillips property housing development proposed by Sundry.

Myers stated if this is a stand-alone project, it would appear there is a reasonable development with a small number of homes on large lots and would not create any additional expense to the City. Therefore, he reverts back to the decision of the Planning Commission and would not require the installation of water and sewer.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 1. (Myers)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Sundry Development withdrew the request of a waiver of road grade from 6 to 8% for the Phillips property.

Item #8. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT. As requested by the Council, an agenda item is set aside to review issues regarding sanitary sewer and storm water backups. City Manager Pasquale read the following report from Public Works Director Dan DesJarden into record:

- There have been three sewer complaints reported to the Department of Public Works since the last Council meeting. City personnel and plumbing contractors investigated the complaints, and all were determined to be the homeowner's sewer lateral blockage.

- Dave Austin of Williams and Works and DesJarden are gathering "as built" blueprints of the Valley Vista neighborhood for the underdrain study. The Department of Public Works mailed 30 questionnaires to City residents who border Creekside Park on Jane Ellen, Faith and Carol Lynne. DesJarden included a copy of the questionnaire with this memo. After Austin has had the opportunity to study the questionnaire responses, he will request a meeting with the affected City residents to obtain additional information.

- DesJarden wished to thank Alan Hull for the chart and graphs provided to the DPW. His assistance helped determine that the Valley Vista subdivision should receive the first phase of maintenance. He has had conversations with John Prescott of Pollution Control Services to set a tentative start date for the program of October 21, 2002. Residents of the effected areas will receive a notice prior to maintenance.

September 27, 2002, the DPW was performing sewer maintenance on Foreman Road, as a result of jetting the line, three residents on Donna Street phone to report sewer backups in their homes. City personnel had the blockage video taped and determined there was a breakage in the sewer main pipe. This sewer main break was one manhole north of the blockage that occurred on May 12, 2002. The Peterson and Johnston homes experienced backups on that date. With this new information, DesJarden contacted the Meadowbrook Insurance Agency and asked that they review the claims of the May 12th backup. The claims adjuster had agreed to review the new information.

Pasquale added the sewer main break has been repaired.

Councilmember Blough stated he received a complaint from Steve Narrin at 340 Donna, Doug Krause at 357 Donna and Robert Marsman at 345 Donna concerning the problem on September 27, 2002. Pasquale stated these addresses have been forwarded to the insurance company which is currently reviewing the claims.

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Don't Wait For New Laws Before Diversifying Your 401(k)

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And you won't be totally alone. The Bush administration and members of Congress have proposed legislation designed to help protect 401(k) investors in the future. Some of these laws would make it easier for employees to sell company stock in their 401(k) plans, while other changes would cap the amount of company stock that can be held in 401(k)s.

These and other proposals will be debated and go through the political process.

Ultimately some changes will likely be enacted, and they may be helpful to you. But you can't depend on new laws alone to protect your 401(k) savings - you've got to take action on your own. And the best time to do that is right now.

To begin with, look at just how much company stock you

have in your 401(k). Are your investment decisions being influenced too much by company loyalty? If so, you're not alone. Almost 30 percent of the \$71 billion in assets in 1.5 million 401(k) plans are invested in company stock, according to a 2001 study by benefits consulting firm, Hewitt Associates. And the figure is much higher at some firms: In pre-crash Enron, about 62 percent of individuals 401(k) assets were invested in Enron stock.

Even if your company is doing well, it's still not a good idea to overweight your 401(k) plan with company stock. Reversals of fortune can happen quickly in the business world, and if just one stock dominates your 401(k) portfolio, you're taking on too large a risk, particularly if you're nearing retirement.

That's why it's essential that you diversify your 401(k) investments. Spread your contributions among the various accounts available in your 401(k) plan: growth, growth-and-income, bonds, money market, government securities, etc. By diversifying your 401(k) dollars, you'll expand your opportunities for success, while reducing the possibility that you'll be hurt by downturns affecting just one type of asset - such as your company stock.

Thus far, we've only talked about the contributions that you make to your 401(k). If you're lucky, your employer will also match your contributions, up to a certain point. And many employers make these matches with company stock - which gives you even more incentive to put your contributions into the various other options. Your goal should again be diversification. If, for example, your company stock is considered a "growth" stock, then you may want to spread your other 401(k) dollars among the other types of asset classes available.

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with 23-6 win over Grandville, host Rockford.
6. West Ottawa - Panthers improve to 6-2 with 43-0 win over Grand Haven. West Ottawa hosts Holland Friday.

7. Grand Rapids Christian - The Eagles (7-1) following big 28-25 win over Creston. Grand Rapids Christian plays West Catholic Friday.

8. Creston - Polar Bears fall to 6-2 after three-point loss to Grand Rapids Christian. Creston travels to Lowell Friday.

9. Hudsonville - The Eagles (5-3) after disappointing showing in Lowell Friday. Hudsonville plays Northview Friday.

10. South Christian - Sailors 7-1 after ugly 7-0 win over Wyoming Park. South Christian travels to Sparta Friday.

1. East Kentwood - Falcons (8-0) storm past Holland 59-6. East Kentwood hosts Grandville Friday.
2. East Grand Rapids - The Pioneers (8-0) throttle Forest Hills Central 35-0. EGR travels to Zeeland Friday. A win gives Pioneers O-K White Conference title.
3. Lowell - Red Arrows, 7-1, following impressive 32-15 win over Hudsonville. Lowell hosts Creston Friday.
4. Coopersville - Broncos (8-0) dismantle Godwin Heights 46-7, host
5. Jenison - Wildcats (6-2)

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Blough questioned what policy statements would be set in place relative to these particular occurrences. He noted the City of Wyoming has a policy to install a backflow valve once a backup occurs. Pasquale responded such a policy has been discussed. Councilmember Brubaker explained the video would determine the number of flat laterals. If a few are found, the City could install backflow preventors at its own expense. However, if there are several, it may have to be a cost/share program. DesJarden is reviewing the cost and how this could be paid. Brubaker requested the issue be placed on October 21, 2002 meeting agenda.

Blough wanted City staff to provide a proposed policy for the next meeting.

No further information was provided.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Allen Hull of 201 Donna commended the City for the progress made on the sewage problem.

Hull suggested the Council change the way Council meetings are run. He suggested citizens be able to comment with each item, before a vote. He brings this up because he would have commented concerning Pitsch

Companies. He has a problem with how Pitsch picks up trash. The truck tends to get very full causing trash to fall onto the road. If this happens, Pitsch does not clean up. He believes the Council would be more informed, if such time is allowed.

Alan Mathews of 822 Grindle thanked the Council regarding the Sundry project. The residents want the area to remain SR. Traci Mullins of 901 Grindle also thanked the Council.

Mark Osburn of 743 Grindle thanked the Council. If Sundry would have listened during the first neighborhood meeting, they wouldn't have had this entire problem.

Executive Director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Liz Baker invited the public to attend the Harvest Celebration on Saturday, October 12.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Pfaller requested Hull's comments be forwarded to Pitsch Companies.

Councilmember Myers thanked Allen Hull for his comment under public comments. He believed the Council should consider such an idea. Pasquale stated individu-

als can always ask to be recognized during each item.

Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following meetings minutes were provided:
 - Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Policy Committee meeting of July 17, 2002
 - Downtown Development Authority meeting of August 22, 2002
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of August 15, 2002
 - Planning Commission meeting of August 26, 2002
2. A report of the Economic Development meeting on September 9, 2002 was provided.

3. A quarterly progress report of goals involving the City Manager for 2002 - 2003 was provided.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. - None.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, October 21, 2002

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

City turns Walter bequest over to Lowell YMCA

By J.N. Boersma Contributing Writer

It may not be an ice skating rink, but part of Bruce Walter's wish to provide a place for children to have fun will be fulfilled.

At its Monday night city council meeting, the Lowell City Council unanimously voted to turn over a \$5,000 bequest from Walter to the Lowell YMCA after investigating whether the money could be put towards an ice skating rink. Walter, at past meetings, had shared his dream of having a rink constructed for sports and recreational purposes. He did help lead the way for the construction of a temporary one.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, however, discovered that the cost for such a rink was too much for the city right now.

"We looked at having just a non-refrigerated skating area for roller blade hockey and found that to be about a quarter of a million dollars," said council member, Jim Pfaller, who serves on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

City manager, David Pasquale said Walter did provide the option for the money to be turned over to the Lowell YMCA. This would allow for money to be invested in the area youth instead of waiting for an opportunity, he said. Since the family

was seeking an answer to the bequest, staff recommended following Walter's second request.

"If this community does decide that it is important to construct an ice rink, then the Y, as it is a partner in the community, would partner in this and work toward that goal," said Will Welsh, director of the Lowell YMCA.

Pfaller added, "We felt that turning the money over to the Y would provide an immediate benefit to the kids."

Welsh did indicate that the Lowell YMCA is looking to memorialize the contribution from Walter, perhaps in the form of a student scholarship.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are an important part of your child's education. As a parent your insight is very important. A conference with your child's teacher is an exchange of information. The teacher will want to share information with you and will also be looking for information from you about how your child is adjusting to school.

A conference set up between you and your child's teacher will explore a partnership that begins with each new school year. Parents and educators unite together for the mutual goal of your child's success. Your conference should foster a spirit of cooperative communication between you and the teacher. Your child is a winner when a collaborative effort exists between home and school.

It is important for both parents and teachers to spend time to prepare for the conference. Before going to the conference, make a list of things you would like to share with your child's

teacher about your child. Make a list of questions that you want to discuss. Let the teacher know if there is anything going on in your child's life that might affect your child's behavior or school performance. You may want to provide feedback to the teacher about homework or particular difficulties your child is experiencing within the school setting. Before the conference it may be helpful to talk with your child about how he/she is doing in school and if there is anything he/she would like for you to discuss with the teacher. It may be helpful to the teacher if you can share special interest or skills your child has so the teacher can incorporate these assets into special projects for your child. This is a way for your child to receive positive comments from classmates and to increase self-esteem.

It is also important to confer with the teacher about medical problems that may affect your child's learning. Teachers will also appreciate information about recent experiences within your family that may affect current behavior or learning. This may help the teacher to have a better understanding of your child.

Besides asking questions about your child's academic performance, you may want to focus on how your child seems to feel about school. The teacher may offer suggestions to help your child have a more positive experience in school. Besides information on basic skill assets, you may want to know if your child participates in classroom discussions and if he interacts appropriately with other students. Remember the teacher can be an excellent source of resources that can be of benefit to both you and your child.

It is appropriate at conferences to clarify what the homework policy is and what the expectations of the teacher are for

your child. It is also helpful to discuss with the teacher how to contact or communicate in the future if problems arise.

Most students will perform better within the academic setting if their parents are interested and involved in their academic pursuits. Your child's teacher will be able to guide you in ways to be involved as well as the correct amount of involvement. It is important for your student to feel your support but also to be responsible for the assignments given by the teacher.

It is important for your child to have an understanding of the evaluation process which will be used to assess level of performance. This is one way parents can guide students especially when working on special projects.

After your conference, share information with your child. Point out strengths the teacher mentioned as well as how to improve work and conduct. Let your child know that the teacher has your support and that you believe in your child and will be there to help when needed.

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Abraham Lincoln

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Fly In...

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