## The Lowell Ledger

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# Wittenhachs' educational legacy grows with construction of center 

-0.• Donation of \$200,000 provides grand opportunity for environmental and agri-science studies.
By Thaddeus J. KrausLowell Ledger Editor
"If Dad knew what was happening he would be so proud," said Mary Dewey, the daughter of June Wittenbach and the late Everett Wittenbach.

One could argue that because of Everett Wittenbach's pride of and vision for the Lowell community, he already knew, and the rest are just now catching up.
It was announced Wednesday that construction of the Everett and June tural and Env Center is this
fall


Wittenbach Agriculronmental Science scheduled to begin and open in the
sign and conthe learning cenpossible $\$ 200,000$ gift Wittenbachs to Area Education
sentative of the feelings
"This is repre people and how important farming and the environment were to him," said June Wittenbach, his wife of 50 years.

The donation just further enhances the educational imprint the Wittenbachs have had on the community.
"It is a tremendously generous gift which will provide a wonderful educational opportunity for the school, community and outside communities," Lowell Area Schools Superintendent Bert Bleke said. "Ideally, we hope to be able to use the facility next fall. It will have an impact on the K-12 curriculum."


Molly Alicki Corriveau's "Sticks and Stones" prisma color sculptural drawing earned Best of Show at the West Michigan Regional Competition.

In 1992, they stepped forward and volunteered to sell 180
acres of their land for the development of the new state-of-theart Lowell High School.

The new center will be located adjacent to a 60 -acre parcel of property that is owned by the Land Conservancy Organization and has been designated forever by that group as natural land preserve. The Wittenbach Agricultural and Science Center will serve as the gateway and information center for the Wege natural land preserve. "My Dad and mother never forgot how the community of Low ell helped their business (Wittenbach Sales and Service) and I know he would be and my mother is very
proud to be able to give back to


The Lowell 4-H and Future Farmers of America organi zations also knew and experienced Wittenbach's generosity He served for many years on the 4-H Board and wa actively involved in the FFA during the 1970 's and $80^{\prime}$ s.

Obituaries

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Memorial contributions may


Patrons flip for firemen's breakfast Lowell Area Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast, Saturday, raised $\$ 2054$. The proceeds will go toward purchasing equipment for the fire department. Funds raised over the past couple of years have helped in the purchase of dolding spanner wrench and a TV/VCR for the thermal imaging camera.

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CROP Walk organizers begin drive to recruit walkers in fight against hunger By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Township votes to take part in 2000-01 CDBG program



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## SYNOPSIS GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD <br> REGULAR MEETING MARCH 13, 2000

MOTIONS APPROVED
Motion to approve the agenda with changes under presentations to the board.

Motion to approve the consent agenda paying invoices reported by the clerk
Motion to rescind motion establishing term limits from 4-2

Motion to keep term limits as they are at 2-3 year terms
Motion to approve a resolution \#0010 to provide for reimbursement of township expenses through escrow accounts as read
Motion to approve a resolution establishing zoning application fees as stated on page 2 o resolution

Motion to adjourn
Meeting adjourned at $7: 48$ p.m.
Respectfully submitted by
Colleen O'Brien, Transcribe

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000

Called to order at $7: 00$ p.m.. 7 board member $7 \& 23,2000$ approved.

Approved bills totaling:
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Trust \& Agency Fund....
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Business Conducted: Amended line items
within budget; within budget; reappointed David Simmonds
as the Planning Commission representative on as the Planning Commission representative on
the Zoning Board of Appeals; initiated action on amending the private road section of the township's zoning ordinance; signed the
Community Development Program Community Development Program Agreement
with the county for another year; appointed with the county for another year; appointed
Dale Hanson and Chris Barlow to the Lowell Community Recreational Committee; moved to support the Kent County Road Commission
in their efforts to in their efforts to pave Timpson Avenue;
adopted Resolution 2000/01 to seek Michigan adopted Resolution 2000/01 to seek Michigan
Natural Resources Trust Fund assistance tor Phase II on the township park; accepted the Clerk's written resignation; appointed Linda Regan to fill the vacancy

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## BUSINESS MATTERS

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For more information on the Cub Scout program in the


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On the other hand. I don't have a solution. It's too late for us
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Planning commission makes recommendation on outdoor display ordinance


Cherry Creek fourth-graders sponsor Fitness Fair


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Jillian Johnson and Emma Divernay with their "Stay Healthy" worksheets.



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## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

please take notice that the April Board meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month due to spring vacation. The date will be and the meeting will be held at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI in the Perrocecoccococococococococod


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The reunion will he held


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SUNDAY EVENING/LATENIGHT




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## COMING EVENTS



## Lowell finds new varsity soccer coach at Aquinas

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soccer in Mattoon. Ill. and college ball at soccer in Mattoon. Ill. and college ball at
Lewis University and Aquinas College, was selected to lead the Lowell boys high school soccer program.
B. Thaddeus J. Kraus











Hockey to return as varsity sport in 2001
By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowvell Ledter Editior

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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

 The city of Lowell Water Treatment Filtration Plant will not be softening the water fromMarch 9th through April 30th due to major March 9th through
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LHS Model U.N. students improve upon prior years' successes
*o• A third of the awards at the eighth annual Hope College Model United Nations Program were bestowed upon Lowell High School students. Over 60 schools from a four-state area participated.


Members of the International Court of Justice team pictured, left to right, are:
Members of the International Court of Justice t.
Felicia Eshragh, Kelly Chapman and Emily Meyers.




right, are: ModelUU.N.advisor Sue Sutherin, Nicole Tegg, Chris Husser, Jessica DenHoute
Sean Mandle and Matt Horan. Brad Johnson is not pictured.


Members of the Economic and Social Counci, pictured from left toright, are: Erin
Weber, Richie Ford, Chris Michael and Ben Kaeb.Standing in back is Model UN advisor Weber, Rich
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Fujita shares culture and tradition with Alto students


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Will Michigan State win the NCAA
basketball tournament and why? If not, who?

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## VanNoller begins process to open miniature golf course

By Thaddeus J. KrausLowell Ledger Editor
A miniature golf course often requires golfers to position their golf ball around obstacles in order to get a clear shot at the hole.

Bob VanNoller. owner of Roll Away Family Fun Center, wishes to build such a course on his property at 805 E . Main.

Monday night. he took the initial steps in positioning himself for final approval on such a project.

VanNoller was successful in attaining the Lowell Planning Commission's recommendation for a variance regarding lot size and the minimum number of parking spaces required.

A miniature golf course is considerd an open air business and requires a minimum of one acre. VanNoller's property contains 34,980 square feet or .8 acres.

Horatio St., while not part of the property, is a public right of way used for parking by the family fun center owner. The commissioners agreed it should be counted as part of

VanNoller's lot.
The 11,880 square foot right of way enables the owner to meet the one-acre minimum requirement.

VanNoller's property is considered unusual in that all four sides abut against streets, thus there is no property to purchase to allow for expansion.

The city ordinance states that a miniature golf course requires three parking spaces per hole ( 54 parking spaces for 18 holes). VanNoller's proposal calls for 36 .

Because the location sets in a residential area, VanNoller said he suspects many kids will walk or ride their bikes. He added that the miniature golf season would not compete for parking space with bowling leagues which take place during the winter season.

The planning commission, based on the location and the fact that it felt three parking spaces per hole were excessive, granted a variance on the number of parking spaces.

In addressing screening, for the property, VanNoller

## Notice

# Amendment to the VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE 

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. Amend section 201.202 Definitions Specific

2000-2 of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, was adopted by the Vergennes Township Board on March 20, 2000. This adoption affects the Ordinance in numerous Sections. It is summarized as follows:

Amend Section 201.202 V. Lot Area, Definitions Specific Terms - to clarify lot area and road right of way calculations.

Amend Section 201.304 (B) (14) Rural Agricultural District - Permitted Uses - to add non agricultural accessory buildings as a permitted use for clarification.

Amend Section 201.308 (B) (27) Commercial District - Special Exception Uses - to add accessory buildings as a use for clarification.

Amend Section 201.309 (B) (1) (j) Industrial District - Permitted Uses - to add accessory buildings as a permitted use for clarification.

Amend Section 201.305 (B) (7) R-1 District Permitted Uses - to allow accessory buildings to be used for all permitted uses for clarification.

Amend section 201.3075 (B) R-L Lake Residential District - Permitted Uses - to add accessory buildings as a permitted use for clarification.

Amend section 201.306 R-2 (G) Medium Density Single Family Residential District - G. Floor Area Requirements - to add language to clarify that mobile homes can have a width of 22 feet, other dwellings 24 feet.

Amend section 201.408 (B) Driveways -- to eliminate this section which specifies setback distances from the improved area of a driveway to a side lot line.

Amend section 201.404 (B) Animal and pet restrictions in residential areas -- to amend for clarification that in R-A and R- 1 districts modifying the setbacks for an animal shelter from 150 feet to 75 feet from property lines.

Amend section 201.419 Private Stables -- to amend for clarification in districts where animals are permitted, that the animal shelter setback change from 150 feet to 75 feet from property lines.

Terms - by adding the following definition: 201.202 (A) (1) Accessory Building, Minor: A minor accessory building shall mean an accessory building as defined herein with a gross floor area of not more than two hundred (200) square feet and a maximum height of twelve (12) feet.

Amend section 201.402 (A) Accessory buildings, construction, timing and location limitations -- to add language that a bond is to be provided in order to construct an accessory building before the principal building and describing a 10 foot setback for accessory buildings from a principal building

Amend further section 201.402 (A) -- to add language that accessory buildings must be stick built or the equivalent building construction. It does not allow accessory buildings to be converted from old mobile homes, semi-trailers, tanks and other objects but excepting temporary tools sheds.

Amend further section 201.402 (C) -- to add language allowing for minor accessory buildings; 2 allowed per lot, a setback for rear and side yards of 5 feet, none allowed in the front yard and a sketch of yard placement to be provided.

Amend further section 201.402 (D) -- to add language that exempts school bus stop structures if they are not located in the road right of way, or a permit from the Road Commission must be obtained.

The complete text of Ordinance 2000-2 is on file and posted at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and copies are available during regular business hours. The offices are open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after publication unless a notice of intent to file referendum is filed within such time and, if so, then this ordinance shall take effect at such time as is provided by MCLA 125.282 as amended.

Mari C. Stonè
Vergennes Township Clerk
proposed three-foot-high hedges which would extend three feet from the six-foot-high security fence, thus preventing debris from collecting at the fence

The planning commission set a public hearing for April
LAAC receives variances for sign and front yard setback for porch
By Thaddeus J. KrausLowell Ledger Editor
Pointing to safety and visual impact, the Lowell Area Arts Council sought variance recommendations from the Lowell Planning Commission.

The building, owned by King Milling, is located at 149 S . Hudson in an industrial zone. At best, an odd fit for an arts council. Therefore, the need for variances on the installation of a permanent sign and porch.

The needs of an arts center would be better met with a C2 (Central Business).

LAAC proposed placing a permanent 48 -square-foot canvas sign, hanging perpendicular to the building facing $S$. Hudson.

Industrial zoning allows for horizontal signs and they can be no bigger than 32 square feet.

The LAAC will utilize the banner as a way to recognize and tie into the aesthetic character of the downtown and also improve its visibility.

In the industrial district, a 50 -foot front yard setback is required. The proposed porch would extend six feet into the Ottawa Street right of way as a necessary safety feature and handicap entrance, preventing ice build-up.

The planning commission, while approving the variances, strongly suggested that the arts council work with the Kent County Road Commission to make sure the road work planned for South Hudson will not change what the LAAC is looking to accomplish.

The industrial zoning setback requirements would not allow for such improvements

King Milling approved the exterior improvements.
The planning commission voted to recommend variances to install the permanent banner and a front yard setback for a porch.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

 PUBLIC NOTICENote date change for Vergennes Planning Commission meeting from April 3 to April 10, 2000.

A Public Hearing for a Special Exception Use Application will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission on Monday, April 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, for the purpose of receiving comment from the public.

Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, owner of 11715 Vergennes in the SE $1 / 4$ of Section 28, parcel \#41-16-28-400-012, is requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to construct an agri-science teaching facility for classes and studies in ecology, nature and agriculture. The design consultant is Overbeck Construction Co. Inc., 309 East Main, Lowell

The application is available for public inspection at the Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to $3: 00$ p.m.

Written comments will be considered if received by the Township Clerk or Planning Coordinator before 7:00 p.m. on April 10, 2000.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

