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Wittenbach family members break ground at the Agricultural and Environmental Science Center on Saturday. Pictured from left to right are Harold "Mike" Wittenbach, Stephen Wittenbach, Nick Dewey, Stephen Wittenbach II, Mary Dewey and Charlsie Dewey.

FAMILY BREAKS GROUND TOGETHER

••• Construction on the new Wittenbach Agricultural & Environmental Science Center is expected to be complete by the start of the 2000-01 school year.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When it was important, Everett "Steve" Wittenbach did the talking.

When Pete Siler and the Lowell Future Farmers of America club needed a tractor, Wittenbach saw to it that the FFA not only got its tractor, but a plow, hog brush and a gas tank as well.

When the school district was in need of property for a new high school, it was Wittenbach who met with school board member Ray Quada and then board president Roger Kropf to talk

them through a land deal.

"Steve told us not to say anything because we'd offer more than he was going to ask," Quada remembered fondly, Saturday, at the groundbreaking festivities for the Wittenbach Agricultural & Environmental Science Center.

As a lasting tribute to Steve, Wittenbach's wife June and their family announced in March that June and her late husband would make a generous donation in the amount of \$200,000 toward the construction of the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Center at

11700 Vergennes Rd. across from Lowell High School.

The facility, scheduled to open in September, will provide students and the entire community with a training and learning center for agricultural and environmental science. It will consist of classrooms as well as livestock and related-activities areas.

"The center is a unique concept which will provide an opportunity of a lifetime," Siler said. "It will serve as a living legacy to the Wittenbach family, their love of agriculture, students and the community of Lowell."

Wittenbach's son Stephen announced Saturday that the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund will also contribute \$185,000 toward the science center.

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School District selects 2-phase approach

••• Phase I of plan which addresses student growth and facility needs includes a new elementary north of Lowell as well as technology improvements.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was not a simple solution, but Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke believes it is the best solution.

After years of study by the Demographics Task Force committee and months of discussion by the Lowell School Board, Bleke recommended that the district take a conservative two-phase approach to a longer term problem.

In addressing student growth and facility needs, Bleke said his recommendation addresses the district's long-term needs, but does not threaten to jeopardize the fund balance or disrupt educational programs.

Lowell voters will be asked to vote on a \$30 million bond issue this Sept. 26. Unlike most bonds, building will be done in two phases.

Phase I will cost between \$14.5 and \$15 million. It will build a 16-room, 400 student elementary school north of Lowell. "The numbers I think dictate that it be out near

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City proposes first millage increase in seven years

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in seven years, the city of Lowell is proposing a millage increase.

"We are sensitive about the millage. The fact it's been seven years since the last increase I think indicates that," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale. "But we also have a responsibility to pay (Englehardt Library, City Hall/police station) off our bonds."

The proposed millage rate increase is for 1.5 mills, raising the total from 13.85 to

15.35. The additional 1.5 mills would generate \$125,130.67 in general fund revenue.

Of this, the Downtown Development Authority would capture an additional \$12,225, leaving a net increase in tax revenue of \$112,905.57.

"With bond payments for the library and City Hall/police station project totaling \$142,000, this makes for a tight general fund budget," Pasquale explained.

The city is carrying a fund balance of \$301,574.

The building authority bond payment for the library

is \$45,945 for the fiscal year. The city is in its fifth year of a 10-year bond ending in March of 2006.

A second building authority bond of \$500,000 was sold in September of 1999 for the acquisition costs related to the City Hall/police station project. The principal and interest payments amount to

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\$94,960 for the fiscal year.

The preliminary 2000-2001 budget also calls for a monthly 50-cent increase in the readiness to serve charge (from \$17.75 to \$18.25).

The increase is needed to meet rising expenses and to pay for the water main crossing the Flat River. Its anticipated cost is in excess of \$200,000.

The council will conduct two public hearings on May 15 and June 5.

INSIDE THE LEDGER

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Dave Pasquale
Lowell City Manager

OBITUARIES

CORDER - Violet E. Corder, aged 75, of Branford, Florida, passed away April 22, 2000 after a lengthy illness in Branford. Cremation has taken place. She was born in Ionia on January 6, 1925, to John and Lucia Faught. She married Sanford Corder Feb. 28, 1941. She is survived by son Roger of Saginaw; daughters Linda and Donald Ray of

Branford, FL; Joann and Marty Holton of Goshen, IN; and Barbara Blackburn and special friend Charles Sterzick of Orleans; sisters Jacqueline and Lawrence Kammer of Ionia, Emma and Larry Lake of Stanton, Myrtle and Donald Campbell of Wheatland, Wyoming; brother Junior Shellenbarger; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, parents, two sisters, one brother and two grandchildren. Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 20 at 1 p.m. at the Saranac Cemetery.

PHILLIPS - Ila Mary (Seeley) Phillips, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away Friday, May 5, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, son Charles, grandsons Jerry, Joe and Mark. Mrs. Phillips is survived by her children Shirley (Oscar) Peckham, Allen Seeley; daughter-in-law Connie Seeley; Linda Reynolds; grandchildren

Charles Seeley, Scott (Linda) Seeley, Goober (Jodi) Reynolds, Tony (Andrea) Peckham, Heather (Mark) Kloosterman, John Reynolds; 12 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Gordon Barry of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Women of the Moose.

Middle school NCA accreditation extended

Principal Jim Harden of Lowell Middle School recently announced that the school's North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) accreditation has been extended through the 1999-2000 school year. This action was taken at the NCA's Annual Meeting in Chicago on April 4. "Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Schools requests," Principal Harden explained. "The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school." The North Central Association is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of over 8,000 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central United States. The association works with schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and school improvement. NCA currently accredits 1,403 schools in Michigan.

and nephews. The Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday at St. Robert of New Minster Church of Ada, Fr. James Kowalski Celebrant. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Wexford-Missaukee, 932 N. Mitchell, Cadillac, MI 49601, Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Cadillac.

Asphalt pavement recycled the most, according to survey

What's recycled the most? While Americans are accustomed to thinking about recycling their newspapers and beverage containers, the most widely recycled product in terms of both percentage and tonnage is actually asphalt pavement.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, 80 percent of the asphalt pavement that's removed each year during widening and resurfacing projects is reused as part of new roads, roadbeds, shoulders and embankments. In contrast, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the recycling rates are 60 percent for aluminum cans, 56 percent for newspaper, 37 percent for plastic soft drink bottles, 31 percent for glass beverage bottles and 23 percent for magazines.

Relatively few people outside the pavement industry, however, know the extent of asphalt pavement recycling. In a recent survey commissioned by the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), Americans ranked asphalt pavement as being recycled the least among nine materials. (The others were aluminum, glass, paper, plastic, rubber, steel, wood and yard waste.)

"Asphalt pavement admittedly isn't prominent on the public's radar screen for recycling. But every year, approximately 73 million tons of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) are reused, or nearly twice as much as the combined total of 40 million tons of recycled paper, glass, aluminum and plastics," said Mike Acott, president of NAPA.

EPA figures show that Americans recycle less than half of their discarded paper and less than one third of their discarded aluminum and glass. Overall, only 28 percent of items in the municipal solid waste stream were recycled in 1997, the latest year for which the EPA has figures. The EPA has established a target recycling goal of 35 percent of municipal solid waste by the year 2005.

"For the asphalt pavement industry already to have an 80 percent recycling rate is quite impressive. The recycling of asphalt pavement is an everyday business practice," Acott said.

Acott noted that using RAP has economic benefits for taxpayers, as well as environmental benefits. "Using RAP results in lower costs. We use less virgin material and, by avoiding trips to the landfill, we use less diesel fuel. Considering today's fuel prices, these savings add up considerably for taxpayers on public road projects," Acott said.

Other findings from NAPA's recent survey help portray the state of recycling in America. For example, 46

percent of Americans rated their own interest in recycling as high or very high, while 33 percent said it was average and 20 percent said it was low or very low.

They gave even lower marks to their community's interest in recycling. Only 36

LOWELL'S FLORIDA SNOWBIRDS MEET AGAIN

Lowell's Florida snowbirds recently gathered at the Huntington Hills Golf & Country Club in Lakeland, Fla., for their annual buffet brunch. This year's event was hosted by Bob Reagan. Mary Peckham and Barb Curtis cochaired the event while Virgil and Carmen Roudabush were the greeters for the day. Attending the brunch were Robert Smith, Dandy Smith, Virgil Roudabush, Carmen Roudabush, Alva Topp, Esther Clemenz, Ilene DeWolf, John Phelps, Marg Phelps, Alice Allchin, Harold Allchin, Bob Perry, Velma Perry, Pat Roth, Ed Roth, Joyce

Cavanaugh, Darel Cavanaugh, Alfred Roth, Joann Roth, Donna Smit, Jack Smith, Betty Smith, Carroll Kyser, Pat Kyser, Ralph Roth, Hugh Linkfield, Barbara Curtis, Mary Peckham, Herb Elzinga, Ron Collins, Cheryl Collins, Dode Collins, Rex Collins, Bob Reagan, Carol Reagan, Nancy Thornton, Bob Hayes, Peg Hayes, Jake Hoover, Peg Hoover, Leo Blocher, Flossie Blocher, Phyllis Lessens, Michael Lessens, Leonard Jackson and Gloria Jackson. Next year's snowbird brunch will be at Huntington Hills on the first Sunday in March at 1 p.m.

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- WHERE THE HEART IS (PG-13)
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 Fri., May 12, 8-7 p.m. & Sat., May 13, 8-4 p.m. at 4941 Whitneyville SE. Proceeds to UMW, Alto United Methodist Church.

YARD SALE
 queen waterbed, dog crate (cage), clothes, baby items, wedding decorations, household items & new crafts, lots of stuff. Multi-family, 2975 Segun, just N. of Timpsons Orchard. 5/12 & 5/13, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ADA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE
 Household items, furniture, toys & clothes. Fri., May 12, 9-3 p.m. Jonathan Woods subdivision, located off Buttrick between 30th & Bolt.

CALEDONIA/ALASKA AREA
 May 10 & 11, 9-4, 8588 Garbow (off Whitneyville, s. of 68th). Multi-family large variety including Beanies & bicycles. 1/2 off Thur. pm.

GARAGE SALE
 Rain or shine. Thurs., May 11, 9-5 p.m. & Fri., May 12, 9-4 p.m. Lots of clean, kids clothes, girls (12M-2T), boys (2T-6), toys, crib, playpen, toddler car seat & stroller. Lots of counted cross stitch supplies (fabric, frames, books & magazines) & some other craft supplies, car top carrier for a station wagon, water bath coke machine (needs work), green canning jars, Woodstock stoneware by Noritake, & other misc. 12528 36th St. (W. of Segun).

HUGE-HUGE-HUGE - 5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
 May 11, 12, & 13, 9-5, Namebrands (Old Navy, Gymboree, Nike, etc.) good condition children's clothes, boy's & girl's new-born-teen; men's & women's clothes, toddler bed, computer, lots of misc. 7671 Pratt Lake (between 84th & 64th).

ESTATE SALE
 all week Mon. thru Sat., May 8 thru 12, 9-1 p.m. & Sat., May 13, 9-3 p.m. Refrigerator, elec. dryer, wringer washer, all in very good condition; couch, recliner, books, buttons, household items, women's clothes, antique items. 6043 Morse Lake Rd., Alto.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE
 Sat., May 13, 8 a.m. Junior women's & men's designer clothing new or like new; kid's desk, king waterbed, lots of household goods too numerous to mention. Must see. 11344 36th St., Lowell. 1 mi. W. of Alden Nash.

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GARAGE SALE
 Fri., May 12 9-5 p.m. 5406 Bancroft, Alto. Adult & kids' clothes, baby items, household items and much more.

GARAGE SALE
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Reflections

Of Faith

Rev. Bill Price
Wesleyan Church of Lowell

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, I could not help relate one of my favorite stories. I have no idea to whom to give credit, so let us just share this in honor of all our mothers whom God has given us:

I remember a few years ago when I was picking up the children at school another mother I knew well rushed up to me. She was fuming with indignation. "Do you know what you and I are?" she demanded.

Before I could answer - and I didn't really have one handy - she blurted out the reason for her question. It seemed she had just returned from renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office. Asked by the woman behind the counter to state her "occupation," she had

hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. "What I mean is," explained the clerk, "do you have a job or are you just a mother?"

"Of course I have a job," snapped my friend. "I'm a mother."

"We don't list 'mother' as an occupation - 'housewife' covers it," said the clerk emphatically. I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high-sounding title like "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar."

"And what is your occupation?" she probed. "What made me say it, I do not know. The words simply popped out. 'I'm... a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations.' The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in mid-air, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pompous pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

"Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?" Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing program of research (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my master's (the whole darned family) and already have three credits (all healthy). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are in satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increase in note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into my driveway buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants - ages 7 and 5. And upstairs, I could hear our new experimental model (six months) in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt triumphant. I had scored a beat on bureaucracy. And I had gone down on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another..."

Family Links holds meeting, May 15

Family Links will be holding their final meeting of the school year on Monday, May 15 at the Lowell Middle School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you have a middle school or fifth grade student, you are encouraged to attend. They will have a brief workshop on learning styles as well as information on events taking place in our Family Links parent group.

Family Links parent group



Nilsson/Hewitt

Josie A. Nilsson, of Saranac, and Brian W. Hewitt, of Lowell, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 Saranac High School graduate employed by the Lowell YMCA. Her parents are John and Sue Nilsson of Saranac.

The future groom, a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School, attended GRCC and is employed by Precise Engineering in Lowell. His parents are Dan and Pat DeYoung of Lowell and the late Melvin Hewitt.

A September 16, 2000 wedding is planned.

Greens celebrate 30 years

Ken and Ilene Groen, of Lowell, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 9, 2000.

Their children are Jeff and Angela Denison and Dave Groen, all of Lowell. They have two grandchildren, Molly and Jake Denison.



Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

It was a whirlwind trip, but as they say, well worth the price of admission. My little granddaughter celebrated her third birthday last week and I burned some frequent flier miles to pay a visit. My wife did the same and we arrived at the Phoenix airport last Thursday evening. Terese flew in from Florida. I winged it from Michigan via a connection in Pittsburgh. Just call me Matt Lauer.

In both our cases we had to hustle like crazy to get our respective publications to bed, then travel a couple thousand miles. Ah, but when that little girl comes running at me in the airport with her arms outstretched and yelling, "Grandpa! Grandpa!" I forget all the hassle it took to get there. Like I said, well worth the price of admission.

We spent my short time there doing a lot of just hangin' out. Maddie got her presents from Terese and me. That was the fourth celebration of her birthday counting Mom's Club, a party with friends, privately with mom and dad on her actual birthday and then with us. There is yet another celebration with her dad's family the next time she comes to Michigan. Does the word "spoiled" come to mind?

We did go out to a nice breakfast Saturday, then took in the zoo. While the kids napped afternoons, I knocked off a few projects around the house. I ran a phone wire so as to move the computer to a new location. I hung some closet shelving. I strung a 50-foot coax cable in the nearly non-existent attic of their house. The purpose of the new cable was for a small TV in the kitchen so my daughter can actually watch some morning news instead of Barney and Tele-Tubbies in the family room with the kids.

The vaulted truss rafters left little room for a fat guy like me and I picked a 98 degree afternoon to do the job. If I'd been overcome by heat stroke way back in there, I don't think they could have removed the carcass. Try to imagine a giant dead mouse in the wall.

Like I said, it was a whirlwind visit for me and I was back on a plane early Monday morning. Terese is there for the rest of the week. That's the difference between weekly and monthly publications. Can you say, "envy?"

None of this really has much to do with what I intended to write about this week. The preceding lines do provide some perspective to my upcoming little story. However, the foregoing chit-chat chiefly serves to fill this column out to a respectable length since my story is not only little, it's short as well.

It's a four-hour flight from Phoenix to Pittsburgh. The in-flight movie looked like a "chick-flick" so I opted for my book instead. I finished it off, though it was less than engrossing. It was the kind of book that is probably on Oprah's list and would make a good "chick-flick" someday. I found myself yearning for a Travis Magee mystery or something equally macho.

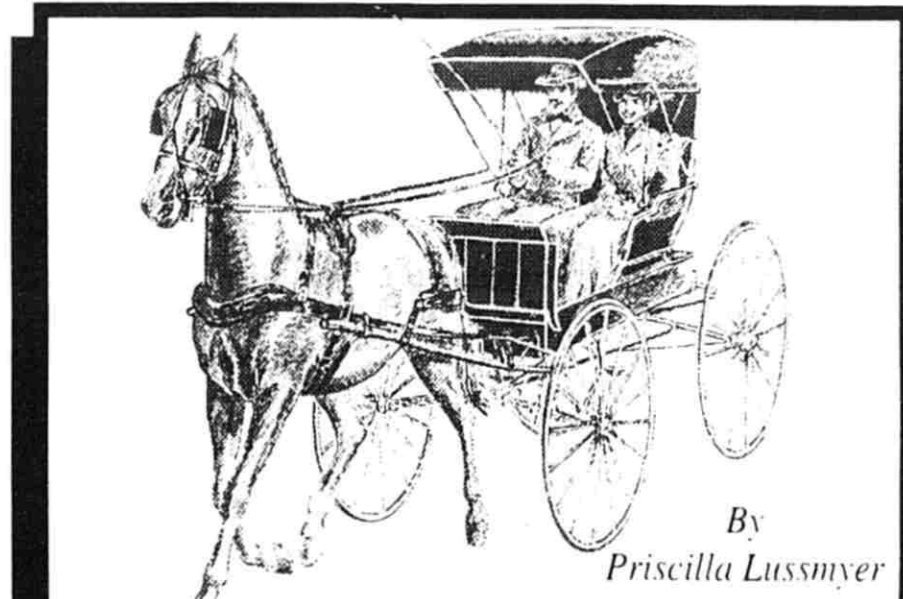


OUTDOORS By Dave Stegehuis

The last time we caught bluegills was through the ice. Because the ice went out early this year, it has been a long time since we've had a mess of pan fried bluegills at our house. It's hard to beat fresh "gills" if you're hungry for a fish dinner; therefore, it's time to come up with a plan to catch a few.

As the sun climbs higher in the sky and stays out longer, bluegills cruise the shallows where the water warms up first. The fish will spawn when the water temperature gets into the high 60's. Males will come in first and clean the bedding area of silt and debris. The beds will then appear as light colored circles. The males will defend the area; females will be along later to deposit their eggs. If approached with care, they can be caught as they gather in the shallows. Now is the time to break out the fly rod and stalk the shoreline for bluegills.

If you have been thinking about taking up fly-fishing, using a fly rod for shallow water bluegills is a great way to learn. There is lots of room on a lake to cast, and you will get plenty of practice. It's a fun and easy way to catch fish. I use a 9-foot rod with a #9 weight-forward floating line on an automatic reel. The heavy line makes it easier to cast longer distances into the wind. I tie a foam spider to an 8-foot leader made of 8-pound-test monofilament. The fish don't seem to mind the heavy leader, and I don't lose fish or spiders because of broken line.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
MAY 12, 1875

"There is no town in the state that can beat Lowell horseflesh."

Potatoes (and potato bugs) and wheat are flourishing but the apple and peach crop was seriously damaged by the cold spell. And then it was 90° in the shade last Friday.

The South Boston post office is discontinued; mail now goes to Lowell.

"The 200-lb. Man has been here with his harp and velvet coat, harping all around town for a cent."

Too many parties have been dipping into the corporation gravel pit on the hill.

The Oliver Chilled No. 40 plow beats all others in a plowing contest of 10 entries at North Plains.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
MAY 10, 1900

Prof. Nicholson, superintendent of schools the past year, has bought out Leavitt's stock and will turn to operation of the store starting this summer. He turned down \$1000 salary in next year's contract.

Admissions charged for the base ball game: 15c men, 10c ladies, 5c children, grandstand free. Balloon ascension after game.

"Lowell seems to be a good place for ex-school teachers." Millard Scott is appointed fire chief and the number of firemen is cut from 20 to 10.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 14, 1925

The third annual Play Festival will be at Recreation Park next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., fast time for the rural schools. Pupils will be divided into weight classes for the races. Emblem pins will be awarded to winners. C.H. Runciman heads the committee.

School Night (open classrooms) brought out numbers of rural pupils and teachers along with parents; after the visits, speeches and a Junior College Glee Club concert were given in the Senior High assembly.

Germans have discovered how to synthesize alcohol and have put the \$100 million alcohol business in the U. S. virtually out of business.

The Charles Clark Post of the American Legion plants a 50-foot flagpole at Oakwood Cemetery and remounts the old cannon on a concrete base.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 11, 1950

An almost 24-hour windstorm uproots trees, strips roofs, snaps power lines and damages crops. Winds average 49 m.p.h. and go as high as 89 m.p.h.

Several Lowell students participate in a Guitar Music Festival at Mt. Pleasant.

Ed Kiel's new greenhouse goes up on Main Street. The site of the old one, which burned earlier, will be given to the school for recreation use.

Acreage allotments for the 1950 corn crop have been mailed to Kent County corn growers.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND
SUBURBAN LIFE MAY 8, 1975

Kent County Library announces a new free book-lending mail service of paperback books for rural-route boxholders. A federal grant pays the postage.

The Jaycee newspaper drop will be closed until they find a site for a new one.

Sewer backups on Monroe Street receive City Council attention. The cause may be large volumes of sewage from Attwood Corp.

The U.S. Postal Service takes bids for a new postal facility in Alto.

Indoor tennis and tap-dancing class are two of the offerings by the YMCA.

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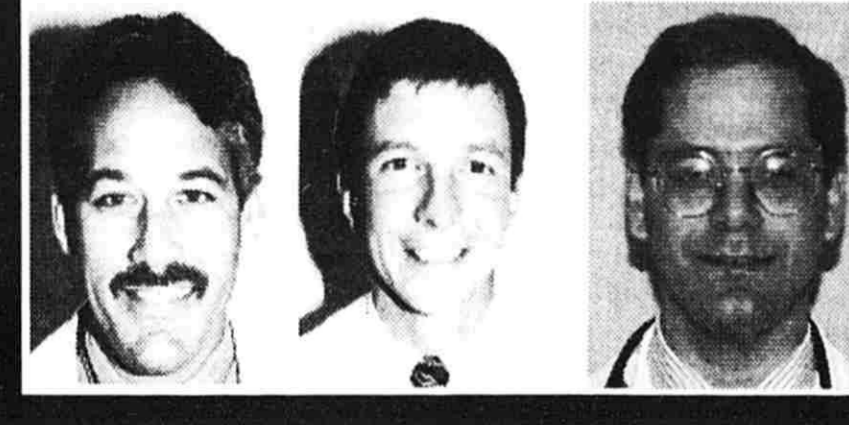
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THURS: Ham & scalloped potatoes or pizza wedge, cherries, corn.

FRI: Chicken nuggets & breadstick or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, blueberries.

Health

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POISON IVY

Poison ivy season has arrived in Lowell once again. We've seen several patients over the last couple of weeks with significant cases of poison ivy. This time of year, many are cleaning brush and weeds from their property resulting in exposure to this common plant. Poison ivy is usually a small plant or bush with classic three leaflets.

The rash is caused by contact with the resin from the plant. An inflammatory reaction results in redness, swelling, itching and eventual formation of small blisters that coalesce and drain. If left untreated, the rash will usually resolve over a couple of weeks. You can only get the rash by contact with the plant or resin. The weeping rash that develops a few days after exposure does not cause spreading of the rash. The rash may seem to spread but this is generally due to a delayed reaction from the initial exposure.

The rash is usually treated by application of a drying compound like caladryl. Avoid the use of harsh soaps which will cause further irritation and inflammation. Topical steroid cream may be all that is needed in mild cases. Oral benedryl will help relieve itching. Systemic steroids are often needed to hasten resolution of more severe cases. These are prescribed orally or by injection. Occasionally secondary skin

irritation may occur requiring antibiotic treatment. There are no effective shots that prevent poison ivy. However, highly sensitive persons may apply Ivy block prior to activity. This acts as a physical barrier to the resin, hopefully preventing contact. The best method of prevention is simple avoidance... "Leaves of three... leave me be..."



BOOK REVIEW

By Joan Wittenbach

My "find" for this month is the book, *Connect* by Edward M. Hallowell, M. D. The subtitle of explanation was — "that sounds like a good kind of book." It read: Twelve vital ties that open your heart, lengthen your life, and deepen your soul.

The introduction to the book was a good jumping-off place to get into the heart of the manuscript and into the heart of the author. And this author lets you into his heart professionally and personally. He is refreshing. He takes truth and weaves life into it.

In chapter one we are introduced to the meaning of the "human moment." That happens, "anytime two or more people are together, paying attention to one another." He then

explains, "To thrive, indeed, just to survive, we need warm-hearted contact with other people. The close-to-the-vest, stand-offish life is bad for your body and your soul.... A human contact deficiency weakens the body, the mind, and the spirit."

Human contact! I have had many acquaintances that would yell at those two words ---- I mean yell. "I'm up to it with human contact. It's about all I can take. One more person in my life and I'm outta here. I'm sick of human contact." Hallowell then explains, "Just as we need vitamin C each day, we also need a dose of the human moment--positive contact with other people." Positive contact.

In the book, *Connect*, there are five parts: Part One: The Power of the Heartfelt Connections; two: Creating Connections; three: Hopes and Fears; four: Self-Assessment and Practical Tips; and five: Finding the Heart of Your Life.

This is my first introduction to Dr. Hallowell, but I look forward to meeting him again in some of his other books.



Scholars say Shakespeare picked up most of the story of *Romeo and Juliet* from a 4th century Greek novel, *Ephesiasca*.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000

Called to order at 7:00 P.M. 6 Board members present.

Business Conducted: Moved a date be set for a public hearing for the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding the addition of a home-based business and a date also be set for a Public Hearing for the private road ordinance; discussed the Bowne Township sewer agreement and the Dykema Development agreement.

Adjournment at 7:20 P.M.

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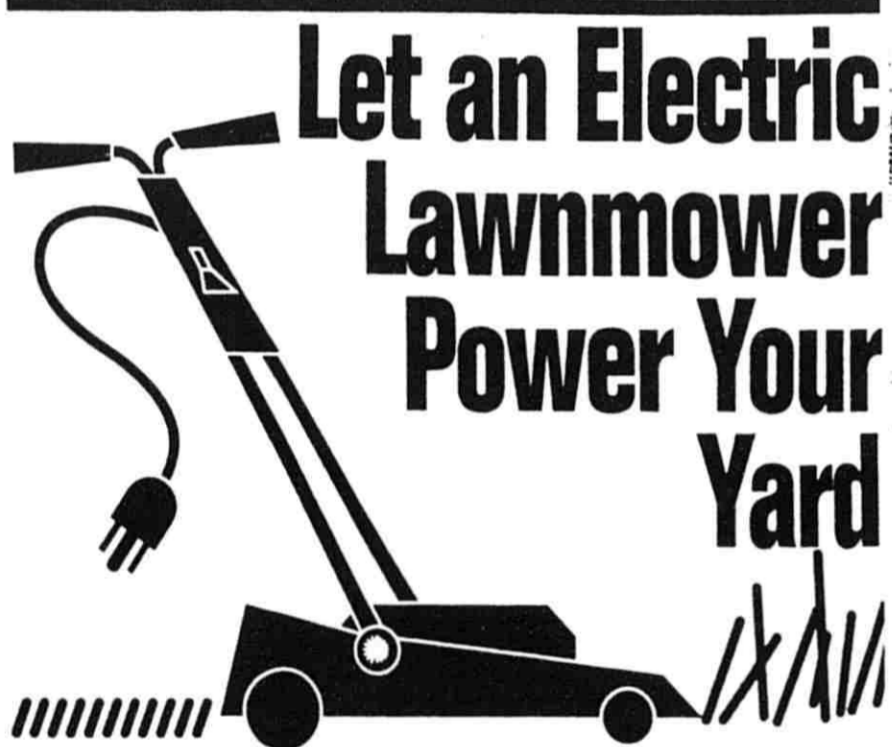
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percent rated their community's interest as high or very high, while 37 percent said it was average and 23 percent said it was low or very low.

Interest in recycling was higher in the Northeast and West than in the rest of the country.

Most Americans take part in at least some sort of recycling program. The survey showed that more than three-quarters (77 percent) said they recycle at least some aluminum cans. About two-thirds (67 percent) said they recycle newspapers, along with 65 percent who said they recycle plastic bottles; 60 percent, glass bottles; 58 percent, magazines; 55 percent, plastic bags; 54 percent, tin cans; and 53 percent who said they recycle white paper.

In the survey commissioned by NAPA, the firm of Bruskin/Golding Research completed telephone interviews with 1,009 adults selected at random from March 24 through March 26. The results are considered accurate within plus or minus three percentage points.

Coming Soon:
Flat River Outreach Ministries
THRIFT SHOP AND
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VFW REACHES OUT

Dave Clark, past commander of VFW Clark-Ellis Post 152, presented Roger LaWarre with a check for \$5,000 toward the operation of the Flat River Outreach Ministries building. The food pantry and emergency services portion of the building are scheduled to open within the week and the thrift shop section is slated to open by June 1.

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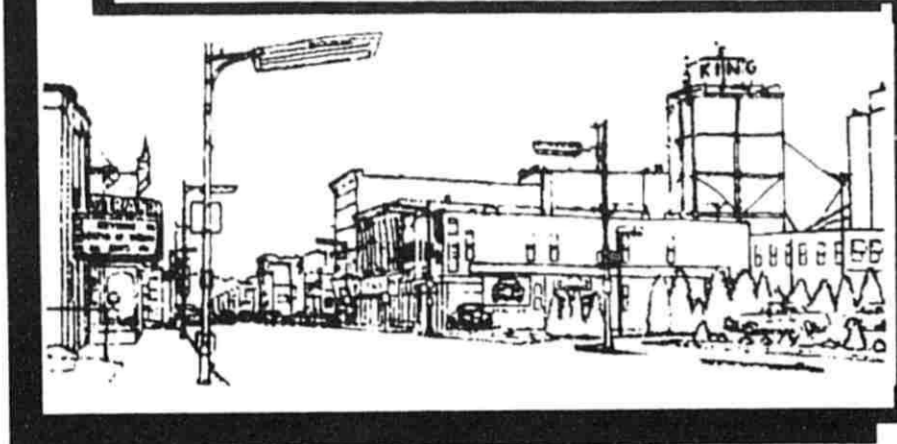
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FINAL SITE PLAN REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell at 7:00 p.m. on

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2000

to consider the final development plans required for the Planned Unit Development (PUD) proposed for the property at 11627 and 11729 Fulton (PP#s 41-20-04-401-017 and 028).

The proposed plans and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

WED., MAY 17, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M.

**Grattan Township Hall
12050 Old Belding Rd.**

**AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE
THE FOLLOWING
SUBJECTS WILL BE HEARD:**

Ted Ryfiak - 12059 Woodland Park, Belding, MI, requests a variance for side yard reduction from required 10' - 0" to 7' - 0". Article 7, Section 7.03B Property located at 12059 Woodland Park, Belding, MI 48809 Parcel #41-12-10-102-014.

Gary Thompson - 14301 Heffron, Belding, MI 48809 requests addition of one (1) 36x40 out building garage location as noted on legal description. Variance to place accessory building into partial front yard. Article 3, Section 3.01B & C Property located at 14301 Heffron, Belding, MI Parcel #41-12-01-200-009.

Written comments concerning these issues should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

Methodist Church is sponsoring a car wash this Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Family Fare. Your good-will donation will help them raise funds towards their June work camp in South Dakota.

FAMILY LINKS PARENT GROUP MEETING

The final Family Links parent group meeting of the school year will be held Monday, May 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Middle School. All parents with middle school or 5th grade students are encouraged to attend.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Lowell Little League will hold a Las Vegas night on Friday, May 19 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Lowell Lanes.

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

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Murray Lake," Bleke said.

Phase I will also include upgrades to the Alto, Bushnell, Cherry Creek, Middle School, Unity High and Runciman facilities as well as the bus garage and \$2 million worth of improvements in the technology area.

"Our barest technology needs are currently being met and without the Englehardt Community Fund it would be even less. Technology is an integral part of the first phase," Bleke explained.

Phase II will also cost \$15 million, but would be triggered by growth and need, so that residents wouldn't pay taxes on new construction until the district is sure it is needed. Phase II calls for a second new elementary building, eight additional classrooms at the high school and an addition to the cafeteria.

"I think that is fair to the taxpayers and citizens. They should not be asked to pay a nickel more than what is needed," Bleke said. "We do not want to overbuild and have a lot of empty seats."

The superintendent said the risk in doing that is the district becomes building rich and program poor.

It will cost the district roughly \$400,000 to operate a new elementary. The Lowell superintendent said the district cannot afford to operate two new elementary buildings and add on to the high school all at once.

"We'd have new buildings but the cost to operate them would be more than we could afford," Bleke said. "Building in phases reduces the possibility of that happening. It is a

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF HEARING

(UNDER ACT 198, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1974, AS AMENDED)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will hold a public hearing on May 15, 2000, at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10831 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671, to consider a request from LaBoite Company, Inc., that property commonly known as 691 Lincoln Lake S.E. in Vergennes Township, Michigan and described as set forth below, be designated as an industrial development district under the provisions of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974. The property to be considered as an industrial development district consists of the following described parcel of land situated in the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan:

Unit 4 of Lincoln Lake Business Park, a site condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3554, Page 52, Kent County Records and designated as Kent County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 294, together with rights in the general And limited common elements.

Any person may appear at this hearing and give testimony.

Mari C. Store
Township Clerk

family won't want to miss. \$1 per family. Sponsored by TOTS, an early childhood initiative of the Lowell Area Schools.

LHS CLASS OF 1995 REUNION PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Burger King for anyone interested in helping plan the class of 1995 five-year reunion.

Bring your ideas and suggestions or contact Kerry Nugent (691-8557) or Krista Posthumus (868-6366) if you would like to help and cannot attend.

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.

unique way to address the short- and long-term growth problems facing the district in a fiscally responsible matter."

The approach has been successfully done on the east side of the state. Bleke said he believes this will be the first time it has been used on the state's west side.

If the need for a second elementary building were not to arise, that portion of the bond money would not be used.

The three-year study by the Demographics Task Force committee shows the need for that building will come in two-three years. Where that elementary should be located is something the two-phase approach allows time to study.

There will be a transition time the district will have to deal with during its construction. During this time, all seats at Cherry Creek Elementary and the Middle School would be utilized. Bleke said the public and parents would be asked to join in on discussion on how to best deal with the transition.

Phase I would mean a 2.4 mill increase. Lowell currently levies five mills. Phase I would increase that to 7.4 mills. Phase II, when triggered, would cost an additional 1.2 mills, increasing the total school mills to 8.6.

While Phase I and II cost nearly the same, the difference in the mills needed to pay for them is due to the weighted formula used to set the rate.

When the district started the process, there were four principles it wanted to adhere to. They were: education quality, economic accountability, think long term and use a flexible approach.

"I think our planning has been sound and complete," board trustee Nancy Hopkins said.

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CHAMBER'S NEW DIGS

*** Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, opened the doors to the new chamber office at 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A few years in the making, roughly \$120,000 and a new address, and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has a new office, representative of a Lowell business community experiencing a revitalization.

Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, opened the doors to the Chamber's new digs last week at 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

For the past five years the Chamber has set up office at 526 E. Main. "Elmer Lauer was gracious enough to lease the building to the Chamber for \$1 per year. We sincerely appreciate his generosity," Baker explained.

The center will serve not only as a place for visitors to gather information about Lowell, but it will also be home to

Chamber meetings, Lowell Little League sign-ups, Lowell Youth Football meetings and other community group functions.

Funds for the renovation came through the city of Lowell, Englehardt's Lowell Area Community Fund, Lowell's Downtown Development Authority, Lowell Rotary Club and numerous other fundraisers involving many volunteer hours by Chamber members.

Space has also been reserved for the Retired Senior Volunteer Police.

With the inside work completed, the outside of the building (including Lowell Cable) will be power washed and painted, and awnings hung. Lowell Cable has budgeted \$6,500 toward the project.

"Lowell's Department of Public Works was instrumental in moving me into the new office," Baker said.



DANCING FOR DOLLARS

The Lowell Middle School student council presented a check to Flat River Outreach Ministries' Jody Haybarker for \$250. The proceeds were raised through a dance prior to Spring Break. Pictured from left to right, are: Haybarker, Renee Catlin, Tom Eldridge, Kriste Warren and Stephanie Blanchard. The middle school student council teacher representative is eighth-grade teacher Julie Hillary.

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There are seven seats open for nomination to the Lowell Township Board, including Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and four 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 Lowell Charter 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 Carol L. Wells, Clerk at 897-7600.

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LHS participants in the National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America, left to right, are: Nicki Deters, Rachel Rice, Lowell business teacher Christine Beachler, Molly Knooihuisen and Felicia Eshragh.

Business students take part in conference

Felicia Eshragh, Molly Knooihuisen, Rachel Rice and Nicki Deters participated in the April 28- May 2 National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Eshragh attended the competition in order to compete in the Legal Concepts competition after receiving third place at the state level. Knooihuisen attended to compete in the Management Concepts competition after placing sixth at the state level. Rice and Deters attended the conference as representatives of the Business Professionals of America Chapter at Lowell High School.

Approximately 3,200 secondary students from throughout the United States participated in Business Professionals of America's 34th National Leadership Conference. Activities included general sessions with keynote speakers, business meetings, leadership workshops, contests, software certification testing, election of national officers, and tours of the Minneapolis area sites. The highlight of the conference was the presentation of the awards to the winners in the national contests.

Business Professionals of America acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education, business and industry, and is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizen, academic, and technological skills. Christine Beachler, the local Business Professionals of America Chapter Advisor, accompanied the students to Minneapolis.

COLLEGE NEWS

Davenport College is pleased to announce Nancy L. Jones and Lynn Boersma have been named to the winter term 2000 dean's list.

Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Crout. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1974 and now resides in Caledonia. Being named to the dean's list is a very significant honor based upon achievement of academic excellence.

Boersma is the daughter of Tom and Jo Boersma. She is a freshman at Davenport.

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The following Lowell area students have been named to the Aquinas College dean's list for the fall 1999 semester. To earn dean's list honors, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying at least 12 hours of graded credit.

Lowell area students on the dean's list include John Wojciakowski and Heather Young, both Lowell High School graduates.

Annual Buddy Poppy sale May 11-13

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8303 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be distributing Buddy Poppies at various locations around Lowell on May 11, 12 & 13. According to Post Commander, Gordon Marshall "VFW bylaws require that the proceeds from our distribution of Buddy Poppies must be used to benefit disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans right here in the community."

In 1923, the VFW was

the first veterans' organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled or hospitalized veterans. That tradition continues today, with more than 16 million poppies assembled by paid, disabled and hospitalized veterans each year. The members of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary raise more than \$15 million annually from the distribution of Buddy Poppies.

The VFW, founded in 1899, is the nation's oldest major veterans organization. Its more than 2.1 million members include 1.1 million veterans of WWII, 526,000 Vietnam veterans and some 426,000 Korean War veterans. The remaining members come from American military actions in Haiti, Somalia, the Persian Gulf, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon and Bosnia as well as expeditionary and occupation forces.

Repairing structurally damaged wall could cost \$150,000

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After many months and nights of considerable thought, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke had come to a decision on how to address student growth and facility needs.

Then figuratively speaking, the wall came tumbling down Monday morning.

In a report from BETA structural engineer Ralph Moxley, Bleke learned that the west wall of the Alto gym was structurally unsafe. In fact, a high wind could be capable of blowing it over.

The Lowell superintendent immediately ordered that the gym be emptied and cordoned off.

The district will bring in a second structural engineer to look at the wall.

The cost is estimated at \$150,000. "We knew the wall was in need of repair but we didn't anticipate this," Bleke said.

In deciding what improvements should be included in Phase I of the bond issue, Bleke and the board ruled out hooking a 3,000 square foot multi-purpose room onto the south end of the Alto gym due to its cost.

Bleke hinted they may want to rethink that if it's going to cost \$150,000 to repair the wall.

"The wall will most likely be taken care of this summer to remove any danger," Bleke said. Any repair work this summer could not be reimbursed through a bond issue.

If the multi-purpose room project is added to Phase I of the project, the scope of work done on the wall this summer could be affected. Those are decisions Bleke and the board will wrestle with.

As of Monday, Alto Elementary principal Mary Ann Schramm was wrestling with where students would eat their lunches.

"Actually everything went incredibly well. Our kindergarten, first- and second-graders ate lunch in the hall and our third-, fourth- and fifth-graders were served outside the gym area and then carried their lunches to their rooms," Schramm said.



Chamber selects LaWarre as its "Person of the Year" Honoree

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker and Chamber president Dale Triplett announced that First Congregational Church of Lowell pastor, Dr. Roger LaWarre (middle) will be recognized with the annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award on Thursday, May 25. The Person of the Year banquet is held in conjunction with the city's Mayor Exchange dinner at Deer Run Golf Club.

LaWarre credited the many people who have worked and shared in his vision.

"It's impossible to have a leader unless there are those who do and share in your vision," LaWarre said.

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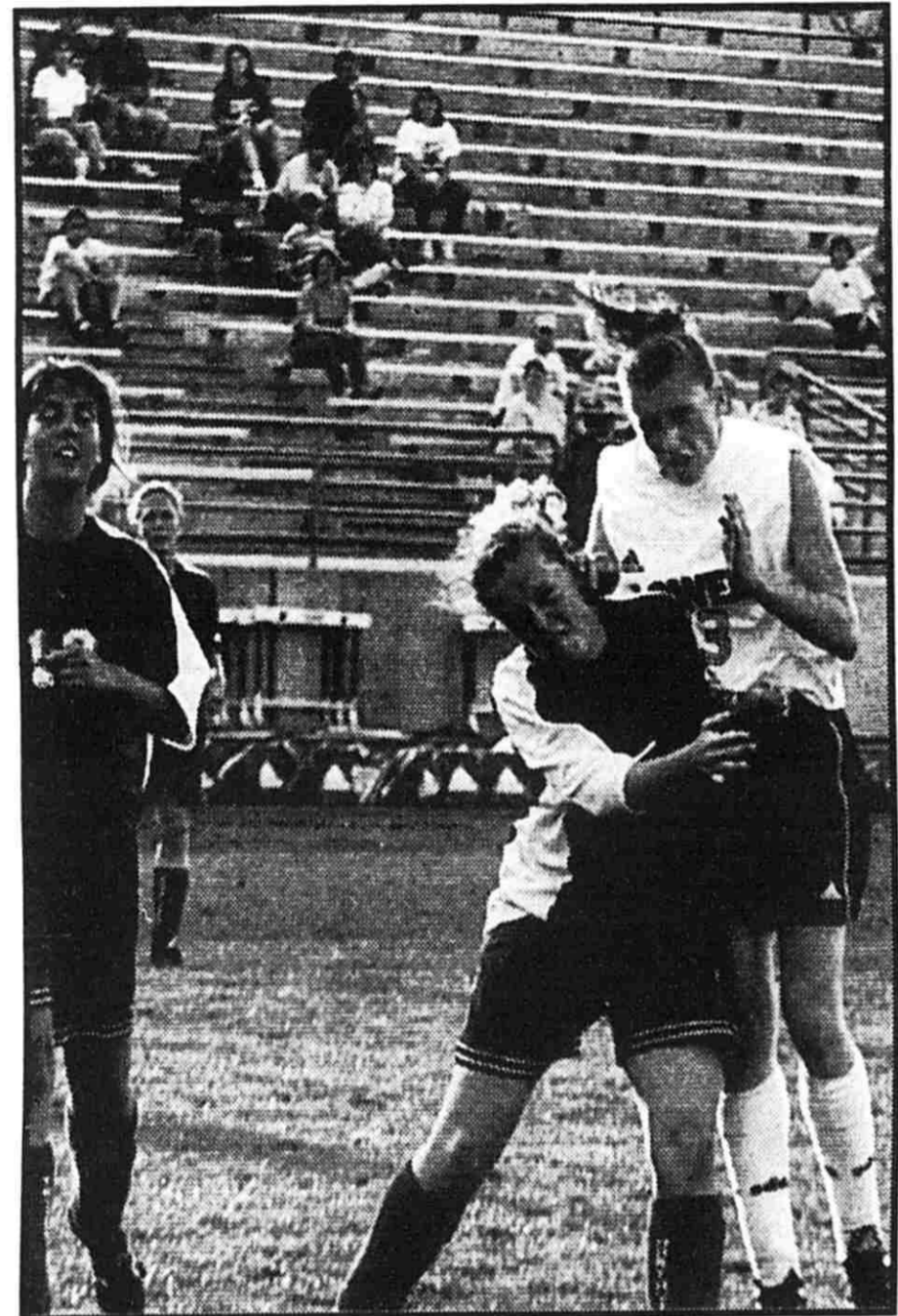
Red Arrow soccer team rebounds from Northview loss with win over Vikings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Coming off a tough overtime loss to Northview, the Lowell girls soccer team played well in blanking Wyoming Park 5-0.

Laura Horsley led the Red Arrow attack with three goals, two coming in the first half.

"The girls took their time, played the ball to someone and completed three-four passes to get our attack going," Lowell



Laura Horsley, even with a body on her, managed to deflect the ball with her head.

soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "The key to the game was our midfielders controlled the ball, specifically Kelly Chapman. They created opportunities for us."

Horsley's first goal came four minutes into the game. The Red Arrow followed up a Chapman shot which hit the crossbar.

Horsley's second goal of the first half came on a crossing shot from Becky Bosserd.

"I challenged the girls at halftime to not relax and to go out at the start of the second half and to pressure Park," Conlan said.

His Red Arrows responded as Horsley, like she did in the first half, scored four minutes into the second half, booting one into the lower right corner of the net.

"I was pleased that the girls maintained their effort after getting the lead," Conlan said.

Lowell's fourth and fifth goals were scored by Lyndsay Plescher and Bosserd.

Lowell goalie Britany Plescher recorded eight saves in the net.

Northview 2 (OT)
Lowell 1

The Red Arrows got bit in overtime after allowing a less talented team to hang with them.

"We scored first and then relaxed. We had opportunities to put them away and didn't capitalize," Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan said.

The Lowell coach said his club was too quick to kick the ball out of bounds and committed too many unforced errors when they had the ball.

"I think that comes from playing quality teams like Central and East where there is always pressure and they are always on you. I think the girls still felt as if they had to hurry when in fact they had time," Conlan said.

Red Arrow netters upend Ionia, 6-2

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys tennis team picked up its first win of the year with a 6-2 nonconference victory against Ionia.

The Red Arrows continued to get strong play from their doubles teams against Ionia to go along with strong play from their number one and two singles players.

Alan Stiver, number one singles, battled back from a 6-0 loss in the first set to win the final two sets 6-1, 6-1.

"Alan played smart and was able to change the tempo,"

said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall. "It was a nice win for him."

Chris Cress, second singles, needed just two sets to defeat Bulldog Jeff Nelson 6-0, 6-4. "Chris mixed up his shots well. He battled back to win the second set after trailing 4-0," Wall explained.

Lowell swept the doubles matches. James Bosserd and Collin Vincent used more aggressive play to post a 6-1, 6-1 win in first doubles.

Gavin Vincent and Jordan Gallagher earned a tough two-set 6-4, 7-5 victory.



Kelly Chapman shoots past her Northview defender.

Lowell's only goal came in the first half when Becky Bosserd scored off a crossing pass from Laura Horsley.

Northview scored with roughly 18 minutes to play in the second half and then created the net in overtime for the win.

"We struggled to get good scoring opportunities after that first goal," Conlan said.

Red Arrow netters upend Ionia, 6-2

In third doubles, it was Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines recording a 6-1, 6-3 win. "Kyle was hitting some nice low baseline shots, and Ryan was cutting their returns off at the net," Wall explained.

David Barry and Ryan Kremer tallied a 6-3, 6-3 win in fourth doubles action.

Stiver lost 6-0, 6-2; Chris Cress lost 6-2, 6-2; Andy Oetman lost 6-0, 6-1; and Richie Ford lost 6-0, 6-0.

EGR 8
Lowell 0

The Red Arrows were of little resistance in their loss to one of the league's best.

The Pioneers, tied for first with Forest Hills Central, met their only test at number two doubles. Gavin Vincent and Jordan Gallagher played well in defeat, losing 7-5, 6-2.

"Our doubles teams all have winning records. They've been respectable all year. We just need more experience," Wall said.

Zeeland 6
Lowell 2

The Red Arrows continued to play competitive tennis at all four doubles levels, but were only victorious at one and three doubles.

James Bosserd and Collin Vincent rode great ground strokes to a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 win over their Chix counterparts.

Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines, third doubles, won in straight sets 6-1, 7-6.

Jordan Gallagher and Gavin Vincent lost in three sets 6-3, 3-6, 4-6.

David Barry and Ryan Kremer, fourth doubles, were upended 7-6, 6-4.

In singles play, Alan

Northview 7
Lowell 1

Gavin Vincent and Jordan Gallagher, two doubles, won in a three-set cliffhanger 2-6, 7-6, 7-6. It was Lowell's only win against the Wildcats.

LHS and LMS students to compete in Special Olympics

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

They've been practicing since the middle of March, and on Saturday, May 13 Lowell High School/ Middle School students will participate in the Special Olympics.

There will be 16 Lowell students competing in the Region 11 bowling tournament at Chez Ami Bowling Center.

"Everybody participates and everybody wins," says Nancy Heatley, Lowell's Special Olympics sponsor/coach. "Through Special Olympics, these students realize that it's not a big deal to participate - and that it is fun and it enables them to feel good about themselves."

This is the second year Lowell has been involved in the

Lowell boys 5th at invitational; beat up on Zeeland and Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The performance of the Lowell boys track team has steadily improved with each meet which may lead some to conclude the Red Arrows are peaking at the right time.

"Everybody's developed and we continue to improve," said Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve.

That improvement was evident in Lowell's 105-32

win over Zeeland.

The win pushed Lowell's league record to 4-1, second only to Hudsonville (5-0).

"I really want to finish at 6-1," Boeve claimed.

With wins over Hastings and Wyoming Park, Lowell would secure a second-place finish.

In its win over the Zeeland Chix, the Red Arrows benefited from strong performances in the relays, the shot put and

the 200-meter dash.

Bill Stouffer recorded his best throw of the year in the shot put with a distance of 49' 10 3/4". "His best throw last year was 51'9"; I think Bill will beat that mark," Boeve said.

In the 200-meter dash, Lowell's Ken Palcowski stopped the clock in 23.36. "I think that may be the best 200 time we've had in the

last three years," Boeve explained.

Lowell claimed sweeps in three events - the long jump, the 100-meter dash and the 3200-meter run. "When was the last time Lowell swept Zeeland in a distance event?" Boeve asked.

Jon Wiering (18' 4 1/4"), Brian Fitzpatrick (18' 3") and Mike Wierenga (19' 11") shut Zeeland out in the long jump.

Mike Williams (11.23), Palcowski (11.37), and Kurt Telman (11.92) claimed the top three spots in the 100-meter dash.

In the 3200-meter run, it was Mike Armstrong (10:58.49), Zach Stauffer (11:06.79), and Craig Myers (11:08.23) sweeping the top three spots.

Mark Maatman, Kevin Huisman, Stauffer and Ryan Mix came home in 8:55.98 to win the 3200-meter relay. Williams, Telman, Mark Catlin and Palcowski easily won the 800-meter relay in a time of 1:34.30.

The team of Williams, Telman, Catlin and Palcowski turned in a time of 46.10 to win the 400-meter relay.

It was Wierenga, Matt Foster, Mix and Maatman winning the 1600-meter relay in 3:39.01.

Other first-place finishes were recorded by Dave Hefferan, discus, 137' 1"; Williams, high jump, 6' 2"; Wiering, 110 hurdles, 15.94; Stauffer, 1600-meter run, 4:52.94; and Mix, 400-meter dash, 52.94.

Lowell 82
Hastings 46

Lowell boys track team cleared a few hurdles and covered its ground in its 82-46 win over Hastings.

"The keys were our performances in the distance events and in the hurdles," Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve said.

Jon Wiering cleared the hurdles with winning times in both the 300- and 110-meter hurdles. Wiering won the 300 in a time of 45.043. He stopped the clock in 16.49 in the 110.

The Red Arrows won both the 1600- and 3200-meter relays. Mark Maatman, Kevin Huisman, Kirk Johnson and Ryan Mix brought the baton home in 9:41.972 to win the 3200 relay.

It was Maatman, Matt Foster, Mike Wierenga and Mix coming home first in the 1600 with a time of 3:47.405.

Lowell claimed the top two spots in both the 800- and 1600-meter runs.

In the 800, Huisman won the race in a time of 2:10.21. Johnson was second at 2:11.04.

Zach Stauffer won the 1600, finishing the race in 4:55.61. Huisman followed him home in 4:58.51.

Other firsts for Lowell were Mike Williams, 100 dash, 11.16; Bill Stouffer, shot put, 48' 2"; and Williams, high jump, 6'.

Lowell Invitational

The Lowell boys track team placed fifth in a field of 13 schools, Saturday, at the Lowell Invitational.

The Red Arrows placed in 11 of the 15 events.

Grand Rapids Christian won the invitational with 85.5 points. The Eagles were followed by Caledonia 68; EGR 54; Orchard View 52; Lowell 47; Northview 32; Grandville 30; Greenville 29; Forest Hills Northern 26; Union 14; Kenowa Hills 13.5; Ionia 10; and Godwin Heights 3.

The Red Arrow took top honors in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:33.3.

Its 1600-meter relay team finished second, coming home in 3:33.7. Northview won the relay in 3:31.5.

Mike Williams placed second to Northview's T.J. Stark in the 100-meter dash. Williams stopped the clock in 11.20 while Stark came home in 11.10.

Lowell's 400-meter relay team took third with a time of 45.20.

The Red Arrow high jump crew tied with Forest Hills Northern for third with a combined height of 17'.

In other events, Lowell finished sixth, discus, 323' 10"; fifth, shot put, 123' 3 3/4"; sixth, distance medley, 25:54.90; sixth, 3200-meter relay, 8:44.20; fourth, Red Arrow relay, 6:04.50; and Jon Wiering was sixth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.10.



Ken Palcowski races home in the 100-meter dash prelims on Saturday.

Bowling, cont'd... From Page 14

Special Olympics program. "The middle school joined us this year," Heatley explained. "Last year parents contacted us and asked that the students participate."

The students have practiced six times at Lowell Lanes in preparation for the tournament.

Lowell shuts out Hastings, loses to East and FHC

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Brady Foster shutout the Saxons on three hits in Lowell's 7-0 OK White win over Hastings.

The Red Arrows tallied a single run in the first, three in the second, two in the fourth and two more runs in the fifth in routing Hastings.

EGR 12
Lowell 3

The Pioneers plated three runs in each of the first three innings as they ran away and hid in their win over Lowell.

Lowell tallied single runs in the first, third and fourth innings.

FHC 5-3
Lowell 1-1

The Rangers scored four runs in the seventh inning of game one to win the opener. In game two, the Rangers scored three in the first en route to the win.

Lowell recorded nine hits in the opener. Keith Valentine, Keith Kernen and Eric Gruber each collected two hits apiece.

"I thought we played solid defensively in both games," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said. "Foster (Brady) was solid on the mound for us in game one and Keith Kernen pitched well in game two, holding Central to just three runs."

Highlighted a 10-6 Lowell win over Otsego Saturday at the Wayland Invitational.

Dave Rozema started and got the win for Lowell. Jake Baum stole six bases.

In game two, the Red Arrows defeated Wayland 7-6. Mike Smith earned the win.



Jake Baum dives back in at first in game one against the Rangers.

Lowell girls' best round of golf good enough to edge Greenville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There are signs that the Lowell girls golf team may be peaking at the right time.

The Red Arrow linksters recorded a season best 190 at Deer Run Golf Course in defeating a highly touted Greenville squad 190-191.

"I think that is the best score a Lowell team has shot at Deer Run in probably four years," Lowell golf coach Rick White said. "There are good signs that things are starting to come together."

Three Red Arrow linksters carded scores below 50. Kate Gunberg led the way with a 44. Amber Kuipers and Jenny Gunberg were two shots back at 46. Lisa LaHaye was Lowell's fourth score with a round of 54.

Greenville's Ellie Saladin led Greenville with a nine-hole total of 40.

EGR 192
Lowell 196
Zeeland 204

East Grand Rapids' fifth player (Katie Karhols) carded an unexpected 45 in lifting East Grand Rapids past Lowell.

Amber Kuipers was Lowell's team

medalist with a 47. Jenny Gunberg shot a 48 and Kelly Fitzpatrick and Jeanie Dunn followed with rounds of 50 and 51 respectively.

The Pioneers' top score honors were shared by Emily Rector and Stephanie Peterson. They carded rounds of 46. Emelyn Northway finished with a 55.

Zeeland's Melissa Sneller was the match medalist with a 37.

Lowell 201
Northview 249

In cool, wet conditions Lowell cruised past the Wildcats.

Amber Kuipers carded a 45. She was followed by Kate Gunberg, 50; Jenny Gunberg, 52 and Kelly Fitzpatrick, 54.

FHN 180
Lowell 208

The Huskies carded three scores of 45 or lower in their win over Lowell.

Amber Kuipers fired a 46 to lead Lowell. Jeanie Dunn shot a 53. Kate Gunberg came home in 54, and Kelly Fitzpatrick shot a 55.

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STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household goods, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

1/2 HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bedroom, full bath, living room, shared dining room and kitchen, \$500 plus utilities. Owner rarely around. Call 897-9707. Storage room in basement, 80 ft. dog run. No cats.

DUPLEX FOR RENT - 2 bedroom, full basement, nice country setting, \$525/month. 897-5426.

FOR RENT - 3 bedroom, doublewide on 3 acres North of Lowell! \$800.00/a mo. Only interested need inquire. (616) 897-5546.

EVENTS

CRAFTERS, ARTISTS & CRAFT DEMONSTRATORS WANTED - for Ada Twp. 4th of July Festival. 10-2:30 p.m. Established 60 years. Booth 12x12, \$30. Grassy area across from Amway flag display on M-21. Call Linda 682-8359.

IONIA ANTIQUE MARKET - Ionia Fairgrounds, M-66 N. of I-96. Sun., May 21, 8-4 p.m. Adms. \$2.50. Information call 616-874-6928.

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



Wittenbach, cont'd... From Page 1

A community fund-raiser will also be organized, allowing residents to take part in the project. The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 when Lowell resident Harold Englehardt left the community of Lowell more than \$12 million in his will. "Harold Englehardt was a great friend and mentor to my father," Steve Wittenbach said. "I imagine they are looking down today and are pleased with this deal they've put together for this community." Wittenbach's daughter Mary Dewey added that the center would have made her father very happy that he was able to give back to a community that gave him so much. Construction on the center is scheduled to commence in a couple of weeks.



Mike Wittenbach, middle, and June Wittenbach talk with one of approximately 75 people in attendance on Saturday. Above, this young man helped spread mulch on the walking trail prior to the groundbreaking ceremony.

SPRING FEVER

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SERVICES **SERVICES** **SERVICES** **SERVICES** **SERVICES** **CARD OF THANKS**

CHILD CARE & PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS - for 3-6 year-olds at Big Steps Little Feet Christian Child Care in Ada. 682-8300.

ATTORNEY - local attorney available to assist you. Convenient appointment times, flexible payment plans & many flat fee services available. I provide the personal services you expect from an attorney. Please call Bonnie Lent-Davis at 897-6293 to schedule an appointment.

CHRISTOPHER'S TREE/SHRUB SERVICE - Removals, proper pruning, yard cleanups, garden tilling. Free estimates. 868-1614.

KOETJE HORSESHOEING - Call Bill, certified farrier, 8 years experience. 616-374-3286.

FLOWER FARM GREENHOUSES - Open for the season. Monday thru Saturday, 9-6. 1 quart and 1 gallon perennials, large selection of hostas & day lilies. (64th St. 2-1/4 mi. E. of M-50).

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CARD OF THANKS
We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors for attending our 50th anniversary party given by our children & grandchildren. Grant & Elaine Higgins.

THANK YOU!
I want to thank my kids for all their help, concern and being with Mom. I also want to thank family and friends for the hospital visits and when I came home. Also, the special pies, flowers, candy and phone calls. You're all special people. Don Geelhoed

CROP Walk officials anticipate breaking record total

Based on the pledge sheets turned in on Sunday, the sixth annual Lowell Area CROP Walk treasurer, Inge Whittemore believes the walk for hunger will set a new record for the second straight year.

"Prior to the walk on Sunday, the pledge total was better at that point than it has ever been in the past," Whittemore explained.

The preliminary sheets handed in on May 7 totaled roughly \$22,000. "There are still a number of sheets that haven't been counted," Whittemore said. "I feel confident that we will break last year's record total, of approximately \$25,000."

The efforts of 300 plus walkers may make the Lowell Area CROP Walk one of the top 100 in the country.

"We missed the top 100 list by about \$1,000 last year," Whittemore said.

Of the amount raised, 75 percent goes to the relief agency Church World Services; 25 percent stays in the Lowell community. Of that, 75 percent will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries and 25 percent to the Senior Neighbors Meals on Wheels.

"Once again this year we had great representation from area churches," Whittemore said.

Snow United Methodist Church had the most participants (120).

Y's Invest In Youth drive surpasses \$50,000

Rick Seese called Will Welsh's 2000 Invest In Youth goal of \$50,000 "Ambunctious."

The goal set by the Y's new executive director, Will Welsh was challenging but not unreachable.

"I knew it would be a challenge, but we had volunteers go above and beyond in leadership and solicitation of gifts," Welsh said.

This year's campaign brought in a record-setting \$50,021.81 in pledges, an increase of 20 percent over last year. The 1999 campaign raised \$42,000.

"Gauging the years of involvement and what other branches are doing, the Lowell YMCA has done well," said Invest

In Youth chairman Rick Seese. "This community has demonstrated a willingness to help the less fortunate."

This year there were 345 contributors who pledged an average of \$145.

"The YMCA is a great way to support local communities, kids and education," said James Bosserd, Huntington's private financial group region manager and the chairman for the Invest in Youth board campaign.

The success of the Invest in Youth program helps keep program costs down and provides financial assistance to families who may not otherwise be able to afford it.

"Not only does it allow kids to enjoy Y programs, it also enables them to participate in social activities which help kids of all ages grow," said Seese.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-169,159 SE

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Date of birth 2/04/1905

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April 24, 2000

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2000 NOTICE OF AERIAL SPRAYING FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF GYPSY MOTH LARVAE IN SELECTED AREAS OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Certain selected areas in Vergennes Township are scheduled to receive aerial application of the insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) for the suppression of Gypsy Moth larvae. Maps of these areas are available for viewing at the township office. The applicator for the program is Mid-Michigan Helicopter Service, 7480 Backus Road, Greenville, Michigan, 616-754-5184. The B.t. brand will be Dipel 8AF supplied by Abbott Laboratories. The spraying will be done by aircraft in May and early June when the weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates cannot be predetermined, as application is weather dependent.

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.

Vergennes Township
10381 Bailey Dr.
Lowell, MI 49331
897-5671

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 15, 2000 and June 5, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

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

City Operating Budget for 2000-2001. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,128,576 in proposed expenditures. After the hearings, the Council will consider adoption of the budget.

Copies of the proposed 2000-2001 Budget will be available for public inspection starting May 10, 2000 during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meetings to the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Zoning Board of Appeals has approved Michael Burri's variance request to build at 3079 Kissing Rock S.E. (PP#41-20-18-200-021) which has insufficient road frontage.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
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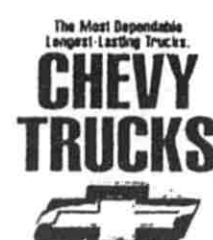
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