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High-speed chase nabs two suspects in area break-ins

By Dan Schneider

A cooperative effort between multiple area law enforcement agencies culminated in a high-speed chase and the arrest of two men last Thursday. Authorities believe the men were involved in one or more of the breaking-and-entering incidents that have occurred in Ionia, Lowell and nearby communities.

Police focused their in-

vestigation on Bruce Wireman, 24, of Greenville and John Lilly, 25, of Ionia County after receiving a tip that they were involved in break-ins in the area.

Authorities had the two under surveillance starting late last Wednesday evening.

"The surveillance started in the city of Lowell," Detective James Hinton of the Lowell Police Department said.

Early Thursday morning,

officers saw the men breaking into a Burger King in Belding.

"Team members watched them actually break into the building," Hinton said. "They fled on foot into the woods and they got away."

Officers arrested Wireman after a car chase that began at approximately 9:45 a.m. Wireman was driving a minivan at speeds approaching 90 mph down rural roads.

The chase began in Greenville and ended after spike strips stopped the van on 10 Mile Road just east of Wabasis Avenue. Prosecutors in Montcalm County will seek charges for fleeing and eluding, a five-year felony. Lilly later turned himself in.

Both were arraigned Friday on charges of breaking and entering a business. The felony offense carries a 10-year jail term.

Wireman and Lilly had ties to the Lowell area and are linked to break-ins here, elsewhere in Kent County, in Greenville and in Ionia County. Additional charges are being sought as prosecutors from these various jurisdictions determine which jurisdiction can bring the strongest case against the suspects.

Officers from the Lowell Police Department, State Police detectives from the Ionia and Lakeview posts, as well as the Ionia County Sheriff's Department deputies had been working in a seven-person team for a week to investigate the break-ins.

"We are hopeful that we will now see a big reduction in the recent rash of break-ins

to area businesses with these two arrests," First Lieutenant Eric Johnson, commander of the Ionia State Police post said in a news release. "However, we do not believe these two subjects are responsible for all the recent break-ins, and our investigations continue. We are still asking citizens to continue to keep a watchful eye, and to call 911 if anything suspicious is observed."

The Lowell Moose Lodge, the Lowell YMCA and the Vennen Chrysler dealership were all broken into in the week before the arrests. Hinton said at least one of these instances of breaking and entering can be attributed to the suspects.

Middle school students get hands-on experience learning city government



Members of the Lowell YMCA's Youth and Government City Council held their meeting last Tuesday at the City Hall. Participants included (from left to right) council members Lauren Ferguson and Elena Brubaker, city clerk Alex Cooley, mayor Josh Brubaker, and council member Cory Grzyb.

By Dan Schneider

Participants in the Youth and Government program sat in the council chambers of City Hall last week Tuesday. The Lowell Middle School students adopted the roles of city council members to learn about the making of public policy.

The youth city council acted on two ordinances, adopting one requiring cats to be licensed in the city of Lowell and another that would put 10 "Caution: skateboarders" signs up throughout the city. Ordinances regarding

trailway maintenance, smokestack scrubbers for industry, road maintenance and stray cat impoundment were tabled until the next meeting.

During the seven-week Lowell Youth and Government program, with meetings normally held at the middle school, the youth city council voted for a mayor, listened to guest speakers, proposed ordinances and wrote drafts of those ordinances. The youth city council was based on the model of Lowell city government. Speakers included mayor, Jeanne Shores; city manager, David Pasquale;

and city attorney, Richard Wendt. Ordinances were drafted during scheduled work sessions.

The youth government group consisted of council members, Cory Grzyb, 13; Elena Brubaker, 12; Lauren Ferguson, 11; and Jourdan Westdorp, 12. Josh Brubaker, 13, presided as mayor and Alex Cooley served as clerk. Council member Westdorp was absent from the council meeting.

The Youth and Government City Council also made several departmental recommendations. Among these

were a skate park in the city, spraying for mosquitoes to prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus, and tougher fitness standards for city police officers. This last recommendation included a provision for lower membership rates for police officers at the YMCA.

Mayor Shores, City Manager Pasquale and City Clerk Betty Morlock from Lowell City Hall were in attendance at the meeting. The next meeting of the Youth and Government City Council is yet to be scheduled.

Public notice creates confusion over election registrations

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

A public notice announcing that people need to register by Nov. 10 has created some confusion among residents.

Lowell city clerk, Betty Morlock said at the Lowell City Council's Monday night meeting, that residents misunderstood the announcement placed for the special election scheduled for Dec. 9 on the Highland Hills question of whether the planned unit development ordinance should be repealed.

Morlock said people

thought they needed to register for the special election. Only people who are new in the city or have never registered for elections need to contact City Hall. Those who are already registered can vote as usual, she said.

She thinks the confusion came because of the general election scheduled for this week. The notice came out just before that election, she said. If a resident is not certain they are registered, they can call her and she will check on it. Morlock added that she will have everyone who wants to register completed by Nov. 10.

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OBITUARIES

BERTRAN - Harold Lee Bertran, aged 50, of Ada, passed away November 3, 2003. He was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine. He is survived by his father Lloyd of Ada; his sister Linda and Bob Miller of Ada; brother Wayne and Pam Bertran of Ada; nephews and a great-nephew. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Dr. Clayton Klingenfus of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Visitation Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2-4 and 7-9, interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society.

COOPER - Bradford Alan Cooper, aged 48, of Lowell, passed away on October 28, 2003 after a courageous battle

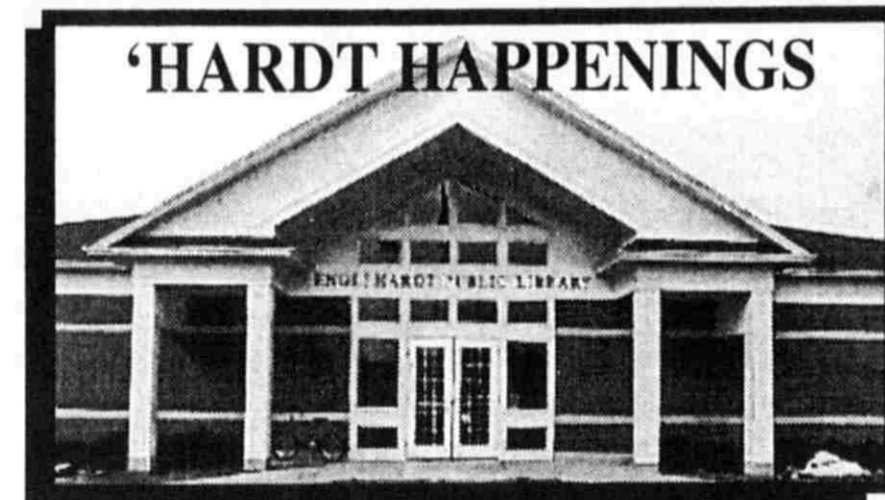
taken place. Those who wish may make a contribution in Brad's memory to the Multiple Sclerosis Society at 2020 Raybrook Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

GRIFFIN - Dylan Patrick Griffin passed away October 20, 2003 in Grand Rapids. He was born October 20, 2003, the precious son of Gregory and Rebecca (Videan) Griffin. He is survived by his loving parents Greg and Becky Griffin of Saranac; grandparents Rob and Brenda Griffin of Saranac, Russ and Sandy

MARSHALL - Mr. Tom T. Marshall, Jr., aged 76, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2003 after a courageous battle with cancer. Tom was a member of Holy Family

Catholic Church, a member of American Legion Post #47, lifetime member of the Casino Club; also served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the Kent County Sheriff's Posse. Tom was preceded in death by his first wife June Marshall, grandson Martin Phillips, stepson Gordon Stauffer and sister Winifred Drougel. Surviving Tom are his wife Clara whom he married on January 2, 1970; children Dale and Jean Phillips of Rockford, Duane and Mary Ann Phillips of FL, Robert and Rebecca Stauffer and Dennis and Sandra Stauffer all of Grand Rapids, Chris and Patti

VanDyke of Lowell, Robert and Janice Becker of Hudsonville and Mark and Jane Stauffer of Wayland; 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; sister Elizabeth and Robert Morris of Howard City; brother-in-law Edward Drougel; several nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Sparta, with The Rev. Donald E., Lomasiewicz presiding. Interment in Rockford Cemetery. Those planning an expressions of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart, NE Grand Rapids 49503.



'HARDT HAPPENINGS

HERBAL HOLIDAY GIFTS

Connie Hanson, of Rockford and the former owner of Scents of Summer Herb Shop, will share ideas on how you can make your holiday gift-giving stress free by being ready well in advance of the holiday season.

Library branches will present Herbal Holiday Gifts this month. Learn to make easy and inexpensive gifts such as herbal tea blends, jellies and unique snacks using herbs and essential oils.

The Alto branch will offer the program on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.; the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

For more information call the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

JOSHUA ROBERT FORD

11/17/80 - 11/07/99

I sit here and watch the leaves fall, the weather change, and the geese fly overhead and think of that day four years ago. Since you were a little boy with a cast on your arm, you were loved by many. When you left us as a young man, you were loved by more.



We miss you Josh. Uncle Greg is with you now and we miss him too. We will see you both again when it's time. Until then, take care of each other.

Love, Mom, Greg, Michele, Gerrid, Justin and Family

There is no better time than right now to let the loved ones in your life know how much they mean to you. Tell them.

Thank You!
Nerds On Site and Flat River Outreach Ministries would like to thank all the generous people who participated in the November 1, 2003 "Fill the Beetle - Feed the People" campaign. Just a reminder that the Flat River Outreach Ministries foodmobile will be at the Fairgrounds in the Foreman Building Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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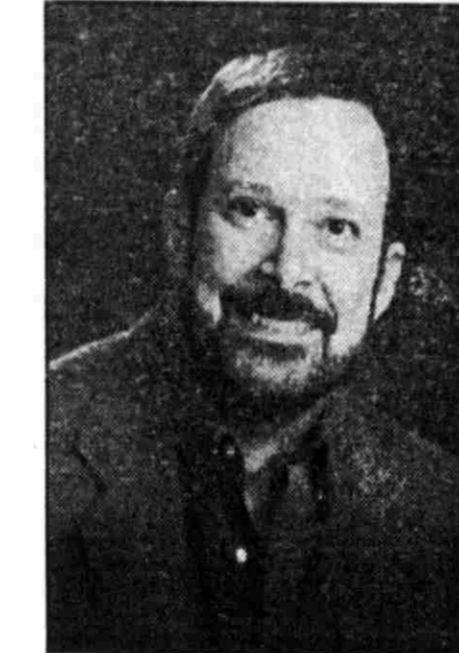
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Hodges, two incumbents win council seats

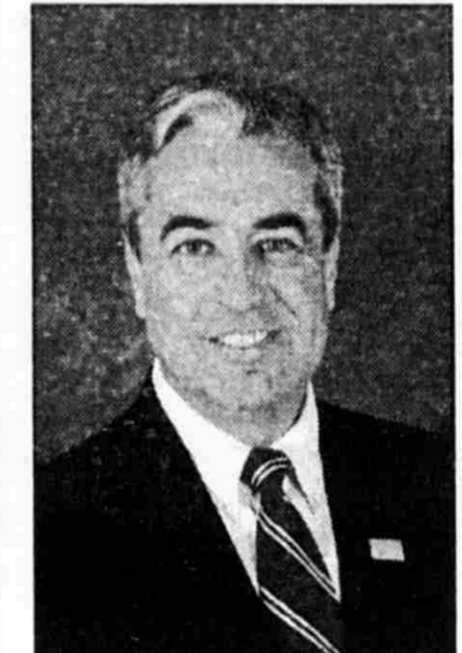
by Dan Schneider

When the polls closed at the Englehardt Library and the Lowell Fire Station last night, two incumbent council members kept their seats.

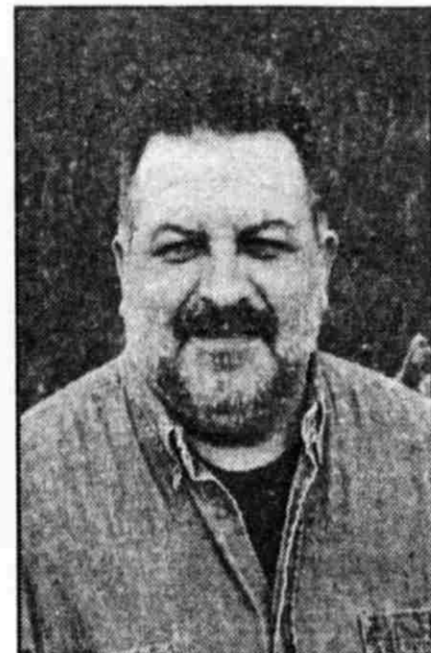
Chuck Myers was the highest vote getter in the 2003 City Council election. He received 212 votes. This earns him a four-year City Council seat.



Jim Hodges



Chuck Myers



Al Mathews

Al Mathews also won a four-year term, receiving 180 votes.

Jim Hodges won the third and final seat in this year's contest. Close behind Mathews, Hodges got 178 of the votes. Hodges will fill the seat vacated by Mike Blough.

A total of 348 voters came

out to the two precincts to vote between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. yesterday. This was a 13 percent voter turnout. Lowell has 2,665 registered voters. There were 96 absentee votes submitted.

City Manager Dave Pasquale says these voter turnout numbers are typical of re-

cent Lowell elections. In the past several elections, voter participation in city council elections has hovered between 300 and 400 voters.

Among the other three candidates, Jim Maatman received 145 votes, Jerri Teelander 115, and Kathy Maatman 98.

As in all city council elections, the results remain unofficial until reviewed by the Kent County Board of Canvassers.

Lunar eclipse, Nov. 8

There will be a total eclipse of the moon on Saturday, Nov. 8, entirely visible if sky conditions permit. A public eclipse watch, from 6-9 p.m., will be at the Cascade Township Park where visitors will be permitted to view the event through binoculars and telescopes. It will also include a final opportunity for telescopic views of a now departing planet Mars.

The event is co-sponsored free of charge by the Chaffee Planetarium of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association.

For watch status updates, call 456-3663 and select option #6 or go to the website www.graaa.org after 2 p.m. on the day of the eclipse.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

FILE NO. 03-176, 267-DE

Estate of ROSE SZCZEPANEK

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Including Joe Karol, John Szczepanek, Tim Szczepanek, Susan Szczepanek and to all missing or unknown heirs whose addresses and whereabouts are unknown.

The decedent, who lived at 610 Veto, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 died 8/24/03.

An application for informal probate was filed by JOAN M. FARHAT, 4115 Cambot Ct., N.W., Walker, Michigan 49544.

On September 15, 2003 the Kent County Probate Court, 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Suite 2500, Grand Rapids granted informal probate.

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City Hall • Hahn Hardware • Springgrove Variety • Meijers
Yard waste pickup will be the same day as your recycling pickup.

2003 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Tuesday Pickup
November 11, November 18, November 25.

Thursday Pickup
November 6, November 13, November 20, November 28.

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Reflections

Of Faith

John VanderWall, Evangelist
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

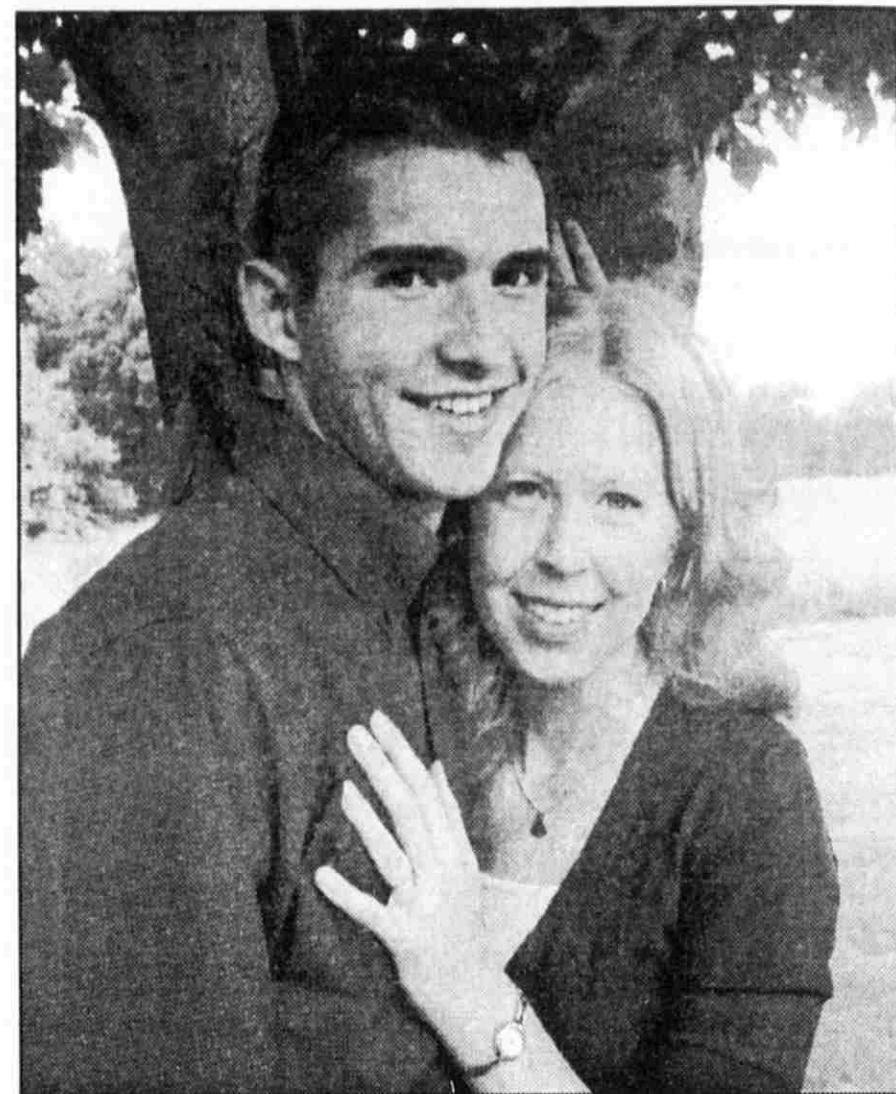
Astounded by God! As an Evangelist, every week I go with a team to different homes to talk to people about spiritual matters. We ask them what their thinking is about God, hoping to share with them why we have put our hope in Jesus Christ. There are often very interesting discussions.

We have found that most people in Lowell have an increased interest in spiritual matters over the past five years. One would think that these people would be in church, but many of them mistakenly think there is a host of other activities that are more appealing than a worship service. A Bible teaching church is where one should go to gain a deep understanding of spiritual matters and the things of God.

A few weeks ago we met a man who is recovering from a stroke. He wants to learn more about the things of God. On a subsequent visit, he had a question from reading John 13:5-10. He wondered what it means, "that Jesus, the Son of God, was doing the work of a slave, washing his disciple's feet?" He was astounded that Jesus, God Incarnate, would show such grace by doing work that none of the disciples had done!

I am grateful to be reminded of this astounding aspect of God. There is so much to learn about God. This November, let God astound you!

ENGAGEMENT



Jim Jastifer and Laurie Biener

Nancy Helms and John Biener are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Biener to Jim Jastifer, son of Robert and Christy Jastifer.

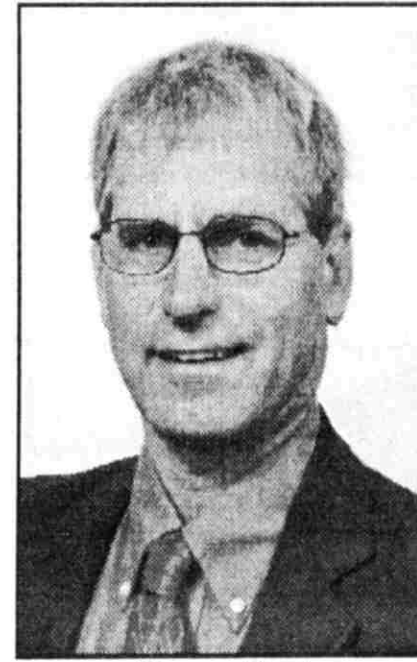
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and will be graduating from Grand Valley State University with a degree in elementary education.

The future groom, also a Lowell High School graduate, will be completing his undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering at Michigan Technological University. He will be attending medical school at Michigan State University next fall.

A July 16, 2004 wedding is planned.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Terry Abel, of Lowell, has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent after completing an extensive career development program. Abel's training prepares him for the state licensing examination and provides instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life insurance.



Terry Abel

Abel is licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement and business. He joins a statewide force of 400 Farm Bureau Insurance agents. He will serve this area from the Grand Rapids office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 6: Cathy Kehoe, Kimberly Doyle, Becky Chamberlain.
NOV. 7: Keegan Geldersma, Charlene Butler, Kelsey Ligman, Carl Blough, Rachel Plotner.

NOV. 8: David Korte, Andrew Potter, Dick Rutherford, Joshua Chamberlain.
NOV. 9: Angie Briggs, Roxanne Goff, Danielle Bundy, Katie Mendez, Carol Sue McGregor, Tom Mohr, Daryll Gildner.
NOV. 10: Ann Bellah, Sarah Mogor, Tyler Dewey, Gary Davenport.
NOV. 11: Mike Roudabush, Tom Roudabush, Dan Wingeier Jr., Rachel Burns, Zachary Ligman, Justin Warren, N. Stephen Kelley.
NOV. 12: Harry Erickson, Deborah Malloy, Al Olszewski.

Viewpoint

Sharing The Vision

Nancy Hopkins, President
Board of Education

The board has been working on its goals for the 2003-04 school year. It is a task undertaken annually and an opportunity to evaluate our role as policy makers for the district and set guidelines for the district's progress during the school year. Our board goals also must support the district's long-term vision as it reflects the consensus of the community and what students need to achieve their highest potential. Our 2003-04 goals will be shared with the community soon.

Specifically, with federally approved state accountability requirements now in place and report cards on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) being issued, the board will spend more time dealing with NCLB deadlines, mandates and public inquiries. We are committed to effectively implementing the law in Lowell Area Schools and meeting our district's student achievement goals. As we go through the school year we will be determining what action is needed to produce the results we want - higher student achievement.

Public schools belong to the public - a simple statement, but one that drives boards of education. School boards are advocates for students, district educational programs and public education. The Lowell Board of Education is committed to doing what is best for all of our children, providing a

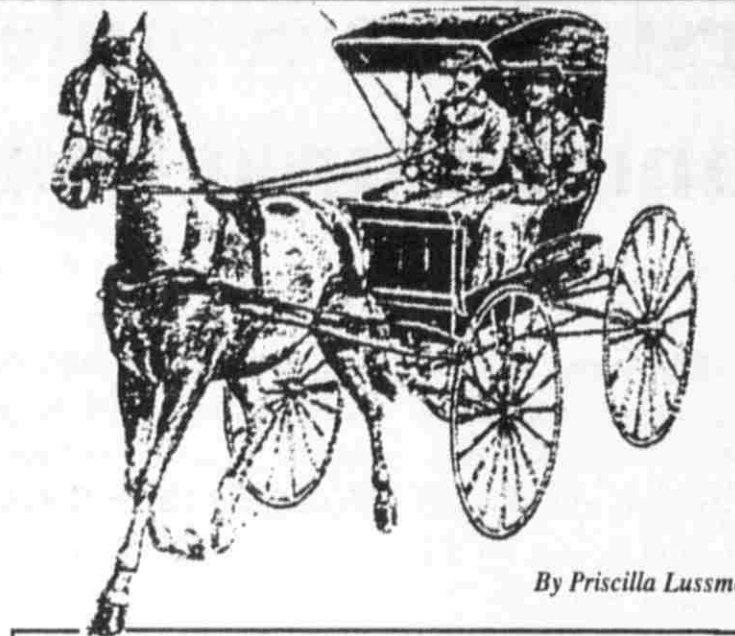
quality education and being accountable to our community.

Beginning the week of Nov. 10, superintendent, Shari Miller and assistant superintendent, Connie Gillette will present a series of parent/community meetings regarding the district's budget. They will share important contract proposal and state funding information, and the potential impact on our district's financial health and educational programs.

The board feels a serious obligation to provide this information to the community. A healthy budget and wise management of that budget are necessary for the continued student achievement of the Lowell community and the board of education have recognized as our top priority.

- Family Links: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary
- Community Leaders: Monday, Nov. 17, 7:30 a.m. at Board Room, Runciman Building
- Secondary Parents: Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m. at Middle School Cafetorium
- Alto Parents: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7:00 p.m. at Alto Media Center

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings and have questions, please contact Shari Miller or Connie Gillette at 897-8415.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledge Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
NOVEMBER 6, 1878

The editor asks the (non-voting) ladies if they're glad the election and all the "horrid politics" are over. The Journal is a day late in order to get more election returns.

Dr. A.B. Grant is the new doctor in town, in the same offices as the dentist, Dr. Doty.

Milton M. Perry of Lowell has been admitted to practice in the United States Court.

Goodrich Kopf's furniture store on the bridge also has "coffins, caskets, shrouds and a splendid hearse."

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
NOVEMBER 5, 1903

The Kent County WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) meeting is being held at Lowell's Baptist church this week.

Blacksmiths Rouse, Bosworth, Denny, Gulliford and Scott charge a uniform rate of 35 cents for each new horseshoe, sizes 1-4.

New and rental housing is scarce in Lowell; now is the time to build, before prices soar. Some are building with cement, which is cheaper than wood or brick.

A.D. Sturgis is closing out wallpaper at 2 cents per roll. John Carey of South Boston sold a 93-bushel load of potatoes in Lowell last week at 40 cents. Pretty good haul.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 8, 1928

Substitute with columns from 1998 and give you "80 years The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo."

Robert Hahn buys the McFarlane store. Mrs. Hahn will have charge of the dry goods department.

After recent elections the Republican majority in the House is down to 15.

The Waverly Hotel is sold and four other businesses change hands.

"The Brown Mouse" by Herbert Quick is a serial running in the back pages; also, "The Cortlands of Washington Square", by Janet Fairbank.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
NOVEMBER 5, 1953

The Ada bridge is slated to be relocated and built to four lanes wide next year (the sharp curve running past the Lena Lou thus eliminated).

The annual Halloween party is rated the best ever, in spite of an 83-car freight train holding up the parade to Recreation Park.

Strand Theatre now has a panoramic (wide) screen. Chaplain Thomas L. Doyle receives the Bronze Star medal for his help with wounded soldiers under active fire.

The annual Hotpoint Cooking School will be held at Lewis Electric two days next week.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
NOVEMBER 8, 1978

Milliken is the governor, Levin the senator, but representative vote is too close to call.

Peggy Murphy joins the YMCA staff. Part of her duties will be managing the basketball and baseball programs.

The Saranac school board approves a budget of just under \$1.8 million.

The Lowell High School play this weekend will be "The Mouse That Roared."

The Keiser (Kitchen) News Flash names Sharon Crandall the champion again this week for racking up the most cheese-cake sales.

Health



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

Antibiotics are strong medicines that can treat certain infections and save lives. But used incorrectly, antibiotics can cause more harm than good. Antibiotics only work against infections caused by bacteria. They do not typically work against infections caused by viruses. Usually, antibiotics kill bacteria or stop them from growing. However, some bacteria have become resistant to specific antibiotics so the antibiotics don't work against them. Resistant bacteria develop faster when antibiotics are used incorrectly.

How can you tell if you need an antibiotic?

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

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

TO THE EDITOR

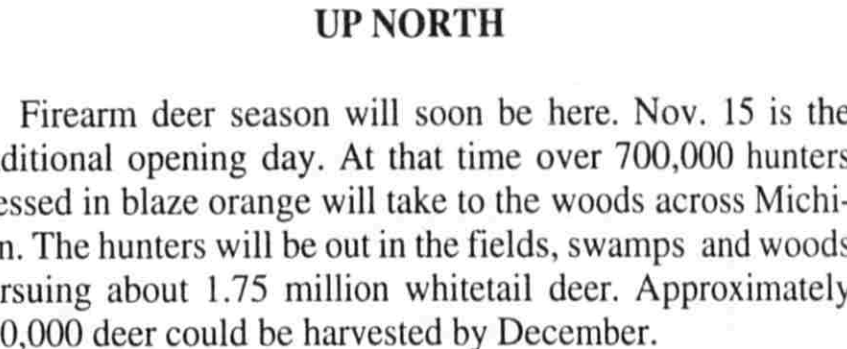
To the Editor:

The publisher of the Lowell area's only regular publications, the Ledger and the Buyer's Guide, has a choice to make. The choice ... to hold its readers and contributors responsible and accountable for what they say, or to give them the opportunity to inflame, accuse and possibly hurt people through their comments and advertisements without requiring them to identify themselves and stand behind their words.

There are many unflattering names for publications that routinely print comments from "un-named sources." Those papers have made their choice. Hopefully the Ledger and the Buyer's Guide will decide to take the high road. Every American has the opportunity to stand on their soap box and give their opinion. The question is, should a trusted newspaper enable them to hide in the shadows of anonymity, or should that publication set a higher standard, requiring them to take personal responsibility for what they say and write?

Tom Richards, Ada

OUTDOORS



By Dave Stegehuis

UP NORTH

Firearm deer season will soon be here. Nov. 15 is the traditional opening day. At that time over 700,000 hunters dressed in blaze orange will take to the woods across Michigan. The hunters will be out in the fields, swamps and woods pursuing about 1.75 million whitetail deer. Approximately 300,000 deer could be harvested by December.

Years ago, deer hunting meant going "up north" for those living in the southern third of the state. Now, deer can be hunted in every one of the 83 counties. As a youngster, I spent years trapping, small game hunting, and wandering about in the fields and woods of Kent County and never saw a deer. At that time, I traveled to the Baldwin area with family to hunt deer. Later, we discovered good numbers of deer farther south in Montcalm County, and began hunting there.

Now, I spend most of the season hunting 20 minutes from downtown Grand Rapids. I would guess there are deer living within the city limits there. Suburban home owners often have to deal with whitetails raiding their yards and gardens. Hunters show up early in the morning on opening day at the Lowell Ledger to be the first to arrive with a buck for the "First Buck" contest. Clearly, these deer are taken close to town. More deer are taken in the southern half of the state than in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula or the Upper Peninsula.

Also, the majority of trophy class bucks are taken from the southern two tiers of counties in the Lower Peninsula. It would appear that this would be a great place to hunt deer, and it is, if you can gain access to good habitat because southern Michigan land is almost all private property. The northern part of the state and the Upper Peninsula have lots of state and federal land available to hunters. Also, in the U.P., paper companies own thousands of acres and allow public access to most of it.

By checking maps and doing some serious scouting, one can still find lightly-hunted areas where a big buck could be roaming about. All the evidence points to southern Michigan as the best place to find deer—especially a big one.

Deer hunting to many, however, is still going "up north" to hunt. If you have any doubts, just watch the traffic going north on our main highways on Nov. 14. Deer camp remains a Michigan tradition for friends and family. Wherever you go, follow the rules and be safe. Good hunting.

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City retirees will receive two-percent cost of living increase in 2004

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

For the city's retirees, it's a small increase each year to

help with inflation, but it sparked a little debate over whether that two-percent increase was too much.

Councilman, Charles Myers said he didn't believe that inflation had risen to two-percent in the last year and felt

that the increase should be more in line to the inflation rate index.
Councilman, Jim Pfaller

agreed, and said it seemed the city simply "rubber stamped" the increase every year. The inflationary increase is determined by Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan, which covers any full-time employee in the city of Lowell.

The total impact on Lowell would not be that high, said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale. According to the MERS report, the city has about 11 retirees receiving an annual amount of \$166,353 as of December 2002. This amount would increase to about 169,680 with the two-percent increase.

The increase is dictated by MERS, said Lowell police

chief, Jim Valentine. It is either approved or it's zero, he said. Councilman, Mike Blough said the issue is getting the best people for the city of Lowell and one way is through a valid retirement program. He felt that the two-percent increase was fair. Others noted that the inflation rate has gone beyond two-percent in the past but MERS' recommendation stayed the same.

"Look at the young people who start with the city of Lowell and remain with the city of Lowell," said mayor, Jeanne Shores, adding that good benefits help that. The council approved the two-percent increase recommended by MERS.

First phase completed on Alto area manufactured housing community

By Dan Schneider

The first phase of construction has been completed on the Alto Meadows development. It creates lots for 100 manufactured homes on the site in Bowne Township.

Alto Meadows, on the corner of 64th Street and Bancroft Avenue, is designed to eventually include 385 lots hold-

ing mostly two-bedroom houses on the 94 acres it covers. It is the project of Thornapple River Development LLC out of Grand Rapids.

Al Lettinga of the LLC said construction on subsequent phases will be undertaken as houses fill the first

phase. Lettinga expects all 94 acres of Alto Meadows to fill within the next three to four years.

Construction began in November of last year.

LACC offers small-business counseling

By Dan Schneider

Business counseling will be available at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce starting next Tuesday, Nov. 11. The Grand Rapids chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives will provide the service the second Tuesday of every month.

SCORE is a national organization that has been in existence since 1964. It operates in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide advice to owners of small businesses and entrepreneurs looking to start a business.

Gene Diebold will be providing the counseling at the first sessions in Lowell. When he retired, Diebold was vice president of finance at the

Howard Miller Clock Company in Zeeland. Leaving the business world and losing his wife to cancer left him looking for something new to do with his life.

"I was feeling like a fish out of water," Diebold said.

He joined SCORE at the advice of a friend. He has now been a member for eight years.

Diebold's expertise lies in finance, he said, but if someone comes to a counseling session with questions outside that realm, "we do have adequate backup."

The Grand Rapids chapter's 25 members have experience not only in finance but also in business planning, marketing and product development. SCORE has been operating through the chambers

of commerce in other small communities such as Rockford and Cedar Springs.

Linda Booth, director of the Cedar Springs Chamber of Commerce, said the counseling has been most beneficial to new businesses.

"Most of our people are young businesses or people looking into starting a business," Booth said. "It's a good way to start that networking process that all businesses have to go through."

Booth mentioned the Haircraft Company, a hair salon and day spa, as a successful business in Cedar Springs that received counseling from SCORE.

The Cedar Springs Chamber of Commerce has been working with SCORE for 18

months. After a session, Booth said, "People have a better understanding of how their situation fits with what they want to do."

In some of those cases, potential businesspeople learned that their goals do not fit very well with their situations. The counselors recommended that these people not start a business. Booth considers these instances to be among SCORE's successes in Cedar Springs even though they were not successful ventures.

"They're successes because they are not set up to fail," she said. "I don't like to see people who are wonderfully talented people set up to fail."

The SCORE counseling is a free service. Diebold or another counselor will be available for 3 one-hour appointments on each of the monthly counseling days. SCORE does not place limits on the number of counseling sessions one person is allowed.

"The client determines how many sessions," Diebold said. "We will stay with them as long as they feel they need us."

SCORE does have to limit the advice it gives to avoid competing with private sector advisory professionals. For instance, Diebold will give tax advice but will not fill out tax returns.

"We will critique a busi-

ness plan," Diebold said. "But we will not write a business plan."

Those interested in receiving business counseling from SCORE should contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to make an appointment.

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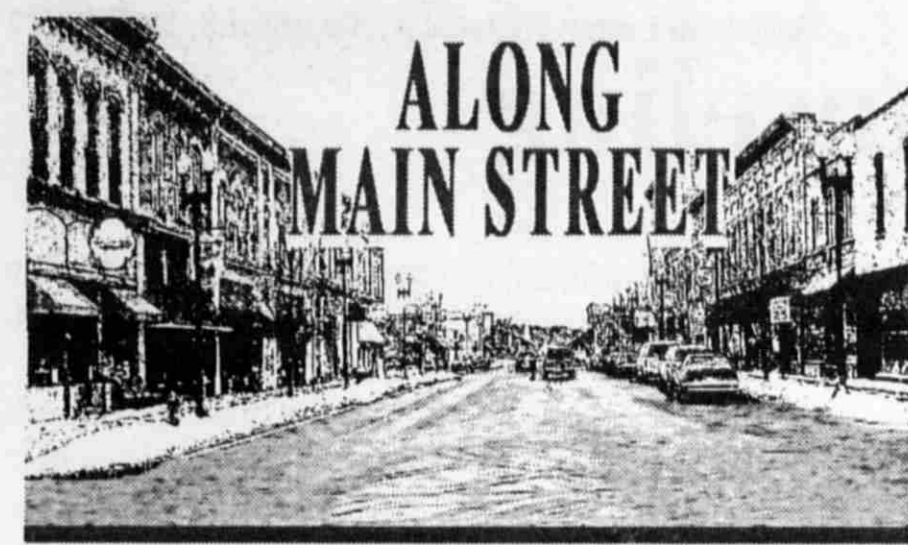
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FOOTBALL TICKETS FOR PLAYOFF GAME
Lowell High School will travel to East Lansing to face the Trojans in the district football championship game on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m.; tickets are \$5 each. Advance ticket sales in high school athletic office on Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. East Lansing High School at 509 Burcham Dr. in East Lansing. For a map go to www.lowellschools.com.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENTS ...
Local Native American artifacts to be shown on LCTV Channel 20 on Wed., Nov. 5 at 3 p.m.; Thurs., Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT AT HUNTINGTON BANK
Lowell artist, Kathleen Mooney has her watercolor paintings on display at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main through Dec. 2. Call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 for more information.

SYNOPSIS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2003, 7:30 P.M.**

Minutes of the October 6, 2003 Regular and Closed Session Meetings were approved as submitted and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to establish a public hearing for November 17, 2003 to consider the deletion of the Maplewood Square Apartments (1800-1860 and 1900-1960) from the Downtown Development Authority District.
- Motion to commence the contract as of November 1, 2003 for a period of 12 months as the contracted second year with Waste Management for garbage, rubbish and recycling services.
- Motion to accept the requested increase from Waste Management due to additional revenues being required by the State of Michigan at a rate of \$0.01 per garbage rubbish bag.
- Motion to set a public hearing for November 3, 2003 to consider the expansion of the Industrial Development District for Litehouse, Inc. at 1400 Foreman Road.
- Motion to set a public hearing for November 3, 2003 concerning an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) - Litehouse, Inc.
- By general consensus, the City Council appointed Gerald Hale (709 Lafayette) to the Airport Board to a term expiring January 1, 2006.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2003.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Lowell High School parent teacher conferences will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 6, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FOODMOBILE - FREE FOOD

The foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Building, on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring own bag or box. Distributed by F.R.O.M. www.flatriveroutreachministries.org.

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB SIGHT-IN

The 2003 Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd., will offer a public sight-in on Nov. 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Supervised and assisted.

AMERICAN LEGION DINNER

The annual Veterans dinner of the American Legion will be held Monday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the new Veterans facility, 3100 S. Alden Nash. Call Rich Bieri by Nov. 7 (897-8258) to reserve your spot.

CAREER CRUISING AT LPAC

Sophomores, juniors, and their parents are invited to a program in the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. with the Student Service Center to obtain information about colleges/post secondary planning, and careers.

MAPS FOR CHRISTMAS THRU LOWELL

Maps for the event (Nov. 14, 15, 16) are available at Cousins, River Hollow, Dream Pieces, Touch of Country, Chimera Design and Voyages Coffee Shop. Check out our web site at www.christmasthroughlowell.com.

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

During Christmas Through Lowell, the Lowell Women's Club will be serving lunch at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Nov. 14 beginning at 11 a.m. The public is welcome.

LHS BLOOD DRIVE

Lowell High School is having a blood drive on Friday, Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the auxiliary gym. The public is welcome to come and give blood.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

The First United Methodist Church (621 E. Main St.) will have its annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m./lunch served from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Holiday shopping at a quality craft show.

SMART WOMEN FINISH RICH

The women of the Congregational Church invite all women to join for a light breakfast Saturday, Nov. 15 at 9:30 a.m. to hear how "Smart Women Finish Rich," 45 minutes to improving your values and goals. Daycare provided by phoning Jan at 897-5906.

VOLUNTEER DOCENT TRAINING

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is conducting a Volunteer Docent Training on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the museum (corner of Hudson and Main streets). If you are interested in learning more about Lowell area history while providing a much needed service, please call Judy Straub at 897-7688.

**YMCA Ro-Ken Karate participate
in Great Lakes All-Star Championships**

Nine competitors of the Lowell Ro-Ken Karate Club participated in the Great Lakes All Star Karate Championships at Creston High School on Oct. 18.

Keith Williams, green belt, took home a third place trophy in sparring and a third in forms in the 12-13 year old division; Nancy Churches, green belt, received a second place trophy in sparring in the women's division; Mariah Moore, green belt, received a second place trophy in forms in the 8-9 year old division; Emily Churches, orange belt, took home a third place trophy in forms in the 10-11 year old division.

Sensei Aaron Bailey, 2nd Dan, took a third place trophy in the light-weight sparring division; Sempai Susan Hoag, 2nd Dan, took home the second place trophy.

Also participating in the tournament were Thomas Welsh, Cody Selly and Robby Coffey.

The tournament is hosted by the Grand Rapids Karate Academy with over 150 competitors ranging in age from 5-50. The martial arts program in Lowell is only in its second year.



Standing, from left to right: Sensei Aaron Bailey, Thomas Welsh, Nancy Churches, Keith Williams and Sempai Susan Hoag; kneeling, left to right: Emily Churches, Robby Coffey and Mariah Moore.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 399 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for summer semester 2003. Students from Michigan numbered 367.

From the Alto area is Joel F. Fortuna

IN THE SERVICE



L. Cpl. Patrick Rockwall

L. Cpl. Patrick Rockwall, returning from Kuwait, will be arriving in the U.S.A. on Nov. 8, 2003.

He was deployed Dec. 27, 2002 and served with Troop Support Battalion (TSB) during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Funding to be continued for North Kent Transit Service

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

The city will continue to help fund a busing service for seniors and handicapped persons as long as it continues to receive federal monies to do so. That was the statement made by Lowell City Manager David Pasquale at the Lowell City Council's Monday night meeting.

The North Kent Transit Service, which is run through Hope Network, sought to finalize its 2002-2003 budget, which ended at \$10,176, and to establish its 2003-2004 budget, proposed at \$4,000.

Pasquale said the city has not used general funds in subsidizing the North Kent Transit program, only block grant monies, and as he understood it, as long as the city continues to receive community development block grant money, the city will continue to help fund it.

The program came to Lowell in 1999 and within the first year saw its budget double from \$2,000 to almost \$4,500. Over the past four years, the program has continued to grow with a budget nearing \$10,000 from just Lowell.

From July 2002 to June 2003, 636 people used the North Kent Transit Service, according to the information supplied by the program. Both

Lowell and Vergennes townships contribute to the program. Lowell Township con-

tributed about \$5,000 and had 201 riders for the year. Vergennes Township contributed

\$4,000 and had 175 riders for the 2002-2003 year.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-176372-DE

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

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NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS TO VOTE IN THE DECEMBER 9, 2003 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2003

Registrations will be taken at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the special Election to consider the following:

Shall Ordinance No. 03-4 of the City of Lowell providing for the creation of a Planned Unit Development Single Family Residential District, R-1 for the Highland Hills Site Condominium Development at the easterly extension of High Street in the City be repealed?

Only registrations received on or before November 10, 2003 will qualify persons to vote in the Special Election on Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

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WED/TH 1:05, 3:00, 4:55, 6:50, 9:00

SCARY MOVIE 3 (PG-13)
MON-TH 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

RADIO (PG)
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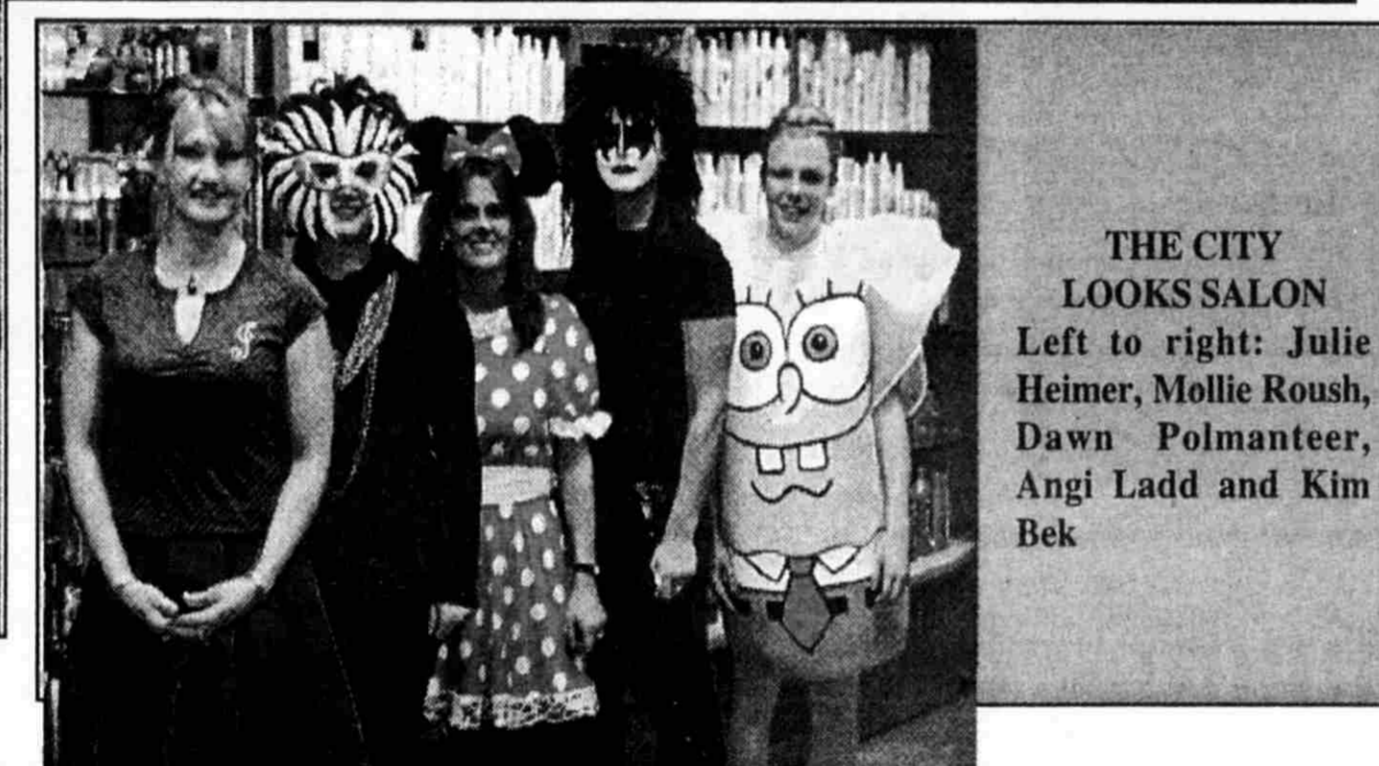
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Cumberland Retirement Village participants, front, left to right: Pam, Tara, Carrie, Fonda; back row: Melissa, Casey, Candice and Rick



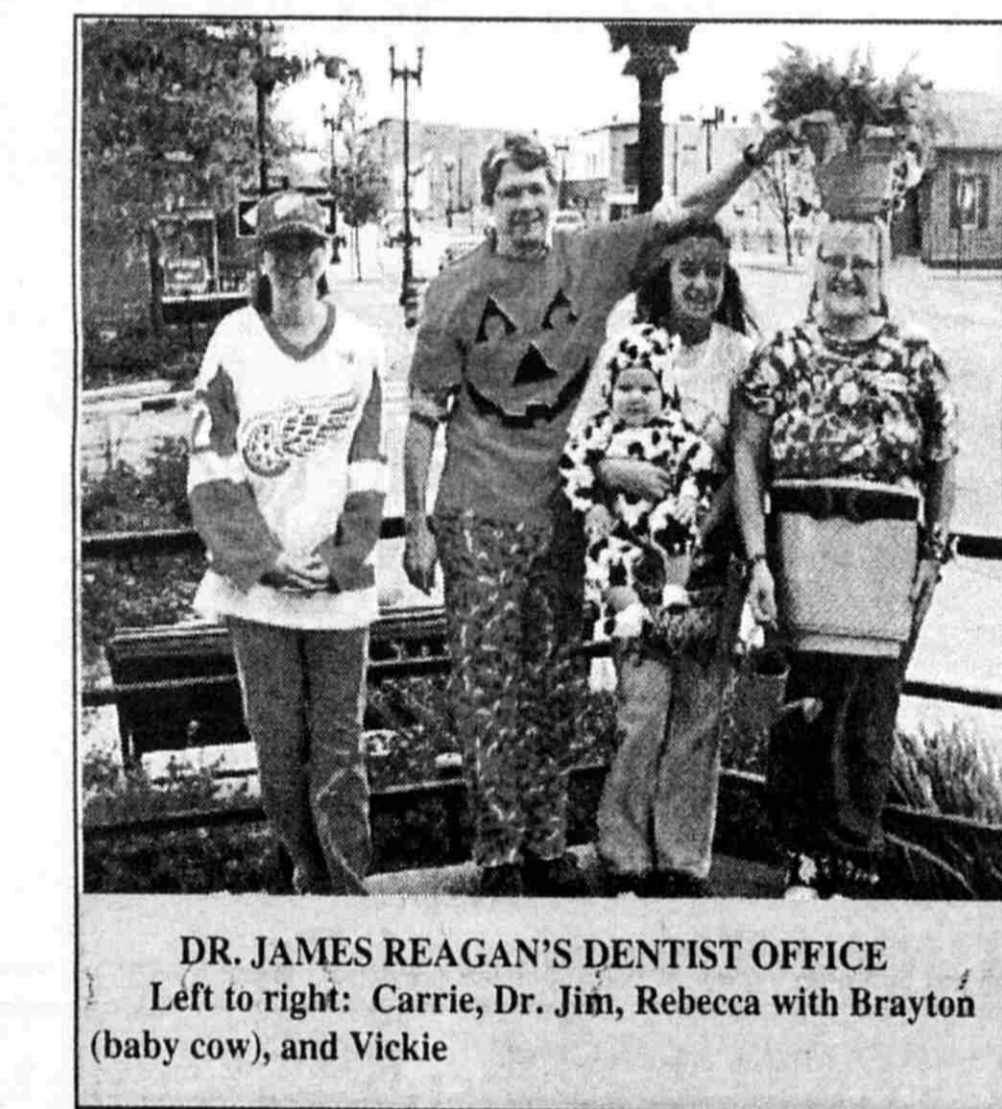
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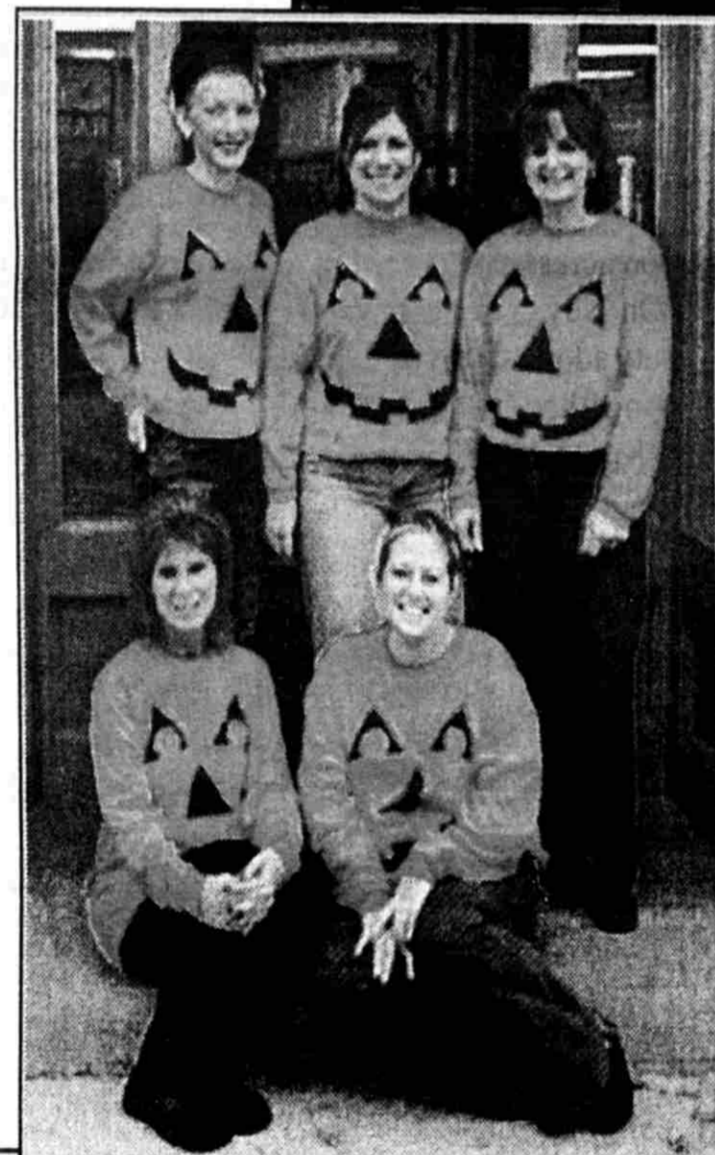
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Left to right: Julie Heimer, Mollie Roush, Dawn Polmanteer, Angi Ladd and Kim Bek



DR. JAMES REAGAN'S DENTIST OFFICE

Left to right: Carrie, Dr. Jim, Rebecca with Brayton (baby cow), and Vickie



SALON 206

Front row: Sue and Kristy; in back Jamie, Cori and Nancy



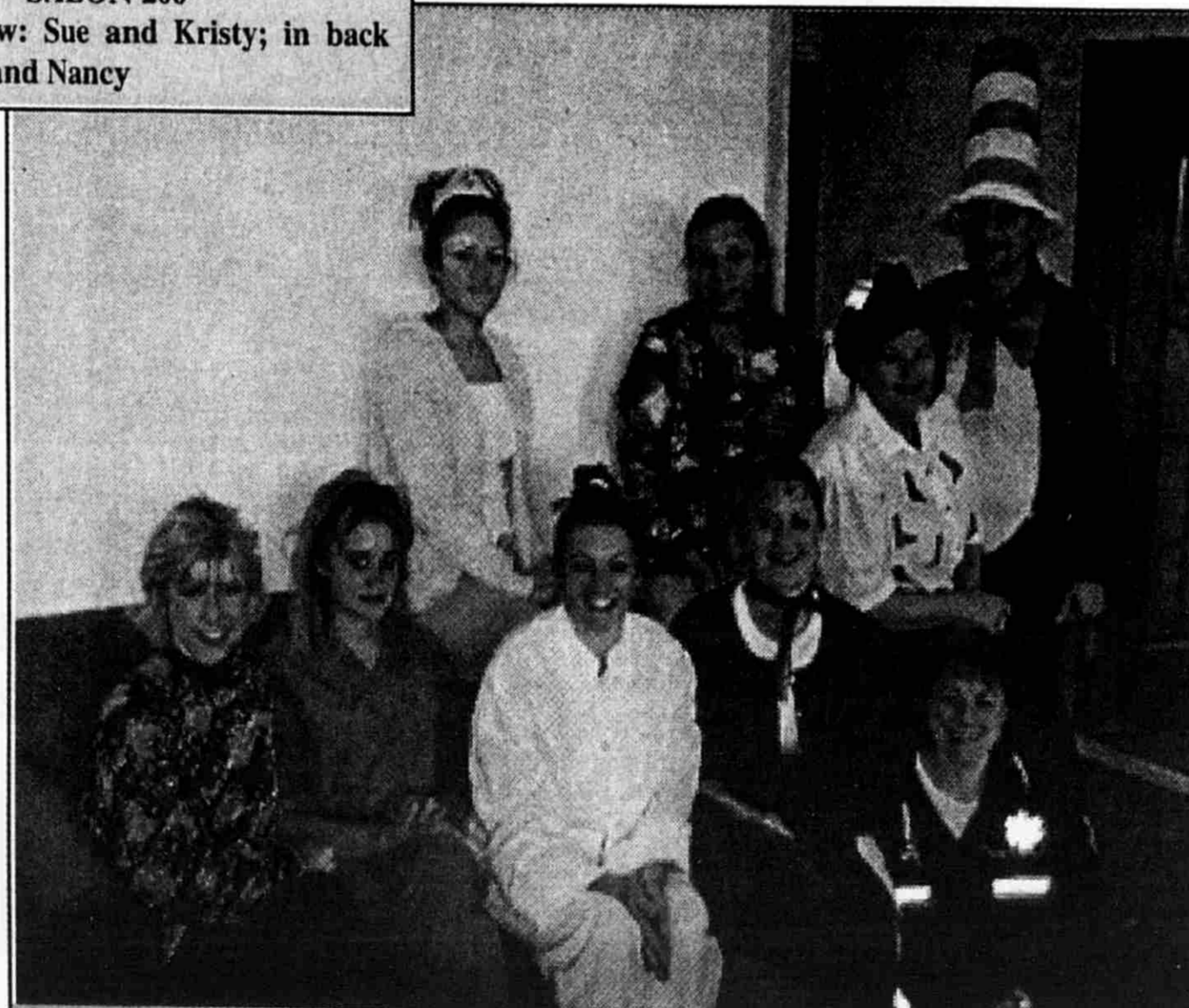
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The lone daunting presence of Bob Hathaway



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Front, left to right: Joanne Gillan, Darcy Stanbaugh, Lisa Zatteau, Wendy Bannerman, Tami Jones; back row, left to right: Keterae Lucska, Julie Traetz, Donna Breen and Dr. Todd Gillan

New county program seeks to preserve viability of farming, land

By Dan Schneider

Carl and Julia Rasch bought their farm on Ashley Avenue in Vergennes Township from the VandenBroeck family in 1950. It is an old farm. Julia Rasch found the original land grant among some papers in the house. It is signed by President James Polk.

Back in 1950, Carl Rasch had a hard time finding land in the area where he grew up. This was near the intersection of Fruit Ridge Avenue and Eight Mile Road in Alpine Township. Land was hard to come by there because the farms were not being sold at the time but handed down through families.

He bought the farm on Ashley and started planting apple trees. He raised some dairy cattle on the land for some years. He stopped the dairy operation in the mid 1980s, registering for a government termination program that was paying farmers to get out of dairy production. The primary crop on Rasch's 169 acres remains fruit trees.

"We're trying to find a way to pass it on down because we're about ready to hang it up," Carl Rasch said. "It's very hard to pass land down to your kids today." Julia Rasch said. "It would be hard to sell it to them and have them pay what it's valued as development land."

The Rasches have nine children. Two of their sons, Kenneth and Duane, are apple farmers. The Rasches anticipate interest in farming in the next generation down, as well.

"We have 27 grandchil-

dren," Julia Rasch said. "And I'd be surprised if one of them didn't want to farm."

Carl and Julia Rasch are looking into the new Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. This is a county program that aims to create locally-prioritized agricultural land preservation.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the selection criteria to be used in evaluating farms applying for the program. Also approved was the first sign-up period, Dec. 1 of this year through Jan. 30 of 2004.

This is the second of two articles about land preservation programs. Last week's dealt with the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Act, commonly known as PA-116, a tax credit program in which the Rasch farm is already enrolled. The main focus of last week's article was the federal Conservation Reserve Program, which converts agriculture land into grass- and woodlands.

This article explains about the PDR program.

PDR got rolling in Kent County in 2000. In January of that year, in his State of the County address, Board of Commissioners chair, Steve Heacock included agricultural land preservation among his priorities for the county. This established the urban sprawl committee which, after months of research, recommended the county adopt a PDR program.

While this was going on, the state of Michigan was



The Rasch farm on Ashley Avenue, Vergennes Township, in the late 1970s. The land has been in agriculture since the presidency of James Polk. The Rasches are interested in a new county program, Purchase of Development Rights, which may make it easier to keep the land in farming.

changing its land laws to make land preservation a more local responsibility. A state PDR program has been in existence since 1995. There are currently 62 farms enrolled in the state program for a total of 14,500 acres.

On Nov. 27, 2002, Kent County adopted an ordinance creating the PDR program. The Kent County program will put control over what farms can enroll largely in the hands of the townships.

"They really want it prioritized at the local level because local officials know the land better," Erika Rosebrook

said. Rosebrook is a management analyst for Kent County who has been heavily involved in the PDR effort.

The PDR application process allows for township participation in PDR farm selection by giving townships veto power in the process. Farm owners will take the first step when they complete an application to the county. The county will evaluate the land based on the criteria approved Oct. 23. The county then sends the applications which meet the criteria back to the townships, that decide which land they would like to see pre-

served, based on their master plan or some other form of prioritization.

Townships are also required to adopt a resolution of participation in the program. All the townships in Kent County with significant agricultural lands have passed the resolutions.

The way the PDR program works is farmers sell to the county easements on their property. The easements stipulate that the land will be used from here out only for agricultural purposes. It functions basically as a deed restriction.

"The agricultural easement is in place in perpetuity," Rosebrook said.

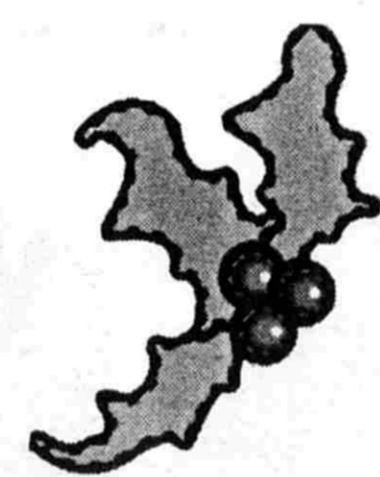
In exchange for the easement, the county will pay the farmer the difference between the value of the land as assessed for development and the value of the land for agriculture. The payment can come as one sum or as an annuity.

"They still get the same value as selling to a developer, but the land continues in farming," Rosebrook said.

The program could benefit farmers like the Rasches;

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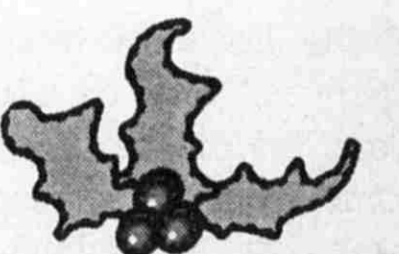
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the money from selling the easement would possibly allow them more flexibility in selling the land to their sons who want to farm it. It could also benefit farmers who reinvest PDR money into new equipment or land, making their farms more profitable.

It is the perpetuity of the agricultural easements that makes the PDR program hard to swallow among some farmers. It also makes for a hard sell to those in the housing and development industries.

"Any time you do something like this into perpetuity you are affecting generations and generations, and so you have to be very careful," Judy Barnes said. "That's a delicate balance, to protect the environment but also to protect property rights."

Barnes is the executive vice president and CEO of the Home and Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids.

Barnes was on the PDR Task Force, a citizens' committee established to have an oversight role in the creation of Kent County's PDR program.

Another of Barnes' concerns was the productivity of farms to be enrolled in the program.

"The farms that are being protected - are they viable businesses? Is it fair to the people who own that land?" she asked.

The PDR criteria is set up to favor productive farms. The criteria functions on a point-score system. Farms are given priority based on their score out of a maximum 118 points.

The first point category, "Agricultural Characteristics," is worth 53 points. "Agricultural Productivity," assessed according to the United States Department of Agriculture's soil classifications or fruit site rating, accounts for 20 of those 53.

Points are also given for a parcel's proximity to other farmland.

"You would not want one farm surrounded by five subdivisions," Rosebrook said. One of the benefits of the locally-prioritized, county PDR program is that it allows for the preservation of blocks of farmland. This has benefits for agriculture, among them the fact that a high density of farms is required to make the businesses that support agriculture viable. Businesses such as seed and fertilizer stores as well as farm implement dealers have taken a blow from the fragmentation of farmland.

"There used to be about five implement dealers in this area," Julia Rasch said. "Now if you need repairs, you have to travel for just about forever."

"Closest one would be Portland for John Deere," Carl Rasch said. Other considerations in the PDR criteria are of benefit to development. Points are awarded for agricultural land near livestock farms. If protected, these farms would create

a buffer zone isolating the smells of livestock from residential areas. Concentrated blocks of farmland also mean more streets on which tractors can lumber without disturbing traffic.

The criteria also values existing township infrastructure investments. Under the "Development Pressure" heading, farmland located within half a mile of existing sewer or water lines receives zero points.

The next big challenge for the PDR program lies in funding it. "We will probably have to cross that bridge in the first part of the next fiscal year," Jack Horton said.

Horton is the county commissioner for the Fifth District. The district includes Lowell, Vergennes, Bowne and Cascade townships as well as the city of Lowell. He is also chair of the county Agricultural Preservation Board. He has been involved in creating Kent County's PDR program since its beginning.

Horton said funding remains uncertain at this time; the county will not be able to

take a serious look at the issue of funding until it knows what kind of funding cuts it will receive from the state. Regardless, the PDR program will probably require some kind of matching funds from the townships.

"As much as we'd like to do a lot the first year, we don't expect that because of limited funding at the state and federal levels," Horton said.

However, now is the best time to start getting acreage into the program. This will make the financial challenge more pressing.

"I'd much rather preserve a lot of land in the front end than get to the back of a ten-year program and not have any land left to preserve," Horton said.

Land preservation is clearly a priority on the state level. The Governor's Conference at the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids Township focused on the recently completed Final Report of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council. In her speech to open the conference, Gov. Jennifer Granholm urged

regional cooperation in future land management.

"It has been careless the way our land use and our consumption of it has progressed," she said.

Granholm went on to outline several ways to improve our land use. The state government itself, she said, would set an example by constructing its new structures in places where infrastructure already exists, revitalizing brownfields in cities rather than building on greenspace in the country. She also stressed the need for an incentive structure to reward space-efficient development and re-investment in cities.

On the state level, Kent County is in the leading pack of regions moving toward land preservation.

"There are some ahead of us and many behind us," Heacock said. "We're certainly on the innovation side and not on the sit and wait side."

However, this region is one in which land use considerations are most pressing. In February of 2001, *USA Today* ranked the Grand Rapids Metro Area the sixth most sprawling in the country. Heacock believes Lowell will soon be at the forefront of this growth.

"I honestly believe Lowell is going to be the next best city for growth," Heacock said. "It's pretty exciting to see what the future of Lowell will hold."

County lawmakers hope the PDR program will give townships like Lowell and the ones surrounding it a tool to handle this growth positively.

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Monday, November 10, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. to consider final development plans for the proposed Victorian Oaks site condominium development on property located at Cumberland and Foreman Avenue (PP# 10-20-05-201-019).


The proposed plans and the Lowell township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

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

EVERY MON.: LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society monthly board meetings at Chamber office or Fallsburg at 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

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

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

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

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

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 meets at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 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 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ...because mothering mat-

ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Sandy, 285-0621.

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, LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at the 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Come for all or part time; all are invited. Contact Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more info. Light dinner provided.

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

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

EVERY THIRD TUES.: Beginning January '04, the Saranac Scrapppers, new scrapbooking/journaling group will meet at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Lt. refreshments served. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466.

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

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin College #206 (Commons). 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.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON

meets at the Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

EVERY WED.: Rotary Rubber stamping group, Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transportation? Call Pat 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, 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: 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. 897-7842.

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

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

THURS.: Join the Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H.S. Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8 p.m. Kathy Maatman 897-5981

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes, Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/\$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

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

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

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

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

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

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 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell City Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1-4 p.m. or 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. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037. Weekly specials.

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. 200 N. Monroe St. 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. 897-8545.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

THURS., NOV. 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Jewelry Design by Julie. Hostesses: Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickett and Shirley Weeks. Sponsor: Marie Rickett. Bring items for F.R.O.M.

FRI., NOV. 7: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club raffle, (11400 Foreman Rd.) 6 p.m. \$3 at door. Food provided, bring own beverages.

SAT., NOV. 8: Foodmobile at 4-H fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg., 10-noon. Bring own box or bag. Mostly produce available, free to anyone. Distributed by F.R.O.M. www.flatriveroutreachministries.org

SAT., NOV. 8: Swiss steak dinner 5-7 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th & Alden Nash, Alto.

SAT., NOV. 8 & SUN., NOV. 9: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club public sight-in, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11400 Foreman Rd. Supervised.

MON., NOV. 10: American Legion Annual Veterans dinner at 6 p.m. at new Veterans Bldg. 3100 S. Alden Nash. Reservations needed. Call Rich Bieri by Fri., Nov. 7 897-8258.

WED., NOV. 12: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. will serve a turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8; ages 5-12 \$2.

THURS., NOV. 13: Dementia Screening, Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson 9 a.m. - noon & 1-5 p.m.

FRI., NOV. 14: LHS blood drive in auxiliary gym from 8 - 1:30 p.m. All welcome.

FRI., NOV. 14: Lowell Women's Club luncheon at Chamber of Commerce beginning at 11 a.m. Public welcome.

SAT., NOV. 15: Holiday craft show at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lots of quality craft items for the holidays.

SAT., DEC. 6: Family Advent Workshop/Open House at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac, 10-4 p.m. Create holiday ornaments, decorate cookies. Call 642-6466 by Dec. 1 to register.

OOPS! An Alto United Methodist Church potato supper ad from last year was mistakenly placed in the Ledger last week. The cost of the supper was incorrect in that ad.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

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MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at 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.

WED., NOV. 5: 9:15 a.m. John Ball Zoo; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure and Eye Glass Adjustments. **THURS., NOV. 13:** 11:30 a.m. St. Anne's Lunch.

THURS., NOV. 6: 8:30 a.m. Mystery Trip. **FRI., NOV. 14:** 12 p.m. Birthday and Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

FRI., NOV. 7: 12:45 p.m. Tour of Dery Physical Therapy Center; 12:45 p.m. Bingo. **MON., NOV. 17:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping Salvation Army Store, Wal-Mart, Dollar Store; 4:15 p.m. Dinner at Sam's Joint in Alaska.

MON., NOV. 10: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue "Columbus." **TUES., NOV. 18:** No Mall Walking. 7:15 a.m. Rockford's McDonald; 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Panera's.

TUES., NOV. 11: 12:15 p.m. Alto School Senior Luncheon; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Deer Run. **WED., NOV. 19:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council.

WED., NOV. 12: 8 a.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Movie at the Center, Shop at Meijer. **THURS., NOV. 20:** 12 p.m. Dance Westside Complex.

Abatement request focuses attention on economic concerns

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

An abatement request by Litehouse, Inc. touched an economic nerve at Monday night's Lowell City Council meeting.

Litehouse, Inc., 1400 Foreman Road, sought and received a tax abatement for a 32,915 square foot addition. The addition would allow the business to retain 82 positions while adding 20 new ones.

The city would have received about \$82,866.50 of tax revenue from the more than \$2 million worth of improvements, which were prorated over a 12-year period, according to city assessor, Jim Marfia.

Concerns were raised as to what kind of financial impact this would have to the city's budget. Councilman, Jim Pfaller wanted to know whether there was any way to recoup money from businesses that take the abatement

and then leave before it has ended. He raised this question in light of the Attwood situation. Attwood was sold to Brunswick which consolidated and closed the Attwood plant in Lowell.

"There is nothing that prohibits a business from moving," said Lowell City Manager, David Pasquale, adding that both the city and the applicant have to sign agreements and that the state watches the abatement process closely. However, Pasquale did say he believed there was recourse in collecting the lost revenue in a business that did not stay for the full abatement. He would need to look into that measure, he said.

The real bonus to tax abatements is that they encourage companies, like Litehouse, to stay in the community because of the incentive, but there are other incentives that weigh into a deci-

sion as to whether a company stays or goes, Pasquale said. "You're talking about \$87,000 over a 12-year period," said councilman, Mike Blough. "That is about \$7,000 per year. If it brings in 100 jobs that make \$30,000 per year, that is about \$3 million

to \$4 million in income coming into your community. I think the \$7,000 per year is worth the investment."

And cities are going to have to take such risks in community companies especially as the world economics and dynamics change, said

Wendell L. Christoff, trustee for Litehouse. "As the world changes, cities will need to take more risks in the companies to keep jobs in Lowell and to encourage more jobs in Lowell," Christoff said.

Another consideration is

the company requesting the tax abatement. In this case, Blough said, Litehouse has been a longtime Lowell company with a good track record, the kind of company Lowell wants to keep.

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Find out when you'll receive statements and how often you'll meet in person to review your portfolio. Will you receive e-mail with suggestions and recommendations? Are you free to contact your broker at any time? If the broker is not available, is there someone else that he or she works with who will be familiar with your situation? It's important to find these things out as soon as possible. Remember, you're entrusting this person with your financial future—so you have a right to expect open, honest and frequent communications.

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It really irritates me when I see people parking in the handicapped spots that are NOT handicapped. Some have a sticker but no one that gets out of the car is handicapped.

As a Lowell teacher, we paid over \$2800 in medical costs last year. We paid deductibles, copays for office visits, all wellness/immunizations. Please don't think we pay nothing!

Why is it that people are allowed to park on Hudson St. when it is a four-lane street.

Would be nice if they fixed Bowes Road going west between Valley Vista Dr. and just before the curve to the new section of Bowes Rd. at the light on M-21.

Since when don't we need 50 additional homeowners to help pay for improvements.

Ever notice how there are no north-south crosswalks on Main St.? Does anyone know if Lowell City has a jaywalking ordinance?

Have you noticed that if you don't agree with someone, they accuse you of not listening. God forbid that you should have a differing opinion.

I think the comment last week about speaking English was very rude! Perhaps the people you wait on are in the process of learning to speak English. Have some patience.

What a pleasure to drive down Vergennes toward the high school and see the Raggedy Ann made out of rolled hay bales on the left. It's so cool! Thanks.

I think it's too bad that our local paper has decided that this little town needs a place to offend each other. Isn't this walking angry enough?

I've worked in human resources for many years and seen costs increase and keep seeing health care costs rise. What will we cut next?

I've live here all my life and have always loved the small town atmosphere and the closeness of the community. I hope it stays this way.

The biggest trick this Halloween was nice weather!

If cigarette butts are too nasty to put in your ashtray, why do you feel it is ok to throw them out the window?

BUSINESS MATTERS



Shane Husted

Shane Husted has been promoted to vice president, personal loan manager at Ionia County National Bank's main office.

He will coordinate, direct and manage the staff and their responsibilities for personal loan activity as well as continue his Commercial Lending responsibilities serving both the Lowell and Belding markets.

Husted, of Belding, has 18 years in the financial services industry.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Notice of Ordinance Adoption

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance 2003-6, consisting of amendments adding a new special use to the R-A District of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on October 20, 2003.

The following is a summary of the text amendments:

Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202
The amendments add two new definitions as follows:

Lawn and Garden Center: A retail sale and service establishment with retail sales of nursery stock and accessory supplies, fresh produce, landscaping supplies, lawn furniture, playground equipment, topsoil, mulching materials, garden tractors, utility vehicles, lawn mowers and similar powered lawn and garden equipment and other similar supplies and equipment used for lawn and garden purposes and retail repair and service for garden and lawn equipment.

Utility Vehicle. A lawn or garden use off road drivable vehicle with a cargo box similar to a golf cart such as a "Gator" or "Mule" brand designed to carry loads and pull small garden or lawn equipment. This definition does not include ATV's (All Terrain Vehicle), motorcycles, snowmobiles or other recreational vehicles.

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts
The ordinance amends Section 201.304 (C), (9) to add Lawn and Garden Center as a special use permit with standards that include detail about lot size and width, setbacks, display of product, containment of landscaping product, parking, landscaping plan, signage and lighting.

The complete text of Ordinance 2003-6 can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671** [fax 897-5674] or on the website (ordinance amendments) at www.vergennestwp.org. This ordinance takes effect 8 days after publication.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF LOWELL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO ACT 197 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN OF 1975, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell, pursuant to and in accordance with the Downtown Development Authority Act, Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended ("Act 197"), will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 17, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan.

The public hearing will be held to consider whether the City Council shall, pursuant to Act 197, approve the removal of certain properties, i.e., Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-03-401-025 - 1665 Fawns Ridge Drive and Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-03-401-026 - 1670 Fawns Ridge Drive (the "Removed Properties") from the Downtown District of the City of Lowell Downtown Development Authority.

Legal descriptions of the Removed Properties are available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk located at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

At the public hearing, all interested parties will be heard and all aspects of the removal of the Removed Properties from the Downtown District will be open for discussion.



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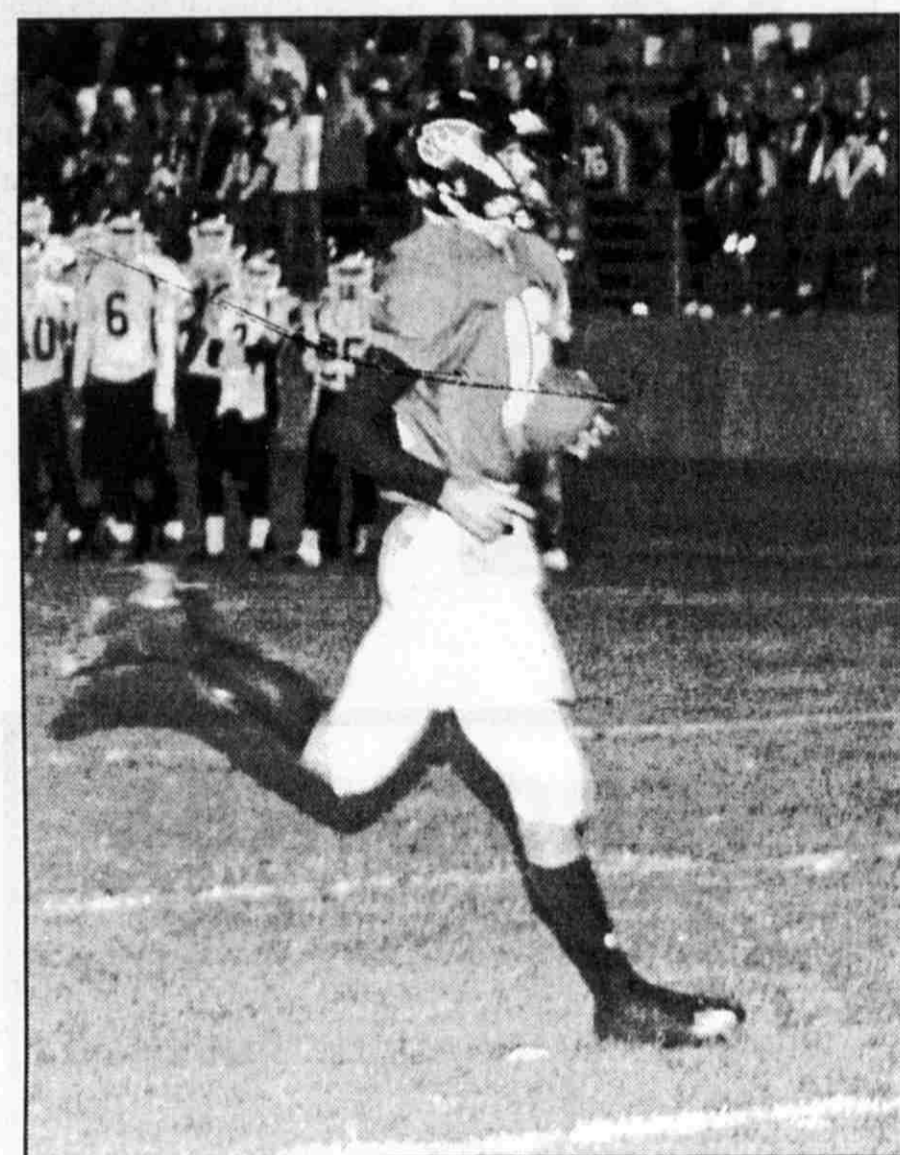
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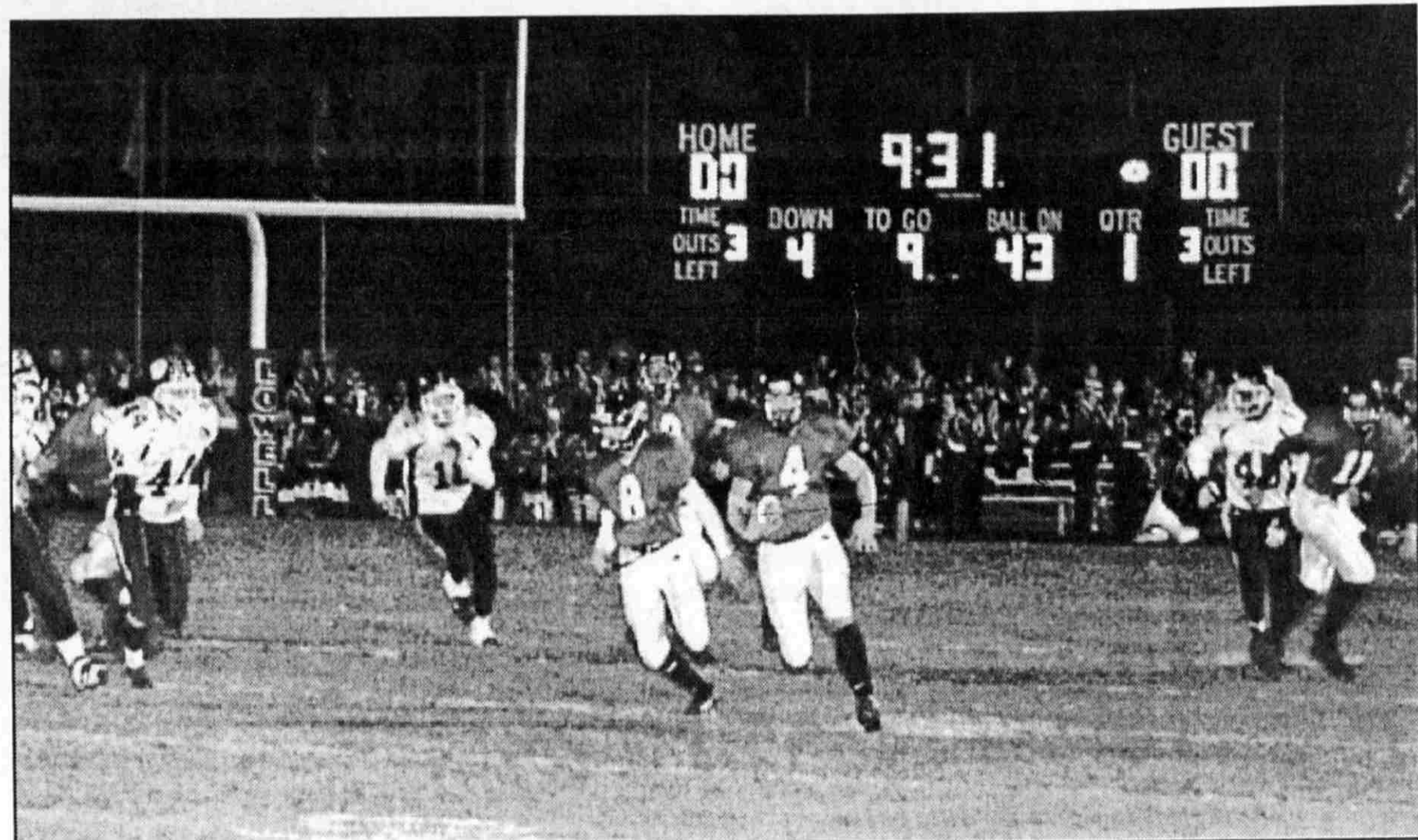
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Red Arrow defense overwhelms Portage Northern in first post-season contest

Nine regular season games are just a prelude to the Michigan High School Athletic Association state football tournament which started Friday night around the state. "The regular season is a time to build depth and to get ready to play game 10. It's important to know what you need to be doing when you get there," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean following his club's 32-0 shutout over



Ryan Dykhouse caps off a 63-yard scoring drive with an eight-yard touchdown run.



Frank Mulder has blockers and green grass in front of him on this first-half punt return.

Portage Northern in a pre-district game at Red Arrow Stadium.

Lowell, defending Division II state champion, certainly performed as if it knew what needed to be done against the Huskies.

"The boys played real well tonight and are coming together," Dean explained. "They had a good week of practice and feel comfortable doing their business - going out and playing football."

It's a club that starts just five seniors intermixed with sophomores and juniors. It's a club that appears to be playing its best football at the start of the second half of the season.

"Lowell is a very good football team which is evident by their record over the last number of years," said

Portage Northern's coach, Pete Schermerhorn. "They have a lot of weapons. Number 11 (Mike Koster) is a great player and that Number 6 (Ryan Esbaugh) is tougher than heck to bring down. Lowell just has so many weapons."

The Huskies were introduced to both Red Arrows on Lowell's opening drive. Koster caught two passes for 30 yards, Esbaugh rushed the ball once, and Jay MacDougall was on the receiving end of a 22-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ryan Dykhouse.

Lowell's second scoring drive came early in the second quarter. Dykhouse completed three passes to Koster, Esbaugh ran the ball three times and Dykhouse capped off the 63-yard drive with an eight-yard touchdown run, giving Lowell a 14-0 advantage.

Just before the half, Lowell drove from its 32 to the Huskie 12 before Matt

D'Agostino sent one through the uprights from 29 yards out pushing Lowell's halftime lead to 17-0.

The Red Arrows opened the second half the same way they started the game with a touchdown-scoring drive. This time it ended with Dykhouse finding Frank Mulder over the middle of the end zone on a 32-yard pass. A two-point conversion made it 25-0 Lowell.

"Frank (Mulder) has been a great player for us on defense and special teams this year - tonight we decided to get him the ball on offense," Dean said.

It stayed that way until late in the third quarter when Esbaugh broke through the right side of the Huskie line and rumbled 65 yards for the score, extending Lowell's lead to 32-0. Esbaugh finished the game with 155 yards rushing.

The Red Arrow defense shut down the Huskie-spread

offense, holding Portage Northern to just 95 total yards.

Dykhouse completed 14 passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns.

"Ryan (Dykhouse) has been a pretty effective quarterback for us. In nine games he threw for over 1,500 yards. In one of those games he only played a couple of series," Dean explained. "People just don't know what's going on here in Lowell."

A defending state champion wins its opening playoff game 32-0. If they didn't before, they know now coach!

The Red Arrows will travel to East Lansing to face the Trojans in the District Football Championship game on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The gates open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance in the athletic office at Lowell High School on Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. East Lansing High School is located at 509 Burcham Dr. in East Lansing. Maps are available by going to the website www.lowellschools.com.

3-pointers key in 55-37 victory over EGR Pioneers

A second chance against Cedar Springs resulted in an overtime win for East Grand Rapids' girls basketball team.

The Pioneers, looking for the same favorable results in their second meeting of the year with Lowell, did not have an answer to the Red Arrow defense nor did they have the fire power to stay with Lowell offensively.

"We're playing better, but we just don't have an offense that scores consistently," said Pioneer coach, Colleen Lamoreaux. "It seems that every team we face this year shoots like a bunch of all-Americans against us."

In its 55-37 loss to the Red Arrows, EGR's coach was referring to the three-point shooting from behind the arc by Keni Gallert (3) and Devon Collins (2).

The two teams recent history indicated that the game

would be tight. After eight minutes of play, it was ... as Lowell led by four, 13-9.

The Red Arrows outscored the Pioneers 10-5 in the second quarter to take a 23-14 halftime lead.

"It's always tough to play here. East plays a hard, tough physical game," said Lowell girls' basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "I thought we shot pretty well tonight. Keni and Devon found their marks."

Lowell extended its lead in the third quarter to 19 (43-24) outscoring East 20-10 in a stanza in which Collins scored 11 of her game-high 17 points. Gallert also netted 17 for Lowell while Amy Oberlin added 14.

"I thought our defensive intensity and play were solid tonight. The girls did a good job in the second half of not

allowing second chance buckets," Crowley explained.

East was led in scoring by Katelin McCahill and Sara Fenton with 12 and 10 points respectively.

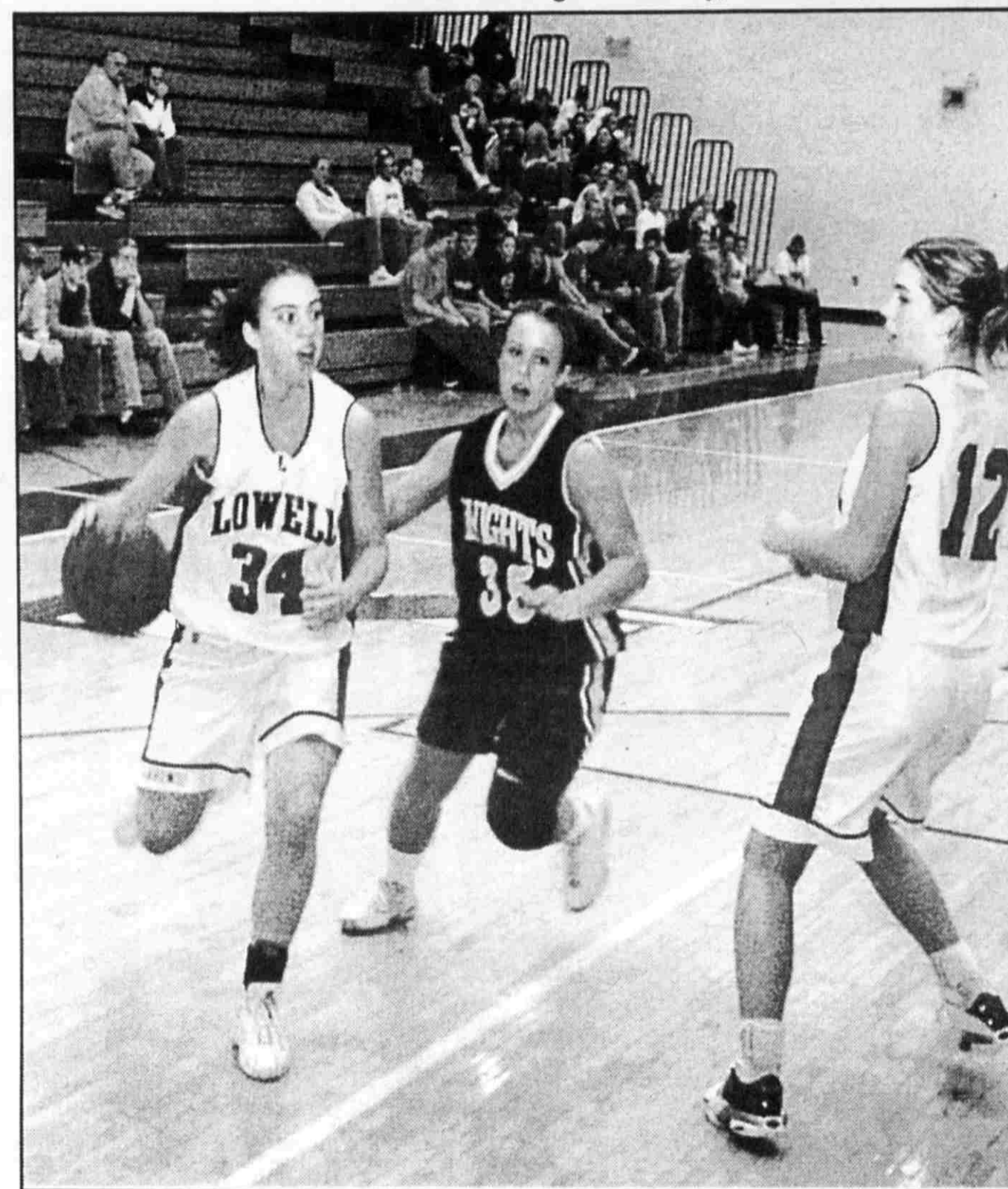
Lowell started strong and finished strong as it ran away from its visitors from Kenowa Hills 63-38.

Amy Oberlin led the way with a game-high 20 points. Keni Gallert threw in 18 (4 three-point baskets) and Devon Collins added eight.

Lowell led 18-5 after one quarter of play, 30-15 at halftime and 49-28 after three periods.

Vicky VanDyke led all Knight scorers with 10.

Lowell finished the week at 11-0 in the OK White and 14-2 overall.



Lowell's Nicole Shepard drives to the basket as teammate, Amy Oberlin positions herself to set a screen.

LEGAL NOTICES

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TO DEFENDANT,
VICTORIA R. CAVERLY
IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before December 3, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, VICTORIA R. CAVERLY at the last known address by First Class mail, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

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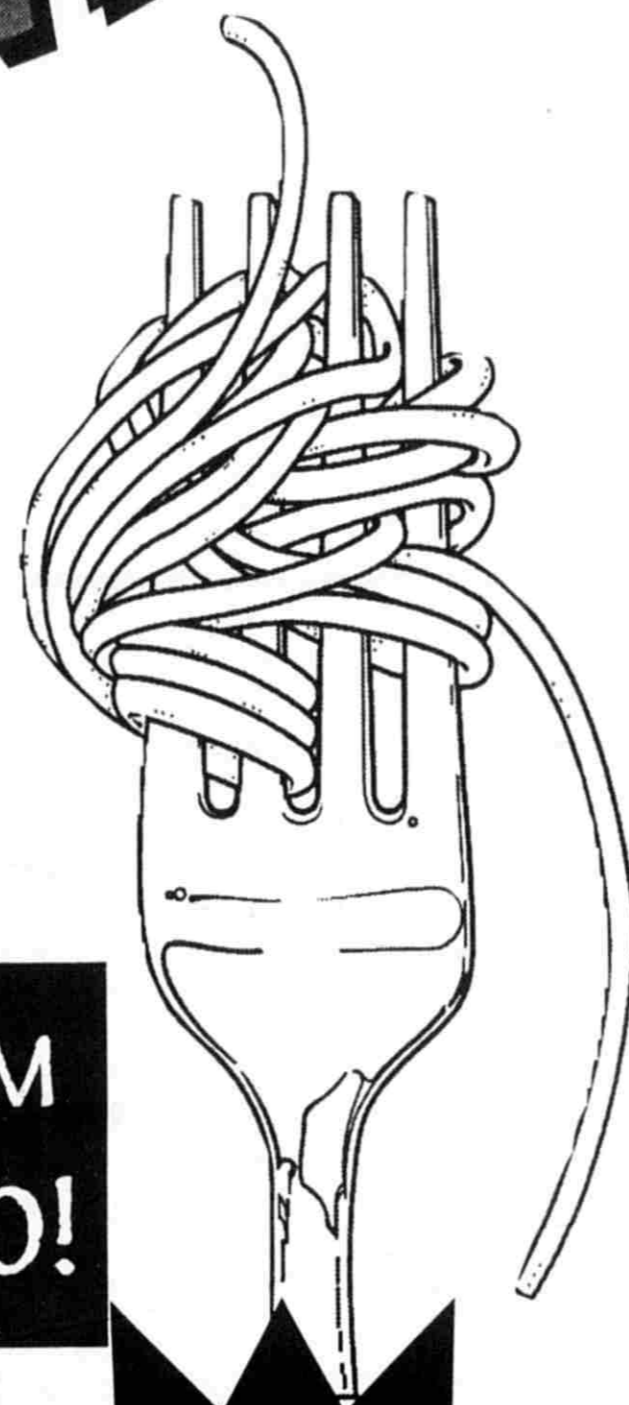
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Steven Hopkins

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WANTED - Cash paid for old junk motorcycles & Japanese sports cars. Call Rich, 616-446-8352.

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IN MEMORIAM

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In loving memory of Josh Ford, who passed away four years ago today, November, 1999.

Time may hide the sadness and smiles may hide the tears, but precious memories last forever, despite the passing years.

We miss you Josh. Grandpa & Grandma Ford & family

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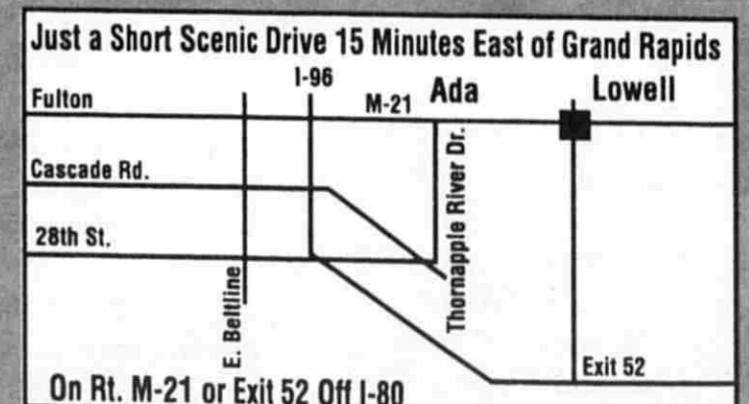
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