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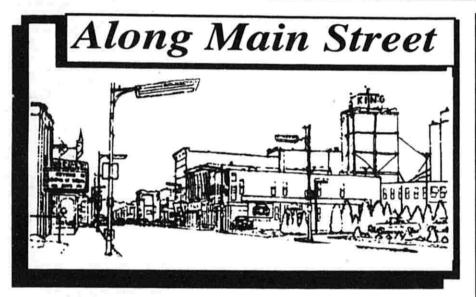
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ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Please come and help support our athletes.

EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC

The Lowell First Congregational Church will present a contemporary Christian music program on Sunday, May 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. Featured will be The Praise Band. Ringspiration and Rapture along with other special guests. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

ALMOST NEW SALE

It's time for spring cleaning. Sell your used toys, books, clothing and baby essentials. Please bring your own table to the Runciman Gym at 300 High St. on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Help other Lowell families. Free to participate.

VOLUNTEER COACH NEEDED

Lowell JV hockey program is in need of a volunteer head hockey coach. Response needed no later than May 1.
Interested parties please call 897-0103 or 897-6436.

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE SIGN UPS

Sign up now for summer softball. Coed games begin Monday, May 1; Men's Wednesday, May 3; Men's and Women's on Thursday, May 4 and Men's Friday, May 5. For information contact the YMCA at 897-8445.

ADOPTION SEMINAR

Adoption Associates of Jenison is offering a seminar at Adoption Associates, Inc. office at 1338 Baldwin in Jenison. For couples considering adoption, information will be

shared on how to build families through both domestic and international adoption.

Please call 616-667-0677 to reserve a spot. There is no charge.

ZBA approves variances for miniature golf course

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In seeking variances regarding lot size and parking, Bob VanNoller, owner of Roll Away Family Fun Center, nearly got more than he was asking for.

The Zoning Board of Appeals was not only set to grant both variances but was also ready to require VanNoller to install sidewalk on Avery and Grove streets ... a requirement the Lowell Planning Commission had waived.

"Why am I being required to install sidewalks when it was waived for the proposed med center on Bowes Road and the new restaurant on Center Street?" VanNoller asked.

Councilman Ray Quada looked VanNoller in the eye and said, "That's a good question."

He then withdrew his request for requiring sidewalk from the motion.

The ZBA approved the two variances as recommended by the planning commission.

The approval allows VanNoller to begin construction

Variances, cont'd. pg. 8

EGGING THEM ALONG

Basket loads of children participated in VFW Post 8303's annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at Creekside Park. There were approximately 7,000 eggs colored, hidden and then found by children. The eggs with numbers written on them earned children prizes. More pictures on page 3.





Fair Board nears completion on King Memorial Youth Center

It's very gratifying that so many people got behind this project and helped us out. It's by far the biggest project the fair board has ever done.

> Ron Wenger Kent County Youth Fair Board President

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Kent County 4-H Youth Fair board president Ron Wenger stands in the middle of the nearly completed King Memorial Youth Center building, nodding his head in satisfaction.

"It's very gratifying that so many people got behind this project and helped us out," Wenger explained. "It's by far the biggest project the fair board has ever done."

Renovation work to the building began with installation of a new roof a little over a year ago.

Today, all that remains to be completed is carpeting in the meeting room, cupboards and sinks in the kitchen, and the bathrooms.

Wenger said the bathrooms will be completed before May

Extending Ridgeview makes sense but funding is short

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In terms of traffic flow, extending Ridgeview from Sibley to Gee Drive makes sense.

In terms of funding, there may not be enough cents.

"Extending Ridgeview from Sibley to Gee would assist with the circulation of traffic," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale. "It would help lighten the traffic on M-21."

Ridgeview, cont'd. pg. 8

13th. "They have to be - Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus is hosting a picnic on the fairgrounds for the Republican convention." Wenger explained.

When the drive to raise funds for the King Memorial Youth Center Building initiated, the price tag was \$135.000.

"It's grown," Wenger says with a slight smile. "We've never done anything like this before. It is more expensive than we estimated."

When all is said and done, the president says the final cost will be roughly \$175,000.

In support of the fair board's effort, it has received financial help from the Englehardt Lowell Community Fund, Steelcase Foundation (challenge grants). Look Fund, Wege Foundation, Cherry Creek Classic and Lowell Rotary - not to mention all the businesses and organizations that have stepped forward.

"People are willing to help if they know that you're working and not just asking them to give." Wenger explained.

On Saturday, April 16, the fair board held a pancake breakfast in the center. It served roughly 250 people, raising approximately \$800 toward the project.

INSIDE THE LEDGER

Winter Athletes Receive Post Season Awards, Pages 14-15

OBITUARIES

CHALLENDER

Clarice S. Challender, aged 74, of Ionia, passed away April 21, 2000, in Lansing. She was born May 12, 1925, in Grand Rapids. She is survived by her children Carl and Von Challender of Eaton

Challender of Saranac; sister Cleora Graves of Grand Rapids; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, son-in-law, brother and one great-granddaughter. She was a member of the Port-Rapids, Linda VandeKemp land Church of the Nazarene. of Ohio, Richard and Norine She married Richard

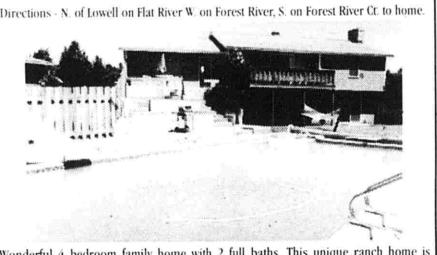
Challender January 24, 1942. her in death in 1986. Funeral to be with his Lord Wednesservices were held Tuesday Nazarene with Rev. Kirk Starkweather officiating. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to the Church of the Nazarene in

VENEMA - Dirk J in Battle Creek. He preceded Venema, Ph.D., aged 73, went day, April 19, 2000. He is survived by his wife Shirley of Plainwell; his children Barbara and Gregory Clark of Texas, Mary and David Peterson of Kalamazoo, Cindy and Don Waechter of Plainwell, Patty and Doug Olinger of Kalamazoo, and Lionel Pelletier; his grandchildren Adam, Mendy,

and touched many lives through his ministry and his teachings and will be missed by all. A Memorial Service for Dirk was held Monday at the R.L.D.S. Church in Alaska, MI, with Elder Rob ert Loesch and Elder Richard Wiley officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Associa-Dirk was loved and cherished

City inks agreement with county on PTAS

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell became the latest government agency to approve an agreement with Kent County to upgrade the Property Tax Administration System (PTAS).

The system handles the assessing and treasurer func-

The city would incur \$18.272.97 in development cost divided over six years or \$3,045.50 and \$6,015 in administrative costs for a total of \$9,061.36.

The benefits to the local units of government include fewer layers of county bureaucracy, more accountability to local units, one stop shopping for local property tax officials and better performance from a consolidated

organization of work func-Assistant County admintions, fewer stops to record deeds through better coordiistrator Al Vandenberg noted that the public will enjoy bet-

nation with the Register of Deeds office and more staff available to assist the public during peak periods.

North Kent Transit funds amended

The 1999-2000 budget

was amended to reflect an

ter service levels through re-

Lynnette, Matthew, Melissa,

Michelle, Lionel, Tom,

Nicholas, Sean, Christopher;

his great-grandchildren

Garrett, Mattalyn, Savannah,

Mason, William and (almost)

Cooper; his sister Norine

Glaza; his half-sister Linda

Hittle; his brothers-in-law and

sister-in-law Wayne Ellis,

James and Dolores Ellis; and

several nieces and nephews.

nity Development Block Council approved amend-Grant Program with Kent County, the city has supported the North Kent Transit system with its funds.

The city has allocated \$2000 to North Kent Transit to fund transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped for approximately five

Due to increased rider-

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ship, the Lowell City Council increase from \$2,000 to \$4,000 based on increased ments to reflect increasing ridership. funds to the program.

The 1998-99 budget was Fear is the main source changed to \$3,094.74 repreof superstition, and one senting 204 rides (\$17.82 per of the main sources of ambulatory ride and \$782 per cruelty. To conquer senior citizen ride). fear is the beginning of

wisdom.

-Bertrand Russell

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Bidding documents may be obtained at Gove Associates, Inc. 821 E Kalamazoo Street, Suite E, Lansing, MI 48912, (517) 485-0555. A nonrefundable fee of \$25.00 will be charged for plans and specifications.

Bidding documents may be examined at the following locations: Gove Associates, Inc., 821 E. Kalamazoo Street, Suite E., Lansing, MI 48912; Builders Exchange, Lansing, Grand Rapids; Dodge Reports, Lansing, Grand Rapids; and Lowell Township Hall.

Partial funding for this project will be provided by the State of Michigan Grant Program. All relevant State of Michigan requirements shall apply including all Equal Opportunity Regulations. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bidder's maximum Bid price. The Township of Lowell reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of Township of Lowell.

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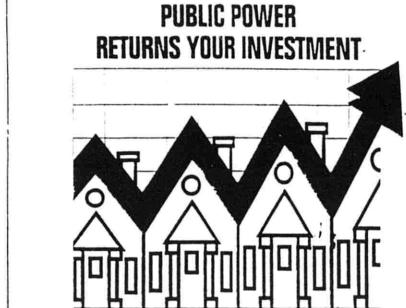
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Did it really happen? Did Jesus really come back from the disciples and the women the dead?

One theory says that His were lots of tombs in that body was stolen by the disciples. Of course, if the sol- women could have been condiers were asleep, as they claimed to be, how would they know what happened? Mary's were there when Jo-And were not the disciples seph of Arimathea put Jesus' far too cowardly to pull some-body in the tomb on Friday. Is thing like that off? They fled it really plausible that by Sunwhen Jesus was arrested. One day they had forgotten the of them, Peter, denied to a way to the tomb of someone maid that he knew Christ. they loved? And is it plau-After the resurrection, but sible that Peter and John, on before they were really con- Sunday morning, also went vinced about it, the disciples to the wrong tomb? And did were hiding in a closed room the angel who said, "Come because they were afraid. and see the place where he Does that sound like people lay," also go to the wrong who would steal a corpse tomb? when Roman soldiers were A fourth theory is the

guarding it? The disciples did not steal Jesus never really died. He the body. Jesus arose. His resurrection is the most plau- tomb he regained conscioussible explanation for what ness and walked out. This happened to this group of theory also has problems. cowards. It transformed them According to the testimony into men who stood up for of the soldiers, Joseph and Christ, even when they faced Nicodemus, Jesus had died. arrest, imprisonment, beating, If He had only lost consciousand for at least one, death, if ness, then when He regained you believe in the resurrection, you have no reason to Even if He had the strength to fear death or anything else in move the stone in front of the this world.

Jesus' body was stolen by His enemies. That makes no sense. Why would His enemies insist on the tomb being sealed and a guard being placed to watch it, and then go and steal the body themselves? How would that help their purpose? And wouldn't

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later on when all of Jerusa-Calvary Christian Reformed Church lem was in an uproar because the apostles were preaching Well, what do you think? about a risen Christ? A third theory says that

went to the wrong tomb. There area. The disciples and fused and lost. However Matthew 27:61 says that the two

swoon theory. It says that just lost consciousness. In the it, He would have been weak. tomb, would He have been A second theory is that able to do that, and then escape without the soldiers see-

The fifth theory is that all absurd, when you think about people? it? Could all of these people have hallucinated and seen resurrection as fact. So did they have produced the corpse the same person: the two early Christians. Many of Mary's on the day of His restheir tombs have inscriptions urrection, Peter on the same or pictures having to do with day, the disciples on the road the empty tomb. Sketches of

to Emmaus, the disciples without Thomas present, the of Christ's appearances were disciples with Thomas some sort of hallucination, present, the disciples who perhaps arising from a kind were fishing, the followers of mass hysteria. People who saw Him ascend, Paul. wanted to see Him so they Stephen, John of Patmos, and did. But isn't this really rather a group of more that 500

The Bible presents the

the risen Christ were drawn on the walls of catacombs where Christians hid from persecution. The resurrection was so important to them that some of them died for the right to believe it. Early Christian hymns were full of references to the resurrection. The resurrection is included in the creeds of the church as one of

on philosophy, visions, sa- glory.

cred objects, or superstition. Biblical religion is based on historical facts, including the fact of the resurrection. According to Paul, if Christ did not arise, then our faith means absolutely nothing, for Christ would have remained in the tomb, forever defeated.

Since Christ has arisen. we have a firm foundation the fundamental teachings of for our faith. In Him we find eternal victory over sin and Most religions are based over death. To Him be the

LHS' March students of the month

During the month of mission trip. Next year she extracurricular activities: In-March, Lowell High School is honoring six students as Students of the Month.

Beth Roudabush, a senior, was chosen by the math dent department. She is the daughter of Kurt and Wilma Roudabush of Lowell. She is department. She is the daughactive in her church youth ter of David and Carolyn nominator says she continu-Mexico this summer for a Thaler is involved in many class in AP calculus.

plans to attend Cornerstone ternational Club, Amnesty In-University to study business. Her teacher nominator says she is a joy to have as a stu-S.A.D.D. and softball. Next

was also chosen by the math

ternational, National Honor Society, Freshman Academy, year she will attend G.R.C.C. Lindsey Thaler, a senior, and later transfer to U of M. She plans to major in atmospheric science. Her teacher group and plans to go to New Thaler, both of Lowell. ally scores at the top of her

Lindsay Perkins, a senior. was honored by the music department. She is the daughter of Bob and Leslie Perkins. both of Lowell. She is active in marching band as a drum major, jazz band, symphonic band, F.F.A. vice president. yearbook editor and National Honor Society. Her plans for next year are to attend M.S.

Students cont'd. pg. 6



Lowell High School's March students of the month, pictured left to right, are: Lindsey Thaler, Lindsay Perkins, Andy Penninga, Roudabush, Jennifer Bellechasses and Kelsey Capps.

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Viewpoint.



Like it or not, the front of the Ledger building on Broadway has been painted. The project was entirely conceived, instigated, funded, energized and manned by yours truly. The idea Karin's store and had her take a look. She said I had to change was spawned by shear boredom, and the work was carried out it. She emphasized her displeasure by pretending to gag herself over the course of a single weekend. Not bad for an old poop with her finger. who gets a mailing from A.A.R.P. every other day.

don't care for the color scheme. I have two things to say to these I was, she offered to help with the re-paint. I could see I was incondemning souls. One, you are lucky I sought out the services a no-win situation, and besides, I didn't like the color either. In of my business neighbor across the street to help with the color fact, it made me gag without the aid of my finger. selection. Nobody would have liked the colors I had in mind!

routine. I put on a pot of coffee, go for a brisk two-mile walk. then drink the coffee while watching "Bill Nye The Science" apt to test the gag reflex of every passerby. Guy." There are only two regular programs on television I'll go out of my way to watch. One is Bill Nye and the other is the "Antiques Road Show." My life is nothing if not diverse.

Bill Nye is over at 8:00. My teeth were brushed and my clothes changed by 8:15. I was just about to head out the door when it dawned on me that I had absolutely nothing planned for the weekend. I was on the move, but didn't know where I was going. No wonder A.A.R.P. keeps after me. They must know about these "senior moments."

To be honest, sprucing up the front of the Ledger has been that way for me. in my mental "job jar" for some time. When I realized I had nothing to do, that was the first project that came to mind. A quick check of the weather indicated it would be marginally

By 11:00 the signs were down, the flower boxes removed, the shutters off and the siding scrubbed. It was time for paint street. I more or less demanded that she pick the siding and trim obviously does not share my love of spontaneity. I told her I away with my lime and lavender paint scheme. was leaving for the hardware in about five minutes.

TO THE EDITOR

To the person who hit and killed our dog at 6 a.m. on April

How could you not even stop? You just kept driving like

You must have no heart, because a person with a heart

In light of the recent news articles, I am writing this letter

Parents of these students are required to sign a form

to bring about public awareness of a serious problem that exists

in our school system. Currently, we have a significant number

of students who require medication during the day in school.

dispense/handle these medications are office personnel and

part-time employees with no medical experience or back-

working in a system that is inadequate and unsafe. That is

unfair for everyone concerned. There have been several cases

where errors in dispensing and storing medication were made

ics for ear infections to Prozac, Ritalin, insulin or inhalers used

prescription from a physician and are obtained from a phar-

The medications dispensed at school range from antibiot-

- potentially a dangerous or fatal situation.

professional medical training.

They are well-meaning, conscientious adults who are

We love and miss you, Sambuca.

What most parents aren't aware of is that the persons who never saw that game.

Steven and Shannon Eickhoff

authorizing the school to dispense medication to their children first game in the Stanley Cup playoff series.

21, 2000 on the corner of M-21 and Pinckney. Let this be on

our child. How would you like it if someone hit your child and

Karin tried to decline the responsibility. She was quickly reminded that she is the one who will have to look at it the most and that she often criticized the current color scheme. When she continued to balk. I played my trump card. I showed her the colors I had in mind. The next thing I knew Karin and I were in front of my building with color chips in hand. In a few minutes I was on my way to the hardware.

By early afternoon I had a good portion of the building painted. A big enough portion to know that I didn't like it. The color was supposed to be a light sort of khaki, but was really very yellow. In fact, it was almost exactly the pale yellow that Karin had specifically been trying to avoid. I went over to

When I argued that I couldn't take the paint back, she said I threw in the "like it or not" because there are those who she'd pay for the next batch. When I pointed out how far along

I should point out here that the color was not the fault of a Two, the paint will cost you about a hundred bucks ... the job bad mix at the hardware. The paint chip was a perfect match. takes a good full weekend of steady work and I will loan you For whatever reason, the small chip did not appear as yellow the brushes, rollers, drop cloths, etc., that you will need. Have as the side of the building did in the same color. It's some sort of illusion the paint companies have devised to sell more Early this month I got up on a Saturday and did my usual product. I finished the job in the yellow color as a base coat and went to the hardware for a couple gallons of something not so east of the Rocky Mountains.

I worked on the trim color the rest of the afternoon with called the Fire Flies. only one major mishap. I wanted to spray the shutters and flower boxes. When I tipped the gallon can to read the thinning ness speeds up considerably, says the editor from his tempoinstructions for spraying, I had forgotten that Karin and I had earlier pried the lid off for a peek at the trim color. I hadn't hammered the lid back down and about a one quart dollop over streets and roads within the village, thus making street spilled out. Fortunately I had stepped outside for better light to improvements possible. read the fine print. The paint went on the sidewalk instead of the carpet inside. I was elated. Things usually don't work out

By late Sunday afternoon I had the second color coat on the siding, the doors painted, the shutters and flower boxes painted. re-installed and my mess cleaned up. Other than the big splotch warm enough to paint outside, so I went for it. I love sponta- of olive drab paint on the sidewalk that wouldn't quite clean up, you'd never know I'd been there. I always seem to leave a signature like that on my handyman projects.

The signs are off being spruced up, the grids on the centimeters in width. I took paint chips over to Karin at the Hallmark store across the windows of both doors still need paint and I'm waiting for warmer weather to plant flowers. Other than that, the front of Irish editor: Lincoln, Napoleon, Darwin, Thackeray, Pasteur, colors. She wanted to know how much time she had. I got the the building is pretty much a done deal. Next I need to tackle Froebel, Beethoven, Morse and Stephenson (the last two in idea she was thinking in terms of days or weeks. Karin the sides and rear of the place. Maybe there I'll be able to get electricity and steam)

With "zero tolerance" of drugs in schools, what kind of

message does this send to students and to the public? This

situation must be remedied swiftly so that we do not further

endanger the health of our children and do not put the school

staff to perform this duty and the many other health emer-

gencies that crop up during the day. Our secretaries and staff

are simply not equipped with proper experience nor do they

If we can find \$15,000 to put up a sign for a public library

have time in their busy schedules to deal with these problems

whose location is well known, why can't we come up with

for our children? Please find time to consider this problem.

and making it known that as parents and citizens, it is a priority

to find a way to protect the health of our children by adding a

On Thursday, April 13, the Detroit Redwings played its

Many cable subscribers in Michigan (including Lowell)

ESPN was required by the National Hockey League to

Instead of carrying the Redwings game, Fox Sports Detroit

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"Black-Out" the game because Lowell falls into what the

league considers to be the Redwings "Home Market" and

because Fox Sports Detroit had purchased exclusive rights to

chose to carry an early season baseball game. This choice

Thank you,

Sharon Ellison

You can do something by calling our school administration

some funds for a school nurse who is properly qualified to care

in a satisfactory manner - they shouldn't have to.

What we need is a school nurse/health official that is on

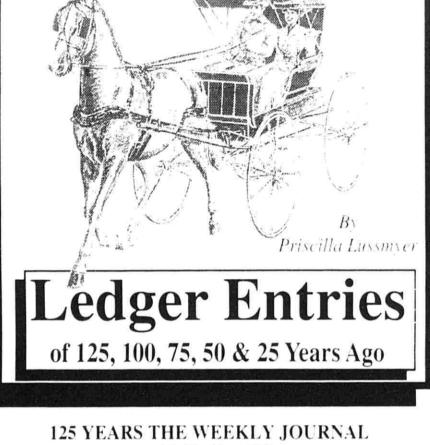
or its staff in a position of liability

nurse to our public schools.

televise the game in the area.

hockey play-off game.

To The Editor.



APRIL 28, 1875

The dam east of Boyce and Nash's shop leaks, and so far has not been able to be plugged.

The editor claims that Lowell's sidewalks are the worst

Paw Paw has a Spelling Society, and a female ball club

The legislature finally fixes an adjournment date so busirary office in Lansing.

The new Lowell Charter gives Common Council authority

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 26, 1900

Electric plant superintendent Carl English is out riding in his horseless carriage, handmade by him over the past year. Census enumerators will have the month of April to finish

their work in each township and the village. The nickel was designed for the metric system, which is not popular in this country. It weighs exactly 5 grams and is 2

The 10 greatest men of the 19th century are named by an

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 30, 1925

Lowell High School is again accredited by the North Central Association.

Lowell Health officer, A.M. Andrews asks all parents to sign permission slips for the diphtheria toxin-antitoxin series of three shots. Diphtheria is a major child-killer.

Quick lunch tea rooms are to be added to gas stations in England. Many will have free "wash and brush-up" rooms.

The first air express in America starts, between Chicago and Detroit, three times a week.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 27, 1950

Local attorney, George R. Cook tells Rotarians a National Guard Armory and company would bring much new business

A neighborly Lowell man who tries to deliver a basket of groceries to his neighbor's house for her, finds that the lady is not who he thought she was and he is wanted by the police for

stealing the basket. Much embarrassment but no harm done. Anita Walter has an A Cappella choir of 48 fourth through seventh graders who meet for rehearsal during noon hours. The group has performed for County school superintendents and

The Runciman Co. safecrackers are caught and confess to

34 other robberies in Michigan as well. The post office austerity plan hits Lowell; residential deliveries reduced to one a day, from two, and business deliveries to two, from three.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER

AND SUBURBAN LIFE APRIL 24, 1975 Rebates are in the mail to taxpayers who have paid their storm water-sewer separation assessments, \$224 each.

Some city streets and most parking areas receive many complaints about bottles and trash littering them.

City Council gives permission for a Community Garden next to the middle school.

should have eliminated the need for ESPN to black-out the A proposal to mine gravel on the north side of Burroughs brings a capacity crowd to the Vergennes Township Hall on Because of the blackout, ESPN caused Lowell Cable's Bailey Drive. This is all mixed up with a proposal for Fallasfor students with asthma. Most of these medications require a receivers to scramble the ESPN signal. Lowell Cable personburg Park to expand by 410 acres of river frontage and feelings nel worked the phones Thursday night attempting to get ESPN run high on all sides. macy yet they are dispensed by individuals who do not have to restore the game. The discussions continued Friday morn-

nothing happened. A pet is part of your family and our dog was our life. He was

would have stopped.

during the school day.

ground in public health.

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your conscience for the rest of your life.

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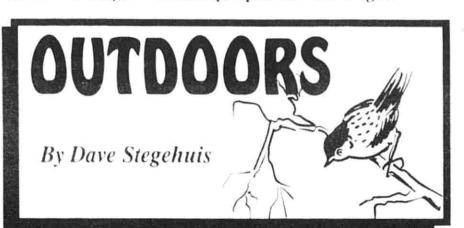
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The most celebrated opening day after firearm deer season is the trout opener; the last Saturday in April. After a long winter layoff, trout fishermen get excited as opening day approaches. On that day, you will find vehicles parked in the vicinity of almost any water that is running downhill.

If you're planning to fish for brooks, browns, or rainbows, remember to purchase an all species license before heading for your favorite water. When you get your new license, you will receive the 2000 Michigan Fishing Guide and, new this year, an Inland Trout and Salmon Guide. You will find significant changes have been made in the trout regulations. One major change is the creel limit has been reduced from ten to five trout per day.

effort to manage the thousands of miles of Michigan trout streams, or network contracts.

as well as numerous designated trout lakes, in a way that benefits Lakes are listed by county and then referred to a chart with six the resource while meeting the expectations of the public. Each categories. Each category specifies regulations such as size stream or lake presents a unique set of management problems. For limits, harvest limits, and tackle restrictions which are fine-tuned example, one stream will support a large population of native fish to get the most production from a particular body of water. while another must be planted. Also, people fish for different reasons. For some anglers, catching a fish and releasing it is considered a successful fishing trip, while others may be fishing for dinner. Each body of water is evaluated and assigned regulations intended to accomplish a variety of specific objectives.

The Inland Trout and Salmon Guide 2000 is designed to make it relatively easy to understand the complicated regulation structure. The new guide uses color coded maps that assign streams, or portions of streams, to one of seven categories of regulations.

In the long run, we should experience an improvement in the quality of fishing opportunities as a result of the new regulations. A couple of brookies on a plate with morel mushrooms makes for a great springtime meal. However, the opportunity to catch more and larger trout might be better yet. I'll be crimping the barbs on my spinners to allow the safe release of fish —if I catch any—so that there will be trout for the next person to catch. The next person could be you or me.

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ing to get an ESPN explanation of the blackout.

ESPN apologized, and explained that the NHL had mistakenly ordered the blackout, believing that Fox Sports would carry the Stanley Cup Playoff game.

ESPN and Lowell Cable have made arrangements that should provide the cable company with better advance notice The new rules reflect the Department of Natural Resources' of any future blackouts which may be required by league rules

Lowell Cable will make its best efforts to communicate any unavoidable blackouts to its customers as early as pos-

> Tom Richards Lowell Cable Television

Heath With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

CALCIUM SUPPLEMENTS

Sciences call for an intake of 1000 mg of calcium/day for those over the age of 70. adults 19-50 and 1200 mg per day for everyone over the age of

daily in their diet. A higher calcium intake along with vitamin

D, which aids in absorption. The most common calcium ments formulations are calcium carbonate (Oscal, Caltrate, Tums). calcium citrate (Citracal), or calcium phosphate (Posture-D).

absorbed. Taking calcium supplements with food in doses less than 500 mg will increase the amount absorbed. Recent studies have shown that calcium citrate was absorbed better than calcium carbonate. Taking vitamin D enhances calcium absorption and the current recommendations are for 200 IU daily

Calcium supplements can cause some gastrointestinal side

50. The average American gets less than 800 mg of calcium effects such as constipation, bloating and excess gas. Sometimes switching from a supplement containing calcium car-D increases bone density and reduces fracture risks in older bonate to one of the other calcium formulations may reduce these symptoms. Increasing liquids and fruit juices may also Calcium supplements come in a variety of formulations. improve constipation. Patients who have had calcium contain-Many of the calcium formulations are combined with vitamin ing kidney stones should probably not take calcium supple-

The calcium content of some common foods are listed: milk - 1 cup = 302 mg; yogurt - 1 cup - 300 mg; calcium Only about 30 percent of the calcium ingested is actually fortified cereal - 1 cup = 300 mg; calcium fortified orange juice

In summary, there is little evidence that one calcium supplement is better than any other in preventing bone loss or fractures. Calcium carbonate may cause some gastrointestinal side effects and calcium citrate may be more readily absorbed. Current recommendations from the National Academy of in adults less than 501, 400 IU for those 51 - 70, and 600 IU for Taking calcium supplements with food at doses less than 500 mg may improve the absorption rate.



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TUESDAYS: Take Off EACH MONTH: Alzhe-Pounds Sensibly Tops imers Support Group meets MI#372 meets every Tues- at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Auxiliary No. 8303 meets Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & day evening at Key Heights Retirement Village. Phone at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. EVERY MONTH: The Flat Mobile Home Park Com- 897-9310 for information. River Snowmobile Club munity Building. Weigh-ins meets at the clubhouse at at 5:45 p.m.

11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To TUESDAYS: Flat River Women's Club meets at check meeting dates and Woodcarvers are meeting times please call, 897- at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 5015 for a recorded p.m. New members wel- 725 Bowes Rd. message. Guests are wel- come.

ing Events" are free of charge

to any non-profit organization

in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and

Saranac area. We prefer such

notices to be kept brief and to

be submitted by mail, but will

accept notices by phone at

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come.

897-6890.

and information.

SECOND MONDAY OF

tary, 300 High Street.

is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF

V.F.W. Post 8303 meets

Street. Enjoy activities like

E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

SECONDSUNDAYEACH FOURTHTUES .: Qua-Ke- unteers needed to DAY: LaLeche League of MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 Zik Sportsmen's Club participate in the Ada, Cascade & Lowell p.m., Family Council for the meets, 8 p. m. at the Club Intergenerational Program meets at 6:30 p.m. for so-Laurels of Kent Nursing building, 1400 Foreman with school age children cializing with meeting at 7 Home. This is a volunteer Road, Lowell. group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the SECOND & FOURTH times available: 9:45 to breastfeeding women. residents. Interested per-

sons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing School. Please call 868reservations. **SUNDAYS** - Beginning EVERY SECOND TUES.: EVERY Feb. 13 (13 weeks)

Masons are welcome.

FIRST MONDAY: Fellow- EVERY TUES.: Ladies tion. ship of Christian Athletes Coffee Break Bible study.

EACH MONTH: The Lowformer Runciman Elemen- South Hudson, Lowell.

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY 3RD TUES.: Par- 1-800-651-6000. EACH MONTH: The ents of children with AD/ Bowne Township Histori- HD Issues Group meeting

with AD/HD Issues Group p.m. Phone 897-9393. Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 meeting at Calvin College at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 EVERY 1ST MONDAY: Connie 942-6887.

up or completing the 5th-information.

grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school WEDNESDAY: Rollaway THURSDAY: The Alto Li- Simplex Frequency year in the Scout Cabin at Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., the end of N. Washington 55 and over.

hiking and camping and WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

lifetime. For more informa- Congregational Church N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. Headley is open from 1 to tion call Terry Cavanaugh, basement.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

EVERY SECOND WEDNESnoon in the community room at Schneider Manor,

FOURTH EVERY Center, 897-7842.

DivorceCare, 6 - 7:15 p.m. Lowell Masonic Lodge WEDNESDAY - 6:45-8:45 EVERY MONTH: The Ada at Lowell Wesleyan regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Historical Society meets at Church, 1188 Lincoln at the Masonic Center, 119 Calvary Christian Re- the Averill Historical Mu-Lake. For information call Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All formed Church. All girls seum of Ada, 7144 Headley ages 8 to 13 are welcome. at 7 p.m. Call 897-8694 for informa-

(FCA) meets at the High Free nursery and preschool THURSDAYS - Take Off of Christian Athletes (FCA) School during lunch peri- story hour/crafts time. Cal- Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, meets in the high school ods in the cafeteria for vary Christian Reformed No. 333. Saranac, meets cafeteria during seminar updates on coming events Church across from Burger every Thursday evening at time for planning sessions King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For the Saranac Public Library. information call 897-6462 Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

cal Society will hold its at St. Lukes Lutheran EVERY THURS. - St. Danni Smith (616) 897regular meetings at the His- Church, 32156 4 Mile NE Mary's Pregnancy Crisis 2544, Laural Auw (616) torical Museum at 84th and (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) Center, 402 Amity St., non- 689-6133, Anita Droog at Alden Nash. The meeting at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda denominational-help for Victim/Witness Unit (Hall of at 874-5662. For teen group pregnant women and ado- Justice) (616) 336-2856. info, call Sarah 281-6588. lescents at the school. From **EACHMONTH:** American **EVERY 1STTUES:** Adults Mondays from 5:30 - 8

ons Club meets at Bowne 147.420 PL 186.2. Center Fellowship Hall

2700 E. Fulton.

Post, 307 W. Main Street Lowell.

DAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell EVERY THIRD THURS-**DAY:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & WEDNESDAY: Elderly vol- EVERY THIRD THURSfrom Lowell in many differpoint. Mother to mother supentseasonal activities. Two port for pregnant & TUES.: Alto Senior citizens 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 Nursing children are welmeet at Alto Elementary p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann come to attend. Our current Nagle, F.S.E. at the Fran- location is a church in Ada. 6111 for luncheon ciscan Child Development Please call 752-7524 for clothing & baby essentials more information.

OTHER SECOND THURSDAY OF

EACH MONTH: Fellowship

THIRD THURSDAY OF THURSDAYS: Weight Michigan Parents of Murell Area Schools Board of EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES- Watchers meets in Lowell dered Children & Other DAY: Lowell Lions Club at the Nazarene Church, Survivors of Homicide p.m. in the Administration meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look 201 N. Washington, at 7 (POMC) meets at Trinity Building located in the Memorial Fire Station, p.m. Registration is a half United Methodist Church, hour before meetings. New 1100 Lake Dr. SE, 7 p.m., members are invited to join Discovery Room. A group at any time. Questions? Call sharing meeting is usually

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on FOURTH THURSDAY OF

307 E. Main St. Lowell at 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. skills. Meetings held once at 897-4922. Girls Club at Calvary Chris- a month at Lowell Middle tian Reformed Church. All School choir room. For EVERY SAT. Lowell Ama-EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Girls ages 8 to 13 are wel- more information call 897- teur Radio Club sponsors Troop 1023, for boys 11 & come. Call 897-8694 for 1502 evenings after 5 p.m. the 145.270 - repeater

FIRST AND THIRD hour basis. Also there is a

at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4 p.m.

EVERY SECOND THURS- BRARY HOURS: Mon. & DAY: Lowell V.F.W. Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. &

for activities.

EACH MONTH: West alternated with a meeting with a special quest conducting a Q/A. Contact

EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high Rm. 206 of the Commons FIRST THURSDAY: 4H school teachers dining bldg. For information call drama club meeting. The room for a light breakfast. club examines theater re- For information concerning lated topics, creative and FCA call Kris Gallagher at at the V.F.W. Clubroom, EVERY OTHER WED.: personal development 676-1355 or Linda Johnson

which operates on a 24-

corner of 84th & M-50 THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical

ENGLEHARDT LI-

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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.

THURS., APRIL 27 Spring Fling at Cherry Creek & Bushnell elementary schools: Bushnell from 5:30-7 p.m.; Cherry Creek from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

SAT., APRIL 29: Almost new sale of toys, books, at Runciman Bldg., 300 High St. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free to participate.

MON., MAY 1: Athletic Boosters regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

THIRD THURSDAY OF STARTING NOW - St. Patrick School registration

for 2000/2001 school year Call 691-8833. For more information check our website at

www.stpatrickparnell.org

THURS, THRU SAT., MAY 4-6 - Community Garage Sale in the Clarksville area from 9-5 p.m. Sponsored by the Clarksville Business Assoc. Maps available at participating businesses in

SUN., MAY 7: Lowell area CROP Hunger Walk at 1st United Methodist Church, 1

SUN., MAY 7 - Contemporary Christian music program at 1st Congregational Church of Lowell from 7 - 8 p.m. Admission is free. public is welcome.

THURS., MAY 4 - Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Lillian Briggs, Emma Herron & Evelyn Briggs: program: LHS reps to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State in June '99, Kelly Chapman & Felicia Eshragh: sponsor: Evelyn Briggs.

FRI., MAY 19: Lowell Little League will hold a Las Vegas Night from 6-midnight at Lowell Lanes.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walk- THURS: 9 a.m. Walk and ing, Woodland Mall, TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk-

9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre. ing, Woodland Mall.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking-WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

Woodland Mall.

shop Woodland Mall:

TUES., MAY 9: 12:40

WED., MAY 10: Noon.

FRI., MAY 12: 11 a.m.

& Averill Museum.

Lunch, Mongolian Coast

a.m., Saranac Historical

Society - lunch & dessert,

WED., MAY 17: 9:30 a.m.

THURS., MAY 18: Noon.

Dance, Westside Com-

TUES., MAY 23: 12:40

Advisory Council.

Special Events

Movie.

WED., APRIL 26: 8 a.m., MON., MAY 8: 12:40 p.m. Women's breakfast. Eu- Shop, Meijers (28th St.). chre 1 p.m.

THURS., APRIL 27: p.m., Grand Rapids 3:30 p.m., Senior Neigh-church tours. bors board meeting at

FRI., APRIL 28: 12:40 P.M., Gerontology Net-

MON., MAY 1: 7:15 a.m., Soaring Eagle Ca- TUES., MAY 16: 9:30

TUES., MAY 2: 12:40 Victorian house tour. p.m., shop Meijers (Plainfield).

WED., MAY 3: 8 a.m. Men's breakfast

WED., MAY 3: 9:30 plex. a.m., Blood pressure.

THURS., MAY 4: Noon, p.m., shop, Wal-Mart (Al-Dance, Westside Compine).

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

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TOWNSHIP

OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 3, 2000, at 7:30

p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a

public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road

within the township, concerning the application of Lyle Weeks for a

special land use so as to authorize an existing and approved private

road to serve an additional parcel of land, and for other related

purposes, covering lands commonly described as being located at 7484

That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 8 North, Range 9

West, described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence North 89°49'24" East 672.69 feet along the North

line of said Section to the Place of Beginning of this description;

thence continuing North 89°49'24" East 672.68 feet along said North line; thence South 00°44'52" East 1320.58 feet along the East

line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Northwest 1/4; thence South

89°54'42" West 361.34 feet along the South line of the Northwest

1/4 of said Northwest 1/4; thence North 00°29'20" West 660.00 feet along the East line of the West 990 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of said

Northwest 1/4; thence South 89°54'42" West 330.00 feet; thence South 00°29'20" East 80.44 feet; thence South 89°49'24" West

250.00 feet along the South line of the North 739.90 feet of said Northwest 1/4; thence North 00°29'20" West 212.27 feet; thence

North 89°51'33" East 263.88 feet along the South line of the North

2/5 of the West 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4; thence North 00°37'06"

West 527.80 feet along the East line for the West 1/2 of said

Northwest 1/4 to the Place of Beginning, Grattan Township, Kent

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 the Grattan Township office, 12050

Lincoln Lake Avenue, and legally described as follows:

of a miniature golf course on barriers. The miniature golf his Roll Away Family Fun course will close when the Center property located at sun sets; there will be no mu-

Shelly Bailey, 823 Avery, speakers, and three-and-aquestioned VanNoller on half-foot dwarf size bushes lights, and light and sound are expected to keep any litter

from leaving the property "We want to make it beautisic played over the outside

In reference to a batting cage business of a few years back, Mayor Mike Blough questioned if the business

surance would the city have that equipment would be removed from the site.

"It is a portable course.

were not successful, what as-

There is a resale value in hav- to begin within the next ing it moved and sold, allowing me to gain back some of my money," Van Noller said. Construction is expected

couple of weeks, with the course being ready for play roughly six weeks later.

Ridgeview, cont'd.... From Page 1

complete the road project which would increase traffic on Gee Drive, a road in dire need of an upgrade.

make sense to do Gee Drive first, but it will also cost more

the west end of Bowes Road. The cost was \$300,000. The general fund, grants and assistance from Lowell Charter Township helped cover the funding for the project.

The Gee Drive upgrade \$800,000, according to Pasquale. "It's not a question

It would cost approxi- of whether these upgrades between Foreman Road (mamately \$250-\$350.000 to need to be done, but how the city will fund them. There are cost constraints," he said.

The city is in the process of trying to get the Michigan Pasquale agrees it would Department of Transportation (MDOT) to classify Gee Drive (a local street) as a maior road. If successful, the In 1996, the city relocated city will be eligible to receive funds from gas and weight taxes on a shared basis. "The city would still be responsible for upgrades, but it

In presenting its case to will cost approximately MDOT, the city noted that Gee Drive is a connector

Pasquale.

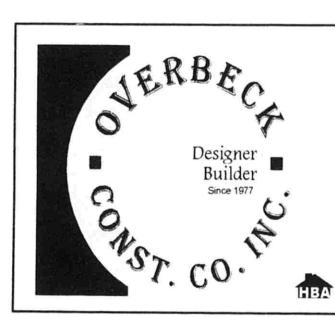
would help," explained

ior street) and Alden Nash (a county primary road), as well as a bus route, and could be utilized by industrial users.

The Ridgeview extension would fall under the local road category. The funding sources available for it are the general fund and the Community Development Block Grant program.

Pasquale points out that the city's road master plan identifies the need to upgrade a number of existing roads. "We have to weigh that need against the need to extend a road." said the city manager.

The city has no immediate plans of action, according to Pasquale.



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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2000

Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809.

County, Michigan.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Keith Valentine, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported that the student council members are working on fundraisers for Relay for Life. Members are also helping with the Crop Walk and the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

TEACHER RECOGNITION - Lanie Rice, President of the Music Boosters, along with students from the Class of 2000, explained how they wanted to honor Bob Rice, Band Director. Class members commissioned composer, Steven Barton, to produce a piece of music for Mr. Rice. The piece of music is entitled Sagittarian Dances and will be performed for the very first time at the High School Band Concert held on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - H.S. FOOTBALL Ralph Munger, Rockford High School Football Coach and Region #9 MHSFA Director, presented Noel Dean, along with football captains Bill Stouffer and Andy Nowak, with a plaque for winning the Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership

TECHNOLOGY REPORT - Board members and audience members visited Cari Slot's classroom where they toured the newly revised Lowell Area Schools Web page located at www.lowell.k12.mi.us.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts to the district: Justin and Sandy Michael donation of 3 computers with software valued at \$500 to be used by Lowell Mmiddle School

• Jim Coolry of R.J. Graphics, Inc. donation of reams of paper samples valued at \$200 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools' Art Department.

Adopted the resolution naming May 9 as Michigan Teacher

CONSENT ITEMS -

Approved/Accepted were: • March 6, 2000 Board Workshop; March 13, 2000 Regular meeting; March 13, 2000 Closed Session; March 27, 2000 Board Workshop.

• The following payment of bills: GENERAL FUND \$607,544.72 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

A. Food Service Fund \$61,214.61 B. Athletic Fund \$21,009.41 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND \$21,351.49 SCHOLARSHIPS

· Employment of Dorann Truax as Elementary Gifted & Talented Coordinator for the 2000-2001 school year.

· Personnel Update: Retirement of Gene Sampson at the end of the school year, Resignation from Russ Schwartz. • The resolution setting the matters to be voted upon at the

annual election to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000. • Two board candidates running for the two seats are Kate Dernocoeur and incumbent, Mark Blanding

· Shared time program with St. Patrick School for the

2000-2001 school year.

· Adopted the resolution to opt out of the State's Schools of Choice program and opt into the Kent County Choice plan for the 2000-2001 school year.

<u>DEMOGRAPHICS</u>- Bert Bleke shared that a decision will be made by the Board of Education at their May 8, 2000 Board meeting as to a potential bond issue.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Bert Bleke congratulated Bob Rice on his recognition by students and also congratulated Noel Dean on his contributions to the community of Lowell. Bert also recognized the Wittenbach family for their generous gift of \$200,000 to help build the agri-science learning center across from the high school.

> **UPCOMING MEETINGS: Board Finance/Personnel Committee** Thurs., April 27, 2000 - 7 a.m. Runciman Admin. Bldg. - S. Conf. Rm. **Board Curriculum/Policy Committee** Thurs., April 27, 2000 - 5 p.m. Runciman Admin. Bldg. - S. Conf. Rm. Regular Board Meeting Mon, May 8, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000.

Blough and Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Quada, Shores and Mayor Blough Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy than 21 days per year. Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Programming and Marketing Manager Thomas Richards, Planning Commissioner John VanderWilp and Cable TV Boardmember Norman Borgerson.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the March 20, 2000 regular meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by QUADA that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (04/10/00)

GENERAL FUND MAJOR STREET FUND	\$161,593.76 391.06
LOCAL STREET FUND	386.78
DDA FUND	31,922.19
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION	FUND 439.54
AIRPORT FUND	555.21
WASTEWATER FUND	4,857.44
WATER FUND	14,371.66
DATA PROCESSING FUND	766.56
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,945.53
CURRENT TAX FUND	9,592.54
LEE FUND	395.71
LOOK FUND	550.40

Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RE-LATED TO OUTDOOR MERCHANDISE DISPLAYS RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COM- City Manager Pasquale stated the Planning Commission MISSION - ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE 4/24).

referred the issue of outdoor merchandise displays in to move for approval of the Lowell Area Arts Council commercial zoning districts to the Planning Commission. Current ordinances prohibit goods being displayed outdoors in the Central Business District (Section 11.02D) and within the required front yard (35 feet, Section 12.04A.) in the General Business District.

After several sessions including merchants from both zoning districts, ordinance amendments had been proposed. The C-2 Central Business District would provide no merchandise displays located closer than eight feet from the curb line or a tree. Currently, no displays are allowed. Also, in the C-3 General Business District displays can be no closer than ten feet from any line Councilmember Myers stated a question had been raised abutting a public street. In the downtown, all merchandise must be removed and stored indoors when the sign extending above the height of the building. He asked business is closed. With the General Business District, if this had been resolved. Eldridge responded the extenthese goods must be within ten feet of the front of the sion above the roofline was approved as proposed. building upon closing.

At its March 27, 2000 meeting, the Planning Commission contacted to ensure the height was clear of the power unanimously recommended adoption of these ordinance amendments. The Council may adopt the amendments

to set a public hearing for April 24, 2000 for consideration of Zoning Ordinance Amendments related to Outdoor Merchandise Displays.

Councilmember Quada was hopeful the public would take interest in the public hearing. He noted the Planning Commission and public have spent much time discussing this subject. YEA: 5.

Planning Commissioner John VanderWilp questioned if

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 149 S. Hudson - Lowell Area Arts Council - variances to install permanent banner and front yard setback for The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor porch - public hearing. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Myers noted the Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) wishes to place a permanent banner (canvas sign) hanging perpendicular (4 feet out) from its building facing South Hudson Street. According to Section 20.07 E., NAY: 0. banners may only advertise special events and not more

> The second variance request concerns a front porch. The Arts Council desires to extend the porch six feet onto Ottawa Street's right of way. This is primarily for a safety feature and handicapped entrance, which would also help prevent ice from building in front of the entrance.

On March 27, 2000 the Planning Commission provided the following recommendations: (a) considered the proposed banner a sign (b) approve the sign square footage variance as meeting the criteria (c) approve the setback variance as meeting the established criteria and recommending the City Council to allow usage of the street right of way for the porch.

Gary Eldridge, representing the LAAC, stated the Arts Council wants to have the building appear as part of the downtown area. He explained this was the reasoning for Council sign would then tie in with the banners hung throughout downtown.

Eldridge said the porch and handicapped ramp would provide for a safer entrance into the building.

Lou D'Agostino has been contracted to perform the Item #3. PRESENTATION FROM VFW. Mayor Blough proposed construction. He spoke with Building Inspector asked for Council permission to digress from the meeting Doug Hopkins and discovered how close the building agenda. Members from the Lowell VFW were called was to the lot line. He was then told by Public Works forward. Director DesJarden the Road Commission would be extending the curb line at the South Hudson - Ottawa intersection. D'Agostino met with the Road Commission concerning the distance to the ramp. He noted the overhang would be six feet from the building with two decorative pillars. In order to obtain the correct slope on the handicapped ramp, it must be built approximately twelve feet from the building, leaving a distance of 10 feet from the new curb. D'Agostino also said the Road Commission would replace the current retaining wall with a new one and continue this around the curb.

recommended the City Council also act on allowing an intrusion into the City-owned right of way.

At its September 7, 1999 meeting, the City Council ITWAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by BLOUGH variances at 149 S. Hudson St. for the purpose of

> Councilmember Quada questioned if the Historic District Commission had to be involved. City Manager Pasquale responded no.

> Quada noted the LAAC was a nonprofit organization and asked if the variance filing fees could be waived. Pasquale responded yes. However, at this point these have already been paid by the LAAC.

> at the Planning Commission meeting concerning the

D'Agostino noted Lowell Light and Power would be

or establish a public hearing at its April 24, 2000 meeting. Myers questioned if LAAC would have one sign and asked if the banner would be changed periodically. IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN Eldridge responded the LAAC did not intend to change the appearance of the sign. However, there may be a need for replacement at some point due to wear and tear.

> Quada questioned if lighting was proposed to illuminate the sign. Eldridge responded not on the sign itself, noting much lighting has been discouraged. The proposed lighting would shine down on the building at night.

the variance needed to state "front and side yard setback" rather than just "front yard setback". Pasquale responded any building located on a corner lot is considered to have two front yards.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the requested zoning variances for the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 South Hudson Street including the approved sign square footage variance, the setback variance and the recommendation of the City Council allowing the street right of way for the porch addition.

ABSENT MOTION CARRIED.

B. 805 E. Main - Roll Away Family Fun Center - variances regarding minimum lot size and parking related to miniature golf course - set public hearing date (4/24). At its March 27, 2000 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the variances involving minimum lot size and parking for a miniature golf course at Roll Away and recommended both variances be granted

City Manager Pasquale stated the Planning Commission would hold a public hearing on April 17, 2000 to review a special use permit since a miniature golf course is considered an open-air business. There will also be a site plan review for the proposed development.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to set a public hearing for April 24, 2000 to review the variance requests concerning lot size and parking for a the creation of a banner sign. Eldridge believed the Arts miniature golf course at 805 E. Main submitted by Roll Away Family Fun Center.

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

Commander Gordon Marshall of the VFW presented former Mayor, William Thompson with a certificate of appreciation from members of the VFW Post 8303 Flat River Post of Lowell, which read as follows:

Presented to William Thompson Mayor City of Lowell Retired. In recognition and grateful appreciation of his 18 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the Lowell City Council The last four years of which were highlighted by his being elected Mayor by his peers on the Council. His reasonable and smiling approach to fulfilling the duties of office of Mayor is to be admired. His goal as Councilmember to do the very best he could to make better for the people he served has been accomplished and well done.

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Thompson appreciated the certificate and noted the process of acquiring the VFW building and land was a very difficult issue for the City. However, the VFW made it a pleasant one in the end

Item #4. COMMUNICATION TOWER PROPOSALS FROM AT&T AND CENTURY TEL

Representatives from both AT&T and Century Tel were present. City Manager Pasquale stated both companies are interested in constructing communication towers on City owned properties.

The project requires two phases of review: (1) The Planning Commission must review the request in terms of zoning requirements. (2) A lease must be secured. Pasquale said if the City decides to allow these leases. he would like to utilize the services of City Attorney Richard Wendt as necessary to mutually prepare a lease agreement.

AT&T submitted an application to the Planning Commission for a special use permit placing a tower behind the water storage tank on Gee Drive. Pasquale understood the tower to be 180 feet in height which requires a permit approval and site plan review.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

ing a tower near the reservoir on Shepard Drive because of coverage concerns. With a 90-foot high tower currently has proposed to replace the structure with a new tower or build one next to the Pinnacle site. Again, a zoning review would be needed.

AT&T Representative Al Marriott stated the company has proposed to lease a 75 x 75 square foot parcel of land behind the water tank on Gee Drive. Their desire is to build a multi carrier tower. AT&T needs a tower of approximately 120 feet in height. However, after speaking with Pasquale, the company thought it may be wise to propose a multi carrier tower which would allow future carriers to also utilize the same site.

Marriott noted the City would receive lease fees from

the proposed location on Gee Drive would not allow his company the coverage needed. The original request was to utilize the tower on Shepard Drive. He said a large structure is not needed. However, the existing tower may need to be rebuilt. With this in mind, and also with the contract negotiations held with Pinnacle Towers, Century Tel has stated the company could work with Pinnacle. Newton noted Century Tel has tried to contact Pinnacle Towers several times with no result. He believed Pinnacle Towers felt it would not be economical to He requested input be received from the Planning Combuild another tower with only one carrier on the structure. mission. Century Tel wishes to continue working with them or possibly present two proposals to the City. Newton suggested the tower be rebuilt. The City's communication would be placed back on the tower and either turned over to the City or Century Tel would retain ownership and pay a lesser amount in rent. Another option concerns Lowell Cable TV, which is currently being reviewed. technically this tower can be constructed. Century Tel believes the height of the tower needs to be need to be addressed concerning the directional TV brought before the Council. He wanted to determine if the as City Clerk.

ceived from Airport Boardmembers concerning these towers relative to air traffic. Pasquale responded the review process includes notifying airports and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Newton added nothing over and above what the FAA and the local airport approves would be done.

Quada guestioned with respect to the location of the Water Storage Tank off of Gee Drive. He asked if this was a proper location for such a tower. Pasquale believed this was one of the more appropriate locations.

Councilmember Myers questioned the height of the City's engineering services, which reviewed the cable water tank. DesJarden responded 30 to 40 feet high. Myers said the tank is located off of the road and believed a communication tower would not be seen if placed behind.

Pasquale was confident the proposed tower would not interfere with the surrounding area. The location has also been an interest to other carriers. He noted this would assist the City in terms of coverage and revenue.

Mayor Blough questioned Police Chief Jim Valentine if the Pinnacle Towers had been installed to assist with the communications of safety equipment. Valentine responded it was included in the lease agreement. He said the antennas are on top of the building and believed this was in exchange for the land. Blough asked if there were any communication problems with the equipment on the tower at this time. Valentine responded no.

Myers questioned the type of liability coverage. Newton responded liability coverage is discussed in the standard contract, noting one million dollars.

Myers inquired if the proposed towers would be secured by a fence. Marriott and Newton responded yes.

He also guestioned the square footage of the sites.

Pasquale responded the proposed sites are 75' x 75'.

Myers inquired how the revenue stream would flow when other carriers are added. Newton responded the revenue

Quada questioned if the City could take this opportunity and review the existing cable tower in the downtown area which may or may not need to be replaced in the future.

appropriations would have to be renegotiated.

Additionally, Century Tel has expressed interest in erect- Pasquale was unsure. Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Programming and Marketing Manager Tom Richards responded there are no needs for additional height. He on site and leased through Pinnacle Towers, Century Tel noted the tower was in good condition and no consideration is needed for future replacement.

Blough reviewed the resolution stating the Council could either pursue using the City Attorney to develop a lease agreement or this could be an indication the City is not interested in these structures. He did not want to see the City of Lowell propagated with a large number of communication towers. There is one downtown and on Shepard Drive already. Blough believed the total City plan should be taken into account, especially when the developing towers will have multiple carrier capabilities. He did not believe it made much sense to install two additional towers with multiple carriers. Blough wanted a negotiated lease which either involved the current equipment or minimally replaced one of the towers with a new multiple carrier. Blough said he did not have a problem with taking Century Tel Representative David Newton determined the process one step further and asking the Planning Commission for input on the process.

> Blough also noted the surrounding townships have taken some interest in limiting the number of communication towers. There are many individuals concerned about the aesthetic issues. He believed the City should review a strategy considering Gee Drive is located on the border of both Lowell Township and the City.

Pasquale stated the Planning Commission would be receiving an application from AT&T on April 17, 2000. The Commission will be asked to consider an approval of a special use permit for the tower. If the Planning Com mission does grant the permit and a site plan review, then

increased in order to be above the King Milling grain Blough said the Council would need to approve the lease antenna. The equipment must also be above the flood Council was interested in pursuing such an arrange-

Councilmember Quada questioned the responses re- Councilmember Myers stated he would be in support of

Councilmember Green said if the issue is negotiated upon, the liability coverage should be raised to two million dollars. He noted this was what the City wanted for Lowell Youth Football. Pasquale responded this is part of a contract which can be reviewed.

Quada agreed with the comments made by Blough and improve the communications system. He raised the issue about the existing tower and whether or not the carried out her tasks very well. system, could provide a combined perspective and use a single tower.

Marriott stated AT&T had spoken with the cable television department about the possibility of using the cable tower. He noted these towers are designed for a large structure in the area. He also said Lowell Township is out responsibilities as an Account Clerk with the City. considering a tower south of town and are also reviewing the possibility of co-locating on an existing tower in Ionia County. Marriott said in this particular case, the engineers dictate where the towers are located and how the coverage will work. He stated after reviewing the area over a four month period of time, it was determined Gee Drive would be the best location.

Newton noted Century Tel prefers to be located on existing structures. He mentioned if the City is concerned about visibility and aesthetics, this could be considered during the Planning Commission site plan review.

Green stated he was willing to review this further.

Shores agreed and said this could be taken to the next

Blough confirmed there was a consensus to take the issue to the next step. He reviewed the discussion and stated the Council has requested input from the Planning Commission. Also, a parallel effort to determine what cooperative efforts can be made in lease agreements appreciation. through City Attorney Richard Wendt.

Pasquale noted the Pinnacle tower located on Shepard Drive and also the Cable TV tower downtown. He said the carriers would need to respond to these locations and determine what the possibilities are.

Quada said the suggestion is perhaps the engineers of the two carriers and the City's Cable Engineers have cooperative discussions of whether or not there may be one single point in the community where a tower could be located which would improve communications fo: all.

Pasquale said the representatives from Cable, Century Tel and AT&T should provide a joint report indicating what is feasible. In meantime, AT&T could still pursue its application but ultimately the lease would still have to come to City Council.

Newton wanted to place additional height on the existing tower because coverage was being blocked by the King Milling grain elevator.

Pasquale confirmed the City is considering a joint report from Century Tel, AT&T and Lowell Cable regarding possible co-location. The Planning Commission would provide input, in particular, reviewing the application from AT&T and provide a statement regarding co-location which would be provided to the City Council.

Richards was concerned about spending the ratepayers revenues on a perspective engineering study for what may in fact be owed lease money at some point. He said it was not necessary presently for the core business Richards requested Century Tel conduct an engineering study to determine an appropriate location at which time Lowell Cable would consider the lease.

Blough requested this report be brought back to the next

There was no further discussion.

Item #5. APPOINTMENT OF BETTY MORLOCK AS CITY CLERK.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN elevators. Newton said there are a few issues which agreements. Pasquale stated this was why the issue was to ratify the City Manager appointment of Betty Morlock

> Pasquale stated Betty Morlock has served as Deputy City Clerk since February 1, 1988. Since then, Betty has carried out all the responsibilities of the Clerk position, including taking minutes for the City Council, Planning Commission and various Boards as needed. Very importantly, she handles all elections and attends numerous training sessions. Betty has earned the title "Certified Municipal Clerk" from the International Institutes of Municipal Clerks in 1997. In addition, she has been an active volunteer serving as President of the Kent County Clerks Association, Chair of the Michigan Municipal League Region III (1994-95) as well as serving on the Lowell supported the proposal of doing what was necessary to Rotary Club (President for 2001-2002). Whether on the job or volunteering in these civic activities, she has

> > After speaking with City Attorney Richard Wendt Pasquale would have the responsibility to appoint the City Clerk.

In addition, Pasquale appointed Susan Ullery as Deputy City Clerk. She has done an excellent job in her work and area. Marriott said his company reviewed every tall preparing minutes for City meetings as well as carrying

> Councilmember Green stated Morlock has been very helpful to him as a Councilmember. He mentioned the problems his wife Lynn had with voting in the correct precinct before Morlock started working for the City. Once she started handling the records, his wife had no more problems

> Councilmember Shores noted how well Morlock takes care of everyone during City held functions

Councilmember Myers questioned if there would be additional compensation. Pasquale said this would be reviewed during staff evaluations in June. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Gordon Marshall of the VFW thanked the Council for allowing him the opportunity to present William Thompson with the certificate of

He also congratulated Betty Morlock on her appoint-

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APRIL 28: Terese Brown, APRIL 30: Carmen Tim Vezino, Shawna Austin, Roudabush Kattie Hildenbrand.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

wanted an estimated cost regarding the extension of the of this for next year. street from Sibley to Gee.

storm sewer would cost between \$250,000 to \$350,000.

revenues are minimal with a local street designation. Pasquale said the key is to acquire a major street status He mentioned when a new street is being constructed, other sources of revenues must be acquired. Pasquale said when Bowes Road was relocated, it had cost approximately \$300,000. There were some federal funds received along with Community Development Block Grant Myers also noted local resident Larry Fleis wrote an revenues totalling \$100,000.

Quada questioned if the City were to extend Ridgeview Drive would there be a possibility of developing the area into available building lots. Pasquale said possibly. Blough noted there have been a few proposals presented to the Planning Commission over the last several years.

William Thompson congratulated Betty Morlock on an would be held at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. excellent job. He also commented on the job well done by during the recent storm snowstorm.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Quada commented on the issue of having three towers in the City. He stated that he thought the discussion had drifted to the issue of aesthetics. Quada understood that the City wouldn't be two competing firms unless it was a lucrative YEA: 5. did not want to spend funds to change a tower unless market. Like any type of growth, the City can set back and NAY: 0. from an aesthetic standpoint. He suggested that the allow organizations to come in and tell the City what they engineers at least consider an alternative to having a can do or the City can place some of our values on this MOTION CARRIED. tower located on Gee Drive, Shepard Drive and one in intended growth with some structure and reasonable the downtown area. Quada said the cellular companies expectations for an organization who wants to invest in want to have a location within the City and suggested the community. This at the same time can be beneficial they work together and find one location within the to our residents. Blough agreed, if the City can utilize this community in which all co-locate.

Quada also inquired when the auditors would be selected to audit the 1999-2000 financial records. Pasquale responded in May. Quada said that he believes the audit is the responsibility of the City Council and stated that the Light and Power may choose to conduct their own audit for internal purposes, but that the Council should select one firm to audit all departments of the City.

Blough guestioned if this was an item Quada wanted made as a motion. Quada responded he wanted to ensure discussion was held prior to the selection of who would perform the audits.

Blough requested this topic be placed on the agenda for the May 1, 2000 meeting.

Councilmember Green said it has been the City's process to receive bids from auditing firms every five to six Bert Bleke. vears.

Dan DesJarden responded to Leo Pfaller's concern at Pasquale suggested Biggs, Hausserman along with the for August 8. Last Thursday, Pasquale had an opportuthe last meeting concerning Ridgeview Drive. Pfaller had firm conducting the audit for Light and Power be notified nity to review the status of the District Library and discuss

DesJarden stated the installation of curb, sewer and herappointment. He challenged her and Ullery to provide a formalized plan in which a higher voter registration can be obtained. Morlock responded the new QVF voting Quada questioned if the City could request funding from system is very helpful. She explained anytime an indibrary Headquarters on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 from the Local Street Fund. Pasquale responded the exten-vidual renews a driver's license the person is automati- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. sion would initially be a Local street. However, the cally registered to vote unless specifically stated other-

> Myers presented pictures taken of the Showboat area. He commented on the satellite dishes and asked if it would be feasible to have these moved elsewhere.

article within the Michigan Municipal Review.

Councilmember Shores questioned the status of the bridgework. DesJarden was hopeful the bridge would be finished by April 11, 2000.

Shores also noted the Cable Advisory Board meeting on April 11, 2000. She mentioned it was a public hearing and Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. The following appointments

about communication towers in three different places and tomorrow an engineering staff could have another recommended location. He felt the Planning Commission could bring some light to reinforce some community values. He believed Quada was correct, and said there

Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- 1. The following meetings minutes were enclosed:
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of February 17, 2000
- Planning Commission meeting of February 28, 2000
- Airport Board meeting of March 7, 2000.

2. Also provided were the minutes of the March 21 Lowell Area Community Cooperation Model meeting along with supporting documentation from School Superintendent

3. The Kent District Library has a millage election planned

possible millage options. With alternatives, which provide more than just basic millage, Lowell could receive an Councilmember Myers congratulated Betty Morlock on additional 5 more hours a week for service. If interested or have additional comments they can be forwarded to Pasquale or Claudya Muller directly

There is another meeting scheduled at the District Li-

4. As part of the South Hudson road reconstruction project, the Kent County Road Commission must acquire grading easement from the City involving the Fire Station and Fairgrounds properties. Council approval is needed. Public Works Director DesJarden explained it would be the south side of the Fire Station's driveway. It will be the same grade now but back seven feet, which would require an easement

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to allow the Kent County Road Commission to acquire a grading easement from the City involving the Fire Station and Fairgrounds properties.

or reappointments were considered

Light and Power and the Department of Public Works Mayor Blough stated today the Council has thought IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by QUADA to reappoint Jim Myaard (413 N. Washington) to a term with the Airport Board expiring January 1, 2003 and appointing Carolyn Price of Dream Pieces (219 W. Main) to the Downtown Development Authority to a term expir-

Councilmember Quada questioned if the appointment made to the Downtown Development Authority was filling the vacancy created when he resigned. Mayor to improve the Cable TV facility including moving the Blough responded yes. Quada thought he had been appointed as the "At Large Citizen" and wanted to ensure there was representing on the DDA Board for this com-

> IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving personnel

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

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to return to open session at 9:54 p.m.

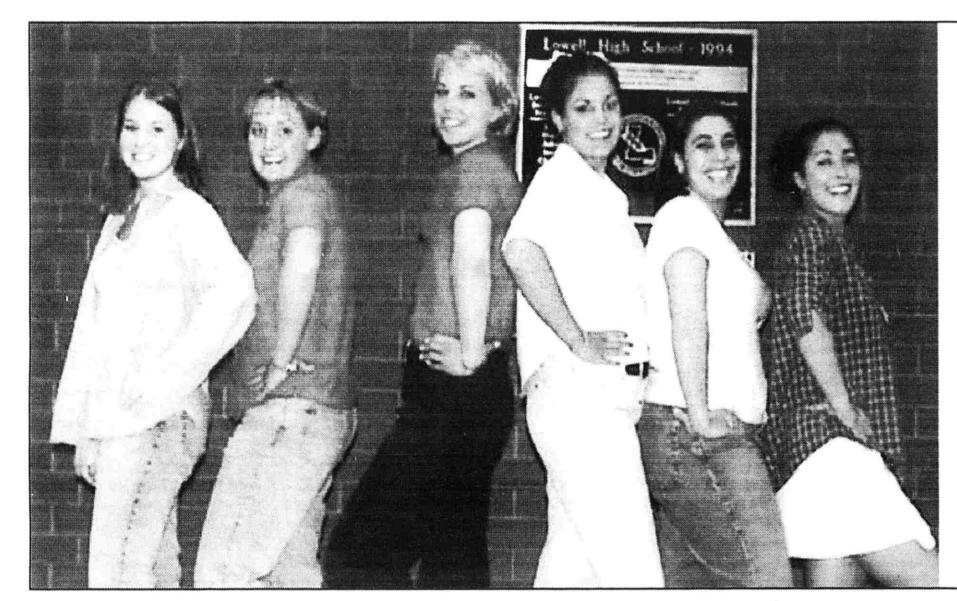
IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, April 24, 2000

Michael K. Blough, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

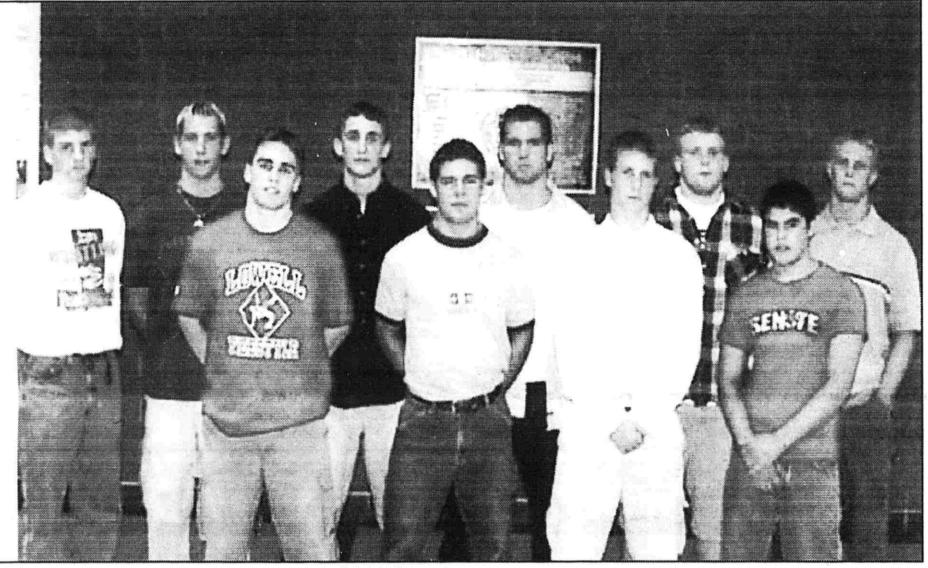


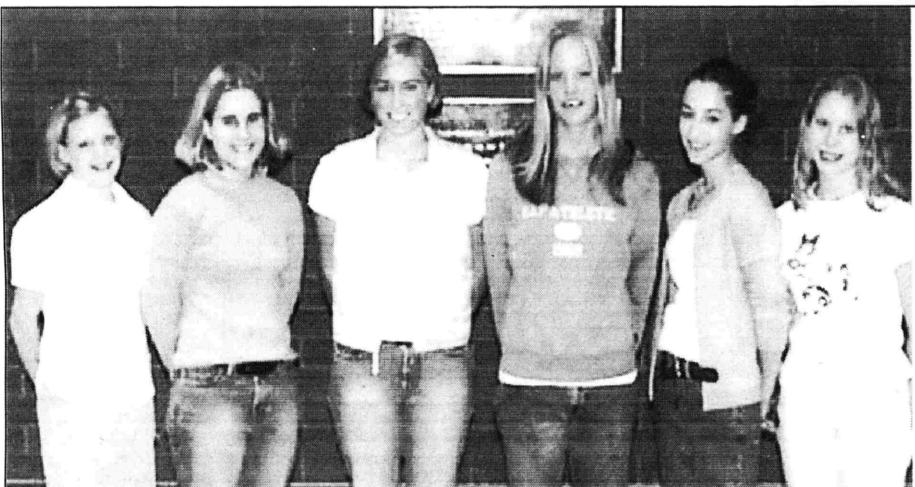
2000 Winter Sports Post Season Honors



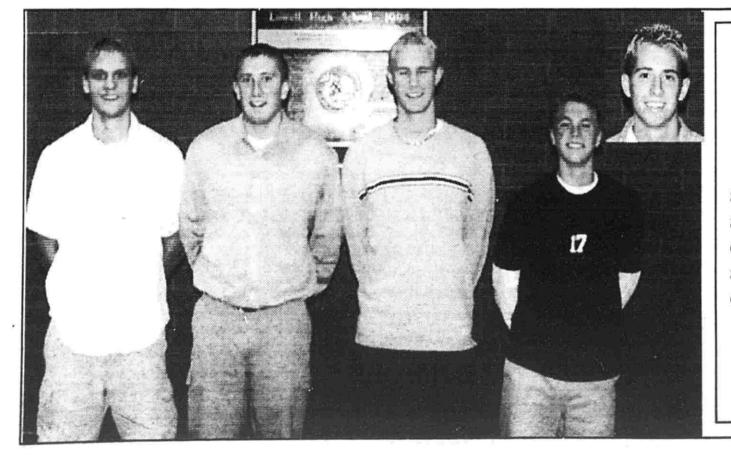
Receiving post-season cheerleading honors, left to right, are: Katie Stanford, most improved; Lisa LaHaye, most spirited; Rachelle Becker, sportsmanship; Kristi Ford, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player; Felicia Eshragh, captain, scholar athlete; and Tina Delamar, captain and most dedicated.

Receiving post-season wrestling honors, front row, left to right, are: Caleb O'Boyle, all conference, district champion, regional champion, all state (3rd); Tom Oesch, captain, district champion, regional champion, state qualifier; Brent Lyons, captain; John Mendez, all conference, district champion, regional champion, all state (6th). Back row, left to right, are: Dan Rottier, captain, state qualifier; T.J. Forward, all state (8th); J.J. Wilder, state qualifier; Bill Stouffer, captain, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, all conference, district champion, regional champion, state champion and all state; Caleb Grummet, all state (4th); and Doug Ford, scholar athlete. Not pictured are: John McKay, sportsmanship, all conference, district champion, regional champion and all state (8th); and Ben Vaught, most improved.



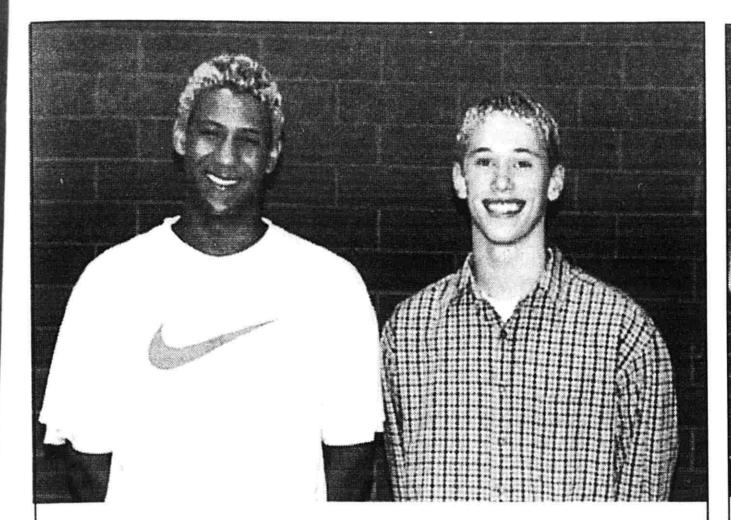


Receiving post-season gymnastics awards, pictured left to right, are: Holly Plattner, most dedicated; Renee' Brower, captain, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, all conference; Katie Blough, scholar athlete; April Telman, most spirited; Melissa Neubecker, most improved; and Kim Seaman, most improved and sportsmanship.



Receiving post-season basketball awards, pictured left to right, are: Ryan Mix, captain, all conference honorable mention, scholar athlete; Scott Pullen, captain, sportsmanship award; Steve Adams, captain; and Troy Gillan, most improved. Aaron Alsgaard, pictured alone, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, captain and all conference, first team.

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Receiving post-season swimming honors, pictured left to right, are: Scott Weir, all conference and all state; Mike Gustafson, captain, all conference.



Receiving post-season volleyball honors, pictured left to right, are: Jody Seif, hustle award; Sarah Happie, sportsmanship award; Jenny Williams, most improved; Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player, all conference; Courtney Hedlund, captain, coach's award; Sunny Moyer, captain and scholar athlete.

vacant land property

COLLEGE NEWS

among the 23 Alma College the President's Cup during honors convocation on April respective classes. 6 by Dr. Alan J. Stone, Alma's president. "For the 33rd time, to those few students whose scholarship surpasses all others," said Dr. Stone. The stu-

Freshman Shannon dents - 13 freshmen, seven class (freshman, sophomore Finnegan, of Lowell, was sophomores and three juniors or junior) President's Cup tro-- earned the honor by achievstudents who were awarded ing the highest academic grade point average in their

Alma president Robert said Dr. Stone, "They are a Swanson started the constant reminder of their we award the President's Cup President's Cup tradition in achievements."

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She has joined the Low-"Growing up on a farm I ell Area Chamber of Comhad the desire to return to the merce and is looking forward independence of my own to playing an active part in business. Ifeel now I can give working with the other local a more personalized service merchants. She and her husfor the individual client's band Terry have two children needs," she said. "My family and three grandchildren.

NOTICE **Amendment to the VERGENNES TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance regulating Vergennes Township cemeteries was amended at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 17, 2000. This amendment affects the Ordinance in Section 2, C., under the heading of Definitions of Lots and Burial Spaces. It amends the allowed number of burials per space from one to two, and reads as follows:

A burial space will accommodate one vault, one vault and one cremation, or two cremations.

The complete text of the Vergennes Township Cemetery Ordinance is on file 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. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

Synopsis of minutes from Regular Meeting April 17, 2000.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 5 Board Members present. Minutes of March 20, 2000 approved.

Bills paid:

\$36,406.27 General Fund -\$815.92 Sewer Fund -Water Fund -\$43,748.78 \$896.45 Trust & Agency Fund -

Business Conducted: Moved to sign the Property Tax Administration System Services Agreement with Kent County; moved to hire Luscious Landscaping for the mowing and fertilizing of park property; tabled the proposal received from Meijer on utility connection fees; received the Alto Sewer Agreement for consideration; appointed David Simmonds to be the township representative for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Selection Committee meeting of April 27, 2000; received March's building report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Carol L. Wells Lowell Charter Township (616) 897-7600

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Summary of Ordinance No. 00-2 Adopted by the Lowell City Council on April 24, 2000.

Ordinance No. 00-2 amends Section 10.02 of Chapter 10; amends Section 11.02 of, and adds Section 11.05 to, Chapter 11; and amends Section 12.02 of, and adds Section 12.05 to, Chapter 12 of Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. Such amendments and additions (i) eliminate the requirement that retail stores located in a C-1 Neighborhood Business District ("C-1 District"), a C-2 Central Business District ("C-2 District") and a C-3 General Business District ("C-3 District"), must have their goods located within an enclosed building; (ii) add outdoor merchandise display as uses permitted by right in a C-1 District, C-2 District and C-3 District; and (iii) establish requirements for outdoor merchandise displays located within C-2 Districts and C-3 Districts.

Ordinance 00-2 is effective 10 days after this publication.

> Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Kemen pitches to the spots; batters hit the spots in wins over FHN

•••• Lowel's hurler shut out Northern on two hits. The Red Arrows, meanwhile, used their only two hits in the sixth inning to score the game's only three runs. The Red Arrows won the nightcap 11-8

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

throw it - it's where you pitch but reached first safely when

Lowell pitching ace Kelly Huskie catcher. Kemen, through the first seven games of the season is hitting walk, putting Red Arrow all the spots.

The same can be said of the Red Arrowhitters. They're Benedict laced a two-run finding the spots where people double over the center

"Kelly's not walking Fredline and Kemen, One people, she's been successful out later. Annie Zalokar walk. with her change-up and she's plated Benedict with a twohitting the spots. The other out RBI single, helping to thing is she's pitching and not lift Lowell to a 3-0 win over throwing," said Lowell soft- FHN. ball coach Bob Rodenhouse. "We're also hitting the soft- kies on two hits - a lead-off

ball - putting it in play. hits against Forest Hills enthinning. Shedidn't walk Northern's pitching ace. Both a batter and struck out six

hits came in a three-run sixth

With one out in the sixth, It's not how hard you Bethany Fredline struck out the third strike got past the

Kemen then drew a Freshman Jacque

Kemen shut out the Husdouble to start the game and Lowell managed just two a two-out single in the sev-

In her four starts this year, Kemen has walked a total of six batters and carries an earned run average of DeWit and Courtney Hedlund below one.

doubleheader. Lindsey Thaler pitched 5-2/3 innings allowing seven runs on eight hits while walking four and striking out four as Lowell defeated Northern 11-8, "All four of Lyndsey's walks came around to score." Rodenhouse said.

Kemen was brought in relief in the sixth after Northern had plated three runs against Thaler to pull within

Kemen shut the door alfielder's head, scoring lowing one run on one hit with one strikeout and one to 6-0.

Northern jumped out to a 4-0 lead with three runs in

Lowell battled back as they battered Northern's starter for eight runs on five hits in the third inning to take an 8-4 lead. The Red Arrows

added three more runs in the fourth on four hits, increasing their lead to 11-4.

Benedict, Jody Seif, Angie all had two hits apiece. Lowell In game two of the collected 11 hits for the game.

Hedlund and Becky Brander each had two RBIs while Benedict, Seif and Brander each scored two runs.

Lowell 11 Belding 0

A four-run fifth inning broke open a tight softball game as the Red Arrows routed the Redskins

Lowell scored four runs on two hits (including an RBI double by Seif), a walk and two errors increasing its lead Five walks, an error and a

ell runs in the sixth. Lowell's the first and one in the sec- only hit in the inning was a two-run single by Jody Seif. Kemen held Belding hitters to just four hits. The Red

Arrow walked two and struck

single plated five more Low-



Lowell's Bethany Fredline successfully lays down a

Red Arrow girls tame 'Cats; finish fourth in Hastings Relays

•••• Gillikin sets school record in pole vault. Clements and Becker record personal bests.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Three personal bests and a school record parlayed into four firsts en route to an 87-50 Red Arrow win over Northview in OK White girls track.

Nicole Gillikin set a school record by clearing 8' 3/4' in the pole yault. April Telman (7') and Ashley Cunningham (7') were second and third respectively.

Katie Clements clocked personal bests in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs; and Rachelle Becker threw a personal best of 30'9" in the shot put.

"Rachelle in just her second meet threw the shot over 30 feet." Lowell girls track coach Kathy Talus said. "I think we're going to see a lot of good things from her."

Teammate Abby Mathews placed third in the shot with a throw of 27°2"

Clements finished the 1600-meter run in a winning time of 5:58.27 and won the 3200-meter run in 13:01.32. "Katie ran well. Both were personal bests," Talus said.

• Gillikin, along with winning the pole vault, claimed

a first in the long jump with a distance of 8' • Sandra Sturis won the discus by over 11 feet with her of 10'2".

• Kristi Ford cleared 5'0" in earning top honors in the high jump. Becker's mark of 5' earned her second and Cunningham was third with a height of 4'6".

• Telman's 17.53 was tops in the 100-meter high hurdles, an event the Red Arrows swept. Krystal White was second in 18.34 and Mindy Tarney (19.40) finished third.

 Lisa Wojciakowski stopped the clock in a winning time of 1:02.23 in the 400-meter dash. The Red Arrow finished second in the 200-meter dash, coming home in 29.05. "Lisa is so versatile. She can compete in a number of events for us," Talus said

• Holly Plattner led Lowell in its sweep of the 800-meter run, finishing in 2:39.34. Abby Vos was second in 2:47.33 and Katie Anderson placed third with a time of 2:48.07.

• Telman was the first of three Red Arrows to come home in the 300-meter low hurdles. Tarney was second and Ryanne Oetman finished third (times were not available).

Lowell's Kim Huyser stopped the clock in 13.85 in the 100-meter dash, good enough for second place.

Lowell is now 2-0 in the OK White.

Hastings Relays

Strong performances by Lowell's middle distance and In all, Lowell captured 11 firsts. The seven other firsts—field event crews lifted the Lowell girls track team to a fourthplace finish at the Hastings Relays Saturday.

The Red Arrows' only first-place finish came in the high jump. Kristi Ford and Rachelle Becker combined for a height

Becker also teamed with Sandra Sturis for a secondplace finish in the discus. The duo teamed for a distance of

"Three of our field event crews placed in the top three," Lowell girls track coach Kathy Talus said. "They were

Nicole Gillikin and Ashley Cunningham placed third in the pole vault with a combined height of 15°2".

Lowell (33 points) tied for fourth with Charlotte. Battle Creek Lakeview won the Hastings relays with 67 points. Grand Ledge was second with 60 and Gull Lake finished third with 42 points.

The Red Arrow girls placed in five relay events. Abby Vos, Natalie Kent, Holly Plattner and Katie

Clements were fourth in the distance medley with a time of

Kim Huyser, Ford, Krystal White and Lisa Wojciakowski came home in 2:00.8 to finish fifth in the 800-meter medley

Plattner, Katie Anderson, Vos and Wojciakowski came home in 10:53 to finish sixth in the 3200-meter relay.

It was Mindy Tarney, Rebecka Corbit, White and April Telman stopping the clock in 1:13.1 to finish sixth in the

In the 1600-meter relay. Plattner, Kent, Gillikin and Jana Young came home in 4:36.6 to place sixth in the 1600-

"I thought we competed well against some good competition," Talus said.

Scoring woes hinder soccer team in conference tilts •••• We were able to apply pressure, we

just could not put the ball in the net.

Ryan Conlan

game of the year against

Hudsonville," Lowell girls

soccer coach Ryan Conlan

its game against the Eagles,

Lowell kept the ball at

In the last 15 minutes of

"We were able to apply

Lowell Girls Soccer Coach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls soccer team has shown it can control a game and pressure the opposing

The inability, however, to Hudsonville's end. finish with a goal was the Red Arrows' Achilles heel in losses pressure, we just could not to Hudsonville (1-0 O.T.); put the ball in the net, Northview (1-1): and Conlan said. "We had a half Grandville (3-0).

"The girls played their best

have been the momentum boost Hudsonville needed. The Eagles, with the wind

to their backs, scored eight minutes into overtime for the conference win. "The ball got through

Lyndsay Plescher's hands,' Conlan said. "She played an outstanding game in the net for us. Lyndsay had seven game-winning saves in regu-

Conlan also praised the play of Kristen Wysocki. "She played all 80 minutes and did an excellent job of distributing the ball," he said. "The loss was disappointing,

strides and getting better with each game.

> Lowell 1 Northview 1

On a crossing pass from Laura Horsley, Becky Bosserd creased the net and gave Lowell an early 1-0 lead in the first

"We played a decent first half, but were unable to match it the second half," Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan explained. "We're struggling to play two good halves."

At the 20 minute mark of the second half, Northview

The game ended in a tie, when it was called due to lightning with 12 minutes left on the score board clock.

"It's one of those games where I think Northview was happy with the tie and our girls were disappointed," said Lowell's coach.

Conlan praised the play of sweeper Jenny Wagner. "She continues to be a solid, consistent player for us."

> Grandville 3 Lowell 0

In its only non-conference game, the Red Arrows fell to the Bulldogs.

Again, Lowell's passing controlled the game early. The Red Arrows managed only six shots on goals during that first-half stretch.

"We settled for one too many passes from 30 yards out, instead of some crossing shots," said Conlan.

Grandville scored in the latter minutes of the first half and then with two more goals in the second half.

Lowell finished the week 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the OK White.

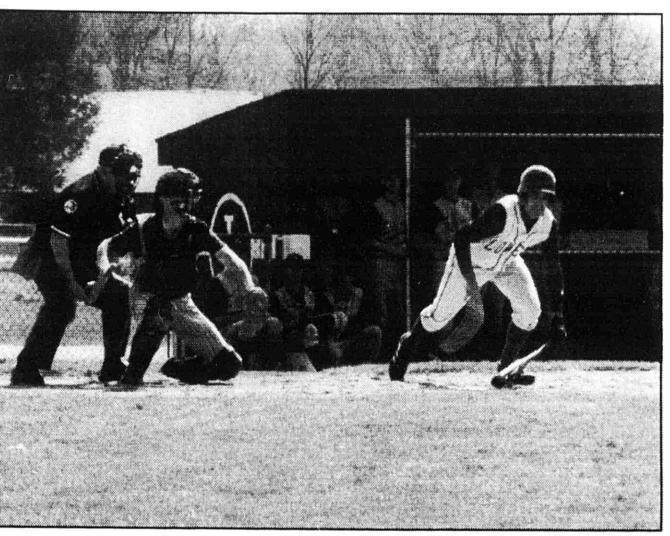
Red Arrow nine squeezes past Huskies, 7-5

••• We manufactured an important run in the sixth inning. Lowell got a single, stole second and third, and scored on an errant throw to third that got by the third baseman. Tim Antel **Lowell Baseball Coach**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell turned two crucial inning-ending double plays in holding off Forest Hills Northern 7-5.

The first one came in the third inning. Northern had runners at first and second with one out when pitcher Brady Foster enticed a Huskie



Lowell improved its record to 3-2 with a win over Forest Hills Northern.

double play.

In the sixth inning, FHN had the bases loaded with one out when David Rozema. pitching in relief, induced Northern into a 6-4-3 double

"Those double plays were critical," said Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel.

nings, allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits while walking six and striking out three Northern batters

Rozema went 3 1/3 innings and picked up the save. He gave up two runs (one earned) on three hits, walked two and struck out one.

batters too far into the count, Antel said. "The result is we're walking way too many

Antel was pleased that his club is beginning to hit the

ning has improved.

"We haven't shown any power at the plate vet, but that is going to happen. We have too many guys with good

swings," Antel said. Lowell punched out seven singles against North-

ern and stole seven bases. The Red Arrows scored Foster pitched 4 2/3 in- two runs in the first, four in the second and one in the

> The Huskies scored one run in the first, two in the fifth, one in the sixth and one more in the seventh inning.

"We manufactured an important run in the sixth inning," Antel said. Lowell got "Our pitchers are taking a single, stole second and third, and scored on an errant throw to third that got by the third baseman.

> Lowell ended the week with a record of 3-2.

Lowell girls near top in OK White golf; trail Rangers by a game

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls golf team improved their record to 5-1 with wins over Lakewood, East Grand Rapids and Zeeland. The Red Arrows are 3-1 in the OK White with Forest

Hills Central (undefeated as of Monday), Wyoming Park and Hastings on the schedule for this week. "We're going to know at the end of this week just how good we are," Lowell girls golf coach Rick White said.

"We have as good a chance as anyone."

Lowell shot a 213 at Thousand Oaks on Tuesday. That was good enough to edge East (215) by two strokes. Zeeland finished a distant third with a 247.

"The girls played there for the first time and played well," White said. "We're still having some derailments, but I think our young girls are going to gain confidence as we proceed." Kate Gunberg led Lowell at Thousand Oaks with a 48.

Amber Kuipers finished with a 53, and Jenny Gunberg and Kelly Fitzpatrick carded 56s. Emelyn Northway led the Pioneers with a 50. Emily

Rector was a shot back with a round of 51. Hillary Hohman and Samantha Rhodes came home in 55 and 59 respec-

Melissa Sneller of Zeeland was the match medalist with a 41. The Chix other three scores were 59, 71 and 79

Lowell fired a 203 to defeat Lakewood. (245). Katie Gunberg was the medalist with a 46. Kuipers carded a 47 while Fitzpatrick and Jenny Gunberg shot rounds of 54.

"Kate (Gunberg) and Amber Kuipers are playing well."

Red Arrow boys track team knocks off Northview; 4th in relays

We were able to prevent Northview from posting the big scores in any one event. We wanted to take second and third in any event that Stark ran in. With the exception of the 400, we did that.

Lowell Boys Track Coach in the 3200-meter relay.

By Thaddeus J.Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys track team neutralized the "Stark difference in posting a 79-57 victory over Northview.

Northview's T.J. Stark posted winning times in the 100-200- and 400-meter dashes and ran the winning anchor leg in the 1600-meter relay.

"We were able to prevent Northview from posting the big scores in any one event," Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve said. "We wanted to take second and third in any event that Stark ran in. With the exception of the 400, we did that."

Stark, one of the premier runners in the OK White, won the 100-meter dash in 10.84. Lowell's Mike Williams finished second at 10.88 and Kurt Telman came in third with 11.06. Stark won the 200, stopping the clock in 23.28. Ken

Palcowski was second with a time of 23.42 and Mark Catlin

was third in 24.66. The Red Arrows' strategy was unsuccessful in the 400. Stark won the event with a time of 50.61. The Wildcats also claimed second in a time of 54.01. Lowell's Mike Wierenga

Lowell, on the other hand, was able to post big scores in three events The Red Arrows tallied 9-0 scores in the shot put and the

finished third in a time of 54.38.

110 high hurdles. Bill Stouffer (45'11"), Andy Curtis (40'1/2") and Dave Hefferan (36'8") swept all three places in the shot put.

Jon Wiering (15.99), Ben Grummet (17.57) and Andy Roberts (18.50) matched their feat as they swept the 110 high

The Red Arrows were one place shy of a sweep in the high

jump. Williams (6') was first and Wiering (5'10") finished

second. Northview took third with a mark of 5'4". Lowell also received winning performances in three of four relay events.

"Our sprint relays were a strength. We also got improved performances from our middle distance and distance crews,"

The team of Williams, Catlin, Telman and Palcowski won the 800-meter relay, stopping the clock in 1:34.82. The same foursome finished the 400-meter relay in a

winning time of 46 seconds. Ryan Mix, Mark Maatman, Zach Stauffer and Kevin **Keith Boeve** Huisman brought the baton home in a winning time of 8:40.50

> Mix also took top honors in the 800-meter run, coming off the track in 2:10.64. Teammate Kirk Johnson was third at 2:13.36.

Telman won the 300 low hurdles in 45.53. Red Arrow Brian Fitzpatrick was third, stopping the clock in 47.73. "I was pleased that in the hurdles and shot put, events that

I thought we should sweep, the boys did," Boeve said.

Hastings Relays

Lowell finished the week at 2-0 in the OKWhite.

Lowell boys track team tied for fourth place Saturday at

The Red Arrows tied Lansing-Waverly with 35 points. Grand Ledge won the 16-team event with 84 points. Three Rivers finished second with 62 and Hastings was third with

Ken Palcowski, Mike Williams, Kurt Telman and Mark Catlin took second in the 800-meter relay with a time of The same foursome placed third in the 400-meter relay

with a time of 45.5 and third in the 800-meter medley relay. stopping the clock in 1:40.5. "Our sprinters had a nice day," Lowell boys track coach

Keith Boeve said. Lowell was also among the best in the high jump and shot

Bill Stouffer and Andy Curtis earned a third in the shot put

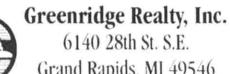
Williams and Jon Wiering were third in the high jump with a combined height of 11'8" Palcowski and Wiering finished sixth in the pole vault

with a combined distance of 86-1.

with a combined height of 36'4". Red Arrows' Wiering, Telman, Andy Roberts and Brian Fitzpatrick came home in 1:09.08 in the shuttle hurdle relays.



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and He must've called upon my daughter before fully grown, because she was the perfect rose that He wanted for His own.

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Mike Kemen There have been firearms in homes for years. Should we don't think it is enough - when prosecute parents for not a life has been taken. teaching children responsibility and how to responsibly use

a gun?

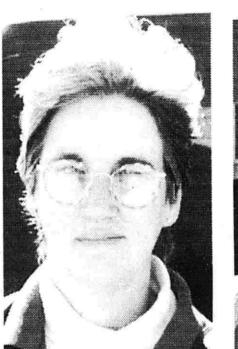
Carol Narrin

I think 10 years is about



the firearm owner would be sentenced to 10 years in jail. Do you support this?

Laura Osmolinski I like the legislation. I

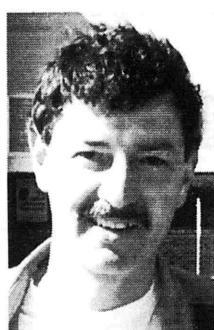


LAL TOWN TALK __

House Republicans are reversing course, saying they will pursue legislation allowing prosecutors to

go after gun owners whose careless storage of firearms leads to death or injury. If it leads to death,

Mary Strauss Neglect is a difficult thing to prove. If they can figure out a way to do that, then yes, I think something should be



Charlie Doom That is much too vague How does one interpret care less storage? The legislation

needs to have more guts.



Annie Charles

I think 10 years is a nice

middle of the road sentence.

It shouldn't be life, but there

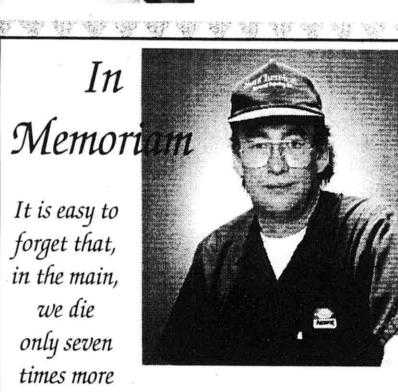
should be a jail sentence.

Julie Roth

I would support a 10-year sentence.

Kim Graham

I think 10 years is pretty good. I could support that.



slowly than our dogs. Very likely the last bird hunt for both of us, he being twelve and my knowing for a year that when Brownie was gone, that this game would be over in his life.

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