# Lowell Ledger Suburban Life 

"Covering Area Happenings of People You Know!"

## DNR Demolis New Name For Community Center <br> The advisory board for the former Lowell Community

 Center voted on a name change at the monthly meetingApril 24 . It was decided to rename the facility East Kent Community Center because of the outreach services extending over the
of Kent County.
of Kent County.
The new name is to encourage all persons in need
of human resource services to drop in or call for aid.
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The center, at 10763 Grand Rives Dive, is open Mon The center, at 10763 Grand River Dive, is open Mon It is staffed daily by two C,AP.
who furnish emergency assistance, transportation, and who, if they cannot supply the needed help, will refer On the second and fourth Monday mornings the Kent County Health Department offers immunization both in the schools and at the Center on Monday after-
noons, and Kent Oaks Hospital sponsors a counselor on Thursday afternoons
 tative from the Food Stamp. Department takes applica tions and recertifications Tuesday momings. Planned Parenthood has initiated an information clinic held the second Monday morning of each month.
We urge all those interested in using We urge all those interested in using the services of
the Center or interested in becoming tember of is governing board to stop in or call 897.5111.

## James Barnes

Finds $\$ 120$
A good conduct citation has been issued by Lowell
Police Chief Barry Emmons to nine-vear-old James Barnes of 2385 Segwun Ave., Lowell, for finding and returning $\$ 120$
Last Friday, Barnes and his two brothers, Joe and
Amie, Colin Deible and Rob Tulecki, were playing on emie, Colin Deible and Rob Tulecki, were playing on
the railroad trestle over Flat River, when Barnes found
a wallet, containing $\$ 120$ a wallet, containing 5120 .
His first thought to get rid of it so he wouldn't be
involved, was changed when his mates prompled him involved, was changed when his mates prompled him
to turn it into the police department. The money was in a wallet, which contained no identification of any
kind kind.
Later that day, Mrs. Idella Cummings of Grand Rap-
ids, an ADC mother with two children, came to the Po lice Department to report her loss. After making a proper identification, the wallet was given to its owner. Mrs. Cummings, who was fishing from the trestle,
stated she apparently dropped the wallet when they

## were departing.

In his letter of commendation, Emmons cited
Barnes for his honesty in returning the money, and
pressed his feelings for the boy's performance.

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ago when a 46 -year old man lost his lit
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ard to boating traffic.
ard to boating traffic. Workmen for 600 pounds of dynamite to break up the concrete sections of the dam which included a spillway and three gates. Work began April 16 to remove the spillway. In the meantime, truck loads of fill dirt are being
spread up to a stream bank retaining wall which will be cut to one level and remain in place. A taller retaining vall on the ?pposite bank of Flat River will also remain in place for erosion coritrol.
Officials of DNR supervising the demolition also
oint out the sills of the dam between the gate bul-
point out the silis or the dam between the gate bul-
warks will also be completely removed to allow the
tiver to reach its natural level
tiver to reach its natural level at the site. It is the fall
over the several feet high sills which reportedly created large problem for boaters and canoeists in past years. A tremendous whirlpool is created at the base of its grasp.
In another month or less, Smyrna dam will only be memory to area residents. But fishermen and boaters hen work is completed.
So once again a structure which pionered in pro viding electrical power to a small community through waterpower will join its predecessors as demands for electrical power cause power companies to construc

## tricty.

## LHS Band Rated ' I'

For the second time in three years the Lowell High School Band has emerged from the State Band FestiThis year's competition took place at Muskegon igan who survived the district contests held on Mafrch
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Mr. William Root, director of bands at Ferris State Collegg and the head judge at Saturday's contest, had
this to say about the Lowell Band: "This band is well trained . . . obviously a fine group. You play with a great deal of confidence, which
is the result of lots of preparation. Many congratulations is the result of fots of preparation. Many congratulation
to an outstanding band." William Mills is direct
Band. The next local performance of the. Lowell Band is
a concert on May 24 .

## VD Awareness <br> Film Showings

The "VD Awareness" project being sponsored by
the Lowell Area Jaycees will get into full swing next week, when they will hold two special film showings problem.
On the evening of May 7 at the high school audito ium, the Jaycees will show to the general public the "VD Awareness," film at 8 p.m. Everyone is cordially On May 9, at the high school, during the student's study halls, the film will be shown to those who care
to attend and a guest speaker will be available. to attend, and a guest speaker will be available. The VD program is a nationwide project of the Jay-


One Called!
Addie Tower, 616 Elizaboth Si, Lowell,
was the winnoof of the myttery piecture last
week. The picture was taken October, 1950 of
the Good Will Clubu. The members were Mas
VanderVeen, Carolyn Chipman, Leonore Tower,
Ida Sparks, Maude Oesch, Bernice Wright, Alice
Garfielc, Margaret Kohn, Frances Keist, Wilma Garfielč, Margaret Kohn, Frances Krist, Wilma
Sparks, Sarah Miller and Addie Tower. Identify thie wook's mystery pieture by calling 897-926

## Tornado Season Now At Hand

With Monday night's weather report carrying torna do sightings in the mid-western states, area residents
are warned to be on the look-out diting months, which will bring more of these destructive torms than the rest of the year. Keep your radio or television set tuned to a local tation for information and advice from the weather
ureau. When a tornado watch or forecast is announ ed, it means that tornacos are expected in or near the
area.
The warning for Lowell consists of the fire whistle The warning for Lowell consists of the fire whistle
basting for five minutes. This means take cover. No
'all clear waming is made, so have a radio nearby. Also, keep watching the sky. If you see any revolving, nnel--h is nearer. If you are in an area where you do not know the
number to call, dial $O$ for operator. Do not use the $t$ number to call, dial O for operator. Do not use the tele-
phone to get information or advice. Depend on your phone to get in
radio or TV.
When a tormado warning is issued, take shelter-go to the basement (if one is available) and take cover in a corner, under a sturdy work bench or table. If there
is no basement, take cover in the center of the building under heary furniture or in a small room away from the outside walls.
Do not remain in a mobile home or trailer; take cov er elsewhere. If in a car, drive away from the tornado
path, at a right angle to it. If time does not allow, take cover and lie flat in the nearest ditch or culvert. Extra precautionary meeasures in preparation for staples if a tornado hits, should also be taken. Ask your
self what you can do to get along without tater self what you can do to get along without water supply,
gas, telephones, medicines, or an automobile. Be sure your children know and understand is going on.
Be alert at

## 500 Years To Dust

An aluminum beer can dropped on the forest floor Ahis summer will probably have broken down into dust zed bits of aluminum oxide by the year 2472 in the versity specialist in corrosion of metals. Owen's figure is one of several estimates made rec
ly on the natural recycling time of various popular $y$ on the natural recycling time of various
hrowaway materials. A conventional steel can, often plated with a thin
coat of tin to resist corrosion, will break down into harmess and sometimes naturally useful rust (iron ox de) in one-fifth the time.
Thie old-fashioned tin can is estimated to return to
The natural recycling ratio for plastic objects is隹e difficult to estimate. There are many types of $d$ these variations could alter the breakdown rate by many years in either direction.
One widely used plastic known as poly-vinyl chloride, or PVC, has been buried in test soil and found to hav have a half-life of almost eighty-five years.
Thus, a piece of PVC would be almost $95 \%$ degrad. able by the year 2312 , if buried today. If left on top of he ground, it would take much longer.
It has been noted that one problem with the bioderradation of many plastics is that they are made of teria may attack a styrofoam coffee cup, the cup may release enough toxic chemicals to kill them. The least perishable of the common throw-away
materials is gass. A bottle left on the forest floor may materials is glass. A bottie left on the forest floor may of years, it has been noted by Prof. Evelyn C. Marboe glass chemist.
Glass is one of the most durable materials known. glass is crushed by falling rocks or ground into dust by the trampling of animals.
Get Acquainted
Coffee May 7
Cascade Friends of the Library will sponsor a getCy 10 m Matay, May 7 at S. Michael's Episcopal a. 10 a.m. Monday, May
Church, Wycliff Dr.,

Baby sitting will be provided for children $21 / 2$ to 5 years old at a small charge.
Mrs. Everett S. Thompson and Mrs. Robert E. Hayes
In Millionaire Drawing Sarilyn A. Andre and Joseph A. Bobko of Ada
are among the 120 semi-finalists for the May 10 Million-
aire drawing at Muskegon, for the State of Michigan aire drawing at Muskegon, for the State of Michigan
Lottery. Both qualifiers are guaranteed at least a $\$ 1,000$ and have a chance at even more.
Seven of the 120 semi-finalists will win $\$ 5,000$; one
. $\$ 50,000$; one $\$ 100,000$; and one will walk sway with

baskets stolen.
Two decorative hanging baskots were taken April ${ }^{24}$ Main Stroet. Valued at Sall Floral Shoppe on East plaint is under investigation by the Lowell Police. DAMAGES YARD
Lowell Police were called to the James Rash resi
dence in
Valley Vista Triiler Park on West Main St, dence in Valley Vista Trailer Park on West Main St, plaint. Someone driving a cart around his yard did HITS PARKED CAR
Extensive damage to two vehicles was incurred af
12:32 a.m., April 29, when a car driven by Barry Craig Knooihuisen of 0954 Foreman, Ada, struck car in front of the Tiny Giant Market on West Main Knooihuisen was cited for hazardous driving when
he hit a car owned by Barb Zelesket of $8989-66$ th he hit a car owned by Barb Zelesket of $8989-66$ th STUDDED TIRES
Motorists still using studded tires on their vehicle use expired May 1. . Failure to remove such tires can result in a ticker
for a traffic violation and subject to the penalty refor a traffic violation and subject to the penalk
lated to conviction on this mindemeanor charge totals truck
Kenneth Erral Gould, jr., Gulliford Drive, Loweli,
iet Court on
Gould, who was trosted at Butterworth Mospita and released to the Kent County Jail was arrested $A P$. ril 28 when he totalied a truck on South Division SL rolling over.
CYCLIST HURT
In Blodgett Memorial Hospital with a serious leg injury and multitie bruiuses and lacerations is 22 yeaer-
old Gordon A. Sharpe of 517 Lincoln Lake Avenue. Sharpe was injured when his motorcycle slammed into the rear of a carar driven by Barbara Jean Eckman at 8:35 p.m., April 18, in front of the Zephyr Station CARS DISPLAYED
The Grand Rapids Horseless Carriage Car Associa-
day, May 6, at the Lowell $4 \cdot \mathrm{H}$ Fairgrounds.
A preview of the cars to be on display can be seen in the showrooms of Lowell car dealers-Jacksons,
Thomets, Imperial, Royce Ford, and Witteniochs. FIRST ANNIVERSARY
Imperial Motors of West Main Street, Lowell, is colebrating their first anniversary May 2-12. Lowell, is Give them a chance to say "thanks." Stop in tohome on vacation
Frank Van Dusen of the Merchant Marines arrived Monday Fvening at the Don MacNaughion home. the past 10 months and will spend the summer

Lowell Girl Seeks
Showboat Crown


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Special: Sausage \& Eggs, 96d.


## CARS OF YESTERYEAR

In conjunction with the Flea Market and Swap meet to he held this Sunday，May 6，at the Lowell $4-1 /$ Fairgrounds by the Grand Rapids Chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club，Lowell Car Dealers will have on display in thoir showrooms this week，＂Cars of Yesteryar＂


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## Clip 'N Save

Wow! Have we got the flicks for you. These are pic-
tures that will be at Strand Theatre of Lowell soon. "Young Winston,"-May 11, 12, 13. Rated P.G. Ad13 , Matinee- -Puf 'N Stuf," $G$. rated.
20-"A Boy Named Charlie Brown 18," 19,20 , May 19 \& 20-"A Boy Named Charlie Brown." G rated, Matinee. Memorial Day Weekend-Five Days-May 24, 25,
$26,27 \& 28$-"Walt Disney's World's Greatest Athlete,"
G rated. ${ }^{\text {"Sounder,"--Rated G. June 1, 2, 3. Four Academy }}$ Award nominations. Both educational and a family "Kidnapped",-June 8 9. 10. By Rob Stevenson, G. Rated. Both educational and a family
film. film.
June 15, 16, 17-"Fist of Fury," Rated R. A Super
Action Film. Karate!! Kung Fu!! Rated R.


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NEXT WEEK
'Young Winston' and Special Matinees Puf ' $n$ ' Stuf'

## Above The Board

 Approves Lighting For Football Field
## Last week the Lowell Board of Education definite! decided to relight the football field with new fixtures

 but still kicpay for it.
pay Informed that it would be unsafe to use the present lighting even one more season, an earlier discussion had been held where suggestions were made to abandon
night football. This met with strong opposition both night the general community and other members of the school sports league.
It was suggested that the admission price be raised
25 cents per ticket per game noting that in 10 years 25 cents per ticket per game noting that in 10 years
the price of admission therease of the lighting.
for at least one-half the cost of
High School Principal Dennis McMahon immediate-
ly vetoed this stating that the league is already concernly veloed this stating that the league is already concerntween schools.
"Right now the league is forcing Lake Odessa to
come up to the price of Lowell and the other schools come up to the price of Lowell and the other schools because they feel a standardized price is the only fair
way to go. Idoubt very seriously that they would way to go. I doubt very seriously hat hey
stand for an increase by Lowell whereby their specta. tors would be in a sense paying for our new lighting," McMahon said.
Other suges
Other suggestions were made including a proposal to sell season tickett for a certain section of the
but the board is still apparently open to more. Right along with this topic, one board member who was at first strongly against the purchase of new light-
ing and advocated Saturday afternoon games, surprised ing and advocated Saturday afternoon games, surpris
the assemblage by suggesting that perhaps they should the assemblage the surchase of new lighting while they looke
hold into the possibility of selling all the property in the area of the baseball and foot tall fields to industry $w$ ing to relocate and use the money to build a whole new
athletic complex complete with indoor swimming pool and field house nearer the schools.
Sticking with the necessity for installing the lights
now, Don Kelly opined that once instalied the lights now, Don Kelly opined that once installed, the lights
could be moved if necessary as could the standing foot could be moved
Still appearing surprised, the board looked like it could get used to the idea if enough money could be
realized from the sale of the property and appointed reaizzed from the sale of the property and appoited
committee to work up an estimate of the cosi of the move and the money to be realized from the sale of
the property, if this is possible.
Accept Handbook

The board also voted to accept Gary Gilbert's hand book for governing the student on-the-job-training proer the section prohibiting students from working for their parents. Members finally insisted on an amend. ment to the handbook stating that students could work
for their parents only in extreme extenuating circumstan for their parents only in extreme extenuating circumstaa
es and this is to be determined by the program director. Study Needs
A committee composed of Harold Metternick, Dave Wingeier and Blanche Mullen was appointed to look in
to the elementary building needs and possible sites

This Week's Winners Win Free Movie Tickets! John Winer, Jr. Colleen Doran
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This committee will also consider the possibility of expanding Bushnell
entirely new school

Dr. Robert Reagan and Dr. Richard Siegle reported disease which the Jaycess propose to show in the loc high school and found it both needed and acceptable. Stating that they were both extremely impressed, they did suggest that a mass meeting of parents might be
held to view the film the night before it is to be show in the high school.

## Furnishing Bids

Bidding forms were approved to send out to furniture and cabinet companies for furmishings for the new Middle School and the Senior High addition. Since the electrical contractors are nearing the point where the
will have to know where home economics appliances, shop and graphic arts equipment will be located, it is expected that all bids will be returned shortly Teacher Nogotiations
Negotiations between the board and the LEA regarding teachers' contracts for the coming year began las week. It was generally agriced that eight points are to
be discussed and both sides will submit written propo be discussed and both sides will submit written propo
als on each item at the next meeting Monday, May 7 . Carpeting . Continuing the plan to carpet existing buildings a
little at a time, two fifth grades in Alto and two first grades in Runciman will be carpeted this summer. This
is being done to facilitate team-teaching and individualized instruction in the grades. Changes Whittled
The fire marshall's original $\$ 20,000$ worth of chang es in the new buildings has been whittled down to approximately $\$ 1,000$ with certain modificitions agreed proximately
upon between the marshall and the architect. Several board members stated that they never realized until
they became involved in the building of the Middle School what tremendous cost is involved strictly for fire prevention

Knoohuisen Resigns
Barry Knoohuisen, Middie School instructor, informed the board that he will not be returning as a member of the faculty next Fall. The board accepted his resigna-
tion.

Joints Need Repaired
Ken Smith reported that the expansion joints on the high school are badly in need of repair. He requested authorization to have roofers working on High School
addition take care of them.


Some of the future decisions to be made concern
the razing of the old Junior High building, the disthe razing of the old Junior High building, the dis-
position of the Junior High Home Ec house and the house owned by the school behind the Runciman building.
Arrests Follow Traffic Mishap
A one-car accident in the 7200 Block of Cascade Road sesulted in the arrest of three persons on a charge
of being drunk and disotderly. According to Kent Sheriffs Peputy Joinn Blopy, the vehicle was eastbound on Cascade Road Saturday night when il
trol after clearing the crest of a hill. The car went off the right side of the roadway, then skidded across four lanes before finally coming $\geqslant \%$ rest on a lawn.
Those arrested include Velma Hickey and Frank Buscarino, both of Saginaw, and Leo Katolnig of 45 th
Street, Grand Rapids. Mrs. Katolnig was pinned in the car for a short period of time before being freed by the Cascade Fire Department Rescue Squad.

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