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Lowell fire fighters fought a blaze at 318 Lincoln Lake Ave. Saturday evening.

## Saturday's fire damages family's home again

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Rick Fyan isn't sure what it is, but he wishes it would go away and leave his family alone.

For the second time in two years, Fyan, his wife, Michelle and their children Kathy (11), Denise (8) and Fred (7) have had to escape a fire at their home at 318 Lincoln Lake Ave.

Lowell Fire Capt. Steve Noall said the fire started in the 1-1)." garage located in back of the house. A year ago an electrical fire which started in the kitchen gutted the house.

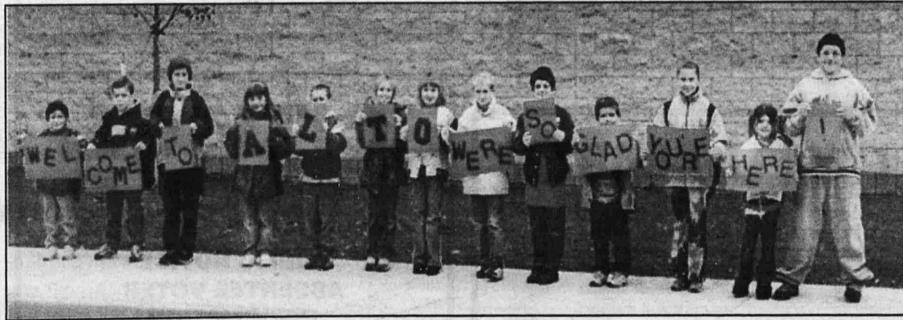
"Michelle and I were in the living room watching the hockey game, and the kids were in our bedroom watching a movie," Fyan explained. "The smoke alarm went off and I went into the laundry room. I could see the glow from the fire in the garage. I cracked the door to see if it was something I could put out."

It wasn't ... Fyan shut the door, and he and Michelle grabbed the kids and the family dog, and ran out of the house. They went next door to their neighbor (Dick Cooper).

"My wife had just gone into our bedroom when she noticed the fire through the window - that's when I heard a hammering on our front door," Cooper said. "Then I called 9-

Noall said the fire caused roughly \$50,000 in damage, including destruction of both cars which were parked in the garage. Noall added much of the damage was contained to the garage with parts of the house sustaining smoke and heat

Fyan said he was last out in the garage about two hours before the fire. "I don't know what could have caused the fire."



Alto students greeted Superintendent Shari Miller with a warm welcome.

## Miller's first day commences with school bus ride

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's new superintendent Shari Miller arrived at Alto Elementary Monday morning, no differently than most of the 400 members of the student body - by school bus.

Miller's first day on her new job started on bus 01-C. The superintendent was picked up at the Lowell bus garage and dropped off roughly 45 minutes later at Alto Elementary.

"Being with students is a great way to start the day. It puts my focus on my top priority the kids," Miller said. "It was great to visit with the children and to visit their school for the first time."

Her "bus buddies" were prepared, as they and bus driver, Tracy Dean, designed and hung a sign inside the bus, welcoming Miller to the district.

Students were holding another sign out-



Alto's Jason Cupp shared his seat with Lowell's new superintendent, Shari Miller on their ride to school Monday morning.

side Alto Elementary when Miller arrived around 8:45 a.m.

"They were so welcoming and shared such a warm spirit. It made me feel very comfortable," Miller explained.

The remainder of Miller's first day on the job was filled by meetings with Lowell bus drivers; assistant superintendents, Connie Gillette and Jim White; Unity High School principal, Marlene Heemstra and a staff picture. It concluded with a board workshop Monday evening.

"I am just thrilled to be here," Miller said. Parents at the First Annual Cherry Creek Fall Festival, last Thursday, shared with Miller how happy they are with the district and what a great community Lowell is.

"I'm honored to be here," she said. And as she was reminded - also very lucky.

## Hey Kids, Take It From Some Straight Shooters...



## Lowell students mark improvement where others could not

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell was one of less than a handful of schools in the Kent Intermediate School District to enjoy moderate increases across the board on its MEAP scores.

The scores, while just a snapshot in time, provided a "feel good" result.

"Yes, I feel good about the results," said Lowell acting superintendent, Jim White. "Especially for the teachers and students."

When pushed for an explanation as to why Lowell scores improved when so many others dipped, White explained that it was a system issue. "Our kids are showing they can perform at a high level. Our curriculum is organized in a way that helps students be successful. I also think it shows that we're using appropriate approaches."

White defines appropriate approaches as teaching core areas the way MEAP would measure.

"Our teachers' test requires kids to think; to use multioperations to arrive at an answer; to be able to explain how they got their answer," said White.

Success on the MEAP test is now an expectation. "The community looks at MEAP as a gauge of success. Our staff understands that and accepts that," White explained.

Lowell students (the 2002 LHS graduates) were in the top five of the KISD in four of the five areas tested. Just twotenths of a point prevented them from a top five placement in writing.

In math, 81.6 percent of those students tested scored in the top two levels, meeting or exceeding state standards.

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thony Anderson, aged 49. 2002 at Laurels of Kent in Lowell. He was preceded in Michigan. death by his mother Doris. Gerald is survived by his father Andrew; brother Chris-

ANDERSON - Gerald An- Cynthia Wampole. Private services were held by the fampassed away October 23, ily. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of

ZIGMONT - Helen Stephanie Zigmont, aged 83, topher Anderson; sister of Lowell, passed away Octo-

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ber 27, 2002. She was preband Albert, sister Mary Rash, Lisa, Brian, Balor, Ed, brothers Joseph, John and Bronson, Blake Zigmont, is survived by her children Shirley (Larry) Patrick, Will-

iam (Mary) Zigmont, Sherry She was a member of St. ceded in death by her hus- (John) Free; grandchildren Mary's Church, Lowell. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Peter Mitchell. Mrs. Zigmont Jayne Zigmont, Laura York, St. Mary Church, 402 Amity, Simon and Matthew Kelley; Lowell, Rev. George J. Albert (Helen) Zigmont, seven great-grandchildren. Fekete, Celebrant. (Please

meet at church.) Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowmay be made to Hospice of

## College News

dents received dean's list recognition for the spring semesterat Aquinas College: Chris-Inbody, Amber Graham, and Lara Robertson.

To qualify, a student must be full time with a minimum of 12 hours or more of graded credit and have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Aquinas College is consistently ranked one of the top liberal arts colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report.

accepted for membership in with an accounting major and Psi Chi, the National Honor Elizabeth D. Cummings

The following Lowell stu- Society in psychology at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. She has attended Lindenwood for three years. topher Hekman, Josie She hopes to complete her studies with a master of psychology degree and work in criminal psychology

> The 1999 graduate of Lowell High School is the daughter of Jerry and Cindy Sytsma of Lowell.

Michigan State University has just announced its degree candidates list for summer semester 2002.

From the Lowell area are Jennifer Sytsma has been Jeremy Scott Bobo (BA)

(BFA) with an art education

tion (BBA) degree cum laude from Northwood University in Midland. Jennifer L. Reimann, of

She is the daughter of Charles and Lynne Reimann Alto, recently received a bachelor of business administra-

## IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Matthew D. Vantatenhove has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Cherri Newcombe of Lowell and a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School.

## **OAKWOOD CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP** NOTICE

The annual clean up of the Oakwood Cemetery will be the week of: NOVEMBER 11 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15,

Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc., you wish to keep by: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2002



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

## Alto United Methodist Church 14TH ANNUAL BAKED **POTATO SUPPER CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2002** 5-7:30 P.M.

Homemade Toppings: Cheese & Broccoli, Beef Gravy, Chili Includes: Cole slaw, Roll, Beverage, Ice cream bar & homemade cookies Adults: \$5.50; kids 5-11: \$2.50; ages 4 & under: Free! Tickets at the door

## **LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP** NOTICE

**ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION** 

The Township Clerk will be available at the Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E. on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the Township of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 5, 2002 General Election.

> Linda Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

# CITY OF LOWELL

**PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS** 

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant-flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin on Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 29 2002

Some customers will experience low water pressure.



City of Lowell Water Departmen

## **LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP** NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny rezoning property owned by Magic Real Estate, LLC located at 10451 Cascade Road, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-20-300-001, from Prime Agricultural (AG-1), to Rural Agricultural (AG-2).

> Linda S.Regan, Clerk **Lowell Charter Township**

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# VOTE YES

## MUSEUM MILLAGE PROPOSAL

## What are the benefits of the **Lowell Area Historical Museum?**

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

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has more

than 6000 items in its permanent collection

and has had more than 1100 visitors since it

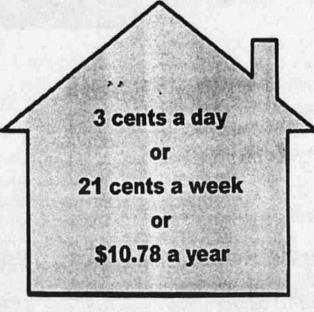
opened in September 2001.

It helps guard against the loss of Lowell's historical objects.



## What will this millage proposal cost me?

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



The Museum has won the Michigan Department of History, Arts & Libraries 2002 Award for a project that enhances the quality of life in a community.

### Why is the Museum asking for a millage proposal?

Since 1996 the City of Lowell has partially funded the Museum with an annual allocation from its general fund. The City's revenues and needs can fluctuate greatly from year to year therefore, the City has asked that a millage proposal be sought from the voters to assure a continuity of funding for the operations of the Museum.

An estimated \$24,300 will be raised from this millage proposal and be used as follows:

\$20,900 - Museum Operations \$3,400 - Downtown Development Authority to improve and maintain the downtown area.

The Museum provides creative and interactive programming to help make local history come alive for children and adults.

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## **Museum Millage Supporters**

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on full alert with his nose in the air. He tears off into the brush,

loudly crashing around out of our sight in the thicket. The next

thing we hear is a clunkety-clunkety-clunk sound as a box

turtle tumbles down the road where Tito has dropped it at a

have to go back, right the poor fellow, set him in the brush and

figure out how Tito manages to be such a successful turtle

hunter. I've ruled out sight and can't believe it's sound. My

best guess is smell. I've never noticed that turtles offer much

typical married male, I don't even notice that my socks

become offensive. My wife has to point that fact out to me

when I take my shoes off and put my feet up to watch the news.

capturing the same two or three turtles everyday, or are there

hoards of them out in the thicket? My theory is, if there are

turtles, there are probably snakes as well. I'm not going in

there to do a turtle census. Since the turtles are always about

the same size, say six or seven inches long (a good mouthful

for a Lab), I'm guessing it's the same handful of turtles being

Tito hunts down and retrieves. My daughter was going to

M.S.U. and my then future son-in-law was going to the U. of

M. when Tito was purchased. I'm arming myself with spray

paint. There will soon be green, white, maze and blue box

turtles crawling around these parts. If any locals ask me what's

up with these oddly painted turtles, I'll have to explain "Tito

To test my theory, I'm going to start marking the turtles

I'm also puzzled about the turtles themselves. Is Tito

I've watched his routine dozens of times and still can't

trot. Often as not, the tumbling turtle is left upside down.

trot to catch up with everybody.



Dr. Roger La Warre First Congregational Church Love is not our action of

were asked about the real meaning of love, they approached the subject with an uncommon wisdom born from observation. "There are two kinds of love: Our love: God's love. But God makes

both kinds." Jimmy - age four. "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age five.

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age six.

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy, she takes a sip before giving it to him to make sure Jesus will surely falter and the taste is OK" Danny - age make a fool of himself before seven.

(Authorunknown) I have ers. a saying in my office, given to me by a dear friend, "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Just reading these sayings reminds us of the importance dom use the ways of love to address the tough and difficult challenges of our life. We would rather enact some grandiose law so that we could keep ourselves in control and

appear strong and invincible. choice because power and When young children force seem more comfortable, more familiar and less threatening to our image.

It is very important for us all, and particularly those who see themselves on a pilgrimage of faith, to hear the words of Jesus as he responds to the lawyers of his day concerning law and order. The lawyer approached Jesus to query him on the law's fine points. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:36). Ha, now there is a poignant ques-

tion particularly in light of the 600 laws on the books and the all. How could this "teacher" (this rabbi) know those laws? the people and temple lead-But listen to Jesus' re-

sponse. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is of love. Yet, even as impor- like it: "You shall love your truly a law of God that brings tant as love seems to be for neighbor as yourself." Then the greatest gift to our lives by us, we recognize that we sel- Jesus concludes his statement with a bold and "outside the box" reality. "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22:37-40).

Jesus, are you kidding? Christ. Amen!

mean when it comes down to deciding which school my child shall attend, I am to use these laws as my guide? You mean when it comes to national security and the foreign policy we enact with Iraq, the Middle East, North Korea, etc., that I am to use these laws as my guide? Are these two laws to be my basis for my vote on the Museum Millage Proposal, my decision to even vote? Is that what Jesus meant by the statement that all the law and the prophet's teachings hang on the law of love?

Can this really be true? You

If that is the case, it would certainly be easier to live my secular, sociable and individualistic lifestyle and let the chips fall as they will. This Christian love stuff is a lot tougher than I imagined. It was also a lot tougher than the lawyers of Jesus' day imag-

Many who are reading this have seen Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly in the fact that there are well over Academy Award-winning movie A Beautiful Mind. In good Jew must follow them that movie, when John Nash (Russell Crowe) gave his climactic Nobel Prize speech, he thanked his patient, longsuffering and devoted wife, who stood by him during his Evans. thirty years of schizophrenia His statement went something like, "Perhaps it is a good thing to have a beautiful mind, but it is an even greater gift to have a beautiful heart!"

> Yes! The law of love is shaping us so that you and would be blessed with a beautiful heart, a heart of love with which to address all decisions and circumstances. Praise be to God through our Lord Jesus

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



Jason & Noel Evans

## Evans/Clark

Noel Clark and Jason Evans were united in marriage on August 16, 2002 at Wabasis Park. Parents of the bride are Eric and Sylvia Clark and Rance and Linda Bennett.

The groom's parents are Brian Evans and Tom and Pat Bishop. Maid of honor was Kylie Jackson with bridesmaids Jamie Stencel, Kelly Anderson, Jamie Alicia (Jennifer Connelly), Compton and Lisa Anes. Junior bridesmaid was Kristina Bennett and flower girl was Naomi

> Best man was Jason Sparks. Groomsmen were Clay Covell, Travis Joynt, Brandon Eisentrager and Greg Janninga. Ushers were Ryan Kreig and Josh Clark. Master and mistress of ceremonies were Chris and Jenny Scripps.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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NOV. 1: Walt Batt, Abbot Kastanek, Brenda Lea Owen, Patti Brenk, Suzanne Olin,

NOV. 2: Barb DeLoof, John

NOV. 3: Connie Stencel, Jennifer Zoodsma, Denise Dommer, Christina Dixon,

LeeAnn Brenk, Becky

NOV. 4: Ken VanDerWarf, Carol Hunt, Meghan Plutschouw, Laura Gildner. NOV. 5: Mart DeYoung. Holly Stouffer.

NOV. 6: Cathy Kehoe, Kimberly Doyle, Becky Cham-

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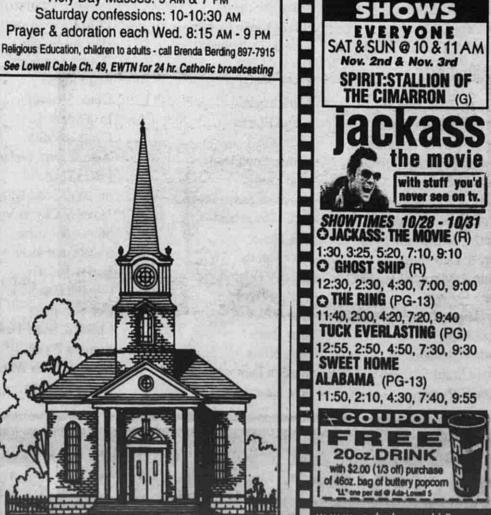
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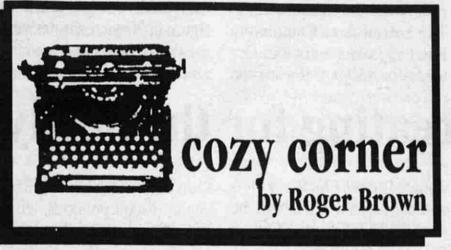
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# Viewpoint...



I have a story about my dog Tito this week. Tito is an eight-year-old, neutered male chocolate Lab. I refer to Tito as a college dog. Some get it right away ... most give me a quizzical look. I explain that my daughter bought the dog while in college, moved to a different apartment, couldn't keep the dog and I ended up with him "temporarily." That was about seven years ago.

Folks who get the "college dog" joke right away know from past experience. They've taken in a college dog, or cat, or Guinea pig, or whatever. I'm finding that getting a new pet is a pretty common return on your investment when sending kids off to college. And we thought all that money was going toward a degree.

The other thing about Tito that people can't seem to understand is his name. Originally it was Santiago with Tigo for short ... part of my daughter's infatuation with Hemingway. I'm sure you remember from your Cliff's Notes that Santiago was the fisherman in the "Old Man and the Sea."



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#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 31, 1877

Be sure to attend the big races at the Lowell Driving Park Company Thursday Kalamazoo County raised a million bushels of wheat this

year, in spite of insects. The last person who brought in a "load" of wood in trade for a Journal subscription will receive it for three quarters of

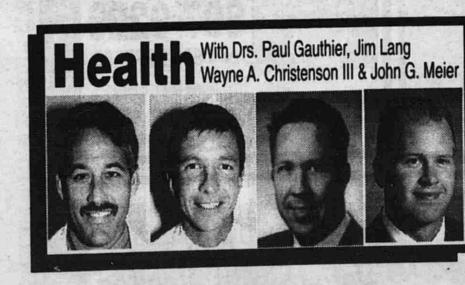
The Journal will henceforth be issued on Wednesday instead of Tuesday afternoon.

Julius Rouse of Lowell has two beets totaling 24 lbs. and four cabbages at 108 lbs. (the largest is 31 lbs.)

## 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 30,

George Ranner of Grattan threshed 338 bushels of beans from 12 acres of land.

The editor urges voters to vote for the person and what he



#### WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

Depression is a medical illness, just like diabetes or high blood pressure. People don't choose to be depressed. Depressed people are not "weak" or "crazy." Depression affects more than 17 million people in the United States each year. Symptoms of depression include the following:

• Feeling sad most days for 2 weeks or more

I never liked Tigo and somehow Tito evolved as his name. I usually get that quizzical look from strangers when I tell them his name is Tito. I try to clear things up with, "Tito ... you know, like Tito Jackson." I realize this is a sad reflection on our society, but most people do know who Tito Jackson is. They nod their heads knowingly.

Four of us go for a brisk walk every morning. There's Tito, my wife's dog Max, my wife and myself. Part of the deal is that they can be off their leads for the quarter mile gravel drive getting back into our place. They tear up and down the drive and off into the woods and underbrush when they hear or smell something. They squirt the trees and shrubs and have in the way of odor, but I'm not a hunting dog. In fact, as a a good time in general.

When we get out to the road they reluctantly let us put their leashes on. They must think we are terrible partypoopers. But, they tolerate the leashes because they know they get to tear it up again on that last quarter mile headed home. At least I think our dogs are capable figuring that much out. They've been smart enough to finagle an incredibly cushy life

All of this brings us to Tito's latest obsession... turtle hunting. I realize Labs are a hunting breed and are excellent retrievers, but turtles?

During this portion of our daily walk when the dogs are off their leads, Tito scores one or two medium size box turtles every day. Of course, the "why" of it is simple ... he's a hunting dog. If you don't have pheasants, rabbits, grouse, ducks, squirrels, etc., I guess you resort to turtles.

It's the "how" that puzzles me. The routine goes like this. Tito is trotting up and down the drive when he suddenly goes

Augustus Weekes of Lowell is expected to retain his seat

Louis T. Herman, principal of the Caledonia schools, is

running for County Clerk and promises that he will resign if he

doesn't balance the department budget (it is \$3,000 in the hole

Lowell, which collapsed under heavy debt and Church's

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side that there will be "more or less interruption to the day service" for the next two or three weeks. Lines are being

Frank McMahon notifies users of electricity on the east

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Lowell Lumber Company becomes the Hoyt Lumber

Miss Moody's fifth grade attains a rare 99+ percent

The PTA finances the uniforms for Saranac's first uni-

President Truman's campaign train will pass through

The annual Halloween parade and party for kids will be

The area is well-organized for the biggest election in

Depression is believed to be the result of a chemical

neurotransmitters, and are responsible for your moods.

history with telephone reminders, transportation, Liberty Bell

door hanger reminders and "I Have Voted" badges handed out

· Loss of interest in things you used to enjoy

· Sleeping more or less than usual

• Feeling hopeless or worthless

· Thoughts of death and suicide

Trouble concentrating

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\$66,000 worth of livestock in the past year.

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attendance record for October.

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at polling places.

· Lack of energy

Weight changes

Irritability

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in the state Senate by a very comfortable margin.

with the present clerk).

Hunters are warned to take care not to start grass fires.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NO-**VEMBER 2, 1977**

Three juveniles are arrested after bomb threats at the high school and Lippert's Pharmacy.

Bow hunting is very good this fall.

... the turtle hunting college dog."

Computer -assisted career planning, a computer in the science lab, and the student greenhouse are demonstrated at the first special board meeting for innovative curricula.

suicide in 1896, has finally been made, paying creditors 57 1/ Twenty-eight young CETA employees are working, bucket-brigade style, to sod 27,000 square yards of embankments for the new Alden Nash stretch from I-96 to Segwun. 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO

Vanity Hair Fashions' employees are pictured in their Halloween costumes, front page.

## TO THE EDITOR

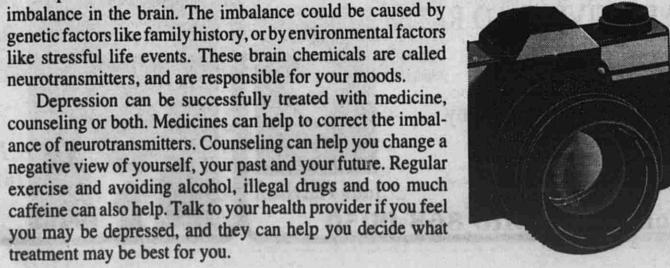
An open letter to our friends, neighbors, and community: Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941), New York's Twin Towers (Sept. 11, 2001) and our birthdays are all historical events we will never forget, but what about all the other historical events that happen or have happened in our lives? Particularly those events which occur right here in our own community. Will one of our own be famous some day? Significant to the extent that they may have earned the honor of being featured in our Alto, Clarksville and Lake Odessa about 10 a.m. Thursday historical museum?

Almost daily we are nickel and dimed for trivial events and items we all too soon seem to forget about.

For a mere 0.25 mills (\$10.78 yearly), we, together, can help to perpetuate our local history: past, present and future. On Nov. 5, 2002, we will be voting yes for the museum millage proposal.

Barbara and Raymond Zandstra Letters, cont'd. pg. 16

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



It is important that the subject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

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## Fire station and Foreman building scheduled for new roofs

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The estimated cost for the reroofing of two of the city's buildings is almost \$65,000, but the good news is the city will pay about onesixth of the cost.

City manager, David Pasquale at the city council's regular Monday night meeting said through grants from both the Look Memorial Fund and the Lowell Area Community Fund, it appears the city will be able to repair the roofs at the city's fire station and the Foreman building. Both of these projects had been removed from the city's 2002-2003 budget due to a tight fiscal year.

Bids were sought on the

ing the funds for assistance in the cost. The council, at Monday night's meeting, accepted a bid of \$34,129 to repair the fire station roof along with minor repairs to the building. that the townships do pay per to be in good shape. The Look Memorial Fund ap- run to the individual town-

proved a grant in October for ship along with training and did split the cost of the new the project totaling \$20,129. fire truck. No money, how-Each of the townships will ever, is received for maintechip in \$2,000 with the city nance of the building, some- Girls' Club of Lowell will be reach Ministries and will be picking up the remaining thing that council member, Some of the council mem- Mike Blough said may need bers were not happy to see to be looked at in the future. that city residents would have Blough said he also would to foot such a large portion of like city staff to pay close together once a week for food collected up to \$200. cially since this building is their faith and fellowship. "I do have a concern that the citizens of Lowell have to only 12 years old and the city

pick up \$10,000 when each of is repairing the roof. the townships are only pick-

projects in hopes of approaching up \$2,000," said council member, Jim Pfaller. "It seems like they are getting off with paying less than their Department of Public Works roof at the Foreman building.

Charles Myers said his concerns centered on the additional building items, which

The council also accepted project, leaving a balance of a bid of \$30.800 from Richard Anderson Builders to repair the

In this project, DesJarden said bidders were asked to director, Dan Des Jarden said The Lowell Area Community figure in 30-year singles ver-Pasquale did point out are needed for the building Fund approved a grant in Oc- sus the 10 years that are curtober for \$30,000 toward the rently on the building.

## Trick-or-treating for the needy

"trick-or-treating" for canned goods on Halloween night.

The club is made up of girls ages 11-16, who come will match a dollar value of the attention to warranties, espe- meetings to learn more about

Food donations collected School on Friday, Nov. 1 from pudding, canned fruit, Jell-O. from the community on 9:30 a.m. until noon. Council member, Thursday, Oct. 31 will be

Donations can also be dropped off at St. Mary's

Items needed for Flat River

St. Mary's Catholic donated to the Flat River Out- Outreach Ministries are: sugar, instant potatoes, jelly, used for Thanksgiving dinners peanut butter, maple syrup, elbow macaroni, Saltine The Lowell Meijer store crackers, hamburger or tuna helper, canned meat, ketchup, soup, boxed stuffing, gravy or beef broth, cranberry sauce, cake mix, flour, vegetables,



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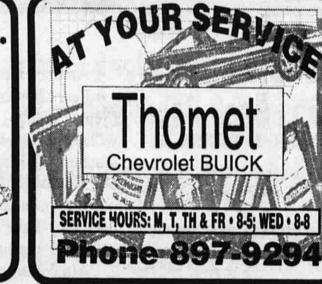
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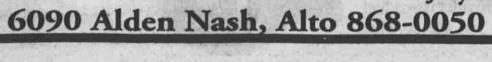
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# City creates flood plain for the one it removed

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

over the past couple of months: times this past summer. if you fill in a floodplain area.

some place else. new floodplain for the flood- children could fish. plain it filled in for the City Hall/police station project.

partment of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden. He

The city learned a lesson off the beach area several

Removing the corner you have to make up for it would allow the material to move down- stream. Also by And city staff tried to do scooping out some of the area, just that by altering the city's it would provide an excellent boat launch at Stoney place for fish spawning as Lakeside Park and creating a well as a safe place in which

raised concerns about the "The reason I chose the project since the council was beach area at Stoney Lakeside not told about the plans be- series of problems in the fuwas because it would allow us fore the work began, someto get rid of a corner that cre- thing for which DesJarden ated build-up from bird drop- said he takes full responsibilpings and feathers," said De- ity. He said he was trying to DEQ for approval, went well ally is hindsight at this point address a situation where the

floodplain area filled, an equal amount needs to be created. ing, he said. Brian Vilmont, from the engineering firm of Fishbeck, city may want to address with Several council members opment, residential or commercial, which could create a

> ture, Vilmont said. with the boat launch being

added that such a build-up Department of Environmen- moved to a deeper area which, had caused the city to close tal Quality, unbeknownst to in the end, might allow for the city, mandates that for a other additions to the area such as a deck for handicap fish-Not everyone was

> pleased. Council member, Jim Thompson, Carr, and Huber, Pfaller, who lives near the Inc., said this is an issue the park, said he felt there were mistakes made on the plan the DEQ since the city is especially when several trees mostly on a floodplain. The were chopped down. These requirement is for all devel- trees, according to Pfaller, provided the only shaded picnic area in the park. "I'm not upset about the

> plan . . . I just don't agree with For now, the current plan, the trees being taken down," which was presented to the Pfaller said, adding that it re

since the project is about to be the future the staff will make completed soon.

City manager, David Pasquale said he, too, did approve the project and that in

certain it informs the council of such plans before moving forward.

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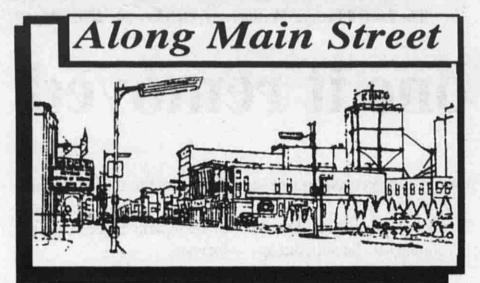
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#### FOOTBALL PLAYOFF INFO

Lowell High School will host East Lansing on Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available in athletic office from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. & at middle school during lunch periods on Friday. All tickets are \$4; gates open at 5:30 p.m.

#### CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALE

Lowell Cub Scout Pack 3188 annual popcorn sale thru Nov. 19. Popcorn will be sold door-to-door and at various businesses Nov. 1, 2 and 4; also available at First United Methodist Church bazaar on Nov. 16. Call Lisa Stormzand at 897-7592 to order.

LAAC DINNER THEATER AT LARKIN'S The Thebes Players' "Steel Magnolias" at Larkin's The Other Place on Nov. 1 & 2. Tickets are \$23. Dinner: 6:30 p.m./ show: 7:30 p.m. Call LAAC at 897-8545.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE Lowell Women's Club is selling the new 2003 entertainment books at Lowell Area Arts Council, Hahn Hardware and SOS Salon.

#### LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENTS ...

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

#### HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT TIMES

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

#### ST. PATRICK - PARNELL ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Artisans, home baked goods, hourly raffles and lunch served all day, corner of Parnell Ave. & 5 Mile Rd.

#### SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

Lowell Middle School will offer a scrapbooking club on Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. All students and parents are welcome.

#### 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.

#### FOODMOBILE - FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be distributing free food on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Building on S. Broadway from 10 - noon or until food is gone.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will host a workshop for ages 8-12 on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wittenbach Agri-science Center. Lunch included w/\$7 registration fee. Call 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.

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION GRATTAN TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY**

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

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

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

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

Dated: Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Respectfully submitted, Lana Green Grattan Township Clerk

## MEAP, cont'd... From Page 1

Those students meeting or exceeding state standards in reading totaled 81.7 percent.

The percentage of students who scored in the top two levels of the science test was 78 percent.

In social studies, 35.9 percent of those students tested scored in the top two levels, meeting or exceeding the state standards; it was 82 percent in writing

Students can retake the test up to three times in an effort to earn the Merit Scholarship (\$2,500 for scoring in the top two levels in the four core areas - math, reading, science and

"These are cumulative results." White said.

Nonetheless, White concurred the results indicate that Lowell students are doing very well when they leave Lowell High School.

# CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 4, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

618 Lafayette - Diane Ward has petitioned for a side yard variance to allow an attached garage within 3 feet of the proposed north side yard lot line rather than the required 6 feet to allow a lot split and a second house.

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



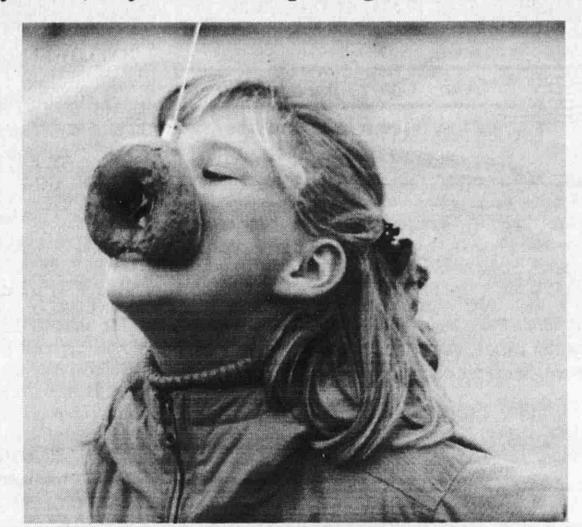
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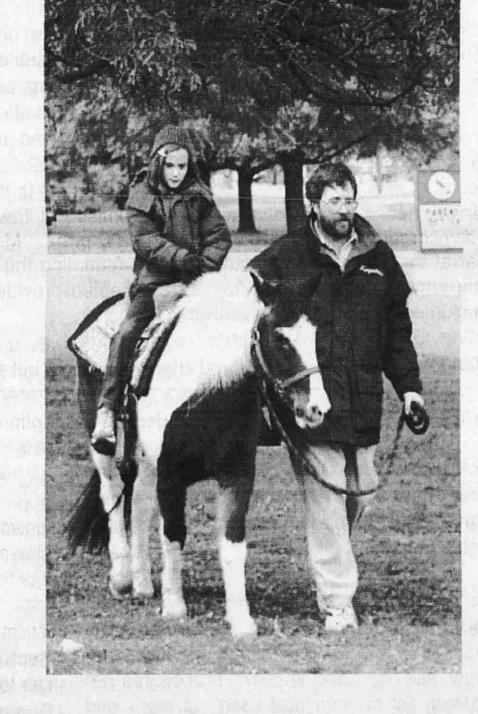


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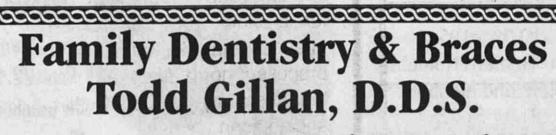
The first annual Cherry Creek Fall Festival was packed full of fun activities which included art, dance, food contests, team games, low tech demos, pony rides, hayrides and a petting zoo.











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# Sundry moves on to City Council with PUD plan

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

A proposed planned unit development for the Leeman property will make its way to the Lowell City Council next

mission, in an 8-1 vote, approved recommending the Highland Hills project, located at 751 Grindle Drive, for a PUD with an R-1 rezoning attached to the project. The property is



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currently zoned suburban residential (SR). The new zoning the amount of proposed traffic from such a development - 52 property versus about 31 under the SR zoning.

In a 35-minute presentation, Aaron Catlin, of Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc., showed why the development At the Monday night meeting, the Lowell Planning Com- company, Sundry thought its plan for the parcel was the best. In this proposal, Sundry has created a neo-traditional home development for the property. The homes would be in a ring with the fronts facing each other and the backs, with garages, toward a one-way 15-foot street that would wrap around the entire development. In the center (homes facing), there would be a recreational area complete with sports fields, picnic area. play sets, and a possible paved area for basketball or tennis. The company is also proposing a recreational vehicle storage area at the north portion of the property

Sundry contends the plan provides 70 percent open space, creating a nice buffer for homes in the SR district. Catlin said the developers also feel the design fits the land, making some of the property's limitations more of an added value. He also emphasized that the PUD with R-1 zoning modified the density issues of just rezoning the property to R-1 along with providing the city more control on the development.

The proposal did meet with some opposition. Several chairman, Jim Hall. residents supported keeping the area zoned to SR, forcing the developer to construct 31 homes. Planning commission member, Al Mathews, the only no vote, said while he liked the overall concept presented by Sundry, he still felt the property should remain SR. His other main concern was traffic.

A few residents also brought up the issue that High Street, where the development would exit, is not equipped to handle

would allow for 52 proposed single- family homes on the or 31 homes. In fact, as part of its proposal, Sundry has agreed to improve High Street from the James/ High streets intersection to the project. This would allow the company to put in sewer and water, which the city is requiring. The sewer and water would be brought up to the north end of the property so as to service Sundry's other development of nine homes on the Phillips property, a requirement of the city council, according to Sundry representative, Kevin Rude.

Residents expressed concern over traffic on James Street and Grindle Drive. Several options were perused by the commission members such as access to the property at Grindle and M-21; reither worked, however. The biggest hurdle for the M-21 connection was the steepness of the grade. Rude said.

City manager, David Pasquale said the city would address needs in regards to traffic as they come up.

While several commission members expressed concern on the issue of the road's width, they didn't see any reason in delaying the recommendation. Provided the city council approves the project, it will come back to the planning commission to work out all the details, said planning commission

The Lowell City Council will receive the Highland Hills project at its next meeting, Nov. 4 at the Englehardt Library. The council probably will set a public hearing for the matter at its Nov. 18 meeting and may make its decision at that time.



In some parts of the midwest the horse chestnut was car-

## **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

**Notice of Adoption** Ordinances 2002-11, 12, 13, 14, and 15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a public meeting held on October 21, 2002, the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinances 2002-11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of the text amendments follows:

#### Ordinance 2002-11

Section 201.435 Open Space Preservation Communities (Under Article III Zoning Districts and Article IV General and Special Regulations)

The amendments add a new development option for clustered home sites with open space permanently preserved. Application, review, site plan, and approval procedures are included, list of permitted uses, lot sizes and setbacks, open space minimum area, cluster sizes and location, formula for density and bonus density, rural and scenic easement, natural feature inventory procedure, and development standards are specified. Sections 201.304 (B), 201.305 (B) list this. option as a permitted use. Sections 201.306 (C), 201.306A (C) list this option as a special use. Section 201.306A (E) is rewritten to clarify multiple family dwellings not in an Open Space Development. Section 201.311 (bulk table) has been updated.

Section 201.202 (Under Article II Definitions)

Amended to add new definitions concerning Open Space Preservation Communities.

#### Ordinance 2002-12

Section 201.429 Planned Unit Development (PUD) (Under Article III Zoning Districts and

The amendments include change of language for clarification of procedures, setbacks and lot areas, to allow for mixed uses, use of common space, be permitted by special use permit, parking requirements, and public hearing requirements. Sections 201.304 (C), 201.305 (C), 201.306 (C), 201.306A (C), 201.3075 (C), 201.308 (C), 201.309 (C), list PUD's as special use permits in each of the districts

#### Ordinance 2002-13

Section 201.425 (C), (D) (E) (G) (I), Site Condominium Section (Under Article IV General and Special Regulations)

ordinance section referrals, allow for an approval construction permit, and review and approval language for minor revisions to a site

#### Ordinance 2002-14

Section 201.430 (A) (3), (B) (3), and 201.431 (A) (5) Home Occupation and Home Based Business (Under Article IV General and Special Regulations)

The amendments coordinate sign setback requirements with the sign regulation section.

#### Ordinance 2002-15

The amendments convert Roman Numerals

The complete text of the adopted ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: (616) 897-5671. They will also be posted to the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org.

> Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

#### Article IV General and Special Regulations)

The amendments update procedures, other

The Entire Zoning Ordinance Article through X (all Sections)

and Article names to Chapters and numbers.

ried in a person's pocket to prevent rheumatism.

# CITY OF 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.

households wishing to participate with treats for children should turn on outside porch lights.





# COMNGEVENTS

ing Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and ist Church dining room. Saranac areas. We prefer Call 897-2760 w/???'s. such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, THIRD MONDAY OF 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 6481 lives of residents & staff promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

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

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

MONTH: Fallasburg His- 897-6325 or 248-2423. torical Society holds monthly board meeting at 1ST TUES .: WINGS Parchamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECONDMON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MONTH: Lowell Showboat the Nazarene Church. For S. Hudson St. info. call Dave: 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

**EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 6588. at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8

1ST & 3RD MON.: Diabetic Support group at 7 p.m. at 1st United Method-

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-

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

TUES .: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Caravan children's pro-Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. gram, 7 p.m., 5-12 years.

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 wel-SECOND MON. OF EACH come. Call Gary Engle at

ent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business SECONDMON.OFEACH meetings/odd months; MONTH: The Lowell program meetings/even Board of Education meets months. All are welcome.

> EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. F.S.E. at Franciscan Child

EVERY SECOND TUES.: 7842. Township Historical Soci- Lowell Masonic Lodge ety holds its regular regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Historical at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. All Masons are welcome.

THIRD MON. OF THE EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club Garden Club meets at 7 meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Memorial Fire Station, 315 EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par-

ents of children w/AD/HD Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th Issues Group meeting at grades, Alto or Lowell. Call St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. FOURTH MONDAY OF Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-

> EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin

College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. Call

**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 Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

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

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

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, Development Center, 897-

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

ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

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

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non- Lowell High School 9 a.m. denominational help for social gathering; 10 a.m. pregnant women / adoles- meeting. LARC sponsors cents at the school: 11 a.m. -3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 repeater system.

Lowell Middle School choir p.m. By appt.: 676-9346. room. 897-1502 after 5

p.m. 897-9393.

THURS.: Alto Lions Club Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: at Bowne Center Fellow- \$10; individuals \$3; ages ship Hall, corner of 84th & 5-17 \$1.50; members free. M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping group Center 6-9 p.m. Create 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 cards, scrapbooks, etc. a.m.-5p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841 for information.

EVERY 3RD THURS .: COUNCIL: Open Tues., VFW #8303 Ladies Auxil- Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; iary meets at 3 p.m. at Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat. Schneider Manor Commu- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

EVERY THIRD THURS .: tween 5:30 & 8 p.m. city of Parents Supporting Par- Lowell residents may turn ents-support group at on their porch lights to par-Franciscan Life Process ticipate in passing out Center offers topics/dis- Halloween treats. EVERY SECOND WED .: cussion for parents of children all ages. 897- THURS., OCT. 31: Laurels

EVERY THIRD THURS .: p.m. Candy stations thru-Royal Arch Masons regu- out the building. Cider, EVERY FOURTH WED.: lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at doughnuts & balloons. the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, NOV. 1 & 2: Steel Magno- NOV. 15, 16, 17: Annual Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. lias, at Larkin's The Other

> EVERY THIRD THURS.: ets \$23. 6:30 dinner/7:30 LaLeche League of Ada, show. Call 897-8545 to Cascade & Lowell 6:30 make reservations. p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother SAT., NOV. 2: Annual at 10 a.m. Contact the support for pregnant & craft show at St. Patrick Chamber office at 897breastfeeding women. Church Parish Center in 9161 if you would like an Nursing children welcome. Parnell, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ar-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. THURS.: Weight Watch- - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or 897-9948 Lyle.

SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society at 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 EVERY THURS .: Saranac 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 the 145.27 MHz area radio

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: staff lounge. FIRST THURS.: 4-H Averill Historical Museum drama club meetings at of Ada,7144 Headley 1-4

LOWELL AREA HISTORI-**CAL MUSEUM HOURS:** FIRST AND THIRD Tues., Sat. & Sun.:1-4p.m.;

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

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY meets at Christian Life HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -- 2:30 p.m. Call 647-3920.

LOWELL AREA ARTS

THURS., OCT. 31: Be-

of Kent residents invite you

Place; dinner/theater tick-

tisans, baked goods, raffles and lunch. Call Mary 691-8557 for info.

MON., NOV. 4: Lowell Athletic Booster Club regular business meeting at 7 p.m. in high school

THURS., NOV. 7: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses: Dorothy Randall and Donna Wilkinson. Program by Terry Azkoul for Easter Seals. Bring items for food pantry. Hostess: Phyllis

FRI., NOV. 8: FFA hog roast and scholarship auction at LHS cafeteria. 5:30 -7 p.m. dinner; auction 6:30; \$5 each, 5 & under

SAT., NOV. 9: Free food distribution, 10 - noon or until food is gone at 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg. on S. Broadway. By Flat River Outreach Min-

MON., NOV. 11: Lowell Clark-Ellis Post 152 annual Veteran's Day catered dinner at Schneider Manor Community Room at 6 p.m. Reservations required. Call Rich at 897-8258 by Nov. 4.

WED., NOV. 13: Snow to trick or treat from 6:30 - 8 United Methodist Church turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults

\$7; 5-12, \$2.

Christmas Through Lowell craft show. Maps available at downtown businesses.

SAT., DEC. 7: The annual Christmas parade is

## **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.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/ Shop at the Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., OCT. 30: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:30 Shopping Assis-

THURS., OCT. 31 Noon Dance at West Side Complex. Turn on your porch lights for the trick or treaters.

POLLS OPEN: 7 A.M. UNTIL 8 P.M. Tuesday Nov. 5 VOUE VOIE GULL'15:-

Editor's Note: At the Nov. 5 general election, you will have a chance to play a significant role in establishing Michigan Public Policy. Not only will you have the opportunity to select candidates in the party of your choice, four statewide ballot proposals will also be presented for your consideration. Below is information designed to familiarize Lowell voters with the pros and cons of those four proposals, so that you can make an informed decision on these issues.

## Official Ballot Proposal Language 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 chal-

## Official Ballot Proposal Language 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.

· Require expedited canvass if presidential vote differential is under 25,000.

• Require ballot counting equipment to screen ballots for election officials. voting errors to ensure the accurate tabulation of absentee ballots. Permit voters in polls to correct errors.

 Provide penalties for stealing campaign signs or accept ing payment for campaign work while being paid as a public employee to perform election duties.

## **People Voting Yes Argue That:**

It would encourage all voters to vote the entire ballot, including the nonpartisan judicial races. Often voters who use the single vote option will leave the voting booth without more equipment and workers. voting the nonpartisan section of the ballot.

It would encourage all voters to educate themselves about the qualifications and positions of all the candidates on the ballot and to cast an informed vote, instead of just relying on stop voting before they get to the end of the ballot.

Overturning this act would eliminate many important their ballots. election reforms, including the requirement that new voting

 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

## **People Voting Yes Argue That:**

This proposal would provide up to \$1 billion in state revenues to help municipal governments finance water pollu-

Sewer infrastructure repairs would help to solve one of the state's most serious water quality problems. Most water quality experts agree that overflow from illicit sewer connections and failing septic systems regularly contribute to beach closings, health and other lifestyle problems from flooded basements and the overall decrease in water quality in the

Every dollar spent now repairing and replacing these sewer systems would save ten dollars in the future to clean up

machines alert voters if their ballot contains over-votes, or other such errors, and provides for enhanced training of

About 33 states currently do no offer the straight-party option on their ballots.

## **People Voting No Argue That:**

Even though many elements of the enacted election reforms are beneficial, prohibiting straight-party voting would increase confusion at polling places, according to opponents of Public Act 269 of 2001

This ban may burden local election officials and require

This ban could actually increase the decline in voting on nonpartisan or local ballot issues because many voters, by the time they complete the partisan portion of the ballot, might

About 17 states have the straight-party voting option on

Also, since not more than 10 percent of the bonds could be sold in any single year, the impact on the state's general fund debt obligations is limited.

## **People Voting No Argue That:**

Increasing the state's General Obligation Bond responsibility to cover the cost of the \$1 billion bond at this time may not be wise fiscally. In addition, many local units of government have acted to solve their own sewer infrastructure problems without having to resort to use of the State Revolv-

These locals have increased millages or provided for other local funding measures without having to depend on state

Providing new state dollars through bonding to cover the cost of sewer upgrades may mask the real problem that some have observed is contributing to sewer problems- failure of locals to properly monitor growth which has the potential to overburden the capacity of our sewer system. The inability to properly manage development would continue to hamper sewer systems into the future even with expensive upgrades.

## Official Ballot Proposal Language 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 bargain-

ing 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 over wages, hours, pensions and other terms and conditions of employment.

 Extend the bargaining representatives the right to submit any unresolved disputes over the terms of a collective bargaining agreement to binding arbitration 30 days after the commencement of bargaining.

## **People Voting Yes Argue That:**

This amendment would give all state employees the right to organize and to bargain collectively over wages, hours, and all terms and conditions of employment.

The Department of Civil Service and the Civil Service Commission administer Michigan's civil service system. Under the Michigan Constitution, the commission has broad authority to review, modify and approve collective bargaining agreements. The commission also determines bargaining topics and can unilaterally reject any collectively bargained agreement.

This amendment would remove that power from the

commission by changing the Constitution to give bargaining representatives the ability to submit any unresolved disputes to binding arbitration.

## **People Voting No Argue That:**

The amendment calls for binding arbitration to settle any unresolved disputes. However, only the union is granted the right to call for such arbitration.

Secondly, the proposed amendment does not require both parties to negotiate in good faith-it specifies that only the state must negotiate in good faith.

Also, opponents of this amendment suggest that it would provide civil service employees with a constitutional right to engage in labor strikes. Currently, state rules prohibit civil service employees from striking.

If adopted, employment decisions would no longer be made by elected officials but by binding arbitrators who are not accountable to the electorate.

## Official Ballot Proposal Language 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 percent (approximately \$297 million) of "tobacco settlement rev-

enue" 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.

## **People Voting Yes Argue That:**

Tobacco kills and raises health care costs. Therefore, more of the tobacco settlement dollars should be used for health care. The amount the state has allocated to health care is not sufficient.

This amendment to the Michigan Constitution would

funding smoking prevention and educational programs. Other programs currently funded with tobacco settlement money might be worthwhile, argue proponents, but they are not an appropriate use of this revenue. Due to the stagnating economy, hospitals as well as nursing homes are facing difficult financial times. Any relief provided may assist in operating costs.

change the distribution of funds so that 90 percent of settlement revenue is applied to researching tobacco-related illnesses, paying for tobacco-related health care costs, and

## **People Voting No Argue That:**

Most of the money would go to selected private groups who would have full control over how they spend state tobacco funds. There would be virtually no oversight or accountability over the use of this public money. In addition, the allocation of the vast majority of these public funds is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Additionally, Michigan already spends a great deal of time and effort on smoking cessation programs.

Currently, the settlement dollars are split into two different funds. One-fourth is directed into a trust fund that supports a variety of health-related programs, such as a prescription health plan for seniors and various health-related initiatives.

The remaining dollars fund the MERIT Scholarship Award which assists families in sending students to college.

## **Lowell City Proposal I**

## 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 Historical 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

Should this proposal be adopted?

## 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?

## Where Do You Vote?

City of Lowell Precinct I - Englehardt Public Library **Precinct II - Look Memorial Fire Station** If you're unsure as to which precinct, contact Lowell's city clerk, Betty Morlock.

**Vergennes Township** Precinct I - Vergennes Township Hall Precinct II - Vergennes United Methodist

**Lowell Charter Township** Precinct I - Lowell Charter Township Hall (Upstairs) Precinct II - Lowell Charter Township Hall (Downstairs)

> **Bowne Township** Old Bowne Township Hall (84th Street)

# SHALL GOVERN?

Editor's Note: At the Nov. 5 general election, you will have a chance to play a significant role in determining Michigan's next governor. Below are some quick-hit reminders on where Jennifer Granholm and Richard Posthumus stand on some of the issues. The information is designed to familiarize Lowell area voters with both candidates, so as to make an informed decision.

## **Environment**

Jennifer Granholm will limit the number of landfills to only the number needed to meet Michigan's needs and require other states and Canada that send trash to Michigan to abide by the same rules as Michigan residents. Granholm also opposes drilling from shore under the Great Lakes for oil and natural gas; will recruit a citizens' "Clean Water Corps" to monitor the quality of local rivers and streams. She supports the public purchase of development rights

Dick Posthumus opposes expanding the state's bottle return law to include juice and water bottles. He has not decided whether to reunite the Department of Natural Resources but says he will shed a brighter light on outdoor issues. He says he will appoint a sportsman to advise him on outdoor recreational issues. Posthumus supports legislation that would give Michigan and other states the right to limit the trash they have to take from other states and countries; opposes drilling from the shore under the Great Lakes for oil or natural gas. Posthumus supports cutting taxes to help farmers stay in business instead of selling their land to developers.

### Education

Granholm says she will reduce class sizes, modernize crumbling schools, retain and train high-quality teachers, and make sure that schools are safe. She favors expanding safe and enriching after-school programs. She would change the Merit Scholarship program so that the money goes to students in financial need and not just those who do well on statewide place.

Posthumus pledges to set aside state funds and obtain federal ones to make sure every child reads by the third grade. He would lift the cap on the number of charter schools and would create an academy to share practices and mentor principals. He would keep the Michigan Merit Scholarship in

## **Taxes**

Jennifer Granholm says she also has no plans to raise taxes. She will keep the income tax rollback in place. Granholm wants to replace the single business tax with a new corporate tax which would be fairer to business owners

Dick Posthumus wants to continue rolling back the state's income tax to 3.9 percent and to restart a rollback in the single business tax by putting more money into the state's rainy day fund. He promises not to raise taxes while governor.

## Economy

Granholm will continue the life sciences' and high tech automotive corridors and add a homeland security technology corridor to the mix. She also wants to establish a Grow Michigan Fund which would provide seed money for new businesses and help local governments clear and prepare land in cities and older suburbs for redevelopment.

Posthumus will give tax-free status to certain employers who create new jobs in distressed areas. He backs the development of alternative fuels and fuel cells, and will continue the development of the life sciences' corridor. He will give startup businesses a tax credit to cover their interest costs and require a cost-benefit analysis for every new state regulation before it's put in place.



Jonathan David

**DEAR JONATHAN:** A trusts for the specific purpose few years back my husband of reducing our federal estate and I prepared an estate plan tax exposure. We also liked which was quite involved and the probate avoidance and asincluded tax planning trusts set management features of for each of us. At the time, we those trusts. We have never had a net worth of approxi- done anything with our trusts mately \$2,000,000 and the from a funding perspective attorney who prepared the and now, due to a series of estate planning documents poor investments and the recommended tax planning stock market's decline, our

net worth has been reduced to taken place over the last few federal estate taxes. Should your documents. we keep our complicated estate plan or should we do tax planning issue you raised, something different since we i.e., whether to maintain the no longer have any federal

JONATHAN SAYS: I you have now, how your net think it would make sense for worth might increase (alyou to schedule a meeting with though the stock market is the lawyer who drafted your down, it could go back up), estate planning documents for any potential inheritances ei- long-term objectives. the purpose of generally re- ther of you may receive, your viewing what documents you earning power, etc. If after currently have in place and examining this information there is no reasonable likelistances have changed. Fur- hood that your net worth is ther, you will also want to going to change dramatically determine whether there are over the next few years, and any other changes that have given the fact that the credit

would not be unreasonable for joint trust. This, of course, is To specifically address the assuming that you and your husband are still interested in probate avoidance and asset management. I encourage you tax planning trusts or to do detail with your attorney so that he or she can make recommendations as to what type of estate plan best fits your current circumstances and

DEAR JONATHAN: My husband has severe dementia and I have decided that I need to sell our home and move into something smaller. Since my husband is unable to sign any documents, what do I have against federal estate taxes to do?

Halloween fundraiser for scholarships

**Lowell Burger King launches** 

JONATHAN SAYS: If around \$1,000,000 which I years such as births, deaths, you and your husband to opt your husband has already know is the current amount address changes, etc., which out of the tax planning trusts named you as his agent under allowed as a credit against you may want to address in and create a non-tax planning a durable power of attorney for financial matters, then that document, assuming it was prepared properly, would allow you to sign any documents you need to sign in to discuss these issues in more order to sell your house, including entering into a puring all required documents at closing. That durable power of attorney, in effect, allows you to act in your husband's place if he can't act for him-

If your husband never signed a durable power of attorney for financial matters, then you will need to petition the probate court for the purpose of being appointed your husband's conservator, which will allow you to act on his behalf regarding all financial matters, including the sale of your home.



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**ELEMENTARY** 

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WED: Pancake dippers or as sorted cereal, scrambled eggs juice choice, hash brown wedge

THURS: Beefy soft shell taco with lettuce and cheese or pork RibBQ on bun, fresh fruit choice, baked beans, homemade cookie

FRI: Cheesey pizza or ham and cheese on bun, pasta salad, pine apple tidbits, California blend veg-

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE** STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT KENT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

> FILE NO. 02-174453-GM 02-174452-GM

In the matter of ANDREW **EDWARD TIGER/BRAN DON LEE MONTEZ** 

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including ED-WARD TIGER whose address (es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Nov. 14, 2002, at 9 a.m. at 180 Judge JANET A. HAYNES P33411 for the following Lee Montez and suspension of parental rights.

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**LEGAL NOTICES** 

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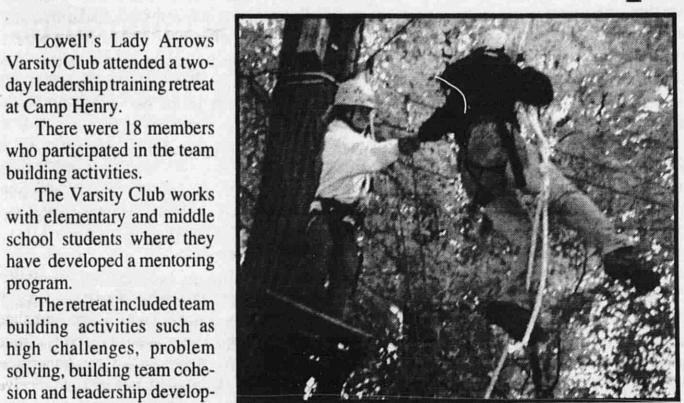
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Above, Lisa Wojciakowski helps Sarah Swab to the

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The group also participated in the camp's high ropes

**Charles Lupton** 

Lowell's Lady Arrows

There were 18 members

The Varsity Club works

with elementary and middle

have developed a mentoring

building activities such as

high challenges, problem

solving, building team cohe-

sion and leadership develop-

The retreat included team

Varsity Club attended a two-

day leadership training retreat

at Camp Henry.

building activities.

program.

part by the Lowell Area Com- by Dee Crowley and Kathy The trip was funded in munity Fund and supervised Talus.

Attending the leadership training retreat were Lady Arrows Varsity Club members,

front row, left to right: Sarah Swab, Lisa Wojciakowski, Nichole Gillikin, Kelsey Capps,

Noelle Dewey, Abbey Debiak, Kari King, Kim Seaman; middle row: Jenna Dickerman,

Rebekka Woods; back row: Natalie Kent, Heather Becker, Courtney Phillips, Amanda

Varsity Club uses retreat to

build cohesion & leadership

Rau, Amy Oberlin, Rebecca Bosserd, Kim Huyser and Mandy Kettle.



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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION **POSTING AND NOTICE** OF ACTION

CASE NO. 02-09782-DO

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

**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

A copy of this order shall be sent to DEFENDANT. **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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PAUL J. SULLIVAN, JUDGE



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"VOTE NO" PROPOSAL "00-08

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## TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Lowell Township Neighbors:

There is a very important ballot proposal for us to consider on Nov. 5 and we feel it has gotten very little press. This proposal (Ordinance to amend Article III, Section 4.1.1 Governing Uses Allowed in the AG-2 Zoning District) concerns amending the Township Ordinance to allow for "Home Based Businesses" instead of the "Home Occupation" allowance that is currently on the books. There is a big difference and it's as the museum's education and research departments. time to support the entrepreneurs in our community.

In the past, rural property was involved with, almost exclusively, a farming-based occupation. These days, with computers and other technology, the types of business that can be successfully run from your home are almost limitless! We personally have several thriving (non-farm) businesses that we run entirely from our two-bedroom farm house. In fact, we have gotten so busy, that we really needed to hire a part-time assistant. After running an ad in the Ledger for that position, we learned that we were in violation of the current ordinance. Because of the restrictive wording for "Home Occupation," we are allowed to work from home, but are not allowed to hire anyone. How absurd! It's practically un-American!

In our current economy, the #1 thing we hear is that we need to "create jobs" and provide "economic growth." If we do not approve the proposal, we will be doing just the

Please take the time to read the proposal. You can find it at www.twp.lowell.mi.us. This will be good for our community, and remember that other communities are watching. Let's do the right thing for our community and vote yes on this amendment.

Cheryl Wisdom, MS,RN

Dear Friends of the Lowell Community,

As a pastor, much of my work centers around "memory." That is when we talk about faith issues, we need, first, to remember. We are always remembering our "faith roots" and looking back to catch a glimpse or remind us of where we came from to better understand where it is we are to go.

Growing up I was always hearing my parents' last words to me as I ran out the door, "Remember who you are and where you come from." They were reminding me to think of who I was in terms of those foundational roots.

I see the Lowell Area Historical Museum in the same way. The museum is a part of our roots as citizens of this great community. Knowing, teaching, and remembering this past gives everyone a foundation to build the present and future upon. Whether you grew up or are new to the area (like me), roots are wonderful! Roots provide nourishment when things are a little dry, and roots hold us strong when things start to move around. All the thousands of pictures, donated volunteer hours, and artifacts provide a story for all of us to receive and

This memory of our roots will help give the right vision for our future. It is a distinct joy to support the millage proposal request that will give needed funds to keep this memory alive and feed us all. May we remember our heritage. May we claim

To the Citizens of Lowell: I invite you to take the opportunity to tour our Lowell Area Historical Museum. By exploring the museum, you will appreciate the hard work and commitment of the volunteers and contributors, who created our new museum. The immense pleasure from seeing Lowell's history can bring generations closer and help educate and develop values and commitments that last a lifetime.

Charitable donations are not enough to maintain and support our new museum. Voting yes for the .25 millage proposal in November will put a plan in place to achieve stable funding. This will ensure the museum and the benefits it will

Vote yes for our Lowell Area Historical Museum on November 5.

Frank W. Martin

Dear Readers.

I am writing to encourage those of you who have not yet been to the Lowell Area Historical Museum to go sometime soon. About a year ago, our family visited the museum for the first time, and we were immediately impressed! The displays were well-organized, attractive and very informative; and the docent was friendly and knowledgeable. Since then, we have made three more visits each time learning more and appreci-

ating again the tremendous work done by LAHM volunteers. Recently, I accompanied a group of about 25 students (ages 5-15) to the museum. Most of them had not previously been there, so I was able to enjoy watching their first impressions. Judging from their enthusiasm, I am sure many of them will be coming back as well.

Again, I would urge you to visit our museum and, if you can, bring some children along with you. Your experience will

be enriched as you watch them put the pieces of our local history together in their minds. And, most of all, they will greatly enjoy the items they are allowed to touch and even play with. Of course, they are likely to ask you to bring them back again, but I am sure you won't mind doing that at all.

Dear Editor:

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has been honored with the Michigan Dept. of History, Arts, and Libraries Award for 2002. This acknowledgement represents an appreciation for the more than 13,000 documented volunteer hours donated by the citizens of our community, cataloging and preservation of more than 6,000 items in our permanent collection as well

We now ask the people of Lowell to show support for the work that has been done by voting for a 1/4 mill. This millage will simply replace the money already allocated by the city of Lowell since 1996. That comes to \$10.78 a year for the average homeowner. The 1/4 mill will allow for long-term planning for our citizen volunteers while funding only half of the yearly

Benjamin Franklin once said, "The best sermon is a good example." We believe one visit to your museum will best demonstrate the value of the millage being requested.

Jack Misner

On November 5, Lowell voters will have the opportunity to vote on a ballot proposal put forth by the Lowell Area Historical Museum. It is not often that voters have the chance to help operate and maintain an institution with such broad implications for our community. The museum provides a wonderful setting to display our local history. Its educational programs and workshops for children are first rate as evidenced by their attendance. But most of all, the museum provides a permanent site, a single location for gathering Daryl Wisdom, MD Lowell area history. Already, the museum has prevented many artifacts from disappearing from our community.

As chairman of the Downtown Lowell Historic District Commission, I, along with other commissioners, have been aided immeasurably by the extensive photo collection held by the museum. Without these historical photos depicting downtown buildings, Lowell would not have the accurate and appropriate restorations that we all enjoy.

Without the museum as a single repository for our local history, we would certainly lose more than a few artifacts or photos. We would lose our link to the past that is witnessed daily by those entering downtown Lowell. These efforts, that bring historic appeal and beauty to our downtown, have most certainly enhanced the climate for economic development that we are now seeing

My family and I have enjoyed the museum's exhibits and programs, and I urge you to vote yes for the museum's millage ballot proposal on November 5. It is a small cost with a large benefit for present and future generations.

Dear Ledger,

When all Real Americans flock to the polling stations on the 5th, Lowell Townshipians ought to pause at the tail-end of the ballot. Closing a list of state-wide issues of almost Californian length, something curious ..

There is a proposed Zoning Ordinance modification designated 00-08. What you will vote on is a referendum chal-Gordie Barry lenging it because, like Patrick Henry, one of my excellent neighbours "smelt a rat." Please vote no.

Going back minimally four years now, there has been confusion over terms. The terms are: "home business," "business in the home," "home occupation." Some of this confusion is honest layman's difficulty, but some of it is dysinformatsia and lying. A couple of 1999 meetings of the Planning Commission had purple clouds rising from the floor.

Our AG-2 Zoning Ordinance has always contemplated "home occupations" (whatever), and properly so. For some, however, there is room to take advantage, to use the Stalinistic "slice at a time," and not merely one contumacious property owner on Kissing Rock. In order to make life more pleasant for those trying to run full-bore businesses in violation, the Board acted to expand the opportunities in AG-2, to create a de facto

It is a good property tax dodge and subsidy by implication. Lowell Area Fire Chief The proposed modification is far beyond Lowell Township's ability to monitor compliance. Also behold a lawyer's para-

Attention, you in R-1 who think this is just a problem for the rubes. Surprise! By statutory interpretation you are in the

Two thumbs down. If you resent zoning — and it has problems — try being honest. a) Abolish the whole Ordinance, or b) just make two zones - Residential and Other. Perhaps "b" would not survive constitutional challenge, but it would separate the men from the "property rights" boys.

Respectfully G. M. Ross 36th St. S.E. Dear Editor and Voters of Lowell Township:

We are writing to urge Lowell Township residents to vote No on the local proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot that would add home-based businesses as a use in AG-2 by special permit to the zoning ordinance. This would also apply in R1 because of how the Zoning Ordinance Bulk Tables are written.

Using the term home-based business is misleading. The current Home Occupation definition already allows the residents of a home in any zoning district to engage in any business as long as there are no outside employees and the impact of the business on the neighborhood is minimal. It is unambiguous and fair, and is the current law in Lowell Township. What this new ordinance really does is to abolish the distinction between commercial, light industrial and residential zoning.

There is plenty of room for businesses that have outgrown the Home Occupation definition - or never fit the definition in the first place - in areas of Lowell Township that are zoned commercial or light industrial. Businesses that operate in commercial and industrial zones are taxed at higher rates than residential property. How do you assess a business operating on residentially zoned property?

The proposed ordinance requires the Planning Commission, which is made up of volunteers, to do an annual review of each business granted a special use permit. No special use permits are currently required to have an annual review. An entirely new process to keep track of these businesses would have to be established and implemented.

The poorly written Home Based Business definition creates more problems than it solves. Besides the residents of the home, it would allow three full-time employees, and "such seasonal employees and independent contractors ... as shall be reasonably necessary." What does seasonal, or reasonably necessary mean? Too many other terms are undefined and interpretation would be very subjective. Enforcement would be a nightmare. No other township or municipality in this area has such a loosey-goosey Home Based Business ordinance. This proposed ordinance is not in the best interests of the people of Lowell Township.

Please vote No on the local proposal on November 5. Sincerely yours,

John and Paula Blumm

Dear Editor.

I am aware of volunteers for the Lowell Area Historical Museum diligently going door to door in the city of Lowell and I have read the articles in the newspaper in support of the museum. I believe funding for the Lowell Area Historical Museum is essential to preserve the historical articles of our region and to educate people about our area.

The problem with this millage is that once again, just the city of Lowell residents are being asked to assist in funding the museum with additional tax dollars. Our city's tax base has been condensed due to the unfortunate closing of manufacturing plants and/or layoffs of personnel. Some of the supporters of the Lowell Area Historical Museum are from Lowell and Vergennes townships

There is no millage increase being proposed to their Sincerely, residents on November 5. It is nice, though, that they are willing to assist in raising the city's property taxes. The city of Lowell residents, through our taxes, already pay \$97,000 a year for the Englehardt Library (\$47,000 for bond payment and \$50,000 for maintenance and utilities) for all area residents to enjoy. The townships do not contribute to this cost.

> The Lowell Area Historical Museum is just that, an area museum . . . not just a city museum. I believe steady funding is needed for the museum - but shouldn't everyone in the area and not just the citizens of the city of Lowell share in that fiscal responsibility?

James Hinton



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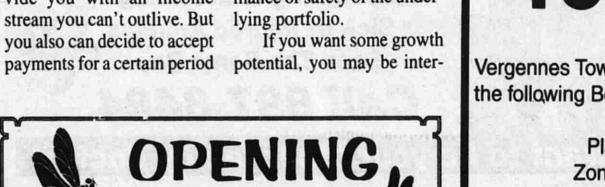
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## Along the Trails...

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fifth graders. Events happening during the month of November include the following: Lowell Area Historical Museum pre- any questions.

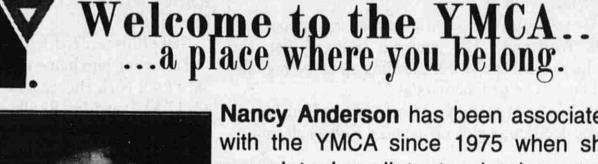
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Applications should be received by Friday, November 29, 2002, and will be considered at the December 16, 2002 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org under forms. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. If you wish to receive an application through the mail, kindly send a stamped self-addressed envelope to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331-0208, and a form and job description will be sent. For further information, call 897-5671 during office hours.

Mari Stone, Clerk

## **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 Lowell Charter of Township, County of Kent. State of Michigan.

> Linda S,. Regan, Clerk **Lowell Charter Township**

# Strong regional run garners girls another trip to state

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A long, tough regular season for the Red Arrow girls cross country team was brightened by its season's best run at Middleville on Saturday in the Division II Regional Cross Country meet.

"It was just a fantastic race. It was the girls' best run 20:12. of the year and it couldn't have come at a better time," Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf said. "I am very proud

The top three teams in the regional advanced to Saturday's state meet at the Michigan International explained. "Their goal for the state is a top five finish."

Grand Rapids Christian won the regional with 66 points. points, Lowell was second at 83 and Holland Christian placed third with 88.

"We usually run better on more challenging courses," VanderWarf said. "This course is relatively flat. The girls focused on speed work leading up to the regional and I think it helped them today.

Another bit of strategy which helped the Red Arrows was the decision to pick up the pace with a half mile to

"Many of the runners waited a little longer before of the field and the boys did that."

picking up the pace," VanderWarf said. "By us starting early, I think we picked up a number of places." Lisa Wojciakowski led all Lowell harriers with a

time of 19:34.5 placing her third overall. Otehr Lowell runners to finish in the top 20 were Sarah Swab, 10th, 20:03 and Abbie Blanding, 14th,

Following them home were Natalie Kent, 24th, 20:37.8 and Holly Plattner, 33rd, 20:53.1

"The girls didn't want the regional to be their last race. They went out and got the job done," VanderWarf In the boys' race, Lowell placed eighth with 194

The top three teams in the regional were Grand Rapids Christian 78; Catholic Central 98 and East Grand Rapids 104.

Steve Ellison, 22nd, led Lowell with a time of 17:08.4. Following him home were teammates Scott Riddle, 38, 17:43; Nick Huizenga, 42, 17:47.6; Eric Schumm, 43, 17:52.1; and Jon Riddle, 49, 17:57.6.

"It was our best run in a regional in four years," VanderWarf said. "Our goal was to finish in the top half



## **Marathon Men**

Lowell brothers Greg and Rick Zimmerman recently completed their first Chicago Marathon. Greg, left, finished the race in 3:49:23, placing him 8,430th out of over 40,000 runners. Rick came home in 3:59:30, making him the 11,000th runner to complete the

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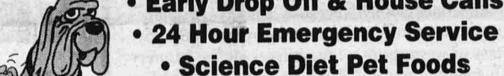
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# GREAT NEWS!!!





Members of the Class C Division Lowell state champion equestrian team are, left to right, Jessica Hamp, Kim VandenBerg, Katelyn Bush, Lyndsay Foster and Michelle Wolf. Pictured with the Red Arrows is Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw.

# Victories may have cost Lowell its starting point guard

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls basketball team recovered from its one-point loss to East Grand Rapids with two wins.

Which begs the question - how will the Red Arrows (14-2, 7-1) recover from their victories over Forest Hills Northern and Northview?

You say what? Yes, in the process of defeating the Huskies. 52-36 and surviving Northview 36-33, the Red Arrows, likely lost the services of their point guard, Kendra Gallert for the remainder of the season.

The sophomore suffered a knee injury (likely the ACL) in the first quarter against Forest Hills Northern. The extent of the njury will be determined this week. Lowell ran out to a 10-point lead against

the Huskies in the first half, before extending their final margin of victory, without Gallert, to 16. In Thursday's win over Northview

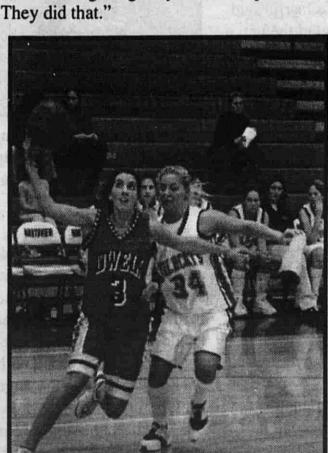
owell built a 26-14 halftime lead before surviving a 10-point output in the second half against a physical and aggressive group

"The girls let Northview's aggressive play get to them mentally," said Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "We didn't adjust well and had difficulty finishing." The Red Arrows' only point in the

third quarter against Northview came from

the foul line. The result was a lead trimmed o single digits (27-20). "We did not play well offensively in the first half," said Northview coach, Tyler Shomin. "Yet, we were still in the thing. I told the girls to keep the game slow and get

to within single digits by the fourth quarter.



And more! Two free throws by Erin White with 8.5 seconds to play pulled Northview to within one of Lowell at 34-Amy Oberlin connected on two of four

Amy Oberlin works over the top of her

defender while playing in the post.

foul shots, and a Wildcat turnover provided Lowell with its three-point win. "We missed a lot of layups and did not shoot well from the foul line down the

stretch," Crowley said. "We also have girls

playing in different positions. It will take me to build the level of play." Oberlin was the only Red Arrow to score in double figures. She netted 14 points. She also pulled down nine rebounds.

Lauren Vashaw, Becky Bosserd and Vallen VanZyll scored six points each. The Red Arrows built a 27-17 halftime ead. Lowell outscored FHN 25-19 in the

Oberlin led all scorers with 20 points. Bosserd contributed with nine and VanZyll chipped in with seven.

Lauren Vashaw gathers the ball in

## Lowell equestrian team battles back, from middle of the pack, to claim a second state championship By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Gail Parker thought her Lowell Equestrian program had its "Golden Moment" two

Then came Sunday at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit in the Class C Division state championship. Lowell entered the final day in seventh place before mounting a most remarkable comeback in winning its first ever Class C Division state championship

Lowell won a Class A Division state championship two years ago.

"This was very much team effort, and such well deserved," said Parker, Lowell's equestrian coach. "There will be another trophy. These girls have seen what it takes to win. They went out there and did their best against the state's best."

It was Lowell's speed which killed its opponents on Sunday. Trailing by 37 points entering the final event, Lowell needed a first- and secondplace finish in the qualifying round and in the finals of the two-man relay speed event to

because she was blessed with The speed teams of Kim VandenBerg and Katelyn so much speed, she split her Bush, and Michelle Wolf and squad into two teams so that the most number of kids Lyndsay Foster rode Lowell home to a state title. could compete at state. VandenBerg and Bush

finished first while Wolf and

Foster placed second, push-

ing Lowell's team total to

Oxford's 183 points.

Bush, VandenBerg, Wolf, Foster and Jessica Hamp filled the Class C roster. Hamp scored 78 of the team's total points.

"She was just outstanding," Parker said.

"We were in fifth place entering the final event," Lowell's Class A team Parker explained. "Both of placed 14th. "We were probthose speed relay teams ran ably the only Class A divi-Friday night and were dission team which consisted o qualified. Others would have all freshmen and sophoquit. They picked it up and mores," Parker said. "They never quit, and went out there put out their best effort. That's

and did their best on Sunall I ask of them." Lowell's win in Class C The best included a final and Caledonia's in Class A winning run of 11.2 seconds along with Fruitport's win in by Bush and VandenBerg. Class B means all three state That was the best two-man titles reside on the west side speed relay time posted over of the state. "I'm sure that is a the four-day event in any of first," Parker said.

The Lowell coach was the three divisions. Speed was the reason also grateful for the 150-plus Lowell entered a team in the spectators who made their Class A and Class C diviway to the state event as well sions. "The three divisions as to all the local businesses represent just the size of the who sponsored riders. team - not the quality of com-

"These kids represented petition," Parker said. them well," she concluded. Lowell's coach noted that



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## District champions find a way in one-goal victories over Caledonia and Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the third time in as many years, Lowell (16-2-2) won a district soccer title.

The 3-2 win over Caledonia did not come without increasing the heart palpitations of its third-year coach, Paul Legge. "These boys are going to give me a heart attack. I swear

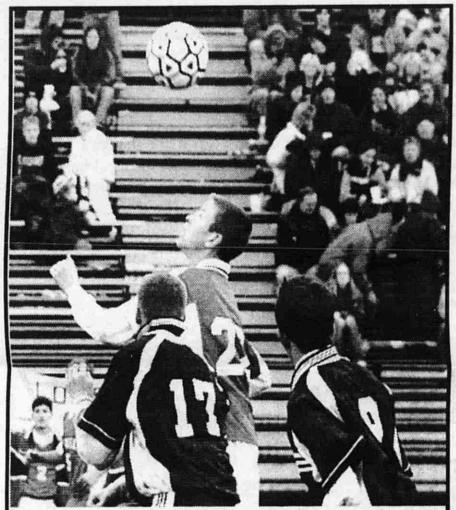
they are doing it on purpose. They know I'm having trouble sleeping and that I'm having headaches," Legge said as he grabbed at his chest. "But they had the ability to pull it off. They got the result.

The fourth-ranked team in Division II grabbed a 1-0 first half lead on a Sam Oberlin goal.

It stayed that way until the 18:36 mark of the second half when a flurry of offensive fireworks broke out.

Caledonia senior forward, Walter Spees knocked a header past Lowell goalie, Josh Anderson, tying the game at 1-1.

Ninety seconds later, Lowell regained the lead on a Shane Stokes' goal on a crossing pass from Zach Horan with 17:01



district final against Caledonia. Lowell won the game 3-



Lowell celebrates a third consecutive district championship following its 3-2 win over Caledonia Saturday at Lake

to play in the game.

Caledonia answered 57 seconds later (16:04) when Andrew Cromer broke away and put one past Anderson to knot the game up at 2-2.

Nearly a whole three minutes passed before Lowell's Jeremy Goff blasted a deflected shot into the net with 13:14 to play, giving Lowell a lead it would not relinquish.

"I thought we dominated the majority of the play," Legge explained. "We had a few letdowns and they scored off them." Lowell travels to DeWitt on Wednesday to play the Charotte district winner at 7 p.m.

"Our play during the last four-five regular season games was mediocre. I offer no excuses, but we had some people hurting," Legge said. "We're still struggling, but I think this win will get us back on track."

Caledonia coach, Brian Broekhuizen believes the Fighting Scots soccer program is on the right track.

"Lowell's a more skilled soccer team than we are," Broekhuizen explained. "We wanted to run at them, run balls down and hope for a few breaks. It almost worked. But good teams win close games and Lowell's a good team. They did it

Caledonia finishes its season at 10-11 overall

"I realize as you get later in the season everyone is gunning for us because we're state-ranked and everyone is going to come out and give us their best game," Legge said.

All three of Lowell's district wins were by one goal: Middleville (1-0), Hastings (3-2) and Caledonia on Saturday by the same score.

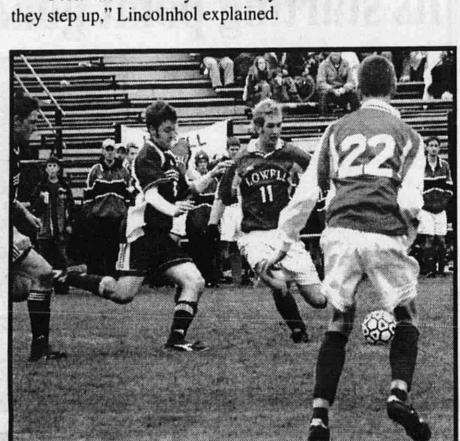
#### Lowell 3, Hastings 2

The halftime statistics revealed Lowell had outshot Hastings by more than a 3-to-1 margin, yet trailed by a goal (1-0) on the

"That was the story of last year, it hasn't been the story of this year," said Lowell's assistant coach, Mike Lincolnhol

who was filling in for head coach, Paul Legge (suspended for one game after receiving a red card in a 1-0 win over

Lincolnhol directed his halftime talk to the captains (Sam Oberlin, Josh Anderson, Craig Carpenter and Matt Foster). "I told them this is your team, your season and it's time



Lowell's Sam Oberlin dribbles the ball in some traffic.

Through their (captains') leadership, the Red Arrow soccer team got back to this year's story in the second half and pulled out a dramatic, lastsecond 3-2 win over Hastings.

This year's story has been pushing the ball up the field, playing it out to the corner and then serving it in front of

That scenario played out magically in the waning seconds Wednesday. Travis Gillan played the ball to the corner to Jeremy Goff, who played it through a defender and then served it in where Oberlin was waiting.

"I knew time was running out, but I took my time and then shot," Oberlin said.

His shot found the net a second or two before time expired, ensuring Lowell's season would last at least one

"Sammy's always there," Goff said afterwards. "Our team has been down before, but we've been able to brush that off and recover."

For the game, Lowell outshot Hastings 35-8. As history will indicate, the Saxons have never been an easy out for the Red Arrows.

Trailing 1-0, a motivated and energized Lowell club came out and dominated play The result: a tying goal by Oberlin and then a go-

Sam Oberlin gets a congratulatory hug following his game-winning goal against Hastings. Hastings, though, took

advantage of one of its few scoring opportunities. Late in the game, Aaron Fortier headed one past Josh Anderson to tie the game at 2-2 with 3:41 to play, setting the stage for Oberlin's dramatic goal.

"It's been the story of our season - losing by one goal in big games," said Hastings ahead goal by Shane Stokes. coach, Andrew Wilkinson.

# Red Arrows ice Polar Bears 24-7 in regular season finale

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Creston coach, Sparky McEwen had read all the clippings and watched film of Lowell's explosive offense, us," Dean explained. but after a closer look, it was the Red Arrow defense that had the Polar Bear coach buzzing, following his club's 24-7 defeat at the hands of Lowell Friday night.

"Lowell's defense did an excellent job. They impressed me. They are quick, physical and they get after you," McEwen said. "Number 60 on a quarterback draw and (Jordan Moore) is as good a raced 48 yards for a touchlinebacker as I've seen play from sideline to sideline since Turner Nande (now a freshman with Miami of Florida). He's a pretty darn good foot- Lowell's lead to 17-0. ball player.

Moore led Lowell in tack- the third quarter. les with eight. Chad Rau. tackles apiece.

"That is a pretty nice de- Nande in the front corner of fensive team," concurred Lowell football coach, Noel Dean."They are physical, and defensive coach, Jason Katt does a marvelous job for us."

A muddy sloppy turf hurt a Red Arrow offensive attack zone from 11 yards out. His that counts on timing and re- score was set up by a 14 yard ceivers running crisp routes. burst from Frank Mulder and

"I was a little disap- a31-yard scamper from Chris pointed with our killer instinct Curtis. down near the goal line. The Catlin led all rushers with boys gave a good effort but 125 yards and rushed for two

touchdowns. The Lowell quarterback completed 11-of-Lowell was first on the 31 passes for 119 yards and one touchdown and he rushed rows found the end zone on a for two seven yard pass from Mark "With all the new players

Catlin to Mike Koster at the and the offensive change, we 7:23 mark of the first quarter. were nervous early on, but It stayed that way until these boys have played a pretty midway through the second nice schedule," Dean said quarter. Catlin, on a third and "Our sophomores are now 10, popped through the line playing like juniors. Lowell boys like to compete. They've been through this playoff thing and now understand it's one Matt Foster tacked on a week at a time."

35-yard field goal right be-Both Creston (6-3) and fore halftime, extending Lowell (8-1) are playoff

Neither team scored in Creston will travel to Grand Rapids Christian Fri-Creston, however, cut the day, and Lowell will host East Bryan White and Bryan deficit to 10 (17-7) in the Lansing (5-4). Kickoff for the Posthumus all added four fourth quarter when Sparky pre-district round game is set McEwen (Jr.) found Tersee

the end zone on a 28-yard

with 3:09 to play, and four

running plays later, Catlin

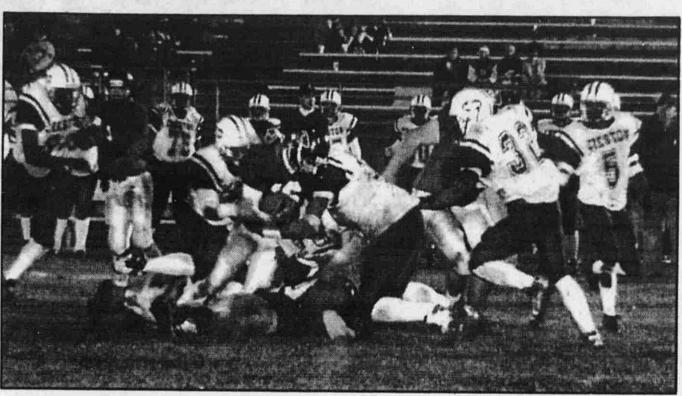
took the pigskin into the end

Lowell got the ball back

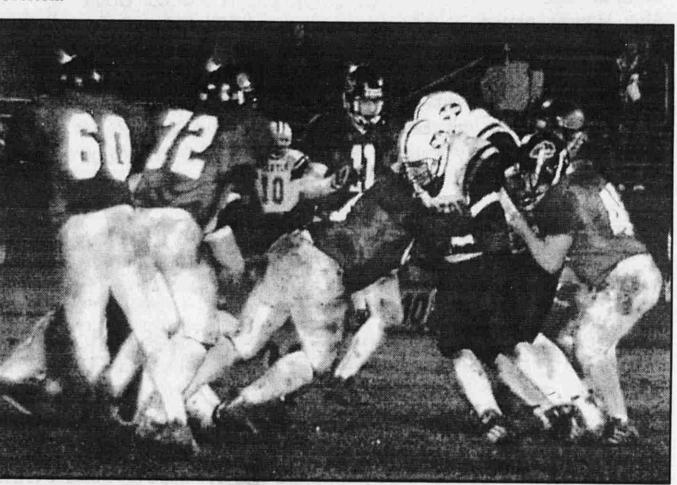
touchdown pass.

Tickets will go on sale the day of the game in the athletic office from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and at the Lowell Middle School during lunch periods. All seats are \$4. Superfan and season ticket holders must purchase tickets.

The gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and any blankets placed to reserve seats prior to 5:30 p.m. will be removed.

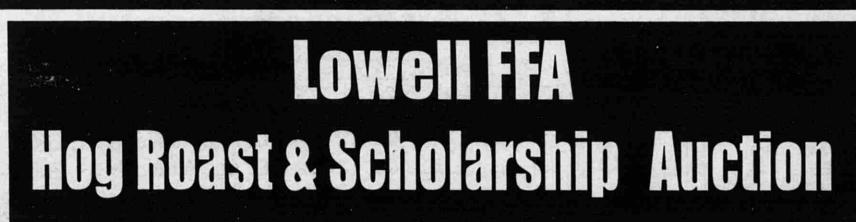


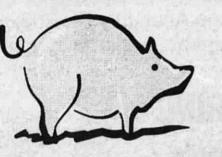
Ryan Dykhouse carries the ball for a couple of yards in second half action against Creston.



Lowell's defense swarms to the ball carrier (Doug Kellogg). Lowell held Creston runningbacks to 125 yards.







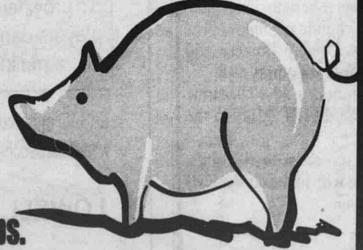
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#### PROPOSAL 02-1

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
- · 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
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#### Should this law be approved?

#### PROPOSAL 02-2

A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS PROJECTS, STORM WATER PROJECTS AND WATER POLLU-TION PROJECTS

#### The proposal would:

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- · 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

over wages, hours, pensions and other terms and conditions of employment. · Extend the bargaining representatives the right to submit any unresolved disputes over the terms of a collective bargaining agreement to binding arbitration 30 days after the commencement of bargaining.

Should this proposal be adopted?

#### PROPOSAL 02-4

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- · 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

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#### Should this proposal be adopted?

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