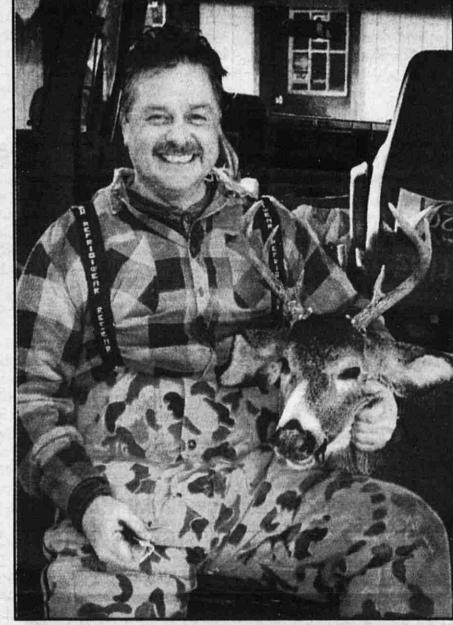
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Ron Schell awoke Friday morning with two things on his mind - get a buck on opening day and be the first hunter into The Lowell Ledger office. He did both plus he did one better ... he got a second buck later that same morning.

Opening Day was Very, Very Good to Schell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Ron Schell has only missed deer hunting season's opening day once since the age of 12.

"The one I missed was because of basic training," he recalls.

Schell first experienced the rush of opening day as a 12year-old growing up in New Castle, Pennsylvania. "In Pennsylvania you can shoot a gun at the age of 12, unlike Michigan where you have to be 14," he explains. "I missed my buck that day."

His first buck would not come until after relocating to Michigan in 1976. They have pretty much been routine since then ... as has been his preparation.

Schell lays out his clothes, makes his sandwiches (pastrami and turkey on rye), buys a can of Pringles and a certain brand of cookies and listens to the weather report the night before.

"This is my lucky shirt (as he grabs his collar to show the years of wear)," Schell says. "I've been wearing this on opening day for 10 years. I wear it once a year, wash it and put it back in my drawer."

Three years ago, Schell was the second hunter in to the Ledger office for the annual Lowell Ledger First Buck Contest.

History did not repeat itself Friday morning, as an excited Schell was the first hunter in (7:40 a.m.). A little over two hours later he returned with his second buck of opening day. I've been out actually hunting a total of 75 minutes and I've got two bucks," Schell said in amazement. "I was second in three years ago and that's no fun. It's a rush getting a buck and a rush getting in here first," Schell exclaims.

Schell got to the only spot he's hunted on opening day early Friday morning. "There was snow on the ground and as it started to get light out, I heard movement for about 5-6 minutes and then I saw the buck," Schell explained.

I'm shot, and "whammo" nailed the six-point, 165-pound buck in the chest. "He ran about 50 yards before falling," Schell said.

Schell finished cleaning his winning buck, and then decided to go out to the back of his property and set awhile in his blind.

"I got out there at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. two does came out, followed closely behind by a buck," Schell said.

The Lowell resident aimed, fired and dropped the eightpoint, 170-pound buck with his Remington 1100, 12-gauge.

By being the first hunter in with a buck, Schell won the following prizes:

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Sundry gets PUD/R-1 rezoning despite residents objecting

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The developers called it intrinsic; the neighbors called it intrusive. In the end, the developers won.

The Lowell City Council held a public hearing Monday night on Sundry's plans to develop approximately 35 acres at 751 Grindle Drive, known as the Leeman property. The group sought and got, in a 3-2 vote, an R-1 zoning with a Planned Unit Development attached. The motion clearly stated it was of the understanding that Sundry would be expected to go back to the planning commission to work out the issues of the PUD. The new zoning would allow for the 52 proposed single-family homes on the property versus about 31 under the SR zon-

After a 45-minute presentation which included the "humanistic factors" of the project, more than a dozen residents came out to state they were in favor of keeping the property zoned SR.

"I'm going to state what I stated about a year ago-please leave it SR," said Mark Osborne, of 705 Grindle.

Many of the residents said they felt the single entrance/ exit of the property that connected to High Street would increase traffic on an already unsafe road. Others raised concerns about how the company had already started developing its other property, the Phillips property located to the north, referring to it as pretty much destroyed.

But when it came down to it, councilman Mike

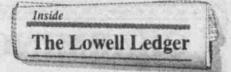
Blough said he could favor the development because it didn't cut into the land. "The traffic issue is something the city is going to have to deal with, since eventually this property will be developed which will mean more traffic," Blough said, adding he would like to see the city take an attractive approach in looking at ways to improve High Street and perhaps James.

Councilman Jim Pfaller was torn between dictating how a property owner can develop his property and the residents' desire to leave it SR. Councilman Dan Brubaker said while he didn't feel it was the best plan for the property, he did believe it was "workable" and that the developer has tried to address all the issues the residents have raised along with the subcommittee which worked on the project with Sundry.

Those opposing the project were Mayor Jeanne Shores and councilman Charles Myers. Myers was concerned about traffic, and Shores felt "it is simply too many houses for that area."

Sundry has proposed to create a neo-traditional home development for the property. The homes would be in a ring with the fronts facing each other and the backs, with garages, toward a one-way street that would wrap

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Baut turns 100

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor



Alice Baut

The age-old adage observes that the mind is the first thing to go - which means Alice Baut has another 100 years of life left in her.

The alert, sharp and dexterous Baut celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday.

She arrived in Lowell in 1986. When asked what took her so long, she retorted, "I didn't want to leave Detroit."

On Thursday, Baut was finishing up another afghan at

the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center for Mel Trotter's "Warm Up America."

"I come in every Thursday morning to knit, have lunch and play euchre," she explains. "The Senior Neighbors Center keeps me going. It's a great place."

As for turning 100, "I can't believe it," she says. "And I feel good."

Sitting at the table with Baut is Marge Potter. "Her

mind is still sharp, she always has the trump for that last euchre trick, and not only that, but she has to stick around and take care of the rest us," said Potter.

"And I still feel good"

Baut is also still very capable of taking care of herself. She tends to her own apartment at Schneider Manor.

Her daughter, Dee Doyle also lives in Lowell with her husband, Charlie. Baut also

has a son, Donald who lives in Baldwin.

When it was suggested tongue-in-cheek that she was a saint for being Charlie's mother-in-law, Baut smiles and adds, "I put up with him, I don't live with him."

Secrets to her longevity? "Well, I've never smoked and I will have a glass of wine once in a while," Baut concludes.

OBITUARIES

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ALDRICH - Lois Aldrich dren, 12 great-grandchildren; (Reynolds), aged 83, of Grand one great-great-grandchild; Ledge, passed away of acci- many nieces and nephews. also nieces and nephews. Fudental injuries on October 24, Cremation has taken place. A neral services were held Mon-2002. Born May 20, 1919, memorial service was held day at Eastmont Baptist she was married to Merle October 28 in Grand Ledge. Aldrich in 1938. She was preceded in death by her son CATTANACH- Warren Interment Chapel Hill Memoter Helen Gail, sister Leah Lowell, went suddenly to be tributions may be made to and brother-in-law Clarence with his Lord, November 15, Eastmont Snyder. She is survived by 2002. He was preceded in Church-AWANA. her husband Merle Aldrich death by his parents and their daughter Joanne Lawerence J. and Marjorie E. ONAN - Ruth I. Onan, aged loving mother, grandmother

Thad Kraus

Editor

Anne; also survived by his brother Wayne and Brenda Cattanach: mother-in-law brother-in-law Carlyle Greeno; (Beverly) sister-in-law Beverly Titus; Church, 5038 Cascade Rd., Pastor Jeff Burr, officiating. John Cattanach, aged 52, of rial Gardens. Memorial con-

(Jon) Bauer; two sisters Alice Cattanach. Warren was the 85, of Lowell, passed away and great-grandmother who (John) Blanding. Sybil loving husband of Rosemarie; November 14, 2002. She was Robertson; nine grandchil- loving father to Rachel Lynn, preceded in death by her hus- Mrs. Onan worked for Gen-

Shawn Michael and Rebecca band Ronley. Mrs. Onan is survived by her children Robert (Marilyn) Onan, Merle (Virginia) Onan, Cherrie Chapel, Lowell, Pastor Burland Margesson of the (Paul) Richardson, Richard (Sandy) Onan, Dianna (Bruce) First Baptist Church of Lowell, officiating. Interment Bulthuis, Terry (Janet) Onan, Oakwood Cemetery. The Georgeann (Tim Andrews) family wishes to thank all of Hendrick; brother Stanley (Magdalene) Peckham; the staff at Laurel's of Kent and Hospice for all the love brother-in-law Jason (Jo) Onan, sister-in-law Winifred and care they gave to our Onan; 36 grandchildren; 41 mother. Memorial contribugreat-grandchildren; also tions may be made to Hospice of Michigan and Alzheimer's many friends. Born in Smyrna, NY, Mrs. Onan moved to Association. Lowell in 1932 with her husband Ronley where they raised seven children. She was a very

will be greatly missed by all.

TORTELLET - Evade Ruth (Stropahl) Tortellet, aged 88, of Grand Rapids, died Friday,

eral Motors until her retire- November 15, 2002. She is ment. Funeral services were survived by her daughters held Monday at Roth-Gerst Carol (Carl) Van Heck of Kentwood and Karen (Robert) Meneghini of Lowell; 17 grandchildren; 25 greatgrandchildren; and one greatgreat-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by six brothers, a sister and her parents. Funeral services were held Tuesday at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Robert Stover officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of West Michigan.

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the North 99 feet of the West 99 feet and except the North 693 feet of the West 478.5 feet of the East 1650 feet and except the North 550 feet of the East 1095 feet and except the East 395 feet of remainder; also the South 110 feet of the North 660 feet of the West 65 feet of the East 395 feet of the Northwest 1/4, Section 20, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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

Dated: November 18, 2002

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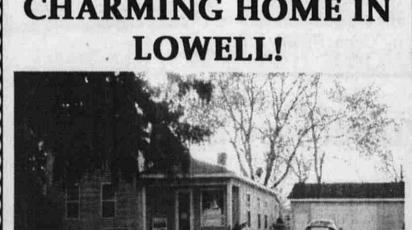
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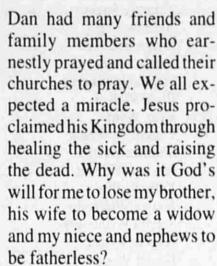
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Back row, left to right: Kristi Kremer, Natalie Kent, Katie Clements, Courtney Phillips, Lauren Vashaw; middle row, left to right: Katie Timpson, Julie Webb, Kayla Ritenburgh and Jolene Roth; front row, left to right: Sophia D'Agostino, Holly Plattner, Megan Nyson, Michelle Dykstra and Audrey Slater.

Lowell Women's Club inducts senior high school girls

Every year the Lowell Women's Club chooses 14 senior girls to be honorary members of the club.

These girls attend the monthly meetings, take part in all of

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 21: Gert DeHaan, Michael Hewitt, Tammy Gildner. NOV. 22: Karrie Borton, Lou Green, Carla Briggs, Andrea Richmond, Joshua Gerard, Dylan Olin. NOV. 23: Trisha Propst, Sherri Vezino, Gregory Duiven,

Mike Harding. NOV. 24: Sabra Nicole Kinsley, Ryan Moore, Jenny Decker,

NOV. 25: Pat Vezino, Melissa Roudabush, Shawn Ayres

Hazel, Megan Hewitt, Lorri Myers, Amy Swift. NOV. 26: John Erickson.

NOV. 27: Bonnie Vezino, Kim Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski, Elizabeth Roudabush.

the fundraisers and participate in the monthly meeting pro-

At the end of the year, the girls are eligible for scholarships given by the club. These are given based on academic achievement, need, involvement in school activities and participation

The Women's Club has many fundraisers in progress now. They are selling entertainment books, and nuts and candy; a bake sale is scheduled for Dec. 20 at Huntington Bank's main office. The club also "house sat" two houses in the Parade of Homes earlier this fall.

AREA BIRTHS

Dan and Michelle 19, 2002, weighing 10 lbs. 1 Chrisman are proud to announce the birth of a son, Jacob Daniel Chrisman. He was born Saturday, October

oz. and measuring 22 inches

Grandparents are Dave and Deb Feusse of Clare, Lee

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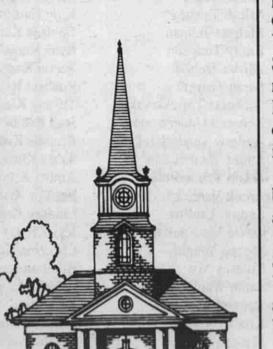
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and Campbell Watterworth and Chris and Marty Chrisman of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Maynard and Ruth Feusse and Tom and June Creguer of Clare, and Laura Creguer of Grand Rapids.

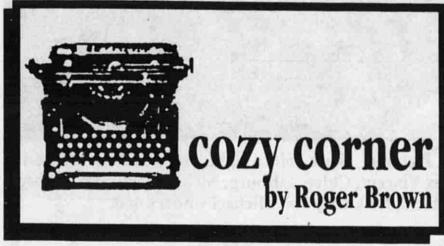
Bill and Kammie VanOosten, of Lowell, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Marie VanOosten. She was born September 24, 2002, at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

She is welcomed home by her big brothers Kenny and Jordan.

Grandparents are Jim and Sue VanOosten of Lowell and Virginia Worthington of Ionia and the late Kenneth Worthington.

Great-grandparents are Ruth Bustance and Eleanor VanOosten, both of Grand

Viewpoint...



I'm going to stoop to borrowing a story this week. Over the 25 plus years I've been writing this column I've always tried to keep my stuff original and my subject matter closely related ... me, my kids, wife, friends and very often my dogs. It has worked. "Look Ma ... no lawsuits!"

This story comes from our neighbors. It's about their dog. They have a big twelve-year-old yellow Lab named Mac. Big Mac for short. Big Mac reminds me of Thor. Thor was my perpetual bad dog featured in this column dozens of times over his ten-year run. When he died a couple of years ago, the dog stories fell off significantly. My current dogs are far too well behaved. When is the last time you heard a pet owner make that complaint?

This story goes back about four years. Big Mac was a little younger, a little more energetic and certainly more capable of home and discovered they had a problem. Big Mac, in an causing trouble.

There was a hurricane headed straight for the Florida Keys. The weather service had named it Georges. You may remember hearing about it. The storm eventually hit as a

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER

21, 1877

village. Use the disinfectants.

leaves are the only food the bugs will eat.

of cans for apples and unable to get more.

welcomes Rev. George Sprague.

hunting accident, it is found.

bridge for a little while.

million automobiles.

Christmas quite well.

fluent talker."

Alton has organized a grange and is building a grange hall.

A few cases of diphtheria have been reported in the

Editor's pun: "Very slippery," he observed. "I-cy it is,"

A woman who is leading the cigar-makers strike in New

Experiments with potato bugs in Toronto prove that potato

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER

20, 1902

The Lowell Baptist Church, pastorless for 15 months,

The canning factory closes for the season, having run out

The hunter who drags his gun is a frequent victim of a

The editor warns that temporary repairs, instead of stone

Someone has said that the best way to have and maintain

abutments and iron girders, only delay the need for a new

good roads is to have wide tires (wheels) on farm wagons.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO

SOLO NOVEMBER 24, 1927

school functions are over by nine o'clock, and suggests that

parents host some school activities in their homes, rather than

relying on schools and teachers for all activities.

operates on house electricity rather than batteries.

Supt. of Schools W.W. Gumser again reminds parents that

R.D. Stocking advertises the new Radiola 17, a radio that

Kent Sheriff Byron Patterson wants a jail bunkhouse as

Coating a watermelon with paraffin should keep it until

soon as possible. The jail, built for 94 prisoners, has 143.

York is described as "Bohemian, 40 years of age, fat and a

Priscilla Lussmye

category 2 to 3 and caused considerable damage. A mandatory evacuation order was issued. Perhaps half the Keys' residents evacuated. The rest of us stayed. As one fellow put it, "We're all here 'cuz we're not all there."

Big Mac's family left. They packed up their big motor home and tow vehicle and hit the road. The road is U.S. 1, the famous Overseas Highway. It is about a hundred miles from here to the mainland and it's almost all two-lane road crossing dozens of bridges and passing through several communities. Emergency planners are in a continual hissy about what might happen if a hurricane hits the Keys and everyone has to evacuate. Even though a lot of us didn't participate, the Georges' evacuation was, as planned, a fiasco.

Just to make an emergency evacuation even more interesting, there are three drawbridges on U.S. 1. Big Mac and his family were slowly making their way up the Keys amidst miles drawbridge about twenty miles from the mainland when it was raised to allow boats through. Hey, boats have to evacuate too.

The bridge stayed up longer than usual. Motorists began to get out of their vehicles, mill around and ask each other a bunch of dumb questions, as if anyone might know more than the next guy. When the boats had all passed, the bridge started down ... Duh! The motorists scrambled back to their vehicles.

My neighbors ran back to their rather large diesel motor apparent attempt to see what was going on, had managed to lock the door. Now Big Mac sat in the driver's seat, happily looking out at the chaos and drooling on the steering wheel.

Here's where you have to take all this information, use

your imagination and try to put yourself in the above situation. It's almost painful, isn't it?

Our hapless neighbors stood outside their big rig desperately trying to think of options. Vehicles began to worm their way by in the shoulder. Many drivers offered assistance in the form of blowing the horn, hollering obscenities or flipping the

Just when the situation couldn't seem to get any worse, it did. The cops showed up. The situation became reminiscent of a scene from "Patton." Remember in the movie when the old Italian farmer has an armored column held up on a bridge because he can't get his mules to move? Patton comes along, shoots the mules and orders them, and the cart, shoved over the side. Well, the officers at the scene sound a little like George C. Scott's Patton.

There was a lot of shouting and cursing going back and and miles of bumper-to-bumper traffic. They were nearing the forth, but no shots were fired. Apparently the cops figured they couldn't shove the big rig out of the way, even if they killed it. Meanwhile, Big Mac sat there in his driver's seat, diesel purring, drooling and waiting to get the show on the road.

> By this time in the story, I was laughing too hard to get all the details. The ending went something like this. A suitable tool was located, a window broken, the door unlocked and problem solved. End of story ... except for costs and problems involved in getting the motor home repaired.

> There you have it, a borrowed story. I'm certain my neighbors are not subscribers. They'll never know I used Big Mac's story. As they say, "What you don't know, can't hurt you." Of course, I'm more concerned about, "what they don't know can't be used in a lawsuit."

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 20,

It's been a warm and dry autumn - 65 degrees Monday night - accompanied by heavy rain which may have saved next year's wheat crop.

The storm wiped out telephone service and the fire alarm so Glen Rondot drove to firemen's homes to round them up for

The warm weather also forces successful hunters to return home right away with their deer instead of relaxing up north

Also, hunters are urged to report No Hunting signs posted by cheaters on state lands, which are open to all.

Inspectors at highway stations will check on whether Christmas trees are accompanied by bills of sale.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NO-**VEMBER 23, 1977**

City Council signs a 15-year lease agreement with Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music for the city airport.

A new law requires written permission from landowners for hunting, fishing or snowmobiling on their properties. Farmers are largely exempted from the new minimum-

Congressman Hal Sawyer plans an all-day conference in

Grand Rapids to help Michigan businesses get more federal

The Red Cross asks for nurse volunteers to do health screenings at senior citizen centers.

Sharing The Vision

Nancy Hopkins, president Board of Education

Recently the Board of Education completed the process of defining its goals for the current school year. Specifically, the board took it upon itself to approach its goal setting in a different way. Instead of reiterating as goals the important, fundamental issues (i.e., monitoring academics) that necessarily fall under the board's responsibility, the board set out to identify a number of tasks that it will concentrate on and hold itself accountable for this school year.

Keeping in mind our district vision and following several lively and productive discussions among the board's varied and independent-minded members, the final goal list reflects the work of a collective body that effectively reached agreement. The following goals are, in fact, an action plan for the

1. Establish a positive working relationship with the new

superintendent that promotes visionary leadership at the board and administrative levels.

2. Establish a community - supported process for monitoring demographics, situating new schools, assigning students to buildings, and developing transitions for smooth opening of new facilities.

3. Assure the long-term financial integrity of the district. Pursue alternative sources of funding and cost containment.

4. Review the district-wide processes of hiring, developing, and retaining the finest staff possible.

5. Promote high expectations for measurable continuous academic improvement in staff and students.

6. Assure a safe, secure, healthy learning environment.

7. Review the district's character and diversity programs. 8. Review criteria for allowing non-resident students to attend Lowell Area Schools.

9. Improve Board of Education leadership, knowledge, and

A Chinese proverb states, "It is not the knowing that is difficult but the doing." With this goal list in hand, the board will go about the 'doing' to advance the educational experience in our district.

And, in this season of thanks and giving we all generally remember to give thanks for what we have. Giving thanks is good, very good, but is it enough? Are we willing to do more to help those who have less? With the spirit of compassion in our Lowell community, I'm sure we will find ways to make this happen for those who need us.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing. Michigan is one of seven states which have more than a

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Stephanie Poelstra, Brandi Aikens, Casey Homrich, Michaela Blough, Devyn Earls, Jacob Murray, Jordan Warren and Max Forton.

LIMO TO LUNCH

The Alto Fall Fundraiser collected a little over \$8,000 in revenue from a two week sales event in September.

Students were asked to sell Christmas decorations and wrapping. Those students who sold a minimum of 12 items had their names placed in a drawing for a limousine ride to McDonald's for lunch on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Providing the limousine rides was Toddee Tyme Limo Service.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Jonathon Hanson, Alex Vincent, Chloe Aalsburg, Nichelle Ortowski, Cassie Rybicki, Nick Clay and Michael Underwood.

COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College student David M. Barry is currently sian language, history and the Soviet Union and mar-different cultures and work in States.

ter in Russia as a participant tersburg. The program re- tion. "The scenery is amazin Albion College's off-cam-

spending the fall 2002 semes- culture in Irkutsk and St. Pe- riage in the Russian Federa- professional environments

He is studying the Rus- analysis between marriage in grams allow students to study

quires a thesis, and Barry is ing!" he reports. considering a comparative

with internships and studies Albion's off-campus pro-

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Recipients are selected at \$32,000 over four years based on their participation in (ACT) score of at least 25. and bears the name of the a competition held each winscholarship donor or the name ter. The event includes essay

writing and group problemsolving for the students as well as information sessions for

students had to apply to WMU by Dec. 31 and have a high school grade point average of The 2002 competition inat least 3.8 (on a 4.0 scale) and an American College Test

This year's recipients on the ACT.

were among 823 seniors from Competition participants 352 high schools in 13 states who do not win a top Medalwho participated in the 18th lion award receive either a annual Medallion Scholarship \$24,000 Board of Trustees To be invited to compete, Competition. They have a Scholarship or a \$4,800 collective GPA of 4.08 and WMU Academic Scholaran average ACT score of 29.

cluded 392 students with per- chemical engineering and is fect 4.0 GPAs and 263 stu- the daughter of Roger and dents who scored 29 or higher Kathy Tomczak of Lowell.

Tomczak is studying

Latva, LMS band director, conducts national FFA band

scended upon the audience of tion, a local band director was an assistant director for Nov. 2 in Louisville, Ky. shared the spotlight in a musi- the 2002 National FFA Band. cal performance that inspired

When the lights were the crowd and provided The 93- member band from members arrived in Louisville more than 150 nominations members preparing for lead-

dimmed and the hush de- memories to last a lifetime. 27 different states performed four days before the conven- and auditions throughout the ership and careers in the sci-For the third consecutive at various events throughout tion to rehearse. The National United States. The band is ence, business and technolmore than 51,000 at the year, Dale Latva, Lowell the 75th National FFA Con- FFA Band was directed by sponsored by the National ogy of agriculture. There are world's largest youth conven- Middle School band director, vention, held Oct. 30 through Joe LaJoye of Hastings and FFA Foundation. assisted by Latva. FFA band

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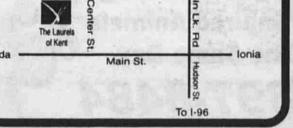
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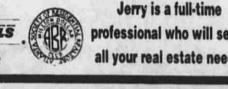
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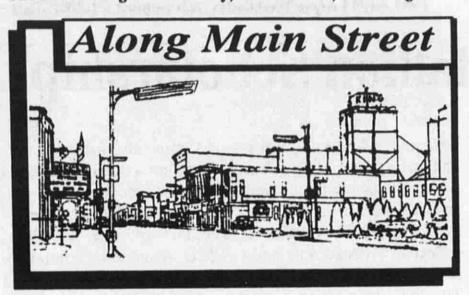
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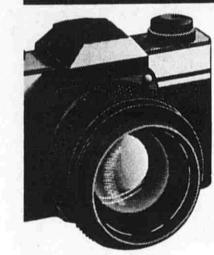
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Wittenbach Olds, Pontiac, GMC (749 W. Main) will offer a free car seat inspection on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 1-5 p.m. Call 391-SAFE for an appointment. Sponsored by The Greater fairgrounds office or at the Chamber office. Grand Rapids SAFE KIDS Coalition.

TICKETS FOR SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL GAME Tickets will be available at Lowell High School Athletic

office on Thursday and Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) for the Saturday, Nov. 23 game against Davison at 1 p.m. If Lowell should win the semifinal game, tickets for the Silver Dome will

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PARENTS OF SENIORS ...

Sub and cookie dough sale runs thru Nov. 21; delivery Dec. 2. We also need your help with the Kohl's and VanAndel concession stand fundraisers. Call Lynn Meyers (676-3680). Remember to save your cans for the pop can drive scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30 at the high school.

2 LB. COFFEE CANS WANTED

Please drop off your 2 lb. coffee cans to Ron at the

FULL MOON GUIDED WALK

Celebrate the winter solstice and enjoy some hot chocolate at the Wittenbach Center, Vergennes Ave. Make it a family event with a full moon guided walk Saturday, Nov. 23 from 7-9 p.m. It's free!





Greenridge Realty announced that Jayne qualify. Reedy received Realtor of the Month in October. This award recognizes Reedy for her outstanding success and achievement.

CREATE AN ANGEL

Take your children 8-18 to the King building - Lowell Fairgrounds on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and create an angel for the Riverwalk Gallery. Provided are basic art materials; bring your own creative stuff. 897-9161.

FREE: LEARNING LAB PRESCHOOL

The Child Psychology classes at Lowel! High School will conduct a free learning lab preschool from Dec. 2 thru Dec. 19 (9:50 - 11:15 a.m.) Contact Marsha LaHaye at 897-4125 or by email at mlahaye@lowell.k12.mi.us. for more information.

SNOWSPORTS CLUB SIGN-UP

Lowell Area Snowsports Club sign-up now until Monday, Dec. 2. Elementary age, call Heather Kohtz 897-4125 ext. 440 or hkohtz@lowell.k12.mi.us. High school and middle school age, contact Kathy Talus at 897-4125 ext. 434 or ktalus@lowell.k12.mi.us. Students may purchase discount ski and snowboard passes for the 2003 season.

BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON!

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION REGULATIONS

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Moose Lodge Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Fulton. Everyone must have last 3 pay stubs from wages, proof of medicare, food stamps, SSI and other income, proof of address for self and all dependents; all social security #'s for everyone in the household. Without this info. you may not

CHRISTMAS PARADE

If you would like an application for the annual Christmas parade Dec. 7, contact the Chamber office (897-9161).

MAKE HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS AT LAAC

Register now to design and create two types of holiday decorations for great gift-giving: two fused and one stained glass ornament. Saturday, Dec. 14 and 21 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Lowell Area Arts Council. Call 897-8545. You must register to participate.

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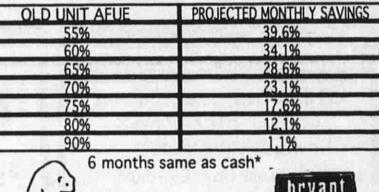
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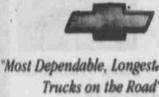
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Croup

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

TO THE EDITOR

sewer backup complaints sur-

faced early this summer, the

When the first citizen contact point on this issue to its citizens (a bad move).

To the Citizens of Lowell.

I am writing to report on

the progress of the sewer

backup issues in Lowell.

Some residents have com-

plained about the lack of re-

sponse of the city council in

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addressing citizen issues.

Croup is a viral respiratory tract infection that typically affects young children between the ages of 1 and 5. The infection causes the trachea (windpipe) to swell. It causes a fever, hoarseness and a barking (seal-like) cough. It may also cause a crowing noise (called stridor) when the child breathes through the narrowed windpipe. Symptoms tend to be worse

Children with croup should get plenty of rest and liquids. Over the counter children's cough medicine and Children's Tylenol can be used to treat the symptoms. Antibiotics are not effective against croup.

between the citizens and their The mayor reasons that, if the

elected officials. Its inclusion city acknowledges the exist-

on the agenda showed that ence of sewer backups, then

the affected residents and their the community is cast in bad

unresolved issues were not light and observers would

forgotten.

city council responded by re- the issues, suggests news of

porting on sewer backups at sewer backups should not be

every city council meeting (a a matter of public knowledge.

good move). The sewer At the Nov. 4 council meet-

backup report has become a ing, the mayor requested that

regular item on the council's the city quit providing infor-

agenda and has served as a mation about sewer backups

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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

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 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

The winning entrant will receive a framed letter of recognition from the

"NAME THE PARK CONTEST ENTRY FORM"

Contest rules are available at City Hall. Additional entries may be

submitted on plain paper as long as all of the above information is

Everyone is invited to participate in this contest to name the new

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

Mayor and will have Dedication Ceremony privileges.

of the intersection of South Division and Grand River Drive.

the entered name would be helpful.

Suggested Park Name: Explanation (optional): _

Contestant Name:

Telephone Number:

Full Address:

included.

However, the mayor, re-

acting to public discussion on

think less of the community.

It is, instead, the city's actions (or its inaction) on the matter at hand that generates negative perceptions of our

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If a child develops a mild attack of stridor, having them

breath either moist air or cold air can improve their symptoms.

This can be accomplished by one of two ways: (1) Run a hot

shower with the bathroom door closed. Have the child sit in the

bathroom with supervision and breath the steamy air. Or, (2)

take your child outside into the cold air. If your child's

breathing does not improve with the above treatments, or if

they develop difficulty swallowing, call your doctor immedi-

Most children with mild croup will get better with treat-

ment at home within a week. But some may need treatment in

the hospital. If you suspect your child has croup, you should

monitor their symptoms closely and have them evaluated by

Lowell is a small community, but we are growing.

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

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

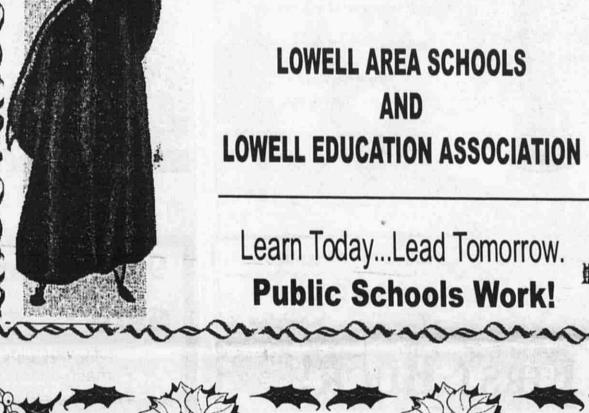
Since there is a shortage of gifts every year for the older children and teenagers, we would like to focus our efforts on these children. However, Angel Tree tags will be available for all ages. In these troubled times it is especially hard on those less fortunate. Please help us to make their holiday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

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First Buck, cont'd... From Page 1

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- A \$10 gift certificate from Moonlight Video
- A \$25 gift certificate from Meijer.



FIRST BUCK!

His first opening day will be one Matt Dood, of Lowell, doesn't soon forget. The 15 year old shot a 150pound, 10-point buck Friday morning in the Grattan area at 7:55 a.m. with his 12 gauge. Dood was hunting with his uncle, Dave Punches.

Sundry, cont'd... From Page 1

around the entire development. In the center, where the homes faced, there would be a recreational area complete with sports fields, picnic area, play sets, and a possible paved area for basketball or tennis. The company is also proposing a recreational vehicle storage area in the northern portion of the

Sundry contends the plan provides 70 percent open space, creating a nice buffer for the homes in the SR district. Sundry representatives said they also feel the design fits the land, making some of the property's limitations more of an added

The project will go back to the planning commission for fine tuning the PUD proposal, which will once again come before the city council for final approval.

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



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

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

Photos will no longer be ccepted if faces are too dark.

Jon Vezino knows how Schell felt three years ago... the Grandville resident, for a second straight year, was the second hunter in with a buck.

Hunting south of Lowell, he dropped his four-point, 120pound buck at 7:45 a.m. on Friday. "I shot him right through the lungs at about 40 yards with

my 50 caliber muzzle loader," Vezino explained. "The buck ran for about 100 yards before falling."

Vezino started opening day with his annual Texas hash 8:55 a.m. and ham at 5:30 a.m. with friends at Keiser's.

He did win Keiser's first-ever first buck contest, a \$50 gift certificate. To be eligible, a hunter must have breakfast at the local restaurant prior to going out on opening day.



Jon Vezino's four-point buck.





Big Buck for Stoffers

Russ Stoffers wasn't the quickest in landing a buck on opening day, but there's not a hunter in West Michigan who wouldn't trade places with him. Stoffers was hunting south of Lowell Friday afternoon when he shot an 18-point, 150-pound (dressed) buck. From 125 yards out, Stoffers dropped the buck with his 12-gauge.

ing 36 years and has never shot a buck on opening day. That all changed Friday when Heiman, hunting west of town on family property, dropped a seven-point, 150-pound

Mike Heiman, Lowell Charter Township, has been hunt-

buck from roughly 75 yards out. "I used a 12 gauge, single shot, rifle barrel with a scope," Heiman shared.

The township resident took the buck at approximately



Mike Heiman's seven-point buck.

Council wraps up road projects, except for barricade patrol

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

In the scheme of the overall project, \$950 isn't a large amount, but for the Lowell City Council, the question becomes who is really responsible for it.

The amount in question comes from the summer road projects that improved several city streets including Bowes, Valley Vista, North Division, and High as well as watermain improvements on pleted. Hunt Street. The overall project came in a

Most of that estimated council made to the project. The \$950 was the result of extended rental of the barricades and signage put on North Division. Shaler Excavating, Inc. rented the signs while waiting for Ameritech to vacate existing power poles so the work could be com-

\$459,255.34, which was about \$40,000 from the esti-

the residents in that area had an extra month," said counpay for the extra rental since he felt the contractor did not coordinate with Ameritech.

But Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, the engi- have been for the contractor neering firm that oversaw the to move ahead, with the result project, said everything was being a number of residents

had the additional cost, but as to when Ameritech said it to put up with the barriers for lines. Once the contractor before coming to the city for reached that point, Ameritech cilman Mike Blough, who felt informed Shaler Excavating strongly that it was not the and Williams and Works that responsibility of the city to it would not be able to get the

work done when scheduled,

due to a large number of early

"The alternative would

"The vendor may have ready to go and on schedule in that area without phone

service," Austin said. Still the council felt that the \$950 in rental costs, the contractor and Williams and Works should first make an effort to have Ameritech pay for the rentals, since it was the reason for the delay. Austin said from his past experience it could be difficult to do that.

"Unless you're one of their contractors, you're pretty much at their mercy"

The council moved forward to close out the project, making the last payment of \$14,039.04, less the \$950 for the barricade rentals.

"It is a difficult dilemma in that you have to punish the innocent party to give them the motivation to go after the guilty one," said councilman Dan Brubaker.

Austin said he would contact Ameritech and get an answer for the city as soon as

Root-Lowell adds machinery; gets abatement

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

While the future of many manufacturing companies is still hanging in the balance. one Lowell company is adding more than a million dollars worth of machinery.

Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company, 100 Foreman Road, sought a tax abatement from the city on 1.1 million dollars worth of equipment, most of which has been installed in the factory. Earlier the company had gotten an abatement for about a 7,000-square-foot addition to its building. The company currently employs about 130 people and with the addition of the equipment will be able to maintain three of those

Over the course of the 12-year abatement, the loss of city taxes would be about \$27,215, provided the city lars worth of equipment," said manager, David Pasquale, millage stays at 15.83 mills, councilman Charles Myers adding that schools and other according to city assessor, James Marfia.

many manufacturers are not fairing well, it is nice to see

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10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider

Property known as 1550 Lincoln Lake Ave,

Lowell, owned by Patricia Fuhr, has

requested an application review to construct a

private road to serve four lots. The private

road will serve the applicant's lots and

adjoining lots. The property is located in the

The complete application can be reviewed at

the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381

Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI

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received until the conclusion of the public

addressed to the Planning Commission

Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the

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Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Written and oral comments will be

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"The abatement goes beone local manufacturer add- fore the state tax commission ing more than a million dol- for final approval," said city

tion to approve the tax abate-"In this economy, when ment, which the council did velopment Authority, are also affected by the abatement. unanimously.

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Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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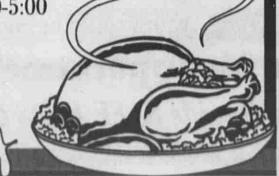
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on

Tuesday, November 26, 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 41-12-10-255-002 & 007 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 variance 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:

1. 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")

2. A rear yard setback of 3'-0" in lieu of the required 20'0" as required under Article 4.04A.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



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Michigan is home to an estimated 1.8 million whitetail deer. These beautiful animals provide both residents and visitors with many op- tat can lead to starvation.

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We should expect growing pains. We should work through them. We are not, and will never be problemfree ... no community ever is. Government, especially small community government, should willfully strive to help its citizens through their mutual problems - not construct walls between them and the people they repre-

In all fairness, it must be direction. said that some of the city council tried to blunt the resolution so that some information will ultimately make it

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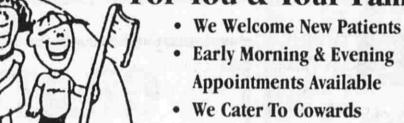
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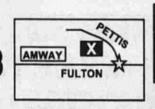
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SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell **Board of Education meets** at 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High

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.

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port group at 7 p.m. at 1st Connie 942-6887.

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

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

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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.: TUES .: Flat River Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds.

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

meetings/odd months; program meetings/even months. All are welcome. **EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 meets

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. All Masons 897-9794.

EVERY THURS. - St. of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 Mary's Pregnancy Crisis p.m. By appt.: 676-9346. Center, 402 Amity St., non-

denominational help for LOWELLAREA HISTORI-

CAL MUSEUM HOURS: pregnant women / adoles-Tues., Sat. & Sun.:1-4 p.m.; cents at the school: 11 a.m. -3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 -8 Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

> MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- day and Friday. Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10

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

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

Friends & Neighbors 862-8841 for information.

FRI., NOV. 22: Music Therapy Marathon to ben-EVERY THIRD THURS .: efit autistic children at Franciscan Rhythms Muents-support group at sic Studio, Ada. 9 a.m. - 9 Franciscan Life Process p.m. Call 897-7842 x 317

SAT., NOV. 23: Full Moon Family at Wittenbach Center 7-9 p.m. Guided walk/ hot chocolate. Free. Call

987-1002.

\$10; individuals \$3; ages SAT., NOV. 23: Lowell football game at Lansing Sexton against Davison. FLAT RIVER OUTREACH Tickets available at high school athletic office Thurs-

> TUES., DEC. 3: Annual fundraiser, Trout Unlimited Jr., 6-9 p.m. Seminar/dinner w/Dick Pobst, author, angler at GR Hilton. \$20 adults, \$10 students. Call

Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Fulton, from 10-4 p.m. Everyone has to reregis-

NOV. 18 - DEC. 10: Family Grattan - collecting Toys for Tots at Grattan Twp. Call Dianna at 691-6504

987-1002 for more info. THURS., DEC. 5: Commodities at Moose

Chamber (897-9161) for

an application. Also bake

registration materials, call

269-685-6851.(Test also

on Jan. 18).

ter; see Along Main St. SAT., DEC. 7: Christmas parade, 10 a.m. Contact

> sale at Chamber office. SAT., DEC. 7: Test for Snowmobile Safety Training Home Study Course, 9 a.m.- noon at Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd., Lowell. For more info., call 897-7398. For study &

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF BIDDERS

and trim various City properties can be mailed to Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or drop off at 414 E Main until Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read

Your company is required to sign in to schedule an on site inspection to be eligible to place a bid. Call Scott Fosburg between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 616-897-5929 to schedule your appointment.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject better served.



This Holiday Season Make Sure Your Most Precious Gifts are Traveling Safe **Attend A Free Car Seat Inspection**

November 21, 2002 • 1 to 5 p.m at Wittenbach Olds, Pontiac, GMC

749 Main Street, Lowell, Michigan Four out of five car seats are installed wrong...yours could be one of them!

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CALL 391-SAFE For An Appointment

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

Decedent's Estate

representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W., #2500, Grand Rapids, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this

(616) 538-1293

MON. OR TUES.: Cub

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

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH: Diabetic Sup-

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

invited 1-800-651-6000.

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

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10 per hour/ \$15 for two. Call 897-7842 for info. or to register.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5. FIRST AND THIRD a.m.- 2 p.m. 897-2037. THURS.: Alto Lions Club at Bowne Center Fellow-

ship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7. - 2:30 p.m. Call 647-3920. **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 Call 897-8545. Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn

EVERY 3RD THURS .: Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at for more information. Schneider Manor Commu-

EVERY THIRD THURS.:

Royal Arch Masons regu-

lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at

the Lowell Masonic Cen-

ter, 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; meet-

ing 7 p.m. Mother to mother

support for pregnant &

breastfeeding women.

Nursing children welcome.

Ada church. Call 752-8300.

SECOND THURS. OF

EACH MONTH: Geneal-

ogy - Alto Family Tree Club

at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT. OF EV-

ERY MONTH: Ada

Historical Society at 1 p.m.

at Averill Historical Mu-

seum of Ada, 7144

Lowell High School 9 a.m.

social gathering; 10 a.m.

meeting. LARC sponsors

the 145.27 MHz area ra-

Call 897-6050. Parents Supporting Par-Center offers topics/discussion for parents of children all ages, 897-

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-

St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. **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.

> THURS .: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register1/2 hour before meetings. New members

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at

> dio repeater system. **EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum**

Sealed bids for a three-year contract to mow aloud. Mark envelops "MOWING BIDS".

any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

BER 4, 2002.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll. Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Absent: Councilmember Myers.

Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall and Planning Commissioner Deb Hinton.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to excuse the absence of Councilmember Myers.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER that the minutes of the October 21, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/04/02) **GENERAL FUND** . \$90,828.95 LOCAL STREET FUND DDA FUND. CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND 8,332.41 AIRPORT FUND WASTEWATER FUND 35,294.37 WATER FUND. 5,430.33 DATA PROCESSING FUND EQUIPMENT FUND. 543.38 CURRENT TAX FUND... LEE FUND 15,000.00 LOOK FUND.

Item #1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN 2002. AMENDMENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE YEA: 4 **DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS OF THE DOWNTOWN** NAY: 0. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE 475** ABSENT: 1 SOUTH HUDSON STREET - PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED. As mentioned previously, one of the goals established by Council is the acquisition of 475 South Hudson Street, known as the Barton property. This NO. 3 - CITY HALL - POLICE STATION CON-0.73 acre parcel is the only residential property STRUCTION PROJECT. Rick Davis and Doug adjoining the Fairgrounds and Recreation Park. In discussing the purchase with the Barton family, were present to review the change orders for the an agreement has been reached subject to Council City Hall-Police Station Construction project. Davis approval, having the City pay \$54,000 for the parcel taking possession by February 1, 2003. City Assessor Jim Marfia has agreed the price is very reason- Item 2-1: As the existing soils were excavated Councilmember Blough commented on the visibility

opment Authority has recommended this property not be compacted were discovered. The new working condition. Blough questioned if the be included in the DDA district at its September 19, footings for the building could not be placed on dumpsters should be moved to the other side of the 2002 meeting.

Gordon Barry of 640 Shepard Drive questioned when the home would be acquired. City Manager Pasquale responded in February.

Councilmember Pfaller believed this parcel would Item 16-1: At the time that FTC&H designed the complete the park area.

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, NOVEM- IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to include 475 South Hudson known as the Barton home within the Downtown Development Authority District.

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

Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A.618 Lafayette - Diane Ward - side yard variance to allow an attached garage and lot split - public hearing - withdrawal. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Dan Brubaker noted the application has became delaminated as a result of construction been withdrawn. No action was needed.

Item #3. MERS RETIREMENT BENEFIT IN-CREASE (BENEFIT PROGRAM E) FOR RETIR-**EES.** As adopted for the last thirteen years by Council, a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living has been provided for retirees. After reviewing the issue with Financial Services Officer Char McNab, City Manager Pasquale recommended the City again adopt a 2% increase effective January 2, Retirement System.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by Item No. 3: As demolition commenced within the BRUBAKER to approve the MERS Retirement benefit increase (Benefit Program E) for City Retirees. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. ROOT - LOWELL MANUFACTURING TION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMP-TION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - SET PUBLIC pany applied for industrial tax abatement related to

In reviewing the application, Root-Lowell would qualify for twelve years of abatement under the curbing resulted in a reduction cost of \$2,064. point system adopted by the Council. It was noted 352.12 that the cost of the improvements would be \$1,109,190 in machinery and equipment. A total of 130 employees work at the facility with three jobs existing being retained because of the project.

...... 14.38 IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by fixtures to wall mounted light fixtures to be mounted BRUBAKER to set a public hearing to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) for Root-Lowell Manufacturing on November 18,

Item #5. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER Crowley from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carrand Huber explained the following:

Miscellaneous:

along the east wall of the Police garage, bad soils of the dumpsters from Main Street. The closures In order to assist in the sale, the Downtown Devel- containing excessive organic material that could would need to be maintained and remain in good

of the bad soils and replacement with engineered fill, for a total increased cost of \$3,933.56.

electrical panels for the project, Lowell Light and Power had not selected the transformers for the building. Because we do not know what transformer is to be selected by the local utility, we have to make an assumption relative to the panel's ability to impede the power being supplied from the transformer. As a result, Lowell Light and Power's decision to provide a lesser quality transformer for the project, the electrical panels had to be upgraded to increase their ability to safely protect the building. This resulted in an increased cost of \$6,068.

Bulletin No. 3

Item No. 1: During construction of the building, some of the veneer face brick on the west wall vibration within the building. This brick had to be removed, cleaned, and rebuilt, resulting in an additional cost of \$3,260.

Item No. 2: Because of construction sequencing, it was determined that the overall project and the project's schedule would be better served by replacing some bearing walls with new steel framing. This change results in an overall improvement in the building's structure and allows other trades to commence with their work prior to the bearing walls 2003 for retirees through the Municipal Employees' being constructed. However, this change resulted in an increased cost of \$2,910.

> existing City Hall, the plaster on the walls above the arched windows on the second floor was removed. Beneath the plaster, it was discovered that the brick at some of the arches was cracked. We feel that it is in the best interest of the project to repair these cracks, resulting in an increased cost of \$4,745. Bulletin No. 4

Item No. 1: As a result of the easement issues on COMPANY (1000 FOREMAN ROAD) - APPLICA- the project, it was determined by City staff that the best solution to the easement issue would be to construct two new dumpster enclosures south of HEARING 11/18). Root-Lowell Manufacturing Com- the entrance to the Police garage. This resulted in an increased cost of \$31,042.

Item No. 2: Some of the changes made as a result of adding the two dumpsters and adjusting the

Item No. 3: Again, as a result of the easement issues, some of the electrical equipment was moved from behind the former VFW building into one consolidated location, resulting in an increased cost of \$7,453.

Item No. 4: Changing the two pole mounted light on the wall of the Tummino office buildings resulted in a reduction cost of \$1,509.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned the easement issues under Bulletin #4. Pasquale explained four property owners are involved in terms of obtaining an easement for the sanitary sewer through the alleyway. Pasquale noted the City does not have public control of the alley.

Pasquale went on to say another issue discussed involves the dumpsters. The property owners believe there should be two additional enclosures that are durable and provide enough screening. Brubaker questioned if this would affect the electrical equipment. Davis explained the transformers and generator would be relocated near the Police Station.

these existing soils. This required over-excavation building. Pasquale explained trucks need to have

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

access to the dumpsters. He noted the dumpsters (Meadowbrook) at no additional cost under the would be maintained.

PFALLER to approve Bulletins #3 & #4 and the recommendations. miscellaneous items as outlined which defined As a final note, signage detailing regulations are DesJarden stated yes. Change Order No. 3 for the City Hall - Police Station Construction Project. The net total of the change Will Welsh from the YMCA explained the City of order amounted to \$59,216.80, leaving \$209,732.83 Ionia has built a sanctioned BMX track and holds in the contingency account. Blough noted \$44,358 competitions on the weekend. This is not what the for the sanitary sewer should be counted even YMCA wanted. The Y simply desires to build a though it was allocated from the Wastewater Fund. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

and Power's new interchange substation. Copies of stated it would be a dirt track. the assignments, one from Michigan Electric Transmission Company, assigned three easements and Councilmember Brubaker asked if the project would

Pasquale noted the Council should approve these assignments as well as future assignments of easements in connection with the substation.

PFALLER to adopt a resolution approving the assignments of easements and easements in connection with construction and installation of the Light and Power Interchange Substation.

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

Item #7. HIGHLAND HILL DEVELOPMENT -CONSIDERATION OF PUD/R-1 ZONING ORDI- IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by to rezone the Highland Hill property from SR (Sub- ber meeting. urban Residential) to PUD/R-1. Their preliminary YEA: 4. site plan has provided 52 housing units rather than NAY: 0. the 31 allowed under the current zoning.

After receiving public comments, the Commission voted 8 to 1 to recommend to the Council to provide Brubaker suggested smoothing the trails near the PUD/R-1 zoning for this property. If given this Flat and Grand rivers to avoid liability. designation by the Council, a detailed site plan review process would be provided by the Planning Item #9. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WA-Commission and subsequently the City Council. The issue concerning utilities will be served to the Highland Hill property and serve the Phillips property as required by City Council action.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to set a public hearing for November 18, 2002 to consider PUD/R-1 zoning for the Highland investigated the complaints and found the block-Hill development.

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

Item #8. FURTHER REVIEW OF PROPOSED

City park. DPW Director DesJarden would need to IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by contact the Loss Control Division regarding their

track, which is accessible to kids and is in a safe

Mayor Shores confirmed the Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed the proposal Councilmember Pfaller responded yes and stated liability and insurance issues were discussed. The Item #6. RESOLUTION APPROVING ASSIGN- Commission believed the track was a good idea. MENTS OF EASEMENTS AND EASEMENTS IN Councilmember Blough questioned if there were suggested Duram submit the names and addresses CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF standards placed relative to the size of the jumps. THE INTERCHANGE SUBSTATION. A resolution Welsh responded yes. The highest jump would be Item#11. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember was presented which accepts two assignments of 8 to 10 feet in height and the track would probably easements related to the construction of the Light be approximately 200 yards in length. Pasquale

the other from Consumers Energy Company, as- be completed under the YMCA. Welsh explained signing 16 easements, have been reviewed by City the Y has held five meetings with area youth. The Attorney Richard Wendt and found to be in proper children are involved and would help oversee the track. Welsh was hopeful this would give the children a strong sense of ownership. The children will also be involved in the work weekend to help build the track.

Brubaker wanted the YMCA to stay involved.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by Blough suggested the track be reevaluated on a yearly basis. Pasquale stated the Parks and Recreation Commission could review it yearly and report back to the City Council.

> Shores questioned when the track would be built. Welsh was hopeful a work weekend could be established before the winter. Otherwise one would be held in the spring.

Several children who BMX bike spoke in favor of the track.

NANCE AMENDMENT - RECOMMENDATION BLOUGH to approve the construction of a BMX FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION-SET PUB- Jump Track at Stoney Lakeside Park in the area LIC HEARING (11/18). At its October 28, 2002 previously designated with the construction to be meeting, the Planning Commission held a public coordinated with City Staff and Meadowbrook Inhearing to consider Sundry Corporation's proposal surance with an annual review during the Septem-

ABSENT: 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

TER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden submitted a report regarding sanitary sewer complaints and the sewer maintenance program.

DesJarden stated there have been four sewer complaints reported to the Department of Public Works since the last City Council meeting. City personnel 5. Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5. fected homes were in the 1200 block of Sibley, the Dean, 200 block of Maple and the 500 block of N. Hudson Street. Each backup was either internal or within the sewer lateral themselves.

BMX JUMP TRACK AT STONEY LAKESIDE The Sewer maintenance program began on Octo- DATE APPROVED: Monday, Nov. 18, 2002 PARK. In response to previous conversations, City ber 21, 2002. A total of 12,721 feet of sewer lines Manager Pasquale explained a proposed BMX have been cleaned and televised. Of this, 850 feet jump track would be covered by the City's insurance of line received root cutting. Fifty-nine joints were

grouted due to ground water infiltration. As of umbrella policy as long as the track is located in a October 31, 2002, the program has incurred expenses of \$15,948,67.

> Councilmember Brubaker asked if DesJarden was satisfied with the performance of the contractor.

> DesJarden stated S. Broadway by King Milling would be closed from November 5 through November 14 for railroad track repair.

> Councilmember Pfaller asked if there has been any resolution as far as the underdrain study. DesJarden responded he is still waiting for some responses. No further information was received.

Item #10. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Dan Duram of 1450 Carol Lynne Drive noted some of his neighbors who have had water problems did not receive a questionnaire in the mail. City Manager Pasquale

Pfaller asked if there was a way to bank the soil being pulled from Stoney Lakeside Park or other wetland areas. Public Works Director DesJarden stated Brian Vilmont of FTC&H would investigate this possibility.

Pfaller questioned if any review in reference to payment for the repair of the fire station roof had been done. Pasquale stated a report would be provided at the next meeting.

Councilmember Brubaker encouraged everyone to

Mayor Shores suggested the sanitary sewer backup reports be taken from the agenda. She felt DesJarden could provide an update in his monthly report. Pasquale stated such a report could also be added to his Manager's Report. Councilmember Blough believed the issue should remain as an agenda item and simply reword it to state a report on the process being made with the sewer project. Shores congratulated Dave and Anne Pasquale

Item #12. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

who recently became Grandparents.

1. As requested, a financial summary of the September 29 Fly In was provided in the Airport Manager's October report. A total of 428 adult and 55 children breakfasts were served. Thirty more plane rides have been sold. The net for the fly in was

2. The following board and commission meetings minutes were provided:

 Planning Commission meeting of September 23, 2002

Downtown Historic District Commission meet-

ing of July 17, August 12 and August 28, 2002. A worksession meeting will be held on Monday, November 11 at 7 p.m. to discuss a backflow preventor policy. A staff proposal will be provided

prior to the worksession. 4. A while ago, the Council approved a trade of small parcels with Holwerda Builders off Shepard Drive. Through a survey, it was found both are in City rightof-way. Thus, a sale of property will be advertised and considered by Council.

ages to be in the homeowners' laterals. The af- Item #13. APPOINTMENTS -Mayor Shores indicated there is one appointment to the Airport Board 200 block of Roberta Jayne, 300 block of Elizabeth Anyone interested should contact City Hall or Airport Manager Jim Sowle.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER to adjourn at 8:33

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

Catlin to Wilder pass throws Lowell into state semifinals

••• Lowell's 22-13 win over Hudsonville in the Regional finals advances Lowell to a semifinal date with Davison on Saturday at Lansing Sexton.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

the double pass sequence that history.

shuffled Lowell into the Division II state football semifi-It will be remembered as nals for the first time in school

of all-state performer Mark the Region II regional cham-Catlin and a stellar big play performance by its defensive at Red Arrow Stadium.

Lowell, on the shoulders unit, defeated Hudsonville in plays. Can't take anything pionship 22-13 Friday night

away from that kid (Catlin). We made a great play. It was fourth down and our kids did everything they could and they made a great play to score a touchdown," said Hudsonville coach, Dave Duram. On fourth and five from

the Hudsonville eight yard line on a play action pass, Lowell quarterback Mark Catlin rolled to his left and threw a pass that was deflected. The crafty senior caught the deflected ball and then had the presence of mind to avoid a tackler and find the fourth option (J.J. Wilder) in the front corner of the end zone.

"It was play action and they didn't really have much of a rush. I stepped up and actually went to the fourth receiver on that play, which is not something you really practice," Catlin said. " I was going to take off running but then the guy looked like he was going to get me, so I tried to gun it in there, and he tipped it in the air. I was in a good position to catch it - then I thought they were going to get me again so my natural reaction was to throw it again."

The touchdown gave Lowell a 20-13 lead, or just one possession. So Lowell lined but, instead, had place-holder,

Wilder take the snap and run it over the left side of the line for two points giving Lowell a 22-13 advantage.

the play legal.

GETTING TO THE

GAME

From I 96 take Saginaw Street east (M 43 and ousiness I 69) to Waverly Road. Turn right (south) on Waverly Road. A golf course will be on your left. Turn left (east) on Michigan Avenue. Go about 12 blocks - the stadium will be on your right. Stadium parking is just over the railroad tracks, west of the east of the stadium.

"We've been practicing

Lowell defenders close in on Hudsonville's quarterback, Brent Trevino.

"Great athletes make great

Referee Randy Johnson said both of Catlin's passes were thrown from behind the line of scrimmage, making

Lowell vs Davison

stadium and at the school.

that play for four years. I was wondering when that would come in handy. In practice we set up cones all over the place ... and we have defenders ...

Football, cont'd. pg. 17

Pioneers barely prevail against Red Arrows, 50-47

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Amy Oberlin's last-sec- Lowell's undoing. The Red ond, three-point shot bounded off the back of the rim and with it went Lowell's quest for a third straight O-K White girls' basketball title.

A short-handed Red Arrow club, came up just shy of league champion East Grand Rapids for a second time this year. It lost a regular season- overs and their physical ending 50-47 contest to the Pioneers in front of a crowd of late in the game." 1,400 at Lowell High School Thursday night.

In the clubs' first meeting

of the year, it was missed foul we lose a starter; yet we're shots which proved to be still in the game at the end," Arrows were left to contemwant for your team." plate missed layups follow-

"We probably missed seven layups in the first half," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "East was also able to force our

young guards into some turn-Julie (Braseth), although I didn't think we did as good a strength inside wore on us None of those, however, Crowley said.

prevented Lowell from making a game of it. second quarter that even with-

> Trailing 20-10 coming out into halftime, cutting the defi-

East basketball coach. Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate reconfirmed what she had already stated. "Iknew Lowell's other players would step up They are a very balanced basketball team. That makes them tough to beat."

The Pioneer coach noted

to the success her club had pressuring Lowell's guards.

Crowley said. "That's all you EGR's Julie Braseth, held to 12 points in the first meet-

ing, scored eight of her gamehigh 22 points in the final eight "East was more successful getting the ball inside to

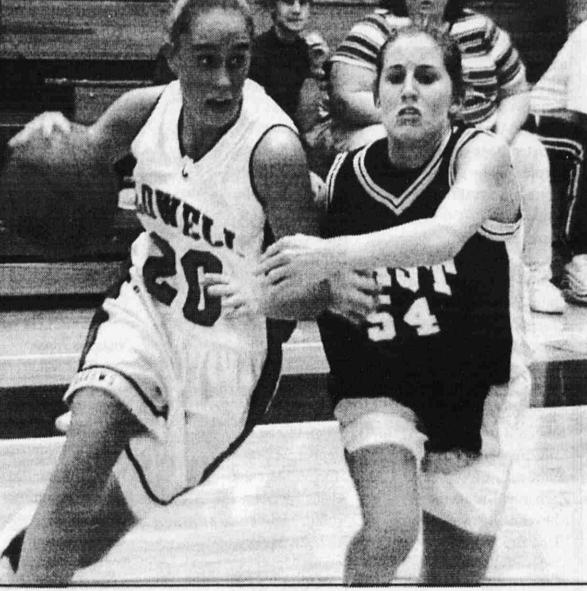
job applying ball pressure and denying the entry pass to her," The Red Arrows made a statement midway through the

out its two star players, they weren't going away. of a time-out, Lowell rallied to outscore EGR 8-1 going

cit to three at 21-18.

her club's seven -of-19 from the foul line made her club's task even tougher. "We kept giving them opportunities,"

Lamoreaux-Tate pointed "They were a little less able to with 1:09 to play.



Vallen VanZyll turns the corner on her Pioneer defender.

deal with the pressure than say a Gallert (Kendra) is."

Lowell, which trailed 37-34 entering the fourth quarter, saw the deficit grow to as many as eight points.

An Oberlin foul shot and a bucket off an East turnover cut the deficit to five (47-42)

A Becky Bosserd bucket and two foul shots cut East's

lead to three at 49-46. Another East turnover and an Oberlin foul shot cut the deficit to two (49-47) with 24 seconds to play.

Pioneer Sarah Fenton connected on one of two from the line, extending the

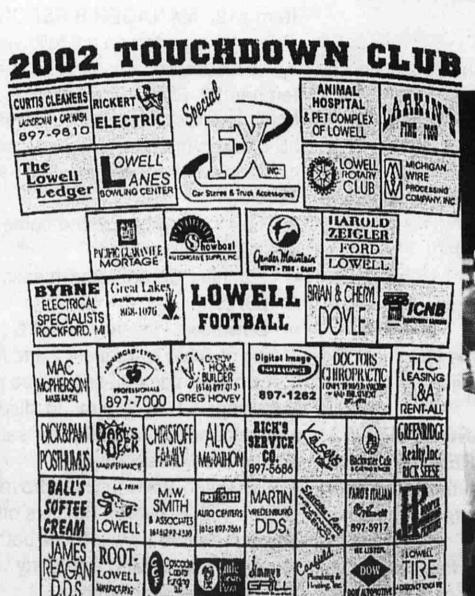
lead to three at 50-47. Lowell finishes its regular

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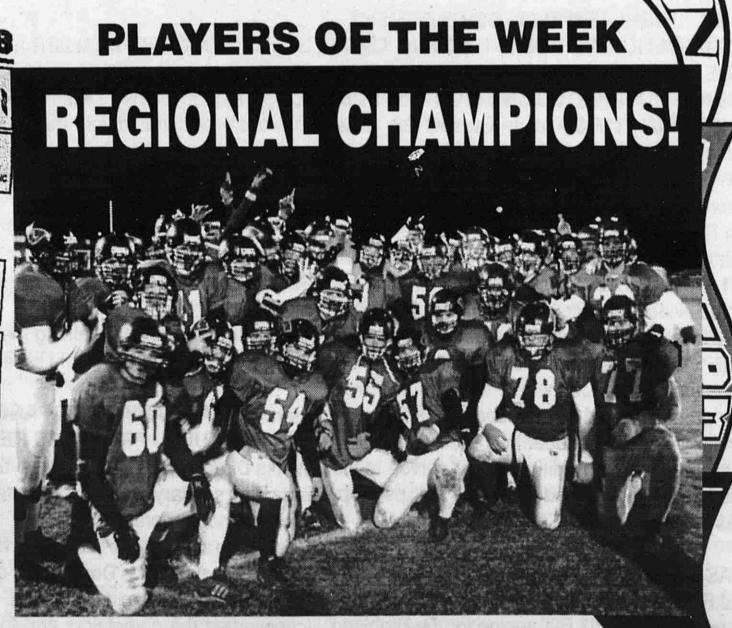
Lowell played Forest Hills Northern Monday at Rockford in a first-round district game, with the winner playing Creston on Wednesday.

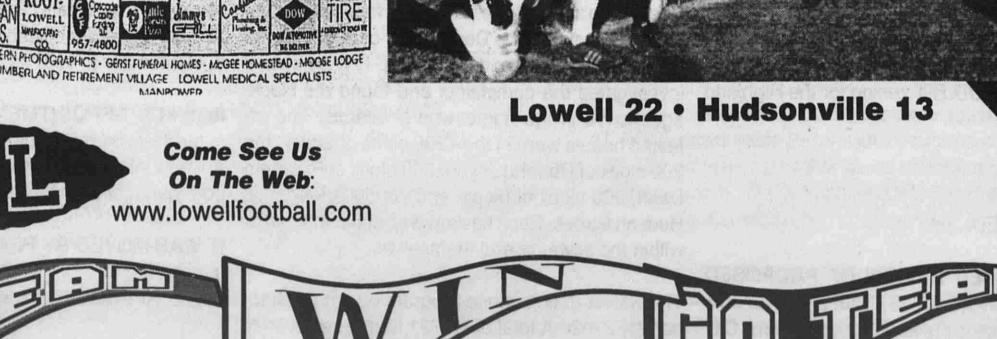
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Matt D'Agostino converts this Mark Catlin two-point conversion pass in the first half against Hudsonville.





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we throw it off the backs of these guys and get the ball back and throw into the corner of the end zone," said Lowell coach/ storyteller Noel Dean. "It finally worked. We call it the double defender pass."

Hudsonville's Brent Trevino played into the thinking of the Lowell coach on the two-point conversion call that followed.

"They spent a lot of time worrying about the play and not the next play," Dean said. "I thought defending that Brent Trevino show might be a little easier if we got up two possessions. We thought, 'What the heck - if we don't, we're still up seven and defending one possession."

Four times in the second half, Hudsonville drove inside the Lowell 30; three times the Red Arrow defense turned the Eagles away.

Senior defensive lineman Chad Rau played a significant role in the Arrows' defensive effort. He had a couple of sacks and a pass- altering hit on Trevino. "Chad's an athletic boy. He does great things. It's good to

have him healthy. He didn't play until the middle games because of an ankle problem," Dean said. Lowell's secondary also came up with three picks - one by Catlin in the first half and one each by corners Chris Curtis and

Sean Myers in the fourth quarter. "Those two corners - Chris Curtis and Sean Myers have really stepped up for us. They have done a nice job of getting better and better," Dean explained.

Hudsonville opened the game with a 77-yard touchdown drive, capped by Trevino's one-yard sneak. Lowell also scored on its first possession when Catlin hit

Mike Koster on an 11-yard slant for a touchdown. The point after was missed and the Red Arrows trailed 7-6. Catlin's 11-yard touchdown run early in the second quar-

ter gave Lowell a 12-7 advantage. The two-point conversion was successful when Catlin connected with Matt D'Agostino, giving Lowell a 14-7 advantage. Hudsonville pulled to within one when Trevino raced 11

vards on the right side, the extra point was missed and Hudsonville trailed 14-13. Trevino passed for 100 yards and rushed for 153 of

Hudsonville's 203 yards. Catlin ran for 90 and was 10-of-24 for 118 yards and two

The victory carries Lowell into the state semifinals against Davison (11-1), a 34-22 winner against Bay City Western on

Lowell girls win district opener, 50-41

The Huskies from Forest Hills Northern pushed the Red Arrows, but in the end it was Lowell's defense and balanced scoring which proved to be the difference in Monday night's 50-41 Class A district win.

"Northern made a couple of runs at us in the third quarter and even grabbed the lead, but our girls fought back and ended up outscoring them by three in the third quarter," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

Lowell led 24-21 at halftime as a 1-3-1 half court press by he Huskies created problems for the Red Arrows. Lowell committed 14 first-half turnovers. "We did a better job of

attacking the press in the second half and committed half as many turnovers," Crowley explained.

Defensively, the Red Arrows held FHN's top two scorers under double digits in scoring. Amber Cleypool netted eight while Lindsey Nyenhouse tallied six.

Lowell had three players in double figures. Becky Bosserd led the way with 13, Amy Oberlin netted 12, and Blair Meyer

Lowellled 16-12 after one, 39-33 after three, and outscored the Huskies 11-8 over the final eight minutes.

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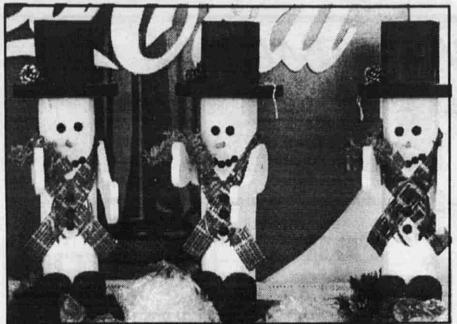
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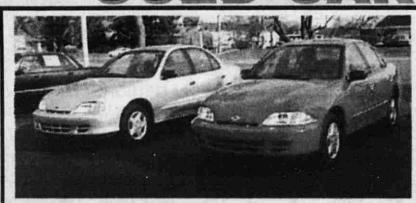


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