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Agricultural and Environmental Science Center groundbreaking will impact students' education

••• The festivities will commence at 9 a.m. Saturday across the street from the high school with the ceremonial groundbreaking scheduled for noon.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Agriculture and the environment have always been a big part of the June and Everett (pictured left) Wittenbach family life.

The ground-breaking festivities for the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Center on Saturday will impact the role which environment and agriculture play in the lives of a community for years to come.

The center, owned by Lowell Area Schools, will be located on an 80-acre parcel of land. It will provide students and the community with a training and learning facility for agriculture and environmental science and will consist of classrooms, livestock areas, and related activity areas.

It will also serve as a gateway to the Wege Natural Area for the Study of Ecology.

The Wege Natural Area is a nature preserve established in 1999 when the property was purchased by the Land Conservancy of West Michigan with funds donated by the Wege Foundation.

The construction of the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Center was made possible through a generous gift of

\$200,000 from June and the late Everett Wittenbach.

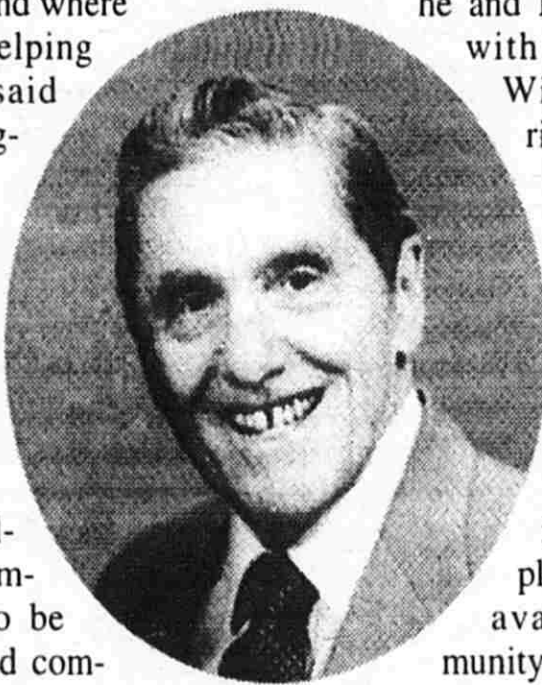
"The idea started from my father talking to Bill Roth and a member of the Lowell Education Foundation and hearing where the needs might be and where he and Mom could contribute in helping with these needs," said son, Stephen. "Ag-

always been a the Wittenbach life. In order to something back munity that has much to them, the thought this good fit."

The new facility, expected to be completed by September, will also be some schools and community groups outside the Lowell district.

The ceremony on Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. with activities for everyone. They include a self-guided scavenger hunt, a tour of the Wege Natural Area with Land Conservancy staff, student displays, and work to build a trail which will connect the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Center to the Wege preserve.

The ceremonial groundbreaking will take place at noon. A rain date has been set for May 13.



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All-terrain vehicle accident takes life of Lowell man

••• Steven Morlock, 21, incurred fatal injuries following an accident on Buttrick Ave. Friday night.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

When four-year-old Tyler Steven Morlock was diagnosed with cancer in December, it was Uncle Steve and his friends who had their heads shaved to show their support of Tyler.

Many of Tyler's rides to and from Grandma and Grandpa's (Sam and Betty Morlock) house were taken in Uncle Steve's truck.

When grandma needed someone to stay at the hospital with Tyler so she could go home and rest, oftentimes it was Uncle Steve.

While friends and family remembered 21-year-old Steven Michael Morlock as a young man who was rough around the edges, but a good-hearted kid, Tyler only knows "good-hearted Uncle Steve."

Steven Michael Morlock was killed in a fatal all-terrain vehicle accident late Friday night (April 28).

Kent County Sheriff's Department said Morlock was traveling southbound on Buttrick Ave. when his vehicle left the road and hit a tree, ejecting him and suffering fatal head injuries.

"He was with his friends in the Alto area trail riding with his quad. He was on his way to a friend's (Jason Roberts) house, I believe, to spend the night," Morlock's mother Betty said. "He was going around a curve on a gravel road when he lost control. The sheriff's department believes he died on impact."

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Steven Morlock

Advisory committee recommends nixing Spice and keeping Hot Choices on Lowell cable system

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

As directed by Lowell City Council in February, the citizen's advisory committee for the comprehensive review of Lowell Cable Television presented its findings and recommendations to the council Monday for consideration.

While not all parts of the recommendation were unanimously supported by committee members, three recommendations were made regarding the programming issue.

• It recommended that the Cable Television Board be directed to eliminate the Spice channel from the menu of LCTV offerings due to the singular sexual theme as exhibited by the sampled titles offered April 9-11. This recommendation was passed 9-0 by the committee.

• It recommended that the Hot Choices pay-per-view channel be maintained as an offering. The committee passed this recommendation 6-3.

"Some of the offerings on Hot Choices are similar in comparison to what viewers see on HBO and Cinemax," committee member Dave Simmonds explained. "Pay per view, however, allows subscribers to block out any movies shown. Subscribers can't do that with HBO and Cinemax."

Mayor Mike Blough said it would be heresy to take Hot Choices off the air. "What do you then say about HBO and Cinemax and where then would you stop?" Blough questioned.

In a third recommendation, the committee asked that the city council direct the LCTV board to develop a policy statement with regard to programming issues.

Councilman Don Green, who initially objected to Spice and Hot Choices being offered on digital cable, said he liked the overall point of the committee's report, but was concerned that programming which goes further than Hot Choices not be allowed.

"Now it's time to let the people prescribed by the ordinance to do what they're intended to do - develop a policy statement with regard to programming issues and submit it to the council for approval," Green said.

The committee also provided comments in regards to LCTV.

• It felt strongly about the value in maintaining Cable Television as a community-owned enterprise.

It went on to state that the cable system is an asset to the community because it uniquely provides clear reception of local stations, community access television, cultural enrichment, and expandable information infrastructure with local roots.

The committee was made up of Reverend Joe Fremer, Dean Lonick, Alan Teelander, David Simmonds, Flo Beggs, Deb Canfield, Jane Bossard, Jeanne Shores and Michael Blough.

Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television chairman Norm Borgerson said he felt the committee did an excellent job in coming up with a recommendation.

6th annual Lowell CROP Walk, Sunday

••• The walk for world hunger relief begins at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church

The sixth annual Lowell Area CROP Walk will take to the city streets on Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Participants will walk to raise money toward relief of worldwide hunger.

The CROP Walk Grand Marshal will be Mayor Mike Blough with his wife Toni.

If someone is in need of "walking papers" or they just want to sponsor someone else, they can call 897-5936.

General contributions may be made by writing a check to Church World Services and sent to Lowell Area CROP Hunger Walk c/o First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

Participants may walk the 6.2 mile course or they can opt for the shorter two-mile walk.

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OBITUARIES

DAWSON - Mary Mae Dawson was born March 10, 1908 and died March 26, 2000, at age 92. She was born in Albany, Ohio, to Fred and Hilah Cooley, graduated from Albany High School and earned a bachelor's degree in arts from Olivet Nazarene College in Olivet, IL in 1929. She married Rev. Lloyd Dawson in Dansville, IL on May 29, 1929 and had one son Dwight Dawson, three daughters Betty Dawson Mael, Dora Dawson and Esther Dawson Bott who all survive her. She also leaves nine grandchildren: 12 great-grandchildren and a brother-in-law Lester Dawson of Clarksville. She was preceded

and her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

MEYERS - Evelyn V. Meyers, aged 76, of Saranac, passed away April 27, 2000 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids. She was born in Belding June 19, 1923, and was the daughter of Smith Casner and Goldie Oberlin. She was a member of Green Corners Baptist Church and member of the Ladies Missionary Fellowship of Green Corners Baptist Church. She married Stanley Meyers December 7, 1939, in Belding who preceded her in death in 1984. She is survived by her children Patricia and Jack Todd of MO., Keith and Jackie Meyers of Belding, William and Suzanne Meyers of Saranac, Gary and Betty Meyers of Saranac. Steven and Anna Meyers of Kentucky, Mary Jo and Jerry Kammer of Belding, Lois and Michael Cahoon Jr. of Saranac, Theresa and Nathan Enloe of Oklahoma, Cathleen and John Gregory of Indiana and David and Ellen Meyers of Saranac; brothers Lyle and Beatrice Dodds of Baldwin and Gerald and Doris Dodds of Greenville; one sister Catherine and John Small of Arizona; 26 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother Vernon. Funeral services were held Monday at the Green Corners Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Leslie officiating; interment Sunset Memorial Gardens in

Ionia. Anyone wishing may make contributions to Saranac Fire Department or Green Corners Baptist Church.

MORLOCK - Steven Michael Morlock, aged 21, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Friday, April 28, 2000. He is preceded in death by his grandfathers Ralph Renfro and Milton Morlock. Survived by his parents Sam and Betty Morlock of Lowell; sister Jamie Morlock; nephews Tyler Steven Morlock and Kyle Austin Myers; grandmother Dorothy Morlock of Reed City; girlfriend Jamie Ruse of Alto; aunts, uncles and special uncle Bob Renfro and many friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Pastors Burland Margesson and Lee Taylor officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Tyler Steven Morlock Trust Fund.

PUCCI - Frank Reming Pucci, aged 76, of Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, April 27, 2000. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Ila; children Trudy and Ray Norsworthy of Greenville, SC.; David and

Rose Pucci of Grand Rapids, Gregory and Jenny Pucci of Ada, Frank Pucci of CA; sister Elanor and Norman Phillips; brothers Ray and Delma Pucci all of North Canton, OH, Melvin and Connie Pucci, Bob and JoAnne Pucci all of Alliance, OH; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Pucci was an avid outdoorsman and a great fisherman who was beloved by many family friends and fishing buddies. A celebration of life was held Sunday at Oakhill Presbyterian Church 1930 Leonard N.E., Rev. Jeff Carlson officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the VanAndel Institute for Research.

KENNEY - Glenn David Kenney, aged 44, of New York, died of accidental injuries on April 25, 2000. He is survived by his wife Cynthia (Ball) and their son Slade; his parents George and Connie Kenney; two brothers Mark and Dean and his wife Carol, all of Long Beach, New York. Also the family of Cindy Ball, her parents Harold and Rose Ball; her brothers and sisters Jim and Kim Ball, Dar and Colleen LaLone, Greg and Beth Ball and Patrick and Bonnie Ball, all of Lowell, and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held April 29. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Slade Kenney Memorial Fund, 74 Malone, Long Beach, New York 11561. Sympathies may also be sent to Cindy at this New York address.

ROWE - Coleta C. Rowe, of Lowell, born February 19, 1919, in Grand Rapids, passed away April 29, 2000, in Lowell. Mrs. Rowe graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in music, was a former teacher in Portland and a loving mother of three. Mrs. Rowe was a longtime resident of Portland and Lowell. Her husband Fred Rowe, Jr. of Portland preceded her in death. She is survived by her

Recognition luncheon at Englehardt

The Friends of the Englehardt Library, a branch of the Kent District Library, will host a volunteer recognition luncheon from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19 in the library's community room. The luncheon is for adults, and registration is required. Reservations are needed by May 12. The Friends of the Englehardt Library sponsor this appreciation luncheon in recognition of the hours donated by Englehardt volunteers.

For more information or to register for the Friends of the Library recognition luncheon, please call the Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library at 897-9596. The Englehardt Library is located at 290 North Monroe Street in Lowell.

GARAGE SALE FEVER HAS BEGUN!

DON'T FORGET THIS GREAT PAGE WHEN YOU BEGIN YOUR GARAGE SALE TRIP!

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET SALE
Sat., May 6, 8-4 p.m. River Place Association, off Vergennes between Lincoln Lake & Flat River. Name brand, clean clothes, infant - adult, furniture, TV's, lots of misc.

KEY HEIGHTS ANNUAL PARK-WIDE YARD SALE
May 6, 9-?

GARAGE SALE
Fri., May 5, noon - 5 & Sat., May 6, 8:30-5. Combined 2 households & have too much stuff! Lots of nice household items & clothes - several brand new, washer & dryer in good working condition. Gateway computer & printer, table & chairs, vacuum, microwave & dishes, some antiques & lots of house decor & knick-knacks. Worth the stop! 1140 Cumberland Ave., Lowell (1/2 mile N. of Eastgate).

YARD SALE
Sat., May 6, 9 a.m. - ? 11372 Ann St., Key Heights, Lot 8. Antique kitchen cabinet w/built-in flour sifter & bread box. Furniture, women's clothing, Code 3 emergency light bar, lots of Home Interior items, books & assorted household items.

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
704 Lincoln Lake (corner of Mercer) Fri., May 5, 8-5; Sat., May 6, 8-3. Computer software, (2) box springs, (2) bar stools, Beanie Babies, clothes: kids-adults & misc.

GRAND SLAM SALE
May 6, 9-5 p.m., 1818 Parnell Ave. Just around the corner from Settlewood! Men's, women's, and children's clothes, beds and frames, furniture, housewares, appliances, video tapes, and much more. 3-family sale.

SKIP GRAND SLAM
Try Lafayette Sales. 604 and 618. Thurs, Fri. and Sat. Many antiques; Noritake, Occupied, Bavarian, Dragonware, cup and saucers, stemware, lamps, tables. Recliner, color TV, 8 foot folding tables, gold/silver jewelry, wicker, bedding, folding lawn furniture, VCR movies, ornate brass fireplace screen, Beanies, books, clothes 7 to 2X.

GARAGE SALE
4, 5 & 6, rain or shine. Knick knacks, dressers, gently used baby items, cross bow, LP's, tools & lots of misc. 12700 Nash Hwy.

REAGAN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
1780 Woodrun. Thurs., Fri., & Sat., 9-7 p.m.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., May 5 & Sat., May 6, 10-5 p.m. 4670 & 4711 Honey Creek Ave. S. of Cannonsburg. Furniture, clothing, lots of household items.

YARD SALE
Thurs., May 4, Fri. May 5, 9-5pm. 13534 Forest River Dr. Lincoln Lake, east on Vergennes, north on Flat River to Forest River.

ON YOU WAY
to Grand Slam, stop by our Barn Sale, May 5 & 6, 9-4. NE corner of Parnell & Vergennes.

BARN SALE
Fri. & Sat., May 5 & 6, 9-5 p.m. Large assortment of antiques, collectibles, old books, saddle, lots of household & misc. too much to list. 9449 Wingeier, 1/2 mile S. of 92nd St.

GARAGE SALE
May 6, 9-4pm, 3749 Oak Meadow Ln. (s. off 36th St. just w. of Alden Nash). Artist table, quilting frames, Everlast punching bag, sewing table, travel bags, brief-cases, antique chairs, antiques & collectibles (NO CLOTHES).

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN
Mom of quads is cleaning house! Matching outfits, 2-3T for boys & girls; also shoes, coats, bikes, cars & lots more + 3 other families home stuff, remodeling, clothes, Southwestern decor. 1765 Woodrun Ct. Sat., May 6, 8-3 p.m. NO prior sales & no phone calls please.

GARAGE SALE
Clothes, furniture, Pokeman cards, Beanie Babies 10931 Settlewood, May 5 & 6.

DON'T STOP SHOPPING
because it's lunch time. Come to 10880 Woodbushe for delicious grilled hotdogs on May 6.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs, Fri., May 4 & 5, 8-5, 6686 Sayles Rd., Saranac.

ADA AREA GARAGE SALE
lots of junk! Check it out, Sears lawn tractor, 681 Spaulding Ave. SE, Thurs. & Fri., May 4 & 5, 10-6 p.m.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
May 4, 5 & 6, Thurs. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. King sz. waterbed, stereo, display case, RD condensed books, paperbacks, toys, clothes, snowblower attachment for wheelhorse tractor, much more! 13675 52nd St. Just S. of I-96.

BIG GARAGE SALE
household items, puzzles, adult bike, A/C, AB/cab machine, men's and toddler's clothes, DBL stroller, crib tent, books, etc., Fri. & Sat., May 5 & 6, 9a.m.-7p.m. 9762 Centerline Rd. bet. Lowell & Saranac off M21.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 6, 9-? Key Heights, 11364 Shiela. Boys infant-sz. 5, big men's size, women's plus size, wall air conditioning unit, 10-spd. bike.

HUGE SALE
bunkbeds, queen waterbed, clothes & misc. May 4, 5 & 6, 8-5, 179 Liberty, Saranac behind Adgates.

GARAGE SALE
177 S. West Street & 1111 Bowes Rd. May 5 & 6.

YARD SALE
May 6, too many items to list. Rain date is May 13. 332 N. Washington, Lowell.

BEFORE A GRAND SLAM
can count ya gotta touch em all. So be sure to stop here to this annual Multi Family Garage Sale. Fri., May 5th and Sat., May 6th at 325 Alden Nash, (just north of Zeigler Ford). Kids toys, books and clothes, sewing machine table, desk, household items, vanities, toilet, attic stairs and much more.

GARAGE SALE
Name brand infant - sz. 2T girls clothes, some adult clothing, infant toys, household items. Sat., May 6, 8:30-5 p.m. 10909 Woodbushe.

HUGE YARD/FARM BARN SALE
9403 Bailey Dr. Saturday May 6, 9-5.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs., May 5, 9-6, 6867 Glencreek off Hanna Lake, Dutton. Boys newborn to 2 & 7 & 8 women's & household items.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., April 30, 9-5 p.m. 2765 Segwun. Antiques, tools, dishes, Victorian stove, large butcher block, advertising, rototiller, large stain glass window, much misc. No clothes.

HUGE SALE
May 5 & 6. Breadmakers, couch, kitchen table, country cottage toddler bed, boys & girls clothes, picnic table & Pack & Play, tons of toys & much more. 11041 Woodbushe.

SECOND BEST SALE
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3 miles East on 21, Thurs., May 4, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clothes, knick-knacks & household items. Lots of everything.

HUGE SALE
Something for everyone. May 4, 5 & 6, 9-7, table saw, furniture, milk cans, household goods. 12108 Grand River Dr.

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 6. Kids clothes, misc. items. 3905 & 3906 Murray View.

GARAGE SALE
10778 Deerwood, May 5, 10-5, May 6, 8-2 p.m., 1 1/2-year-old couch & love seat set, TV, VCR, 2 video game machines w/games, baby items, new storm door, new bunkie mattress, clothes size newborn to 3 yrs.

GARAGE SALE
May 5 & 6. Adult clothes, exercise equipment, furniture, lots of misc. Come see 518 High St., Lowell. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GARAGE SALE
604 and 618 Lafayette, Thurs, Fri. and Sat., 8-? WOW! Skip the rest and come to the best WOW!

STREET SALE
May 5 & 6, Fri. 1-5 p.m. & Sat., 9-5 p.m. Fairwinds Ct., near Snow & 68th. Kids & adult clothes, furniture, many other items.

EASTGATE GRAND SLAM SALES!
SAT., MAY 6!

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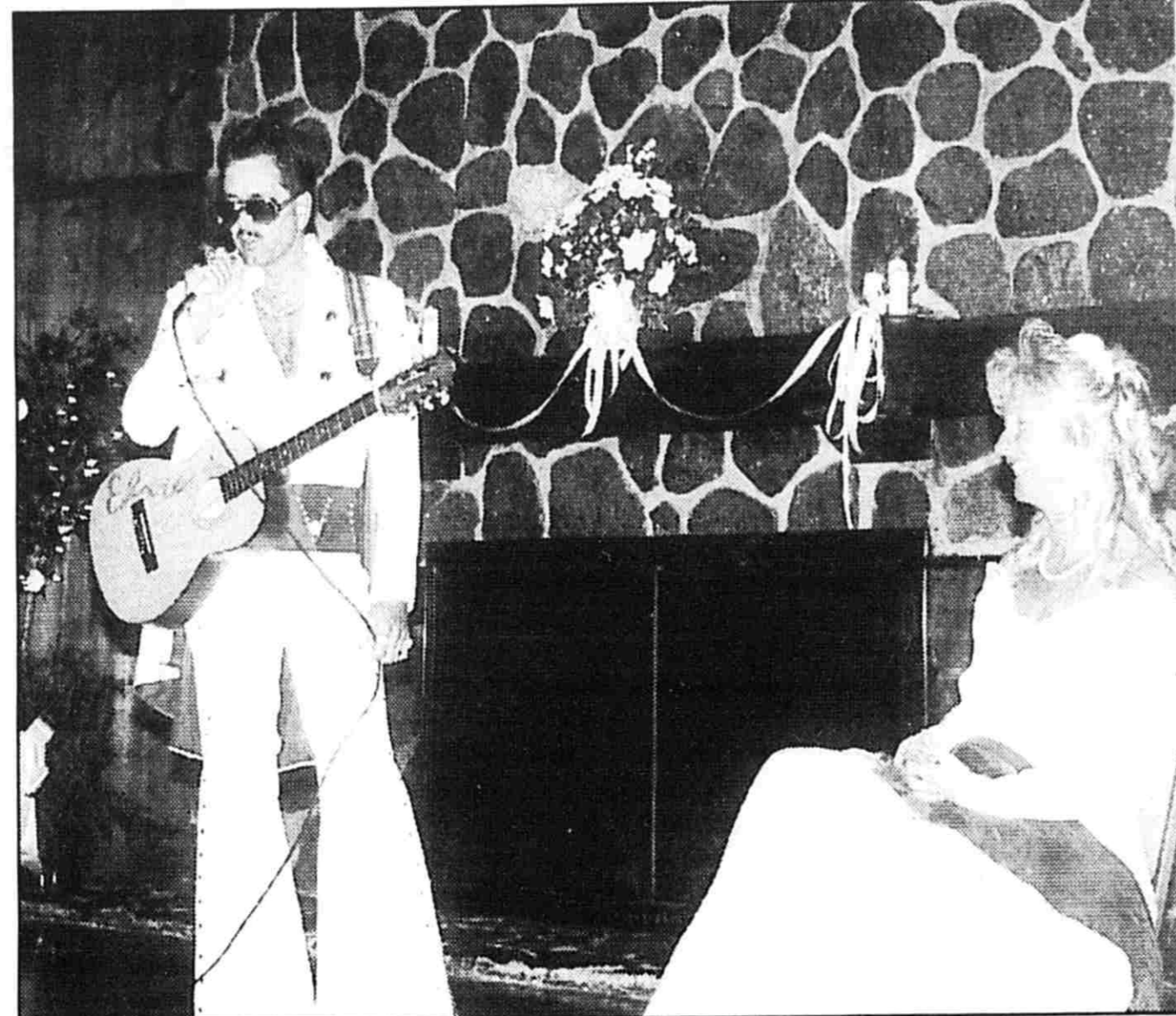
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CAPITOL GANG

Capitol Experience 2000, a 4-H event held in Lansing, is designed to give teens a better understanding of government and current issues. Teens from all

over the state attended this 4-day workshop and had an opportunity to meet with Representative Doug Hart. Students from the Lowell area included: Laura Miller, Erin Doyle, Elizabeth Schreur and Abby Mathews.



Abel/O'Donnell

LeeAnn O'Donnell and Dave Abel of Lowell were married on Saturday, April 22, at Deer Run Country Club. Maid of honor was Traci Flynn. The best man was Terry Abel. Other members of the wedding party were Tommy O'Donnell, Chris Abel and Rachael Abel. Dave Abel (alias Elvis) surprised the bride with a stirring rendition of "Can't Help Falling In Love." The Elvis outfit was provided by Tony Asselta, president of Root-Lowell Manufacturing.

Worship event to benefit Habitat for Humanity

A celebrative worship event will give opportunity to give to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity provides help to economically disadvantaged families in the area of achieving home ownership. The Community-Wide Ascension Celebration 2000 will collect a free-will offering for Habitat for Humanity. The event is in celebration of Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter when Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. The evening of inspiration and praise will highlight guest speaker, Rev. David Feddes, international radio broadcaster of *The*

Back to God Hour. In addition, local musicians will take part in choirs and instrumental groups. The event is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, at the Performing Arts Center of the Lowell High School. A nursery is available and a time of coffee fellowship will occur immediately after the event. The public is cordially invited. Local musicians desiring to be part of the planned choirs and instrumental groups are invited to do so. Please call Calvary Christian Reformed Church by May 8, at 897-7060.



Week of 5/8 - 5/12

ELEMENTARY
*White & chocolate milk offered daily.
*Lunch: \$1.35

MON: Ravioli & cheese & breadstick or cook's choice, peaches, tossed salad.

TUES: Pepperoni pizza or egg, ham & cheese on English muffin, corn, blueberries w/whipped cream.

WED: Turkey & cheese bagel sandwich, crispito & cheese w/roll, pears/carrots, pudding.

THURS: Chunky chicken gravy or fish nuggets, mashed potatoes, cherries, biscuit/cookie.

FRI: Spaghetti w/meat sauce & roll or chicken patty on bun, cinnamon apples, tator tots.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS
*White & chocolate milk offered daily.
*Lunch: \$1.50

MON: Mini corn dogs or chicken nuggets, sherbet cup or juice, mashed potatoes, bread choice.

TUES: 2 egg, ham & cheese English muffins, or crispito & cheese w/bread choice, corn, blueberries.

WED: Turkey & cheese bagel sandwich or French toast sticks & scrambled eggs, tator tots/fruit.

THURS: Chunky chicken gravy & biscuit or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, cherries.

FRI: Spaghetti w/meat sauce & roll or pizza wedge, mixed vegetables, pears, cookie.

Caledonia Sportsman's Club
100th Ave and Coldwater SE • 891-1168

SWISS STEAK DINNER
Sat., May 6 • 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.
Adults \$6.00 Children Under 12...\$4.50

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 8: Rhoda Greenman-Batt, Rhonda Timmers, Mary Mooney, F.J. Johnson Jr.
MAY 9: Tasha Yetter, Ashley Kennedy, Hillary Briggs.
MAY 10: Dee Korb, Becky Raynor, Jim Lindhout, Eric Swift, Jim Stone.

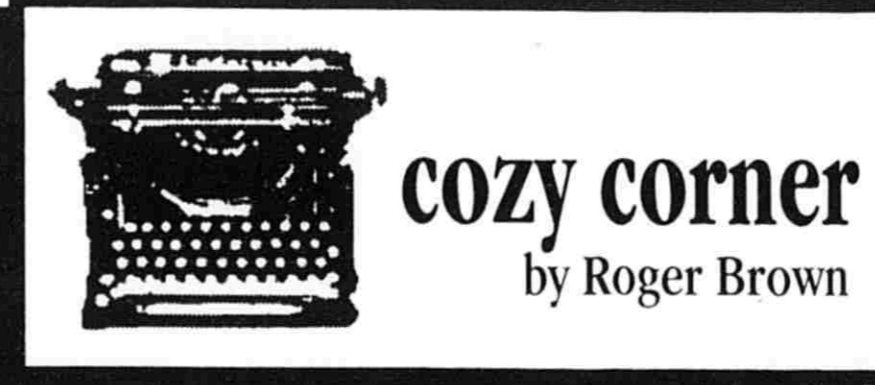
MAY 4: John Borton, David Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith.
MAY 5: Scott Carpenter, Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino, Brenda Erickson, Robert Dalziel.

MAY 7: John Schalow, LeAnn VanDyke, Duane Rasch.

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<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship..... 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship Time..... 9:30 A.M. Sunday School..... 9:50 A.M. Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Kids' Club (Wed.)..... After school til 5:30</p> <p>REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185</p> <p>Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11 A.M. Evening Service..... 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Pastor Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Worship Celebration : 8:30 & 11 a.m. School of the Bible: 6 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7 p.m.</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School..... 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bruce Walter</p>		
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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

After fifty years on this old planet I began to believe I'd finally realized my fantasy. When I didn't receive a census form, I thought perhaps I'd at last become such a moving target that "Big Brother" had lost track of me. As big as I am, it's not easy to simply disappear. Even as a kid, in my "husky" pants, I was much better at king-on-the mountain than at hide-and-seek.

Aside from his less than admirable habit of blowing up innocent people, Ted Kazinski is something of a hero to me. Living in a little shack in Montana with no identity while writing a manifesto to fill the idle hours, seems completely rational compared to the frenzied life I currently lead.

When the deadline for returning census forms came and went, I was overwhelmed with a sense of joy at being a nonentity. It was a feeling of spring, a fresh start of being born again! I could quit filing a tax return! My little dream lasted until the next day's mail which contained a letter from the I.R.S. dunning me for an underpayment in the fourth quarter of 1999. Back to reality.

Somewhere along the line I got to thinking about just how completely stupid a census is in this computerized day and age. If the government can't get a handle on the population from all the other information they have on us, then they don't deserve to know if we exist.

I mentioned taxes. The I.R.S., State Treasury, County Clerk and City Assessor tell me how much I earn, how much I'm worth and what my property is valued at. Don't believe me? Try telling them you earned less than they say you did. Try telling them your house isn't worth as much as they say it is. Try telling them you didn't pay that much for a car. Like I said, they already know all that stuff, and they know exactly how to get a hold of you if the numbers don't agree.

For tax purposes alone I am known by my social security number, a federal tax I.D. number, two state sales tax numbers

and several property tax numbers. All of them are in computers with my name, address and phone number just in case they want to drop me a line or give me a call to brighten my day.

Other forms of identification that come immediately to mind include a driver's license number, passport number, credit card numbers, a birth certificate on file, my fingerprints on file, a pilot's license number and probably an old Mickey Mouse Club membership floating around somewhere.

For every car, truck, watercraft, motorcycle, snowmobile, airplane or tricycle you might own, Big Brother has a vehicle identification number, tied to a license number, tied to an address and phone number that is you. The last time I registered a vehicle they asked for my address and I gave them the P.O. box number. They said they needed a physical address. I told them it was a big box and I have a cot, hot plate and TV set up in there. They didn't think that was very funny.

In terms of phone numbers alone, my life is chaos. Counting all the business lines, fax lines, dedicated internet lines, cell phones, home phones and a phone at the hangar, I count thirteen. What's really scary is not the fact I know all those numbers, but that everybody and their brother knows those numbers. I get sales calls all the time trying to sell me everything from lawn care to long distance service. I get the sneaking suspicion that if True Green has my phone numbers, Big Brother has them as well.

My life is not only tied to a jumble of numbers... there are letters as well. For instance, I am a member of the E.A.A., A.O.P. A., V.F.W., A.A.R.P., T.P.A., A.A.A., M.A.P.A., etc. Besides the acronym-heavy associations, I belong to the American Legion, Rotary International, Moose, the Chamber of Commerce and a few others that don't come immediately to mind. The bottom line is, I'm sure all these organizations make their memberships readily available to the government, so why should I have to re-invent the wheel on a census form.

What I've been trying to establish here is that we're all so incredibly linked to "the system" there is virtually no way to disappear. The government already has more information about us than they can possibly digest. I have no idea what this census is going to cost, but if you ask me, it's a complete waste of time and money. Of course, nobody asked me. They only contact me when they want more of my money.

If I sound sour, it's primarily because of just coming out of the tax season. Paying all that tax is bad enough, but when the government is making life miserable because of a couple

oversights and errors, then piling on penalties and interest... it's pretty easy to dream about dropping out. Unfortunately, it's not to be. The Census Bureau found me. They came a knockin' at my Florida residence and my wife told them about me. Damn... there goes my shack in Montana!

By Priscilla Lusmyer

Ledger Entries
of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 5, 1875

Boys went barefooted the 1st of May - in 4 inches of snow. "In most towns of this size where they have cornet bands the citizens chip in a V apiece and buy uniforms for the boys." The school grounds have been ornamented with a large number of shade trees and evergreens. The following is a sample from a 37-verse poem by a local (amateur) poet: "The verdant spring has come. And I am glad of it. For now I can burn my rubbers. And hide the paregoric." The Legislature decides that May 30 should be a legal holiday. "Memorial Day."

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 3, 1900

The Base Ball opener will be Saturday at Train's Driving Park, with the Grand Rapids YMCA; parade beforehand with the Lowell Band, and city council riding in Mr. English's automobile. The village president will throw out the first ball. Benjamin Morse has been appointed Dog Warden. Immense marl beds scattered over 1000 acres have been found at Lake Odessa.

In state news is the story that a Lowell thief stole 14 dozen eggs and a pair of trousers from a hotel kitchen, then went to a grocery store and sold the eggs; local officers haven't caught up with him yet.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO MAY 7, 1925

The Campau Lake pavilion goes up in flames, but the Lasby house, garage and ice house are saved by a bucket brigade of neighbors.

Editor F.M. Johnson introduces the now associate and possible purchaser of the Ledger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Long. The editor's height gives rise to the possible name. Short & Long.

General von Hindenburg becomes Germany's first elected president.

The Pullman Co. of Chicago announces plans to build all-Pullman fleets of airplanes for transcontinental commercial flights.

The Michigan Senate passes a Whipping Post bill, too late for the House to act on in this session.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 4, 1950

The Lowell Ledger starts its 57th year, having had only two owner-publishers, Frank M. Johnson and R. G. Jefferies.

The Lowell Glass Co., in Hattie Scott's old candy kitchen, receives large contracts to make glass tops for refrigerator hydrators.

There will be no more double parking on Main Street, except on the bridge for loading-unloading.

W.A. Roth & Sons opens the new funeral chapel at the corner of Hudson and Elm.

The Honey Creek School will have a May Day Festival next Sunday afternoon, with May Queen and court (8th graders) and a maypole dance.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER & SUBURBAN LIFE MAY 1, 1975

Students present the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" under the direction of Paul Balaam.

Clean-Up Week is next week - with free pickup of trash. The School Board receives requests for a class-sponsored rock concert at the amphitheater, and for more and better tennis courts.

Posted notices requiring all school visitors to register in the office follow an incident of school property damage and an injured student when some Grand Rapids students entered the high school.

Community garden plots will be available in May, east of the middle school parking lot by the city water works.

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,
Have you noticed the beautiful deciduous trees with their new leaves and flowers along the streets of Lowell? The trees are from five to 15 feet high and were purchased by money donated by the Look Foundation. Nearly 500 trees were planted in selected locations under Lowell Showboat Garden Club direction. The greatest enemy of these trees is the lawn mower. Careful mowing, mulching and watering will only enhance their beauty and growth.

Bruce Walter
Dear Editor:
Tomorrow on Thursday, May 4, 2000, millions of people across this country will come together and observe the 49th annual National Day of Prayer. Here in Lowell we will be gathering on the Riverwalk (Englehardt Community room in case of rain) for our 5th annual recognition from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Our theme this year is "PRAY2K: America's Hope for the New Millennium." It is based on Romans 12:12: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Our second president, John Adams, in 1798, stated to our military, "We have no government armed with power capable

of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Alexis de Tocqueville, a famous French statesman, in 1831, came to observe the success of America. He noted, "In France, I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country. Christianity, therefore, reigns without obstacle, by universal consent." He sought for America's greatness in many aspects of her way of life; his conclusion was "Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Much has changed in America. Join us tomorrow, on the Riverwalk, as we seek to give God the glory due His name. Come pray with us that His mercy, grace, and wisdom be poured out on our government leaders, families, churches, schools and community.

James and Judy Sterling
National Day of Prayer Task Force

Sharing The Vision

PETER L. GUSTAFSON
Lowell Board of Education President

Decision time is fast approaching for the Board of Education on the new facilities to meet the needs of our community. Our goal remains to provide the best possible education for Lowell students in a financially prudent manner. The Board's final decision will be based on an evaluation of the extensive work done by our fine community-based demographics committee, as well as a careful assessment of the costs associated with the various options.

Drawing on the work of the demographics committee, three basic elements for facilities enhancement have emerged: 1) Construction of new elementary facilities; 2) modest expansion of the high school; and 3) various technology upgrades, needed improvements and repairs to our existing buildings. The Board concurs that each of these elements must be addressed. The remaining question is one of timing-when will the projects to satisfy these elements be undertaken?

It is likely that the Board will approve submission of a bond issue to the citizens of Lowell this fall to raise the funds for the facilities enhancement project. It is also likely that the overall project will involve two phases- not all of the construction work needed in the next 5 to 8 years will be voted on and undertaken immediately. Some of that work is likely to be deferred to phase two.

An example of the two-phase issue the Board is grappling with concerns new elementary facilities. There seems

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But, sooner or later, you will retire or leave your job. When that happens, what should you do with your qualified plan distributions?

Basically, you have four choices:

Leave the money in your plan, if the plan allows it. Some employer-sponsored plans allow former employees to leave their retirement funds in the plan, even after they leave their job. If you have been satisfied with the performance of your retirement plan, you might want to consider this option. Your earnings will continue to grow tax-deferred, and you won't have to look around

for a new place to put your money. If you choose this option, however, you generally won't be allowed to contribute any new funds, and your distribution options may be limited.

Roll the money over into an IRA. If you pick this option, you can retain the benefit of tax deferral. And you can invest your IRA dollars in virtually any type of investment, such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds. Once the money is in the IRA, you may even be able to roll the money over into a Roth IRA, in which case your earnings grow totally tax-free, provided you meet certain qualifications.

Roll the money over into your new employer's plan. Your new employer's qualified retirement plan may accept a rollover from your old plan. If you like the investment choices available in the new plan, this type of rollover could be a good move.

Take the money as a lump sum distribution. If you are leaving your job to start your own business, you might need to take your

retirement funds to help pay for your start-up costs. However, you should be aware that this move has some serious tax consequences. You will have to pay income taxes on your distribution, and you may also have to pay a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. Still, if you also have an opportunity that you want to take advantage of, and you don't have access to other financial resources, you might want to consider taking your retirement money as a lump sum.

Which retirement distribution option is best for you? It depends on your individual circumstances — your employment situation, tax picture, investment portfolio and personal preferences. Before you make a decision, you will probably want to consult with your tax adviser. Remember, your distribution may well represent the largest sum of money you'll ever receive at one time — so use it wisely.

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to be a clear consensus that two new elementary schools will be needed in the next three to five years. We could build both right away (assuming the bond issue passes), or ask the voters to approve construction of only one now, with the other to follow as phase two in a few years. Our analysis is that existing facilities, with some realignment, can accommodate growth in the K-5 elementary grades for a few more years, if only one new elementary is constructed in the northern part of the district. On the other hand, the argument can be made that both new elementary buildings should be constructed now, even if this would lead to some extra capacity for a few years.

The decision on this crucial issue will likely turn on availability of operating funds. While new buildings can be financed by a

bond issue, operating those new facilities must be paid for from our existing state revenues, largely the foundation allowance of some \$5,696 per student (the amount received by us and other districts at the lower end in KISD). If we build one or more new elementary buildings, we want to be sure that we have enough money to operate those buildings without jeopardizing our budget for educational programs. This means, in turn, that the district should be careful about building facilities before they are truly needed, because if we have buildings with excess capacity, this could squeeze our funds for educational programs. And our first priority remains providing high quality education. Buildings are important and necessary, but the teaching and learning that goes on in those buildings is even more crucial.

Lowell High School's March Students of the Month

During the month of March, Lowell High School is honoring six students as Students of the Month.

Beth Roudabush, a senior, was chosen by the math department. She is the daughter of Kurt and Wilma Roudabush of Lowell. She is active in her church youth group and plans to go to New Mexico this summer for a mission trip. Next year she plans to attend Cornerstone University to study business. Her teacher nominator says she is a joy to have as a student.

Lindsey Thaler, a senior, was also chosen by the math department. She is the daughter of David and Carolyn Thaler, both of Lowell. Thaler is involved in many extracurricular activities: International Club, Amnesty International, National Honor Society, Freshman Academy, S.A.D.D. and softball. Next

year she will attend G.R.C.C. and later transfer to U of M. She plans to major in atmospheric science. Her teacher nominator says she is continually scores at the top of her class in AP calculus.

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.U. and major in biochemistry or pre-pharmacy. Her favorite classes are jazz band and AP chemistry. Her teacher nominator says she is a leader in the band.

Jennifer Bellechasses, a senior, was the choice of the life management department. She is the daughter of Eric and Lori Bellechasses of Ada.

She plans to work next year and continue volunteering at a Bible educational service. Her favorite classes are her advanced art classes. Her teacher nominator says she takes her school to work job experience very seriously and has excelled. She is employed at Egypt Valley Country Club and Lowell City Hall.

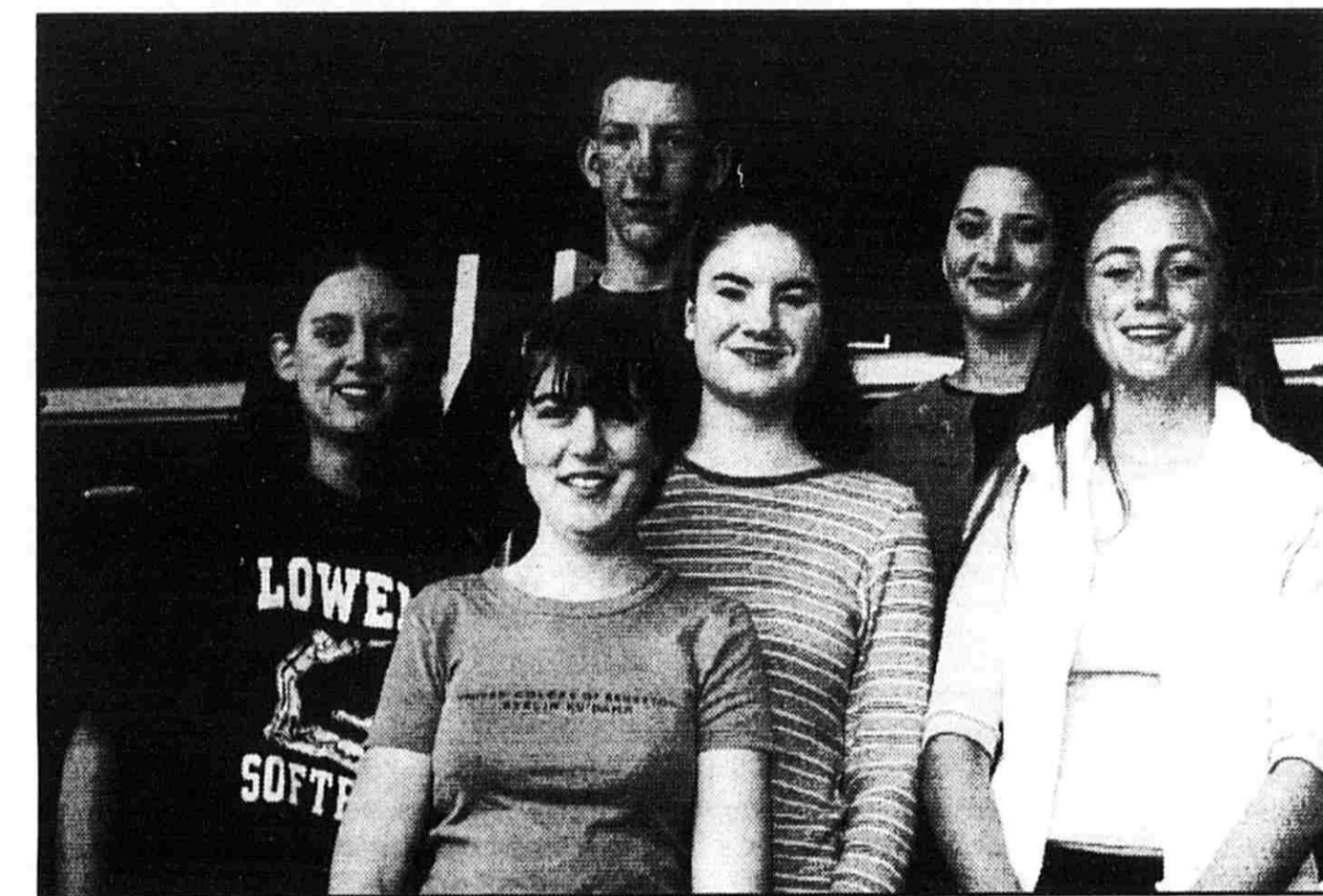
Andy Penninga, a senior, was also selected by the life management department. He is the son of Paul and Ann Penninga, of Clarksville. He is employed at Penninga Farms and plans to continue working there next year after graduation. His favorite classes are school to work and advanced P.E. His teacher nominator says that he has been an excellent student and worker in the school to work program all year.

Kelsey Capps, a freshman, was chosen by the physical education department. She

is the daughter of Tom and Carol Capps of Lowell. Her extracurricular activities include S.A.D.D., marching

band, student council, soccer, basketball and volleyball. Her favorite classes are math, science and physical educa-

tion. Her teacher nominator says she is hard working, never complains and is a good student athlete.



LHS' March Students of the Month, pictured left to right, are: Lindsey Thaler, Lindsay Perkins, Andy Penninga, Beth Roudabush, Jennifer Bellechasses and Kelsey Capps.

AT&T revises communication facility plan

With a revised engineering drawing in hand, AT&T's Matt Juron made a second request in as many weeks for a special use permit to allow construction of a wireless communication facility on an existing Consumers Energy tower.

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission approved

construction of the facility with the requirement that six-foot trees be planted around the building which will house the switching mechanism.

Planning commission chairman Dick Bryan said the trees will screen the view of the structure from neighbors.

Initially, AT&T planned to attach the antenna to the existing Consumers Energy power structure. Consumers wanted AT&T to construct a Ft. Worth power mount inside the Consumers Energy structure.

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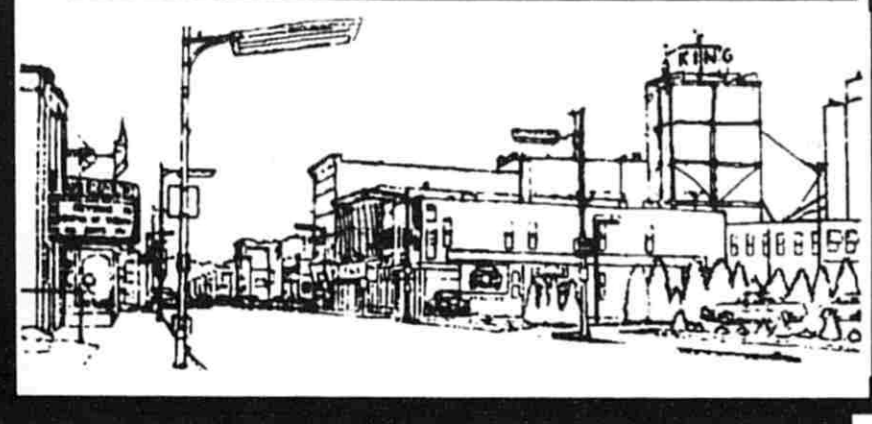
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from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Featured will be the Praise Band, Ringspiration and Rapture along with other special guests. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Join the community this Saturday, May 6 for the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Center groundbreaking festivities across from the high school (11700 Vergennes Rd.).

Tours and family activities will begin at 9 a.m. until noon when the groundbreaking ceremony takes place.

SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club meeting will be held

Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the Nazarene Fellowship Hall. Lois Wier will be speaking on *Iris, the Rainbow Flower*. Gardeners are welcome to attend.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY CARNIVAL

A preschool family carnival is planned for May 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Runciman gym. Games, face painting, cupcake walk, prizes and food will make this an evening your family won't want to miss. \$1 per family.

Sponsored by TOTS, an early childhood initiative of the Lowell Area Schools.

CLASS OF '90 REUNION

Lowell High School's class of 1990 will be holding its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Deer Run Golf Course. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations must be sent in by June 1 to Chris or Selena DeGrote, 183 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-7468.

Morlock, continued.... From Page 1

Morlock was not wearing a helmet. The accident was reported shortly before midnight. "Steve was rough

around the edges. He lived one day at a time. He liked his freedom and didn't like to be

contained," his mother explained. Morlock worked at the

Ruse Tree Farm on 64th St. in Alto.

"Steve really liked that. He wanted to some day start a tree farm on our property," Morlock said. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Sam and Betty Morlock of Lowell; his sister, Jamie Morlock; his grandmother, Dorothy Morlock of Reed City; his girl friend, Jamie Ruse of Alto; and his special nephew Tyler Morlock.

"Tyler is doing pretty good. He asks where his Uncle Steve is - and if we would call and ask Uncle Steve, 'What he did with that truck of mine...'"

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LL&P general manager to leave post at month's end

••• Ron Holcomb announces he will return to Clarksville, TN to take a consulting manager position.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ron Holcomb, general manager for Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television, announced he will be leaving the company at the end of May.

Holcomb has accepted a consulting manager position with Virchow Krause at its branch office in Clarksville, TN.

"I have found being a part of the growth and success of LL&P/Lowell Cable to be very rewarding," Holcomb said.

The decision to take the consulting manager position will enable Holcomb's wife, Christina, to work with his

mother at a Montessori school. "Eventually Christina will take over the school operation when my mother retires," Holcomb said.

Holcomb came to Lowell a year-and-a-half ago. During his stay, he has kept a full slate.

"One should not be measured by time spent, but by what gets done," Holcomb explains.

The general manager has overseen the reorganization of the power and cable company, the installation of a new cooling system for the engines, a new billing and accounting system which has led to combined envelope billing for utilities, installation of digital cable, and the building renovation project which is scheduled to be completed in June.



Ron Holcomb

"The right people and skills are in place to continue the growth and success of the company," Holcomb said.

The outgoing general manager said the company's future, he hopes, will bring a new substation and high speed data access for the cable system.

Tom Richards, marketing programming manager, will serve as the interim general manager. Holcomb believes Richards will be strongly considered for the general manager position.

"I would like to thank Tom, Mary Sawka and Jeff Mullins. They have been kind, open and helpful to me," Holcomb said. "I would also

like to thank Bill Thompson, Bert Bleke and Norm Borgerson for having the vision to know Lowell needs to change."

Senior Neighbors looking for volunteers

The Lowell Senior Neighbors are in need of reliable volunteers to deliver meals to elderly residents Monday through Friday. A generous mileage allowance is offered. If you would like to help, call Sue or Juanita at 897-5949.

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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-169,159 SE

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2000.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Quada, Shores and Mayor Blough
Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City 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 GREEN that the minutes of the April 10, 2000 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (04/24/00)

GENERAL FUND	\$78,979.19
MAJOR STREET FUND	99.55
LOCAL STREET FUND	99.55
DDA FUND	79,252.78
AIRPORT FUND	6,400.00
WASTEWATER FUND	26,592.27
WATER FUND	17,014.70
DATA PROCESSING FUND	244.14
EQUIPMENT FUND	46,791.93
CURRENT TAX FUND	3,530.23
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Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RELATED TO OUTDOOR MERCHANDISE DISPLAYS - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC HEARING. At its September 7, 1999 meeting, the City Council referred the issue of outdoor merchandise displays in 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. Also, in the C-3 General Business District, displays can be no closer than ten feet from any line abutting a public street. In the downtown, all merchandise must be removed and stored indoors when the business is closed. With the General Business District, these goods must be within ten feet of the front of the building upon closing. At its March 27, 2000 meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended adoption of these ordinance amendments.

Councilmember Myers questioned if there would be any merchants in either district who would not be in compliance with the ordinance. City Manager Pasquale had no merchants come to mind.

Myers stated some of these merchants store products outside (primarily garden products), and questioned if they would meet these guidelines. Pasquale said any business within the downtown district must bring in all items when closed. The General Business District allows items to remain outside, but must be stored within 10 feet of the building. Myers questioned if this meant the first item had to be within 10 feet. Pasquale responded all goods.

Councilmember Quada asked what the penalties were for being in violation of this ordinance. Pasquale responded this would be considered a misde-

meanor. The merchant may be given an appearance ticket, possibly a maximum of 90 days in jail or a fine of no greater than \$500.

Mayor Blough believed most businesses comply with the ordinance. He said this question was discussed relative to the difference between the General Business District and the Central Business District. The Planning Commission held several work sessions with interested committee members. The discussion was spirited and everyone participated in a manner to which a compromise was found.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded BY MYERS to approve the zoning ordinance amendments related to outdoor merchandise displays.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM (PTAS) UPGRADE PROJECT - CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH KENT COUNTY. Assistant County Administrator Alan Vanderberg stated the Property Tax Administration System (PTAS) was founded in 1970. The County shared time on the board of the computer system with Grand Rapids Public Schools. The system progressed through a major upgrade at which time the County wrote its own program. Approximately two years ago, the County lost its last two computer programmers who were familiar with the outdated M204 Platform System. The County paid a fairly high consultant fee to keep the system operating, while the communities developed an alternative system. The County has worked closely for the last year and a half with the Assessors and Treasurers who have been members of the PTAS for the past 30 years. The group has had design sessions and has completed a process of selecting bidders and reviewing products. The final three bidders established their systems at the county building and later at Grand Rapids Township which allowed for a hands-on demonstration of their products. Converging Group is an implementor of the software whose services would be approximately 4.8 million dollars. The costs of the County Information Technology Department would bring the project total to 5.4 million dollars. The County has proposed to pay 100% of the initial cost and then billing 50% to the local units. The system is scheduled to be operating by January 1, 2002.

Vanderberg noted the new system would allow employees to download and provide changes directly on the system.

Mayor Blough questioned if the cost of the system included training for City personnel. Vanderberg responded yes. He stated this includes initial training for employees. In addition a new employee can receive training through the Information Technology Department for a fee.

Blough inquired how City employees would be able to access the data in real time. Vanderberg responded through an area wide network. He noted the proposal did not include the construction cost of an area wide network due to this being a dial up system.

Blough questioned the amount of the additional costs. Vanderberg said this would depend on speed type selected by the City. The cost could be a few thousand dollars. City Manager Pasquale noted an estimated cost has already been included in the budget.

Blough asked how the residents would benefit from the new system and inquired if this would be a labor type savings for the City. Pasquale felt this was difficult to categorize. He said the City examines the delivery of the data. It is believed the data can be delivered more efficiently.

Pasquale did not believe the benefits could be calculated down to man-hours. He noted nearly all units within Kent County would be participating which would allow for uniformity in terms of gathering data.

Vanderberg explained the services provided by Kent County. He said the department handles all name and address changes, sales entry, assign permanent parcels numbers and manage those parcels. They send out all assessment change notices, review letters, board of review letters, legal description maintenance and handle parcel management. Vanderberg noted this service is not provided by many other counties. Local units are mandated by the land division control act to perform land splits. The department also provides assessment reports, workbooks and rolls.

A computer link is provided with the Property Description and Mapping, County Treasurer's and also the Equalization Departments. Legal compliance with the general property tax act is also given along with millage rate maintenance, tax bills and order change bills.

Vanderberg noted the Cities of Wyoming and Grand Rapids will be saving a large amount of money by joining this program. Councilmember Myers asked if these cities will participate in the program. Vanderberg responded yes, each has signed the agreement. He noted the department has received sixteen signed agreements.

Myers questioned if Lowell or Vergennes Townships had signed the agreement. Vanderberg responded yes.

Myers asked if there were any expenses involved which may be tied to total assessment values or a per parcel type cost. Vanderberg explained there are development costs for building the system and noted this would be paid off over a six-year period of time. There is the annual O&M costs and also the direct costs, which include the actual costs for paper, postage and envelopes when the statements are sent out. As far as the O&M and development costs, 50% of the local share is based on the parcel count and 50% is based on the state equalized value of the annual bills.

Myers questioned if Vanderberg was on the payroll with Kent County. He wanted to ensure this was not a private entity. Vanderberg responded he is not with a private firm and on the Kent County payroll.

Vanderberg introduced his daughter Samantha who is a fourth grader at National Heritage Academy in Walker.

Councilmember Quada asked if Pasquale was recommending the contract in its entirety and questioned if he was satisfied with it. Pasquale responded yes. Quada confirmed the City Attorney had reviewed the contract. Pasquale responded the contract has been reviewed by the attorney.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by QUADA to adopt the agreement with Kent County regarding the Property Tax Administration System (PTAS).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 805 E. Main - Roll Away Family Fun Center - variances regarding minimum lot size and parking related to miniature golf course - public hearing Robert Van Noller wished to establish a miniature golf course on his Roll Away property located at the East Main - Grove - Avery intersection. Miniature golf courses are considered an open-air business and as such, special land uses.

City Manager Pasquale noted the Planning Commission has approved the Special Use Permit and the Site Plan Review at its April 17, 2000 meeting. The miniature golf course, which is considered an open-air business, must be a minimum of one acre. Currently the proposed miniature golf course, as part of Roll Away, has approximately .8 acres. Also, there is a necessity of 54 parking spaces or three parking spaces per hole. As counted by the Planning Commission, there were 36 spaces identified on the site.

Pasquale stated two variances need to be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Commission at its March 27, 2000 meeting had reviewed both and has recommended each be approved by the Zoning Board.

The Planning Commission approved the Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review at their meeting last week. The approval of the plan was contingent upon a performance guarantee of \$2,200 for landscaping, final plans for signage and the granting of the two variances by the ZBA.

Myers noted the ZBA did not have the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting of April 17, 2000. However, the Board had the minutes from the March 27, 2000 meeting which indicated a vote of 9 to 0 with no absences or abstentions for approval of the variances.

Owner of Roll Away Family Fun Center Robert Van Noller was present for discussion. He wished to improve the streetscape and develop a better environment for

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kids and families.

Shelly Bailey of 823 Avery had concerns regarding lighting and music. She questioned what the business hours would be and how the trash would be maintained. Van Noller responded these are the same concerns the Planning Commission had brought. He presented a drawing to her explaining the property layout. The course would include security lighting consisting of low-lying flood lights and would not be open past dark. He was hopeful the course could be open 7 days a week, unless of rain. Van Noller stated there would be no loud music played. He also noted the hedge creates a barrier around the course which would prevent trash from blowing into the streets.

Boardmember Shores questioned if all parking spaces were on site or if some would be located on Horatio Street. Van Noller responded there would be parking on Horatio. Myers asked if the spaces were on both sides of the street. Van Noller responded there is parking available on both sides of the street. However, the parking spaces counted were only on the building (east) side of the street.

Myers noted concerns were raised at the March 27, 2000 Planning Commission meeting regarding landscaping and visibility at the corner. He inquired if these concerns had been addressed. Van Noller stated dwarf bushes, which do not grow over 3 1/2 feet tall, have been purchased for the hedge. Myers suggested the possibility of angling the corner to increase visibility. Van Noller responded this may be possible.

Quada questioned the issue of coming off of Grove Street onto Main Street and having a clear line of vision across the corner. This is particularly relevant if Avery and Grove Street were protected with no parking signs, so this does not become a problem. Pasquale responded no. Quada believed when allowing a use as this in an adjacent residential zone, there should be at least a way to protect the residents from their street turning into a parking lot. Quada explained another alternative would be to consider vacating Horatio Street which would allow this to become a parking lot for these uses.

Shores questioned if there was a resident located on Horatio Street. Pasquale responded there is one house, but was unsure if it was occupied.

Myers stated sidewalks are located on 2 out of 4 parameter curb lines. He questioned if this issue had been reviewed. Van Noller responded the Planning Commission voted 6 to 3 in favor of not requiring additional sidewalks.

Myers asked Bailey if they would ever use the street for parking. Bailey responded the only time they have used Van Noller's parking lot is when their driveway is flooded or having a family gathering.

Myers questioned if Bailey believed it would be more beneficial to have a no parking zone or available parking on street for her personal as well as public use. Bailey did not like the idea of having individuals park their cars near her front yard. She noted her house is very close to the road.

Myers felt most of the parking would be on the opposite side of the building where the miniature golf course booth is located.

Blough questioned the performance bond guarantee. He noted the requirement was not abnormal. He believed this guarantee was to cover the site plan improvements and to guarantee the landscaping was completed. Blough explained the experience the City had a few years ago with a business, which consisted of outdoor batting cages. The business did not last, while the fixtures did. He asked what contingencies or discussions were made by the Planning Commission relative to this past experience. Pasquale responded the issue was discussed at some length during the Planning Commission meeting. Van Noller added the Commission agreed this would not be necessary. This would allow Van Noller the ability to create more landscaping without having to provide the bond.

Myers attended the first Planning Commission meeting in which the plan had very little landscaping. Van Noller responded his company is trying to afford the landscaping, noting they are hoping to receive financial assistance. He mentioned the possibility of placing a gazebo in the center of the course for shade. He believed providing a bond for removal of the fixtures would hinder the business from being able to improve the interior of the course.

Van Noller said the edging was a major expense on landscaping and noted he was working with Joel Anderson on the entire project.

Blough stated he did not have any concerns over the landscaping, but rather the removal of the fixtures. He wanted the variances granted but based on the contingency the owner would remove all fixtures in the event the business should fail. Van Noller explained the resale value of the courses. He noted the course is portable and would be delivered on a semi truck.

Myers questioned the Board's opinion regarding the sidewalk requirement. Shores did not believe one was necessary at this time. Green agreed with Shores. However, he wanted Van Noller to be aware this could be required in the future.

Myers asked if the existing plan had enough room for a sidewalk. Van Noller stated the existing plan would allow a sidewalk to be placed on the City easement which traverses through three pine trees.

Quada said the Board has been quite stringent with commercial operations in the past and noted a meeting not long ago in which the Board insisted that a significant portion of a driveway be paved to the property owner's home. Quada stated the Board has been setting these standards and then backing away from time to time. He wanted a sidewalk to become part of this over the course of approximately 18 months. The Board is in the process of granting much and empathized with the homeowner (Bailey) when she said it is difficult to imagine what it will be to park in front. He did not believe the ZBA could afford to be wrong because Bailey is the one who would pay for this six months or a year from now, when she discovers there is parking on both sides of the street. This is because when patrons are relegated to parking to these thirteen spaces a distance over on Horatio Street. It is human nature to say park the car as close to the facility as possible and then walk. The anticipation will be park on Grove Street in order to be next to the facility. The individual does not realize the need to walk around to the other side to enter. Quada believed there were several conditions and wanted to have the condition made concerning the installation of a sidewalk along this development on Avery and Grove after 18 months.

Green knew there were individuals who have overnight parking permits and asked if Bailey or other neighbors could be issued these. Chief Police Valentine felt if one individual is allowed to park where there is no parking, it creates problems. He did not believe such a permit could be issued at this time.

Myers asked if there was parallel parking along the site on Main Street. Van Noller responded there are no signs indicating this is not allowed.

Quada suggested the Police Department be asked to monitor the situation of parking for a period of time after the operation is open to determine what is in the best interest for the public.

Myers believed there was a need for sidewalk installation. The Council has exercised the site improvements as a means of being able to require sidewalks. There are locations within the community where the sidewalk starts and ends in front of an individual's house or business. Myers said a process should be started which would require the installation of sidewalks with new construction.

Green said if the City will continue to allow parking on the two streets, then a sidewalk would be appropriate in order to have individuals proceed to the entrance.

Quada noted he had suggested 18 to 24 months or whatever period of time it takes for Van Noller to determine whether or not he has a viable business. He was not trying to keep him from operating a business.

Myers believed this would be an asset to the community and agreed a 24-month period of time would be appropriate.

Van Noller said he could install a sidewalk within the next 24 months. He questioned if this would be reviewed again or should just be automatically completed within 24 months. Van Noller also asked if the City would participate in the cost of the sidewalk. Pasquale said the

City would participate in 25% of the cost, if Van Noller included his sidewalk project during the time period the City is working on sidewalk projects. At this particular point, the City would bill Van Noller for 75% of the cost.

Shores asked if the sidewalk requirement had been waived from the banquet facility being built on the corner of Center and Main Streets. Pasquale responded the requirement was waived for Center Street.

Quada said in light of the fact the Planning Commission has waived the sidewalk requirement for others, there would be no reason to require sidewalks on this project.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by BLOUGH to support the recommendations from the Planning Commission granting the variances on minimum lot size and parking related to the miniature golf course at 805 E. Main.

Blough suggested an amendment to the motion stating the site should be reviewed on May 1st of each year to insure commercial activity and is operating for the intended business by which a special use permit was passed. If it has not been active under the use for the past twelve months, the current owner would be directed, if not already, to remove the said fixtures. If owner does not comply within sixty days, the City would be directed to remove the fixtures and the cost for the cleanup would be placed on the tax roll.

Quada accepted the amendment.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Myers suggested clarification be provided from the Planning Commission regarding the sidewalk plan and a program issued to insure new sidewalks are installed with new construction.

Item #4. COMMUNICATION TOWER PROPOSALS - FURTHER DISCUSSION AND REVIEW REGARDING LOCATION. Representatives from Century Tel and Lowell Cable Television were present to discuss communication tower proposals.

Representatives David Newton and Dan Oliver of Century Tel stated approximately one month ago, the company had inquired about the possibility of co-locating on Shepard Avenue. Since then, Century Tel has decided the best location would be to co-locate on the Lowell Cable TV Tower. On April 10, 2000, Century Tel approached the Council to discuss the matter. The Council directed City Manager Pasquale to provide a consolidated report concerning whether or not all three carriers could work together and keep the towers at a minimum.

Century Tel has gone through much effort and had their engineers provide graphs indicating problems, requirements and how these issues would be resolved.

Oliver explained the map provided. He noted it is a computer simulation of Lowell demonstrating coverage. The map considers topography and tower height. He stated Century Tel wishes to provide hand held coverage within the downtown Lowell area.

The proposal from AT&T was also mentioned. Century Tel's antenna could be located on the proposed tower off of Gee Drive and would improve the hand held coverage primarily on the west side.

The last proposed area would be located on the Lowell Cable Tower. There would still be areas blocked from coverage due to the King Milling grain silos but would achieve the objective they want, which is to provide hand held coverage in the entire downtown area. It would also provide more coverage on M-21 when traveling east.

Oliver explained Century Tel would also need a tower on the east side of town if they were to co-locate with AT&T on the west side.

Pasquale stated each carrier has different needs and coverage is important. The proposed site on Gee Drive is necessary for AT&T to obtain coverage. They are looking to co-locate with possibly three other carriers.

The Planning Commission received AT&T's application for a special use permit during the April 17, 2000 meeting. There was much discussion concerning the current regulations regarding towers. The Planning Commission wanted to review the ordinance and are proposing amendments to the ordinance regarding communication towers. Pasquale stated the Commission wishes to work with these communication companies regarding these changes.

Serne Wins 2000 VFW Essay Contest

Lowell seventh-grader Katie Serne was recognized as the 2000 Lowell and District VFW Youth Essay inner.

Serne's essay on how people can honor American veterans was celebrated Sunday in a short ceremony at the VFW Hall.

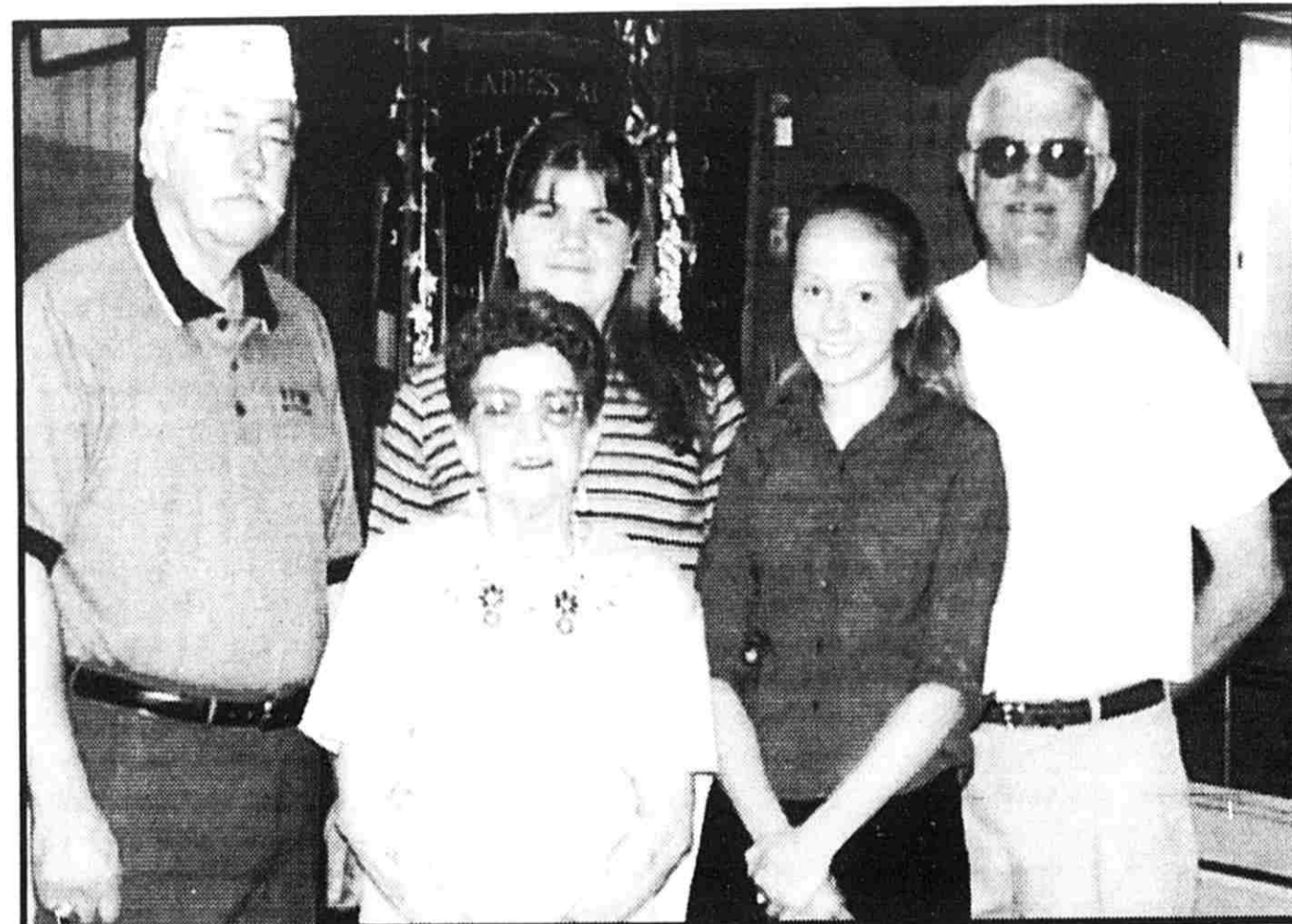
The honor earned her a VFW Post 8303 certificate along with a certificate and plaque from the district.

Her essay also earned her a \$250 cash reward (\$100 from the Lowell Post and Auxiliary and \$150 from the District) cash reward.

Last year's runner-up Katie Clements was honored with a certificate and a check for \$25.

The 1999 winners, Nathaniel Vos and Cori Drenth, were unable to attend. Presentations were made by VFW Post 8303 commander Gordon Marshall.

Louie Dudeck was chairperson for this year's essay contest. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Margaret Gardner, VFW Post Auxiliary representative and Clements; back row, left to right, are: Marshall, Serne and Dudeck.



Red Arrow netters tie Wyoming Park, fall to Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The lines were drawn right down the middle as was the score in Lowell's 4-4 tie with Wyoming Park boys' tennis team.

tennis team.

The Red Arrows swept all four doubles matches and the Vikings swept all four singles matches.

"We're going to be com-

petitive in doubles, and our singles players are going to get better," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall.

Collin Vincent and James Bosserd, number one doubles,

displayed strong play from the baseline and with their volleys and overhead shots. The Red Arrows won their match 6-1, 6-2 over Kevin Butler and Casey Tingley.

In second doubles, Jordan Gallagher and Gavin Vincent upended Claude Salien and Kyle Vanderlugt 7-5, 6-2.

Strong, low shots from the baseline and the ability to put the ball away at the net enabled Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines to straight set Dan Swanson and Ray Sohr 6-1, 6-1.

In fourth doubles play, a strong net game led Lowell's Dave Barry and Ryan Kremer to a 6-0, 2-6, 6-0 win over Andy Meredith and Brady Grooters.

Alan Stiver, Lowell's number one singles player, played well and hit good ground strokes but was unable to control the net in a 6-1, 6-2 loss to R.J. Bentley.

Park's Andrew Wolters defeated Chris Cress 6-2, 6-2 in second singles action. Lowell's Andy Oetman

was defeated 6-2, 6-1 by Kyle Sova while Richie Ford lost 7-6, 6-0 to Tony Mason.

"Richie played a good first set. He really hustled. Richie may have worn himself out," Wall said.

Hudsonville 6 Lowell 2

Lowell's first and third doubles teams found success against Hudsonville, in the Red Arrows' loss to the Eagles.

James Bosserd and Collin Vincent defeated Tim Schuchardt and Eric Herrmann 7-6, 6-3.

In third doubles, Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines upended Ted Schneider and Chris Barda in three sets 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

Gavin Vincent and Jordan Gallagher lost their second doubles match 6-4, 6-3. Dave Barry and Ryan Kremer fell 6-4, 6-2 in their fourth doubles match.

In singles play, Alan Stiver lost 6-0, 6-0; Chris Cress was defeated 6-1, 6-1;

Andy Oetman fell 6-0, 6-0; and Richie Ford lost 6-4, 6-1.

Wayland Invitational

All four Lowell doubles teams advanced into the championship Saturday at Wayland.

The Red Arrows, minus a few starters, placed third at the Wayland Invitational.

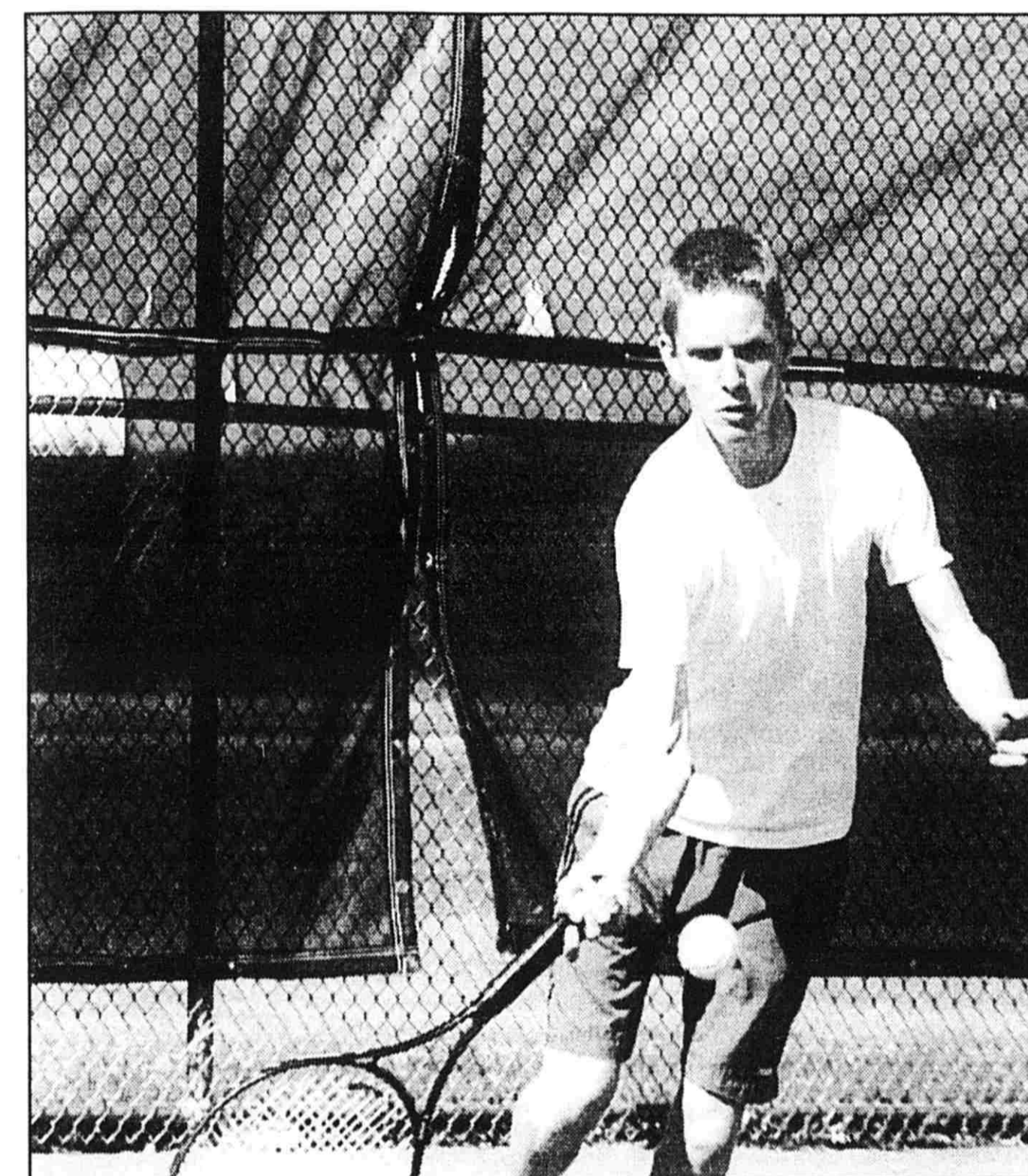
Collin Vincent and Ryan Phillips, playing first doubles, defeated Godwin Heights 6-2, 6-0.

Jordan Gallagher and Gavin Vincent, second doubles, upended Wayland 6-4, 6-3.

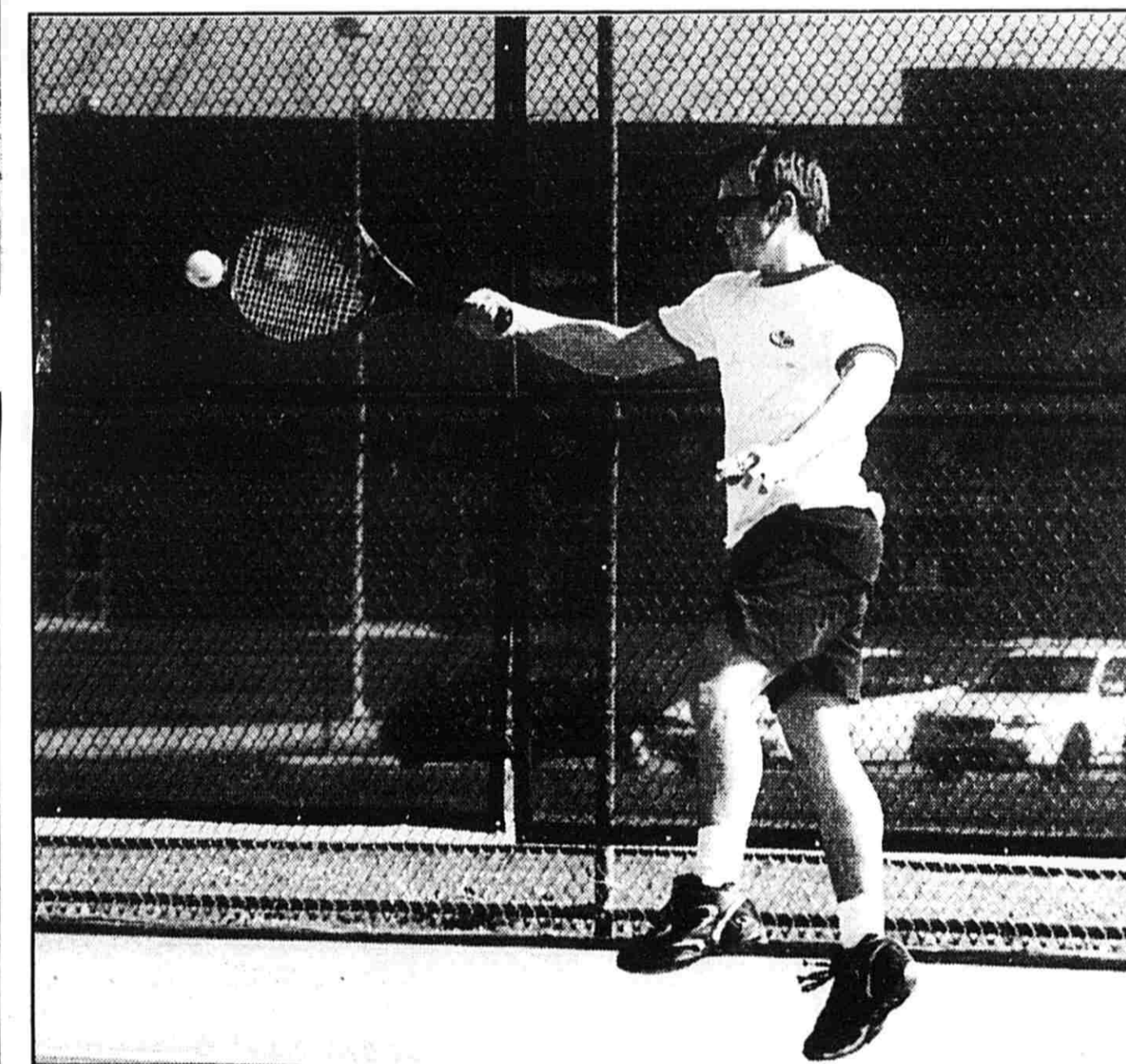
In third doubles, Jordan Moore and Brandon Bouwkamp lost 6-2, 6-0 to Wayland in finals.

John Webb and Shaun Koning, playing fourth doubles, lost to Wayland 2-6, 7-5, 2-6.

Wayland won the invitational with 25 points. Godwin Heights had 24. Lowell finished with 21 and Rogers had 10.



Gavin Vincent reaches for a return in doubles action against Hudsonville.



Lowell's Alan Stiver leaves the ground for this forehand return.

Red Arrow boys track team pounds East; loses to front-running Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell grounded the Eagles in the field events, but the boys track team could not keep pace with Hudsonville on the track.

The Red Arrows lost 81-56 to the premier boys track team in the OK White.

Lowell can take consolation in that no other conference team has scored over 40 points against Hudsonville.

"Hudsonville is very good and it has a lot of depth," Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve explained. "We were close to them in many of the races, but couldn't beat them."

The running events Lowell did win were Jon Wiering 100 high hurdles, 15.89; Mike Williams, 100-meter dash, 11.07; and Ken Palcowski, 200-meter dash, 23.41.

The Red Arrows dominated the Eagles in the field events.

Bill Stouffer (47'7") and Andy Curtis (41'10") took one, two respectively in the shot put.

Wiering (18'11") and

Maatman, Matt Foster and Jon Wiering breaking the tape in 3:40.88, winning the 1600-meter relay.

Mike Williams had a banner day as he posted firsts in the high jump (5'10") and 100-meter dash, 11.38; and had a winning leg in the 800-meter relay. Teaming with Williams were Kurt Telman, Mark Catlin and Ken Palcowski. They stopped the clock in 1:34.38.

Palcowski claimed top honors in the 200-meter dash as he came off the track in 23.41.

Other first-place finishes were handed in by Bill Stouffer, shot put, 48'; Dave Hefferan, discus, 111'9"; and Huisman, 800-meter run, 2:09.60.

Finishing second for Lowell were: Andy Curtis, shot put; Wiering, long jump; Wiering, high jump; Wiering, pole vault; Palcowski, 100-meter dash; Stauffer 1600-meter run; Maatman, 400-meter dash; Mix, 800-meter run; Jeff Telman, 300 low hurdles; Catlin, 200-meter dash; and Mike Armstrong, 3200-meter run.

Lowell (189) lost to Hastings (169) at Ironwood but defeated Wyoming Park (198).

Katie Gunberg and Jenny Gunberg shared team medalist honors with rounds of 46. Jeannie Dunn was a stroke back at 47 and Kelly Fitzpatrick finished with a 50.

Hastings' Katie Welton was the meet medalist, carding a 38. Leah Pumford was

It was Mix, Mark

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A worksession was scheduled on May 8, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and would provide the information discussed to the City Council.

A public hearing regarding the AT&T special use proposal is scheduled on May 22, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

No further information was received.

Item #5. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADDED CREDIT SERVICE FOR TOM HARTMAN TO THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM. City Mechanic Tom Hartman plans to retire on June 30, 2000. He has requested to have 1 year and 11 months of service time (from military) to be purchased to supplement his pension from the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS). The cost for purchase is \$20,005, which can be divided in any way suitable to the employer and employee.

As agreeable to the Council and Tom Hartman, the City will pay \$10,000 as allocated from the Equipment Fund while Hartman will spend \$10,005 to take care of the balance.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to approve the resolution for added credit service (military) to Tom Hartman to the Municipal Employees Retirement System with the employer paying \$10,000 allocated from the Equipment Fund and the employee providing \$10,005.

Councilmember Myers wanted the minutes to show Tom Hartman has worked for the City of Lowell from November 29, 1982 - present. This will give him, in terms of pension service, approximately 20 years.

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

Item #6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AMENDMENTS WITH NORTH KENT TRANSIT. As part of the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by Kent County, \$2,000 is allocated each year to North Kent Transit to fund transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped. Because of increased ridership, amendments need approval, which reflect this increase.

The 1998-99 budget must be changed in a second and final amendment to \$3,094.74 representing 204 rides (\$17.82 per ambulatory ride and \$7.81 per senior citizen ride). The 1999-2000 budget is increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000 to cover the anticipated ridership, to the end of the budget year of June 30th.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to approve Contract Amendment No. 2 with Kent County and North Kent Transit (Hope Network) providing \$3,094.74 in Community Development Block Grant funds for FY 1998-99 and up to \$4,000 for Contract Amendment No. 1 for FY 1999-2000 providing compensation and reimbursement for senior citizen and handicapped riders.

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

Item #7. NAMING OF PLAZA. As requested by Council, the Planning Commission provided a survey through the Ledger and Buyer's Guide to determine the name of the

plaza immediately east of the Flat River downtown. The results overwhelmingly had a public vote for "Riverwalk Plaza".

The Commission unanimously recommended this name to the Council for final determination.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to accept the naming of the plaza as being "Riverwalk Plaza".

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

Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores was happy with the newly installed railing along the bridge. She asked how soon the tree and light pole will be installed in the area.

DesJarden responded the tree should be arriving the week of April 24, 2000 and Light and Power would schedule the light pole installation shortly.

Councilmember Quada expressed his appreciation to the individuals who were present to talk about the coverage on the communication towers. He believed it was imperative to understand at least the discussion held, which resulted in one less tower.

Quada also appreciated the letter received from Light and Power/Cable TV Board Chairman Norman Borgerson. He said it was worded very clearly and was made very clear how the Board feels. He apologized for pressing the issue about a single tower and stated he was not aware the Board and staff had spent time discussing the aesthetics downtown. If he had known, he would have backed off on the issue much earlier.

Councilmember Myers commented on the issue of Riverside Drive being closed by Light and Power. He believed it was an inconvenience to the residents. Myers appreciated the closure, if it is due to a safety hazard such as removing the large engines. He stated currently there is a dumpster and contracting equipment in the road and asked if a compromise could be made which would allow for the street to be open throughout the weekend.

Blough was in agreement with Myers and has had citizens express their concerns to him. He reminded the Council a meeting was held where Pasquale let it be known the street would be closed. Blough wanted to see the project progressing and requested a time frame or schedule be submitted from the Light and Power Board.

DesJarden stated Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Programming and Marketing Manager Thomas Richards has indicated there are still items to be delivered causing the need for the continuation of the street to be closed. DesJarden said there are dumpsters and sand along with some brick which falls off of the building. He believed it was a safety issue and would not recommend traveling through the area during work hours.

Borgerson mentioned the penalty contract with the construction company, stating the work should be completed by mid-June.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving personnel issues.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to return to open session at 9:23 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 3, 2000

Richards explained the request to close the street was made by the construction contractor. He said the Board and the staff can act as an intermediary but suggested discussions with the contractor would also be appropriate to find out how long the street should be closed and what kinds of deliveries and dangers there might still be for pedestrians and traffic.

Blough questioned who the project manager was. Richards responded the project is managed by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber and Mugen Construction is the General Contractor. Blough asked if it would be reasonable to ask the Board to exercise these considerations about the schedule and the possibility of access to it. Richards believed it would be appropriate.

Blough said it seems there are some ordinances on the books relative to the mobile signs and questioned under what criteria the ordinance is being enforced. He asked if there was a provision within the ordinance which allows these signs to be used on a temporary basis with a permit being taken out. Pasquale responded yes, permits issued for a temporary period of time. Under the previous zoning ordinance such permits were prohibited. When the new ordinance was written, Steve Langworthy indicated the signs had to be allowed on a temporary basis.

Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following meetings minutes were enclosed:

- Planning Commission meeting of March 27, 2000
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of March 23, 2000
- Chamber of Commerce meeting of March 6 and April 12, 2000
- GVMC Transportation Policy Committee of February 16, 2000

2. At its April 17, 2000 meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to delete Senior Citizen Park from the Master Plan. The Council now has various options for the property, including selling this parcel. The commission did recommend the property be maintained until final decisions regarding the City Hall-Police station project are made.

3. Public hearings for the 2000-2001 Budget are planned for May 15 and June 5. Adoption of the document is scheduled after the second public hearing.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. No appointments were made.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving personnel issues.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
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DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 3, 2000

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

Tough schedule, tough week, leaves softball team at 6-6

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrows left 10 girls on base in its 3-2 (12 inning) non-conference loss to Portland in game one of the double-header.

Lowell stranded seven base runners in a six-inning, 3-2 loss to the Raiders in the nightcap.

"We just couldn't come up with a big two out hit," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse.

Lowell, in game one, had the bases loaded and two out in the 12th but could not get the tying or winning runs home.

It had runners at second and third with one out in the 10th but failed to plate the winning run.

"Game one was a great game. We had plenty of hits (12); we just didn't get a key one," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell scored the game's first run in the first inning on a walk and two singles.

Portland tied the game in the second inning. The Red Arrows regained the lead in the third with a run on two hits - a Jacque Benedict triple and a two-out RBI double by Annie Zalokar.

The score remained 2-1 Lowell until the seventh when Portland scored a run on three singles and a walk.

Benedict led Lowell at the plate with three hits. Jody Seif,

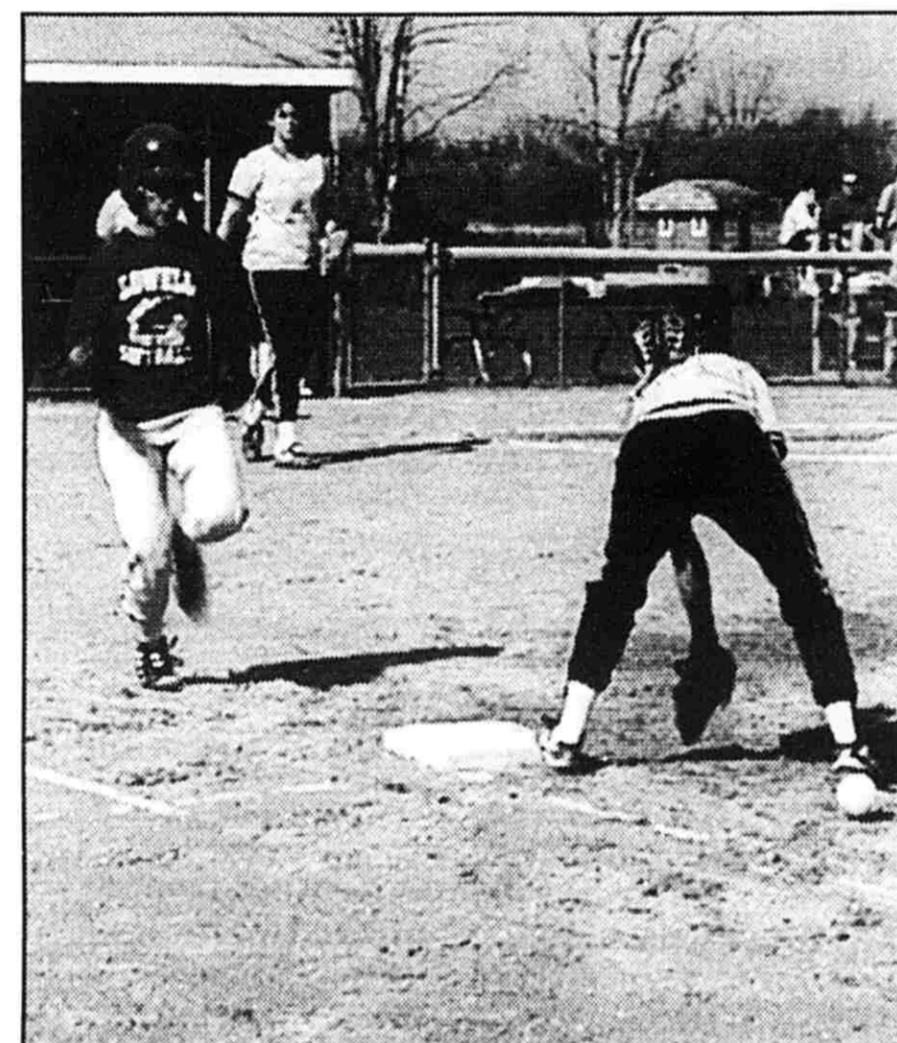
Zalokar, Noelle Dewey and Kelly Kemen each collected two hits.

In game two, Lindsey Thaler allowed three runs on three hits while striking out two and walking seven.

Portland scored two runs in the first and one in the third. Lowell tallied its two runs in the fifth inning on an error and singles by Dewey and Benedict (RBI).

The Red Arrows came within a couple of feet of tying the game in the sixth inning.

With two outs, Jenny Williams lined one past the right fielder. The ball rolled to and through a small opening in right field, thus it was ruled a ground-rule triple.



No, Bill Buckner was not in town, but this error did lead to a Red Arrow run.

"Williams was just a few feet from third when the ball went through the fence," Rodenhouse said. "If it doesn't go through the fence, Williams scores the tying run."

**Northview 9
Lowell 5**

Trailing 6-0, Lowell rallied for five runs in the sixth inning behind the strength of a three-run home run by Jacque Benedict, but Lowell was unable to catch the Wildcats in its league loss.

"I thought we were a little flat and did not play a real sharp game," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Northview tagged Lowell pitcher for nine runs on 11 hits. The Wildcats scored two runs in the first, two in the third, two in the fifth and three more in the sixth.

**Hudsonville 2(8) -7
Lowell 1-0**

Lowell's softball team was unable to solve the pitching of Hudsonville's Bethany Bush.

The Eagle ace held Lowell to one run on three hits in game one and shut the Red Arrows out on one hit in game two.

"Bethany Bush is the toughest pitcher we're going to face this year," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said. "The girls played a great game against a very good pitcher in game one. Bush, however, was in total control in game two."

Lowell took the lead in the first inning of the opener. Jacque Benedict got aboard on a two-out single. She moved to third when Hudsonville's right fielder misplayed a Jody Seif fly ball and then scored on a wild pitch.

The score remained 1-0 until the fifth inning. With one out, a Lowell error in the outfield gave Hudsonville a runner. Bush then tripled her home to tie the game 1-1.

The score remained 1-0 until the eighth inning, when the Eagles' leadoff batter got aboard on an error. After a walk to Hudsonville's catcher, Hudsonville hit a one hopper to the first base side of pitcher Kelly Kemen. She picked, turned and threw to third. The ball got past the third baseman and Hudsonville scored the game-winning run.

"It was a great softball game. The girls played really hard and well," Rodenhouse said. "I'm pleased."

A sixth-inning single by Lindsey Thaler was all Lowell could muster against Bush in game two.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 17, 2000 - 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Minutes of March 20, 2000 Regular Meeting, and the March 25, 2000 budget hearing
- Treasurer's Report/Invoices
- Motion to create a land preservation committee
- Motion to approve special use application for Lowell Area Schools subject to contingencies regarding safety and parking
- Motion to designate James Doezema as Township Attorney, Phil Saurman as Auditor, Jim Hegarty as Engineer and Jay Kilpatrick as Planner
- Motion to designate Huntington Bank, Old Kent Bank, Ionia County National Bank and Kent County Money Max as approved depository institutions
- Motion to amend Cemetery Ordinance to allow for a vault and one cremains or two cremains per burial space
- Motion to allocate \$100 for Kent County Chapter of Michigan Townships Association featured county project
- Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Mari C. Stone,
Vergennes Township Clerk

Lowell boys double up Portland; defense falters in losses to 'Cats and Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After watching a 9-4 lead dissipate in the fifth inning, Lowell responded with five runs of its own in its half of the fifth, earning a 14-9 win and a sweep of a baseball double-header against Portland.

The Red Arrows tallied two runs in the first, five in the third, and two in the fourth to build a 9-4 lead.

Lowell's 10-3 win in game one was highlighted by an Eric Gruber RBI triple in a four-run second and a Josh Brown triple in a two-run fourth inning.

Mike Smith earned the win in the opener. He struck out 11 and walked five Raider hitters.

In game two, Keith Kemen started and was relieved by Tim Schutte and Brady Foster.

**Northview 11
Lowell 4**

The Red Arrows committed 11 errors in their loss to the Wildcats.

"We did not make plays. We were unable to catch and

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Invitational on Friday.

The Red Arrows shot a 415. Northern won the tournament with a 363. Rockford was second at 398 and Kenowa Hills finished with a 405.

Jenny Gunberg led all Red Arrows with a 100. Kate Gunberg shot a 104. Kelly Fitzpatrick had 105 and Jeanie Dunn finished with a 106.

At the Jenison Invitational on Saturday, Lowell was nine in a field of 10 at the Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Traverse City Central won the tournament with a team score of 333. Greenville finished with a 366 and Northern was third at 381.

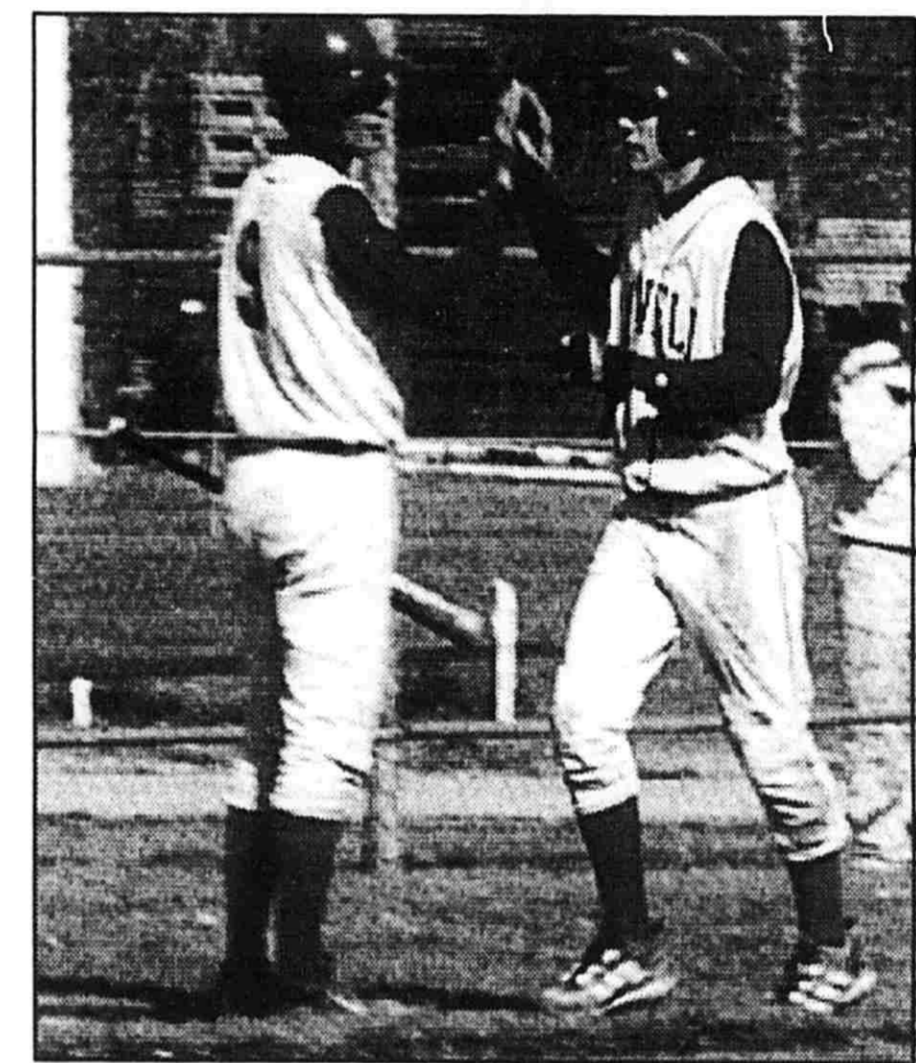
Amber Kuipers was Lowell's team medalist with a 97. Kelly Fitzpatrick was two shots back at 99 and Jeanie Dunn had a 102. Jackie Cress and Erin Mooney finished with rounds of 112.

throw," Lowell coach Tim Antel said. "We're making some great defensive plays, but we're also committing physical errors."

Lowell trailed 4-2 after three innings. The Wildcats put the game out of reach in the fourth and fifth innings. Northview plated four in the fourth and three more runs in the fifth to open an 11-4 lead.

Brady Foster started for Lowell and took the loss, he allowed 11 runs on just five hits, but was hindered by the Red Arrows' defensive effort.

Jake Baum and Keith Valentine led Lowell with two hits apiece.



Pete VanLaan, right, gets a congratulatory high-five from teammate Keith Valentine after crossing home plate.

**Hudsonville 7-7
Lowell 6-3**

The Eagles plated three runs in the bottom of the sixth to rally from a 6-4 deficit and win the first of two games against the Red Arrows.

Brandon Drier started for Lowell. He pitched 5-2/3 innings and walked just two batters. "Brandon pitched well enough to win, but we were unable to make some plays behind him," Antel said.

In the nightcap, Hudsonville scored a pair of runs in the sixth and seventh innings to secure a sweep of the double-header.

Dave Rozema threw well for Lowell in the loss.

"Our pitching was good. We walked just four batters in two games, but committed eight errors," Antel said.

Red Arrow girls soccer team shows plenty of heart in league losses

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sometimes the other team is just better. The Lowell girls soccer team continued to learn that lesson as it makes its way through the tough OK White.

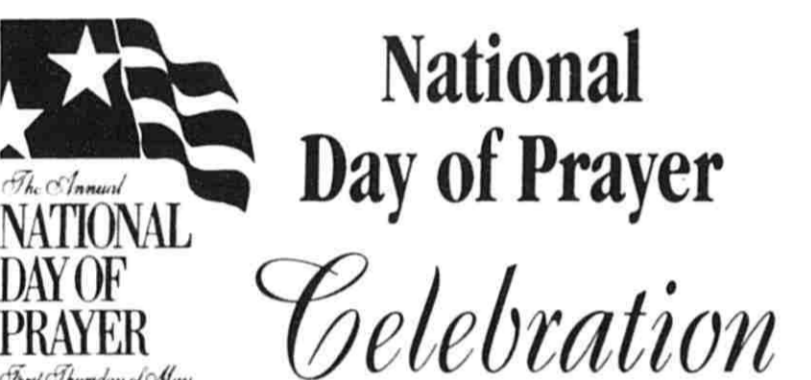
"There are probably three or four teams in this league who are going to win their districts," Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "This is a very difficult league to have success in when you're starting out."

Lowell lost 8-0 to East Grand Rapids, 8-1 to Zeeland and 4-0 to Hastings.

"East was just faster and more aggressive at every position. It's difficult to relax when you're under constant pressure."

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Please notice that the filing deadline for candidates seeking nomination at the August 8, 2000 Primary is 4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2000. The Clerk will be available in the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, for receipt of petition materials from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. that day.

There are five seats open for nomination to the Vergennes Township Board, including Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Trustees. If you wish to seek a township office, contact the Township Clerk for petition forms and related materials. The required number of signatures on petitions in Vergennes Township is no less than 3 and no more than 10. The deadline for withdrawal elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 19, 2000. For further information, please contact Mari Stone at 897-5671.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000, IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

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Red Arrow girls track team upends Pioneers; falls short to Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Legs, heart and clean handoffs keyed Lowell's 400-meter relay team's first conference win of the year.

"All of our girls ran to win the meet," said Lowell girls' track coach Kathy Talus. "They not only ran with their legs, but they ran with their hearts."

The result was Lowell's 75-62 OK White Conference win over East Grand Rapids.

"We expected the meet to be close and it was. It nearly came down to the final event (1600-meter relay)," Talus explained.

The 400 sprint crew of Christy Lacic, Krystal White, Rachelle Becker and Kim Huyser ran their best race of the year, stopping the clock in 54.62.

Holly Plattner, Natalie Kent, Jana Young and Lisa Wojciakowski knocked 10 seconds off their best 1600-meter relay time. The Red Arrows won the event with a time of 4:27.87.

Katie Anderson's 2:38.3 marked her best performance this year in the 800-meter run. "Katie had an outstanding run," Talus said.

For the second time in as many weeks, Nicole Gillikin reset the school record in the pole vault. The Red Arrow cleared 8'3".

The field events continued to be a steady source of points for Lowell. The Red Arrows took firsts in all five events.

Becker won the shot put by two inches over her nearest Pioneer competitor. Her winning toss was 28'11".

Gillikin's jump of 14'3" earned her top honors in the long jump.

Sandra Sturis easily won the discus with a throw of 105'11".

Kristi Ford cleared 5' in winning the high jump. Huyser raced home in 13.78 to edge EGR's Ann Mudie (13.81) in the 100-meter dash.

April Telman claimed Lowell's only other first by winning the 300 low hurdles. She stopped the clock in 51.04.

Placing second for the Red Arrows were: Becker, high jump; Telman, 100 hurdles; Wojciakowski, 400-meter dash; and White, 200-meter dash.

Third-place finishers were: Sturis, shot put; Rebecka Corbit, long jump; Becker, discus; Kent, high jump; Katie

Clements, 1600-meter run; Wojciakowski, 200-meter dash; Clements, 3200-meter run; and Telman, pole vault.

Hudsonville 86 Lowell 51

The Red Arrows were outscored 69-25 in the running events in their loss to Hudsonville.

"Hudsonville is a very good team," Lowell track coach Kathy Talus said.

Lowell managed just two firsts against the Eagles. The Red Arrows' Nicole Gillikin won the long jump with a distance of 14'9" and Ashley Cunningham won the pole vault, clearing 8'0".

The Red Arrows did manage to capture a number of second-place finishes. They were: Rebecka Corbit, long jump; Sandra Sturis, discus; Kristi Ford, high jump; Gillikin, pole vault; April Telman, 100-meter hurdles; Kim Huyser, 100-meter dash; Holly Plattner, 1600-meter run; Lisa Wojciakowski, 400-meter dash; Telman, 300-meter hurdles; Krystal White, 200-meter dash; and Katie Clements, 3200-meter run.

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Conlan said. "We played decent against Zeeland, but they are at a different level."

The Lowell coach was

pleased that his club never quit. "That tells a coach a lot about a team. The girls showed some heart and played hard."

Conlan was supportive of the play of goalie Britany Plescher. "Yes, she gave up eight goals, but she probably saved eight other shots from

going into the net."

Lowell's only goal of the three games came in the second half against Zeeland. Kristen Wysocki on a direct kick found Becky Bosserd who knocked one past the Chix goalie.

Playing without midfielders Lindsay Plescher

and Elissa Kinney, Lowell struggled against Hastings.

"They play a very physical game," Conlan said. "We're not a very deep team, so injuries affect us."

Lowell ended the week at 1-6.

Township requests chloride be sprayed on shoulder of mining entrance

The application of a tree sap substance at the entrance of an Alden Nash sand mining site does not appear to be working.

Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson asked that the Kent County Road Commission spray an application of chloride on the shoulder of the Alden Nash entrance.

"The sap put down on the driveway is not working," Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission chairman Dick Bryan said. "The truck traffic is passing dirt and sand onto the highway."

Leonard DenHouter, 2991 Alden Nash, is mining on five acres of the Alden Nash site.

The issue of dust control was discussed in depth at the commission's meeting on April 10.

The dust problem was brought to Timpson's attention early last week.

The cost of the shoulder spray will be deducted from DenHouter's cash bond.

Along with spending \$600 for the application of the tree sap substance, DenHouter also activated a well at the site to wet down the drive and control the dust.

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—Albert Einstein

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INSTRUCTORS: The high school staff & members of the 2000 varsity team

5th ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP
DATES: June 12, 13, 14 & 15
TIME: 8:30 - 11 a.m. COST: \$40
AGE GROUPS: 2nd - 7th grade (fall of '00)
INCLUDES: Camp T-shirt, camp group photo (8x10), snacks and highlight video
INSTRUCTORS: The high school staff & members of the 2000 varsity team
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SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

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Circle Camp Choice
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Total Amount Enclosed: _____


Please make checks payable to: Lowell Football
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Moose Easter Egg Hunt

Basket loads of children participated in the annual Moose Easter Egg Hunt at Creekside Kingdom. There were approximately 7,000 eggs colored, hidden and then found by children. In the April 26 edition of The Lowell Ledger, it incorrectly stated the VFW annual Easter Egg Hunt.

LOWELL MOOSE 809 EASTER EGG HUNT



Above are the winners of the 1st prizes in each age group, from left to right: age 1-2-3: Hunter Karczewski, Lowell (bunny) & Neil Heyboer (bunny); Age 4-5-6: Scout McCurdy (\$25); Age 7-8-9: Mark Johnson (\$25); Age 10-11-12: Patrick Plite (\$25)

We at the Lowell Moose Lodge wish to thank the following for their donations to the Easter Egg Hunt:

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When you visit these merchants or people just say "Thanks" for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Ascension Celebration 2000

- A Community - Wide Worship Event

Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.
At Lowell Performing Arts Center

- Guest Speaker: Rev. David Feddes English Worldwide Broadcaster Back to God Hour Radio Ministry
- Choirs and Instrumental
- Free-Will Offering For Habitat For Humanity

More musicians and vocalists are needed and welcome.
Be at Calvary Church at E. Main and Church on May 10 at 7 p.m. for the next rehearsal.
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Lowell's Peterson presents original research at Albion symposium

Designing and completing an original research project is much more than writing a paper, and not something that most college students do as undergraduates. Local student Melissa K. Peterson, however, not only completed an original research project titled "The Categorization of Women in Hitler's Germany," but made a public presentation of her research during the college's annual Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium held earlier this week.

Peterson was one of approximately 70 Albion students chosen to participate in

the symposium, which featured research in the areas of classical sciences, psychology, sociology, political science, art history, literature, education and economics.

The research symposium gives exceptional students a chance to share original research which is often used in writing honors theses for graduation. It is named for Elkin Isaac, a Kalamazoo resident and 1948 graduate of Albion College, who taught at Albion from 1952 to 1975. Former students of Isaac's created an endowed lectureship in his name in 1991, and

the endowment has been expanded to the annual student research symposium.

Peterson is a senior majoring in anthropology and sociology and women's studies and is a member of the Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Kay E. Oligney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

Linda Rice, harpist, to perform at United Methodist Church

Lowell United Methodist Church is proud to present nationally known harpist Linda Rice in concert on May 10 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Rice began the study of harp and piano at an early age. She traveled internationally for over 20 years teaching and performing on piano. In 1992, she felt called to again play and perform on the harp. Her instrument is a French Camac Electric Harp, one of the first

to be played in the United States.

Rice plays a concert of various music, from traditional hymns and carols to southern gospel. All her concerts are "live" without tracks. Her albums are recorded "live" without multiple tracking. She has recorded over

100 gospel songs, hymns and spirituals.

Her concert at Lowell United Methodist is part of the church's Series for the Performing Arts and is open to the public. There is a suggested \$5 donation for the concerts. Rice's albums will be available for purchase.

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Lowell Community Fund continues to grow in its 45th year

Over the past 45 years, the Heart of West Michigan United Way Lowell Community Fund has donated over \$140,000 to the Lowell community.

The tradition continues. Robert Reagan, secretary/treasurer of the fund and a member of the organization for 45 years, said the community fund will distribute roughly \$16,000 back into the community this year toward charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

In the initial year (1955), the Lowell Community Fund returned \$1,200 to Lowell from the United Way drive of Grand Rapids. It was divided between the Boy Scouts and the Lowell Lions Club swimming pool project.

The following funds were administered by the Lowell Community Fund Board:

Lowell Girl Scouts \$300, Lowell Area Arts Council \$2,000, Lowell Area Fire Department \$600, Lowell Academic Boosters \$500, Lowell YMCA \$9,200, Lowell Senior Neighbors \$300, Lowell Athletic Boosters \$500, Lowell World Studies Council \$500, Lowell third grade class trip \$400, Lowell Alternative Education \$500, Lowell Camp Fire \$300, Lowell Cub Scout Pack \$3102 \$300, Lowell Cub Scout Pack 3188 \$300, Lowell Boy Scouts 102 \$300.

Since that small start in 1953, the Lowell Community Fund's share of the Heart of West Michigan United Way has grown to about \$15,000 yearly," said Reagan.

Bob Reagan, the Heart of West Michigan United Way Lowell Community Fund secretary/treasurer, presented 14 checks to local organizations Thursday. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Yesenia Perez, alternative education; Bonnie Vezino, alternative education nursery; Kathy Gingerich, Camp Fire Boys and Girls; Katie Alexander, World Studies Council; back row, left to right, are: Tyler Duckett, World Studies Council; Sue Sutherland, high school teacher; Dirk Ritzema, Boy Scout Troop 102; Reagan, Julie Morrison, Cub Scouts 3102; Janine Mork, Girl Scouts; Vickie Comdure, Cherry Creek Elementary third-grade Greenfield Village class trip; and Sue Simmonds, Senior Neighbors coordinator. Not pictured, but also receiving funds are the Lowell YMCA, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell Athletic Boosters Club, Lowell Academic Boosters Club and Lowell Area Fire Department.

Freestyle Wrestling Results:

The following are the latest Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club results. Next weekend the wrestlers will be going to districts and those who place will advance to the regionals to be held in Lowell on May 13.

- April 22: Tri-County Group 4: Steven Koning, 4th
- April 22: Forest Hills Group 2: Jacob Gould - 1st
- Group 3: Eddie Parks, 3rd; Rob Karasiewicz, 2nd
- April 21: Springport - All girls tournament
- Group 2: Lauren Dood, 1st
- April 28: Lakeshore High School - Stevensville Cadets: Joe Mendez, 1st; Ryan Karasiewicz, 3rd; Ryan Ward, 2nd; David Stephens, 3rd; Nathan Pabon, 2nd; Jason Murray, 1st; Brock Graham, 4th; Josiah Hull, 3rd; Steven Koning, 2nd; Josh Vaught, 3rd
- Juniors: John McKay, 1st; Ian DeRath, 2nd; David Stephens, 4th; Ben Vaught, 1st
- April 29: Lakeshore High School - Stevensville Group 3: Rob Karasiewicz, 1st; Alex Carpenter, 2nd
- Group 4: Brock Graham, 1st; Joe Mendez, 1st; Ryan Karasiewicz, 1st; Josiah Hull, 3rd; Josh Vaught, 3rd; Steven Koning, 4th; Ryan Ward, 3rd.



SPRING CHICKS

Employees at Huntington Banks were greeted by this mother mallard and her ducklings Monday morning. The mallard built a nest approximately four to five weeks ago and remained there until the eggs hatched earlier this week.

A guest never forgets the host who has treated him kindly.

—Homer

In Memory of Glenn David Kenney

Who died suddenly on April 25, 2000.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia (Ball) and their son Slade. He is also survived by her family Harold & Rose Ball, Jim & Kim Ball, Dar & Colleen LaLone, Greg & Beth Ball and Patrick and Bonnie Ball, and several nieces and nephews;

Also Glenn Kenney's family: parents and 2 brothers & family—all reside in Long Beach, New York.

Memorial Services were held on Saturday, April 29th

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PSORIASIS

Psoriasis is a common skin condition affecting over seven million people in the United States. Thickened patches of red, scaly skin appear on different parts of the body. The elbows, knees, and scalp are most commonly involved. No one knows why some people get psoriasis but it does

appear to run in families. The inflammatory patches appear because the skin cells are growing more rapidly than normal skin, causing the cells to pile up in layer after layer. There simply isn't enough time for the cell layers to shed like normal skin.

There is no cure for psoriasis but effective treatment is available to control the disease. Most physicians recommend daily use of skin moisturizers to decrease flaking and scaling. Topical steroid creams and anti-inflammatory medications are often prescribed. Special shampoos are also used to treat the disorder. In severe cases, systemic steroids are used either by mouth or by injection. Ultraviolet light therapy is also used to control more difficult cases of psoriasis. Your physician may refer you to a dermatologist for this treatment which is usually given on a weekly basis over several months.

Some medications can make psoriasis worse. Lithium, high blood pressure medications (Beta blockers and ACE inhibitors) as well as some nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs have been shown to exacerbate symptoms of the disease.

For more information on psoriasis see your physician or contact the National Psoriasis Foundation at 1-800-723-9166.

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Banks and credit unions often unload repossessed vehicles at rock bottom prices, allowing car dealers to resell them for retail. One local car dealer is going to change that in what could be the automotive bargain of the spring.

This Wednesday, May 3 through Saturday, May 6, Vennen Dodge Chrysler Plymouth Jeep will give the general public a chance to buy repossessed, auctioned, off-lease rental returns and other used vehicles for a fraction of their retail values.

"This weekend's sales event could be the largest in our history. We have retained a national automotive company that specializes in the liquidation of excessive inventory that we acquired for this sale. These vehicles are in great condition, and have been cleared for immediate sale," stated Fred Willison, general manager.

Truckloads of cars, trucks, minivans and sport utilities have been assembled at 930 West Main in Lowell for this incredible buying opportunity. Just about every type of vehicle and price range will be available - from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation - with many of them still under the balance of their factory warranty. "With our used car inventory being at one of its highest levels ever, chances

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Additional sales and finance staff will be flown in to assure the quality, prompt service to every customer and, of course, to provide the best financing terms possible.

"Forget the retail values - We have an abundance of cars and trucks to choose from. We have to reduce our inventory regardless of the profit loss we may incur," stated Ron Utley, sales manager.

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The selection and prices will be incredible on new and used Dodges, nearly new Chryslers, Jeeps, Fords, Chevrolets and most other import and domestic vehicles. These cars and trucks have been acquired at incredible savings from regional auctions and lease companies. The public will have the first chance to take advantage of these amazing deals for 4 days only. After the sale, business will return to normal.

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The insecticide B.t. is derived from a naturally occurring bacteria and is known only to affect caterpillars by destroying their stomachs after they eat the material. It does not affect honeybees or other non-leaf-eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. The B.t. formulation has no reentry restrictions except that protective clothing should be worn until spray is dry. Drying usually takes place within a few minutes.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming 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 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

SUNDAYS - Beginning Feb. 13 (13 weeks) DivorceCare, 6-7:15 p.m. at Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1188 Lincoln Lake. For information call 897-6890.

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 1023, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and

learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Alto Senior citizens meet at Alto Elementary School. Please call 868-6111 for luncheon reservations.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All Girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY - 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops Ml, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

FIRST THURSDAY: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For

more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: 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 THIRD THURSDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) meets at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, 7 p.m., Discovery Room. A group sharing meeting is usually alternated with a meeting with a special guest conducting a Q/A. Contact Danni Smith (616) 897-2544, Laural Auw (616) 689-6133, Anita Droog at Victim/Witness Unit (Hall of Justice) (616) 336-2856.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.

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 town.

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.

SAT., MAY 6: Swiss steak dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th & Alden Nash, Alto. Adults \$7; children 6-12 \$3; 5 & under, free.

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

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

WED., MAY 10: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family style beef and pork dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$7; children 5-12 \$2.

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

LOWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 10

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

THURS: 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

Special Events

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

Society - lunch & dessert, Victorian house tour.

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

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

THURS., MAY 4: Noon, Dance, Westside Complex.

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MON., MAY 8: 12:40 p.m., Shop, Meijers (28th St.).

TUES., MAY 23: 12:40 p.m., shop, Wal-Mart (Alpine).

TUES., MAY 9: 12:40 p.m., Grand Rapids church tours.

THURS., MAY 25: 1:30 p.m., White Caps ball game.

WED., MAY 10: Noon, Movie.

FRI., MAY 26: 1 p.m., Gerontology Network.

FRI., MAY 12: 11 a.m., Lunch, Mongolian Coast & Averill Museum.

FRI., MAY 31: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

TUES., MAY 16: 9:30 a.m., Saranac Historical

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



IN THE LEDGER

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - We are currently looking for full-time hardworking, motivated individuals for asphalt maintenance laborers & for lawn maintenance laborers. Dependability is a must. We offer competitive wages & excellent benefits including health insurance, paid vacations & retirement. Please contact us for an application or send resume to: Harding Enterprises, 617 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331, 897-6820 or fax 897-6886.

FULL-TIME BILLING CLERK POSITION - in hospital business office. Prior medical billing background needed. Benefits, including health insurance & vacation available. If interested, please fill out application at 479 Lafayette or fax resumes to 616-527-5731, attention: K. Blundy.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT - Motivated individuals wanted for mowing crews. Seasonal or full-time positions available, experience preferred. Call Joe at Hilbrands Landscape Management, Inc. (616) 942-9591.

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RN-PRN - We are a private pay (NO MEDICARE CHARTING) nursing facility. We offer an excellent working environment. Come work where your skills & experience are appreciated. Please apply to Heather Hills Care Center, 1157 Medical Park SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or call 974-5342 for more info.

LINEMAN APPRENTICE/GROUND MAN - for Lowell Light & Power/Cable TV. Full-time permanent position assisting power & cable crews on construction & service work. Requires physical strength, mech. ability, teamwork skills, valid driver's license & good driving record. Advancement & career potential. Good benefits. Apply at Lowell Light & Power/Cable TV, 127 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI by May 19, 2000. Equal Opportunity Employer.

EXPERIENCED HELP NEEDED - Plumbing & heating, starting at \$13-\$14. Experienced carpenters, starting at \$11-\$15, truck drivers w/CDL/A. Apply in person only, at: Thomas Construction & Mfg., 701 Reed St., Belding.

HELP WANTED - Due to a large increase in business, local company must expand operations and fill 13 full-time permanent positions to start at \$540/week. Since there are several positions to fill and company will train the inexperienced, job descriptions, hours, pay scales, profit-sharing, benefits, etc, will be discussed at a one-on-one interview. No 3rd shift! For appointment call 616-243-9131.

HELP WANTED

METER READER - for Lowell Light & Power. Part-time permanent position reading electric meters. Requires basic math skills, valid driver's license & good driving record, use own vehicle. Must be physically fit & capable of working outdoors in all weather conditions. Know Lowell's geographical area. Apply at Lowell Light & Power, 127 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI by May 19, 2000. Equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED - Roth Farms need a part-time handyman w/mechanical & carpenter skills. Flexible hours & could be ideal for retired person. 897-7435.

CENA - We have immediate openings for quality full-time & part-time CENA's in our private pay nursing facility. We offer an excellent working environment, a great starting wage and for full-time positions, a benefit package that includes 401K. Please apply to Heather Hills Care Center, 1157 Medical Park Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or call 974-5306 for more information.

WANTED EXPERIENCED FIBER-GLASS TECHNICIAN - Starting wage depends on experience. Will train reliable people. Wage increases based on experience & dependability. Paid vacation, insurance, retirement plan & uniforms are available. Call 897-7719.

PAINT FOREMAN - Local residential jobs for interior/exterior repaints. Bonus system. Must have own vehicle for carrying ladders & supplies. References. Call Certa ProPainters at 299-1926.

PART-TIME FILE CLERK POSITION - in hospital business office. If interested, please fill out application at 479 Lafayette or fax resume to 616-527-5731, attention: K. Blundy.

HELP WANTED

PAINTERS - Local residential jobs for interior/exterior repaints. Must be able to roll, brush & spray and have own basic hand tools & transportation. Ready to work May 1. Call Phil at 299-1926 or Bob at 299-1845.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE BY OWNER - 1999 Ford Ranger XLT, 5 spd. manual, CD, air, Tonneau cover, 12K miles, \$14,000.00. Phone 616-208-0808 Melissa.

1985 FIERO GT - V6, excellent interior, runs good, black, 92,000 miles. \$2,600. Call 235-4993.

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LINCOLN TOWN CAR - 1991 Signature Series. Excellent condition in & out. All black, leather, non-smoker. Most options. Only 87,000 miles. \$6,375 obo. 774-2358 (eves.)

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PICKUP CAP - 60"x76" Like new, \$300. 891-8605.

FOR SALE

ACREAGE LOTS - Ranging in size from 3.81 acres to 18 acres. Several wooded lots. W. of Ionia. For further information, please call evenings, 616-367-4900, ask for Phil.

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KITCHEN CABINETS FOR SALE - great for extra storage, garage or utility cabinets. \$200 obo 897-4397.

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FOUND

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WANTED

WANTED - 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent or rent with option to buy in Lowell School district. Call 452-3133 ext. 12 between 9 & 4 p.m.

FOR SALE

MOTHER'S DAY ARTS & CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA - West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, Sat. May 13th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 75 cents admission, 180 Booths! Senior Spring Flower Sale - Luncheon. Proceeds go toward "Project Falcon"



TOWN TALK

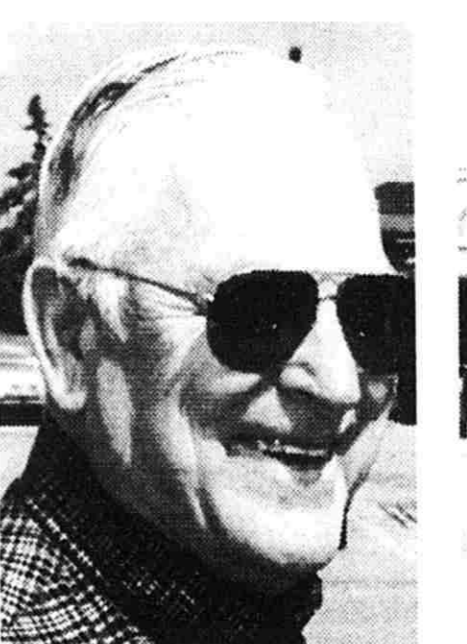
Now that warmer weather has arrived, what yard work have you done or planned for this summer?



Gloria VonMyhr
Trimming trees, planting perennials and putting in a flower bed.



Jim Marvin
We've done the fertilizing and mowing and I've taken down the bird feeders. I'd like to put in a flower and some pussy willow bushes.



John Gabrion
We've already put down fertilizer and weed killer. We're going to plant the typical marigolds and petunias.



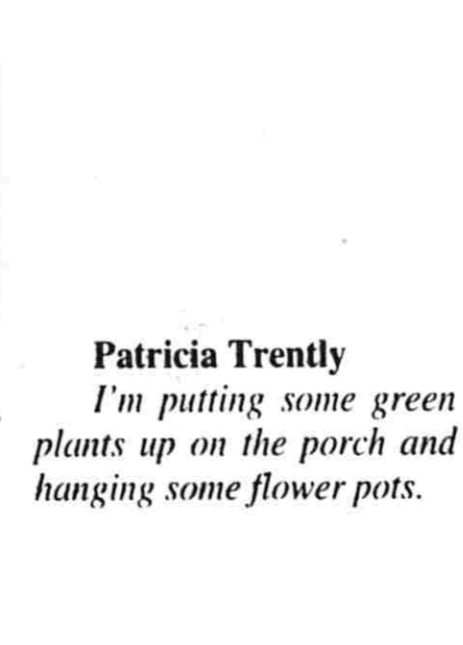
Ed Cunningham
It's our first year in the house. We've fertilized the yard and will plant roses and rhubarb.



Caron Stetler
I'm cleaning out flower beds. I also want to plant some sunflowers, grass seed, burning bushes and do some landscaping.



Patricia Trently
I'm putting some green plants up on the porch and hanging some flower pots.



Jamie Zoodma
We're putting in an underground pool, raking, planting flowers (tulips) and landscaping around the pool.

Becky Kleinedler
Last year we pulled out a lot of trees. This year we're going to try for grass.

EVENTS

ARROWHEAD FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES LEAGUE - starting May 5th - tee time 5-6 p.m. For information, call Norma Raymor 897-5183.

Spring Fever Classifieds

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