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These canned treats were collected Halloween night for the Flat River Outreach Ministries by the St. Mary's Girls Club.

St. Mary's Girls Club collects plenty of treats for FROM shelves

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Members of St. Mary's Girls Club passed on bite size Snickers, Paydays, Milky Ways and Tootsie Rolls in favor of canned vegetables, fruits, meats and other nonperishable items.

These Halloween treats, which filled their bags and boxes, will assist the effort of the Flat River Outreach Ministries to aid the area needy.

On Thursday night, 25 of the 35 St. Mary's Girls Club members spent two hours going door-to-door.

"Leara Glinzak shared the idea with the group. The girls

liked it so much they stole it," said event coordinator, Ellie Kane.

Through a donation from Meijer, the girls' efforts were nearly doubled.

"Meijer agreed to match up to \$200 worth of food collected by the girls," Kane explained.

Meijer will supply the Flat River Outreach Ministries with a check for \$200 to purchase needed items.

St. Mary's Girls Club, formed five years ago, is part of an international organization called Ragnun Christi.

Residents pushing for Lowell Charter Township to tweak ordinance on parking of major recreational vehicles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

David and Lori Rash studied the ordinance, checked the codes, and did their research to assure they were doing things right and weren't in violation.

So, when they were told by Lowell Charter Township they had 10 days to remove a recreational vehicle (owned by David's parents) from their property, they decided to fight back.

Rashes took their case before the Kent County magistrate. Their effort was rewarded as the magistrate ruled in their favor, allowing them to keep the recreational vehicle on their property.

"We didn't feel as if we were infringing on our neighbors' rights or disturbing or interrupting them," said Lori Rash.

John and Susan Tomkins and Cliff and Dee Bonn feel otherwise.

The magistrate, however, ruled the township ordinance did not have enough bite to enforce what it was trying to do.

Bonns asked Lowell Charter Township supervisor, John Timpson if the township would go to court to fight the magistrate's ruling.

Timpson said no, making reference to the cost. He added that the township would look at its ordinance and if it wasn't doing what is needed, would make amendments to it.

The Bonns rewrote a proposed amendment to the ordinance and will present it to the planning commission, in hopes of enforcing what the magistrate would not.

The most significant proposed wording change appears in the parking, storage, or use of major recreational equipment. It would read, "No such equipment shall be used for permanent or temporary living..." It currently reads, "No such equipment shall be used for permanent living or house-keeping purposes when parked or stored on a residential lot, or in any location not approved for such use."

Timpson said the township would look to the planning commission for a recommendation and if the Bonns were interested in providing input, they were welcome to continue attending upcoming planning commission meetings.

Guns & Hoses to shoot it out Thursday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The 2nd annual Guns & Hoses basketball tournament will shoot to net almost double the funds of that in year one.

The event, sponsored by Bernard's Ace Hardware, is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7. The doors will open at 7 p.m. with tipoff at 7:30.

Admission to the game between the Lowell Area Fire Department and Lowell Police Department will require a donation at the door. The funds raised will benefit the Lowell YMCA Teen Center. Last year, the event raised \$1,357.

Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh said the goal this year is to raise \$2,500.

During the basketball game, the YMCA will also be selling 50/50 raffle tickets and T-shirts.

"Steve Bukala, from the Lowell Police Department, came up with the idea last year," Welsh explained.

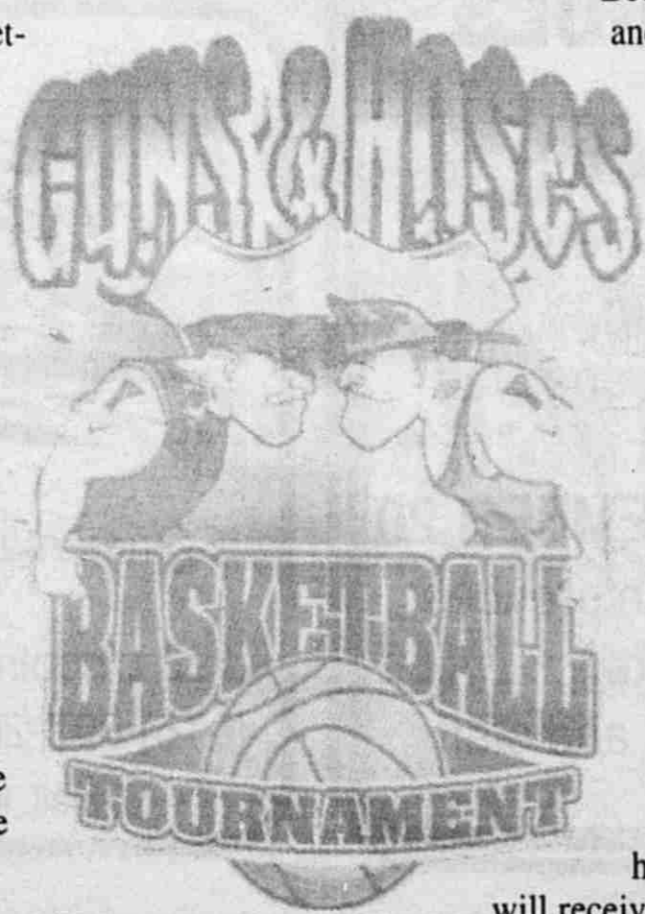
Because of its inaugural success Bukala and Welsh decided a second event should be planned.

The annual budget for the YMCA Teen Center is roughly \$40,000.

Suiting up for the Lowell Police Department squad will be Bukala, Trevor Slot, Scott Borg, Brent Noskey, Chris Hurst, David Oesch, Paul Despres, James Hinton and Amy Gunderson.

Filling out the Lowell Area Fire Department roster are Rusty Towne, Jimmy Hodges, Bob Roger, Nick Hauck, Lynn Ort, Kurt Parks, Matt Collins, Roger Reed, John Cross, Kim Kisner (Grand Rapids Hoops), Kevin Porter, Chad Harvey and Tim VanPutten.

At halftime, Little Caesar's will hold a three-point contest. The winner will receive a pizza a month for a year.



11th annual Christmas Through Lowell Nov. 15-17

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Christmas Through Lowell coordinator, Jody Haybarker says she is doing nothing differently for the 11th annual unique shopping experience.

Makes sense. Change is not necessary when an event has grown and reached the level of success Christmas Through Lowell has enjoyed over the years.

"The event has really grown. We had 1,200-1,500 people come through our homes last year. Many were from out of town," Haybarker explained. "We are hoping for similar record numbers again this year."

This year, 24 homes and six businesses are participating in the event which is held the third weekend of November each year.

"It's the first weekend of deer hunting season, so while the men hunt, the women can go shopping," Haybarker said.

Calls on the event and requests for fliers have been steady for the past month.

"I think people like the uniqueness of this show and the variety of items they find," Haybarker said.

Christmas Through Lowell has added five new stops this year including a woodworker and an artist selling pottery - 19 stops return from a year ago.

Patrons will be able to pick up "Anything Chocolate" recipes at each stop.

Cookbooks will also be available again this year. Christmas Through Lowell will run Friday, Nov. 15

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OBITUARIES

BIGELOW - H. Wesley Bigelow, aged 86, of Ada, passed away at his home on November 3, 2002, after a brief battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his daughter Susan Gessler, son-in-law Ray Quada, great-grandson Cody Harrall, brother and sister-in-law Vernon and Phyllis Bigelow, and sister Molly Dadd. He is

survived by his wife of sixty years, Madonna (Bird) Bigelow and his daughters Madonna Mary (Jack) Harrall, Nancy (Dan) Fansher, Beverly "Babs" Quada, Cindy (Bruce) Boyce, Rose (Randy) Maxim and Penny Webster; brothers Donald (Ann) Bigelow, Daniel (Barb) Bigelow, Pat (Mary) Bigelow and sister Sally (Bryce) Griesler; son-in-law Jerry Gessler; brother-in-law Morrie Dadd; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main, Rev. Gordie Barry, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or to the American Cancer Society.

DeGREEN - Robert DeGreen, aged 86, of Lowell, passed away November 4, 2002. He was preceded in

death by his wife Stephanie. Mr. DeGreen is survived by his children Robert, Jr. (Ruth) of White Cloud, Richard (Darlene) of Lowell; grandchildren Rick, Barbara, Molly; great-grandchildren Jessica and Jordan. Mr. DeGreen was a member of the Lowell American Legion and VFW #8303. Private services were held.

DORSEY - After a short but courageous battle, surrounded by those she loved, Joy May Dorsey, aged 43, peacefully left this earth on October 27, 2002. She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Ruth May of Flushing. Surviving are her husband Tom Dorsey and children Mariah and Patrick of Lowell; brother David May and sister Kathy Berger of Stanton; sister Diane Dowland of Houghton Lake; two nieces and two nephews. Joy's request is that friends and family gather together at a later date to commemorate. Donations may be made to

her children's trust funds or Hospice of Grand Rapids.

GARDNER - Mr. Stanley Gardner, aged 97, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, November 2, 2002. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Doris and a daughter Anne. He will be sadly missed by his daughters Charlene Geiger and Mary Lou Gooze; grandchildren Tom Geiger, Marianne (David) Nelson, Karen Gooze, Kathy Gooze and Colleen Wagner; three great-grandchildren Derek Nelson, Laurie (Tony) Dehn and Michael Nelson; two great-great-grandchildren Briana and Gabriel Dehn; many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 9-11 a.m. at the Methodist Church, Lowell. Funeral service will be held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell with the Rev. Dean Bailey officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Society.

WAIT - Mary "Jean" (Murphy) Wait (Aunt Jean), aged 80, of Wyoming, passed away Monday, October 28, 2002, and went to join her parents and her infant son, Tommy. Left to mourn are her daughters Anita Eagan, Donna (Russell) Rozman of Lowell, Audie Chavez, Nancy Eagan; 20 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; sister Margaret (Rodney) Cumberworth; nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held last Thursday at the Matthisse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home in Wyoming.

ZIMMERMAN - Vivien Inez Zimmerman, aged 90, passed away November 3, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Lewis C., daughter Linda Kay, daughter-in-law Sue Zimmerman. She is survived by her son Donald (Patricia Higley) Zimmerman of Kentwood, Ronald (Marjorie) Zimmerman of Lowell; grandchildren Lori (Darryl) Brown, Cathy (Orv) Sankey, Scott (Cindi) Zimmerman, Donnie Randall, Barry Zimmerman, Rick (Amy) Zimmerman, Greg (Amber) Zimmerman; 14 great-grandchildren, special friends Missy and Alexis Higley and a special thank you to Dr. Keith Sisson and the staff at Cumberland. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery.

POSTMA - Zona Fern Postma, aged 89, went home to be with her Lord October 29, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband John, her sister and brother-in-law Elva and Carl Miller, brother and sister-in-law Kenneth and Edith Smelker. Mrs. Postma is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was a school teacher in the Grand Rapids School System and a member of Ada Community Reformed Church. Funeral services were held Thursday at Ada Community Reformed Church with interment in

Whitneyville Cemetery.

Pick your books as you would your friends.
—Fiorello H. LaGuardia

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday December 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Chapter 3/Article III Zoning Districts:

Section 201.3075 (E) Lake Residential District

The proposed amendments are to add clarification provisions for lots not served by public sewer to meet lot size, width and setbacks equivalent to the R-1 District (1 acre, 165' lot width).

Section 201.309 (B) (C) (F) Industrial District

The proposed amendments are to add language for permitting multi-tenant buildings under 10,000 square feet as permitted uses and above 10,000 square feet as special uses. The lighting standards in the Commercial District are proposed to be added to the Industrial District to keep lighting at a minimum and within each development site.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone (616) 897-5671** [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennewtp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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Local Girl Scout troops placed a peace pole in the Wittenbach Center's labyrinth garden.

Area Girl Scouts dedicate peace pole

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a way to commemorate the need for peace in the world, Lowell Area Girl Scouts donated a peace pole to the Wittenbach Center.

The peace pole was placed in Wittenbach's labyrinth garden on Thursday during a dedication ceremony.

"In the aftermath of 9-11, we thought it would be a way to signify the need for peace in the world," said Girl Scout troop 400 leader and dedication organizer, Molly Heemstra.

Troop 400 was one of eight local troops to participate.

Funds (\$200) for the peace pole were raised through sales of Girl Scout cookies.

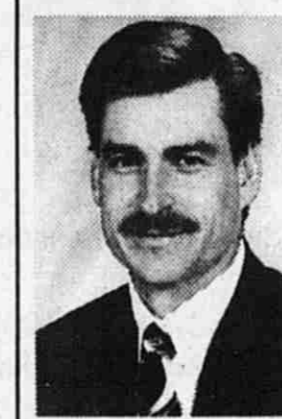
The inscription on the pole reads, "May Peace Pre-

vail." It is written in four different languages - Spanish, German, English and Hebrew.

Marjorie Morrison, center volunteer, has been instru-

mental in putting in the labyrinth garden.

"Many refer to it as a 'walking meditation,'" she said.



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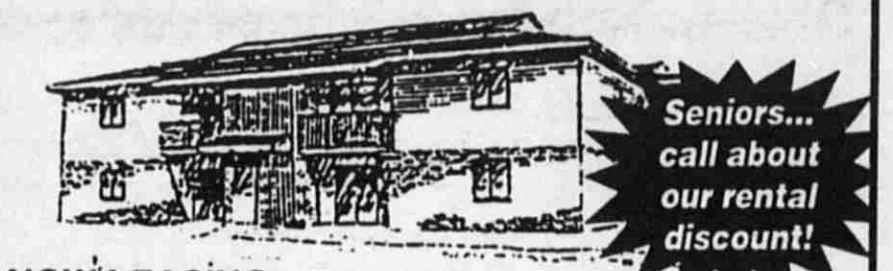
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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Nov. 14, 2002, at 9 a.m. at 180 Ottawa N.W. before Judge JANET A. HAYNES P33411 for the following purpose: Appointment of guardian over his child(ren) Andrew Edward Tiger and Brandon Lee Montez and suspension of parental rights.

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Prayer and Voting

Do you vote? Are you registered to vote? Did your vote sway any of the elections? Are you like some people who did not take time to vote? Maybe you have not registered. It could be that you do not think you need to vote because things are going so well in your community, so why vote? Maybe you think that your candidate won or lost by such a great margin it would not have mattered if you had voted. The Government is so far away from our everyday needs.

Is your attitude toward prayer like the way you vote? There are some comparisons. Voting is one of our most

important rights because it allows us to choose who will govern us, and how we will be governed. The people in Iraq were given only one candidate to vote for. We were given so many, could you keep them all straight? You can live in this country and experience the benefits of our culture without voting and being registered. Maybe you think that your life is going so well that you do not pray and have not made a commitment to Jesus Christ. You have to vote because it does make a difference, and you have to pray if you want God to act. While God hears the prayers of all people, like being registered to vote, you have to be registered in God's family for your prayers to matter and have significant impact. The Bible says that the prayers of God's righteous people are powerful and effective. God is not distant. He knows your everyday needs. God cares about each one of his children who cast their cares on Him, and He gives peace and healing. Through prayer, ask Jesus into your heart and let Him lead you. That's the prayer that God is waiting for, and thus you have become a citizen of God's family

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.
—John Wesley



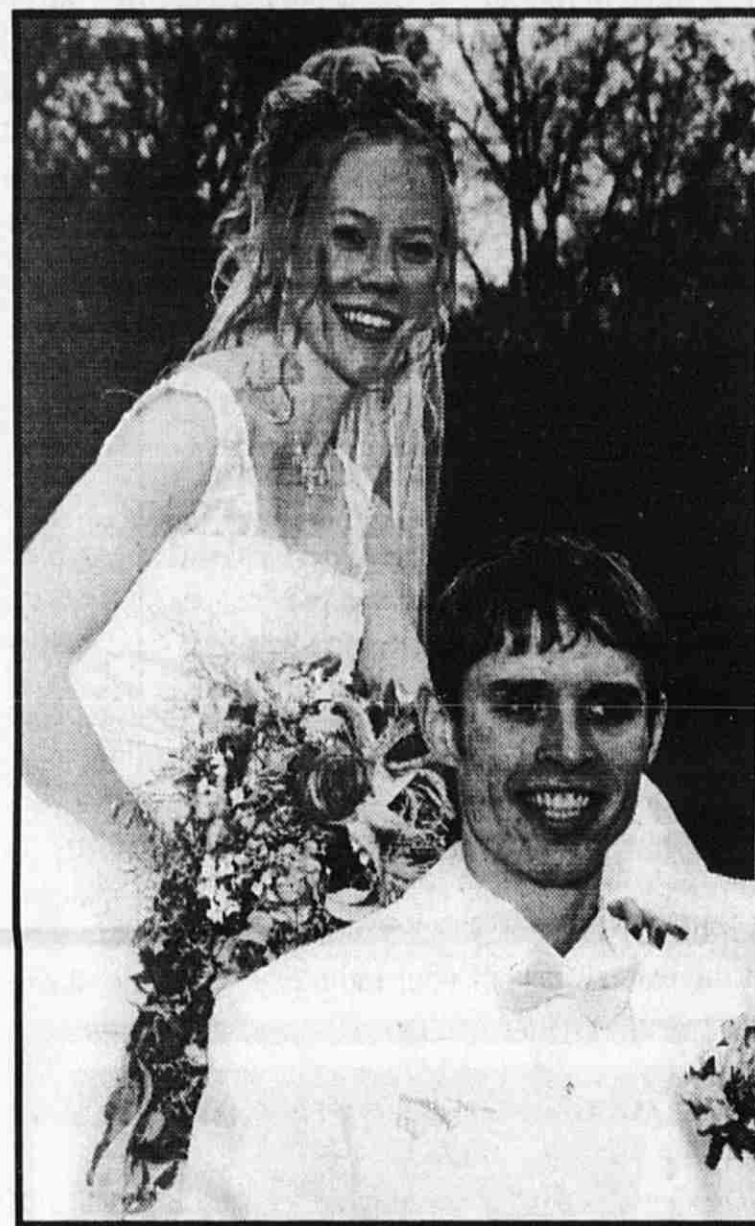
Treat/Lenger

Tara Elizabeth Treat of Franklin, Tenn., and Stephen Paul Lenger of Brentwood, Tenn., will be married December 14, 2002 at Deer Valley Farm in Franklin.

Tara is the daughter of Charlie and Sherri Treat of Mahomet, Ill. Steve is the son of Fred Lenger of Nashville, Tenn., and Paula Lenger of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Mahomet-Seymour High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in piano performance from Anderson University and is self-employed as a private piano instructor in Franklin.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Lowell High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Taylor University and will earn a master's degree next spring in Educational Administration from Middle Tennessee State University. He is employed by Christ Presbyterian Academy in Brentwood where he teaches sixth grade math and coaches high school football and baseball.



Cook/Swift

Suzanne Swift and John Cook were married on May 11, 2002 in Fallsburg Park.

Parents of the bride are Ned and Kathy Swift of Lowell.

The groom's parents are Jonathon and Schereen Cook. He is enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Bridesmaids were Lindsay Koehn, Andrea Renkema, Rachel Swift and Kim Cook.

Best man was Tim Boss and groomsmen were Eli Parkins, Jason Hermstreh and Dan Cook.

Ushers were Doyle Miller and Brad Johns. Master and mistress of ceremonies were Jim and Adrienne White.

Viewpoint . . .

Sharing The Vision

SHARI MILLER
Lowell Schools Superintendent



I have just completed my first five days as the Superintendent of the Lowell Area Schools. During that brief tenure, I have learned firsthand the breadth and depth of commitment to the Lowell Area Schools by this community. Many of you have welcomed me as you have seen me at events. Your words of welcome are often linked with comments regarding the strength of the district. I count myself fortunate to have been selected as superintendent and to work and live in Lowell. My top priority during these early days in the district is to meet with administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members to learn as much about the district as possible from the perspective of those who have helped make this district what it is today.

In addition to learning from individuals, I will be reviewing data sources regarding the Lowell Area Schools. One source for this information is the State of Michigan, Standard and Poor's web site, accessible at www.ses.standardandpoors.com. This web site provides an independent, data driven assessment of each school district in Michigan. The web site has recently been updated and includes information for 2001. The Standard and Poor's findings illustrate the strong academic preparation that students in the Lowell Area Schools are receiving.

According to Standard and Poor's, district strengths include a well-above average MEAP passing rate as compared to the state average and to a peer group of schools with similar demographics. Lowell is ranked in the top 10 percent at the State level in this category. Lowell has also shown improvement over the last five years on the MEAP with an average increase of 2.2 percent per year. The district has a participation rate that is moderately above the state average and above the peer group average. Students at grade 11 did particularly well, receiving an excellent score and again scoring in the top 10 percent of schools in the state. The percentage of Lowell students qualifying for the Michigan Merit Award scholarships also exceeded the state average and was higher than the peer group.

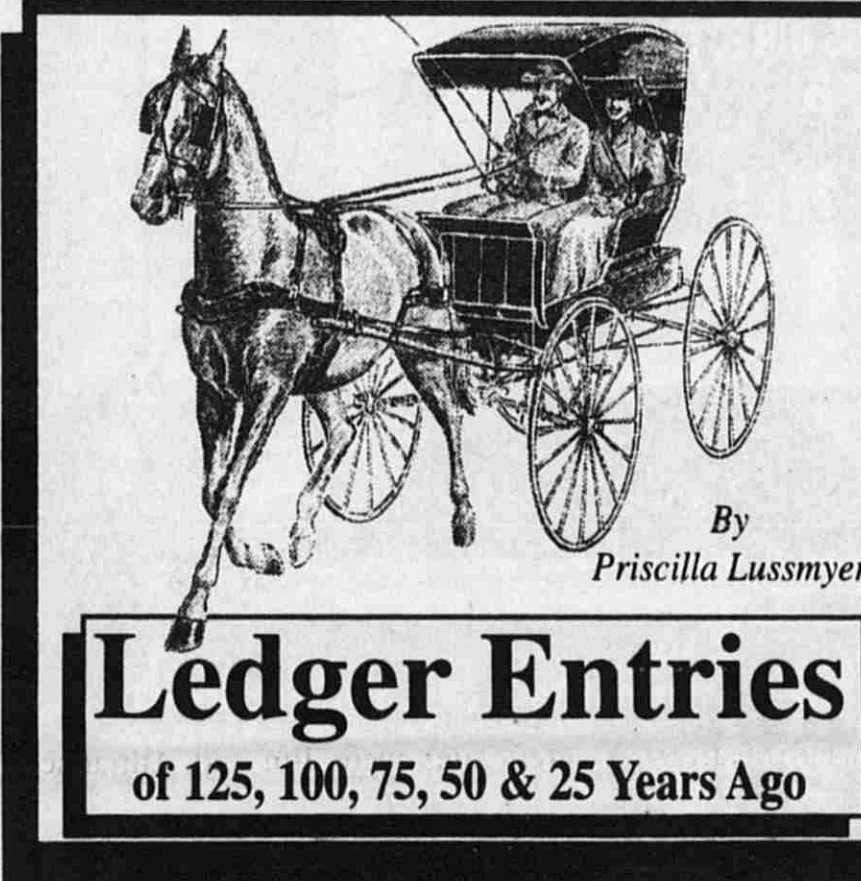
This Standard and Poor's web site also presents an analy-

sis of financial information. Lowell Area Schools receives a favorable evaluation in this area. The district per-pupil expenditures are moderately below the state average but comparable to the peer group. The district's administrative expenses are also below the state average and comparable to the peer group. In the area of "return on resources," Lowell is ranked in the top 10 percent of the state with only 6.5 percent of Michigan schools showing a more favorable rating. These indicators let us know that we are utilizing tax dollars well and supporting strong student achievement as compared to the rest of the state and our peer group.

As the superintendent of this outstanding district, I commit my best efforts to the Lowell Area Schools and to this community. It is our task to work together to make a great school district even better. Your input and suggestions are important to me.

On a personal note, my husband, Ned, and I will be moving this month and look forward to living in Lowell and becoming active participants in the community. Your warm welcome has been much appreciated.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowell.k12.mi.us (check out our Web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)



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

superintendent of Lowell Light & Power. Carl English has resigned.

The Bachelor Maids have their annual meeting on the same evening that the Pickle Bachelor Club holds its annual banquet. Different meeting places.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 10, 1927

Michigan Bell celebrates a new Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo cable containing 400 pairs of wires wrapped in lead.

"R.J. Maxson has wrecked the aged barn on his lot at 418 Monroe and is adding a neat garage ... evidently he is not strong on antiques."

The Pool and Poker Club has club rooms in the Lee Block. A household hint: resole old slippers with the material from a felt hat.

Paint the battery case of your radio every two months to extend battery life.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 6, 1952

Gen. Eisenhower wins the presidency over Adlai Stevenson by a landslide in a record-breaking vote. In Michigan, the Fred Alger G. Mennen Williams contest is too close to call yet.

Council, with approval of citizens attending the meeting, votes to raise sewer/water rates and finish planned improve-

ments. Planning for a new Catholic School proceeds, with the finance campaign headed by King Doyle.

Lowell High School has twice as many non-resident students as Lowell students. In grade school only 45 non-resident children attend, from three closed districts.

Rotarians visit the Smith house, new home of the Home Ec department.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 9, 1977

A counselor from Grand Rapids Junior College will be at the high school Monday to talk to students interested in the school's program.

Supt. Don Kelly protests the transfer of 40 acres of potentially very valuable property from Lowell School District to Forest Hills.

The East Kent Community Health Center Clinic will transfer its free twice-monthly services from the American Legion to City Hall.

City Council buys properties next to Recreation Park and Valley Vista subdivision and sells the old Foreman Street well site, as well as buying a new street sweeper.

The bank and City Hall will be closed this Friday in observance of Armistice Day (Nov. 11).

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 7, 1877

It was 2 above zero yesterday, and the first snow of the season managed to break many young trees.

Business letters to "Lowell M." may be sent to Lowell, Mass. or Lowell, Maine as well as Lowell, Mich.

The latest fad is the "Auction Social" where ladies disguise themselves and are auctioned off to the highest bidder for the evening.

Prof. Swensberg of Grand Rapids Business College has sent the Journal several stereoscopic views of the college interior.

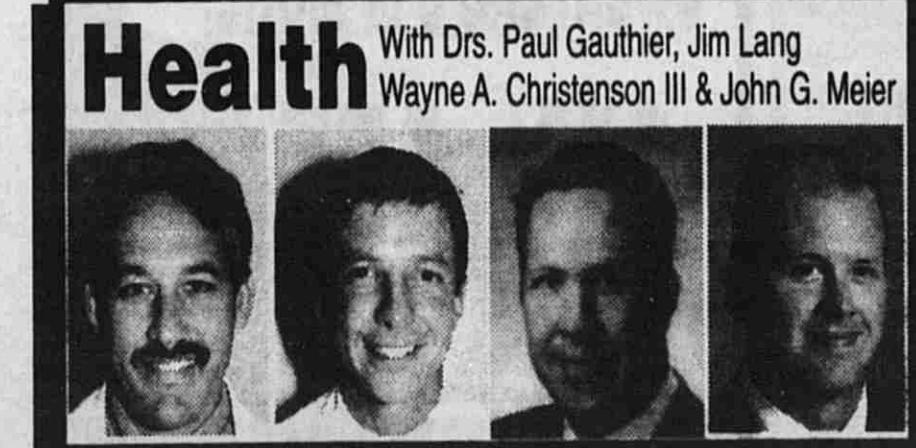
Mrs. Weeks is selling the Diagonal and Combination Dress Plaiter machine at a price within the reach of every lady.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 6, 1902

In the lightest vote in years, Republicans sweep the county and retain much-criticized Gov. Bliss.

Smith's Bakery reminds farmers of its all-you-can-eat lunch, 15 cents.

The Lowell cooper shop sold 20,000 apple barrels this fall. The Ledger endorses Anton Kallinger's application for



Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

The best way to find skin cancer early is to keep an eye on your skin, especially moles. It's a good idea to do a monthly self-exam of your skin. Look for any change in a mole or the appearance of a new mole. Any moles that appear after age 30 should be watched carefully and shown to your doctor.

The following ABCDE rules can help you remember what to look for when you're checking for moles. A for asymmetry:

I've always suspected that cats see beyond our pretenses and affections, cataloging human behavior with humorless precision, unswayed in their final estimate by charm, affection, or choice cuts of meat.
—Carolyn Hart

School Menus
Week of 11/11 - 11/15
ELEMENTARY
MON.: Chicken patty on bun or fish nuggets with breadstick, pears, mixed vegetables, mini Twix cookie bar.
TUES: Peanut butter and jelly filled jumbo pretzel with side of macaroni & cheese or hot dog on bun, dried fruit, green beans.
WED: Chicken rings and biscuit or ham & cheese on bun, whipped potatoes & gravy, Rainbow apples.
THURS: Italian dunkers with meat sauce or crispito and roll, cheese stick, sweet peas, cinnamon apple slices.
FRI: Pepperoni pizza or sloppy joe on bun, fruit mix, veggies & dip, peanut butter bar.

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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



SAFETY FIRST

Hunting is considered a relatively safe venture when compared to other recreational activities like riding a bike or skiing. One must still use caution and common sense when afield to avoid injury or even death. The issues considered here are related to incidents that commonly occur during a hunting season.

When you consider that 750,000 people take part in pursuing Michigan whitetail deer each year, there are few accidents involving firearms. (One is too many.) When they do happen, someone has broken a safety rule. Firearms must be handled and stored with care. Use trigger locks or secure them in a locked cabinet. Guns must always be considered loaded and never pointed in the direction of anything that one doesn't intend to shoot. Positively identify your target and be aware of what is beyond it. If you don't know where the bullet will end up, don't shoot. Become familiar with the firearm, including

loading and unloading before going afield. Don't load the gun until you are ready to use it and then always make sure the safety is on and keep your finger off the trigger.

Since elevated stands have been legal for hunting deer in Michigan, annually there are reports of serious injuries and death resulting from tree stand falls. Use only stands that have been made and tested by reliable manufacturers. Thoroughly understand the manufacturers' warnings and instructions before using it. Always wear a body harness when climbing or sitting in a tree stand. Use a cord to raise and lower a bow or firearm from the stand, and always unload the firearm before hauling it up or down.

It seems like every year several hunters will suffer a heart attack while hunting. The attacks could happen anywhere, but the hunt can put additional stress on the body when walking in deep snow or dragging a deer out of the woods. Prepare by getting in shape and know your limits. If there is any doubt,

check with your doctor.

Spending the night in the woods can also be stressful, so avoid it by carrying a compass and map and know how to use them. Pack a fire starter just in case. A two-way radio or cell phone can provide added security and peace of mind.

Knives and axes are hazardous, especially when hands are cold and excitement is high. Concentrate on where the cutting edges are in relation to your body when using them.

Most of us will drive to our hunting spots. We are all aware of the danger out on the highways. Don't let the excitement of the moment distract you from using good judgment and safe driving habits.

There are, of course, many other safety precautions one can take to avoid mishaps in the field. Good judgment and common sense will go a long way to ensure a safe and enjoyable season. Good hunting.

Health, cont'd... From Page 5

A mole that, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides. B for border: A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged. C for color: Changes in the color of a mole, including

darkening, spread of color, loss of color, or the appearance of multiple colors such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray. D for diameter: A mole

COLLEGE NEWS

Meaghan Geer, a Hope College senior, had work featured in the college's second annual undergraduate research symposium, held at the college on Oct. 2.

About 130 Hope students and recent graduates participated in the event, which featured work from a variety of academic disciplines.

During both the school year and summer, Hope students conduct original research with faculty mentors representing departments throughout the campus - in the arts, natural and physical sciences and social sciences alike. Earlier this fall, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the college fourth in the nation, from all colleges and universities, in "Academic Programs: Undergraduate research/Creative projects" in its *Americas' Best Colleges 2003* guide.

Geer's work was featured in the psychology section. Geer is the daughter of Pam Geer of Lowell and Steve Geer. She is a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School.

Hope College is a four-year, coeducational, Christian, liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America and has 3,035 students from 44 states and territories and 37 foreign countries. Hope offers courses in 56 major

College News, cont'd. pg. 17

Financial Focus

Edward Jones
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With Christopher C. Godbold

Got Investment Losses? Make Them Work For You

If your investment goals are long term—sending children to college, planning a comfortable retirement, providing a legacy for the next generation—you probably adhere to a long-term investment philosophy.

But, a buy-and hold strategy doesn't necessarily mean owning a stock forever. At some point, you may decide to sell a stock because it no longer meets your diversification needs, or because the underlying company has lost its competitive position within its industry. And, on occasion, you might sell a stock because its price has fallen so far that it may never recover. Whatever your reason for selling a stock, you'll want to get as much benefit from the losses as possible.

Fortunately, you've got an ally - the U.S. tax code. Your investment losses are tax-deductible, to a point. You can use your capital losses to offset any capital gains you have, plus up

to \$3,000 of other income, including earned income. So, for example, if you realized a \$2,000 capital gain this year from selling stocks or other appreciated investments, you could write off up to \$5,000 in losses. And you can carry forward any "excess" losses for future years.

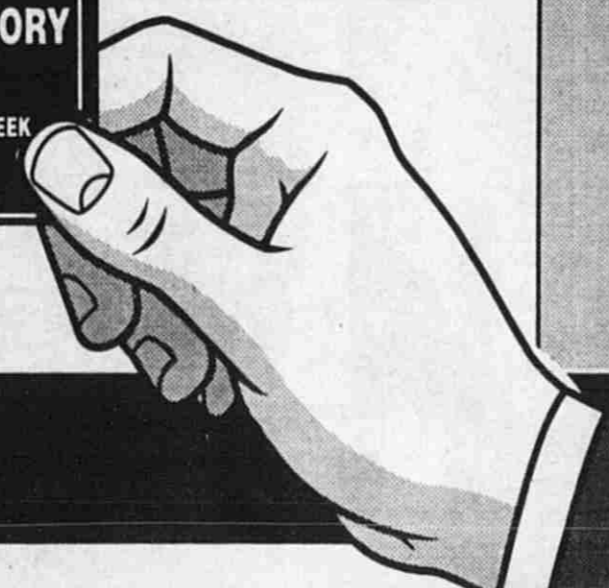
In fact, because so many investors have realized more losses than they can write off in a single year, Congress is considering increasing the amount of losses that can be deducted annually. What happens if you'd like to write off some losses but you still want to hang on to the stock that caused them? If you sell the stock, and then buy it back within 30 days, you can't deduct the losses, because you'd be violating the IRS "wash-sale" rule. You could sell the stock, wait for 30 days,

and then repurchase it - but you'd run the risk of having the stock's price rebound in the meantime. As an alternative, you could sell the stock and immediately reinvest your proceeds in a similar company. As long as you're not investing in a stock that is "substantially identical" to the one you sold, you can generally avoid the wash-sale rule.

Nonetheless, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor and investment professional before making any of these types of moves. You'll probably never wish for your stocks to decline, but if it happens, you can use the losses to brighten your tax season a bit - and that's always good news.

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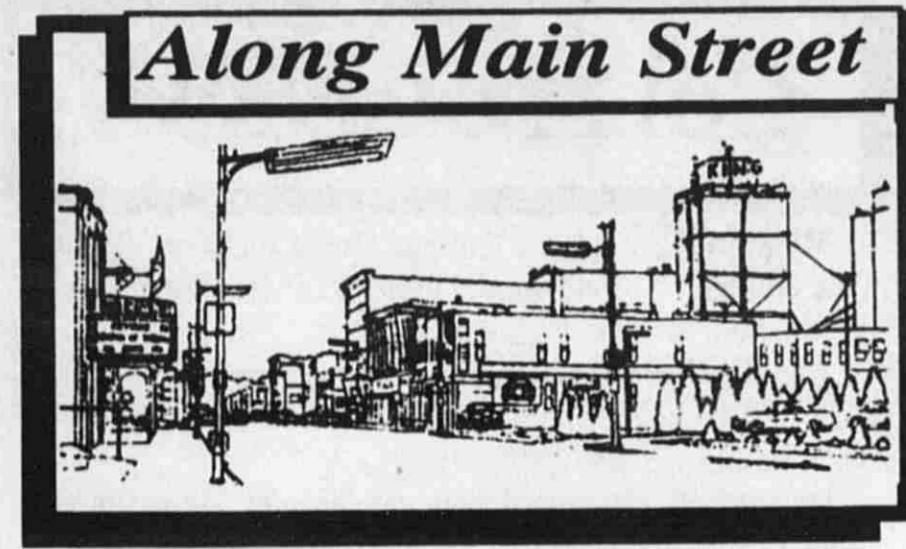
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LOWELL ARTIST'S DISPLAY AT CHAMBER

Todd Roy, Lowell resident and multi-media artist, will display his artwork at Riverwalk Gallery at the Chamber of Commerce office during November. A reception, held on Nov. 16 from 1-4 p.m., is open to the public. Call 897-9161 for viewing hours.

LOWELL CABLE TV CHANNEL 20:

To view "The Many Faces of Old Glory" presented by the Lowell Area Historical Museum, select channel 20 on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m.

STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE

Lowell High School auxiliary gym will be the location for the Student Council Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. Open to the public. Give a pint of blood; get a pint of ice cream!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS...

2003 senior class trip payments will be taken Nov. 7 & 8 during lunch. Call Lynn Meyers (676-3680) to order or help sell subs, cookie dough and candy bars, and to sign up to work at Kohl's Dec. 4, 8, 11 and 14.

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

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION
 Flat River Outreach Ministries will distribute free food on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Foreman Building on S. Broadway from 10 - noon/until food is gone. Bring own bag or box.

NEEDED: 2 LB. COFFEE CANS
 If you would like to donate any old two-pound coffee cans, please drop them off with Ron at the Kent County Fairgrounds office or the Chamber of Commerce office.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL
 A variety of handcrafted items made by local artisans and crafters will be available Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at the 11th annual Christmas through Lowell. Maps are available at Cousins'

Hallmark, River Hollow, Michael's Farm Market, Dream Pieces and Touch of Country.

BOOTHS GALORE AT HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE
 First United Methodist Church will have its annual holiday craft sale on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be over 30 craft booths as well as a luncheon with soup, sandwich and dessert from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

ANGEL WORKSHOP
 Children ages 8-18 can create an angel for Riverwalk Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the King building - Lowell Fairgrounds. Basic art materials are provided; bring your own creative stuff. Call Liz at 897-9161 for information.

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.

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

Christmas Through Lowell, cont'd... From Page 1

through Sunday, Nov. 17. The event's hours are from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell will also be holding its annual Holiday Craft Show. The display ar-

eas have been expanded due to an increased number of crafters. A soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Public hearing set on PUD

Lowell's City Council set a public hearing for Nov. 18 to consider Sundry Corporation's PUD/R-1 zoning amendment. Lowell Planning Commission voted 8-1 to recommend that the council provide PUD/R-1 zoning for the Highland Hill Development property at 751 Grindle Dr. The proposal is to rezone the Highland Hill property from SR (Suburban Residential) to PUD/R-1. Its preliminary site plan shows 52 housing units rather than the 31 allowed under the current zoning. If given designation by the council, a detailed site plan review process would be provided by the planning commission. In its presentation to the planning commission, Sundry contended that the plan provides for 70 percent open space, creating a nice buffer for homes in the SR district.

NAME THE PARK CONTEST

The Lowell City Council and the Lowell Parks and Recreation Commission are sponsoring a "Name the Park Contest" for 19.86 acres of property donated by Charles Thomas to be used for a park.

Persons of all ages from the Lowell area are invited to assist in the naming of the new park. The park is located near the northeast corner of the intersection of South Division and Grand River Drive.

The name for the park can be based on various criteria, including but not limited to the following suggestions: historical, commemorative, community character or natural character. Any name that would be appropriate for a park can be entered. A brief optional explanation of the entered name would be helpful.

The contest begins November 4, 2002 and ends December 9, 2002. Entries must be marked "NAME THE PARK CONTEST" and mailed to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 or dropped off at City Hall's temporary offices at 414 East Main Street during regular business hours. The date will be stamped when received. Entries will be opened for judging by the Parks and Recreation Commission after the contest closes.

The winning entrant will receive a framed letter of recognition from the Mayor and will have Dedication Ceremony privileges.

"NAME THE PARK CONTEST ENTRY FORM"

Suggested Park Name: _____
 Explanation (optional): _____
 Contestant Name: _____
 Full Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____

Contest rules are available at City Hall. Additional entries may be submitted on plain paper as long as all of the above information is included.

Everyone is invited to participate in this contest to name the new park. Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy this new park.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

I'm hoping some day we can all go to the polls to vote without all the taped phone calls people get. Are these people afraid to talk to the people, or don't they want to be told off?

I had umpteen calls to ask if I would vote for Dick Posthumus - as late as 8 p.m. My evenings are for family and friends.

Not once did I get a call for Jennifer Granholm.

I'm also finding the candidates who send their literature to my home via the post office or hanging on my door knob annoying.

I know how and who to vote for with or without the calls and literature found in the mail box.

JoAnne Miller

To the Citizens of Lowell:

I am writing to alert you of an unseen threat that awaits you in your homes, ready at any time to disrupt your life, ruin your property, and place you and your family in danger.

The threat comes from sewer backups that are occurring in Lowell with increasing frequency. The sewage that might pour into your house is not your own, but is instead, community sewage; residential sewage, industrial sewage and medical sewage. It is contaminated sewage - raw, filthy and teeming with dangerous, invisible life. It waits out in the street for its opportunity to trespass. It waits for tree roots to clog the mains, for sludge and grease

to build up until its normal path of travel becomes blocked. It waits for the lapse in maintenance that keeps the city sewers clean and free flowing. It waits for the trusted City System that is supposed to protect and serve us, to fail. When it does, thousands of gallons of pent-up ooze will pour into your home in a nightmarish fashion. Ignorant of the hazards, you may attempt cleanup. But be warned! There is danger in your home!

Raw sewage can contain virulent pathogens. Raw sewage is a biological bomb that contains viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi that can enter your body through swallowing, breathing and skin absorption. A one-time exposure to raw sewage may be enough for these pathogens to take hold.

Raw sewage emits dangerous gases. Hydrogen sulfide is a toxic, flammable gas that, on an equal basis, is more toxic than the notorious hydrogen cyanide gas. These facts should be

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To the Editor,
 What does it take to be a champion? I know what it takes because twice I have watched my daughter accomplish becoming a state champion. It was remarkable to see how the school was behind them the first time - from the principal to the superintendent. Lowell finally had its first state championship in 78 years. It was great. Now, two years later, when a group of five elite young ladies accomplish the feat again, it is no big deal. It was just a "that's nice" type of attitude. They were told that the title was accomplished in the "less important" Division C.

The girls spent the next day explaining their accomplishment. Division C is not like the third string football team that only gets to play when we're 40 points ahead with 2 minutes left on the clock. The C Division for the equestrian teams is based on the number of members, with

no more than five per team. C teams represent some of your smaller, more elite schools in the state. When you see the sign go up outside of town that reads C Division State Champion, please don't think less of these young ladies than when you look at the sign for the A Division State Champion. This accomplishment is experienced by even fewer.

When you see these young ladies around school or town, look at them as the champions that we all wish we could be. They not only represented their school, they represented their town with great pride. Through the positive thinking and good coaching, these young ladies had a dream. They believed in it and they achieved it. Lowell is fortunate to have such strong and proud individuals representing us in any walk of life.

Mary Hamp



LHS Students-of-the-Month seated, left to right, are Jenny Gunberg and Megan Shellenbarger; standing are Travis Gillan, Jared Huffman and Mark Hyzer.

LHS October Students-of-the-Month

Each month different departments at Lowell High School honor a student whose hard work and positive attitude are an example for others to follow. The October Students of the Month are as follows:
 Megan Shellenbarger was chosen from the Tech-

nology Department. She is a junior and the daughter of Mark and Tara Shellenbarger and Mary and David Durkee, all of Lowell. Her extracurricular activities include cross country, track and annual staff. She is also employed at Lowell Vision Center. Her plans are to one day have a career in graphic design. Shellenbarger's teacher nominator says she does an outstanding job completing her own work as well as takes on extra projects to help in the school and the community. Megan exhibits the character traits of integrity and responsibility because she

Angel Tree Donations

During the upcoming holiday season, **Family Dentistry of Lowell** will be helping **Wood TV and the Salvation Army** by collecting gifts for underprivileged children throughout the area.

Tags can be obtained at our office for boys and girls after November 1st.

Since there is a shortage of gifts every year for the older children and teenagers, we would like to focus our efforts on these children. However, Angel Tree tags will be available for all ages. In these troubled times it is especially hard on those less fortunate. Please help us to make their holiday season a little brighter.

Donations can be left at our office between **November 15 and December 14.** All gifts should be unwrapped and clearly labeled by gender and age group.

We hope that the generosity of our community will help to brighten the day of many children.

Sincerely,
Family Dentistry of Lowell
 147 N. Center St. • 897-4835

Joshua Robert Ford (Fordo)
 11/17/80 - 11/07/99 • 3 Years

It's been three years since you were taken from us and we still miss you everyday. Although our tears may be fewer now, our hearts still feel like it was yesterday.

If only we had more time with you, it really was too short.

I know you're not alone. When you left you took a part of each of us with you, but you also left a part of you for each of us to treasure.

Your smile, your laugh, your knack for having fun will always be remembered by those who knew you and loved you; still love you.

One of these days we'll be together again - but until we are -
LOVE YOU TOO...
 Forever in our hearts,
 Mom, Greg, Michele, Gerrid, Justin, Family and Friends



CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2002.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Absent: Councilmember Brubaker.
Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Baker, Police Officer James Hinton, Fire Chief Frank Martin and Lowell YMCA Director Will Welsh.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to approve the absence of Councilmember Brubaker.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the October 7, 2002 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (10/21/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$111,816.19
MAJOR STREET FUND	2,469.01
LOCAL STREET FUND	121,421.63
DDA FUND	83,620.22
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	247,084.24
AIRPORT FUND	345.10
WASTEWATER FUND	6,188.52
WATER FUND	8,341.97
EQUIPMENT FUND	459.12
CURRENT TAX FUND	56,806.80
LOOK FUND	20,000.00

Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ALLOWING SIDEWALK MESSAGE SIGNS IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC HEARING. As noted at the last meeting, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission have discussed over the past several months, the need of an ordinance, which allows sidewalk message signs in the Central Business District. The ordinance prepared by City Attorney Richard Wendt is in concurrence with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Baker.

The ordinance allows for a sign no greater than twelve square feet per side, which is not illuminated or anchored in any way. Flags, banners, balloons, streamers, paintings and posters are specifically allowed in front of each business as an alternate. During the public hearing, Baker stated the amendment has been discussed with the retailers and all are in agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the zoning ordinance amendment allowing sidewalk message signs in the Central Business District as proposed.

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

Item #2. CONSIDERATION OF INCLUDING 475 SOUTH HUDSON (BARTON PROPERTY) IN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE (11/4). City Manager Pasquale stated the Council originally established a public hearing date for October 21, 2002 to consider adding 475 S. Hudson to the DDA district. However, in reviewing the State statute, a 20-day notice of public

hearing is required. The City needs to reestablish the hearing date for November 4, 2002.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to reestablish the public hearing date for November 4, 2002 to consider including 475 South Hudson Street (Barton property) to the DDA district.

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

Item #3. REQUEST BY PENNI DESHAW - ACCESS AGREEMENT TO LOWELL CITY AIRPORT FROM 12934 VERGENNES ROAD. Penni Deshaw wishes to construct a hangar at her future residence (12934 Vergennes Road) so that she may have access to the airport. During its October 8, 2002 meeting, the Airport Board unanimously recommended the Council's approval of the agreement. As with previous access agreements, Deshaw would pay the equivalent of a tie down fee per month (\$20 currently).

Councilmember Myers questioned the weed hopper aircraft which would be stored in the hangar. Deshaw explained the aircraft has wings, along with a VRS system, in case of engine problems. Myers inquired if the hangar could accommodate a larger sized airplane. Deshaw responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to approve the access agreement to Lowell City Airport for Penni Deshaw of 12934 Vergennes Road as recommended by the Airport Board.

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

Item #4. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

A. 618 Lafayette - Diane Ward - side yard variance to allow an attached garage and lot split - establish public hearing date (11/4). Diane Ward explained currently her garage hangs 8 feet into a second parcel, which she also owns. This could not be reconfigured because the lot has to be 66 feet wide for the full length of the lot. Ward wishes to reconstruct the garage into a one-stall. Currently, it contains 2 1/2 stalls. In order to have a one-stall garage, a variance is necessary allowing her to be three feet from the lot line.

Ward noted each of the lots are 12,840 square feet, where 8,200 square feet is the requirement. The requested variance would effect 78 square feet.

Ward purchased the property with the intention of selling the second lot. She does not want all this property.

City Manager Pasquale noted a Planning Commission meeting would be held on October 28, 2002, where a recommendation would be provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to establish a public hearing for 618 Lafayette on November 4, 2002 to consider a side yard variance.

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

Item #5. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO PHILLIP KORNEIJE RELATED TO ISLAND NO. 1 IN THE GRAND RIVER. As noted in City Attorney Richard Wendt's letter of October 8, 2002, the City was inadvertently conveyed Island No. 1 in the Grand River as part of the transaction acquiring the Ryskamp-Gable property which contains part of Stoney Lakeside Park. The resolution would rightfully designate Phillip Korneije as owner.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to authorize the quitclaim deed to Phillip Korneije for Island No. 1 in the Grand River.

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

Item #6. CONSIDERATION OF FIRE STATION AND FOREMAN BUILDING REROOFING PROJECTS. As discussed in the past budget review sessions, Pasquale

said the roofs of the Fire Station and the Foreman Building are in poor condition. But, the budget restraints kept both out of the expenditures.

Thus, funding alternatives were explored. Each project was bid out to determine exact cost as follows:

Look Memorial Fire Station	
• Overbeck Construction, Inc. (originally submitted under Parks Construction Services, Inc.)	\$28,859.
• Architectural Building Restoration	\$31,103.

After determining low bid with Overbeck (Parks), Fire Chief Frank Martin recommended the following added items:

• Grind out all loose mortar and fill cracks in various locations around the building	\$ 2,100.
• Install weeps around building to allow any moisture from condensation to exit	\$2,470.
• Caulk all joints at areas where the building meets the concrete	\$700.
Grand Total:	\$34,129.

The proposed funding is as follows:

Look Memorial Fund	\$20,129. (approved 10/16)
Lowell Charter Township	\$2,000. (approved)
Vergennes Township	\$2,000. (approved)
City of Lowell General Fund	\$10,000. (proposed)
	\$34,129.

Foreman Building

• Richard Anderson Builders (recommended low bid)	\$30,800.
• Overbeck Construction (originally submitted under Parks Construction Services, Inc.)	\$30,850.
• J & L Roofing	\$34,500.

The proposed funding is as follows:

Lowell Area Community Fund	\$30,000. (approved 10/14)
City of Lowell General Fund	\$800. (proposed)
Fund Public Works Repair and Maintenance	\$30,800.

City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council approve the two roofing projects for contractors and fund proposals.

Councilmember Myers referred to a comment made concerning the Fire Station roof bid being low, therefore more items could be added. Pasquale stated Chief Martin wishes to have the building to a point where it can be maintained which would allow future work to be done on an incremental basis. Martin also recommended the three additional items be completed.

Councilmember Blough questioned the age of the building. Pasquale responded 12 years.

Blough questioned the life expectancy of the roof when it was built. Pasquale was unsure. He stated the work is very much needed.

Councilmember Pfaller had concerns regarding the City residents paying \$10,000, whereas the townships' residents only have to pay \$2,000 each.

Blough asked if the service charge to the townships included maintenance costs. Pasquale responded no, not for the building itself. Each are charged for fires on a per run basis. The townships are also responsible for costs involving training. The cost for the new fire truck was split by thirds. Blough encouraged City staff to review the original contract to determine if additional compensation can be made.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to support the staff's recommendation allocating \$10,000 from the General Fund to award the contract to Overbeck Construction (originally submitted under Parks Construction) for the reroofing of the Fire Station.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to approve the bid of \$30,800 from Richard Anderson Builders for the reroofing of the Foreman Building, allocating \$800 from the General Fund.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. RECONSIDERATION OF THE BRUCE WALTER BEQUEST. The Bruce Walter Estate provided \$5,000 to the City to help provide a permanent refrigerated ice rink. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the \$5,000 distributed to the YMCA, since there would be difficulty providing such a rink in a timely manner. It had been stipulated this could be done as an alternate in the bequest.

YMCA Director Will Welsh stated YMCA wishes to partner with the community if an ice rink is desired.

Councilmember Pfaller stated a non refrigerated roller blade rink for hockey had been discussed during a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Such a rink would cost approximately \$250,000. In reviewing the \$5,000 bequest, the Commission believed it would be best to turn it over to the YMCA to use in the more immediate future, because at this time an ice rink can not be undertaken.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to turn the \$5,000 Bruce Walter bequest over to the YMCA for their stewardship.

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

Councilmember Myers questioned if there was a way to memorialize Bruce Walter. Welsh stated this has already been discussed. The YMCA is reviewing the Leaders' Club Program and possibly establishing a scholarship.

Item #8. PROPOSED BMX JUMP TRAIL AT STONEY LAKESIDE PARK. YMCA Director Will Welsh explained individuals presented a plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission concerning the possibility of a BMX jump trail at Stoney Lakeside Park. There seems to be many youngsters riding their BMX bikes at the City Hall/Police Station construction site as well as at the cemetery and near the railroad tracks. Welsh proposed the YMCA work with the kids to build a temporary track out of dirt, if funding could be made available. The YMCA has been meeting with them concerning their thoughts and interest. Welsh noted the children have already designed a potential track. A work weekend would be established and the children would provide for the maintenance of the track. Many parents support the idea.

Myers asked if the kids would rather have a skateboard track. Welsh was unsure.

City Manager Pasquale stated there is an issue with insurance. Meadowbrook company does not have much experience with dirt tracks, therefore requiring further investigation.

Pasquale recommended the issue be deferred until the November 4, 2002 meeting allowing the insurance company further investigation.

Pfaller suggested contacting City of Ionia with regard to the types of claims they have received with their dirt track. Pasquale noted there also needs to be fencing.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to defer the issue of the proposed BMX Jump Trail until the November 4, 2002 meeting.

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

Item #9. REVIEW OF COMPENSATORY CUT AT THE STONEY LAKESIDE BOAT LAUNCH. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden explained due to the fill brought in for the City Hall/Police Station project within a 100 year flood plain, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requires fill to be removed from another flood plain location. DesJarden chose the removal of dirt from the Stoney Lakeside Park area for a number of reasons, such as accomplishing the amount of yards which need to be removed, acquire a shallow area for fish and possibly ease the problem with contamination of the lake from geese and ducks. DesJarden stated there are a number of groups who fish the lake and this would provide a safe area for the children to fish. DesJarden noted new trees would be planted.

Councilmember Pfaller was concerned that the issue was not brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission before it actually happened. He is a neighbor of the Park and had a problem with some of the trees that were removed.

Pfaller did not agree with how the project was handled.

Councilmember Blough asked if a time period had been placed on the project. Engineer Brian Vilmont of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber responded the DEQ wanted the project to be completed this year because the fill is being brought in at this time for the City Hall - Police Station project.

Councilmember Myers inquired if this was a new requirement from the DEQ. Vilmont responded the DEQ recently had some new rulings. This had been optional before. However, now it is mandatory.

Blough questioned if there were other areas within the flood plain where dirt could be removed. DesJarden responded no. He made a decision to pick this spot for reasons already stated. DesJarden wanted to remove the point of land east of the beach and let the duck droppings flow away from the beach area. A shallow fishing area was created for kids. DesJarden noted this decision was made with the Parks Supervisor Scott Fosburg.

Myers believed this was a good resolution. Blough believed City staff was trying to handle this issue the best way possible and noted the DEQ keeps changing procedures.

Myers inquired if the proposal was reviewed by the DEQ. Vilmont responded it was approved and is part of the permit.

No further information was reported.

Item #10. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden reported on the following:

- There have been three sewer complaints reported to the Department of Public Works since the last City Council meeting. City personnel investigated the complaints. Two were the homeowners' sewer lateral blockages and the other was a sewer main backup. A claim packet was provided to the homeowner and all investigative information was sent to the Meadowbrook Insurance Company.
- Councilmember Blough questioned the address of the most recent backup. DesJarden responded the home was on Beech Street, just off of Godfrey.

Blough questioned the timeline for resolution. DesJarden stated the insurance representative indicated the claims are still under review. Blough asked how long the resolution time is having the insurance company providing an answer to these claims. Pasquale stated we would have to review the policy with City Attorney Richard Wendt. If a date is noted provided within a short amount of time, then the City could act in accordance with the guidance from Wendt. Blough suggested a strategy be placed regarding how long an individual must wait before the claim is resolved.

- Sewer maintenance in the Valley Vista area will begin Monday, October 21, 2002. A total of 308 letters were mailed to residents in the affected area to inform them of the project. The vendor wanted the residents to make sure their vent lines are clear. The vent line is a two-inch PBC which goes through the roof and lets air out of the system. Once in a while a leaf may fall in it causing a back up. The easiest way to clean it out is to place a running garden hose down the pipe, which would wash the debris down into the sewer line. DesJarden stated he would provide reports at each Council meeting.

- At City Council direction, DesJarden has begun research information to develop a back flow prevention policy. He spoke with City Attorney Richard Wendt and many issues need to be addressed. It is suggested that a work session be established between City Council and staff to address those issues. Several municipalities and Michigan Municipal League will be contacted to review their policies. Blough wanted the work session structured. He suggested City staff present two or three recommendations.

The Council established a work session meeting for November 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

- DesJarden reported on the underdrain that is being reviewed near Carol Lynne and Faith. Letters were sent to these residents asking if they have water problems in their basement. Seventeen letters were sent back and nine indicated water problems. With the engineer Dave Austin requesting additional information, a second questionnaire was recently sent out.

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No further information was received
Item #11. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #12. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley believed the home on Donna Street, which just had a backup, was one of the homes already having a back flow preventor installed. DesJarden stated there is one home in this area which does have a back flow preventor. Because of this, there was very little sewage backing up into the house.

Dan Durham of 1450 Carol Lynne questioned if the engineers were aware of the ground water leaking into the catch basin in Creekside Park and the ground water leaking into the storm sewer at the end of Carol Lynne Drive near the entrance of the park. DesJarden stated the engineer is reviewing all of the storm drains.

Durham asked if the sprinkler system was turned off. DesJarden responded yes.

Item #13. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Mayor Shores stated the scarecrows along Main Street look very attractive and thanked Executive Director Liz Baker for all her work.

Item #14. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following boards and commission meetings minutes are provided for your information:

- Look Memorial Committee meeting of May 15, 2002
- Airport Board meeting of September 10, 2002
- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of September 14, 2002
- Grand Valley Metro Council-Transportation Policy Committee meeting of September 18, 2002
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of September 19, 2002
- Lowell Area Trails meeting of October 2, 2002

2. The Look Memorial Committee at its October 16 meeting provided the following grants:

- \$2,000 to Hope Network Behavioral Health Services to support YMCA memberships for residents of the West Lake Home
- \$3,680 to the Lowell Area Historical Museum to assist in collecting oral histories from area residents
- \$20,000 (total \$60,000) to Rockford-Lowell Ambulance to assist purchasing new ambulance
- \$20,129 to the City of Lowell to reroof Fire Station
- \$12,206 to assist reroofing Museum building

Also, the Lowell Area Community Fund provided a \$17,342 grant to the City to upgrade in-car computers for Police cruisers. Police Chief Jim Valentine stated the Police Department has had in-car computers since approximately 1995. They are on a shared records system with several departments in Kent County. Because the main computer is housed at the Sheriff's department, Walker (which dispatches for the City after hours) has to have the baud rate of the system sped up for the purpose of transmitting their reports back to the office. When this was done, it reduced the coverage so their computers have not been working very well. The upgrade will alleviate this problem.

3. On Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. the Lowell Area Community Fund is having their annual meeting. The new fire truck will be located in the library parking lot. There was a \$100,000 grant that was provided from the Fund.

4. Regional Meeting Information Packet from Kent County was provided.

5. The Fly In Pancake breakfast made approximately \$1,000. Pasquale noted the weather was not very good. A report would be provided.

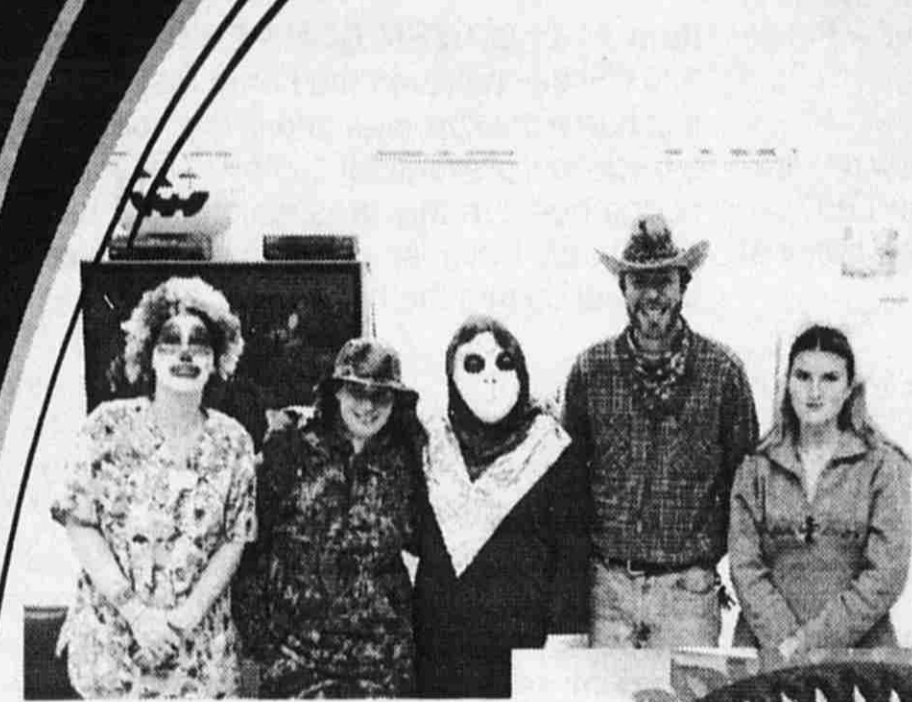
Item #15. APPOINTMENTS. - Mayor Shores stated there is one opening to serve on the Airport Board, due to David Pomper's resignation. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, November 4, 2002

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

Halloween Photos From Lowell Places



Members of Cumberland Manor, from left to right, are: Carrie Castillo (clown), Cassie Shaffer (hunter), Lola Hunt (alien), Rick Coetz (cowboy), and Tiffany Kidder (bunny).



Members of Cumberland Manor, from left to right, are: Rhoda Greenman-Batt (Japanese woman), April Gilhoran (little girl), Anna Deblecourt (little country girl), and Ann Schultz (stay at home mom).



Members of Brenda's Hair Salon, from left to right, are: Lori Oom (Ozzie Osbourne), Brenda Bergy (Ted Nugent), Therese Jakeway (Tom Petty), Julie Heimer, (Elton John), Michele Smith (Cyndi Lauper), and Angie Iteen (Cher).



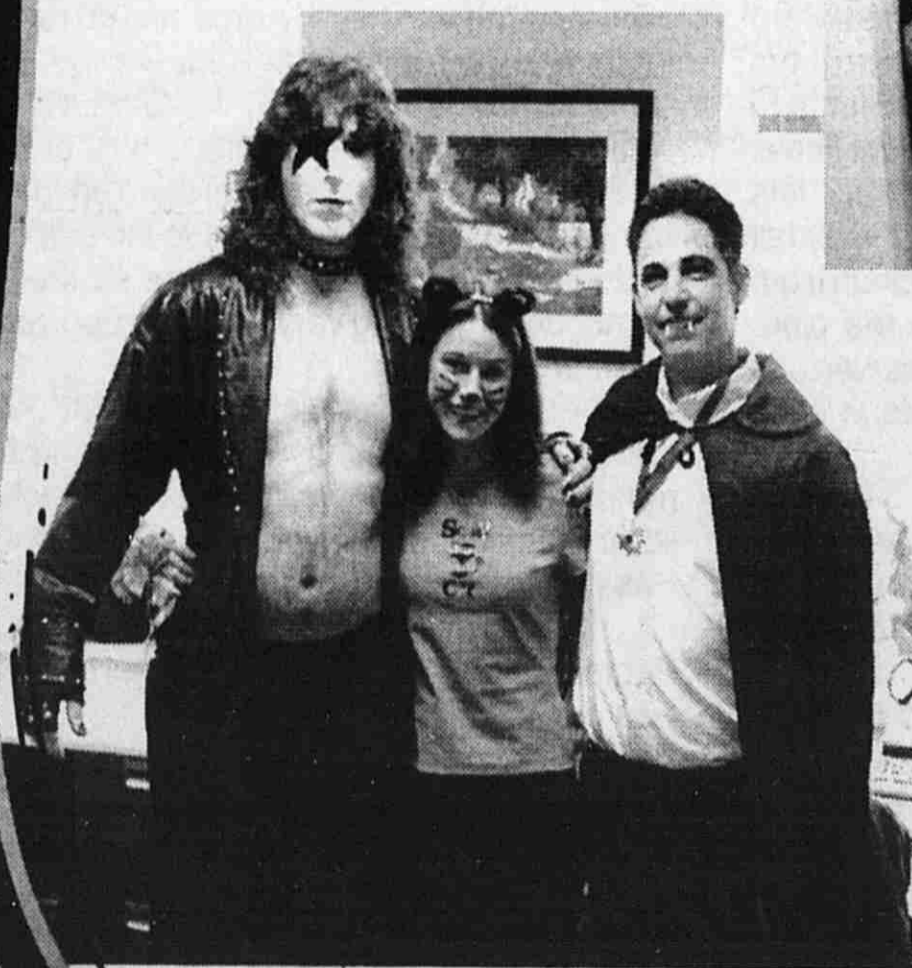
Members of Dr. Todd Gillan's office, from left to right, are: Lisa Buczek (hunter), Donna Breen (Big Boy Cook), Joanne Gillan (pirate), and Todd Gillan (James West).



Members of Dr. David Durkee's office, from left to right, are: Dave Durkee (eye doctor), Mary Durkee (Dracula's wife), Shannon Thomas (hippie), and Jessica Treynor (scientist).



Children from Lowell YMCA child care visited Lowell Light & Power on Halloween.



Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television employees, from left to right, are: Tom Russo (Paul Stanley), Amanda Geiger (Pussy Cat) and Jeff Mullins (Count Dracula).



The dentist office of Dr. James Reagan was full of characters on Thursday. Pictured from left to right, are (first names only) Gail, Rebecca, Rachel, Lori, Jean, Carrie, Dr. Jim and Vickie.

COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave : 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. Call Connie 942-6887.

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

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" (Sr. adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group meets at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841 for information.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

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

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRI., NOV. 8: Student council blood drive at Lowell High School auxiliary gym from 8:30 - 1:30 p.m. Public invited.

SAT., NOV. 9: Free food distribution by Flat River Outreach Ministries 10 - noon at 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg.

MON., NOV. 11: Lowell Clark-Ellis Post 152 annual Veteran's Day catered dinner, 6 p.m., Schneider Manor Community Room. Call Rich (897-8258).

WED., NOV. 13: Snow United Methodist Church family style turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$7; 5-12, \$2.

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

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road on: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.

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

- Jon VanderWiel** of 12466 Woodland Park Drive N.E. Parcel Number 41-12-10-255-022 requests variances in the "R-L" Lake Residential District to construct an accessory building (30'x50' pole barn):
 - Variance from Article 7.03A Front Yard setback from required 30'-0" reduced to 18'-0"
 - Variance from Article 7.03C Side Yard setback from required 10'0" reduced to 5'0"
- Ronald Goodyke** of 12499 Woodland Park Drive N.E. requests a "Special Use" permit in the "R-L" Lake Residential District, Parcel #41-12-10-257-021 to construct an accessory building (2 stall garage) on a non-conforming lot.

The application requests:

- A front yard setback of 18'0" in lieu of the required 30'0" as required under Article 4.04 A.2 (reduction in setback of 12'0")
- A rear yard setback of 3'0" in lieu of the required 20'0" as required under Article 4.04 A.3 (reduction in setback of 17'0")

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

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-05

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 3.39 OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 2000-3 AS AMENDED (ORIGINALLY ADOPTED NOVEMBER 20, 2000) TO PROVIDE FOR OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENTS

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 21st day of October, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Peter F. Siler, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Sally C. Johnson, Karen Hendrick, David Fuss.

ABSENT: None.

The following Ordinance was offered by Johnson and seconded by Hendrick.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - ADDITION OF SECTION 3.39

Section 3.39 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby added immediately following Section 3.38 to read in its entirety as follows:

3.39 OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

A. Description and Purpose

1. The purpose of an Open Space Development (OSD) is to permit greater flexibility in development than is generally possible under standard District regulations. The intent of the regulations is to foster the preservation of significant natural features, large open spaces, or active agricultural land that would otherwise be developed, but will be preserved as a result of the OSD.

2. These OSD provisions are not intended as a device for ignoring the requirements of this Ordinance and are not intended simply as a means to increase density. These provisions are intended to result in land development substantially consistent with the underlying zoning, but provide a degree of flexibility in design to allow for customization of design to meet the unique natural conditions of a particular site and innovation in design to create a higher quality development than could otherwise be possible with the underlying zoning.

B. Qualifying Conditions

1. The tract of land for which an OSD application is received must be either in one ownership or the subject of an application filed jointly by the owners of all affected properties.

2. The property that is the subject of an OSD application must be a minimum of 35 contiguous acres in total area and must be located within an AG, R-1, R-2, or R-3 District (provided that property in the R-3 District is eligible only where no public sewers are provided). The Planning Commission may consider a lesser development size if the proposed project substantially forwards the intent of the Open Space Development regulations.

C. Review Procedures

1. **Sketch Plan Approval:** To be considered as an OSD the applicant shall be required to first receive approval of a sketch plan in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

a. Applications for sketch plan approval for OSDs shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator at least 30 days prior to the date of first consideration by the Planning Commission.

b. The application materials shall include all the following information, unless the Zoning Administrator determines that some of the required information is not reasonably necessary:

(1) Current proof of ownership of the land to be utilized or evidence of a contractual ability to acquire

such land, such as an option or purchase agreement, or a signed agreement from the property owner indicating permission to file such application.

2) Parallel Plan used to determine base density that meets the standards of Section 3.39, D.3.a.

(3) Written documentation that the proposal meets the standards of Section 3.39, H.

(4) If a phased development is proposed, identification of the areas included in each phase. The density, lot area and setbacks of proposed housing units within each phase and for the total OSD.

(5) Arrangement and area calculations for open space, including upland and wetland open space areas.

(6) A completed application form, supplied by the Zoning Administrator, and an application fee.

(7) Twelve copies of a sketch plan meeting the requirements of (preliminary site plans).

c. The Planning Commission shall review the sketch plan in accordance with the requirements of this Section and deny, approve, or approve with conditions, the sketch plan. In addition, the Planning Commission may impose necessary and reasonable conditions that work to further the intent of the Open Space Development.

2. Final Site Plan Approval

a. After receiving approval of a sketch plan from the Planning Commission, the applicant shall within one year submit a final site plan to the Planning Commission.

b. The final site plan may be for either the entire project or for one or more phases.

c. Applications for final site plan approval for OSDs shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator at least 30 days prior to the date of first consideration by the Planning Commission.

d. The application materials shall include all the following information, unless the Zoning Administrator determines that some of the required information is not reasonably necessary:

(1) Current proof of ownership of the land to be utilized or evidence of a contractual ability to acquire such land, such as an option or purchase agreement, or a signed agreement from the property owner indicating permission to file such application.

(2) Written documentation that the proposal meets the standards of Section 3.39, H.

(3) If a phased development is proposed, identification of the areas included in each phase. The density, lot area and setbacks of proposed housing units within each phase and for the total OSD.

(4) Arrangement and area calculations for open space, including upland and wetland open space areas.

(5) A completed application form, supplied by the Zoning Administrator, and an application fee.

(6) Twelve copies of a final site plan for the phase for which approval is requested, meeting the requirements of Section 18.05.

e. Failure to submit a final site plan for approval within the one-year period shall void the previous sketch plan approval and a new application shall be required to be submitted and approved in accordance with these provisions.

f. The Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing prior to considering the proposed final site plan. Notices of the public hearing will be provided in accordance with the requirements for hearings on special uses.

g. The Planning Commission shall deny, approve, or approve with conditions, the final site plan for the OSD. As part of the approval of an OSD, the Planning Commission may impose conditions that may be necessary for the public interest.

h. Changes to an approved OSD shall be permitted only

under the following circumstances:

(1) Minor changes may be approved by the Zoning Administrator upon determining that the proposed revision(s) will not alter the basic design and character of the PUD, nor any specified conditions imposed as part of the original approval. Minor changes shall include the following:

i. Reduction of the size of any building and/or sign.
ii. Movement of buildings and/or signs by no more than ten (10) feet.

iii. Internal rearrangement of a parking lot that does not affect the number of parking spaces or alter access locations or design.

iv. Landscaping approved in the final development plan that is replaced by similar landscaping to an equal or greater extent.

(2) A proposed change not determined by the Zoning Administrator to be minor shall be submitted as an amendment to the PUD and shall be processed in the same manner as the original PUD application for the final development plan.

D. Site Development Requirements

1. The minimum lot area, width, setbacks and yard requirements for any lot designated for residential use shall be determined by the Planning Commission as part of the review process for the OSD. However, the minimum lot area shall not be reduced below 45% of the district requirements, nor shall the minimum lot width be reduced below 70 feet in any district, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Commission.

2. Land not proposed for development, but used for the calculation of overall density shall be considered open space and subject to the requirements of Section 3.39, E.

3. Development Density

a. Parallel Plan: The number of dwelling units permitted in the OSD shall be determined through the completion and submission of a parallel plan which shall indicate the number of dwelling units that may be developed under the existing zoning classification. The parallel plan shall meet the following minimum requirements:

(1) The parallel plan shall contain enough detail to permit the Township to evaluate the feasibility of development for each indicated lot and/or dwelling unit. The Planning Commission may require additional detail or information as it may determine necessary to evaluate the feasibility of the parallel plan.

(2) All lots or buildings shown on the parallel plans shall be located on buildable lots, which, for the purposes of this Section shall mean lots or building areas that have an areas of sufficient size and shape to accommodate the proposed main building septic and well systems (where no public sanitary sewer or water system is to be used), and required driveways, streets, or other means of permitted access.

(3) Areas of wetlands, water bodies, and other unbuildable areas shall not be included within buildable areas, but may be included in the lot area calculations.

E. Open Space: Any open space provided in the OSD shall meet the following considerations and requirements:

1. Open space areas shall be large enough and of proper dimensions so as to constitute a useable area, with adequate access, through easements or other similar arrangements, such that all properties within the entire OSD may utilize the available open space.

2. Open space areas shall be available for all residents of the development, subject to reasonable rules and regulations. This open space shall also be reasonably accessible to the residents of the OSD. Safe and convenient pedestrian access points to the open space from the interior of the open space shall be provided.

3. A portion of the open space shall be reasonably useable by the residents of the land for passive recreational uses such as hiking or picnicking.

4. The OSD shall have a minimum of 50% open space. Any area used in the calculation of required open space shall have a minimum dimension of 50 feet.

5. Evidence shall be given that satisfactory arrangements will be made for the maintenance of such designated land to relieve the Township of the future maintenance thereof.

6. Open space may be provided where significant natural features may be preserved and/or be used for passive or active recreation. Open space is encouraged to be located between neighborhood clusters of housing units, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

7. All land set aside as open space shall be deed restricted, protected by conservation easement, or other similar permanent restriction, to ensure that the open space remains in a natural and undisturbed condition in perpetuity. Land set aside for agriculture may, at the discretion of the property owner(s) be converted to open space, but shall not be used as land for the construction of additional dwellings, nor used for any other development.

8. All open space shall be in the joint ownership of the property owners or set aside through a conservation easement, plat dedication, restrictive covenant or other similar permanent easement within the OSD, under the jurisdiction and/or ownership of the Township, County and/or State, or other legal instrument that runs with the land, as approved by the Township Attorney. It shall be clearly demonstrated who will be responsible for the maintenance of the open space (if the property is to be turned over to a governing agency, acceptance of the open space area must be proven).

F. Areas Not Counted as Open Space: The following shall not be counted as open space:

1. The area within all public or private road rights-of-way.
2. Golf courses.
3. Any easement for overhead utility lines.
4. The area within a platted lot, site condominium unit or metes and bounds parcel occupied or to be occupied by a building or structure not permitted to be located in open space.
5. Off street parking area.
6. Detention and retention ponds created to serve the project.
7. Community drain fields.
8. 50% of the area of wetlands, creeks, streams, existing ponds or lakes or other bodies of water.
9. 50% of the area of floodplains and 50% of areas of slopes, which are 20% or over.

G. Development Setback

1. Any building area, which for the purposes of this Section shall mean any lot on which a principal use is located, shall be located at least 200 feet from any public street right-of-way not constructed as part of the OSD.

2. No native or natural vegetation shall be removed from the 200 foot setback, nor any grading or changes in topography occur, except that necessary for entrance roads, required utilities, or drainage improvements.

3. The Planning Commission may modify this requirement provided the applicant demonstrates that the clearing of existing vegetation would contribute significantly to the purpose and objectives of the OSD.

4. The Planning Commission may reduce this setback if existing landscaping provides a natural screen, or the proposed development provides such a landscape screen. In any case, the setback shall be not less than 100 feet. The landscape screen shall meet all of the following minimum requirements:
a. Occupy at least 70% of the lineal distance of the property line abutting any public street right-of-way.

b. Be on a strip of unoccupied land at least 50 feet in depth.

c. Have at least 50% opacity from the roadside view at the time of planting.

d. Consist of existing vegetation, land forms, or landscaped areas using native or natural materials, or a combination thereof.

5. OSD sites abutting more than one public street shall be permitted to reduce the setback on the shortest side

of the abutting streets to 100 feet without a natural screen. No native or natural vegetation shall be removed from the 100 foot setback, nor any grading or changes in topography occur, except that as may be necessary for entrance roads or utilities.

H. Design Principles: The overall intent of the Open Space Development regulations is to foster more creative development design, using open space to the advantage of the development, maintaining the rural character of the township, ensuring access to open spaces, preserving natural features, and other design objectives intended to foster an improved living environment. To this end the following general guidelines will be considered by the Planning Commission in evaluating proposed Open Space Developments.

1. Open space should be provided where significant natural features may be preserved, active agricultural land maintained, or be used for passive or active recreation.

2. Open space should generally be used to group areas of residential neighborhoods as clusters of housing units. This is intended to avoid the suburban development type normally found in urbanized areas. Generally, neighborhood clusters should have not more than 8-10 units per cluster for smaller developments and not more than 15-20 units per cluster for larger developments.

3. The Open Space Development should be designed with due regard for views from adjacent roadways as well as adjacent properties. Where possible, substantial setbacks from adjacent development should be provided, except where internal roadways are designed to connect to adjacent properties for the purposes of providing a network of internal connections between properties.

4. Open space within the development should generally be accessible from as many places within the development as possible, rather than limited to individual easements between development lots. To this end, providing open space segments along the internal roadways will be considered a high priority by the Township. Such areas should be large enough to appear as open space, rather than a vacant lot for future development, and kept in their natural state. Such areas may, however, incorporate trails or other internal pedestrian circulation paths.

5. The overall design of the Open Space Development should emphasize the rural character of the Township, provide views to open spaces from as many areas of the development as possible, and avoid long, straight street segments and rows of homes.

I. Standards for Approval: The following standards will be used by the Planning Commission in their consideration of an OSD. Before such developments may be approved the Planning Commission shall find:

1. That the OSD meets the stated purposes of Section 3.39, A. If the OSD is a part of a PUD, then it must also meet the PUD standards as well. After or in conjunction with the approval of an OSD pursuant to this Section, the developer shall comply with the requirement and procedures for subdivisions or site condominiums as applicable.

2. The houses are arranged to respect the natural features of the site and so residents can benefit from viewing or utilizing the required open space.

3. The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state, insofar as practical, by removing only those areas of vegetation or by making those alterations to the topography that are reasonably necessary to develop the site in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

4. Areas of natural drainage such as swales, wetlands, ponds, or swamps shall be protected and preserved insofar as practical in their natural state to provide areas for natural habitat, preserve drainage patterns and maintain the natural characteristics of the land.

5. The site plan shall provide reasonable visual and sound privacy for all dwelling units located therein. Fences, walks, barriers and landscaping shall be used, as appropriate, to accomplish these purposes.

6. All buildings or groups of buildings shall be arranged

so as to permit necessary emergency vehicle access as requested by the Township Fire Department.

7. All streets and driveways shall be developed in accordance with the Kent County Road Commission standards and when appropriate, with Section 3.24, private roads, of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance.

8. Appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure that removal of surface waters will not adversely affect neighboring properties or the public storm water drainage system. Provisions shall be made to accommodate storm water, prevent erosion particularly during construction, and prevent the formation of excessive dust. The use of detention/retention ponds may be required. Catch basins may be required to contain oil filters or traps to prevent contaminants from being discharged to the natural drainage system.

9. Site plans shall conform to all applicable requirements of county, state and federal statutes and approval may be conditioned on the applicant receiving necessary county, state and federal permits before final site plan approval or an occupancy permit is granted.

J. Validity of Approved Site Plans: All approved Open Space Development projects are valid for one year from the date of the approval by the Planning Commission. If construction has not commenced and progress has not been made toward completion of the project before the end of the one year period, the approval shall be voided. Upon written application to the Township, filed prior to the termination for the one-year review period, the Planning Commission may authorize a single extension of the time limit for approval of a final site plan for a further period of not more than one year.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

As amended by this Ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after publication hereof.

The Township of Bowne, Kent County, Michigan, hereby approves this Ordinance.

ADOPTED:
Ayes: Siler, Kowalczyk, Johnson, Hendrick, Fuss.

Nays: None.

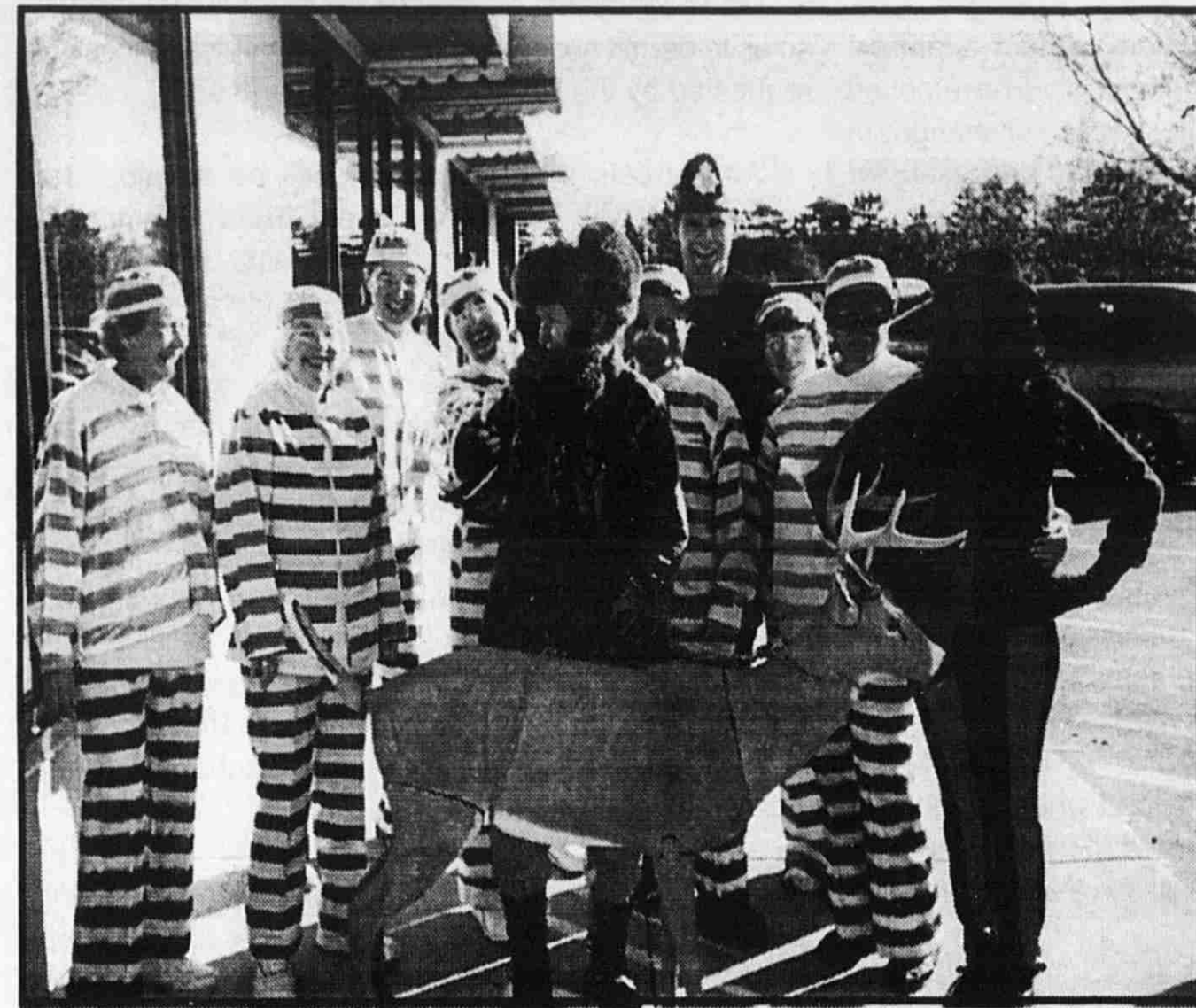
STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on October 21, 2002, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township Office on Wednesdays and Fridays, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
AUTHENTICATED:
Peter F. Siler, Supervisor

Date Adopted: Oct. 21, 2002
Date Published: Nov. 5, 2002



Breaking Out

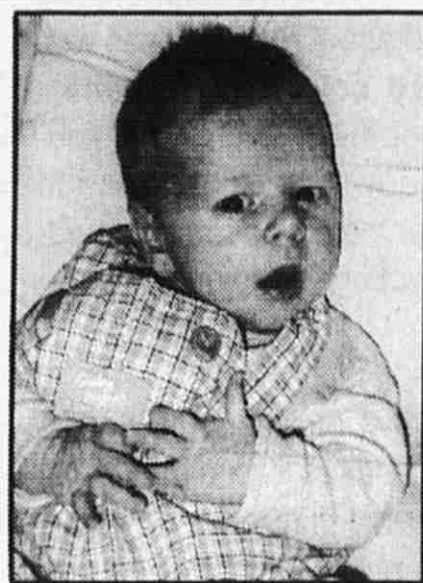
Members of the Lowell YMCA Wellness Center broke away from their workouts Thursday for a little Halloween Party. Pictured in the front row is Sharon Crandle; back row, from left to right, are: Jeanne Shores, Evelyn Marron, Roni Blough, Dee Boon, Mary Ann Bishop, Andy Retburg, Kathy Horsch, Mary McCoy and Bonnie Grooters.

AREA BIRTHS

Jim and Barb Yowaish of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their son Joshua James, born September 30, 2002. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Welcoming Joshua home are Zach, Ashlee and MaryLou.

Proud grandparents are Erik and Kaye Olson of DeWitt and John Yowaish of Croton and the late Dorothy Yowaish.



Joshua James Yowaish

Students-of-the-Month, cont'd... From Page 9

pleting assignments on time and accepting responsibility in the lab.

Jenny Gunberg was selected by the Math Department. She is a senior and the daughter of Jim and Sally Gunberg of Ada. Jenny's extracurricular activities include tennis, golf, FFA, Pals, Lady

Arrows Varsity Club, National Honor Society and Junior Rotary. She has been a tennis instructor for the past two summers. Gunberg hopes to attend the University of Michigan next year. Her teacher nominator says that

Jenny has earned the highest grade in AP Calculus and continues to be a model student for her peers to imitate. She shows responsibility by taking full responsibility for her grade and by completing every assignment to perfection.



Members of the Florida Golden Gators, front row, left to right, are: coach Mel Curtis, John Kenworthy, Ivan Blough, Frank Miller, Fred Ducham, Donald Kirk and Lee Tomlinson. Back row, left to right, Richard Palmer, Bob Baker, Henry Hamilton, Bernie Stearns and Kenneth Hinsch

Local softball players earn medals for play out west

Five local softball players competed in the Huntsman World Senior games held in St. George, Utah.

Ivan Blough, Frank Miller, Henry Hamilton, Mel Curtis and John Kenworthy, playing with the Florida Golden Gators, earned a silver medal in the 65-plus tournament and a gold medal in the 70-plus tournament.

The team decided to test their skills the first week of the games by playing in the 65-plus tournament made up

of 36 teams from the U.S. and Canada. They got off to a shaky start losing the first four games, but came back to win the next four. They lost the championship game to the Cape Cod Whalers 15-11. They were awarded a 2002 silver medal.

In the 70-plus tournament made up of 16 teams, the Gators got off to a good start by winning one of their three round robin games and then winning the first two games of the double elimination por-

tion of the tournament. They defeated California 14-3 and Colorado 13-3, advancing them into the championship game where they beat Colorado again, this time 22-12. They were awarded the 2002 gold medal.

Earlier this year, the area softball players, as members of the Bob Evans Sportsmen 70-plus team, won the North American Softball Players Association National Championship in Plano, Texas,

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY
OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 02-174,485 DE

Estate of
EVA M. JAYNES
Date of Birth:
February 2, 1913

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, EVA M. JAYNES, who lived at 849 Ariele S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died July 16, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to SHARON JAYNES, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative

within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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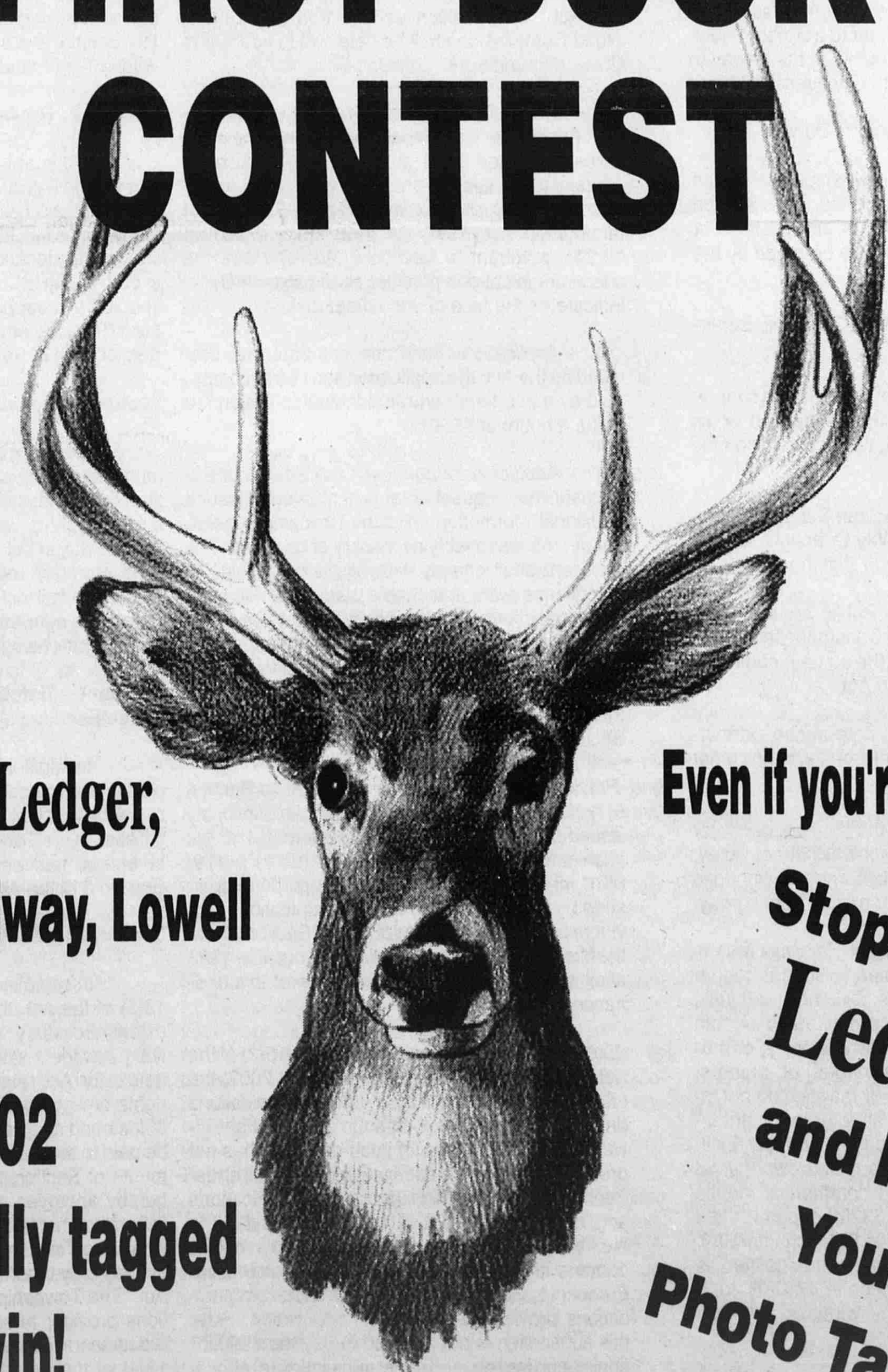
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The students of Cherry Creek Elementary School would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that helped make the Cherry Creek Fall Harvest Festival a tremendous success!

Paul Young	Beth Hovey	Terri Doll	Diane Geldersma	Carmen & Eric	Nancy Wood	Cheryl Smith	Josh Anderson
Ann Nichols	Linda Huisman	Lori Mundwieler	Gerri Plite	Campbell	Lacie Aherns	Rebecca Bueche	Kory Anderson
Bobby Nichols	Jennifer Vanderhorst	Genny Kendall	Don Anderson	Angie Poll	Rebeka Basala	Thomas Jeffrey	Dan Harrison
Rose Williams	Linda Bowers	Dr. John Mogor	Karen Blodger	Claire Olgren	Deb Osborne	Marie Petersen	Jacob Rickert
Gale Roderick	Julie MacDongall	Will Welsh	Kathi Raymond	Rhonda Fosburg	Lowell Meijer	Kim Gibbs	Nick DuBois
Tom & Bonnie Gokey	Monica Light	Marcia Roth	Kristen Plattner	Karen Judd	Gary Cavanaugh	Jill Race	Matt Scheider
Julia Bode	Joan Weeber	Deb Walendzik	Sue Kruse	Mark Blanding	Brenda Buck	Dawn Crook	Mike & Jennifer Dollar
Katie Johnson	Pete Odland	Deanne Wilcox	Lorraine Beloncis	Jon Nichols	Connie Potter	Bret Kellam	Lisa Inbody
Aimee Vandenberg	Ruth Reeser	Kim Young	Ann Welsh	Robert Simpson	Kim Gildea	Linda Karas	Sheila McQueen
Chris Kaczanowski	D&L Farm & Greenhouse	Amy Hayes	Susie Renzema	Mary Jo Bieri	Heather Lehman	Susan Pomper	Karen Waid
Marsha Wilcox	Cathy Kehoe	David Otto	Deb Schuitema	Cindy Wissman	Alan Anthony	Jennifer VanErk	Arda Cushman
Michele Kendall	Fran Acosta	Dee McKendrick	Susan Spratt	Lisa Stormzand	Lisa Bedard	Karrie Scudder	Gail Franklin
Don Hall	Cathy Majestic	Tim Bergy	Cheri Dykhouse	Jan Bennett	Cindy Foster	Scott Rollins	Robin Carson
Kris Newman	Katie Harrington	Sue Everitt	Emily Cinco	Patty O'Haire	Tricia Weaver	Wendy Jeffrey	Terry Walsworth
Luanne Kaeb	Gail Vandenburg	Bonnie Nethercott	Tracy Loughlin	Ben Kaeb	Jayne Rogers	Christine LaFave	Cindy Trapp
Francine Andersen	Lynn Meade	Patti Bishop	Michelle Theisen	Trish English	Deanna Cowden	Corrine Cozzaglio	Cheryl Willison
McDonald's Restaurant	Mary Mooney	Merrill Post-Post Farms	Criss Kaminski	Jenny Lambert	Karen Rose	Sara Bailey	Marta Rozema
Ed Hawks	Tim Dimmick	Wendy Robinson	Terese Olsen	Janice Chambers	Sherry Ryan	Jill Egler	Mindy Oster
Sheryl Cadwallader	Cynthia Betts	Ivan Blough	Rose Massey	Theresa Chopp	Nancy Hopkins	Luke Tomczak	Kropf Orchards

If we missed anybody we apologize. We sincerely appreciated your efforts.

• Pie Eating Contest • Antique Tools • Quill Writing • Pony Ride • Checkers • Dancing • Hay Ride • Pedal Tractor • Log Roll

Lowell's little guy comes up big in 17-7 win over Trojans

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took a play from the smallest guy on the Lowell football team to shake one of the state's biggest football programs on the opening night of the Michigan High School Football playoffs.

An 83-yard pass and catch from Mark Catlin to Matt D'Agostino gave Lowell much needed breathing room in its 17-7 win over East Lansing.

"The littlest guy on the field came up big for us tonight," exclaimed Lowell football coach Noel Dean.

The play was designed for Mike Koster (who has earned the attention of all defenses) to run a deep curl. "Then we had Matt running off his tail," Dean explained.

The result was D'Agostino created separation, pulled in the Catlin pass and took it the distance.

"He simply outran our defender," said East Lansing coach, Jeff Smith.

While the Red Arrows had a difficult time shaking the Trojans, Smith was impressed with the way the

Lowell defense shook his club's blocks.

"Lowell's defense does a tremendous job of getting off the blocks and getting at you," Smith said. "We had our chances, but were stymied by some penalties."

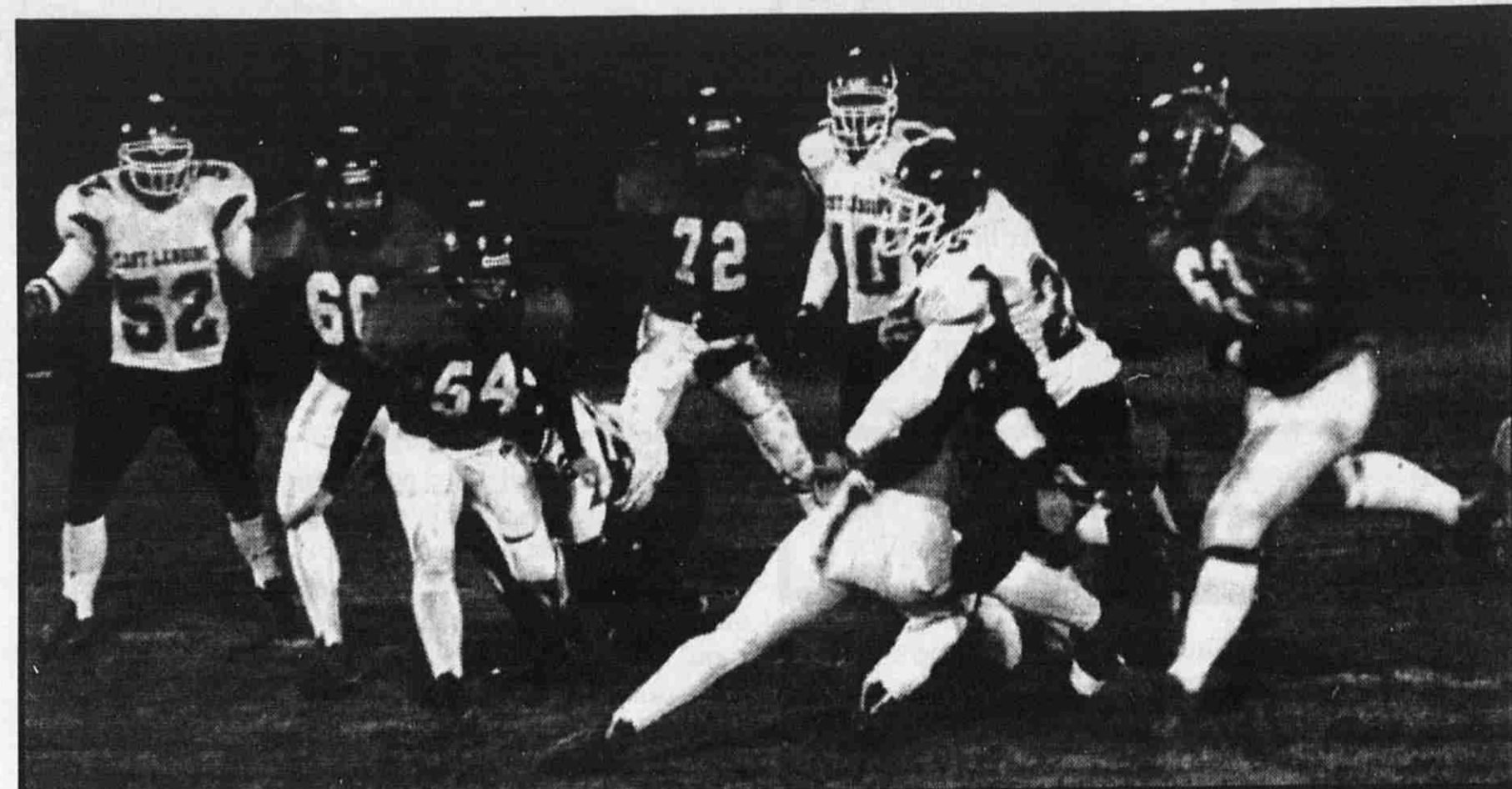
With the way the game unfolded in the first half, it looked as though the Trojans might author an opening round upset.

"Surprised? Nervous? No! We were playing one of the great football programs year in, year out. We came in here with great respect for Coach Smith and his club," Dean said. "We're just glad to be alive."

Lowell's offense was stymied by some first half interceptions.

"We dropped some balls tonight. And we had one ball go off the chest of a receiver for an interception, and a second where our receiver was trying to make a great play and the ball popped up in the air and they intercepted," Dean explained.

Lowell was first to score in the contest. The Red Ar-



Lowell's defense held East Lansing tailback Preston Jones to 55 yards rushing on 21 carries.

rows drove 63 yards on their second possession with Catlin pushing it over from a yard out.

The touchdown was set up by passes of nine and 14 yards to J.J. Wilder and a 25 yard run by Catlin.

Lowell held that lead until late in the second quarter. East Lansing, following an interception on a pass intended for Wilder, marched 39 yards with the score coming on an 11-yard pass from Jean Pitts to Brad Jones.

The Red Arrows got the ball back and drove to the Trojan 28 for a Matt Foster 45 yard field goal. A bad snap prevented the attempt.

Foster, however, made

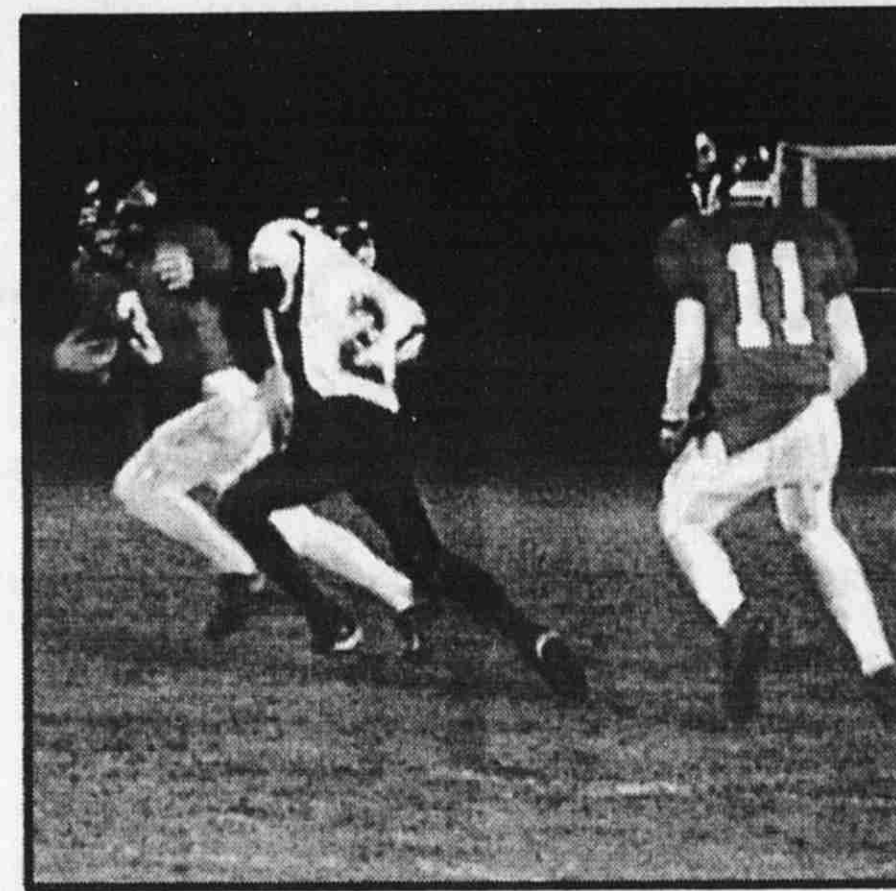
good on a good snap and hold in the fourth quarter as he drilled a 26-yard field goal, giving Lowell a 17-7 advantage.

Lowell rushed for 132 yards; 95 of those came from quarterback Mark Catlin. The Red Arrow was also 12-of-29 through the air for 224 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions.

Wilder caught seven passes for 107 yards and D'Agostino caught two for 105 yards.

The Red Arrow defense held the Trojans under 100 yards rushing with 88 while East Lansing was 6-of-13 for 75 through the air.

Lowell will host the dis-



Mark Catlin ran for 95 yards and threw for 224 in Lowell's win against East Lansing.

trict championship game Friday night against Adrian, who defeated Portage Central on Saturday, 20-14.

Red Arrow girls finish strong; claim fourth in state

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The seniors on the Lowell girls cross country team completed their final season in much the same fashion as they did the previous three - in the state finals at the Michigan International Speedway.

For a second consecutive year, the Red Arrows garnered a top five finish. Lowell was fourth in the 30-team Division II field Saturday. The Red Arrows placed fifth a year ago; 16th two years ago and 18th three years ago.

"The girls just did a tremendous job. They've had a lot of ups and downs this year. They continued to work hard even when they were struggling," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf.

The girls saved their best race for the sport's biggest

stage. "I think it was their best race of the year. We had three girls who finished in under 20 minutes," VanderWarf said. "I thought we had a chance for a top five finish about midway through the race. We were still running in a pretty good pack. Sarah (Swab) and Abbie (Blanding) were not that far behind Lisa (Wojciakowski)."

With their performance, Lowell edged Grand Rapids Christian (238). The Eagles were the only team to finish ahead of Lowell in the regional at Gull Lake.

Battle Creek-Lakeview won the state title with 169 points. Petoskey was second at 207; St. Joseph third, 216; Lowell fourth, 217; and Grand Rapids Christian, fifth, 238.

Other area teams to place were Holland Christian, 10th, 303 (won the tiebreaker); Sparta, 11th, 303; Spring Lake 12th, 323; and Fremont, 18th, 433.

Lowell's Lisa Wojciakowski just missed all-state honors as she finished 31st (top 30 runners area all-state) with a time of 19:28.25.

"I know exactly how Lisa must feel. That happened to me my senior year," VanderWarf said.

Red Arrows who followed Wojciakowski home were Sarah Swab, 47th, 19:46; Abbie Blanding, 53rd, 19:50; Natalie Kent, 84th, 20:11.3; and Holly Plattner, 128th, 20:44.9.

"The course had a few more rolling hills than Gull Lake (site of regional), but about 80 percent of it was flat," VanderWarf said.

Lowell, after a struggling start to the year, has progressively improved. The Red Arrows were fourth during the dual meet part of the season, second at the conference meet and second at the regional.

Bench play key in Lowell's win over Rangers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

One could argue Lowell girls basketball team's toughest test this season has not been on the hardwood.

One could further argue the team has met both challenges.

Two knee injuries, one to Leslie Crowley prior to the start of the season and now to starting point guard, Kendra Gallert, have left the Red Arrows void of their two best players.

The wins, however, keep on coming. Lowell, 15-2, 8-1, battled back from a seven-point, third-quarter deficit to

Lowell will look to Becky Bossert to help fill the void left by the injury to Kendra Gallert.

defeat Forest Hills Central 42-40.

"Down seven, with our key player out, these girls showed some mental toughness," Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley said. "They got mad, did not give up and played hard."

Gallert, who injured her knee in the first quarter of a game against Forest Hills Northern on Oct. 22, was diagnosed with a partial ACL tear but given doctor's clearance to play against the Rangers.

Her play was limited. Gallert's knee gave out in the first quarter. The sophomore was able to net a three-point shot prior to leaving the game. A return to the hardwood this year is highly doubtful.

Gallert's injury and sec-

ond half foul trouble for Amy Oberlin and Lauren Vashaw pressed Lowell's bench into play.

Janell Gemmell and Courtney Phillips responded, giving the Red Arrows six quality minutes off the bench.

"Janell (Gemmell) was great on the boards and got us a key bucket. Courtney (Phillips) does a good job defensively for us and rebounds well," Crowley explained.

Lowell was also helped by good shooting from the foul line. The Red Arrows netted 11-of-14 from the charity stripe.

"Our foul shooting is what won the game at the end when the game was going back and forth," Crowley said.

Forest Hills Central coach, Bill VanderWoude

took notice of Lowell's ability to step up down the stretch.

"Lowell had the confidence at the end, and that's what I want our kids to have. We had Lowell on the ropes, but that wasn't good enough. We missed too many opportunities to score late," VanderWoude concluded.

Oberlin led all Lowell scorers with 13 points. Valen VanZyll tallied eight and Blair Meyer netted seven.

The Rangers' Dani Sperla led all scorers with 17 points.

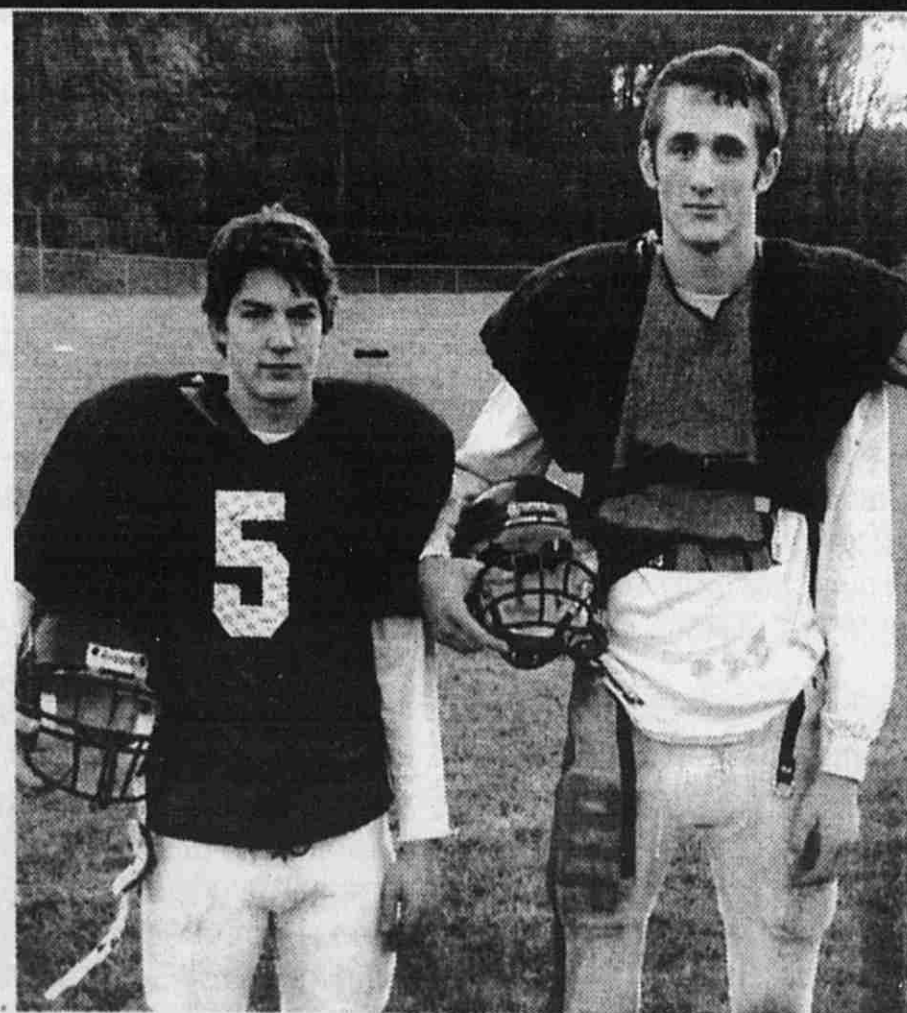
Lowell plays Zeeland and Hudsonville this week before closing out the regular season with a home game against East Grand Rapids on Thursday (Nov. 14) for at least a share of the O-K White title.



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Soccer season ends in regional loss to Mason

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was evident from the start that Lowell soccer team's drive for the school's first regional win was going to be a difficult one.

A fast and skilled Mason club (ranked 10th in Division II) set the tempo early and never let up in defeating the Red Arrows 4-0.

"That's a very good soccer team," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge. "With the exception of Forest Hills Central, we haven't seen a team that fast and as talented as Mason."

Lowell, coming off its third straight district title under the tutelage of Legge, failed in its effort for that elusive regional win.

"I guess that's my curse," Legge explained. "But we've come up against good teams every year and I thought this was the region of death because it included the last four ranked teams in the state."

Lowell goalie, Josh Anderson was under fire from the outset.

Anderson and the Red Arrows were able to hold back the Bulldogs until the final 10 minutes of the first half.

Mason's Christian Knudson scored the game's first goal at the 9:10 mark of the first half. The Bulldogs made it 2-0 with a minute to play in the half.

"We knew the style Lowell played and thought we

could exploit that," said Mason coach, Paul Kato. "I thought it was very important to score on them early because they're an excellent team and we didn't want to give them any space to play with."

With the loss, Lowell concludes the season at 16-3-2.

"We had a heck of a season. It's the best record in school history and only two teams beat us this year," said Legge. "It's just unfortunate that it had to end like this, but we just didn't have it tonight against a very good soccer team. When you don't have your 'A' game against a team as good as Mason (19-3-2), this is what happens."



Lowell's Pat Vogel (#6) races to the ball in first half action against Mason.

Does state's game time decision create handicap for Adrian?

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As if trying to stop Mark Catlin or moving the ball against Lowell's defense isn't tough enough, Adrian head coach, Bill Kohn believes his club is being handicapped because the state is not following its own set of rules.

"If a school is over 75 miles away, the game is supposed to be played on Saturday afternoon," Kohn explained. "We're 130 miles away."

The game is not being moved because Lowell is the host site for two state soccer finals on Saturday.

Kohn believes the game should be played Saturday night or that the site of the soccer games could be moved.

"You can't tell me there are not soccer field sites in the area that could host those games. Lowell doesn't have a soccer field, it has a football field," Kohn says.

Adrian's coach said the intent of the state's rule was equity. Forcing his club to make a three-hour trip on Friday handicaps the Maples.

"This is supposed to be a community event. Like Lowell, our community takes great pride in its team and has provided us with a great following. Many of our fans won't even be able to get to the game on time unless they leave work early," said Kohn.

Told by the state that is the way it's going to be, Kohn says his club will show up. The 8-2 Maples are coming to Lowell off a 20-14 win over Portage Central.

Adrian showcases a 1,000 yard rusher in Dillon McAfee and a junior quarterback in Tom Molter who has thrown for over 1,400 yards.

In Adrian's shotgun-look offense, Molter throws to wideout, D.J. Howard; tight end, Kellen Davis; and receiver, Ryan Brown.

The defense is led in tackles by inside linebackers, Nick Christ and Cody Waters. Its defensive line is anchored by nose tackle, Barry Cebulski.

"I have been pleasantly surprised this year by our defensive play and our ability to throw the ball," Kohn said.

Maples' coach says other than knowing where Catlin is at all times, his club will have to be able to deal with a Lowell defense that is physical, gets after you and runs well.



1. East Kentwood - The Falcons (10-0) defeat a tough Grandville (5-5) team, 34-22.
2. East Grand Rapids - The Pioneers (10-0) breezed past Ionia 41-6. Pioneers will host Cedar Springs (8-2), a 23-3 winner over Fruitport.
3. Lowell - Red Arrows (9-1) were tested in their 17-7 win over East Lansing (5-5). Lowell hosts Adrian.
4. Coopersville - Broncos (10-0) were too much for Muskegon Orchard View. Coopersville won 41-6. Broncos play Byron Center next, a team it beat 35-0 during the regular season.
5. West Ottawa - Panthers (8-2) defeated Jenison 42-33, travel to East Kentwood Friday.
6. Hudsonville - The Eagles (7-3) blast Forest Hills Northern 52-15 Next up for Eagles, Grand Rapids Christian.
7. Grand Rapids Christian - The Eagles (9-1) earn a 14-9 win over league foe Creston. Christian travels to Hudsonville for its district final.
8. South Christian - Sailors 9-1 shutout Linden 21-0, next up undefeated Corunna.
9. Rockford - Rams (6-4) ousted for the second year in a row by Muskegon, 41-35.
10. Jenison - Wildcats (6-4) 42-33, losers to West Ottawa.

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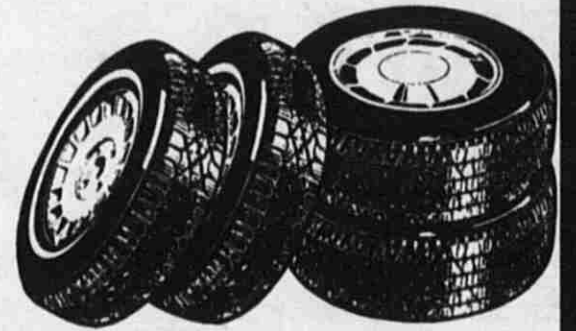
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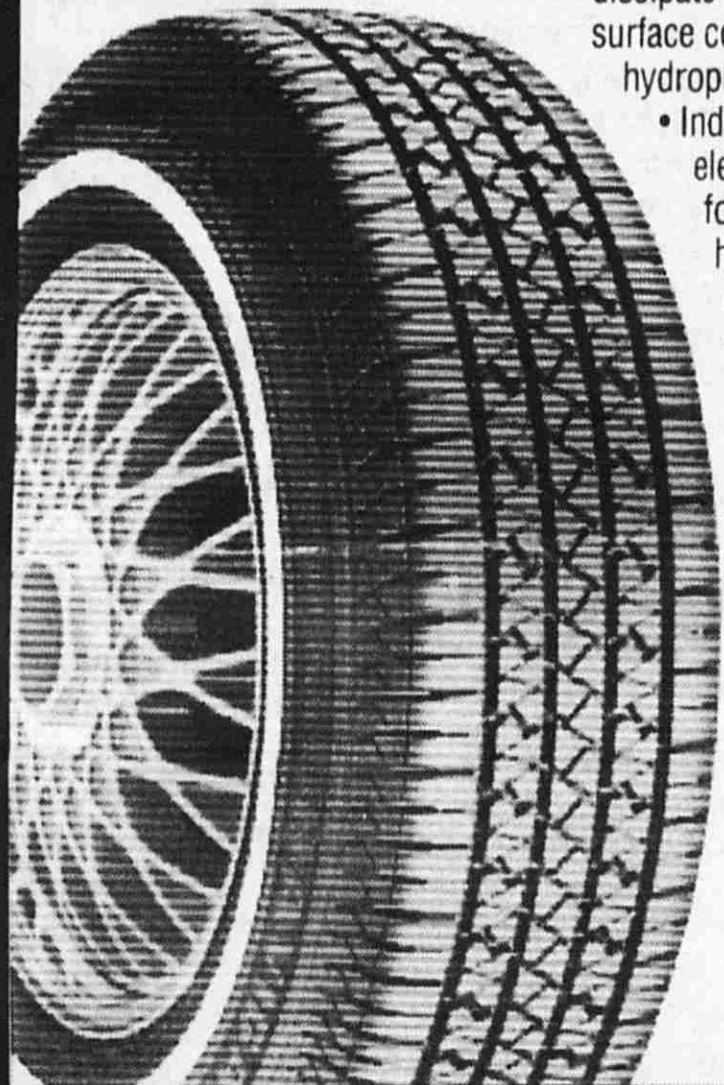
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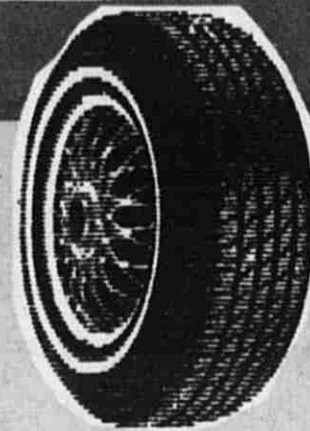


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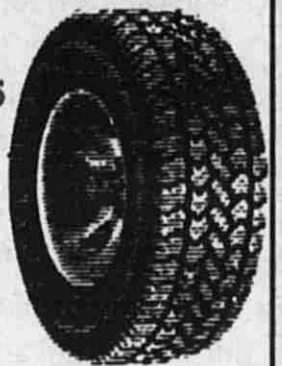
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