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RED ARROWS - DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONS FROM THE WEST

... A spectacular high school career-ending performance by Mark Catlin and a dominating effort by Lowell's defense lead the Red Arrows to the school's first-ever state football title.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

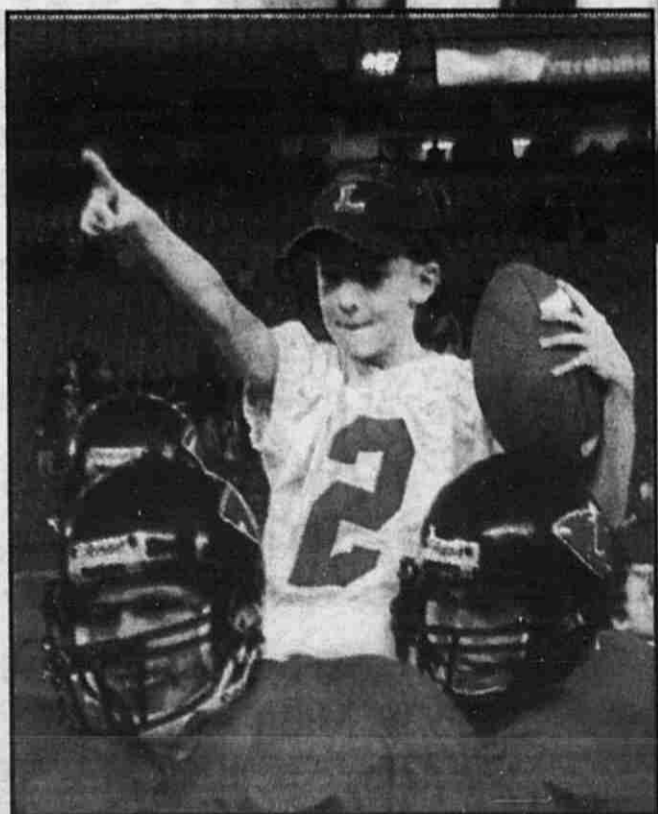
Asked whether or not he was cognizant of his record-setting performance, Mark Catlin said he had no clue.

"I have a short memory. I forget my mistakes in a hurry, and I put my good plays behind me," Catlin explained.

It was his play on Friday which will provide long-lasting memories for the large contingent of Red Arrow fans who witnessed Catlin's performance at the Pontiac Silverdome.

In 1989, Mill Coleman (DeWitt) set a Michigan High School Athletic Association state final record for single game total offense with 297 yards.

Lowell's senior quarterback shattered that 13-year-old mark with 411 yards of total offense Friday in the Red Arrows' 31-14 Division II State final victory over Birmingham Brother Rice. It was Lowell's first state football championship.



Story & Additional Coverage of Friday's Game Pages 12 & 13

OBITUARIES

BIGGS - Jeanne Marie Biggs, aged 81, of Lowell, passed away November 25, 2002. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert; daughter Shirley (Joseph) Urkhus of Clawson, Mich.;

grandchildren Andy (Kim) Urkhus, Julie (Ryan) Kenyon. Mrs. Biggs was a graduate of Central Michigan University. She was a school teacher for 30 years in Keene Township, Lowell and Grand Rapids

Public Schools. Funeral services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell or Alzheimers Association.

GAUGER - Mr. Ralph "Bud" Gauger, Jr., aged 72, of Lowell, died Saturday, November 30, 2002. He was preceded in death by a brother Jay Gauger. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Yvonne; his children Karen (Bob) Bennett, Jim (Cyndi) Gauger, Jerry (Ginger) Gauger and Dee Suddarth; grandchildren Heather (Todd) Mikelson, Heidi (Brandyn) Traum,

Aaron (Samantha) Snyder, Jeremy Snyder, Olivia, Joshua, Michaela, Tiffany and Jeremiah Gauger; three great-grandchildren Jenna and Kyle Mikelson and

Nathan Traum; a sister Doris Gauger; his mother-in-law Olive Bieri; a sister-in-law Faith Gauger. Memorial services were held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Lowell with

Rev. Burland Margesson, officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

Local young lady competes for Miss Pre Teen Grand Rapids

Amanda Jane Heiman, a Lowell Middle School student, was recently selected to participate in the Nationals' 2002 Miss Pre Teen Grand Rapids pageant competition on Dec. 15. She submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Patty Neidert, this year's

Grand Rapids pageant coordinator.

Heiman, age 12, will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes, and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be competing with young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19 in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear, as well as displaying her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Grand Rapids judging panel.

If Heiman were to win the title of Miss Pre-Teen Grand Rapids, she would represent Grand Rapids and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando. Over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition.

There is no cost to Heiman for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist her in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives training, rehearsals and financial support.



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Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to reel in the Magic of Christmas

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's "Magic of Christmas" celebration will include a tall fish story.

A large mouth bass sculpture created by Bearclaw Jack (alias, Jack Eppinga), weighing roughly 250 pounds, is on display in front of the Showboat.

The large mouth bass was carved for a client in Chicago, but when completed Eppinga felt it was a better fit on the Flat River.

Eppinga first started displaying his wood sculpting on Lowell's Riverwalk a few years back, a talent which began in Montana where he carved open wilderness sculptures for hotels and events.

The 250-pound fish is mounted to a fishing pole which was erected by Eppinga with the help of Lowell's Ivan Blough.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker says Bearclaw Jack will be on hand the afternoon of Dec. 7 following the Christmas Parade to bring logs of wood to life and to answer questions. Other chainsaw carvers will include Scott and Blair Shotwell of Ionia.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 area residents can begin their holiday season in historic Lowell with the annual Santa parade.

The parade will feature the high school, middle school and

the Northern Lights Home School marching band as well as floats from area churches, organizations and businesses. The Northern Lights band, to the knowledge of those involved, is the only home school marching band in the USA. They have marched in the National Independence Day parade in Washington D.C. and will march in the Peach Bowl in Georgia this year.

Following the parade will be a whole day of fun and shopping. The chamber is sponsoring "Pastries Around Lowell." Patrons can also view the angels created by children ages eight to 18 in the chamber's Riverwalk Gallery.

Along Riverwalk Plaza, the Flat River Freeze Ice Sculpture Challenge will take place. You can watch six to seven Grand Rapids Community College students carve ice sculptures. Carving will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. The carvers will receive a subject to carve and be given a four-hour window to create their own ice spectacular. The chamber will award first, second and third place awards. Spectators are encouraged to vote on the "People's Choice" award.

The chamber will host pictures and Santa visits at the Old Rupert's Drop building on Main Street. For a lasting Christmas memory, parents can have their child's picture taken for \$3. Santa will be available after the parade until 3 p.m.

Rudolph's Craft Workshop, sponsored by Lowell Area Schools Tots on Track, will be held at the Old Rupert's Drop

building. Children ages 2-8 can make a Christmas craft from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A new feature added to the Riverwalk Plaza this year is "The Busy Beaver Hut." Helen Sterzick and Marlene Courter have created folk art and crafts.

Also featured will be Lizzy's Chili and fresh-brewed coffee to warm the pallet. The Lowell Lions Club will serve Christmas cocoa and hot dogs on Riverwalk Plaza. The Flat River Snowmobile Club will be selling raffle tickets for the Michigan Snowmobile Association Raffle. Try your luck at over four different snowmobiles and 111 additional prizes worth \$75,000. Tickets are just \$1 or six for \$5/12 for \$10.

Many local retailers will have specials in their stores: enjoy free hot buttered popcorn, a winter warm-up drink, parade pita and Santalash. Others will have things to make such as paint a tile and calligraphy; designer jewelry and a holiday wine sale will also be highlighted.

Before the parade, the Kent County Youth Fair is sponsoring a hearty breakfast of sausage, eggs, pancakes, coffee and hot chocolate from 8 a.m. - noon in the King Memorial Youth Center at the fairgrounds. Santa will make a sneak appearance at 9 a.m. as he prepares to bring Christmas to Lowell.

For more information on events and times, call the Chamber at 897-9161 or check out the web site at www.lowellchamber.org.

COLLEGE NEWS

Amanda Willits, a 2002 Lowell High School graduate, has been selected for the concert band music group at Graceland University this year.

Graceland University operates campuses in Lamoni, Iowa, and Independence, Mo., and offers degree completion

programs at four community college sites in Des Moines, Creston and Centerville, Iowa, and Trenton, Mo. The university offers four-year, liberal arts-based bachelor degrees - and master programs in nursing, education and religion.

For the third consecutive year, a trio of Western Michigan University students has earned top honors in an international competition.

The students, who are all part of WMU's Food Marketing program in the Haworth College of Business, captured second place in an international case competition sponsored by the Food Distribution Research Society.

Seniors Bethany Evich of Ann Arbor, **Laura LaHaye** of Lowell and Kelly

Smythe of Grosse Pointe Farms, bested competitors from around the United States and Canada with their plan for a takeout food program for a chain of supermarkets. The Oct. 27-28 event was held in Miami.

This year's team was chosen for the international competition after a local showdown between several WMU student groups. Evich, LaHaye, Smythe and alternate Kathleen Schauer were tapped to participate by a panel

of judges from the food industry.

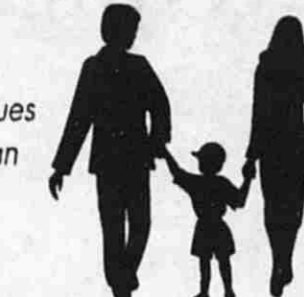
LaHaye is the daughter of Mike and Marsha LaHaye of Lowell.

A total of 659 people are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in August at the end of the summer session of the 2001-02 academic year.

From this area are **Sara Bethany Guile** of Lowell and

Joel Weston of Alto.

Jennifer Lessens, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Lessens of Shelby and granddaughter of Phyllis Lessens of Lowell and the late Daniel Lessens, received her Master's Degree of Arts in Clinical Psychology on Nov. 17 from Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She is pursuing her Ph.D in the next three years at the same school.

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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.

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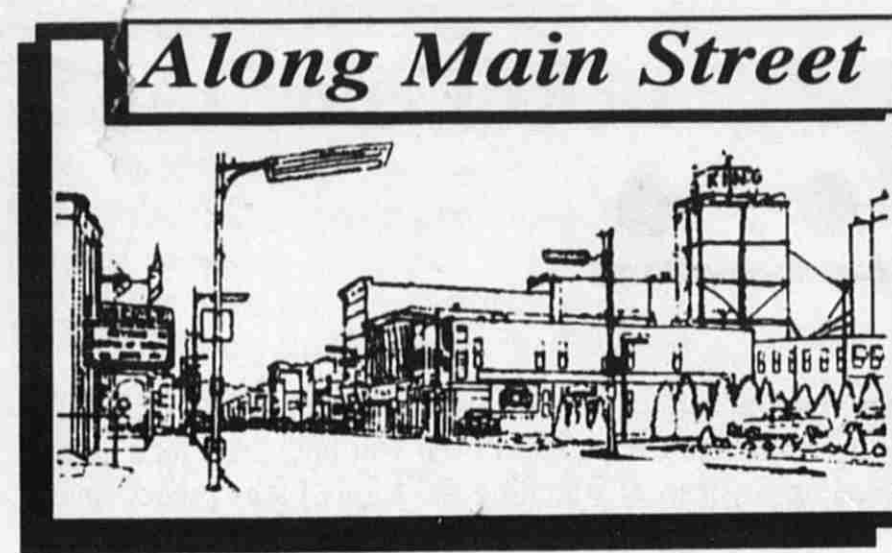


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Commodities distributed Dec. 5 (10 - 4 p.m.) at Moose Lodge Rec. Bldg., 1320 E. Fulton. Beef stew, cranberry sauce/juice, pineapple, peanut butter, egg noodles, potato flakes, 10 lb. frozen turkey roast, walnuts.

ALL-SCHOOL PLAY IN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Lowell High School will present the Shakespearean play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Thursday, Dec. 5, Friday,

Dec. 6 and Sat., Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the LPAC. Adults \$7; students/senior citizens \$6. Info., call 897-4125.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Do you have negative thoughts or are stressed out? Lowell United Methodist Church will have a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. This will be a time of quiet music, scripture, reflection, a time to connect with what this season is really all about. A short time of fellowship will follow.

CLASS OF 2003 FUNDRAISERS

Volunteers are needed at Kohl's (Dec. 8, 11 & 14) and at Van Andel Arena (Dec. 13 & 28, also Jan. 3, 11, 25). Call Lynn (676-3680). Meijer certificates may be picked up at the high school each Monday, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Also, if you can sell candy bars, call Pam 676-1398.

TOTS HOLIDAY PARTY

Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St., will have a TOTS holiday party for all Lowell area families with preschoolers on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Register your entire family (siblings and grandparents) by calling 897-1232. There will be holiday crafts, sing-a-long, a holiday story and cookie decorating - all for \$1 per family.

WINTER SPORTS MEETING RESCHEDULED

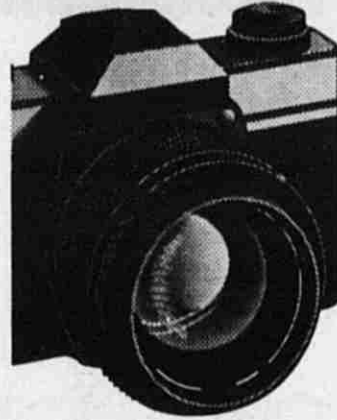
Due to the quarterfinal game for girls basketball on Dec. 3, the Parents/Coach/Player meeting has been rescheduled for

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Parents who did not have a student involved in a fall sport are required to attend the 6 p.m. general session. Coaches will meet with teams at approximately 6:35 and all parents of winter sport athletes should attend at this time for specific info. related to their sport. For further information contact the athletic office at 897-4442.

KINDERMUSIK THROUGH LAAC

Classes will begin in January for Kindermusik. Becky Reagan will instruct ages newborn to 3 years. Call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 to schedule; see the Kaleidoscope mailing (formerly the LLEAP brochure). Financial assistance is available to those in need.

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



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

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

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



Angels of the Holiday Season

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 are still available and unwrapped presents can be dropped off at 147 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331 until Dec. 18. Pictured, left to right: Sandy Bagroski, Carrie Roys, Leanne Carey, Stephanie Porter and Tricia Silar.

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On November 25, 2002, the Grattan Township Board adopted amendments and changes to certain portions of Articles 1 through 16, inclusive, of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended. Additionally, two new articles were added to the Zoning Ordinance Article 6A creating the Intensive Livestock Operations zoning district (and containing regulations thereof) and Article 14A regarding the Open Space Preservation (PUD). The Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as so amended, regulates the development and use of land within (and throughout) Grattan Township. Articles 17 through 21, inclusive, of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance remain unchanged, except for page numbering to be consistent. A summary of the amendments and changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

Article No.	Title	General Description of Changes (not exhaustive)	Significant Changes (utilizing new section numbers)
Article 1	Title, Purpose, Interpretation, and Scope	Several text amendments, renumbering of sections	1.02 (minor wording changes), 1.03 (changes to rules of construction and interpretation), 1.04 (minor wording changes)
Article 2	Definitions	Several definitions have been changed and several new definitions have been added; renumbering of sections	2.01 (changes to definition of accessory structure); 2.02 (changes to definition of accessory use); 2.04 (changes to definition of alterations and alteration of structures), 2.09 (change to wording of definition of Building-Height of), 2.10 (definition of Building Inspector), 2.11 (definition of Camp and Campground - Public or Private), 2.14 (modification to definition of Construction Yards), 2.16 (definition of District), 2.17 (definition of Dock), 2.18 (definition of Driveway), 2.19 (modified definition of Dwelling), 2.20 (modification to definition of Essential Public Services, including regarding water and sewage systems), 2.21 (modification of definition of Family), 2.23 (modification of definition of Floor Area), 2.24 (modification of definition of Frontage), 2.29 (modification of definition of Home Occupations), 2.32 (modification of definition of Intensive Farming Operations), 2.33 (modification of definition of Junkyard), 2.34 (modification of definition of Kennel), 2.35 (modification of definition of Lot), 2.36 (modification of definition of Lot Area), 2.38 (modification of definition of Lot Coverage), 2.39 (modification of definition of Lot - Front), 2.40 (modification of definition of Lot - Front Setback Line), 2.41 (modification of definition of Lot Lines), 2.42 (modification of definition of Lot of Record), 2.44 (definition of Master Plan), 2.46 (modification of definition of Mobile Home Lot), 2.48 (modification of definition of Modular Home), 2.51 (definition of Ordinance), 2.52 (modification of definition of Outdoor Recreation and Entertainment Facilities), 2.53 (definition of Planning Commission or Commission), 2.55 (modification of definition of Private Road or Street), 2.56 (definition of Public Sanitary Sewer, Public Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, Public Sanitary Sewer System), 2.59 (modification of definition of Setback), 2.62 (modification of definition of Site Condominium Subdivision), 2.63 (modification of Site Development Plans), 2.64 (modification of Stable - Private), 2.69 (modification of definition of Street or Road), 2.70 (modification of definition of Structure), 2.75 (definition of Township Board), 2.77 (modification of definition of Yard), 2.81 (definition of Zoning Administrator)
Article 3	General Provisions	Several sections have been changed and several sections have been added; renumbering of sections	3.01 (miscellaneous changes regarding some minor wording changes, setbacks regarding bodies of water, boardwalks, seaplanes, docks, waterfront accessories, gazebos, accessory buildings and related matters), 3.02 (modification of regulations regarding horses and pets); 3.03 (wording changes regarding area or space required), 3.05 (wording modifications regarding bed and breakfast operations), 3.06 (wording changes regarding categories of businesses or uses not designated), 3.07 (street frontage change for corner lots), 3.09 (several changes regarding essential public services including public or private water systems, public or private sewage systems, and windmills or wind-powered generators), 3.10 (wording changes regarding front yard requirements -basis of determining), 3.11 (wording changes regarding gasoline service station on other than corner locations), 3.12 (wording change regarding greenbelts), 3.13 (miscellaneous changes regarding height exceptions in general and for accessory buildings), 3.14 (changes regarding home occupation regulations), 3.15 (wording changes regarding institutional uses), 3.16 (wording changes regarding lake access and frontage and keyhole development regulations), 3.17 (miscellaneous changes regarding lot width and frontage, including where properties are located on opposite sides of a street), 3.18

Article No.	Title	General Description of changes (not exhaustive)	Significant Changes (utilizing new section numbers)
			(wording changes regarding mobile homes, motor homes, and trailer campers), 3.19 (wording changes regarding mobile homes - limited trailer permit for migrant labor), 3.20 (several changes regarding mobile homes - limited mobile home permit), 3.23 (miscellaneous wording changes regarding on-site sewage treatment facilities), 3.25 (modifications regarding regulation of private roads and driveways including standards for private roads serving two or fewer lots, utilization of a private road, and parcel size and configuration), 3.28 (miscellaneous changes regarding roadside stand regulations), 3.30 (miscellaneous modifications regarding site condominiums, including drain commissioner review and approvals), 3.52 (moving of dwelling requirements from the definitional section to Article 3, as well as some wording changes), 3.53 (addition of regulations regarding grade limits and regulations and policies related thereto), 3.54 (addition of regulations and procedures regarding railings and retaining walls and similar items), 3.55 (addition of regulations regarding certain retaining walls and earth build-ups), 3.56 (addition of regulations dealing with lots partially located outside of the township's boundaries)
Article 4	Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots	Several changes to words and terms	Not applicable.
Article 5	Districts	Addition of an ILO district; several sections have been changed	5.01 (addition of the ILO - Intensive Livestock Operations District), 5.02 (some wording changes), 5.03 (various text amendments regarding the zoning map and district boundaries), 5.04 (modification of language regarding lands not included within a district), 5.05 (language changes regarding the official zoning map)
Article 6	"A" Agricultural District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	6.02 (text changes regarding permitted uses and uses available with a special use approval).
Article 6A (new)	"ILO" Intensive Livestock Operations District	This article is new and is an addition to the Ordinance.	Entirely new article, including Sections 6A.01 through 6A.04.
Article 7	"R-L" Residential District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	7.03 (wording change regarding applicability of regulations and regulations in general), 7.04 (wording change regarding applicability of regulations and regulations in general)
Article 8	"R" Residential District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	8.01 (modification to introductory language), 8.03 (modification to regulatory language)
Article 9	"R-R" Residential District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections	9.01 (modification of introductory language), 9.02 (modification of language regarding permitted uses and uses allowed as a special land use)
Article 9A	"MHC" Manufactured Housing Community District	No changes except references.	No changes except section references
Article 10	"C-1" Commercial District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	10.02 (modification regarding drive-through windows for restaurants and cafes), 10.03 (several wording changes regarding conditions and requirements)
Article 11	"C-2" Commercial District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	11.02 (wording changes regarding drive-through windows and services for restaurants and cafes), 11.04 (several wording changes regarding area regulations and conditions), 11.06 (several wording changes regarding gasoline service stations), 11.07 (wording changes regarding required conditions)
Article 12	"I" Industrial District	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	12.03 (some wording changes regarding required conditions), 12.049 several wording changes regarding performance standards)
Article 13	Special Uses	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	13.01 (several text changes regarding conditions and application and review procedures), 13.02 (several wording changes regarding revocation of a special land use approval), 13.03 (text modifications and additions regarding site development plan and other information), 13.08 (modification to indicate that migrant housing is allowed in the ILO district), 13.10 (some wording changes regarding outdoor recreational uses), 13.11 (several text amendments



ONE MORE TIME

The time is drawing near for another muzzleloader hunting season. You would think a deer hunting season that began with bow hunting Oct. 1 and followed up with a 16-day firearm season in November would be enough hunting for anyone. Not so - I will be out in the woods with a front loading

firearm on Dec. 13 with plenty of company. Hunting seasons are relatively short compared to the time we have for most other outdoor pursuits, and it will be an entire year before we can do it again. Every day missed hunting can never be recaptured.

Annually, the makers of muzzleloading firearms come out with new guns or variations of current models. Some look so much like center-fire rifles that the ramrod on the black powder gun is the only way to tell the difference without close inspection.

Buying a muzzleloader today is like buying a computer a few years ago. You knew if you bought one today, a faster unit with more features would be available six months later. Mechanical innovations, hotter primers, special bullets, and scope sights have made the modern muzzleloader so effective and dependable that a growing number of hunters are using them instead of shotguns. I have been tempted to buy the

loved one of all of us, our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is the best gift for Him? We don't have to shop for it nor do we have to think what it should be. Jesus gave us Himself and He wants from us our very selves. Children often use that prayer, "Jesus, I give you myself."

Then they ask what does that mean to give oneself to Jesus? Well, let's answer with another prayer, "Jesus, I want to live and to do as You want me to live and to do. I want to use all the gifts You have given me as You want me to use

latest and greatest many times over the last 10 years, but have so far successfully resisted the urge.

I still use the gun I bought 18 years ago. It's a Thompson Center Renegade in 50 caliber. It is a side hammer percussion gun which I load with black powder and a patched round ball. I can still see well enough to use the coarse open sights to achieve a tight group of shots at 50 yards. For me, using more traditional equipment makes this hunt special. I suppose to be entirely traditional one would have to wear buckskins. I haven't gone that far, but I still do wear wool on the hunt. Wool hunting clothes seem to be making a comeback. If you wait long enough, everything comes around again.

However you choose to do it, get out and enjoy one of the last opportunities to hunt the wary whitetail. If you see someone drifting through the tranquil winter landscape dressed in red plaid wool (with blaze orange hat and vest, of course) and toting a double trigger hexagon barreled muzzleloader, it's not a ghost from the past, it's just me.

them, not only for myself, but also for the good of others. I want to treat others as You have taught me."

Now, let's go back to the quote from the English novel, above. If we are truly honest with ourselves, can't we see how well it could be if we were to really work on giving up judging others and their motives and something very akin to judging others, gossiping. This could be a giant step in preparing the gift of ourselves for Jesus on Christmas. God love you.

acts as a cushion between tendons, bone and skin. You may notice a Baker's cyst by developing pain, swelling, or a feeling of fullness behind the knee.

No one really knows what causes a Baker's cyst. However, they can occur when the lining of the knee joint produces too much fluid, as in rheumatoid arthritis, or after an injury.

The diagnosis of Baker's cyst is made after your doctor examines you and suspects a Baker's cyst. The diagnosis is made with either an ultrasound or an MRI. Either of these tests is very reliable and exposes the patient to no radiation.

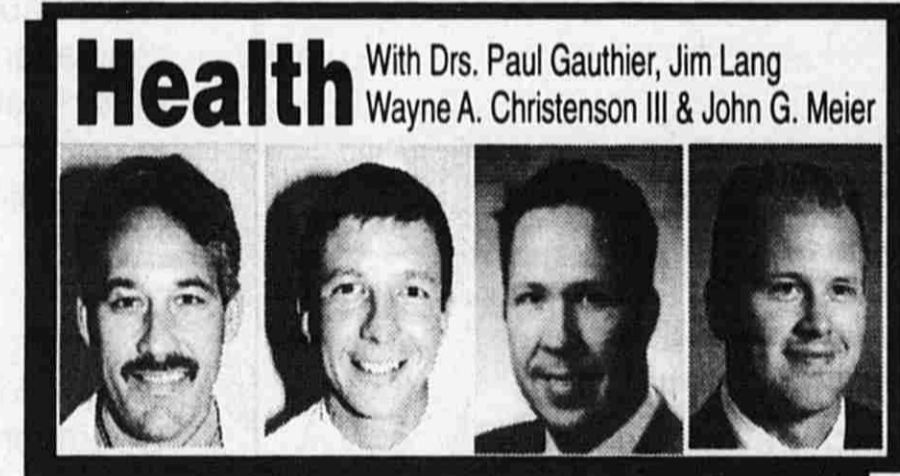
The initial discomfort of a Baker's cyst may be treated with anti-inflammatory medications and the use of an ACE bandage. If this is not successful, the cyst may be drained, or an operation may be performed to remove the cyst. Sometimes the cyst goes away on its own, and if it causes few symptoms, it needs no treatment at all.

Reflections Of Faith

Father George J. Fekete
St. Mary Catholic Church

In an English mystery novel, called *Brought to Book*, by Tom Heald, a detective's wife makes this observation about guilt: "It was ever thus ... call Everyman and say 'Flee - all is discovered' and there wouldn't be a man left in the country. They'd all be on the night (train) ... Mankind is a guilty secret waiting to be found out."

Advent began on Sunday of this week and the Church has started to prepare for the Lord Jesus' birthday. Now even unbelievers have begun looking for the right Christmas gifts for their loved ones. You and I have to remember the most



Health

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

BAKER'S CYST

A Baker's cyst is an abnormal swelling of a bursa located in the space behind the knee. A bursa is a fluid-filled sac that

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.

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. at Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m. ?'s call 897-2760.

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. Free. 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 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Linda 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin College #206 of the Commons bldg. 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 Settlement Dr. Children 4-7th grade. 897-5894 for details.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W.

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 w/school children from Lowell in activities. 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen 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: 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:

Wed. - Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 897-2037.

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545.

NOW THRU DEC. 13: Book Fair at Saranac Elementary, 7:30 - 3:30 daily.

WED., DEC. 4: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for Grand Valley blood program, 2-7 p.m., at Look Memorial Fire Station.

THURS. - SAT., DEC. 5-7: School play at LPAC *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. 7:30 p.m.; \$7 adults; \$6 students/senior citizens.

THURS., DEC. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club Christmas party, 12 p.m. punch bowl; 12:30 dinner. Decorations & sponsor: Phyllis Lessens. In place of gift exchange, bring food for Flat River Outreach Ministries.

SAT., DEC. 7: Christmas parade, 10 a.m. Also fundraiser bake sale at Chamber of Commerce.

SAT., DEC. 7: Test for Snowmobile Safety Training, 9 - noon at Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd. Call 897-7398. Study materials, call 269-685-6851. (Test also on Jan. 18).

SUN., DEC. 8: Blue Christ-

mas Service at Lowell First United Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

SUN., DEC. 8: Lowell Clark-Ellis Post 152 American Legion annual family Christmas potluck at Schneider Manor Community room at 1 p.m. Meat is furnished. Richard Bieri is sponsor.

TUES., DEC. 10: Tots Holiday party for Lowell area families w/preschoolers at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. Call 897-1232 to register - \$1 per family.

NOW - DEC. 10: Family Friends & Neighbors of Grattan collecting Toys for Tots at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Call Dianna at 691-6504.

TUES., DEC. 10: Family Friends & Neighbors party at Grattan Twp. Hall (2-5 p.m.) to thank those who collected for Toys for Tots.

WED., DEC. 11: Winter Sports meeting rescheduled for 6 p.m. held in Lowell High School cafeteria. Call athletic office at 897-4442 with questions.

FRI., DEC. 20: Lowell Women's Club bake sale at Huntington Bank main office - business hours.

COMING EVENT - Lowell Seniors Travel (all ages). Norwegian Sky Caribbean cruise Jan. 26-Feb.'03. Call Mary 897-7092.

COMING EVENT - Lowell Seniors Travel (all ages). Italy (Tuscany area) March 29-April 6 all inclusive. Call Mary 897-7092.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949	
MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.	THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.	FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
SPECIAL EVENTS	
WED., DEC. 4: 9 a.m. Flowerland & Dollar Store; 9:30 Blood Pressure; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.	Keiser's, Lowell Festival of Lights.
THURS., DEC. 5: 12:00 Dance.	TUES., DEC. 10: Noon Lunch at Alto Elem. School, \$2.50.
FRI., DEC. 6: 12:45 Tour Crispy Creme, Shop at Centerpointe Mall; Bingo.	WED., DEC. 11: 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; Noon Movie: Rue Madeleine.
SAT. DEC. 7: 10 a.m. Santa parade.	THURS., DEC. 12: 4 p.m. Meijer Gardens carriage rides \$6 plus bus.
MON., DEC. 9: 9 a.m. Ionia K-Mart; 12:45 Travelogue; 5 p.m. dinner at	FRI., DEC. 13: Noon Birthday Party; Bingo.

Article No.	Title	General Description of changes (not exhaustive)	regarding removal of natural resources), 13.13 (some Significant Changes (utilizing new section numbers)
			wording changes regarding two-family and multi-family residences), 13.22 (text change indicating that greenhouses and nurseries are allowed in the ILO district)
Article 14	Planned Unit Development (PUD)	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	14.04 (several text amendments regarding preliminary review), 14.05 (several text amendments regarding final application), 14.08 (several changes regarding PUD designation requirements), 14.10 (several text changes regarding required conditions for PUDs)
Article 14A (new)	Open Space Preservation PUD	A new and additional article regarding statutory clustering.	Entirely new article for open space preservation pursuant to Public Act No. 177 of 2001, as amended. Includes new Sections 14A.01 through 14A.11.
Article 15	Off-Street Parking and Loading	No changes except to Section 15.09 and references.	15.08 (one word change); 15.09 (some wording changes)
Article 16	Signs and Billboards	Several sections have been changed; renumbering of sections.	16.03 (one word change regarding sign setbacks), 16.04 (several text amendments regarding signs permitted in all districts), 16.05 (several text amendments regarding signs permitted in agricultural districts), 16.069 several text amendments regarding signs permitted in residential districts), 16.07 (several text amendments regarding signs permitted in commercial and industrial districts), 16.08 (text amendment regarding billboards), 16.09 (one modification regarding application requirements pertaining to all signs), 16.10 (several text amendments regarding procedure to obtain a permit)

The above is only a general summary and is not an exhaustive list of all of the amendments and changes. Also, various page and section numbers were changed for consistency purposes. A copy of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance (with all of these amendments and changes) can be purchased or inspected at the Grattan Township Hall at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E. during normal office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) These changes and amendments will become effective seven (7) days after this notice appears in the newspaper.

Dated: November 27, 2002

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Green
Grattan Township Clerk

Front Page Story, cont'd... From Page 1

"I don't think there are many players who can impact a game like Mark does. What he did out there today may make him one of the greatest high school players since the start of this tournament," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.

Brother Rice's Jason Horton came away impressed with the Red Arrow QB. "He's the best player we saw in the state all year," he claimed.

Catlin's 259 yards on the ground and 152 through the air didn't go unnoticed and didn't catch Brother Rice's venerable coach, Al Fracassa by surprise.

"I talked all week about this kid being good and trying to find a way to stop him. College coaches should come and get him. He reminds me of a Doug Flutie... remember him," Fracassa explained. "He (Catlin) has a very strong arm and he just kind of flicks it. But it gets there and that's because of the strength in his arm."

The senior's performance on Friday could bring added attention and very well increase his college stock. Catlin has not made any decisions on where he will play at the college level.

Catlin, who is as humble off the field as he is good on it, credited those who play in front of him and around him.

"I don't consider myself the whole offense. My offensive linemen do so much for me. If they don't hit a block on a linebacker, I don't spring for any yards," Catlin said. "I also trust my defense so much... not much gets by our interior defense. They stop the run so well."

They also harass oppos-

ing quarterbacks with ferocious abandon.

"They were just a great defensive team," said Brother Rice's quarterback, Doug Pickens. "Their outside linebackers and middle linebackers kept coming. They kept us off balance."

With the exception of two big pass plays of 79 and 80 yards, the Lowell defense held the Warriors in check throughout.

Brother Rice rushed for just 64 yards and threw for 206 with 179 of those yards coming on two touchdown passes.

Red Arrow defensive coordinator, Jason Katt said the success of the defense is twofold. "Communication and the guys arrive to the ball in a bad mood."

"I also work with an amazing defensive coaching staff who cares a lot about the kids and are enthusiastic about football," Katt explained.

Twice in the second half, following interceptions, Lowell's defense turned away the Warriors - at the Lowell 25 and 18 yard lines.

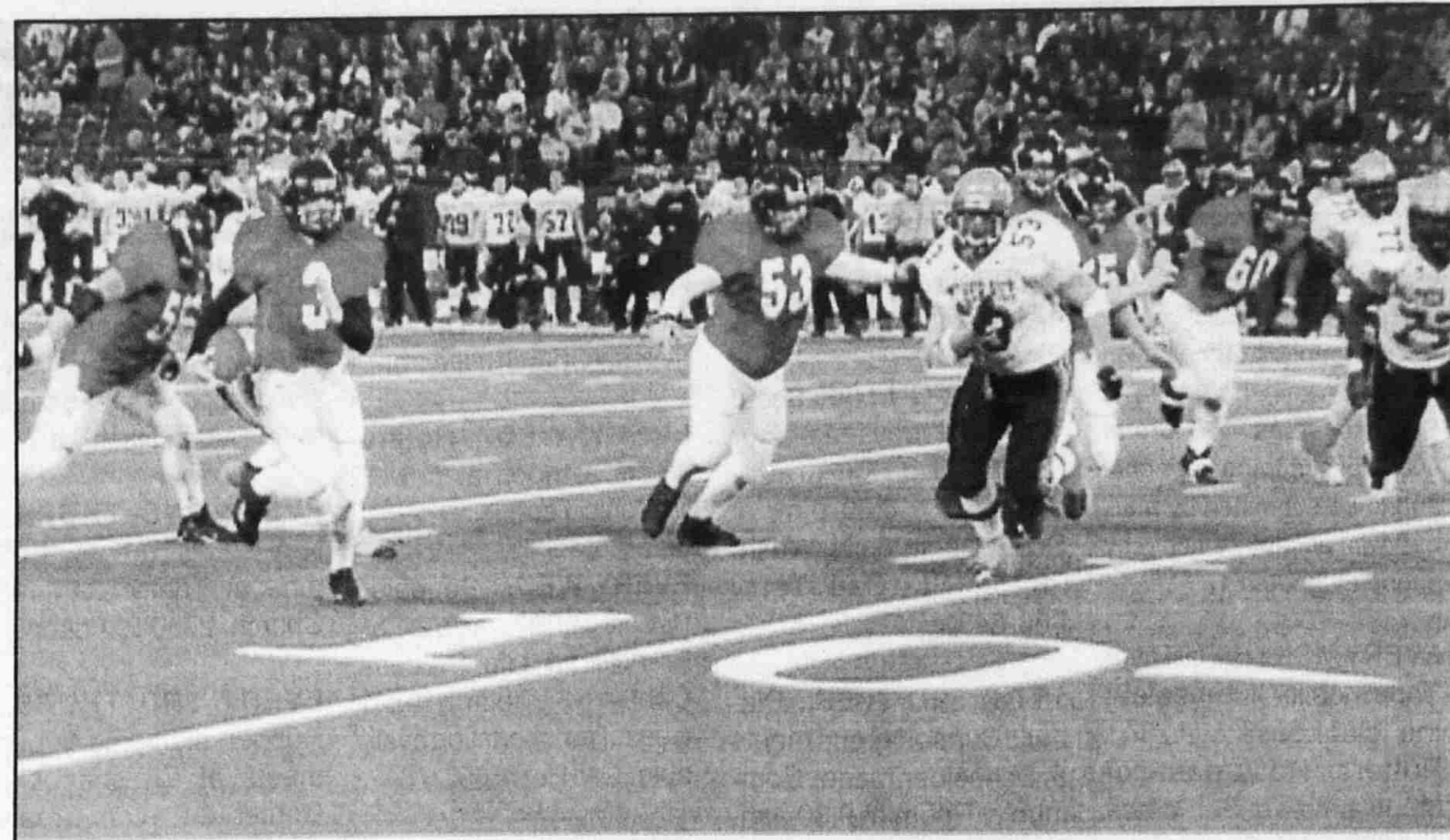
Lowell jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a five-yard touchdown run by Catlin.

A 79-yard pass to Horton from Pickens tied the game at 7-7 with 2:48 to play in the first quarter.

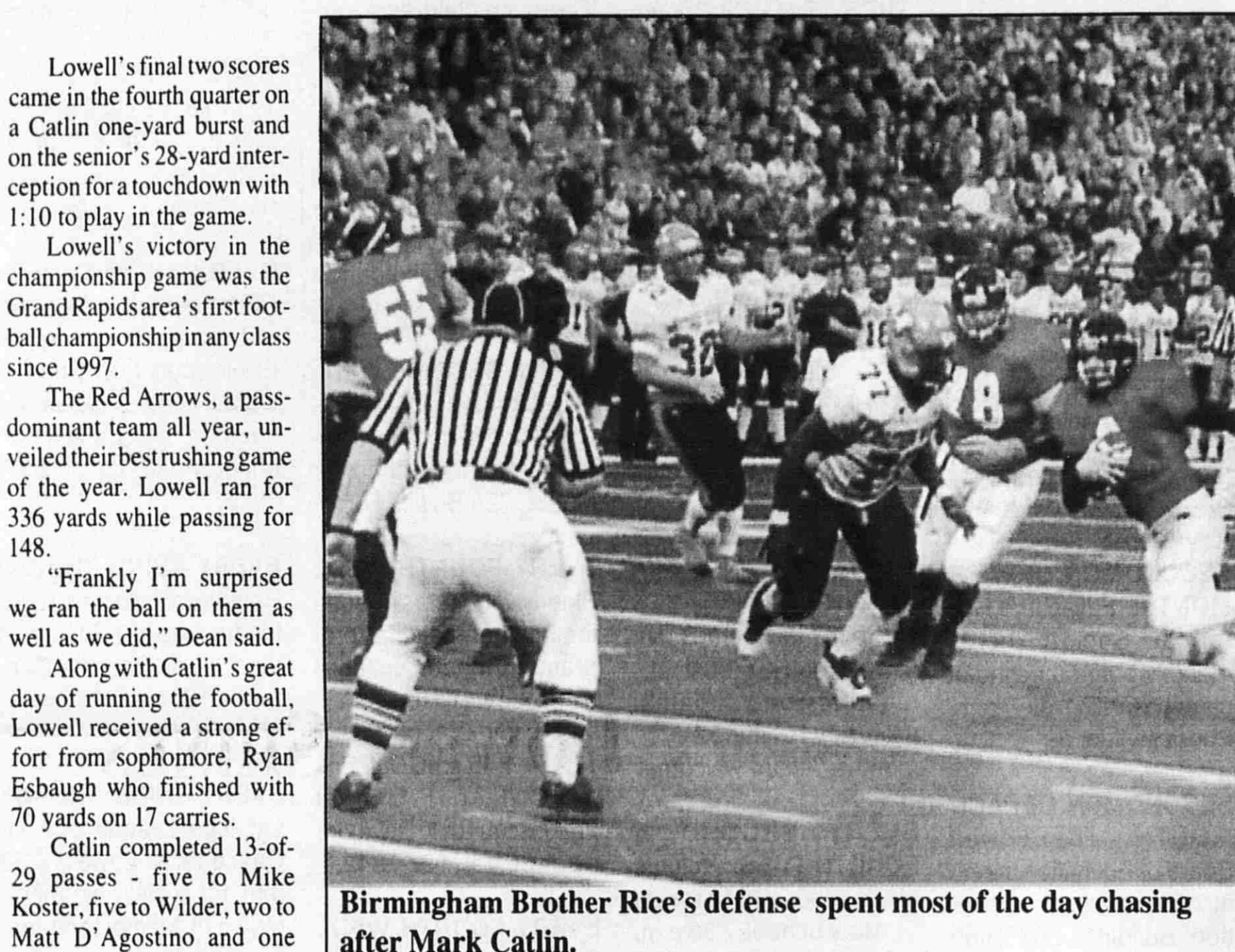
A Matthew Foster field goal kicked Lowell to a 10-7 advantage. The lead was extended to 10 when Catlin scored his second touchdown of the game on a 10-yard run.

An 80-yard pass from Horton to Al Gioutsos cut the Arrow lead to three at 17-14.

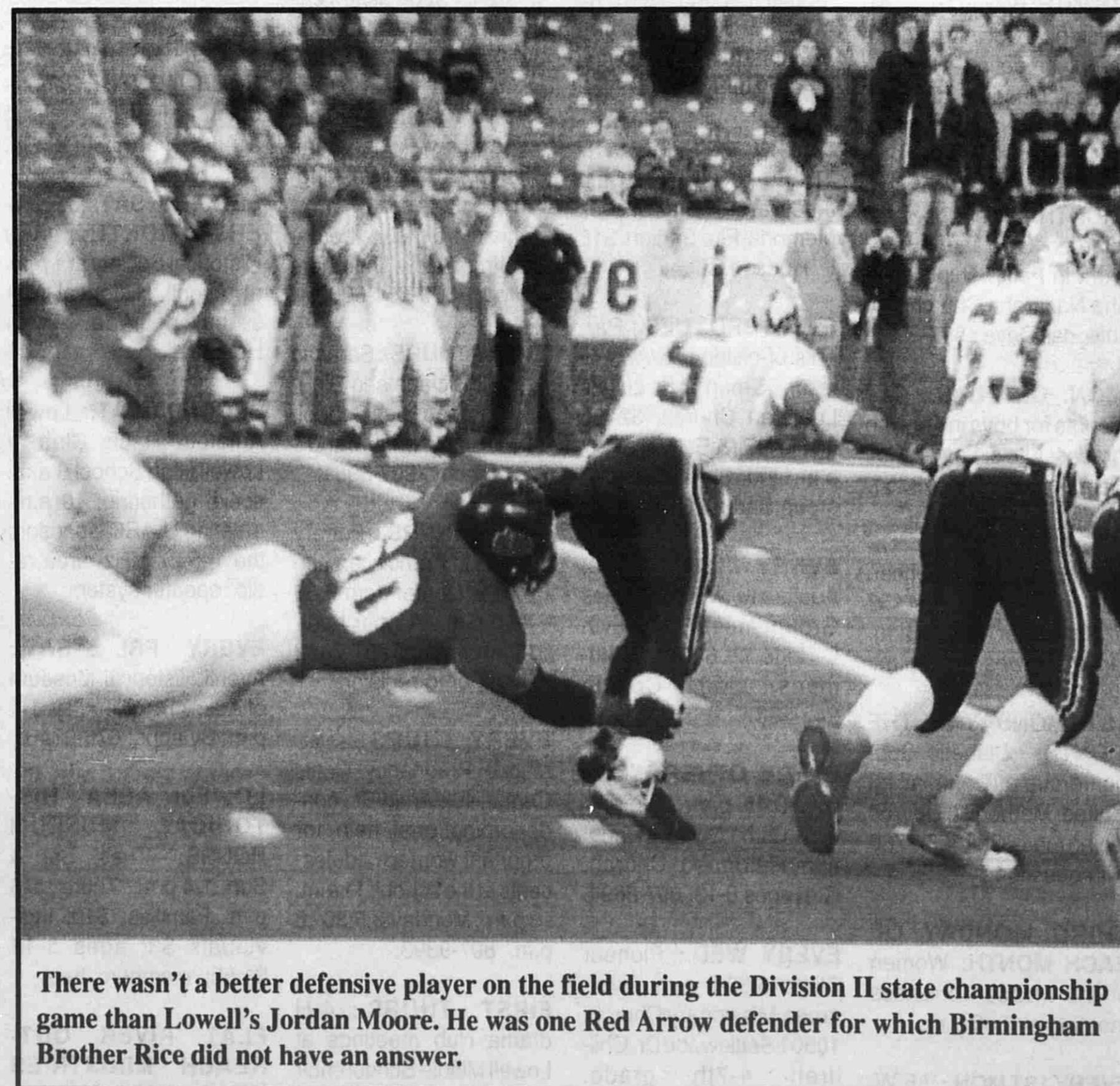
J.J. Wilder blocked a tying field goal attempt right before the half.



Mark Catlin races for the corner of the end zone for Lowell's second touchdown of the game.



Birmingham Brother Rice's defense spent most of the day chasing after Mark Catlin.



Lowell's J.J. Wilder not only caught passes in Friday's title game, he tackled, sacked and blocked with ferocious abandon.

There wasn't a better defensive player on the field during the Division II state championship game than Lowell's Jordan Moore. He was one Red Arrow defender for which Birmingham Brother Rice did not have an answer.

THIS "KATT-MAN DO" DEFENSE

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When it comes to defense, Lowell football coach, Noel Dean has been smart enough both in practice and during games to step aside and just watch and listen.

He can do that because he has the utmost confidence and respect for his defensive coordinator.

"Jason Katt is a great coach and I'm lucky to still have him on my staff. I make sure I treat him well," Dean said.

Katt's influence on Lowell's success was evident again in the Red Arrows' 31-14 title win over Birmingham Brother Rice.

Lowell held the Warriors' top rusher, Anthony Jackson to 39 yards and Birmingham to just 100 yards total rushing.

"Defense is all about creating confidence through repetition and Coach Katt does a marvelous job with that," Dean explained. "He organizes our kids in a way that they are prepared to play great defense. I tell you they have confidence because they know where the ball is going most of the time before the

ball is snapped."

Katt identifies two keys to his defensive philosophy - communication and arriving to the ball in a bad mood. "Our boys have done that very well this year," Katt says.

The Red Arrow defensive coordinator also credits the other members of defensive coaching staff.

"They are amazing. They care about the kids and they are enthusiastic about football," Katt says.

The admiration is a two-way street.

"We are so lucky to have Jason at Lowell. He's a hard worker, a great defensive coordinator who has tremendous organizational skills," said Lowell defensive back coach, Rob McCormick. "He develops plans that put kids in situations to make plays."

Lowell's defense stopped Birmingham Brother Rice on fourth down three times in the second half.

"That's what we do; that's our defense," said Lowell middle linebacker, Jordan Moore. "When they're that close, we step up and stop them. Our defensive tackles and defensive noses and outside linebackers, they know

where to go, and who to block. It opens up holes and lets the middle linebackers do what they do."

Red Arrow linebackers Moore and J.J. Wilder once again had big days.

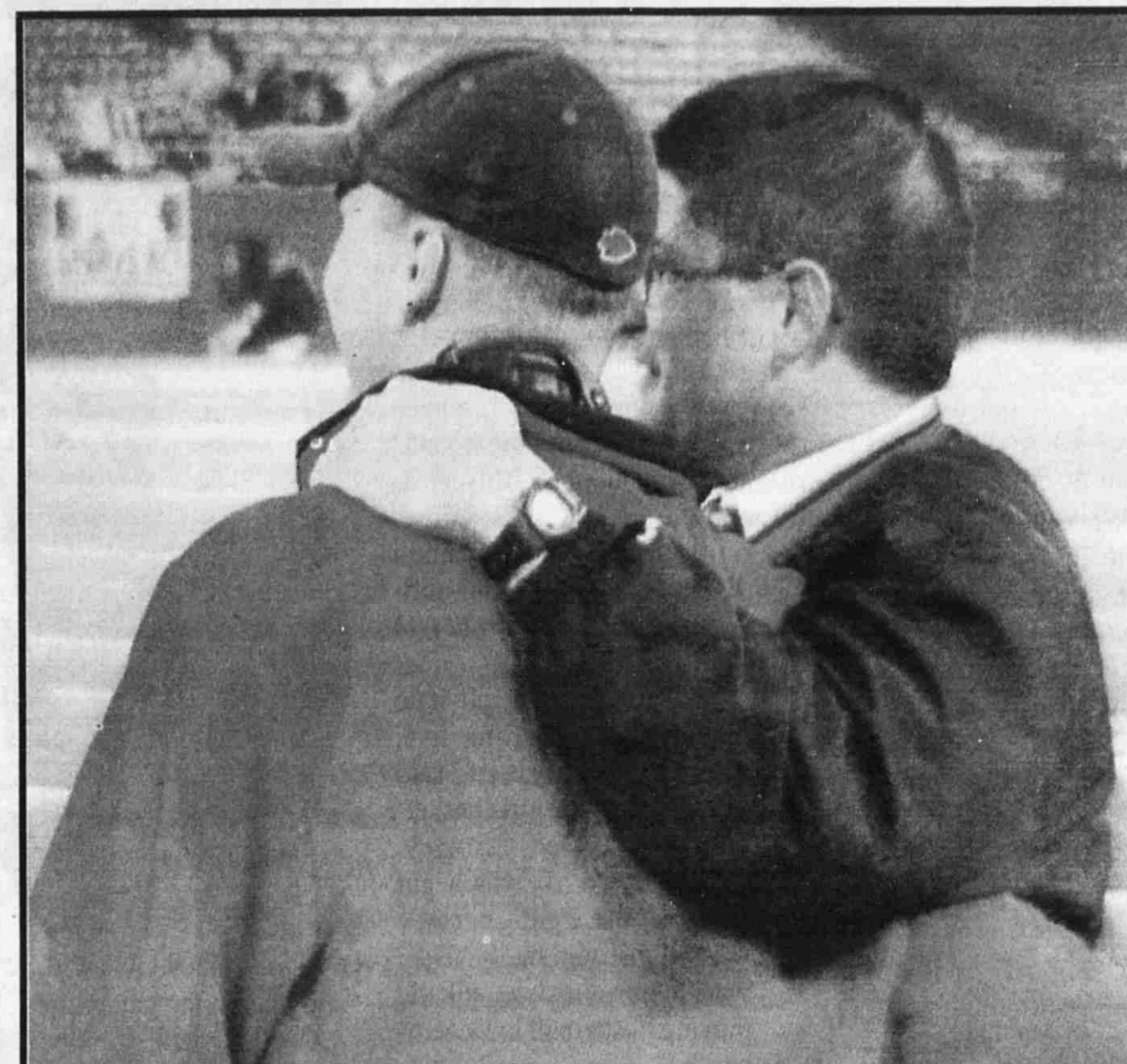
Moore led the Red Arrows in tackles with five and he assisted on five others.

"They're very quick," said Brother Rice coach, Al Fracassa of Lowell's defense. "They looked a lot quicker today than they did on film. Maybe I should have run the film faster."

Wilder turned in four solo tackles, one assist and two quarterback sacks, and he blocked Birmingham's game-tying field goal attempt right before the half.

"I knew I could get in because on the previous extra point, they didn't block me and I actually could have blocked that one," Wilder said. "I knew when they lined up for the field goal that I was going to block it. Nothing was going to stop me. I didn't want to give them anymore momentum."

Rice quarterback, Doug Pickens knew what he was up against. "They were just a great defensive team. Moore



Lowell defensive coordinator, Jason Katt and Red Arrow head coach, Noel Dean share a grin as the clock winds down in Friday's Division II high school football championship.

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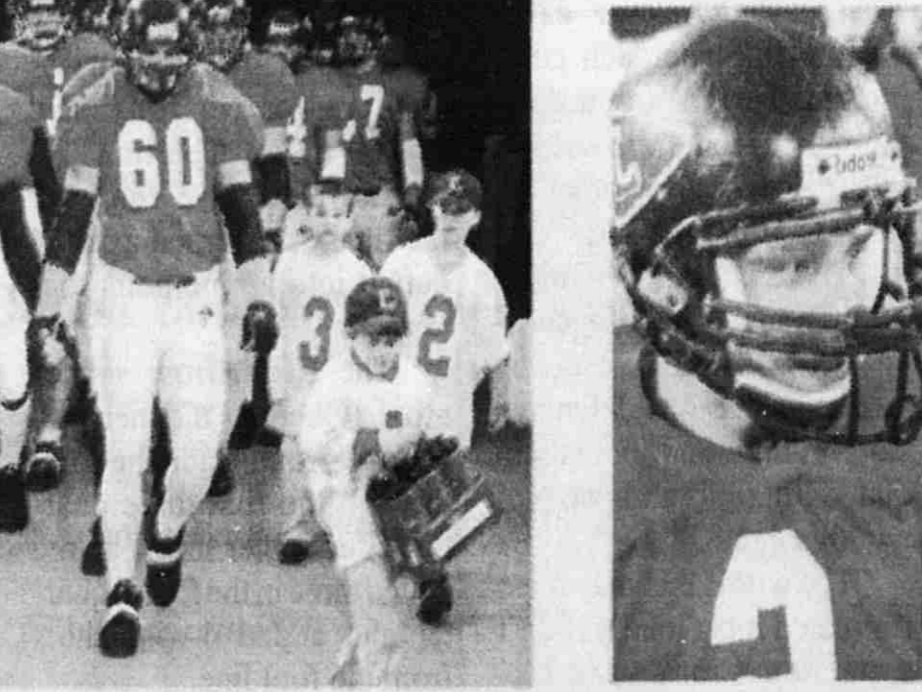
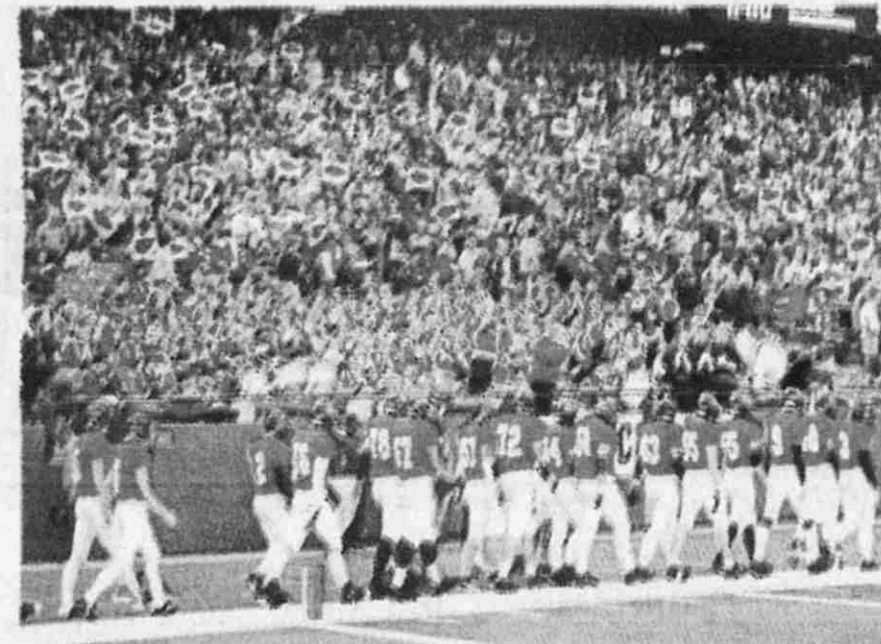
blitzes. There was nothing we could do about it."

The state's biggest football stage belonged to the new

kid on the block as Lowell left Pontiac Friday night with its first-ever state football title.



LOWELL SHINES UNDER THE DOME



SCORING SUMMARY:

1st Quarter 4:29 - Mark Catlin five-yard run (Craig Carpenter kick)
8 plays, 69 yards, drive time 3:13
Lowell 7 - Birmingham 0.

2:48 - Jason Horton 79-yard pass from Doug Pickens (Brian Balzerini kick)
3 plays, 80 yards, drive time 1:41
Lowell 7 - Birmingham 7

10:19 - Matthew Foster 23-yard field goal
13 plays, 78 yards, drive time 4:29
Lowell 10 - Birmingham 7

5:46 - Catlin 10-yard run (Carpenter kick)
7 plays, 52 yards, drive time 2:37
Lowell 17 - Birmingham 7

5:34 - Horton 80-yard pass from Al Gioutsos (Balzerini kick)
1 play, 80 yards, drive time 0:12
Lowell 17 - Birmingham 14

9:38 - Catlin 1-yard run (Carpenter kick)
15 plays, 65 yards, drive time 6:38
Lowell 24 - Birmingham 14

1:01 - Catlin 28-yard interception return (Carpenter kick)
Lowell 31 - Birmingham 14

Scoring by Quarters	1	2	3	4	SCORE
Birm. Bro. Rice	7	7	0	0	14
LOWELL	7	10	0	14	31

TEAM STATISTICS

	BRR	LOWELL
FIRST DOWNS	10	29
Rushing	2	16
Passing	4	12
Penalty	4	1
RUSHING		
Attempts	21	51
Yards Gained	100	341
Yards Lost	36	5
Net Yards	64	336
PASSING		
Net Yards	206	148
Attempts	36	30
Completed	10	14
Intercepted	2	2
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	47	81
NET YARDS	270	484
FUMBLES/Number-Lost	0/0	2/1
PENALTIES		
Number-Yards	7-38	11-111
Punts/Yards	3/122	1/29
INTERCEPTIONS		
Number/Yards	2-41	2-47
Possession Time	14:20	33:40
Third Down Conversions	3 of 11	6 of 13
SACKS		
Number - Yards	0-0	3-24

Next Game...

... After nearly a quarter of a century in the Lowell football program, Rob McCormick Bill Ingraham and Mark Russell's next game was the Division II State Championship.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Between the three coaches, they have a combined 86 years of coaching football at Lowell High School.

For Mark Russell, Rob McCormick and Bill

Ingraham it has always been about the next game. The Division II title game on Friday was the ultimate next game.

"It was really cool and emotional. I just feel very

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And Still Playing...

••• Lowell girls basketball team advanced to the state quarterfinals with an amazing come-from-behind win against Muskegon

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Class A regional final at Forest Hills Northern was where Lowell's memo-

nickname and its impressive play. It was the team dressed in red, though, which played big as it authored the biggest tournament upset this post-season.

Lowell, 21-3, overcame a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to stun Muskegon (24-1) 45-36.

"There are no all-state players in my starting five, just girls who play hard," said an elated Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "Being down 10 was a gut check for these girls, but they wanted this win badly. They were determined to still be playing basketball in December."

Lowell's improbable regional championship victory



rable but bitter-sweet and injury-plagued season was supposed to end.

The mighty "Big Reds" from Muskegon, undefeated and ranked third in the state in Class A, would surely show these Red Arrows the door as they danced their way into the state quarterfinals.

To quote ESPN's Lee Corso, "Not So Fast."

Muskegon entered the game known as the "Big Reds" because of the school

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fortunate. It's one of the special extras about coaching," Ingraham said. "It was made even more special because of the great fan support we received."

The coaches know something or two about support. Ingraham began his role as a line coach 20 years ago under the leadership of Phil Christensen.

McCormick first lent his coaching support 22 years ago as an assistant to Christensen.

"I've been around great kids over the years. Coaching is about the kids. The goal is to get to the game, but coaching isn't measured by getting to that game," McCormick said.

McCormick has been attending the high school state finals for 25 years and always wondered what it would feel like coming out of the tunnel when Lowell was there.

"It was better than I thought. To see all those fans was great. It gave me a numb feeling," McCormick explained.

Russell's first year of coaching at the varsity level came in Gary Rivers' final year, and he has stayed on throughout Christensen's tenure and has now been with Noel Dean for seven years. "I loved coaching with Phil and I've enjoyed being in on the process with Noel."

Russell was struck by the sea of red as he came out of the tunnel.

"The biggest thing that struck me was how many people from Lowell were there; that and the noise they were making. It was amazing," Russell said. "Once the game started it felt like just another game. Our focus, though, was not to get there... it was to win."

It is clear with Russell, McCormick and Ingraham the coaching profession has won as well as the kids they have inspired and been inspired by.



It was celebration time following Lowell's upset of third ranked Muskegon in the Class A regional final.

is tired, we're in better shape, we can still win this game," Crowley explained.

The execution was textbook: five straight defensive stops, five buckets, one foul shot later, and the Red Arrows were back in the contest, trailing 34-33.

"They had their run, it was our turn for our run," said Lowell's Amy Oberlin. Lowell's 21-2 run over the final 6:25 turned a 34-24 deficit into a nine-point victory.

The Red Arrow sophomore (Oberlin) did her part (0-for-7 from inside the paint through the first three quarters), found her touch as she netted three in the fourth quarter and added 4-of-6 shots from the foul line.

"I don't think any of us doubted we could do it," said senior, Becky Bosserd. "We



just took it one basket, one defensive stop at a time."

Muskegon's inability to finish was a departure from what it exhibited the night before against Grand Rapids Christian.

"Our kids may have been tired. We just could not stop Lowell from driving to the basket and we were settling for jump shots," Hammond said.

Lowell's defensive effort was remarkable, holding an explosive club, which averages over 60 points a game, to 36. The night before it held a Benton Harbor team, aver-

aging over 50 points a game, to 38.

"We think we're pretty quick. We haven't seen a team this year play us man-to-man (a sagging man-to-man) like Lowell did," Hammond said.

"We also finally started making some easy baskets," Crowley added, in explaining her club's fourth-quarter success.

Lowell's scoring continued to be balanced, Oberlin and Vallen VanZyll led the way with 12 points apiece while Bosserd added 10.

Red Arrow icers open season with 2-2 slate

The Lowell Varsity hockey team is off to a good start in the 2002-3 season. Last weekend marked the opening of the season for Lowell.

The Red Arrows were runner-up in a tournament hosted by the Kalamazoo Blades. Lowell defeated Grand Rapids Central 7-3 to get to the final game of the tournament, then fell to the Blades by a score of 4-1.

This weekend while the Lowell football team was winning the Division II State Championship, the Red Arrow icers were en route to Gaylord to take on the 2001-2 Northern Regional Champion, Gaylord Blue Devils. Eric Austin and Ted McCoy scored the Red Arrows' only goals in a 12-2 loss.

On Saturday night, Lowell hosted the Holt Rams at Standard Federal Ice Center in their first home contest of the season. Sporting a full roster for the first time this season, the

Red Arrows came out skating hard and never let down. Eric Austin scored first for Lowell with assists from Dustin Hofert and Corey Kelly. Ted McCoy followed soon after with assistance from Pat McMahon to end the first period with Lowell on top 2-0. A lone goal by Brandon John in the second with assists from McCoy and John Truskowski sealed the 3-0 win for Lowell. Goaltender David Maylone and the Lowell defense played an outstanding game, resulting in the first shut out of the season for Maylone and the Red Arrows.

The Red Arrows will be on the ice again this Saturday in their first conference game of the season against the Sailors of South Christian. Game time is 8:00 p.m. at Standard Federal Ice Center.

Planning commission reviews document on open space preservation

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Planning Commission took its first gander at a new open space preservation ordinance that is now mandated by state statute.

The commission reviewed the document, prepared by councilman, Dan Brubaker, for the first time at its Monday night meeting. Brubaker said the purpose of the act is to allow clustering of homes in certain districts. The only district that falls

under the requirement would be the city's suburban residential zone.

If it sounds vaguely familiar to a proposed plan by the Sundry Development for its property, Brubaker said it is not. Under the statute, a developer could not increase the number of homes but would have to stay within the number of homes allowed on that area. The developer also must have two or more lots.

The ordinance itself encompasses a lot of information, being about 12 pages

long. Topics such as sidewalk, roadway, grading, signage, uniform frontage, and more are covered in the document. It does require that the minimum amount of open space be 20 percent. Brubaker said most communities are making the maximum 50 percent.

Because of the amount of information, commissioner, John VanderWilp said he would like more time to review the document. With that, the commission decided to table the matter until its work session set for Dec. 9.

Commission sets public hearing on changes for residential areas

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Hoping to create clearer guidelines on construction in the suburban residential and residential zones, the Lowell Planning Commission has set a public hearing on changes to its ordinance.

Monday night, the commission unanimously decided to have a public hearing at its next meeting, Jan. 27, for the new requirements developed by commissioner, John VanderWilp. VanderWilp has spent the past several months working on the requirements.

Under the proposed changes, in suburban residential, the requirements would be a 30-foot front yard with side yard totaling 20 feet or having a minimum of eight feet. Rear yard would be 35 feet; building height, 35 feet. Lot coverage would be 35 percent with a minimum lot area of 23,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 125 feet.

VanderWilp said for the SR district he felt that everything was right in line with what other communities had. He had surveyed several communities to determine what their lot width and other requirements were.

For the R-1 residential district, the requirements are much the same with the minimum lot area being 9,750 feet and the minimum lot width being 75 feet.

While there was some concern about the fact that a large home with a three-stall garage could eat up that area, VanderWilp said he did feel these were also in line, especially with the state's new open space preservation ordinance.

Both of the ordinances



A flower arrangement should usually be about one and a half times the height or width of the container.

also give a guideline for the buildings: a single level would require 1,200 square feet of main floor living area and a

multi-level would require 780 square feet of main floor living area with a total of 1,400 square feet.

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The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet to correct the various Assessment Rolls for 2002 at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan on:

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An Off-Season Hit

Lowell High School's softball program presented a check for \$200 to Rev. Gordie Barry toward Flat River Outreach Ministries. The funds will be used to buy hams and turkeys this holiday season for needy families in the community. The money was raised through the softball program's paper recycling drive. The paper recycling truck is located in the Curtis Cleaners parking lot. The funds raised also help pay for the high school team's trip to Gulf Shores, Ala., during spring break. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Jacque Benedict, Tara Kimble, Barry, Noelle Dewey and Courtney Phillips.

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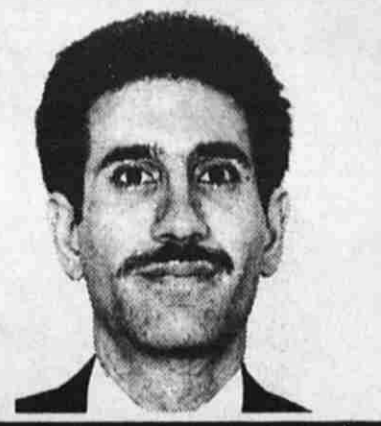
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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: A few years back my mother named me as her agent under her durable power of attorney so I could pay bills for her once she was no longer able to act for herself. At the time she also put my name on her checking account so I could write checks on her behalf. Until now I never had to write any checks or use that power of attorney - she did everything for herself. Due to a severe stroke, she now needs my help. What do I need to do to start acting for her? Do I need to register the durable power of attorney someplace? Do I need to see a lawyer?

JONATHAN SAYS: It would make good sense for you to meet with a lawyer for the purpose of reviewing your duties and obligations when acting as your mother's agent under her durable power of attorney. You should also understand that as your mother's agent, you are her fiduciary and you are required to act in her best interests at all times. Further:

1. You need to understand what powers are delineated in the document before you take action. If the document does not give you the power to undertake a particular action, then you cannot take that action. If you are unsure as to whether the document gives you the power to take a certain action, you should consult with an attorney.
2. You need to be aware of any limitations or restrictions placed on your powers.
3. You should not commingle your mother's assets with your assets.

4. When you are taking action on behalf of your mother, you should always indicate that you are acting as her agent or attorney-in-fact and not in your own capacity.
 5. You should maintain good records of what actions you take on behalf of your mother.
 6. Assuming your mother is capable of understanding, you should communicate with her as much as possible as to what you are doing on her behalf.
- The durable power of attorney does not need to be registered or recorded anywhere unless you plan on transferring real estate on behalf of your mother, in which event that durable power of attorney would need to be recorded along with the deed. Otherwise, you should simply start acting on behalf of your mother and take care of her financial affairs pursuant to the powers set forth therein.

DEAR JONATHAN: The abstract of title for my property was destroyed. Where can I get a copy of it?
JONATHAN SAYS: That's a good question and, unfortunately,

I don't have a good answer for you. I am not aware of any companies in the West Michigan area that still prepare abstracts of title. We now use title insurance companies. You might want to contact a title insurance company and ask them if they know of any way you can locate an abstract. Having said that, however, if you are simply looking for a history of the title of your property, your best bet is to contact a title insurance company in the county where the property is located and have them do a title search on your property as far back as their records go. This isn't quite the same as an abstract, but it will provide you with copies of all deeds and other matters of record regarding your property that have been recorded over the years. Be advised, however, that this could be quite an expensive proposition.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

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With Christopher C. Godbold

Does Annuity Payout from 401(k) Make Sense for You?

If you have a 401(k) plan where you work, you'll have an important decision to make upon your retirement. Specifically, how should you take your 401(k) money? You'll want to make the right choice - because it can make a big difference in your life. Let's consider the distribution options available to you:

You can take the money as a lump sum - Many plans require participants to take their 401(k) in a lump sum distribution - and many people choose lump sums, even when they have a choice. If you need a large sum of money immediately upon retirement, taking a lump sum may be right for you. However, your plan will immediately withhold 20 percent for taxes, and you may have to pay more later.

You can leave the money in your plan - Not all 401(k) plans offer this option. But if it's available, it may be a good choice for you if you like the investment options in your 401(k) and if the plan allows you to withdraw funds as often as you need after you retire. You will have to start

making withdrawals by age 70 1/2.

You can move your money into an IRA - If you move your 401(k) into a "Rollover IRA," your money will continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you will avoid the 20 percent federal withholding. You can withdraw money as you need it, subject to IRA minimum distribution rules, and you'll pay income tax only on the amount you withdraw. (Withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty.) Plus, you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment - stock, bonds, government securities, etc.

your final distribution option is to convert your 401(k) into a lifetime annuity, purchased from a private insurance company. Not all plans offer this choice, but if they do, it is an option worth considering for one reason alone: It offers you an income stream you can't outlive. Every month, for the rest of your life, you will receive a check for the same amount of money - even if the cumulative payments exceed the amount you paid into your 401(k).

Furthermore, you can extend your annuity over the course of two lifetimes. Thus, when you die, your spouse will start receiving the monthly payments. As is the case with IRA withdrawals, your annuity payments are subject to ordinary income tax.

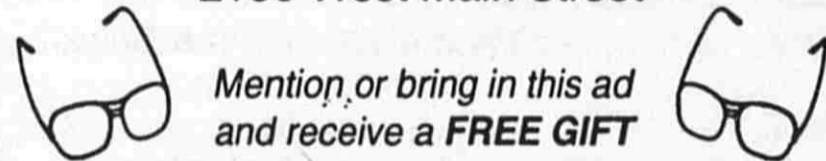
Clearly, a lifetime source of income may be of great value to you - especially when you consider that you could easily spend two or three decades in retirement. At the

same time, you'd need to take into account two possible drawbacks to taking your 401(k) distribution as an annuity. First, your payments will not be indexed for inflation, so, over time, you will lose purchasing power. And second, there's no death benefit to this annuity - when you and your spouse pass on, the payments stop.

Ultimately, you'll have to look at your overall financial picture before you decide if taking your 401(k) distribution as an annuity is a good idea for you. If, after reviewing your situation you identify a need for a regular source of income, the annuity may be a possibility. But if you know that you'll have enough money coming in from a variety of sources, and you want to maximize the assets you leave to your beneficiaries, you might want to consider other distribution options. It's your choice - so make it a good one.

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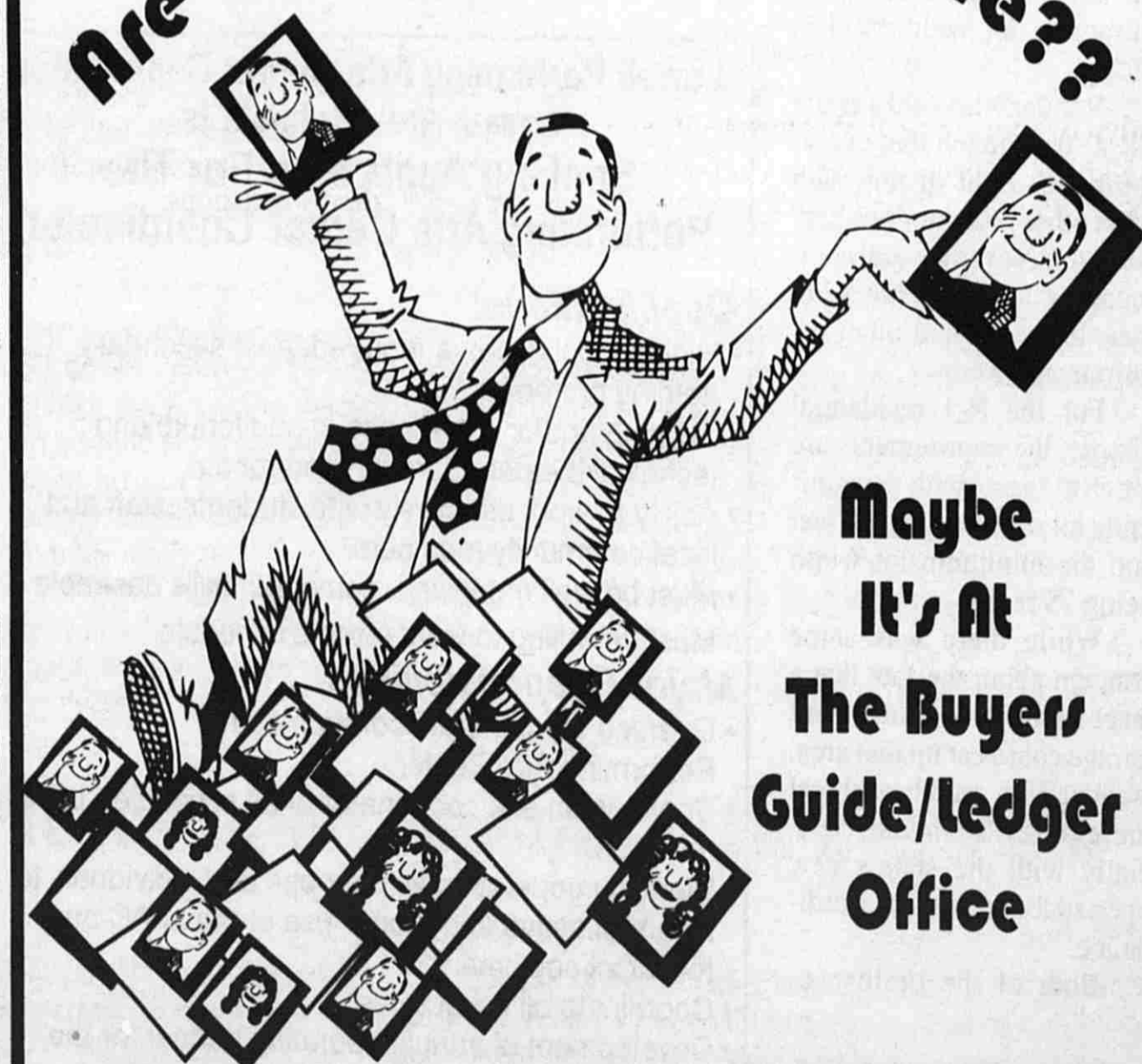
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Lowell youth attend world's largest annual student gathering

Members of the Lowell FFA chapter traveled to Louisville, Ky., to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime event. The students, ranging in ages from 15 to 21 years, participated in the 75th National FFA Convention.

FFA is a national youth organization of 457,278 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture and natural resources. Young people participate in FFA programs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Each year, more than 50,000 FFA members, educators and supporters gather to exchange ideas, compete in national events and celebrate the life-changing impact of FFA and agricultural education.

Lowell High School students in attendance were: Heather Blough, Missy Blough, Katie Clements, Melody Dermocoeur, Brandon Gessler, Bryan Hoekstra, Jessica Kincaid, Bruce Langlois, Patti Leasure, Ruthanne Oesch, Megan Stubbs, Cassy Wheat, Holly Young, and Tim Zook. They are advised by Lowell High School teachers John Schut and Dan Young.

This year, the national convention was particularly exciting. Those in attendance reflected on 75 years of speeches delivered by world-renowned leaders, as well as scholarships, career opportunities and professional networking all made possible through the convention experience.

In addition, the event marked the start of the National FFA organization's

celebration of 75 years of succeeding at one mission—*student success*. FFA programs continue to create highly successful young adults ready to make a positive difference in the world.

Local chapter members hold fundraisers in order to provide for expenses relating to the trip. While in Louisville, they attended educational workshops, gathered career and college information at the 260,000 square-foot FFA National Agricultural Career Show, learned from industry leaders and exchanged experiences with other young people across the nation.

Lowell FFA members were recognized in a number of areas. The Lowell chapter was recognized with the 3-Star National Chapter Award which is given to the top 100 chapters in the United States. Twelve members were awarded the American FFA Degree which is the highest membership award the National FFA bestows.

Out of 60 American FFA Degree recipients from Michigan, 20 percent were from Lowell FFA. Those include Jennifer Wisner, James Bosserd, Kevin Rasch, Bill Zook, Courtney Baker, Gina Blough, Heather Canfield, Lindsay Perkins, Aaron Plattner, Heather Posthumus, Joe Wisner and Jana Young. Four members were awarded Proficiency Awards for their work-related learning experiences. They include: Matt Oesch in Dairy, Kevin Rasch in Diversified Horticulture, Bill Zook in Agricultural Mechanical Systems and Brian Rasch in Fruit. Oesch, Rasch and Zook were named in the

top 10 in their areas. Brian Rasch was named in the top 20 in his area.

The Lowell Agricultural Supporters (LAS) was recognized by the National FFA Alumni as a National Outstanding Affiliate for 2002. The LAS supports the Lowell FFA Chapter by providing financial assistance and human resources by assisting with the annual scholarship auction, coaching leadership teams, mentoring, providing scholarships and assisting with FFA trips. Jennifer Wisner represented the LAS at the National FFA Alumni Awards Session.

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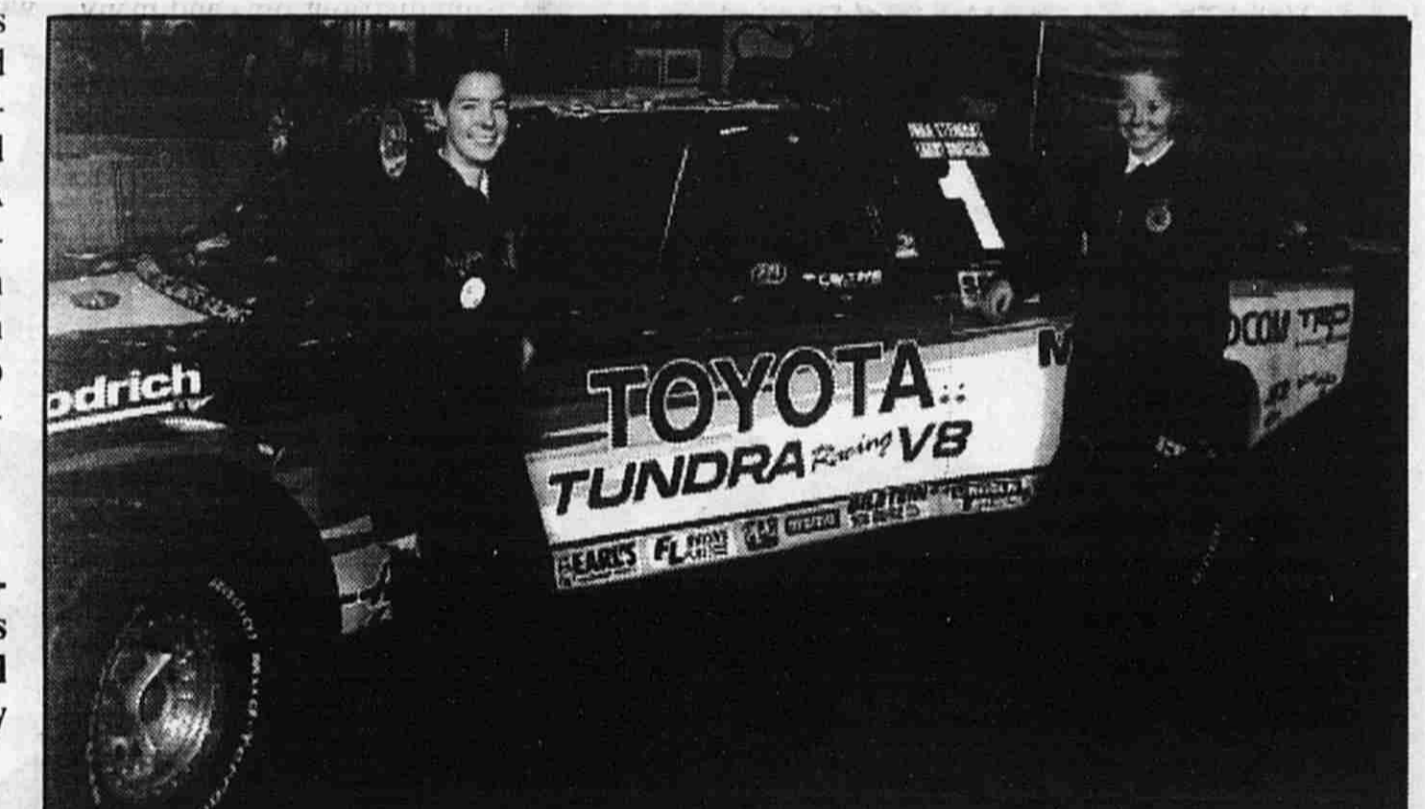
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Pictured, left to right: Lowell High School students, Heather Blough, Jessica Kincaid, Holly Young, Cassy Wheat, Laura Rasch, Bryan Hoekstra, Ruthanne Oesch, Brandon Gessler, Megan Stubbs, Bruce Langlois, Tim Zook, Patti Leasure, Katie Clements and Melody Dermocoeur represented the Lowell FFA Chapter which was recognized as one of the nation's top 100 chapters.



Pictured, left to right, are: Matt Oesch, Courtney Baker, Bill Zook, Jim Bosserd, Gina Blough, Kevin Rasch, Heather Canfield and Jennifer Wisner who were recognized with proficiency awards and the American FFA Degree.



Heather Blough, left, and Katie Clements of Lowell stand next to Toyota's championship off-road racing Tundra truck during the 2002 National FFA Convention, which was attended by more than 50,000 people. Blough and Clements are members of the Lowell FFA chapter. Toyota's focus at the National FFA Convention centered on community service, both at its display booth and through teacher and student workshops.

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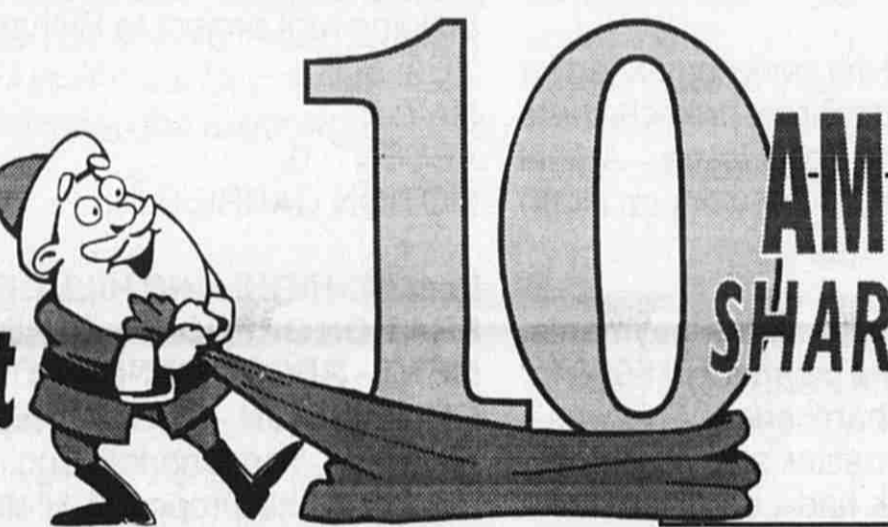
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PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002.**

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

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.
Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Planning Commissioner Alan Mathews, Police Officer James Hinton and Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Boardmember Dave Austin.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH that the minutes of the November 4, 2002 regular meeting as corrected and the minutes of the November 11, 2002 worksession meeting as written be approved.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/18/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$222,939.29
MAJOR STREET FUND	3,615.10
LOCAL STREET FUND	562.31
DDA FUND	84,278.83
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	459,992.22
AIRPORT FUND	223.44
WASTEWATER FUND	27,221.08
WATER FUND	17,738.64
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,720.59
CURRENT TAX FUND	18,113.87

Item #1. ROOT-LOWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY (1000 FOREMAN ROAD) - APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - PUBLIC HEARING. As noted at the last meeting, Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company has applied for industrial tax abatement related to the purchase of machinery and equipment.

In reviewing the application, Root-Lowell would qualify for twelve years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council. The cost of the improvements amounts to \$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.

City Assessor Jim Marfia provided a letter describing the tax revenue impact. He estimated the net loss in revenue to the City over twelve years to be approximately \$27,215.

Marvin Lacey, Financial Administrator of Root-Lowell, was present to answer any questions. Councilmember Myers believed having a local manufacturer add one million dollars worth of equipment to their building spoke well of the economy. Myers noted the estimate of benefit to the firm would be \$27,215 over the twelve-year time frame.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to approve the Act 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Tax application from Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company for twelve years.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Pasquale stated the application would be forwarded to the State Tax Commission who would provide final approval.

Item #2. 2002 STREET PROJECTS - FINAL PAY REQUEST AND CHANGE ORDER. Williams and Works Engineer Dave Austin explained the streets and water main projects are now 100% complete. The contractor has requested a final payment (\$14,039) and final ac-

counting of the projects, which resulted in the presented change order.

Austin explained the total net increase amounted to \$40,629. He stated the contract was \$9,310 under the bid amount of \$418,626. However, there was \$25,237 of added work to the original contract items. This included additional sidewalk along Bowes Road, two water main curb boxes in Valley Vista and additional work on North Division. Two homes on North Division required retaining walls due to the road grade change. This amounted to \$14,000. The balance of the increase included unforeseen conditions during construction project such as conflicts with the storm sewer and water system. The contractor was delayed approximately one month due to delays from Ameritech which caused the need for the barricade signage to be rented an additional month costing \$950.

Austin also explained because the bid prices came in so well, the City decided to take on additional projects. Road reconstruction was extended west of the Valley Vista - Sibley intersection adding new curb and gutter, 125 feet of complete reconstruction and new driveway approaches. Also, there was an area on High Street east of Division in need of repair. The road was also extended approximately 500 feet making it easier for snowplowing and allowing better drainage.

City Manager Pasquale broke each project down by fund. Bowes Road is a Major Street and charged within this fund. Valley Vista, Sibley, North Division and High Street projects are all part of the Michigan Transportation Fund Bond. The changes and additions are reflected within the bond allocations. Pasquale noted the Hunt Street water main is also within the Water Fund.

Pasquale stated after payment of the work completed for the Valley Vista and North Division Street projects there is \$5,122.64 remaining within the bond issue. A final payment of \$14,039 is requested for the work on North Division.

Councilmember Blough agreed with all the payments, except for the issue concerning the payment of \$950 for the time extension placed on the barricades. This was a coordination issue with the Contractor and Ameritech. Austin explained the Contractor had coordinated the rental of barricades with Ameritech. However, Ameritech failed the time frame due to massive early retirement issues.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired if there has been any discussion with Ameritech concerning the additional costs. Austin responded the company has not tried to recover any of these costs. Austin felt contractors are at the mercy of utility companies when it comes to schedules.

Councilmember Pfaller wanted to see an attempt made to recover the cost of \$950 from Ameritech.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the change order in for the Bowes Road improvements (a net addition of \$451.85).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the change order in payment for the Valley Vista/Sibley improvements (a net addition of \$2,411.39).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to accept the change order for North Division and High (net addition of \$36,339.38) less the \$950 for the extended barricade rental with the option to return to the Council after an attempt has been made to seek payment from Ameritech.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 1. (Shores)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to accept the change order for the Hunt Street water main (an addition of \$1,290.50).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to approve the final payment of \$14,039.04 less \$950 to Shaler Excavating, Inc.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.
Austin stated he would contact Ameritech.

Item #3. FOREMAN BUILDING REROOFING PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER FOR ROTTEN BOARD REPLACEMENT. With all the proposals received for the reroofing of the Foreman Building, there was an item for board replacement. Contractor Richard Anderson provided a cost of \$6 per square foot for the removal of any rotten boards. A total of 1,740 square feet of rotten boards were found. The cost to reroof was \$30,800, but the replacement of the boards amounted to \$10,440.

Pasquale stated he and Public Works Director Dan DesJarden agreed on the replacement of the amount of boards. It was noted Ron Wenger from the Kent County Youth Fair also agreed upon the amount which needed to be replaced.

Pasquale stated the roofing was more involved than originally thought, because there were many layers of roofing which needed to be removed.

Anderson believed the roof should last for 30 years.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the change order of \$10,440 for the replacement of the rotten boards on the Foreman building roof project to Richard Anderson Builders.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. HIGHLAND HILL DEVELOPMENT - CONSIDERATION OF PUD/R-1 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC HEARING. Aaron Catlin from Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering presented issues regarding the proposed Highland Hill development of Grindle Drive. A single family site condominium, which will be a Planned Unit Development, is proposed. As part of the rezoning request, Sundry wishes to accomplish a PUD/R1.

The project goals include establishing quality single family housing. Sundry is striving for a neighborhood community feel. A good fit to the site is desired as well as a family environment. Catlin noted a market friendly and fair return for the investment risk is desired.

Due to the site limitations being landlocked, unimproved street, no adjacent utilities, hilly terrain, wooded areas and offsite drainage issues which flows through the site, this is a perfect application for a PUD.

The planning process involved with arriving at this point is more unique than most. Rather than just prepare a site plan, it was decided to bring in professional consultation in addition to the Sundry team. There were also staff consultation and subcommittee workshops held. Catlin believed there was much progress in the planning of the site and consensus building within the subcommittee.

The PUD will provide control and define the expectations. This modifies the density appropriately. It is different than a normal R1 which is much less. Catlin believed the site plan fits the land very well. Under a normal rezoning request, there is a tendency to fit the land to the layout.

The proposed public utility extension, which is incorporated into the PUD, is consistent with the City requirements. It serves all homesites with water and sanitary sewer. The plan allows for the extension into the Grindle (Phillips) property. It also provides for a future extension to the north, as easements across the Grindle property would be recorded. The High Street properties will be served as well. Catlin explained there are several undeveloped lots along High Street. These areas would be given sewer leads appropriately. There is no cost to the City to extend sanitary sewer within 1320 feet of the Grindle property. The environmental benefits of this particular plan include being able to manage the drainage discharge through the site. Its release rate is controlled according to the Kent County Drain Commission standards. The plan saves many trees, due to the

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buffer of green area and reduces the grading. The plan also improves High Street at no additional cost to the City. Catlin stated public sewer extension is an environmental benefit.

Approximately 70% of the development area will be open space and be protected with deed restrictions under the Site Condominium. The plan is very pedestrian-friendly, providing an inner ring of paved sidewalk, which connects the homes together and circles the inside of a recreational area. Lighting will also be provided within the inner ring.

Sundry Representative Carol Sue Avendroft stated she has listened to various individuals describe what makes a neighborhood good or bad. Avendroft focused on the humanistic factor of neighborhoods and presented a slide show. Many feel it is important to live in a neighborhood which creates good memories. She believed Lowell had an opportunity which would nurture present and future generations.

Jim Wood of 875 Hillside Ct. wanted the area to remain SR.

Mark Baughman of 410 James Street felt the presentation was more for individuals living in the space rather than the neighbors living around the space. This is an opportunity for the City of Lowell to have a development within an open space. Baughman believed the plan needed to be amended, if the only exit way involved James Street. He suggested the City become involved and purchase the last extensive space rather than allowing the area to be developed. Baughman commented on the project not involving walkways outside the development. He felt the lighting should be consistent with the City lighting. He also did not believe there was any advantage to a private street and the City should maintain the streets. This would mean the roads would have to be built to City standards.

Baughman stated he would not be in favor of the development due to the location of the exit road. He wanted the exit to come directly on M21.

Simon Rosenbaum of 1440 Pine Grove Trail believed it was very misleading in the presentation to show lakes, streams, and rivers when the development is going to be built in the woods. No one seems to be in favor of the project and yet the Council has provided several opportunities for the developer to come back. Rosenbaum stated there are traffic problems in the City already. He suggested the City create a park.

Jayne Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive wanted the area to remain SR. She was very concerned with having one exit and entrance.

Lynn Dawson of 905 High Street desired the area to remain SR. She was concerned about safety factors. She did not want additional cars driving past her home.

Traci Mullins of 901 Grindle Drive commented on the amount of times this has come back for consideration. She was concerned with the road issues. She wanted fewer homes and was in favor of the property remaining SR.

Alan Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive believed Sundry was abusing what was discussed at the neighborhood meeting 1 1/2 years ago. He was concerned with the number of homes and did not see any benefits to such a neighborhood. There would be more traffic. Mathews wanted the area to remain SR.

Mark Osburn of 743 Grindle Drive wanted the area left SR.
Diane Scanlon of 1325 Pine Grove Trail also expressed the need to have this area remain as is. She noted the Phillips property has been destroyed by Sundry.

Pat Murphy of 431 James Street wanted the area to remain SR.

City Clerk Betty Morlock received a telephone call from Vernie Goff of 800 Grindle. She was concerned with the 50 foot lot widths for the residential lots. Goff wanted the Council to consider the future and believed larger lots would provide a better quality of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Phillips of 1060 Grindle Drive also telephoned and indicated they were against the development and have the area to remain SR.

Morlock also received a letter from Dan and Linda

DesJarden of 1155 E. Main Street, which indicated they were against the proposal and wanted the Council to deny the request.

Vance Dimmick Jr. of 944 Grindle Drive submitted a letter which indicated his concern regarding traffic safety in the Division Street, Grindle Drive and James Street area.

Mayor Shores believed there were too many proposed houses. She was very concerned regarding traffic issues.

Councilmember Myers was concerned about the increased amount of traffic. He wanted the area to remain SR. He commended the citizens for their continued enthusiasm on this particular issue.

Councilmember Blough commended everyone for participating in the process. He believed parts of the plan made sense. The plan tends to focus the homes to one area leaving much of the property in a natural state. It does not disturb or cut up the acreage. Blough was very concerned with traffic on James Street. If the plan was adopted, the traffic concerns on James Street would need to be addressed.

Councilmember Pfaller was concerned with regulating what one can or can not do with their own property. He was also very sensitive to what the residents wanted.

Councilmember Brubaker believed the major concerns involved preserving as much natural space on the parcel as possible and the traffic issues. He felt the plan being presented was developed involving many subcommittee meetings and various groups. It preserves a large amount of open space. If the property was developed under the SR zoning, large lots with long driveways and possibly two to three roads would be created. Brubaker believed the current plan was actually a better plan in terms of preserving and creating an open space. He also felt there are other ways to address the traffic coming out onto M21. The plan is workable. However, traffic is still an issue.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to leave the Highland Hill development area as SR.

Councilmember Myers questioned the cost for developing High Street. Pasquale explained if the PUD is approved, there are many issues which will need to be reviewed.

YEA: 2. (Councilmember Myers and Mayor Shores)
NAY: 3. (Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker and Pfaller)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION DEFEATED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by BLOUGH to rezone the Highland Hill property to PUD/R1 with the understanding that a PUD application will be submitted to the Planning Commission who will account for all the provisions within the Zoning Ordinance under PUDs and site plans. Further, a recommendation would then be made to the City Council concerning the actual PUD proposal from Sundry Corporation.

YEA: 3. (Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker and Pfaller)
NAY: 2. (Councilmember Myers and Mayor Shores)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ORDINANCE. As Councilmember Brubaker previously discussed, a proposed ordinance prepared by City Attorney Richard Wendt covers the legislation and subsequently, regulations involving telecommunications companies use of the public right and the City permission to charge fees.

As noted by City Attorney Wendt, the Metropolitan Extension Communication right-of-way Oversight Act provides for all telecommunications a right-of-way maintenance fee set at five cents per lineal foot per year.

These fees are paid to the state authority and distributed back to the cities as the same basis as Act 51 gas and weight tax revenues for streets and roads. These fees must be used for street and road purposes.

It is estimated the City's share of the annual fee would be between \$5,500 and \$6,300 during the first short year ending March 31, 2003 and between \$13,200 and \$15,300 for the full year ending March 31, 2004. The City may also charge a one time \$500 application fee for any company which currently does not have a public right of way permit with the City.

Wendt has stated the Council may adopt this ordinance at this meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to adopt the new Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance as submitted.

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

Item #6. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT.

A report was provided concerning the sanitary sewer backups. On November 7, Pollution Control Services were cleaning sewer mains on Faith. Water came up through the toilets at two homes on this street. As of yet, no other claims were made.

The sanitary sewer cleaning is nearly complete for the Valley Vista area.

Dave Austin of Williams and Works stated the company has just completed the process of gathering the existing information on the storm water study. An initial questionnaire was sent out to homeowners in the area along with a follow up questionnaire. A meeting will be established with property owners to get any last minute input. A draft report will then be presented.

No further information was provided.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Mark Baughman of 410 James Street inquired if there was any way to mandate on the Highland Hill approval that the road location not be High Street. Also, he questioned if it was the responsibility of the City to buy right of way being the road is too narrow. Baughman inquired if the City would buy the Myers or Dawson properties. He also requested the traffic density study be made public.

Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley referred to the comment made by Mayor Shores at the last meeting concerning the removal of the sanitary sewer and storm water backups report from the agenda. Johnston noted the issue was included in the agenda. However, she still wanted to make comments. The proposal was made after citizen comments had ended which did not allow citizens to respond. Johnston was very much opposed to suggestion.

She believed the reason Shores wanted this removed was due to a recent letter which was written to the Lowell Ledger which stated there has been a number of backups, but failed to mention the number of homeowner related backups. During the last meeting, Shores had stated this leaves a bad look for the City and all would assume each backup is City related when the vast majority is not. The author of the letter discusses the use of very limited funds for a much needed maintenance program.

He also refers to unsafe and unsanitary conditions, the dangers of having sewage enter a home, health risks, and the fact gases coming from sewage are toxic, flammable and deadly. The letter goes on to state the City knows of these health risks and fails to notify the unsuspecting homeowner of the hazards involved. Yet, Shores is concerned about it leaving a bad look for the town. Johnston stated there have been 24 backups since the City started putting this on the agenda. The City has now accepted responsibility for four of them. The rest were due to lateral and internal problems. The four which have occurred recently have had no answer as to whether it is the City's responsibility. The two backups which occurred in May have still not been resolved. First, it was due to grease and then claim was denied. Further, then the City didn't know what caused the backup and made no means to correct it until News 8 became involved. A break in the main line was then found and the claims were resubmitted to the insurance company. It was then stated payment would be received for less than one half of the claim. This does not even pay for the cleaning service.

Johnston wanted the issue left on the agenda.

Marilyn Branham of 280 Roberta Jayne was very distressed at the last Council meeting where Mayor Shores proposed taking the sewage backup issue off of the agenda. There has been dialogue for six months over this issue. It took threatening lawsuits to have a maintenance program started. The citizens pay sewer bills and

Zeigler's renovated Lowell dealership looks like a million bucks

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Harold Zeigler opened up his first Ford dealership 27 years ago.

He returned to that site on Tuesday (Nov. 26) as he helped celebrate the grand opening of the new \$1 million facility renovation in Lowell following a lengthy nine-month construction project.

The new look of Lowell's Ford dealership is similar to Harold Zeigler Ford's Elkhart, Ind. dealership and

to the Chrysler dealership in Plainville.

The expansion offers a drive-through service area in which customers no longer have to walk from their car. They can drive right into a heated dry area.

"People just loved it. They thought it was clean, sharp, bright and customer-friendly," said Lowell's Harold Zeigler Ford general manager, Charlie Jeffrey.

Zeigler, who lived in Lowell many years ago, said keeping the dealership in

Lowell has been a worthwhile venture. "I wanted to stay here and the Lowell community has been good to us," Zeigler said.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, guests were treated to food, refreshments and music.

The Lowell dealership will continue to celebrate the grand opening through the month of December.

The renovated facility also provides a larger showroom floor. "Before, we could only display one car... now we can display five in our showroom," Jeffrey explained.

Both the new and used car sales offices are in the same building. "We're all under one roof now. No longer is it new and used - it's just one sales team," Jeffrey said.

The Ford dealership now offers shuttle service for its customers. Enterprise rental cars on site, and expanded customer parking.

As for the outside display lot, the new cars are relocated to the west side of the building, allowing for longer rows of new cars (more inventory).

The used cars are parked on the east side.

Ford's Detroit regional manager, Don Kaegi was in attendance as he presented the

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Harold Zeigler, second from the left, helped celebrate the Lowell dealership's grand opening of its renovated facility.

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expect the lines to be maintained. The Council is here to represent the citizens and make the community safe and healthy.

Shores responded in view of the fact there may or may not be a pending lawsuit, it has always been her policy to not comment. However, she did state the sewer backup reports were given for the entire town, not just the Valley Vista area. The Council is given a progress report on the maintenance of the sewer lines in the Valley Vista neighborhood. The Council is hopeful the entire City can be completed in time. The sewers are being maintained and the Council is not trying to sweep anything under the rug.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Brubaker explained the five issues discussed during the November 11, 2002 worksession meeting. First, the City is pursuing a cleaning program which would cost approximately \$50,000 a year for the next three years. A study is currently being completed to determine if this would necessitate a rate increase. There may be revisions to the sewer ordinance to incorporate some of the provisions from Public Act 222. The idea of providing an information packet to homeowners is also being reviewed. The DPW would have the discretion to provide floor drain floats, which would prevent many backups.

Also, in some more limited circumstances, the power to provide a recommendation for the installation of a backflow preventors would be given. The City is also working with the insurer to receive prompt action on claims.

Brubaker stated the City has created this maintenance program based upon the concerns from its citizens, not because of a potential lawsuit.

Brubaker also went on to say whether this information is on the agenda or not, it is always available by submitting a Freedom of Information Act Request.

Johnston did not see any reason why the issue can not continue to be a part of the agenda. Johnston wanted the dangers of cleaning sewage backups included in the information package.

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. In response to Councilmember Pfaller's inquiry, the original roof on the Fire Station had a 10-year warranty, which expired.

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

- Airport Board meeting of October 8, 2002
- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of October 12, 2002.
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of October 17, 2002
- Chamber of Commerce meetings of September 20 and October 15, 2002 (Goal Setting)

3. At the November 5 election, City of Lowell voters approved the 0.25 mill allocation for the Lowell Area Historical Museum operations by a vote of 830 to 448. This will be placed on the Summer, 2003 tax roll.

4. The City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2002, for Thanksgiving.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores received one letter of interest regarding the Airport Board vacancy.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, December 2, 2002
C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

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SALES

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MERRY MAYHEM - at the New Riverview, Fulton St., Lowell, Fri. Dec. 6, w/Eighth Chakra, Genocya and more T.B.A.

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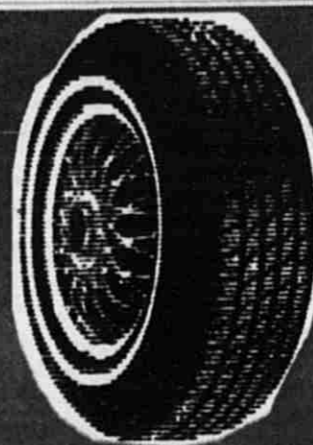
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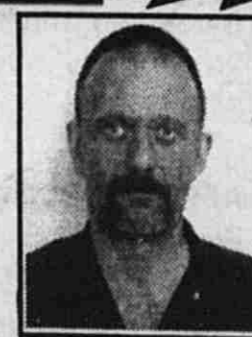
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