

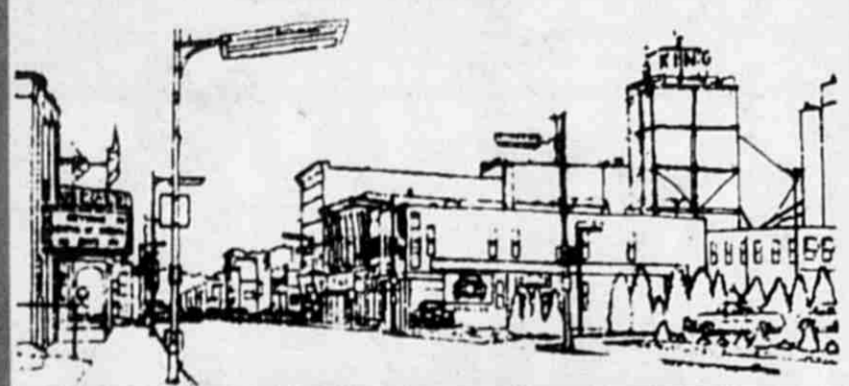
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Along Main Street



ON VIEW AT THE CENTER

The annual Lowell student exhibit is presently on view in the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery.

The work of middle and high school students will be on view through May 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The center is closed Mondays.

PARENT MEETINGS FOR SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY

Parent meetings for the senior all-night party will be May 18 at 7 p.m. at the high school. The senior all-night party will be held Friday, May 26.

AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

As a service to the community, Lowell Community Education is selling tickets to major amusement parks at discount prices. Please call Marge at 897-8434 for prices.

COMMUNITY ED SUMMER SCHOOL

Community Ed summer school brochures are now available in your child's school office.

COMMUNITY ED OFFERS FREE GLAUCOMA SCREENING

Vision Enrichment Services will provide free glaucoma screening to anyone in the community (aged 17 and over) on Thursday, May 25, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Riverside Community Ed building. No pre-registration is necessary. For information or directions call Marge at 897-8434.

U.S. FLAG COLLECTION

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Flat River Post No. 8303
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Preliminary plat for proposed 65-unit subdivision gets planning commission's recommendation

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The proposed preliminary plat for the Mill Isle Estates Subdivision was recommended to the city council by the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night.

The subdivision development is to be located immediately north of Ridgeview Shopping Center, south of Gee Drive and west of Ridgeview Drive.

When totally developed, the subdivision will have 65 single-family residential lots on 18 acres of property. Each lot and house are expected to be sold at approximately \$100,000.

The lots will range from 6,000 square feet to 18,420 square feet. The average lot will be 8,800 square feet.

James Jansma, senior project manager for Nederveld Associates Surveying Inc., reviewed a list of recommendations from city staff. Jansma said he and developer Fred Kamminga, Kamminga Development, could comply with all but one of the 13 recommendations and with the zoning ordinances of the city of Lowell.

That one recommendation came from Lowell Area Schools transportation supervisor Larry Mikulski. He recommended that the entire Jacqueline Drive be installed with the first phase or as soon as possible once the subdivision construction starts. This would allow buses from Valley Vista and Mill Isle Estates subdivisions to avoid M-21 by being able to go directly to Gee Drive.

Kamminga said it was not a viable option. "We can't build a quarter mile of road at \$225 a foot that we won't use for two years," he said.

Jansma said it would take a year to implement the start of the three-phase project.

Planning commission chairman Mike Blough stated his concern was more with bus safety and would rather see an outlet used (e.g. Gee Drive) other than M-21.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said he did not think that 26 lots were too many for one outlet. "It's not a lot. It's relatively small. Beyond that would present a concern."

Planning Commission member B.J. Thompson made the recommendation on the approval of the preliminary plat and all but one of the recommendations. She also included a recommendation for a project phasing timeline with milestones as suggested by Blough.

Blough's initial inquiry as to a timeline for the completion of all three phases was met with some negative discourse by Kamminga. "Depending on sales, two to three years," he explained. Later he said he would come up with a 10-year phase for the project.

Jansma said barring any unexpected financial problems, the project could be done in three years.

Blough's reasoning for the timeline was so the commission could have an accurate portrayal of what Lowell will have after one, two, and three years.

Additional meeting scheduled for township's light industrial facility

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township

residents looking for answers on a proposed light industrial development will have a longer wait.

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission plans on revealing its engineering study on a proposed Sequential Batch Reactor for the site at their June 12 meeting, but the commission still has other issues to discuss before granting any final project approval.

To address the other issues, the commission has scheduled a June 26 meeting with Tom DeBoer Chris Edgar (TDCE) Inc. for the discussion of road access to the site and water issues.

At the meeting the commission, TDCE representatives and engineering representatives will meet to discuss what direction TDCE could take in order to move forward with the project.

However, the commission

has already voiced their opinion which may bring the project back to its initial stage.

According to trustee Richard Bryan and secretary David Simmonds, the commission does not approve of TDCE's preliminary site plan.

The plan, which is not binding in any way, suggests that the site would have three access roads off Cascade Road. That portion of the plan is not agreeable with commission members.

"We can't do anything with access roads off Bancroft, but I personally am not comfortable with any roads off Cascade," said Bryan. "I believe we should go back to the original plan and have any road access off Alden Nash."

Tom DeBoer believes the
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Spring Choir Concert



Lowell High School's Glee Club and Concert Choir entertained in the annual Spring Choir Concert Wednesday at Lowell High School's performing arts center. Under the direction of Paul Balaam, choir conductor, the Glee Club's selections included Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven," and Richard Johnston's "Best of Friends." The concert choir then performed numbers that included renditions of "Eli's Comin'," "I Died For Beauty" and selections from The Lion King.

OBITUARIES

GREEN - Joe Green, aged 90, of Lowell passed away Monday, May 22, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy. Survived by his children, Robert (Lucille) Green, Joyce Green and Richard Green, all of Lowell; grandchildren, Jo (Scott) Meyers of Saranac, Donald (Lynn) Green, William (Susan) Green and Douglas (Wendy Byle) Green all of Lowell; great-grandchildren, Robin, Michael, Timothy,

Amy, Brian, Heather, Andrea, Nicole, Rebecca, Kimberly and Hannah; sister, Emma Daistra of Lowell; sisters-in-law Mildred Green of Grand Rapids, Eleanor Green of Alto and Grace Green of Lowell. Funeral Service will be held 1 p.m. Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Rev. Joseph Gerkin, of First Baptist Church of Lowell, officiating. Visitation 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Interment Oakwood Cem-

etry. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

MORRIS - Helen J. Morris, aged 96, of Lowell, formerly of Grand Rapids, died May 22, 1995. She is survived by her cousins and friends. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Wednesday 7 to 9 p.m. Interment Merriman Cemetery.

NEWHOUSE - Edward James Newhouse, aged 77, of Ada, died May 21, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn. He is survived by his daughter Heidi (Paul) Barron; son Edward Jack

Newhouse; grandchildren Krystal and Julie Barron; brother Jack (Vivian) Newhouse of Spring Lake; sister Dorothy Agema of Wayland; and many nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Egypt Valley Country Club since 1963. He retired from Jervis Corp. of Grandville in 1977 as chief executive officer. He was an avid golfer and a loyal friend of many. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

OLSEN - Helen Margaret Coffield Olsen died May 15,

1995 at Porter Hills. She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 57 years Harvey; children Karen Olsen Holt of Ada, Pamela Olsen of Lowell and Eric Olsen of Holland who will deeply miss the wit and spirit of their mother; grandsons Peter, Brian and Erik Holt; youngest brother Patrick Coffield of Harbor Springs and by her many friends who enjoyed her special appreciation of life. Helen

was born on June 19, 1911 in Saginaw, was a charter member of the Civic Players, a longtime representative of Field Enterprises, a golf enthusiast and a world traveler. A Memorial Service was held on Friday at Fountain Street Church with the Rev. Bruce Bode officiating. Those wishing to honor Helen's memory may do so by contributing to Fountain Street Church.

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FMB president part of Kash for Kids celebration

Lowell FMB State Savings Bank president Jim Bosserd presents Cherry Creek fifth-graders with flags and candy as part of Kash for Kids President's Day celebration. Front row, left to right: Kelsey Scheider, Tiffani Jastifer, Jim Bosserd, Christopher Stepek; back row, left to right: Bonnie Gordon, Justin Stanford, Matt Horan, Cindy Koning, Courtney Perkins, Elizabeth Gerard and Kathy Stiver.



Week of May 29, 1995
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: (Memorial Day - No School)

TUESDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni, fruit juice, fruit selection or pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun, tater tots, fresh or canned fruit or blueberry crisp, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato with gravy, dinner rolls, assorted fruit or gelatin, milk.

FRIDAY: Lowell Red Arrow sub sandwich, side salad, deli dill pickle, choice of fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Memorial Day - No School.

TUESDAY - Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni or cook's choice or chef salad with bread, choose 2: fruit juice, side salad or carrot sticks, fruit selection or pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburger in a bun or hot dog in a bun/or chef salad with bread, choose two: tater tots, pasta salad or side salad, fresh or canned fruit or blueberry crisp, milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets or chef salad, choose two: mashed potato with gravy, peas or side salad, dinner rolls, assorted fruit or gelatin, milk.

FRIDAY: Lowell Red Arrow sub sandwich or BBQ beef on a bun or chef salad, choose two: side salad, homemade soup, deli dill pickle half, choice of fruit, milk.

Here's a sure sign that Spring has returned.

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Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulations and return not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 20, 1995. Petition forms are available between 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Deputy Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

LOWELL SENIORS

You have until **NOON** on Thursday, May 25 to get your senior picture to the Ledger office or Kim at the High School office if you want to be included in the Grad Supplement!

We Thank You in advance for your cooperation

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Music That Moves Me!

The music at the sixth and seventh-grade Spring Concert captivated a capacity crowd at the Lowell Middle School gymnasium. Pictured to the left are bass clarinet players (left to right) Melissa Miller and Leto McEween. Pictured to the right are (left to right) Elissa Kinney and Felicia Eshragh.



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Lowell Lions Club holds a "very interesting" family night

The Lowell Lions Club had their family night on May 16 at the Look Memorial Fire Station. Lion members invited their spouses, children and grandchildren to attend this event that included grilled hamburgers and hotdogs in a picnic-styled setting.



Clark Vredenburg and Kelly Holst, left, display how the diving equipment suit is used by diving team members.

Kelly Holst and Roger Reed both from the Lowell Fire Department gave an interesting program for all those in attendance. Holst exhibited and talked about the equipment used by the diving team

while Reed displayed the equipment used by the fire fighters. Lions David Durkee and Clark Vredenburg volunteered to model the gear for the benefit of the children. Both programs evoked numerous questions from the

teen children in attendance. Before the children left they toured the fire garage and had their pictures taken as they stood by the fire trucks.

Wetlands restoration program started in Ionia County

The Wetlands Reserve Program, a new federal program that will help landowners restore wetlands on their property, is available for landowners in Ionia County.

The enrollment period for the new Wetlands Reserve Program is May 30 - June 30, 1995 at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) office in Ionia.

Enrolled acreage will be kept permanently as a wetland with ownership remaining in the private sector. Under the program, conservation easements are purchased from participating landowners for wetland areas (or prior converted wetlands) that have been used intensively for croppage and forage production. Adjacent land deemed necessary to protect the restored wetland also will be included.

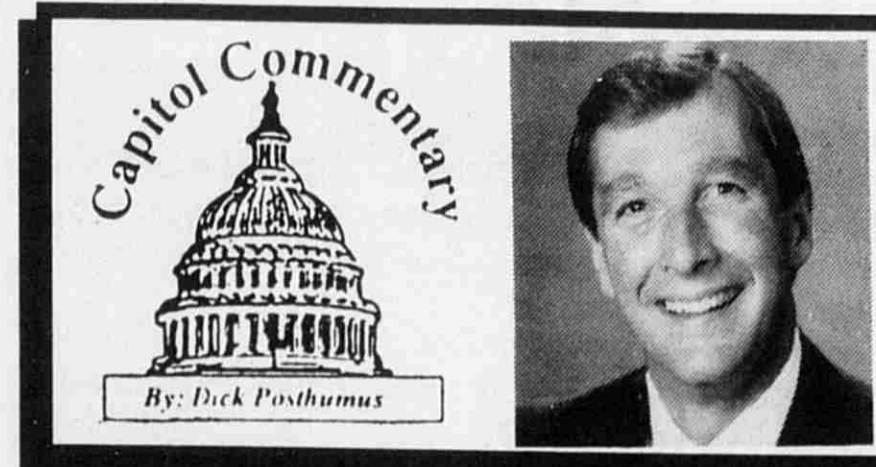
Participants agree to accept no more than the fair market value of their land for agricultural use, in return for a lump sum easement and cost-share assistance for implementing wetland restoration practices. Specified compatible uses may be permitted on the restored acreage when those uses maintain functions and values. The landowner continues to control access to the land.

Additional information can be obtained by calling (616) 527-2620, or stopping at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Ionia Field Office at 1966 S. State Road, Ionia.

In addition, an open informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30 in the Farm Credit Services lower level conference room, beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Roger Reed, far left, Clark Vredenburg, middle, and Kelly Holst, right, display the equipment used by the Lowell Fire Fighters.



In the next few weeks, thousands of Michigan teenagers will put on their graduation caps and gowns and walk across a stage to accept their diplomas from their high school principals. It's a day they've been preparing for since kindergarten. And while high school graduation marks the end of an important stage of our youth, it also marks the beginning of endless opportunity. It throws open the doors to our futures.

What the future holds for these young people is uncertain. When I graduated from high school, many of my classmates went right to work or joined their family farming businesses. Some got married and started families. Several joined the service. And others, including myself, went on to college or vocational school. No matter what our choices, most of us were able to earn a good living.

Today, it is extremely difficult to earn a good living without pursuing either job training or higher education after high school. In our modern marketplace, knowledge is the key to success and prosperity. Advanced technology and manufacturing practices demand more from American workers.

And though this education has never been more important, it's also never been more expensive. In the past decade, double-digit tuition hikes have been commonplace among our state's colleges and universities. In fact, Michigan State University's 3.5 percent increase last fall was the school's

lowest since 1985-86. And while universities and colleges defend the hikes as necessary to maintain quality, they have without question made higher education a huge financial burden for all but the wealthy in our society.

To fight this trend and make education more affordable, the state Legislature passed and Governor Engler signed into law a tuition tax credit for Michigan families. The Higher Education and Job Skills Deduction offers a non-refundable college tuition credit of 4 percent of tuition to a maximum of \$250. However, in order for their students to qualify for the tax credit, state colleges and universities must agree to hold their tuition hikes at or below inflation. While some schools have cried foul at this requirement, our institutions must understand that we cannot let a necessity like post-secondary education be priced beyond what middle class families can afford.

Well, just a couple of weeks ago, Grand Valley State University announced it would not levy new fees or raise tuition beyond inflation for the 1995-96 school year, making it the first Michigan university to make that pledge and qualify its students for the tax credit. GVSU President Arnd Lubbers said his goal is "to provide the best possible higher education at the lowest possible cost."

Clearly, President Lubbers and the GVSU Board have their students' best interests in mind and recognize the importance of higher education. By putting their words into action, this West Michigan institution has set a fine example for not only its students, but also for other universities and colleges across the state. As I stated before, a post-secondary education is a necessity today. Whether it be a liberal arts education at one of our universities or job skills training at a community college, this education beyond high school has never meant more. Our goal is simple: making it available to more people than ever before. I commend GVSU, its board and president for emerging as a leader on this very important issue. Your students can thank you for making them a priority. I urge the rest of our state's colleges and universities to follow in your footsteps.

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certainly shouldn't require a business person to tell you that in 1993 there was \$1,100,000 more available than anyone on the board knew about, resulting in a five-hour school day that saved a whole \$990. Business goof big-time, to quote my daughter's vernacular.

It also shouldn't take a business person to find out that at the current rate on the bond money, the taxpayers will pay \$113,081,792 to retire the initial bond of \$35,691,493 by 2020. Yes, folks, that's over three times the initial bond. No one seems to know the details of how the bond was arranged or negotiated. The comment was made that the state of Michigan is in the fiscal driver's seat for education today. It was not mentioned that 85 percent of expenditures on the local

budget are personnel costs and any question about that is deferred as "contract issues." The driver at Lowell Area Schools seems to be the contract negotiators and it is not the board who has the steering wheel.

It would help the board tremendously to realize that even though education is not about turning out widgets, it is about dealing with parents and students as customers. And like any business that ignores its customers things will have to change drastically if it is to last very long.

Very truly yours,
Shawn Eshragh

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



CHICKEN POX VACCINE

Recently the Food and Drug Administration approved the long-awaited chicken pox vaccine, Varivax. Varivax is a live, attenuated vaccine prepared from weakened varicella virus.

Varicella or chicken pox is a highly communicable disease in children, adolescents and adults caused by the varicella-zoster virus. The disease is spread from person to person by droplets from a respiratory source or by direct contact with freshly contaminated articles. The disease is communicable from 24 hours before until 6 days after the appearance of the rash. The incubation period is 12-21 days. The disease consists of 300-500 red, raised bumps, tiny blisters accompanied by fever and itching. Chicken pox is generally a benign, self-limiting disease, but serious complications like pneumonia, encephalitis, Reyes Syndrome, bacterial superinfections and even death have been associated with the disease.

Children 12 months to 12 years of age should receive a single dose of the vaccine. Adolescents and adults 13 years of age and older should receive an initial dose and a second dose 4 to 8 weeks later. Individuals with certain blood disorders, immunodeficiency disorders, pregnancy and allergies to neomycin or gelatin should not receive the vaccine. People taking steroids or other immunosuppressive therapy or salicylates should not receive the vaccine. Salicylate use should not be for 6 weeks following the vaccine, because Reyes Syndrome has been reported following the use of salicylates during natural varicella infection.

Adverse reactions following the administration of the vaccine have been fever, rashes, and injection site pain, redness and swelling.

The duration of protection from chicken pox after vaccination with Varivax is unknown. The long-term effect of Varivax on the incidence of herpes zoster (shingles) in patients is unknown at the present. Varivax is highly effective in preventing chicken pox. Studies have shown a few people who still get chicken pox but had very mild cases with fewer skin lesions.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William J. Onan, son of Winnifred M. Onan of Lowell, recently returned to Norfolk, VA, after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George, which included duty in the Adriatic Sea off the

coast near Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Onan was one of 400 Sailors who completed the 31,000-mile voyage. Onan's ship was part of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Battle Group that included an aircraft carrier with fighters and attack aircraft, and ships and submarines armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles. During the first part of the

deployment, Onan and fellow shipmates traveled from the Mediterranean Sea to the Aegean Sea in response to growing tensions in the area.

Onan then traveled back to the Adriatic Sea, where the 567-foot ship patrolled the waters near Bosnia, helping enforce both the no-fly zone and the United Nations embargo. Onan's ship helped prevent ships from transport-

ing prohibited materials to the former Yugoslavia. While spending 135 days at sea, Onan visited Crete, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Sicily, Spain and Turkey. While in Malta, USS Cape St. George Sailors volunteered their free time to help to clean up a house for the elderly and renovate a local school.

Onan and fellow Sailors were awarded the Battle Efficiency award for their excellence in command and control, engineering, war fighting and damage control. Onan also participated in several multinational naval exercises designed to train allied units in combatting submarines, aircraft and surface ships.

With its Tomahawk cruise missiles and sophisticated air tracking radar, Onan's ship provided a formidable forward presence and could travel nearly 700 miles a day.

Onan's involvement in the deployment is an example of how U.S. Sailors are serving aboard ships, submarines and aircraft carriers around the world from the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 7, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of the Ron Robach for a special land use for an outdoor recreation area, consisting of athletic grounds for a rodeo event and competition including parking area and related uses, to be located at the Southeast corner of Belding Road and Corriegan Avenue, and legally described as follows:

The Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15, and also that part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, lying Southerly of the centerline of Seeley Creek and lying Southerly of the Southerly line of Highway M-44 relocated except that part thereof commencing at the West 1/4 corner, thence North 00°23'42" West along the West section line 804.94 feet, thence North 77°40'54" East 579.76 feet, thence South 12°19'06" East 60.0 feet to the Southerly line of Highway M-44 and the beginning of this description, thence South 12°19'06" East 240.0 feet, thence North 77°40'54" East 400.0 feet; thence North 12°19'06" West 240.0 feet; thence South 77°40'54" West 400.0 feet to beginning, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to Becky Gilinsky, Secretary, Grattan Township Planning Commission, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809.

Dated May 16, 1995

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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The West 33 feet of the South 1287 feet of Government Lot 5 and the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 except the South 400 feet thereof, Section 10, Town 8 North, Range 9 West; and also the South 396 feet of the North 429 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the East 33 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 except the North 429 feet and also the North 40 feet of the East 33 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land uses. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to Becky Gilinsky, Secretary, Grattan Township Planning Commission, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, 48809.

Dated: May 16, 1995

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing west of the Flat River will occur the week of May 22nd - 26th, and east of the Flat River will be undertaken the week of May 30th - June 2nd.

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West Main/M-21 the site of two more traffic accidents

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Serious injury was avoided in both of the West Main

Street accidents last week. On Saturday, May 20, Edith Hendrick, a passenger in a vehicle driven by Carlene Hendrick, incurred injuries in

a three-car accident. She was transported to Blodgett Hospital by Lowell Ambulance. Lesa Marie Corwin, of Lowell, was waiting to make

a left turn into Cher's Suntanner, 2186 W. Main, when a vehicle driven by Janine Patricia Mork failed to stop. Upon impact, Corwin's vehicle was sent across the centerline into the east-bound lane where it struck a vehicle driven by Hendrick. Mork was cited for failing to stop in an assured clear

distance. Lowell Police Sgt. Al Eckman filed the report. In the accident on Wednesday, May 17, Robert Buege, of Lowell, was west-bound on Main Street when a vehicle driven by Stacy Beachler, also of Lowell, drifted over the centerline into Buege's path.

Buege, attempting to avoid a collision, steered his car for the ditch on the south side of the road. He was unsuccessful as Beachler's car struck his vehicle. Beachler was put at fault but was not cited. Lowell police officer James Hinton wrote up the accident report.



A two-car accident occurred on W. Main Street Wednesday (May 17) when a Lowell driver crossed the centerline and struck another vehicle.

A Lowell woman was injured in a three-car accident Saturday in front of the vacant Hardee's building on W. Main Street.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 19, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, to receive comment on the proposed Vergennes Township Cemetery Ordinance number 95-7.

Included in the proposed ordinance are provisions regarding definitions, sale of lots, purchase price and transfer fees, grave openings, markers and memorials, interment regulations, ground maintenance, forfeiture of vacant lots or spaces, repurchase of lots or spaces, record keeping, vaults, penalties, and severability.

Copies of the complete proposed ordinance number 95-7 may be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 5, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive on a request for preliminary approval of private road in E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 section 28 as described below:

Kevin Rude is requesting preliminary approval to put in a private road in SW 1/4 section 28 at 11451 Vergennes. This private road will create 12 parcels in the rural-agricultural district.

The application for approval of a private road may be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk not later than 7 pm on June 5, 1995.

Rick Gillett
Chairman

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 5, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

City Operating Budget for 1995-96. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of 1.555 million in proposed expenditures. After the hearing, the Council will consider adoption of the budget.

Chadalee Farms (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on parcel 41-20-03-251-010 (located at 1400 Foreman). The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for an addition performed at their facility.

A copy of the proposed 1995-96 budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

YMCA 3-on-3 league being formed

A recreational three on three basketball league for adults 18 and older is being organized for July 11 through August 3.

Two divisions of leagues will be offered for men and women; rosters will be limited to five players. Teams will play both Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cherry Creek Elementary.

The school outdoor court divisions are: Men's A - Any

player with college level experience; Men's B - any player with no college level experience; Men's Over 30 - all players over 30 years old; Women's A - Any player with college level experience and Women's B - Any player with no college level experience.

The cost is \$95 per team and the registration deadline is June 23. There is a \$10 late fee for registrations received after June 25.



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Lowell thumped by one of the state's best; turn tables on 'Cats

By Thad Kraus, Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell played O-K White Conference Champion Wyoming Park three times in five games. Red Arrow baseball coach Kris Kropf walked away with a distinct impression.

"I'm not sure I can vote any of the Vikings to the all-conference team," Kropf smiled. "I never saw any of their players play defense - we never hit the ball." That was a slight exaggeration. Lowell managed one hit in the doubleheader loss on May 17 and it did manage three runs on six hits against Park in the O-K White Tournament on Saturday.

"If Wyoming Park is the number two team in the state, I'd sure like to see number one," Kropf said. "Park has always been one of the better teams in the area, but this is the best team we've ever played since I've been in Lowell." The Vikings have a four-man starting pitching rotation. Not one had an e.r.a. above one in league play. In the doubleheader on May 17, Lowell lost both games to Park by the count of 10-0, 10-0. The Red Arrows' only hit came in game one off the bat of

Red Arrow netters close season with solid play against Northview

By Thad Kraus, Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's tennis season came to a close in the Class B Regional at East Grand Rapids. The Red Arrows, who finished with three points, scored single points at fourth singles, second doubles and third doubles flights.

"I was hoping the team would score seven points," Lowell tennis coach Terry Abel said. "We scored three but were in three other very close matches." The number one team in Class B, Forest Hills Northern, won the regional going away.

In first flight singles play, Lowell's Nate Livingston was defeated in three sets by West Catholic's Tom Witte 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Chris Pelon, Hudsonville, closed out Lowell's Neil Nelson in two sets 6-4, 6-3. In third singles play, Andy Smith was upended by Godwin's Vinh Trieu 6-2, 6-2.

Kyle Triplett, playing fourth singles, defeated West Catholic's Dave Spruitt 6-1, 6-2 to win a point. In his second match he lost to FHN's Winston Fairchild 6-0, 6-0. Red Arrows' number one doubles team of Zac Cole and Ryan Teunis lost a heartbreaking match to Mike Hanson and John Chesla of Kenowa Hills. After losing the first set 6-0, the Lowell tandem fought back to win the second set 7-6. However, it lost 6-4 in the third and decisive set.

Matt Langridge and Brad Richardson earned a point with a default win over Rogers. In their second match, they lost 6-0, 6-0 to Dave

Bodley and Mike Edison. Tom and Mike Roudabush won a point with a default win over Rogers and were defeated by FHN 6-0, 6-0. "For the season we showed marked improvement, but we still have a long way to go to be competitive in the area," Abel said. "West Michigan is becoming a strong tennis region."

Ionia 6, Lowell 2

The Red Arrows picked up two flight victories in their final dual match of the season.

Andy Smith was victorious at third singles with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Derek Bergeon.

At first doubles, Zac Cole and Ryan Teunis defeated Ionia (Charon/Vanderbard) 6-1, 6-3.

"I felt that we had a good chance to win the match," Lowell tennis coach Terry Abel said. "However, our play was inconsistent at most flights and that proved to be our downfall." In other singles play, Nate Livingston lost to Josh Allerding 6-4, 6-3. Neil Nelson, second singles, fell in a competitive match to Ben Newman 7-6, 6-4.

At fourth singles, Kyle Triplett was defeated by Ben Flagel 6-2, 6-3. In other doubles play, Matt Langridge and Brad Richardson were 6-2, 6-3 victims at the hands of Ionia's Houserman and Sterner. Tom and Mike Roudabush were defeated by Bulldogs' Meade and Trevan 7-6, 6-4. At fourth singles, Andy Grove and Charlie Johnson lost to Ionia's Seguna and Nelson 6-3, 6-2.

In exhibition play, Jason Grover was an 8-1 pro set victim to Ionia's Joe Laphere. Matt Rosenbergsuffered the same fate against Ian Miller. Tennis, cont'd., pg.21

Aron Kennedy.

Lowell (3-9) opened the O-K White Tournament with a 4-1 decision over Northview (7-4-1). "Scott Smith was super," Kropf said "This was his fifth start and he was in complete command." Smith allowed five singles while walking two and striking out five Wildcats. "He was fun to watch. He's pitched well all year for us. He hasn't always gotten great run support," Kropf said.

Northview's only run came in the first on a walk, a stolen base and an RBI single, tying the score at 1-1. Lowell's first inning run came on a single by Brad Holtz, a stolen base and an RBI double by Paul Pelon. The Red Arrow took the lead in the second inning on a two-out, run-scoring double by Holtz. Lowell added its final two runs in the fifth inning when Andy Craig got the inning started with a single. Jamie Compton singled and then Kennedy walked to load the bases. A Brian Wilmarth single just over the head of Northview's third baseman scored Lowell's third run. A sacrifice fly from Brent Vandenbosch plated Lowell's fourth run. Lowell had four runs on five hits against Northview.

Hudsonville 4, Lowell 3

A seventh-inning rally fell one run short as Lowell lost a tight one to the Eagles.

Trailing 4-1, Jared Sper led off the seventh with a double. Nate Livingston followed with a single and took second on the throw to third. A walk to Brent Teft loaded the bases.

Aron Kennedy then dribbled a seeing-eye RBI single up the middle to cut the deficit to 4-2. A Brian Wierenga ground out scored Livingston (4-3) and left runners on second and third with one out.

Hudsonville's Chad Conner enticed Holtz to ground one to the mound for the second out and held runners at second and third. Conner then struck out Pelon to end the game.

Hudsonville took a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning on three unearned runs.

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Copron retires from Lowell Light and Power after 27 years

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Elsie Copron has worked in Lowell for 35 years, which means she hasn't squandered away a whole lot of idol time.

Copron retired Friday (May 19) after 27 years with Lowell Light and Power.

The Lowell resident doesn't have any idol time scheduled in her retirement either, which leads one to believe you can remove Copron from her workplace but you can't take the work out of Copron.

The 1960 Saranac graduate has a slate of tasks she will

undertake in her retirement. One of the more immediate ones will be coordinating and organizing the Class of 1960's 35th class reunion.

House repairs, ceramic painting, gardening, traveling, bowling, golfing and spending more time with her four-year-old grandson Talen are some of the busy items Copron has planned.

Copron worked eight years for the C.H. Runciman Company prior to becoming the city's billing clerk. "C.H. Runciman was wonderful to work for. He was very fair with his employees. I left when the business was sold to King Milling."

She remained in the role as city billing clerk until 1988 when she was named office manager/bookkeeper for the Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable. "The job of bookkeeper and office manager has been more challenging," Copron smiles.

Spending 27 years working in one spot has become less and less common. "You don't see it much anymore. I think it has become harder for people to find something they really enjoy."

Copron announced in December to Lowell Light and Power superintendent Paul Christman that retirement was in her future plans. "I've been

ready for a while. My husband Burt retired early in 1988. I'm looking forward to it after working my entire life."

In her 27 years, Copron said the most often heard complaint she received was that the electric bill was too high.

The most often heard words of kindness were thank you's for the speed in which Lowell Cable and Lowell Light and Power service people responded to calls.

"I will miss the people that come in every week and I will miss the people I've worked with all these years. I've really enjoyed it," Copron concludes.



Elsie Copron

City council puts transit service in park for a year; to reconsider in fall

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With all of its Community Development Block Grant funds allocated toward a \$70,000 water main project, the city of Lowell said it would look into the use of the North Kent Transit System in the fall of 1995.

"The Community Development Block Grant funds were allocated last winter toward the Gee Drive water main project," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.

The council said it would make a decision in the fall on whether or not to use 1996-97 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the transportation service.

Herm DeGroot of Hope Network Transportation Services said the service has received calls from the Lowell area for the proposed transit service. Currently, 95 percent of those receiving transportation from the service are the elderly and the handicapped.

DeGroot has also visited Lowell and Vergennes townships. Lowell Township voted to join the service for one year, contingent on the availability of the CDBG funds.

North Kent Transit Service is a door-to-door busing system which travels within Kent County.

Seniors and disabled residents pay \$2.50 for a one-way trip within the district. They pay \$5.50 for a one-way trip outside the primary service area.

The primary district area consists of Plainfield, Cannon, Courtland, Algoma, Sparta, Tyrone and Solon townships, as well as the village of Sparta and the city of Rockford.

The estimated fee amount for the service varies. Solon pays an annual fee of \$1,000 for the service while Rockford pays an annual fee of \$14,000.

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—Havelock Ellis

Their service operates from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Travel requests are needed in advance to assure they are all met.

The general public can also use the service but the cost is slightly higher. It pays \$5 for a one-way trip within the district and \$11 outside of the primary district.

Foundation would help volunteers and businesses become more involved

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Rena Mitchell migrated to Lowell from Virginia Beach, VA, where the general attitude was it takes a village to raise and educate a child.

That attitude fostered a partnership between the school, community and business.

A team of parents with the help of high school assistant principal Scott Vashaw and Lowell School Board president Marsha Wilcox will present a plan to the community on Tuesday, June 6 to put in place a mechanism whereby community volunteers and businesses can be more involved in the education of children.

The group is working to have a Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation.

"The foundation would give all people in our community, who are interested in the

education of our children, a way to share ideas, problem-solve, and supply support and energy, whenever and wherever needed," Mitchell said. "I think as parents we tend to feel inadequate when there is not an outlet for us to be involved as volunteers."

Such a foundation would financially cover, or supplement, the cost of special activities, special programs and special equipment as well as the training of leaders. It would help eliminate, or limit, the need for so many school groups having so many fundraisers each year.

"We'd encourage alumni donations and major gift-giving from individuals, businesses, wills and trusts," Mitchell said. "It wouldn't always be financial. It could be sending an employee into the high school for a day to act as a computer resource for students."

Most schools have a wealth of involvement from PTOs at the elementary level. But once students get to the middle school level, involvement drops off. "In reality it's just one year from elementary to middle school," Mitchell said.

Groups that could benefit from volunteers include: Academic Track, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Olympiad, Volunteers in Action, Together Lowell Cares, sports, computer labs, media centers, academic boosters, Renaissance, band boosters, debate, forensics, art and drama clubs, reading tutors, intramural programs and enrichment programs.

"There are many great programs in Lowell and many that should be expanded. If we really want what is best for our children, we need to find other ways to get more people involved," Pinky McPherson said. "If we made

it easier for people to give in time, talents or funds, without having them pulled in too

many directions at the same time, we could be truly overwhelmed with super programs for students."

Williams, cont'd.... From Page 23

classes so he asked me if I was interested in the skill center. I told him I was interested in construction. He called and they still had 2-3 openings. So I signed up."

The rest they say "is history."

Williams has now completed his year and a half at the skill center working in construction.

His work has been exemplary. He has achieved excellence in skill achievement, work habits and attendance, and has earned an "A" in three of the four marking periods.

Based on this list of credentials, Williams was named Kent Career Technical Center student of the year in the construction program.

"I enjoyed my one-and-a-half years immensely. I've learned valuable construction skills," Williams said. This year, as in years past, construction program students built a house.

One student from each of the 35 programs offered at the skill center received an outstanding student-of-the-year award.

This year, 90 Lowell students attended the skill center. Next year, 101 are scheduled to go. "Of those who have attended skill center, 40 percent of the students have also gone on to college," VanBelois (high school counselor) said.

The skill center program helps students get jobs and apprenticeships. "It is a great program. As the job market has changed, the skill center has changed to meet the needs of the market," VanBelois said.

New programs that have been added are desktop publishing, an advanced manufacturing company and plastics technology.

Three Lowell students will be working full time at the Grand Rapids Teachers Credit Union this summer.

Lowell seniors to earn student-of-the-month honors this year were Marlene Klap, Annita Pope and April Ransom (Oct.); Jason Bender and Williams (Nov.); Terri Stormzand and Ruth Joslin (Dec.); April LaBine and Brandon Stickney (Feb.); Brian Anderson, Robert Clinton, Tara Dennis and Williams (March); LaBine, Billi Jo Tapia, Mike VanTimmerman, Mike Weiks and Chad DeRuischer (April).



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—Alfred North Whitehead

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MEMORIAL ★ DAY ★ SERVICES

Observed Mon., May 29th

LOWELL

9:00 a.m. - Parade begins at Richards Park. Proceeds south on North Hudson, east on Main Street, pausing at the east bridge for a Wreath and Water Ceremony, continues east to Monroe Street, north to Oakwood Cemetery.

Invocation at Cemetery Wreath Ceremony at River
Rev. Herb Kinsey Ed Rash, Chaplain
MC at Cemetery: Dave Clark American Legion Post #152
Gordon Marshall
CMDR VFW 8303

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

The 99th Memorial Day Services will be held at the South Boston Bible Church - Kyser Rd. at 1 p.m. A potluck/picnic dinner will follow the services at the church.

BOWNE CENTER

8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery. Service will be held followed by a 21-gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN

Seventh Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute

9:00 a.m. - Snacks and Refreshments
10:30-11:00 a.m. - Chalk the Walk
11:00 a.m. - Bridge Walk & Memorial Day Tribute
11:30 a.m. - Museum will be open

PROGRAMS FOLLOWING:

Kids bike parade, wagon rides, museum exhibits, children's games. Judging of decorated bikes in front of town hall after 11:30. (Prizes for best decorated bike and other categories).

In Museum: Display of Grattan History and Township Military participation.

CASCADE

9:30 a.m. - Service will be held at the Cascade Cemetery on 30th Street.

Guest Speaker: Former Township Manager, Lee Patterson.

Color Guard: The American Legion Post.

Invocation & Closing Prayers: Rev. Clayton Klingenfus.

Taps by Bugler John Zimmerman.

SARANAC

10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at the Village parking lot at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a short program at the cemetery. The high school bands will perform and there will be several recitations.

State Rep. Terry Geiger, Speaker
Benediction & Invocation

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