

# The Lowell Ledger

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Wednesday, May 17, 2000

## KDL millage vote hampers filling Englehardt Library staffing needs

••• KDL minutes indicate board was concerned about adding staff before vote on proposed millage increase

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Concern over Lowell being slighted a part-time youth librarian had the city's mayor speaking out about the Kent District Library Board's actions.

Reading from the library board's April 20 minutes, Mayor Mike Blough expressed his disappointment that the Kent District Library Board was more concerned about politics than hiring a budgeted staff person.

"The community here has made great efforts to build this new library and see that funds are available to maintain it and to continue to support the KDL millage elections," Blough said.

The city puts forth about \$380,000 in funding to maintain the library and has raised more than \$800,000 in corporate and private donations for the library, which

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## Vergennes Township seeks funds for web site

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The idea is to provide meaningful information and services to the residents of Vergennes Township and the Greater Lowell community through the worldwide web.

The cost to Vergennes Township to move forward with the project is \$6,071.

It has applied to the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund for \$4,340 of that total, putting the township costs at \$1,731.

"The necessary hardware and software upgrades to our computer network have already been accomplished, and

we are currently discussing the creation of the site and vendor," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone. Items which would be included for informational purposes are: general information, board/commission committee members, calendar of meetings, cemetery information, list of neighborhood associations, millage rates, election information, fee schedule, ordinances, comprehensive/master plan & maps, various application forms, Flat River information and township history.

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Lowell Middle School students responded to the passion and energy of Jean Driscoll's message.

## Big dreams and hard work help elite wheelchair racer realize potential

••• Driscoll won her ninth Old Kent River Run Saturday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jean Driscoll had to overcome limitations imposed on her by others and herself before becoming a two-time Olympic silver medalist.

"A person's biggest limitation is believing they can't do something," Driscoll explained. "My message to young kids is to dream big and work hard."

That approach has made Driscoll the most dominating female elite wheelchair racer of all time.

The Wisconsin native added a ninth Old Kent Run victory to her list of accomplishments on Saturday. Driscoll finished the race in 1:10.23. She set the course record in 1995 of 2:02.30.

Lowell Middle School's seventh-grade language arts students spent a unit studying and appreciating differences - including physical differences.

Through a raise of hands, students indicated to Driscoll

that when they saw someone in a wheelchair, they felt sorry for that person.

"I hope by the time I leave today you no longer feel that way," Driscoll explained. "I don't feel sorry for myself. I've met people, done things and gone places that many don't get the opportunity to do."

She attributes her success to the people in her life who "saw more potential in me than I did."

In April, Driscoll added an eighth Boston Marathon victory with a decisive 24-second win over her Australian rival, Louise Savage. Eight wins is the most ever by an athlete in the 104-year history of the Boston Marathon. Of those eight wins, five have been world and course records. Her current Boston Marathon record stands at 1:34.

Her most gratifying wins have come at the tradition-rich Boston Marathon but so has her most disappointing

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## Lowell math teacher among nation's best

••• Sue Beute was selected for the 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The highest honor that can be given to a U.S. elementary math teacher was bestowed on Lowell's Sue Beute.

Beute, an at-risk math teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary, was among 200 teachers selected for the 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Each year, a national panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators recommends teachers to receive the Presidential Award - one elementary and one secondary math



Sue Beute

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## OBITUARIES

**VANDERZAND** - Daryl A. VanderZand, aged 48, passed away after a brief illness at Pennox Hospital. There will be a luncheon gathering for friends and family in remembrance of Daryl on May 20 at 2 p.m. at 1620 Grand River Dr., Lowell, MI, east of the gas plant.



### Bob and Morna (Rickert) Ford

Married  
May 20, 1950

Please Join Us To Celebrate Our Parents 50th Anniversary

### OPEN HOUSE • SAT., MAY 20

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Lowell United Methodist Church  
(downstairs in dining room)

### HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

Greg & Nancy Ford, Doug & Karen Ford,  
Jody & Kraig Haybarker, Beth & Greg Ball and Dave & Joy Ford.

No Gifts Please!!!

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED NEW TOWNSHIP LAND USE PLAN

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 7, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed new Land Use Plan for future development and use of land within the Township. The proposed Land Use Plan will replace in its entirety the current Land Use Plan. The proposed Land Use Plan may be examined at the Township Hall, 6059 Linfield S.E., Alto, Michigan, on Wednesday and Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

May 17, 2000  
Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

## Ellison and Parker honored by Congressman Ehlers

Congressman Vern Ehlers presented the Congressional Medal of Merit to one senior from each high school in the Third Congressional District. The congressman recognized 41 students on Saturday in a ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

Stephanie Ellison was selected as the senior from Lowell High School.

Ellison and other recipients were selected because they have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence during their high school careers.

They have also been leaders in the areas of peer respect, community service, school citizenship and extracurricular activities.

Ideally, the student is someone who significantly contributes to making his/her school a better place and who otherwise might not seek or receive public recognition for their efforts.

Lowell's Anna Parker, 13, was presented with the student service award.

She received a certificate and letter signed by President Bill Clinton and a silver pin.

The award recognizes students ages 5-14 who perform 50 hours of community service during a 12-month period. Students are certified by their school or a community organization. Kent County 4-H confirmed and supported Parker's application for this award.

Parker participated in the club's musical "Let's Hear It for the Heroes," which raised \$2,000 for the John Ball Zoo Wildlife Conservation Fund. She also taught sessions to youth on how to draw cartoon characters. She has also performed other community service activities (e.g., caroling to senior citizens, caring for toddlers during church services).



Vern Ehlers presents Anna Parker with her student service award.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.  
00-169,488-DE

Estate of GENEVIEVE I. GREEN, Deceased  
Date of Birth: 11/3/1910

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, GENEVIEVE I. GREEN, who lived at 2000 32nd Street S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 04/28/2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT L. GREEN and ELAINE J. SEYMOUR, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

SUSAN M. POTYRAJ (P46249)  
Attorney-At-Law  
410 Bridge St. N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
(616) 454-4119

ROBERT L. GREEN  
1042 Bradley Ave.  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

ELAINE J. SEYMOUR  
3423 N. George Mason Dr.  
Arlington, VA 22207

## Council gives okay on Sherman's request to transfer liquor license

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Lowell business owner Lois Sherman has just one more hoop to go through before completing the transfer of a Class C liquor license to her new facility at 916 Main St.

Sherman purchased Captain Jack's, formerly at 901 W. Main St., last year with the intention of moving the business across the street. The car dealership, Vennen Chrysler Dodge, has plans to take over the property on

which Captain Jack's was located.

Sherman plans to open her new business, the Main Street Banquet, this year. Currently the new building is under construction. Getting all her ducks in a row, she went before the

Lowell City Council Monday night seeking approval to transfer the current liquor and entertainment license from the old site to the new one.

The Michigan Liquor Control Board makes this final decision on the transfer, however it relies on approval

of the city and local police department.

"The Liquor Control Board told me that if you have a wedding with dancing or even if you have a chilly cook off, you have to have an entertainment license," Sherman said.

She emphasized that she

was not pursuing a topless entertainment license, which Sherman noted is a separate permit. The council gave unanimous approval of the transfer of license after reviewing the police report, which gave the business a "clean bill."

## ONE AUDITOR FOR ALL

City hires one auditing firm to review all of its books.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell will have one auditor reviewing its books. In a unanimous vote from the Lowell City Council Monday night, it approved bids from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson to conduct audits on Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV.

Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson already does the city's general budget. "This is something the city council had requested," said City Manager David Pasquale.

Earlier this year, the council had made a request that one

auditing firm do all of the city's budgets. Staff appointed Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson about performing audits for Cable TV and Light and Power.

The auditing firm came back with bids of \$6,125 for Cable TV and \$8,250 for Light and Power. The audits will begin around Sept. 11 and be completed on Nov. 27.

Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson has been the auditing firm for the city's general budget for about 20 years.

## Lowell Police officers receive 3.75 percent pay hike

Lowell police officers will realize a pay increase of 3.75 percent starting July 1, 2000 following unanimous approval by the city council Monday night.

The 3.75 percent reflects a cost-of-living increase. Officers starting the force will see their salary increase from \$10.87 to \$11.27 per hour or \$22,613 to \$23,461 annually. An officer who has been on the force for four years will see an increase from \$21.52 to \$22.32 per hour or \$44,765 to \$46,444 annually. Sergeant's wages will increase from \$22.44 to \$23.28 per hour or \$46,679 to \$48,429 annually.

The city is in its final year of a three-year contract with the

Lowell Police Officers Association, which represents both the officers and the sergeants. Under that contract, the union had the right to negotiate a wage increase or what is commonly known as a wage reopener, explained City Manager David Pasquale.

That was the only item being considered by the council. Currently the Lowell Police Department employs five officers and one sergeant. Labor for the department makes up about 85 percent of its budget.



When a piece of music is meant to be played *estinto*, it should be played so softly that it can hardly be heard.

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May 17, 2000  
Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

## 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

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

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

Some customers will experience low water pressure.



City of Lowell  
Water Department

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on:

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2000

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

AT&T has requested a variance to replace an existing 160 foot Kent County Road Commission lattice tower with a 195 foot monopole, transfer the Road Commission's two-way radio equipment to the reconstructed monopole, construct an electronic equipment shelter and remove the existing shelter on property located at 4883 Timpson (PP#41-20-20-400-003) owned by the Kent County Road Commission.

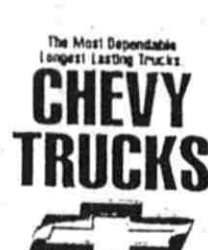
Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

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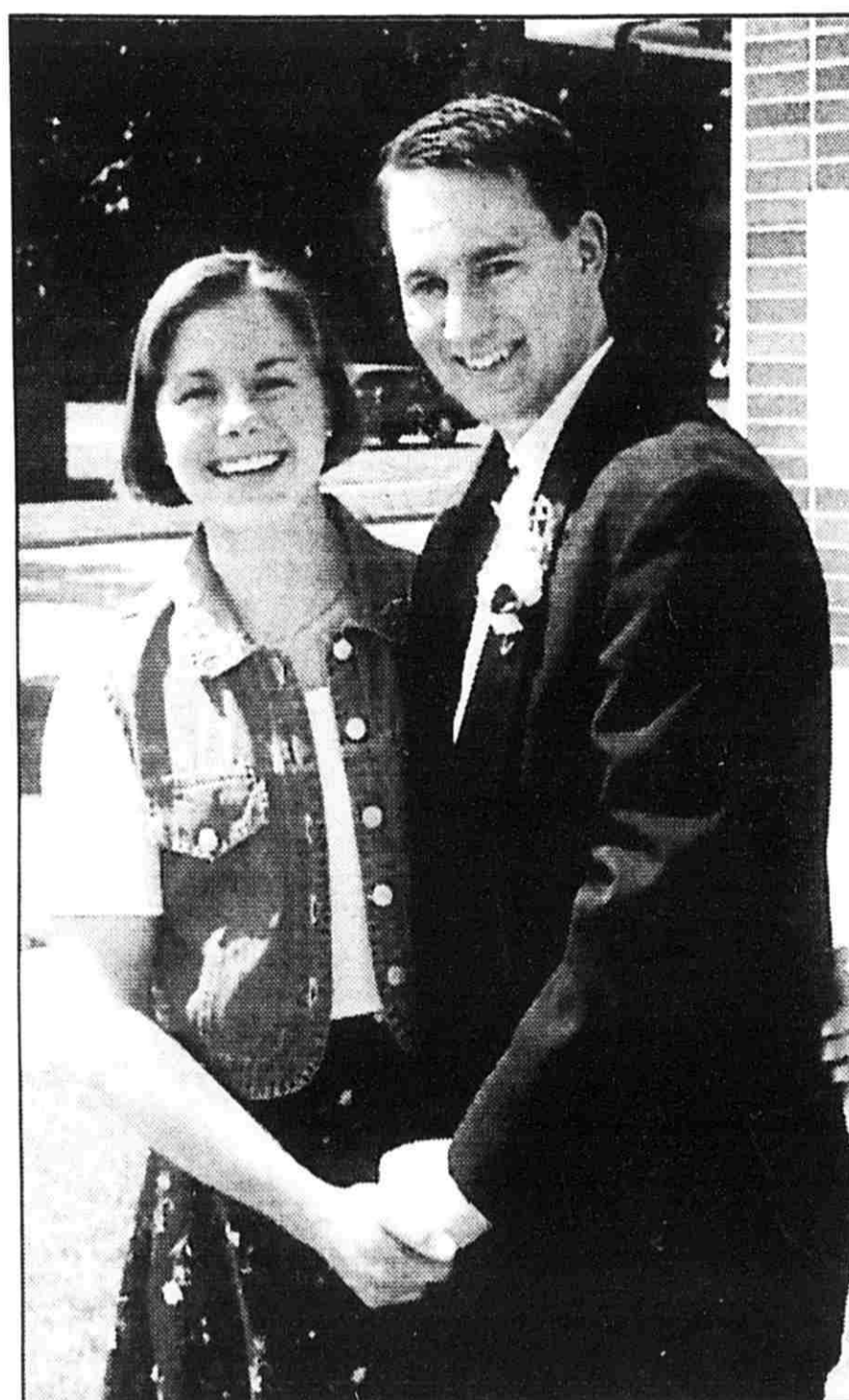
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## McCaul/ Roe

Jamie L. McCaul and Ryan A. Roe, both of Lowell, are engaged to be married.

The future bride is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School, attended Michigan State University and is currently employed by Cascade Hospital for Animals. Her parents are Rick and Peg McCaul of Lowell.

The groom-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Lowell High School, attended Grand Rapids Community College and is employed by the Kent County Sheriff's Department. His parents are Al and Sandy Roe of Lowell.

A September 15, 2000 wedding is planned.



## SPIRIT, MIND & BODY

Seven area teens received the first annual Teen Spirit, Mind, and Body award from the Grand Rapids Metropolitan YMCA. This award recognizes a teen from each branch that exemplifies the core values of the YMCA. Selected from the Lowell branch YMCA was Heather Posthumus. Pictured, from left to right, are: Emily Rasch, Camp Manitou-Lin; Posthumus, Lowell YMCA; Nate Warmouth, Southwest YMCA; Annamarie Geivett, Ionia County YMCA; Mathew Shimmel, West YMCA; Jessica Williams, Downtown YMCA; and Matt McCorkle, Southeast YMCA.

Posthumus is the daughter of Lt. Gov. Dick and Pam Posthumus. She is a student at Lowell High School where she serves as a class officer, is a mentor for elementary school students, and a member of the National Honor Society. She also plays basketball and soccer and is involved in Future Farmers of America, student council, Project Pals, 4-H, and the Lowell YMCA Leaders Club (president).

# Viewpoint



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

My great-grandmother's name was Tina. She and her husband George Nelson were Danish and lived in the Greenville area. The Nelsons were blessed with eight or nine children. There was one boy and the rest were girls. The girls' names all ended with an "a" as in Tina. There was my grandmother Leda and Velma, Vera, Vanetta, Stella, etc. The lone exception was the last born, Amy. I can't believe they ran out of girl names ending in "a" so I'm guessing Amy might be short for Amantha. At any rate, that is certainly far more about my ancestry than you ever cared to know.

I cited the above info to bring my Aunt Amy into the picture. Of all the Nelson kids, Amy was the only one to move far from the Greenville area. She married a guy named Frank Ross and they lived in the Detroit area. Frank did very well for himself in the automotive business. They had two children, Randy and Yvonne. Okay, so I'm not quite done with this family history stuff.

Randy was a couple years older than me, and a street savvy city kid. As kids, he and I spent a lot of time together on my grandparent's farm during summer vacation. Randy taught me numerous ways to get into trouble with firecrackers, BB guns, water hoses, etc. It's probably a good thing he lived in far off Detroit. Randy ended up leading a rather short and jaded life in the fast lane. He died several years ago while only in his forties. Frank and Amy have both died in the past couple of years. I'm guessing they would have been in their eighties. My mom probably stays in touch with Yvonne. Hold tight... I'm almost done with this genealogy business.

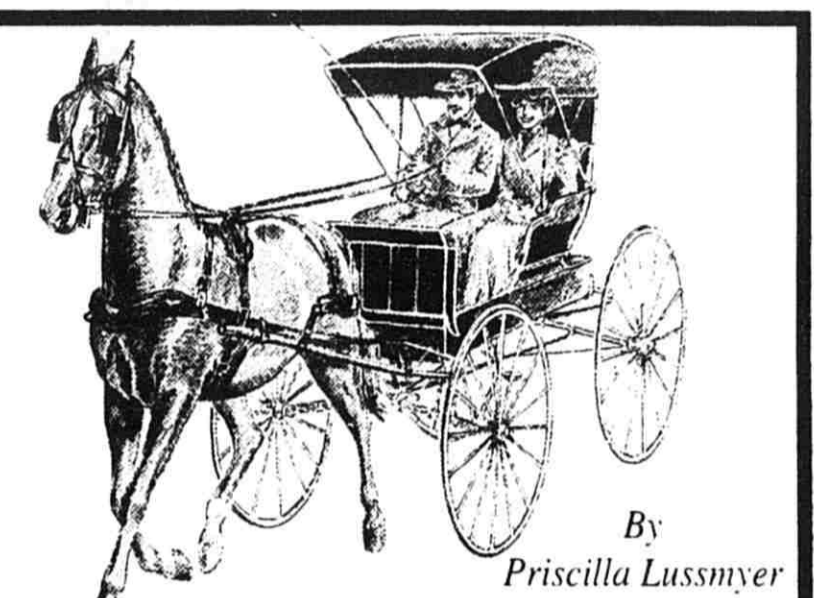
I have a favorite story about my Uncle Frank. Years ago, when he was in his late fifties or so, he and Amy traveled out west. Frank was born in a Colorado silver mining camp back in the early part of the century. The family moved on when the mine played out. As was the case with many families back then, life was very fluid with everyone rushing around looking for a place to sink their roots. As a result, Frank never had a

birth certificate. So, while on this trip, he went to the county courthouse where he was born hoping to get a copy. The good news was, his birth had been recorded. The bad news was, he was two years older than he thought he was. Sometimes it just doesn't pay to be curious.

Another thing about Uncle Frank is he had a thumb missing. It was gone completely, right at the joint where it would have attached to his hand. He lost it in a press or something like that. As a kid I was always amazed by that missing thumb. I not only learned early to respect machinery, I learned about us humans and our big leg-up on the animal kingdom with our opposable thumbs. Uncle Frank was not very good with a hammer. Uncle Frank was a great guy. He always had a big flashy car. Usually a Buick. He had a speedboat and would take us kids water skiing. He was short and stocky with a big grin. He kinda reminded me of Yogi Berra. Yup, old Uncle Frank was a great, great guy. One in a million. I sure miss him.

By now I'm sure you're wondering what in the world is going on here. Well, I just wanted to establish my relationship to my dear old uncle, Frank Ross. There is no reason in particular, except perhaps one small news item that has been in the papers lately. The news concerns another guy in the Detroit area with the last name of Ross, just like that wonderful uncle of mine. This guy's name is Larry. He's a couple of years younger than me. I'm not sure he's related to good ole Uncle Frank, but with the same last name and both from the Detroit area, the odds seem pretty good. From what I've seen of Larry on TV he looks like we could have a lot in common. He's a big heavy duty family kinda guy. He likes hot dogs, golf, brewskis and I'm sure he's spent many a Sunday afternoon watching the Lions. I'm guessing he and I could become great pals. Buddies for life. Blood brothers. I could be his designated driver, his caddy, his hot dog chef.

I caught the last minute or two of Larry on the Today Show. Just from those few moments I felt a bond... a kinship. He was surrounded by his family, yet I sensed a yearning in Larry for the kind of relationship one might find in a long lost second cousin once or twice removed. Oh, just in case you haven't been following the news, Cousin Larry is the guy who bought a hot dog with a one hundred dollar bill the other day. He spent the other ninety-eight bucks on lottery tickets and hit for half of \$363 million. His share after taxes is \$61.2 million. I've gotta give my old cuz' a call.



By  
Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
MAY 19, 1875. THIS ISSUE IS MISSING.  
MAY 10, 1871 IS SUBSTITUTED.

Piles are being driven for a new platform east of Atkins and Somerby's store.

A portion of the bridge at Fallsburg has fallen, making it impassable for teams.

The Flat River bridge (in Lowell) has been repaired, but the lower Grand River bridge needs attention.

A cheese factory is being built about a mile above Mr. Pratt's in Vergennes on Flat River.

Decoration Day will be observed on the 30th.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
MAY 17, 1900

The Lowell Republican caucus puts forth the name of Dexter Look for County treasurer.

A 10-pound pickerel was caught at Murray's Lake the first of the week.

One can have a free glass of soda water at Smith's Bakery. Lowell has 167 telephone subscribers, the largest number for any town this size.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 21, 1925

The new motor vehicle law requires headlights with dimmers, visible license plates, one rear red light, and has rules about using them.

Science teacher J. T. Scopes is arrested for violating the new Tennessee law prohibiting the teaching of evolution in public schools.

A free clinic for chest exams will be held at the Alto Grange Hall Thursday, with a chest specialist checking for tuberculosis.

An article declares that 21 million pieces of mail go to the Dead Letter office every year, and except for 100,000 blank envelopes, they only lack return addresses.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
MAY 18, 1950

Winter break-up causes \$1700 in repairs to Lowell streets. Lowell had five cases of dog bite last week, and residents are reminded that licenses are required and dogs must be kept at home.

The strike is over, so new Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler cars are again available.

Lowell receives its fourth warning from the Michigan Department of Agriculture; all the stores on the bridge dump raw sewage into the Flat River.

The village stops collecting garbage and contracts with a licensed collector, who will charge \$1 per household per month. Non-subscribers must burn or bury theirs.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER  
AND SUBURBAN LIFE MAY 15, 1975

Careless bicycle riders trigger a crackdown by police and discussion of a new bicycle ordinance.

Ten candidates file for three school board seats.

The new Anderson Shoe Store has its grand opening. Bob and Doris Ellis put on their annual Big Game Dinner, product of Bob's annual Montana hunting trip. They feed 50 guests.

Seven girls will vie for the fifth annual Miss Lowell Showboat Scholarship at a pageant in the middle school auditorium.

## Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 18: Ashlee Patnode, Robin Hewitt, Karen Kennedy, Cody Sokolowski, Nola Beth Bristol, Karen Patnode, Kristin Hufstader, Phil Dibble.

MAY 19: Helen Tetzlaff, Kathy (Tetzlaff) Williams, James Young, Alice Hannah, David Main, Thomas Jahnke Jr., Marian Lee, Andrew Kiczewski.

MAY 20: Shanda Weed, Christine Baird, Julie Beaton.

MAY 21: Pat Erickson, Eric Ellis, Kayla Mohr.

MAY 22: Tim Shurwood, Meghan Beachum, Red Bristol, Mark Anderson.

MAY 23: Wesley Patnode, Tory DeBold, Patrick Ortiz.

MAY 24: Matt McClure.

## AREA BIRTHS

Mark and Karen Selders are proud to announce the arrival of their son Collin Nathaniel Selders. He was born at 8:08 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2000 at Spec-

trum Health Downtown Campus, weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 18 inches long. Grandparents are Michael and Joann Serne of

Ada, Margaret Selders of Grand Rapids, and John and Gerri Selders of Wyoming.

Great-grandparents are John and Virginia Van Tassel of Grand Rapids.

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Progress is not an accident, but a necessity. It is a part of nature.  
—Herbert Spencer

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

621 E. Main Street • 897-5936  
Worship ..... 8:30 A.M.  
Coffee & Fellowship Time ..... 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School ..... 9:50 A.M.  
Worship ..... 11:00 A.M.  
Kid's Club (Wed.) ..... After school til 5:30  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 A.M.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.  
GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110  
STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894  
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Worship Celebration: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
School of the Bible: 6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAYS:  
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### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

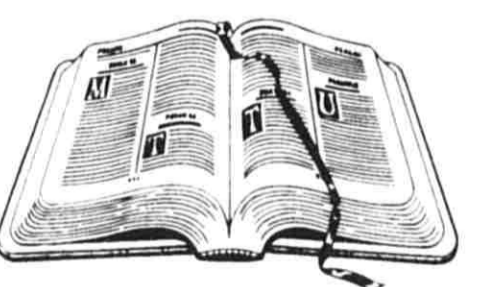
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Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
(Nursery available)  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7:00 P.M.  
Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307  
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

### APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday Services 10:00 A.M. at the Cherry Creek Elementary School 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331  
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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 P.M.  
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Evening Praise ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday AWANA ..... 7:00 P.M.  
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On Monday, May 8, the Board of Education approved a September 26, 2000 bond election to address student growth in our schools. The Board of Education's decision is based on three years of hard work by the community Demographics Committee and reflects four guiding principles that have been the focus of all discussions. These principles are:

- 1) Maintain educational quality
- 2) Economic accountability
- 3) Long-term thinking
- 4) A flexible approach.

To achieve these principles, the Board has adopted a unique phased-in approach to the challenge of student growth. The September bond election will consist of one vote but two phases. This approach would mean that citizens will not be taxed for the second phase until facilities are absolutely necessary.

The Board's logic is that our community can address immediate short-term needs of the district in phase I by building a new elementary school, adding technology support for students, and adding space at Alto Elementary. However,

the Board is fully aware that there exists the potential for additional facility needs in as little as two years. These needs will be addressed in phase II. The second phase will consist primarily of additions to the high school and a second elementary school.

The benefits of a phased approach are several. It will maintain the quality of education. It will address both short and long term needs, and it will delay taxation in the second phase. The end result will be a flexible well-planned approach to student growth and facility needs.

The Board of Education does not lightly ask citizens for additional monies. The Board has waited as long as possible to propose these additions to our facilities. Today there is no choice. Our schools are full. It is the Board's belief that this conservative approach to build only what is needed when it is needed is right educationally and is also fair financially to our taxpayers.

\*All financial data regarding the proposed bond election will be available in the next edition of DIRECTIONS.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

## Financial Focus

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Dave Clark, past commander of Clark-Ellis Post 152, American Legion, presented Roger LaWarre with a check for \$5,000 toward the operation of the Flat River Outreach Ministries building. The donation brings the American Legion total contribution to \$10,000. 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. The May 10 edition of The Lowell Ledger incorrectly stated the VFW.

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# Batt Pens Winning Essay

Seventh-grader wins trip to Springfield, Ill.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Middle School 7th-grader Rebecca Batt won the Benjamin Morse Essay contest.

For her efforts Batt gets her trip to Springfield, Ill. in June paid for and she will also throw out the first pitch on Benjamin Morse Day at the Whitecaps game on Saturday, June 3.

The essay was a 500-

word piece on the steps Batt will take to realize her personal goals in life.

Amanda Weaver, Danielle Anchors, Sarah Lessens and Melissa Blough, all sixth-graders, were runners-up.

This year 47 members of Lowell Middle School's Benjamin Morse Society will take a trip to Springfield June 5 and 6.

While there, they will

visit Lincoln's home, Lincoln's depot and the Lincoln tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The tour cost per student is \$150.

"It's the largest group we've taken so far," said Benjamin Morse Society coordinator Jack Misner.

This marks the Benjamin Morse Society's fifth year. It's the second time the group has visited Springfield, Ill.



Rebecca Batt, far left, was the winner of the Benjamin Morse Society Essay contest. Runners-up in the contest were Sarah Lessens, Melissa Blough and Danielle Anchors. Not pictured is Amanda Weaver.

# Kids have glowing time bowling

Nearly 60 middle school students spent Friday evening bowling to some of their favorite music on glowing lanes at Lowell Lanes.

The activity was coordinated by Family Link parents. It is the first of many activities being planned for students by the group.

Door prizes were provided by Station Break Video, Family Fare, Little Caesars, Springrove Variety, Pizza

Hut, Century 21, Roll Away Family Fun Center, Cousin's Hallmark, Lowell Lanes and

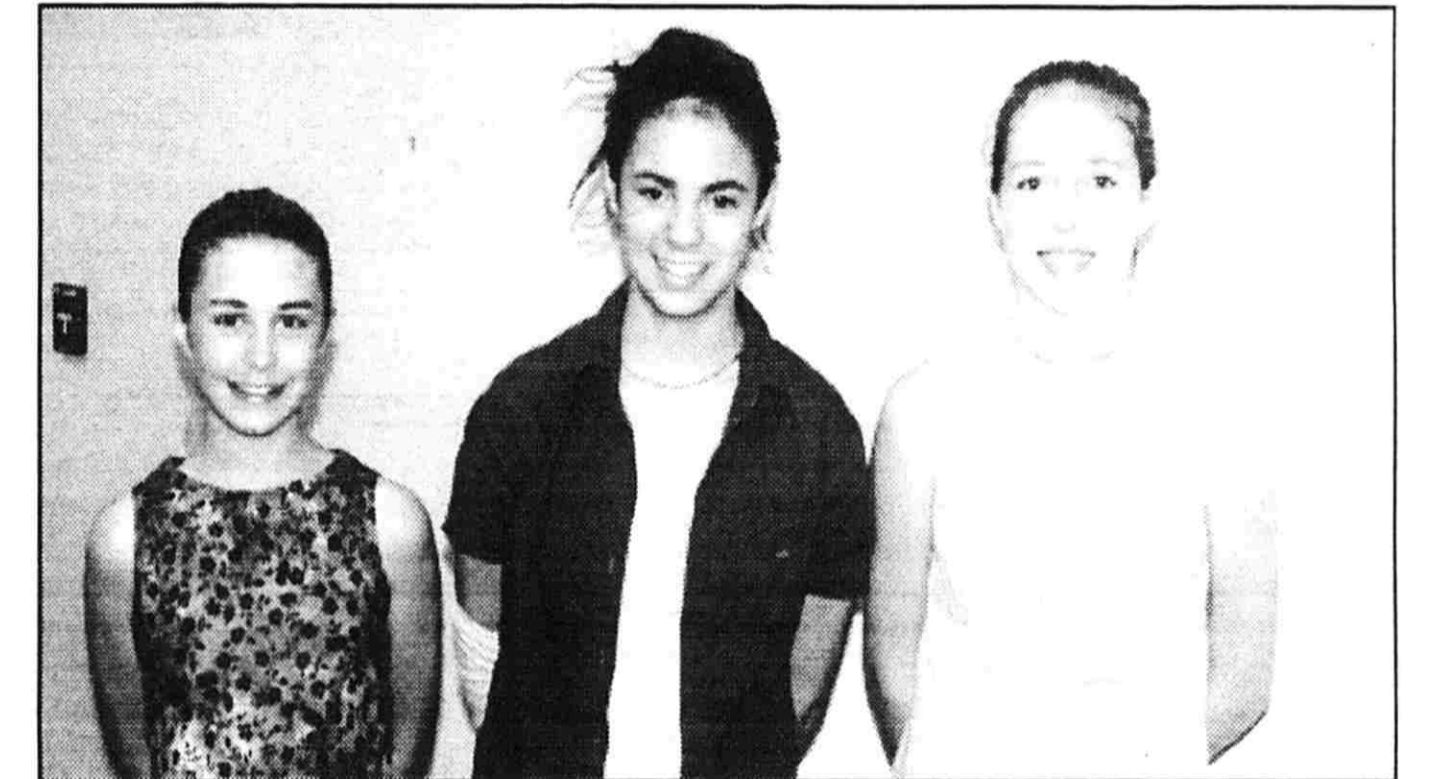
**Class of 1990 reunion, Aug. 12**

Lowell High School's class of 1990 will be holding its 10-year class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Deer Run Golf Course.

A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations must be sent in by June 1 so that dinner can be reserved.

Money may be sent to Chris or Selena DeGrote at 183 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-7468.

Chris Stacey, Lowell Middle School seventh-grade teacher.



Benjamin Morse Society board members pictured left to right, are: Alyssa Rash, seventh-grade; Kriste Warren, eighth-grade; and Meagan Beachum, seventh-grade.

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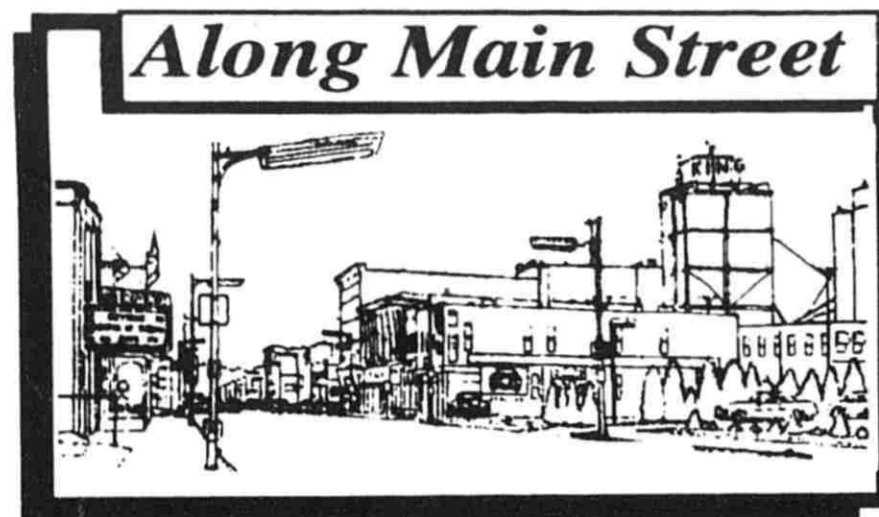
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**LAS VEGAS NIGHT**  
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**LHS CLASS OF 1995 REUNION PLANNING MEETING**  
There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the

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.

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**TRACK MEET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Volunteers are needed for the Regional Track Meet to be held at Lowell High School on Sat., May 20. Please call the Athletic office at 897-4442 to sign up.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ENTRIES NEEDED**  
If your organization or business would like to participate

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**ATHLETIC PHYSICALS FOR RETURNING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES**  
The Lowell Athletic Dept. will be hosting free athletic physicals for returning high school athletes courtesy of Drs. Evenhouse, Mogor and Medema on May 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the locker rooms for female athletes and on June 7 for male athletes. A completed physical card must accompany the athlete with a parental signature and medical history. Physical cards may be picked up in the athletic office.

**KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BRANCHES CLOSED**  
The 18 branches of the Kent District Library including Englehardt and Alto will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.  
All branches will open again on Tuesday, May 30 with regular open hours.

## Driscoll, cont'd... From Page 1

loss. "The 1998 Boston Marathon was the toughest loss I've ever suffered. They announced I had won the race, but I lost by two-tenths of a second," Driscoll said.

In June, Driscoll will compete in the Olympic trials, vying for a spot in the 2000 Sydney games.  
Driscoll is currently featured as a corporate spokesperson for Litehouse Foods, Ocean Spray Cranberries, AccessLife.com and California Dates, speaking to live and televised audiences worldwide.  
"It's great to be associated with a company such as Litehouse that is known for its ethics, strong values and quality products," says Driscoll. "These sponsors allow me to

train every day."  
Litehouse Foods, of Lowell, and the third largest refrigerated salad dressing distributor in the United States, is a platinum sponsor for Team Jean through the entire 2000 road racing season as well as for the Olympic Games in Sydney in September.  
The University of Illinois graduate trains two to five hours a day six days a week. "My life is planned around my training," Driscoll said.  
When she isn't training or racing, Driscoll enjoys the speaking circuit. "I love my role on the speaking platform and every opportunity possible to let kids know they can have the opportunity to dream big."  
A book titled *Determined to Win: The Jean Driscoll Story* will be available in bookstores by late summer.

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bears the name of one of the biggest contributors, the Englehardt Fund.  
According to the KDL Board minutes, a motion was made to create two 20-hour youth librarian positions, one for Comstock Park and the other for Lowell. The motion, however, was defeated in a 5-2 vote.  
Blough said from the minutes it appears several board members were concerned about adding staff before the proposed millage increase, scheduled to go before voters Aug. 8. At the same meeting, however, the board did approve a new staff person for the Rockford library to help increase turn-around time for checking in books.  
The KDL Board is scheduled to have its next regular meeting at the Englehardt Library at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Blough said he encourages residents to attend the meeting and raise questions about the position.  
According to the minutes, Lowell is budgeted four hours per week for a youth librarian, who is in charge of storytime and other related activities. As of March 2000, a 20-hour youth librarian position was budgeted for Lowell.  
Currently, the Lowell area does not have a representative on the board since a resignation earlier this year. Lowell city councilmember Chuck Myers is seeking the nomination for that position which represents four areas including the city of Lowell, Lowell Charter, Bowne and Vergennes townships.  
He said following the Monday night meeting that he has recommendations from all four areas and was told his appointment would be reviewed at the KDL Board's June meeting.

## Website, cont'd... From Page 1

"We also envision current information requiring weekly and monthly updates such as meeting minutes, public notices, bi-annual newsletters, ordinance adoption updates and coming events," Stone said.  
The township will pay the monthly costs to maintain the site. "We are asking for development costs, including the creation of the site and for software to update the site in-house," Stone said.

## Beute, cont'd... From Page 1

teacher, and one elementary and one secondary science teacher from each state and four jurisdictions.  
As an awardee, Beute will receive a \$7,500 educational grant to be used at Cherry Creek Elementary, a Presidential citation, and a trip to Washington D.C. for a series of recognition events, information exchange programs, and an awards ceremony.  
"I feel like I share this award with a lot of people," Beute said. "Lowell, through its support, produces and surrounds you with many great teachers."  
Beute has been a teacher in the Lowell School system for 31 years. She has lived in the district for 34 years.  
Last year Beute was honored with the state award for excellence in mathematics and science teaching.



**CHECK THIS**  
Huntington Banks Chuck Myers, right, and Noreen Balaam, left, present YMCA executive director Will Welsh with a check for \$1,500. The donation was made toward the Invest in Youth program.

## Women's Club News & Notes:

The last meeting of the year for the Lowell Women's Club was held at Schneider Manor, sponsored by Helen Koewers, a resident, on May 10.  
The speaker of the day was June Murphy who spoke on superstitions and their origins.  
The next meeting will be held on September 14 at Schneider Manor.  
The installation of officers for next year was held. Also the Woman of the Year award was presented. This year the honoree is Barbara Zandstra, past president of the club.  
All 16 senior girl honorary members of the club, planning to go on to college, were awarded scholarships.  
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**TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN**  
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**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on May 8, 2000, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, adopted Grattan Township Ordinance No. 00-01, being an ordinance to provide procedures and standards for review of applications for on-premises liquor licenses and for filing objections to renewal or requests for revocation of existing on-premises liquor licenses; and providing penalties for the violation thereof. The principal provisions of the Ordinance can be summarized as follows

- 1. Township Approval of License Applicants.** The ordinance provides that an applicant seeking an on-premises liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission must obtain approval of its application by the Township Board before the Liquor Control Commission may issue the license. Applications for Township approval must be submitted to the Board in writing and contain certain information regarding the qualifications of the applicant.
- 2. Location Requirements.** The ordinance prohibits the on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages in certain locations and provides minimum requirements for locations where on-premises sales are permitted, such as minimum seating capacities, minimum dining capacities and minimum parking capacities.
- 3. Term of License Approval.** The ordinance provides that Township approval of a license application is deemed continuing until such time as the Liquor Control Commission denies the applicant a license or the applicant or licensee violates the ordinance.
- 4. Prohibited Activities.** The ordinance prohibits certain conduct at a licensed establishment, including loud or obscene entertainment, and contests for prizes of monetary value.
- 5. Township Authority Regarding Licenses.** The ordinance prohibits a license applicant from receiving a favorable recommendation while in default to local taxing authorities. The ordinance also provides the Township Board with the authority to determine who, if anyone, shall receive a license; to take no action with respect to an application; and to review applications only after several applications have been received. The Board is required to grant a public hearing upon an application when it considers whether to approve the application. The Board may file a request for revocation or an objection to the renewal of a license with the Liquor Control Commission if the Board determines, after a hearing, that the licensee has violated the ordinance or engaged in other prohibited conduct.
- 6. Hearing Procedures.** The ordinance provides hearing procedures the Board must comply with before filing a request for revocation or an objection to the renewal of a license with the Liquor Control Commission.
- 7. Penalties.** The ordinance provides that a violation of its provisions is a civil infraction, defines the penalties for such infractions, and allows the Township to seek injunctive or other types of relief as well.
- 8. Effective Date.** The ordinance will become effective June 16, 2000. A copy of the ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road within the Township, during Township office hours.

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**MULTI-FAMILY SALE**  
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**GARAGE SALE**  
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**GARAGE SALE**  
- Multi-family, Fri., May 19 (9-5 p.m.) & Sat., May 20 (9-12 p.m.) 13322 Vergennes, Lowell.

**GARAGE SALE**  
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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
- One day only! Wed., May 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Children (2T-6x) & adult clothing/party dresses. Little Tikes picnic table, Fisher Price toys, Super Nintendo & games, action figures, books, games & a variety of household treasures! Located on McPherson Road, 1/2 mile W. of Alden Nash.

**GARAGE SALE**  
- Thurs. & Fri., May 18 & 19, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 2754 Bewell (off Grand River Dr. or 36th St.). Many children's clothing of all sizes, adult clothing, misc. household items, 2 oak glass top end tables w/matching coffee table & much, much more.

**GARAGE SALE**  
- Cascade area, 3 family, new clothing, household items, light fixture, golf bag, etc. Everything in good working condition. May 18 & 19, 4868 Luxemburg SE, E. off Cascade Rd. to Argo, follow signs.

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**SALE**  
- Sat, May 20, 9am-3pm. Antique hutch, tools, queen brass bed, girls clothing size 6x and up, loads of stuff. 4043 Hilton, 1.5 miles w. of Alden Nash off 36th St. or Cascade Rd.

**GARAGE SALE**  
- Bikes, snowblower, crafts, books galore, esp. children's; home school materials; toys; sheet music; X-mas dec., electrical supplies, lawn trailer, much misc. May 19 & 20 9-5 p.m. 2696 Timpon bet. 36th & Grand River. Rain or shine!

**GARAGE SALE**  
- 826 Grindle Dr. May 18th & 19th. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sega Genesis system w/34 games, puzzles, children's books, games. Clothes, men's & women's, boys sz. 7-16, girls sz. 5-10, plus many other items.

**6 FAMILY SALE**  
- May 18-19, 9-5pm., 6054 Bancroft, Alto. Antique oak pedestal table, Little Tikes car, rototiller, kerosene heater, snowblowers, Baha kit, clothing; adult & children's, household items, snow skis & boots, much more.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
- Fri, May 19, 9am-6pm, Sat, May 20, 8am-noon. Stair-stepper, old books, antique trunk, 6' artificial Christmas tree, 11 antique sunroom windows, clothing and much more. 1181 Riverside Dr., Lowell, 6 houses North of Hunt. Entrance also on North Hudson, opposite Wesleyan Church.

**SCENIC VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD SALE**  
- May 18, 19 & 20, 8am-5pm., Forest River Dr. & Ct., Vergennes, Forstrom, Treasure and Shutter.

**GARAGE SALE**  
- Fri. & Sat. May 19 & 20, 3333 Segwun. New Adirondack chairs, antiques, (twin spread & more) Home Interiors, clothes, "Rec-Room" sofa and household items.

**STREET GARAGE SALES**  
- Ada Twp. Fernridge Ave. off of Hall near Cascade Rd. Patio furn., housewares, baby & children's items, clothes & toys. Fri., May 19, 9-5 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE**  
- Fri. & Sat. May 19 & 20, 3333 Segwun. New Adirondack chairs, antiques, (twin spread & more) Home Interiors, clothes, "Rec-Room" sofa and household items.

**GARAGE SALE**  
- 9643 Fairwind Ct. (near Snow & 68th) May 18, 19, 20, 9-3 p.m. Crib, double stroller, entertainment center, Jr. Bride and groom outfit.

**YARD SALE**  
- Thursday & Friday, May 18 & 19 from 9-5 at 918 Lincoln Lake. Clothes, toys, car seat, bell collection, Avon & misc.

**4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
- Fri. & Sat., May 19 & 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 9087 Conservation, Ada (corner of McCabe).

**NEIGHBORHOOD SALES**  
- Fri. & Sat., May 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - ? Sargent Ave. Lots of variety - must come see!!!

**NICE KIDS CLOTHES**  
- boys 8-10; girls 12; household misc., tools & toys. 7350 Whitneyville, Thurs., May 18 & Fri., May 19.

**GARAGE SALE**  
- Fri., May 19, 9-5. 3230 Segwun. Furniture, clothes, books, bikes, household items & misc./Sale starts at 9 a.m.

**HUGE SALE**  
- May 19 & 20, 9-5 p.m. 11395 Foreman. 2 cribs, rocking chair, stroller, cradle, kids clothes, crafts & misc.

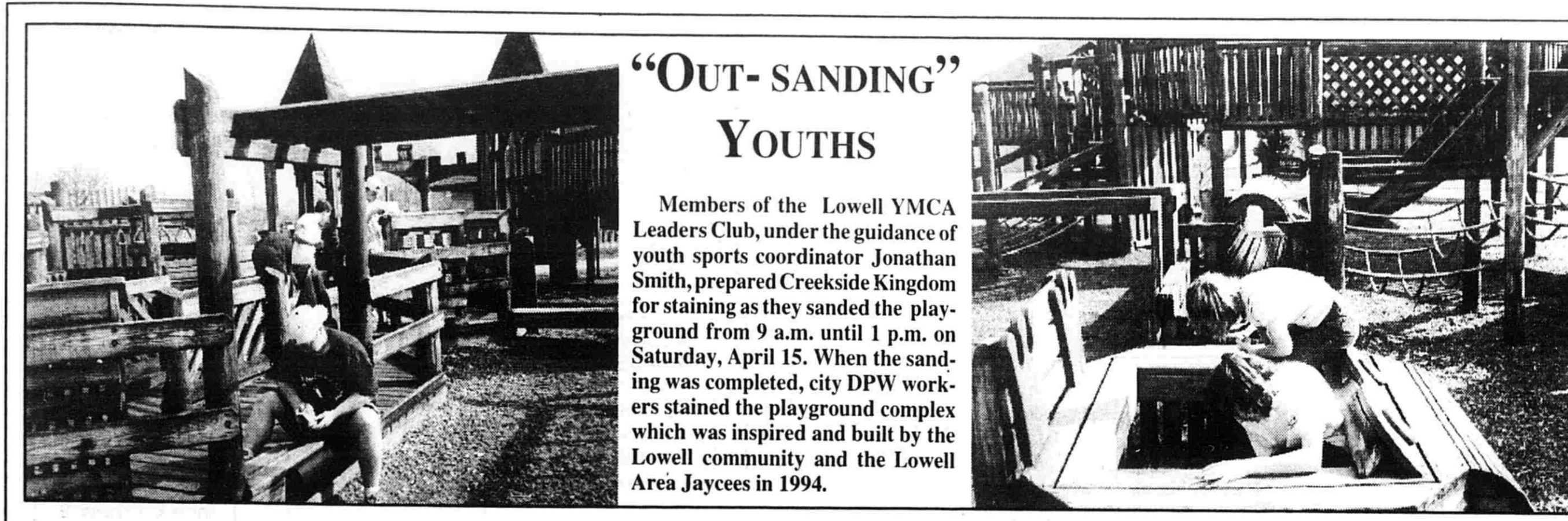
**HUGE CLEAN MOVING SALE**  
- 40 years of treasures! Housewares, linens, knick knacks, silk flowers, filled vases & baskets, apple decorations, Amish porcelain dolls, Avon figurines, some furniture, many Christmas dec., carpet shampooer, snow blower, tools & much more. 1/2 mi. N. of M-21 on Montcalm (County Line Rd.), Fri., May 19, 8-7 & Sat., May 20, 8-7

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## "OUT-SANDING" YOUTHS

Members of the Lowell YMCA Leaders Club, under the guidance of youth sports coordinator Jonathan Smith, prepared Creekside Kingdom for staining as they sanded the playground from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. When the sanding was completed, city DPW workers stained the playground complex which was inspired and built by the Lowell community and the Lowell Area Jaycees in 1994.

## DPW building in need of cleaning; sidewalk sweeper purchased

Diversified Pressure Clean, of Lowell, has been contracted by Lowell's Department of Public Works to power wash, paint and replace screw caps on the DPW building.

The cost will be \$4,723. Funds will be allocated from the Public Works Repair and

Maintenance fund. DPW director Dan DesJarden said \$6,000 was budgeted for the work.

The city of Lowell also approved the purchase of a 36" walk behind sweeper for the sidewalks (particularly downtown), parking lots,

cleaning of dig works and snow removal in tight areas.

A sweeper purchase contract was awarded to Superior Equipment, of Kalamazoo, at a cost of \$2,601. The monies will be allocated from the equipment fund.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Area students graduating on May 6 from Aquinas College included: Valentina Fleet, Deborah Greenhoe, Matthew Grile, Denise Moore, Terri Nausieda, Wade O'Boyle, Stephanie Pluckhorn, Anne Stawiski, Barbara Vezino and Heather

Young, all of Lowell. Heather Young, a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School, was also among five area students honored in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Consistently ranked one of the top liberal arts colleges

in the Midwest by *U.S. News and World Report*, Aquinas College offers an approach to learning and living that teaches students unlimited ways of seeing the world. Founded in 1886 by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, the college's Dominican tradition of working, service and lifelong learning remains alive today in a diverse student body.

## IN THE SERVICE

Army Reserve Pvt. Michael J. Van Tatenhove has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Van Tatenhove is the son of Cheri A. Newcombe of Lowell.

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## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 7, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning proposed amendments in the Township Zoning Ordinance, so as to add an additional chapter to the Zoning Ordinance providing for the MHC Manufactured Housing Community District, and repealing those sections of the Zoning Ordinance that provide for and regulate manufactured housing communities as special land uses.

The MHC District would establish provisions regulating manufactured housing communities, also known as mobile home parks. Such provisions authorize manufactured housing as permitted land uses, and provide for certain other permitted uses. The amending ordinance includes site plan review procedures for manufactured housing communities, including applications for site plan review, the basis for site plan approval and related matters.

The minimum provisions for manufactured housing communities that are included in the MHC District have been adapted from the current special land use regulations included in Section 13.10 of the Zoning Ordinance.

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments is on file and may be examined at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, during Township office hours.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office at the above address up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: May 17, 2000

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## Lowell Youth FOOTBALL 78ER'S FLAG FOOTBALL CHEERLEADING

EARLY BIRD SIGN-UPS...Saturday, May 20, 2000  
10 am-2 pm  
at Lowell Middle School Cafeteria

78er's Will Be Fitted For Helmets For Camp!!! All Sign-Ups Must Bring A Copy Of Birth Certificate!

**FLAG FOOTBALL AGES 5-7**  
Must be 5 to 7 years old by November 1

COST: \$15.00 - T-shirt Included

Flag Football is a fun way to teach basic football fundamentals. Games will be played on Tuesday nights at Burch Field

**YOUTH AND 78ER FOOTBALL**

Must be 8 years old by November 1 - 8th grade.

COST: Registration Fee.....\$30.00  
Helmet Rental.....\$15.00  
Shoulder Pad Rental.....\$15.00  
Total Cost.....\$60.00

\*An additional charge (\$10.00) may be added for 78er bus fee  
\*\*Financial Assistance Is Available

**YOUTH CHEERLEADING:**

Learn Basic Cheerleading  
Must be 8 years old by November 1 - 8th grade.

COST: \$30.00 - T-shirt Included

Cheerleaders will cheer for Youth Football games on Saturdays. 78er cheerleaders will cheer for 78er football teams on Wednesday nights. We will try to match sibling cheerleader to sibling football player - 8th graders will cheer for 78ers.

## Call 897-7896 with any questions

Sign-up dates: July 22 (10-2p) & 27 (6-8p)  
Aug. 1 (6-8p) & 8 (6-8p) at Cherry Creek Cafeteria

Watch the Buyers Guide this Summer for More Information

# Financial Focus, cont'd...From Pg. 5

Women who purchase these "less risky" types of investments will almost certainly protect their principal. But they also encounter another type of risk: the risk of inflation. Although inflation has been very low the past few years, it has not disappeared from the investment horizon. And, over time, even a relatively low rate of inflation can seriously erode the purchasing power of fixed-rate investments. That's why bonds, certificates of deposit and similar vehicles may be appropriate for short-term financial goals but inappropriate for longer-term

ones, such as retirement or paying for a child's college education.

Should women then throw all caution to the winds when investing? Of course not. But they should choose a diversified mix of investments that are suitable for their individual financial goals.

Fortunately, women do have one major advantage when it comes to investing: they are generally more likely than men to ask for investment guidance from professionals. And individuals who work with investment professionals tend to invest regularly, save more, manage their debt better and have more confidence about their future.

Still, even women who do work with investment professionals should educate themselves on the tenets of investing. A good understanding of investment basics is essential to a productive relationship with any financial consultant.

There are legitimate gender differences in many walks of life. Women and men do approach some things differently. But important investment decisions should be based on our knowledge — not our chromosomes.

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

# LOWELL TOWNSHIP

Certain selected areas in Lowell 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 Foray 48B and Foray 76B supplied by Abbott Laboratories and Thuricide 48LV supplied by Thermo Trilog Corporation. The spraying will be done by aircraft when the weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates and times cannot be predetermined, as application is weather dependent. Startup is tentatively planned for May 15, 2000.

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 re-entry restrictions. The B.t. is applied at a quart per acre in a very fine mist that targets the trees. Drying usually takes place within a few minutes.

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

## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



### BURSITIS

Joint pain is a very common complaint when patients see their physician. Sometimes the pain is brought on by trauma, other times the pain is the result of long-standing arthritis, and still others are due to a variety of conditions causing inflammation within the joint. The reason for joint pain always falls back on the structure of the affected area.

There are several different kinds of joints in the body hinge, ball and socket, planar, syndesmoic. The common factor is they are all developed to allow movement between our bones. Cartilage serves to protect the articulating bones from grinding against one another. Similarly the vast majority of joints in the body have cushioning fluid filled sacks called bursa which provide additional protection from the wearing action of everyday movement. Occasionally the bursa are injured producing inflammation in this protective layer resulting in bursitis.

Bursitis is characterized by painful movement like arthritis but since the bursa is a fluid-filled space, bursitis is more commonly associated with fluid in and around a sore joint. For some instances of bursitis the fluid is barely discernible while others have enormous spongy bulges of fluid. The pressure created by the excess fluid produces pain and impaired function of the joint. The condition may last only a few days never to return or it may last for years with intermittent flares.

Treatment is generally conservative; nonsteroid anti-inflammatory drugs are used to lessen the effect of the fluid for short-term pain. Draining the fluid with a syringe is sometimes needed but unfortunately the fluid tends to collect again in a few days.

Bursitis is also treated with use of injected steroids. The steroids provide direct relief from the inflammatory process thereby relieving pain. The limitations of steroid injections are that in some cases little or no pain relief is achieved, the relief is only fleeting or the use of steroids has to be stopped in order to spare the joints from the potentially destructive effects if over utilized. Lastly, for particularly difficult cases, a surgeon may remove the offending bursa.

Bursitis is a relatively common problem and treatment can be elusive, but conservative therapy is the most common treatment indicated.

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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 Day 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.

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

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

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

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

**EVERY MONDAY:** Boy Scout Troop 10210, 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 MI#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 TUESDAY:** Quaker Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

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

**EVERY TUESDAY:** 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.

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

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY 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 SECOND & 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 MI, 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 THURSDAY:** 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.

**EVERY 2ND THURSDAY:** 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.

**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](http://www.stpatrickparnell.org).

**THURS., MAY 18:** Keenagers will meet at Vergennes Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Bring a dish to pass for potluck dinner. They will play cards.

**THURS., MAY 18:** West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) meets at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist, 1100 Lake Dr., S.E., Discovery Rm, Chris Cameron, exec. director of Silent Observer, will share informally. All survivors of homicide, regardless of age or victim's age, time-lapse since murder, status of survivor in the family, or friendship are welcome. Contact Danni Smith 897-2544; anonymous reporting of info that might lead to the solution of a felony: 774-2345; call collect if outside 616 area; website: [www.silentobserver.org](http://www.silentobserver.org).

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

**SAT., MAY 20:** Lowell Youth Football, Flag Football, 78ers & cheerleading early bird sign-ups from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lowell Middle School. Call 897-7896 with questions. Sign-up dates: July 22 & 27; Aug. 1 & 8 at Cherry Creek cafeteria.

**MON., MAY 22:** Quarterly Membership of the Fallsburg Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Sponsor: Evelyn Briggs. Short business meeting followed by annual Home-Grown program. Show & Tell. Bring an antique and tell about it. Refreshments will follow. Priscilla Lussmyer is contact person 897-6430.

**THURS., MAY 25:** Commodities will be distributed starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Lowell Moose Lodge.

**THURS., JUNE 1:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Dorothy Byrne, Mary Meyers, Pauline Burtle; program: Sue VerWys "Heart Reach" American Heart Asso.; sponsor: Phyllis Lessens.

**THURS., JUNE 1:** Belding Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. in Belding at the Belrockton Community Center. Call Carole at 616-761-3179 for further information. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**I am more and more convinced that our happiness depends far more on the way we meet the events of life than on the nature of those events themselves.**  
Wilhelm Von Humboldt

## 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 17:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.  
**THURS., MAY 18:** Noon, Dance, Westside Complex.  
**TUES., MAY 23:** 12:40 p.m., shop, Wal-Mart (Alpine).  
**THURS., MAY 25:** 1:30 p.m., Whitecaps ball game.  
**FRI., MAY 26:** 1 p.m., Gerontology Network.  
**WED., MAY 31:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.  
*(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)*

# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

## Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Lowell Board of Education Regular Meeting of May 8, 2000

**BENJAMIN MORSE SOCIETY** - Jack Misner brought the executive student board members from the Benjamin Morse Society to present plaques to the winners of the Benjamin Morse Society Essay Contest. Runners up were Melissa Blough, Sarah Lessens, Danielle Anchors and Amanda Weaver. The winner was Rebecca Batt and she won a trip to Abraham Lincoln's home. The Benjamin Morse Society also presented a plaque to Bob VanNoller from Roll Away Family Fun Center in appreciation for his contributions to the society and the school district. The Board was presented with an NAACP plaque and an American flag that has flown over Lincoln's grave.

**ACTION ITEMS** - Accepted the following gift to the district:  
• Ionia County National Bank donation of \$1,401.72 to be used by the Accelerated Reader Program at the elementary schools at the TOTS Program.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/Adopted were:  
• April 10, 2000 Special Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2000 Special Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2000 Closed Session Minutes, April 17, 2000 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2000 Workshop Minutes, April 27, 2000 Special

Meeting Minutes.

• The following payment of bills:	
GENERAL FUND	\$890,851.20
1990 DEBT FUND	\$1,711,125.00
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$69,982.34
B. Athletic Fund	\$23,603.66
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$24,480.21
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$873.78

• Leaves of Absence during 2000-2001 School year for:  
Donna Robbins - Language Arts Teacher at Middle School  
Wendy Ackermann - 4th Grade RRLD Teacher at Cherry Creek  
Nancy Toppen - Kindergarten Teacher at Bushnell  
• Amendment to the 403B Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan  
• Election inspectors for the June 12, 2000 annual election

**BOND PROPOSAL** - The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to hold a special election on Tuesday, September 26, 2000 for a two phase bond proposal. Phase one would include improvement to facilities, additional technology and a new elementary school. Phase two would be initiated at a later date depending upon student growth and would call for a second elementary school with an addition to the high school. Each phase would cost approximately \$15,000,000.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke commented on the well-attended May 6 groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wittenbach Agri-Science and Ecology Center and expressed gratitude again to the Wittenbach family for their generous donation. Jim White read a press release that announced Sue Beute as recipient of the 1999 Michigan Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
Board Finance/Personnel Committee - Monday, May 25, 2000 - 7:00 a.m. Runciman Administration Building/S. Conf. Rm.  
Board Curriculum/Policy Committee - Thursday, May 25, 2000 - 5:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building/S. Conf. Rm.

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 12, 2000 - 7:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building/Board Rm. Visit our web page at [www.lowell.k12.mi.us](http://www.lowell.k12.mi.us)  
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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 1, 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, Deputy City Clerk Susan Ullery, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV employee Ron VanOverbeek, Cable TV Boardmember Norman Borgerson and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the April 24, 2000 regular meeting be approved as corrected.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (05/01 /00)	
GENERAL FUND .....	\$13,204.01
MAJOR STREET FUND .....	107.36
LOCAL STREET FUND .....	107.36
DDA FUND .....	341.14
WASTEWATER FUND .....	676.81
WATER FUND .....	15,799.63
EQUIPMENT FUND .....	21,286.94
CURRENT TAX FUND .....	496.87
LEE FUND .....	4,248.74

**Item #1. 2000-2001 BUDGET - PRELIMINARY REVIEW AND ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATES (MAY 15 AND JUNE 5).** City Manager Pasquale noted a copy of the 2000-2001 Budget will be provided to Councilmembers as part of the May 15 Council agenda packet. In order to be timely with final approvals, he suggested the City Council conduct two public hearings on May 15 and June 5 before adoption.

**A. General Fund:** The budget has planned expenditures (including transfer to other funds) of \$2,128,576. A millage rate increase of 1.5 is proposed raising the total from 13.85 to 15.35. This is the first increase since the 1993-94 budget. A fund balance of \$301,574 is shown.

The additional 1.5 mills generates \$125,130.67 in General Fund revenue. Of this, the Downtown Development Authority may capture an additional \$12,225 leaving a net increase in tax revenue of \$112,905.67. With bond payments for the library and City Hall-Police Station project totalling \$142,000, this makes for a restricted General Fund budget.

The General Fund includes:	
Council	\$26,470.00
Manager	83,240.00
Elections	8,150.00
Assessor	35,880.00
Attorney	10,000.00
General Office	128,510.00
Treasurer	164,460.00
Planning Commission (now includes compensation)	6,800.00
Police	757,310.00
Fire	164,400.00
Ambulance	3,000.00
City Hall	32,200.00
Cemetery	83,191.00
Eng./Bldg. Inspection	8,600.00
Dept. of Public Works	149,255.00
Sidewalks	16,170.00
Refuse	85,000.00
Parks	121,710.00
Library	46,080.00
(The library is offset by a \$7740 contribution by the Kent District Library.)	
Historic District Commission	2,800.00
Lowell Area Historical Association	10,950.00

Senior Neighbors	1,500.00
Chamber of Commerce	3,000.00
Unallocated	30,000.00
Transfer to Building Authority	47,000.00

The Building Authority bond payment for the library is \$45,945 for the fiscal year (5th year of a 10 year bond ending March, 2006) The General Fund will provide the payment to cover the bond obligation and miscellaneous expenses.

A second Building Authority bond of \$500,000 was sold in September 1999 for acquisition costs related to the City Hall-Police Station project. Principal and interest payments amount to \$94,960 for the fiscal year. Upon proceeding with construction, a second wrap around bond will be issued.  
Transfer to Local Streets \$7,900.00  
Transfer to City Hall Construction Fund \$95,000.00  
\$2,128,576.00

**B. Water and Wastewater Funds.** In order to meet increasing expenses as well as provide for the water main crossing the Flat River anticipated to cost in excess of \$200,000, a monthly 50¢ increase in the readiness to serve charge (from \$17.75 to \$18.25 per month) is proposed in the Water Fund.

No increase in the consumption or debt service rates have been proposed for the Wastewater Fund.

**C. Lee Fund.** An additional pavilion will be installed at Stoney Lakeside Park (\$6,000).

Mayor Blough inquired when the proposed budget would be available at City Hall for examination by the Public. Pasquale responded the budget would be available for public review on May 10, 2000.

Councilmember Quada questioned if street projects would be included in the Capital Improvements Plan. Pasquale responded a proposal has been placed in the budget to continue roadwork on Bowes Road. He explained primary funding from the State is provided to Major Streets and noted Bowes Road is designated as such.

Quada asked if the proposed budget anticipated any work on Gee Drive and/or Valley Vista Drive. Pasquale noted those streets are classified as Local Streets. He stated the City has proposed to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) that Gee Drive become a Major Street in order to receive more financial assistance. A complete reconstruction of Gee Drive would cost approximately \$800,000. Pasquale said the City would have to review the millage in order for these projects to take place at this time.

Pasquale noted the City is currently reviewing obligations held on bonds for the City Hall-Police Station and Library projects. He added these projects make it difficult for major roadwork to be completed.

Pasquale stated South Hudson would be reconstructed in cooperation with the Road Commission.

He noted the City would place an effort to ensure Gee Drive and Valley Vista Drive are reconstructed as soon as possible.

Councilmember Myers questioned the proposed budget for the Council. He said \$26,470 has been set aside whereas the Council salary is only \$3,000. Pasquale responded the amount includes Mayor Exchange and several other activities. He stated a specific breakdown would be provided.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by QUADA to set Public Hearings for the May 15 and June 5, 2000 City Council meetings to consider adoption of the 2000-2001 budget.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #2. ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN 2000-2005.** At its April 17, 2000 meeting, the Planning Commission approved the Capital Improvements Plan for 2000-2005. The Plan covers such areas as airport, street, parks, water distribution and public facility improvements.

**Airport:** Mayor Blough explained the number one priority of the airport is the extension of the main runway by 320 feet and to obtain an air easement. City Manager Pasquale stated the Airport Board is reviewing these

projects in terms of applying for a loan from the State of Michigan. A number of the improvements are dependent upon funding through the State. There have been discussions with the State Aeronautics Bureau to further enhance funding by utilizing loan proceeds as a local match toward possible grant funds. The airport may wish to defer this for a year until the status of grant funding is known.

**Street Capital Improvements Program:** The top priorities are Bowes Road, Valley Vista, Foreman and South Hudson and West Street. Blough noted it is the Planning Commission's responsibility to maintain the Capital Improvements Plan. Blough also said the priorities for Local Streets are Gee Drive, Grindle and Fun Street.

**Parks:** Councilmember Green reviewed the priorities for the year. He stated the Parks and Recreation Commission has decided a pavilion at Stoney Lakeside Park is a priority for the current year. Green noted there is limited funding within the Lee Fund. It was also noted Creekside Park would have an irrigation system installed.

**Water Distribution:** A water main on South Hudson from the railroad tracks to Grand Street will be installed in conjunction with the road project. The City is planning to utilize Community Development Block Grant Funds in order to pay for the project. A water main project has also been proposed crossing the Flat River. This is needed because of the old water main being deteriorated and no longer in use.

**Water Treatment Plant:** The City is reviewing the possibility of an addition being added to the Water Treatment Plant in the future along with the installation of well #5. These projects have been placed in the Capital Improvements Budget.

**Public Works:** Staff wishes to have a storage building constructed freeing up the Foreman Building for other uses such as an exhibit hall.

**Cemetery:** The construction of an office maintenance building has been proposed along with a top coat placed on roads throughout the cemetery.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan as presented for 2000-2005.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. QUOTES ON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING REPAIR WORK.** The Department of Public Works Building, constructed in 1980, has been programmed for power washing, painting and replacement of all screw caps. The following quotes were received:

- Diversified Pressure Clean (Lowell, MI) \$4,723.00
- A-1 Hood and Vent Cleaning (Kentwood, MI) \$5,100.00
- One Call Construction (Grand Rapids, MI) \$5,300.00

After a review of the quotes, DPW Director Dan DesJarden recommended the project be awarded to Diversified Pressure Clean at a cost of \$4,723 allocated from the Public Works Repair and Maintenance Fund (budget \$6,000).

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to accept the bid from Diversified Pressure Clean in the amount of \$4,723 for repair work on the Public Works Building.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. PURCHASE OF 36" WALK BEHIND SWEEPER.** Quotes were received for a walk behind sweeper to be utilized for sidewalks (particularly downtown), parking lots, cleaning of dig work and snow removal in tight areas. The following were received:

- Superior Equipment (Kalamazoo, MI) \$2,601.00
- Hammersmith Equipment (Grand Rapids, MI) \$2,690.00
- Grandville Tractor & Equipment (Grandville, MI) \$2,715.00
- Valley Turf Equipment (Grandville, MI) \$2,740.00
- Gregware Equipment Co. (Grand Rapids, MI) \$2,835.00

After reviewing the quotes, Dan DesJarden recommended purchasing the sweeper from Superior Equipment at a cost of \$2,601 allocated to the Equipment Fund.

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IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to purchase a 36" walk behind sweeper from Superior Equipment in the amount of \$2,601 allocated from the Equipment Fund.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. RECREATION PARK AND FAIRGROUNDS - PROPOSED RENTAL FEES SUBMITTED BY THE KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR.** At its April 8, 2000 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the Kent County Youth Fair (4-H) control scheduling and fees involving the Fairgrounds. Ron Wenger of the Youth Fair was present to discuss the rental fee schedule.

Wenger noted the Fair Board hired him in October full time. He said there has been much interest in utilizing the facilities and believed the City of Lowell has a very marketable area.

Wenger contacted other fairgrounds with comparable facilities, regarding fees being charged. He explained some of the fees raised and noted the most significant changes pertain to camping. It was noted the cost would be \$10 per day with no hookups or \$15 per day, if hooking up to electric and water.

Wenger has been working on the restoration of the King Memorial Youth Center and stated there are individuals who are renting the building in the Fall.

Mayor Blough questioned if the fees would come back to the City. Councilmember Green stated the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended this at a time when a fee schedule was not available. Green said the camping fees have always come to the City and assumed this would remain the same.

Green stated it may be appropriate for the Parks and Recreation Commission to review this item again and suggested tabling the issue until May 15, 2000.

Public Works Director DesJarden said the 4-H agreement provides the City would receive 10% of income received from a third party lease.

Councilmember Myers questioned what area of the fairgrounds did the City maintain. DesJarden responded the City grades the road, plows, changes light bulbs and replaces windows, when needed. Myers suggested determining what part of the expenses fell under the City's responsibility, so the revenues for the use of the facility could come to the City.

Myers believed the fairgrounds helped the commerce of the City.

Green questioned if 10% of the income provided to the City may be too much, considering the extra fees being collected.

Councilmember Quada believed the fair was an event the City wanted to maintain within the community. The interest is to collect any proceeds received from the use of the grounds not the buildings, which were constructed and operated by the 4-H Fair Board. In the past, the Board has been free to set their own rates for leasing the units. Quada felt the issue of plowing and mowing was simply the City's contribution toward keeping the Fair in the community.

Quada suggested accepting the proposed rates and allow Wenger to work out the details with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to approve the proposed rental fees submitted by the Kent County Youth Fair. Further, Parks and Recreation Commission would be allowed to negotiate terms with Ron Wenger, not to exceed those listed in the document submitted.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #6. AUDITOR AGREEMENT.** The proposed agreement for auditing services from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson outlines a maximum charge of \$18,975 (\$18,250 last year) from which Council approval is needed. It is assumed that no Federal single audit will be required. Further, the auditing fee is estimated to be between \$17,675 and \$18,975 for completion of these services.

The issue of having Biggs, Hausserman perform the Light and Power/Cable TV audit needs further review. Pasquale recommended Biggs, Hausserman provide the combined audit to the State with Virchow Krause providing the Light and Power/Cable TV audits for this year only. Next year, request for proposals will be sought for one firm to provide all audits for the City.

Councilmember Quada questioned if Biggs, Hausserman had indicated they were not interested in performing a total audit. Pasquale responded the company has not had a chance to meet with Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV concerning a cost.

Quada stated on February 17, 2000, Mayor Blough had requested City Attorney Richard Wendt provide information regarding the power and authority of the Cable TV Board. One of the provisions in the current ordinance under Section 8-68B requires the accounts of the Cable TV be audited in the same manner and frequency of other departments. Quada felt it would be difficult to isolate just the Cable Department, in light of the fact, there has now been an integration of both cable and electrical finances. He believed this year, with all the changes coming to Light and Power, it is imperative there be a single city wide audit of all departments. Quada explained this does not mean the Light and Power Board may not elect to have their own internal audit of the electric system. The City has experienced some dramatic changes in terms of accounting procedures with Light and Power.

Quada also noted an official notification has been received regarding the Director of Light and Power/Cable TV leaving and joining Virchow Krause. For this reason, among others, it is imperative a single audit be carried out of the City records.

Blough agreed with Quada and stated the Light and Power/Cable TV Board still has the opportunity to perform its own internal audit. However, as a City Enterprise Fund, Blough would also echo continuity between auditors for the total set of City books. He also noted the firm chosen by the Light and Power Board may contribute information to the firm performing the entire audit.

Councilmember Shores questioned if Biggs, Hausserman had performed the audit for Light and Power/Lowell Cable TV in the past. If so, she would accept the agreement. Pasquale responded yes.

Quada stated if Light and Power/Cable TV intend to proceed with having Virchow Krause conduct an audit of their facilities, Biggs Hausserman may in fact indicate some means by which these firms can cooperate and provide the City with an independent statement as to what was observed.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to approve the proposed agreement for audit services not to exceed \$18,975 covering the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Further, a request is forwarded to Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson providing the Council with an estimated cost of auditing both the Light and Power/Cable TV.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #7. REPORTS OF THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF LOWELL CABLE TV AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.** As directed by the City Council at its February 21 meeting, an Advisory Committee was formed to examine Lowell Cable TV and its value to the community. At the March 6 City Council meeting, the following individuals were submitted for serving on the committee:

Ministerial Association	Reverend Joseph Fremer
Lowell Resident	Dean Lonick
Lowell Resident	Alan Tealander
Lowell Township Resident	David Simmonds
Lowell Resident/Senior Citizen	Flo Beggs
Lowell Resident	Deb Canfield
Vergennes Township Resident	Jane Bossard
Council Member	Jeanne Shores
Mayor	Michael Blough

The Committee met three nights on March 27, April 11 and April 17 to discuss the cable stations. During the meeting of March 27, the committee decided to advertise and seek public input on a wide variety of issues including programming and values.

Mayor Blough read the following meeting minutes:

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** By consensus the Committee limited its scope of comments/recommendations regarding aspects of Lowell Area Cable Television (LACTV) to the following:

1. The Committee felt strongly about the value of maintaining Cable Television as a community owned enterprise.

To that end the following statement of support for the retention of LACTV as an enterprise owned and operated by the people of Lowell is offered:

### The Value of Community Owned Cable

Our cable system is an asset to our community because it is uniquely positioned to provide:

• **Clear reception of local stations:** The city is located in a valley where TV and radio reception is poor.

• **Community Access TV:** The Community Access channel allows us a place to advertise local events and allows for locally developed programming to be shown. Taped church services give viewers a "safe" way to "visit" a church before they go in person. Taped school board meetings and city government meetings provide an important means of accountability for local decision making bodies; making these programs available to cable customers also means access to the discussions that took place, rather than simply reading the meeting outcomes in the paper. Video footage of local events such as the Lowell Expo, holiday parades, the Riverwalk Festival and the like could be used to foster a sense of community pride.

• **Cultural Enrichment:** Educational and cultural content providers such as The Discovery Channel, the Travel Channel and Arts & Entertainment Network are good for our community because they provide cable customers with a view of the world outside of local interests. Those who have been exposed to other cultures and places will be better equipped to cherish and defend the best of what we have right here at home.

• **An Expandable Information Infrastructure with Local Roots:** The growth of information technologies is shrinking our world into the "global village" predicted by Marshall McLuhan forty years ago. People are forming relationships in virtual communities. The downside of this is that it sometimes leads to less involvement in the local community. Local and regional interest web sites will become more important as community businesses and institutions are forced to compete with non-regional providers and interests. It may become technically and financially feasible for Lowell Cable to become an Internet Service Provider at some time in the future. Doing so could provide an opportunity to highlight community events and businesses and encourage greater community involvement, as an alternative to the depersonalizing effects of virtual communities.

Blough believed this recommendation was submitted with a statement indicating we, as a committee, believe it is of value to maintain the Lowell Cable TV. These were the three issues which were passed by the Committee.

2. The only programming currently in question was two of the Pay-Per-View channels - Spice and Hot Choices.

Following are recommendations offered by the Committee to the City Council regarding the programming it felt was in question:

• The Committee recommends the Cable Television Board be directed to eliminate the Spice Channel from the menu of LACTV offerings due to the singular sexual theme as exhibited by the sampled titles being offered.

This recommendation was passed unanimously during the April 17th meeting.  
YEA: 9.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION PASSED.

• The Committee recommends the Hot Choices Pay-Per-View channel be maintained as an offering.  
YEA: 6.  
NAY: 3.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION PASSED.



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• The Committee recommends the City Council direct the LACTV Board to develop a policy statement with regard to programming issues and submit said policy to the Council for approval.

This recommendation was passed unanimously during the April 17 meeting.

YEA: 9.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION PASSED.

Councilmember Quada questioned how Councilmember Shores felt concerning the overall process. Shores responded it was a very good process and much thought and public input was received. She believed there was good range of participants.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to support the recommendation from the Citizens Advisory Committee regarding Lowell Cable Television for the purpose of discussion.

Shores was unsure if she could agree with this for a recommendation as such. She explained at the time the vote was taken, she believed Hot Choices should also be taken off of the line up.

Councilmember Myers commented on the TV listing provided for Hot Choices and stated there were no programs scheduled for the month, which was rated as adult viewing. Lowell Township Resident David Simmonds added this was part of the discussion and noted some listings shown on Hot Choices were exactly what is shown on Cinemax or HBO. Simmonds also pointed out if an individual does subscribe to the Pay-Per-View Channel, these particular movies can be blocked out. Whereas, if they subscribe to Cinemax or HBO, the programs cannot be blocked out.

Quada said he has struggled with this recommendation and questioned whether or not the Council has the right to censor and remove the right of adult citizens to make choices within the privacy of their own home. He stated that he has dealt with this struggle based upon the request that a committee be formed and the issue be examined. Quada explained his acceptance of the recommendation is based upon the fact in the end, this committee provided a recommendation which leaves individuals' choices intact and does not go extremely beyond what is currently available. Quada believed if a committee is prepared to remove Hot Choices, then the next step would be to remove Cinemax, HBO, etc. The system available is placed into the hands of many different ages and gives them the opportunity to view many programming options.

Quada stated the programming could be reviewed again after one year.

Shores explained by no means did she feel she had the right to tell an individual what one can and can not watch. Her whole purpose concerns what Lowell sells and noted the Cable is not a private enterprise, but is owned by the City. She was not convinced Hot Choices was as innocent as it seems and was afraid this would leave the City open to future channels, such as Spice.

Blough noted the Committee struggled with the same issues and comments. Both sides of the argument were seen on this particular question and the Committee dealt with it as best as possible, without trying to limit anyone. Yet, at the same time reflect what the Community holds near and dear, which are its values.

Reverend Joseph Fremer believed this was a worthwhile process and everyone had the opportunity to listen. There was not unanimity entering into the discussions but there was at its conclusion. He believed the Committee did the best job possible.

Vergennes Township Representative Jane Bossard stated the Committee spent much time examining the programming and believed the majority of the Committee was open minded. She felt there was a significant difference between the two channels, noting the Spice Channel is completely adult oriented. Bossard agreed with Simmonds stating the viewer has more control over what is being shown on Hot Choices because of it being a Pay-Per-View Channel rather than Cinemax or HBO.

Lowell Resident Alan Teelander believed the beauty of City government is the ability to voice thoughts and opinions. He noted the vote did not go the direction he had hoped, but said the Council should be proud of the

Committee and accept the recommendation.

Myers respected the work done by the Committee and stated he would support the recommendation.

Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Boardmember Norman Borgerson believed the Committee did an excellent job. He noted the recommendation does not include a majority vote by the public. Blough suggested this be rephrased to state everyone argued whether you are on either side of the question with the same values that would hold near and dear. When there is discussion of the flags up and down Main Street, no matter which side of the argument you are on, each side can argue very eloquently to upholding those values.

James Pfaller of 888 Bowes Road was impressed on how the committee handled the issue. He noted Hot Choices has been selected as being acceptable for the community even though over fifty percent of the programs shown in April are of erotic nature. He believed it would be very difficult for the Council to accept this type of programming.

Beth Pfaller of 888 Bowes Road appreciated the fact this channel could be blocked out for minors. However, she believed there was a correlation between pornography programming and sexual crime.

Blough stated many discussions were held on this subject and received several letters supporting both sides of the issue. Blough commended everyone's effort.

Councilmember Green believed the Pfallers presented a good point. He said this was one reason why the City had such strong feelings concerning sexually oriented businesses in town. This is a concern which needs to be dealt with ahead of time to avoid such issues.

Green stated he has a difficult time accepting Hot Choices at this point. However, he understood the concerns from Blough and Quada. Green said all the movies are rated "R" with no family programming involved. He was tempted to offer an amendment, but was happy with the overall point. Green believed by accepting this recommendation, the Committee can review this further and present a policy which may possibly preclude Hot Choices. Green stated he could support this policy, providing no worse channel is allowed.

Green was interested to see how the policy would come to the Council and noted he could support the recommendation at this point.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Blough called the recommendation for a vote of those in favor of accepting the recommendations from the Committee as written in the report presented.

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

On behalf of the City, Blough commended and thanked the individuals who served on the Committee.

Shores also thanked the citizens of the community who were interested and voiced their opinions during the meetings.

**Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** James Pfaller of 888 Bowes Road raised concerns of truck traffic traveling down Bowes Road once Meijer's is built. He asked if the street could be listed as a no truck route. City Manager Pasquale responded City Staff and the Police Department could review the issue and provide a recommendation.

Thad Kraus of 329 N. Monroe questioned if a policy was in place when an individual raises a concern about removing a channel from cable television or would another committee be formed to provide a recommendation. Mayor Blough responded the committee made a recommendation and had very deliberate discussions concerning the purpose of the Citizens Advisory Board which reports to the Cable Board. There was a strong feeling there should have been an avenue of input into the Board. Blough stated in any government, this type of meeting will continue to be a conduit for public opinion at any time. He said the general approach is there is a Board to give and receive public comments which then is passed onto the Cable Television Board. Blough believed the Committee wanted to see this utilized.

Kraus questioned if public comment would start with Cable Board and/or Subcommittee. Blough responded

the Council thinks there is a conduit there, but will always as Mayor allow citizens to make comments during these meetings.

Shores was hopeful the Board could provide a policy which will help eliminate some of these situations.

Councilmember Quada stated he had the utmost confidence in the Board and has great faith in Borgerson and trust his judgment.

Quada believed this issue was brought before the Council because of decisions which were made and began in November 1998. It essentially left the appointed Cable Board operating illegally in direct contravention to the City Ordinances. A City Ordinance was in place which had created the Cable Board. The five member Cable Board had been disbanded and never told under what conditions. It was not until September 1999 that the City Council finally rescinded the old ordinance and established the fact the Cable Board would be made up of the Electric Board. From January to September, there was a five-member Board which was created by the ordinance. This Board was told they were no longer a functioning board. Quada referred to the June minutes of the Light and Power Board which was the first point at which time Charles Doyle, Barb Brown and Norman Borgerson were introduced to the concept of digital TV.

Quada asked the Council to assume for a moment that instead of simply smothering the Cable Board, they had smothered the Electric Board and the members were told they were no longer an existing Board. He explained if they had turned to the Cable Board and said "you are now the Electric Board". Quada questioned what type of experience this Board would have had in the electric department. They were in a situation where the management came to them and said we are going to go to Digital TV.

Quada was confident had Borgerson, Doyle and Brown been members of the Cable Board for a period of 1 to 2 years, they would have been asking questions and inquiring about programming. Quada stated the minutes reflect there were no questions asked involving programming. During the City Council meeting in September, the issue was raised concerning adult channels. The management responded these channels were being reviewed and the Council would be notified of the selection. He believed the City Council was responsible in terms of allowing the situation to be where it did and felt this should never happen again. He was deeply concerned about how the Council could arrive at this situation and operate in violation of the City Ordinance for almost one year.

Water Treatment Superintendent George Regan presented pictures of the filter room renovation project recently completed at the Water Treatment Plant.

Ron Wenger believed the Cable TV was a difficult issue, but felt the system worked and a solution was found.

Lowell resident Maggie Barnes (611 Cumberland) questioned if the City had discussed health and safety risks from the proposed cell towers. She noted many townships and cities are considering placing such towers in non-residential areas. City Manager Pasquale responded at the last two meetings representatives from various cell phone companies who discussed proposals for towers. One proposal was from AT&T, who is reviewing the possibility of a tower behind the water storage tank on Gee Drive. AT&T has applied to the Planning Commission for a special use permit and a site plan review. On May 22, 2000, a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission to receive public comments regarding the particular application. Pasquale noted entire issue is being reviewed by both the Planning Commission and the City Council.

**Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Green expressed his condolences to Sam and Betty Morlock. He explained Morlock is the City Clerk for Lowell and her son passed away on April 28, 2000. He offered his sorrow and asked the community to lift the family up in prayer.

Councilmember Myers requested the new City logo be shown on all advertising and public notices.

Councilmember Quada expressed his condolences to Betty Morlock and her family.

Quada also commented on the issue discussed at the last meeting concerning the sidewalks around the future miniature golf course at Roll Away Lanes. Quada stated

## Old Kent River Bank Run puts distance between Himebaugh and near fatal accident

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dave Himebaugh's self prognosis for Saturday's 17th annual Old Kent River Bank Run was to finish in a half-way decent time.

The Lowell resident was racing against more than time and the field of 4,680-plus runners. Himebaugh was literally running away - putting distance between himself and a September diagnosis following an accident which gave him little or no chance of surviving, let alone run again.

"When I arrived at the hospital that night, doctors told me that Dave probably wouldn't survive," said his wife Dianne Himebaugh.

He has not only survived, but thrived during seven months of therapy from which he was just released a few weeks prior to the Old Kent run.

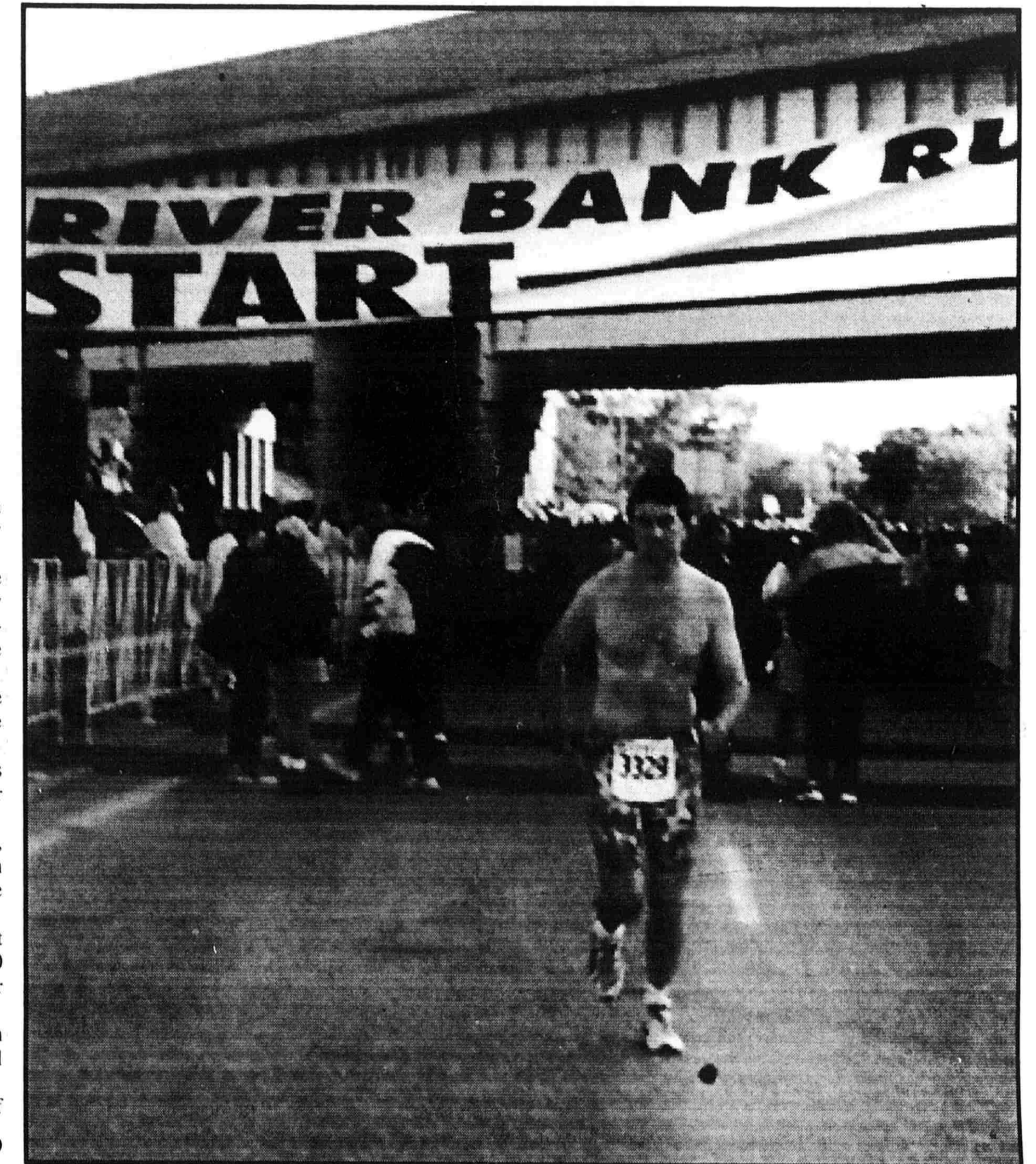
Along with running in his 17th consecutive Old Kent Run, Himebaugh surpassed another recovery marker Monday, when he returned to work at Amway plastics for the first time since the accident.

All of this seemed improbable when a drive-by motorist came upon Himebaugh's motorbike at approximately 1:30 a.m. on Sept. 22. That was nearly two hours after the bike/deer accident occurred.

"I was coming home from work around 11:30 p.m. on 36th St.," Himebaugh began to explain. "I came up over a hill around Timpson Ave. and that's when I hit the deer."

After being thrown from his bike, Himebaugh got himself

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Lowell's Dave Himebaugh finished Saturday's race in 2:05.13

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

he had the opportunity to speak with one of the Planning Commissioners and asked why the Commission was waiving the sidewalk requirements. The Commissioner responded the City Council has been waiving these all along and every time one is requested, the Council will then waive it. Quada suggested a mutual position be presented relative to sidewalks. He thought perhaps sidewalks ought not to be a variance related issue. Quada felt maybe there should be no room to waive these, other than for a period of time. Mayor Blough responded he served on the Planning Commission for many years and had the same feeling at times. Blough noted a report was completed a few years ago concerning the number of times the Council matched the exact recommendation the Planning Commission had. He stated there were only two times when the Council disagreed with the Planning Commission. Blough said Chairman of the Planning Commission Daniel Brubaker has done a great job in giving the criteria of which the Council should evaluate.

Quada said if we want to develop the plan of having sidewalks city wide, then perhaps it should not be an issue of a variance. But, rather this should be when the property owner would have to have it installed. Blough responded it is important to ensure the ordinance has a process which allows for a variance and is granted under specific evaluation criteria. Quada responded he was not disagreeing, but questioning how the City ends up with an activity, such as miniature golf course, having a sidewalk on one side but not the other.

Myers noted the minutes of April 24, 2000 stated, "Myers suggested clarification be provided from the Planning Commission regarding the sidewalk plan and a program issued to ensure new sidewalks are installed with new construction."

**Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. A funeral service was held at Roth-Gerst beginning at 1:00 p.m. for Steven Morlock. A number of City employees wish to attend the service. The City Hall offices will be closed from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

2. Pasquale thanked the contractor and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan for the job well done on the filter room.

Regan believed the contractors were some of the best he has worked with.

Pasquale noted the Water Treatment Plant is a superior plant and is one which is shown off proudly to visitors.

3. Pasquale had the opportunity to testify before Senator Kenneth Sikkema, who is the Chairman of Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee of the State Senate, regarding sewer overflows. Pasquale said Lowell has experienced no sewer overflows. He noted the City has not had a combined sanitary-storm system for almost 30 years.

Pasquale also noted Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt was present during the hearing.

4. A letter was received from Tom Richards regarding the closure of Riverside Drive. As noted, the contractor stated the road should be opened to traffic within two weeks.

5. Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV General manager Ron Holcomb has accepted a Consulting Manager position with Virchow Krause in Tennessee. His last day in Lowell will be June 1.

Tom Richards will be acting as Manager.

6. Correspondence to members of the Lowell Commu-

nity Recreational Committee was included. As you know, Don Green and Perry Beachum are the City's representatives. Their first meeting will be on Thursday, May 11 from 7 - 9 p.m.

7. The Michigan Municipal League Region III Regional Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18 in Norton Shores.

8. The Grand River Expedition is planning on arriving in Lowell on Sunday, July 23 for lunch. A donation from the City is requested.

Mayor Blough asked if Pasquale could contact The Grand River Expedition concerning what they are expecting.

9. A copy of the February 24, 2000 Downtown Historic District Commission meeting minutes were also enclosed.

**Item #11. APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Blough noted the opening on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:34 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving property acquisition and personnel issues.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to return to open session at 9:58 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to adjourn at 9:59 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 15, 2000

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

# Lowell soccer team suffers heartbreak loss to Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell is learning that starting a program in a tough soccer league can be frustrating.

The Red Arrows swallowed another dose of frustration in its 4-3 loss to Hudsonville.

"The girls played their best game of the year in terms of team play," Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "They fought back every time Hudsonville scored. It's a tough loss, but we played some good soccer."

Hudsonville got on the board first when Betsy Detmer scored, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Lowell's Blair Meyer answered Detmer's goal with one of her own.

A short time before half, Steph Bylsma scored to make it 2-1 Hudsonville.

Detmer scored her second goal of the game early in the



second half to give Hudsonville a 3-1 advantage. Becky Bosserd creased the Eagle net on a chip shot over the goalie's head to bring Lowell to within one goal at 3-2.

Bylsma and Detmer hooked up again, this time Detmer fed Bylsma, giving Hudsonville a 4-2 lead.

With a little more than eight minutes to play, Kristen Wysocki played the ball off a corner kick to Lyndsey Plescher to one-time-it past

the Hudsonville keeper, cutting Lowell's deficit to 4-3.

"I felt the momentum had shifted after they scored," Conlan said. "The last eight minutes we applied pressure on them, but couldn't put the ball in the net.

Lowell outshot Hudsonville 17-16.

The Lowell coach recognized Plescher for her play at midfield and Heather Posthumus for her work at forward.

## YMCA hires new community development director

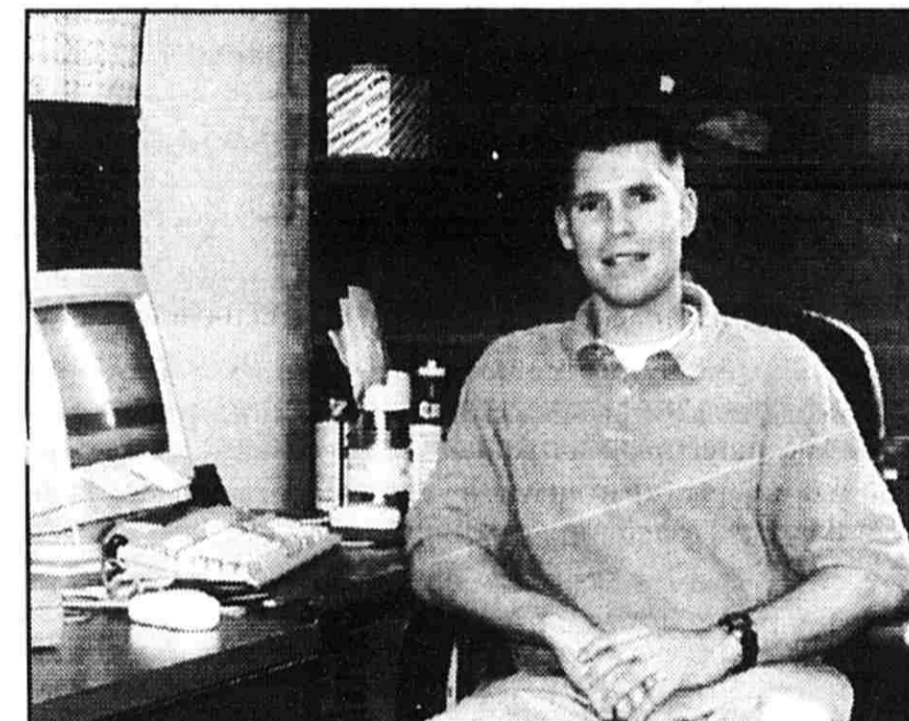
By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Andy Retberg has been hired as the YMCA's new community development director.

Prior to accepting the position in the Lowell district, Retberg worked for the downtown YMCA's inner city youth baseball program while a graduate student at Grand Valley State University. He also worked as a fitness trainer and at the front desk.

Retberg attained his master's degree in college and university affairs from GVSU this year. He earned his bachelor's degree in fitness wellness from GVSU in 1998.

"I was attracted to the position here in Lowell because it



Andy Retberg started his new job earlier this month.

involves developing a fitness program for the community," Retberg said.

The South Haven native said community recreation has always appealed to him. "I think it gives a person an opportunity to be instrumental in the lives of youths," Retberg explained. "I had an opportunity as a youth because of people doing what I want to do."

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You should enter the ballpark the way you enter a church.  
—Boston Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee  
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## CITY OF LOWELL SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids to purchase and remove from its current location the home located at 318 Avery Street.

Purchaser must be responsible for all costs related to this project such as MISS DIG, Kent County Road Commission Permits, etc.

For additional information, please contact Dan DesJarden at the Department of Public Works at 616-897-5929.

Bids must be returned to the Office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street, no later than Wednesday, May 31, 2000. A final decision of sale rests with the City Council.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 22, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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

2311 Gee Drive - AT&T - installation of a communication tower behind the water storage tank - special use permit. AT&T has proposed to construct a 180 foot high communication tower on a 75' x 75' site directly behind the water storage tank north of Gee Drive. Since the property is zoned SR - Suburban Residential, a special use permit is required. Special provisions include being on a two-acre site and having individual setbacks equal to one-half the height of the tower.

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



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk



# Rev. Gordie Barry to deliver baccalaureate address

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell High School Performing Arts Center will play host to the fifth annual baccalaureate service honoring the 2000 graduating class.

The service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. The theme chosen to guide the planning for this year's baccalaureate is "God Says Yes."

"This year's theme focuses on the positive side of Christianity," said Tim Harmon, service chairman, and pastor of Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Gordie Barry, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will deliver this year's baccalaureate address.

Music for this year's service will be provided by the Christian Life Center youth band.

The service will close with a video presentation commemorating the graduating year of the senior class.

"Through the participation in this event, the religious

community takes time to honor the faith of our graduating seniors and acknowledge the spiritual dimension of human development," Harmon said.

A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Last year approximately 100 graduates participated in the service.

## Netters fall on tough times at league meet; edged by Cedar Springs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some coaches were willing to leave East Grand Rapids a number two seed in number one doubles despite missing one of their top number one doubles players at Saturday's OK White Conference tournament.

Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall was not one of them. "Zeeland's coach said he thought East was deep enough to retain its second seed," Wall explained.

The Red Arrow coach got the reseed. Lowell's first flight doubles team of James Bosserd and Collin Vincent, unseeded before the reseed, got bumped up to a fourth seed, its opponent East Grand Rapids.

"It ended up not making a difference," Wall said. What did make a difference was the play of Bosserd and Vincent. The Red Arrows surprised Pioneers Dave Heckard and Matt Castillo 6-1, 6-2.

"I told them they could beat these guys and they went out there and did it," Wall explained. "East wasn't as deep as the Zeeland coach thought."

The number one doubles team lost to East in league play earlier in the year.

Bosserd and Vincent (fourth overall), however, followed that opening round win with losses to Zeeland (3-6, 3-6) and Hastings.

In second doubles play, Jordan Gallagher and Gavin Vincent (6th overall) opened with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 win over Wyoming Park's Kyle VanderLugt and Brady Groeters.

In third doubles, Kyle Hines and Ryan Phillips (6th) won their last match of the day against Hastings' Sean Fortier and John Wilcox, 6-3, 6-3.

Dave Barry and Ryan Kremer (6th), fourth doubles, placed sixth with a win over Loren Klug and Andy Meredith, 6-1, 6-3.

Lowell's only points in singles play came from Richie Ford (6th), fourth singles. He defeated Hastings' Matt North 6-3, 6-2.

Andy Oetman (7th) defeated Hastings' Mike Nitz 6-3, 6-0. "We were disappointed in our finish (5 points)," Wall said. "We couldn't pull out any three setters. The weather

was cold and windy, but it was terrible for everybody."

East won the tournament with 38 points. The Pioneers were followed by Forest Hills Central 37; Northview 19.5; Zeeland 19; Hudsonville 11.5; Wyoming Park 10; Hastings 8; and Lowell 5.

**Cedar Springs 5 Lowell 3**

The Red Arrows' only wins came from their top three doubles teams.

James Bosserd and Collin Vincent defeated Aaron Larsen and Ross Pope, 6-2, 6-3.

Jordan Gallagher and Gavin Vincent defeated Jakan Jano and Corey Anderson, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. "They always make things exciting for us," Wall said.

Kyle Hines and Ryan Phillips, third doubles, upended Nash Taylor and Tom VanLangen 6-3, 6-3.

## Himebaugh, cont'd... From Page 17

up off the ground and began walking toward what he believed was a house light.

Discovering a barn and feeling a chill, he headed back near his bike (an '86 1200 Interstate Honda) for his jacket.

On the walk back he collapsed in a field, remaining there roughly three hours until police found him between 3:30 and 4 a.m. Himebaugh was cold and suffering from a punctured lung, cracked ribs and internal head injuries.

The 1977 Caledonia High School graduate spent the next three weeks in intensive care (from Sept. 21 to Oct. 20). Himebaugh was then transported to Mary Free Bed where he would remain for six weeks.

"Dave came home on Dec. 3," Dianne Himebaugh recalled. He is still recovering from the closed head injuries, but continues to improve, according to his wife.

Himebaugh wasn't home much more than a month when he turned to his passion - running.

"Running has always relaxed me. It was something I could do," Himebaugh said. He began by jogging four miles. "When I was doing well and felt good I would keep going."

In the weeks leading up to

the Old Kent, Himebaugh was running seven-eight miles. Prior to the run, he ran in the Irish Jig, Maple Syrup Run and Pietro's Pasta Run.

As for Saturday's race, "I was just happy to be able to run in it," Himebaugh said. He finished the Old Kent course in 2:05.13.

Dianne concludes, "Dave's attitude throughout the ordeal has been great."

## LHS offers sports camps

The Lowell athletic department will be hosting athletic summer camps in boys' basketball, girls' basketball, cheerleading, football, gymnastics, girls' soccer, tennis, volleyball and wrestling. Camp brochures may be picked up in the athletic office or at any of the district schools. Campers can fill out the enrollment form and mail to the athletic office at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331. Enclose a check in the proper amount made payable to Lowell High School. For more information contact the athletic office at 897-4442.

## MAY 14, 2000 • National Nursing Home Week

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 • HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

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**MONDAY, MAY 15 • CONTEST DAY**

at the Laurels of Kent with Fun Trivia & other contests!

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# Lowell girls finish third in conference meet; fall to Vikings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

ished second in the dual season and second in the meet at 110 points. Lowell (5-2), third in the

Nicole Gillikin finished second in the pole vault with a height of 9'. Park's Sarah Stevenson was first with a

with a distance of 128'4". In the high jump, Lowell's Kristi Ford was third at 4'10 and Rachelle

places in the running events were as follows:

400-meter relay (Christie Lacie, Krystal White, Becker, Kim Huysler), 54.6, 6th.

100 hurdles, April Telman, 50.7, sixth.

800-meter run, Wojciakowski, 2:28.6, second.

3200-meter run, Katie Clements, 12:27.9, fourth.

1600-meter relay (Plattner, Wojciakowski, Jana Young, Natalie Kent), 4:27.8, sixth.

Lowell's top two individuals in each event advance to the regional on Saturday at Lowell High School.

Depth and talent lifted Wyoming Park to an 85-53 win over Lowell girls track team.

The Vikings earned 14 first-place finishes in a competitive OK White meet with the Red Arrows.

Wyoming Park outpointed Lowell 5-4 or 6-3 in nine of the 17 events.

The Vikings put distance between themselves and Low-

ell with wins in three of the four relays and sweeps in the shot put and 200-meter dash.

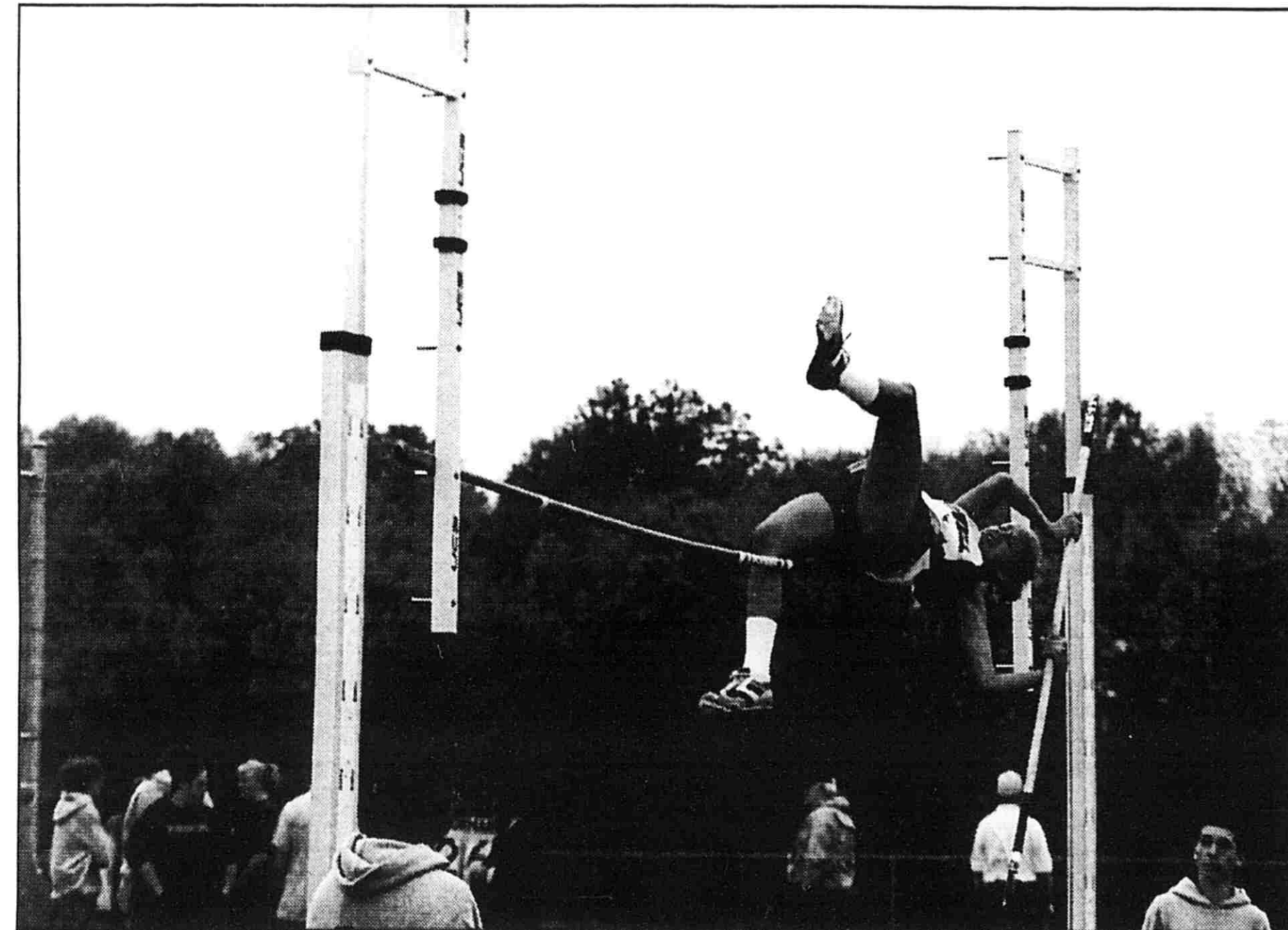
Lowell's only first came in the discus, high jump and 3200-meter relay.

Sandra Sturis won the discus with a distance of 113' 8 1/2".

Kristi Ford cleared 5'4" to win the high jump. Rachelle Becker was second at 5'.

Lisa Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner, Katie Anderson and Abby Vos stopped the clock in a winning time of 11:21.34 in the 3200-meter relay.

Placing second for Lowell were: Mindy Tarney, long jump, 14' 6"; Nicole Gillikin, pole vault, 8' 1"; April Telman, 100 high hurdles, 16.84; Krystal White, 100-meter dash, 13.37; Plattner, 1600-meter run, 5:44.68; Wojciakowski, 400-meter dash, 1:05.45; White, 300 hurdles, 49.28; Wojciakowski, 800-meter run, 2:37.15; and Katie Clements, 3200-meter run, 13:02.62.



Lowell's April Telman works to clear her right leg over the bar at the OK White Conference meet in Hudsonville.

played out like its dual season.

Wyoming Park, Hudsonville and Lowell finished at the top - and in that order.

The Vikings won the dual season with a perfect 7-0 mark and the league meet with 148 points.

Hudsonville (6-1) fin-

dual season, placed third in the meet with 60 points.

"Everything went like I thought it would," said Lowell girls track coach Kathy Talus. "I thought our young girls performed well in their first big meet."

The Red Arrows scored 35 of their 60 points in the field events.

height of 11' 1/2". Lowell's Ashley Cunningham was fourth at 8'.

Gillikin placed third in the long jump with a distance of 14' 11 1/2". Stevenson won the event with a mark of 15'9".

Sandra Sturis' mark of 105'10" earned her a third in the discus. Tonya Koeman, Hudsonville, won the event

Becker was fifth at 4'10". Zeeland's Laura Geurink won the event with a height of 5'2".

Lowell's 3200-meter relay team (Lisa Wojciakowski, Katie Anderson, Abby Vos, Holly Plattner) finished fourth in a time of 10:25.9. Hudsonville won the relay with a time of 10:04.

The unofficial times and

## Red Arrow linksters fall short against Rangers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Looking for an emotional boost heading into the conference tournament at the Kauffman Golf Course, Lowell struggled at Deer Run Golf Course in its triangular meet with Forest Hills Central and Hudsonville.

"We shoot 200 against a good Greenville team, and follow that up with a 217," said a disappointed Lowell golf coach Rick White. "We made it much too easy for Central."

Central shot a 207. Lowell followed with a 217 and

Hudsonville carded a 274.

Amber Kuipers led Lowell with a round of 49. Jenny Gunberg shot a 53 and Kate Gunberg fired a 57. Lisa LaHaye and Kelly Fitzpatrick each carded rounds of 58.

Liz Liversedge was the match medalist with a 47. Katie Berger shot a 50. Megan Miller a 54 and Lauren Grzanka carded a 56.

Jenny Brinks shot a 49 to lead Hudsonville. Courtney Thompson followed with a 62. Chrissa Schramm had an 81, and Lindsey Steffes shot an 82.

## Lowell nine outslug Northview and Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took a ninth-inning, two-out balk to lift the Red Arrow baseball team past Northview 10-9.

With Jake Baum on third and two out, Andy Cooper faked a bunt with one strike. On the next pitch the Northview pitcher committed a balk. Baum was coming home on the play. "I think he makes it whether there's a balk or not," said Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel.

Lowell got pushed into extra innings when it surrendered five runs in the seventh inning to the Wildcats, knotting the score at 9-9.

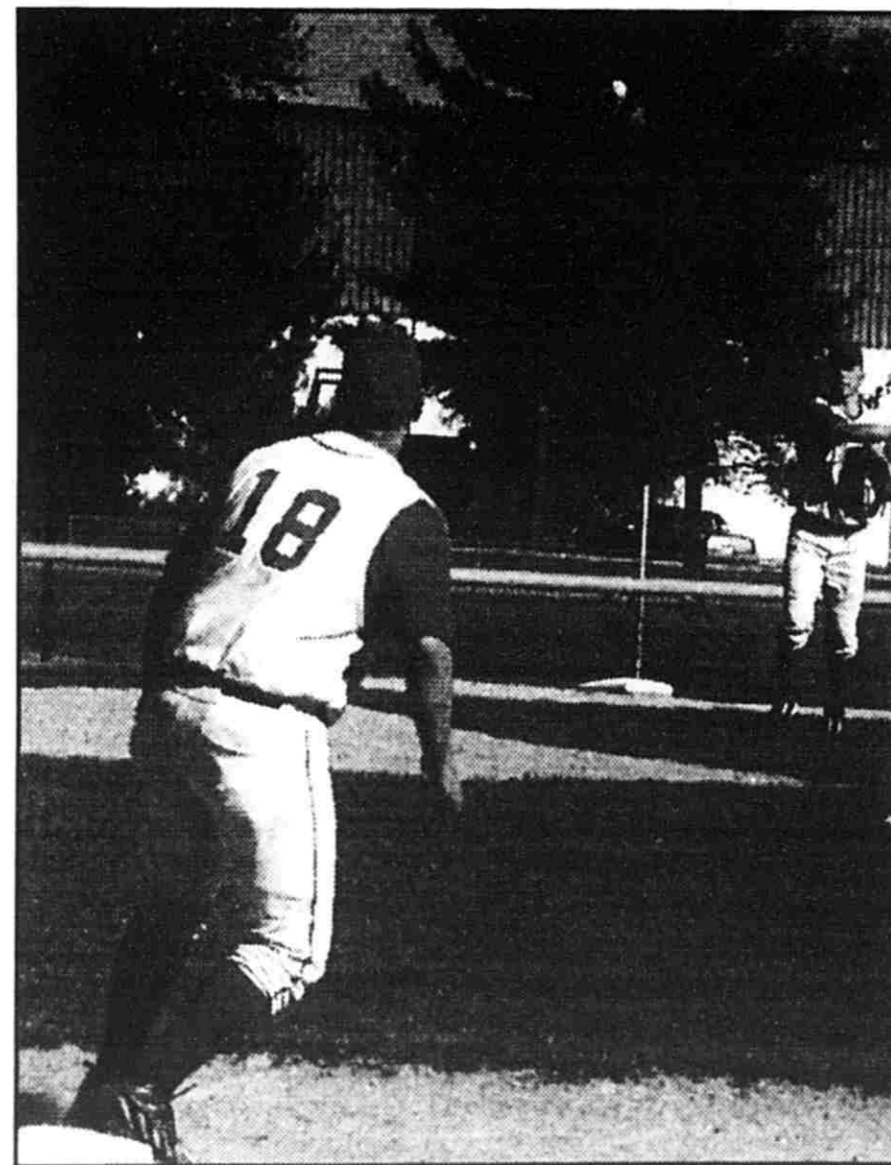
Brady Foster started and was relieved by Mike Smith. The Red Arrow struck out five in three innings of relief. "Northview never threatened while he was in," Antel said. "Foster pitched well, but struggled in the seventh inning."

The Red Arrows had opportunities in the seventh and eighth innings to win the game but could not come up with the key base hit.

In the seventh inning, Lowell had a runner on second and one out but could not drive him home. In the eighth inning it was more of the same... a runner at second with one out, but no RBI hit.

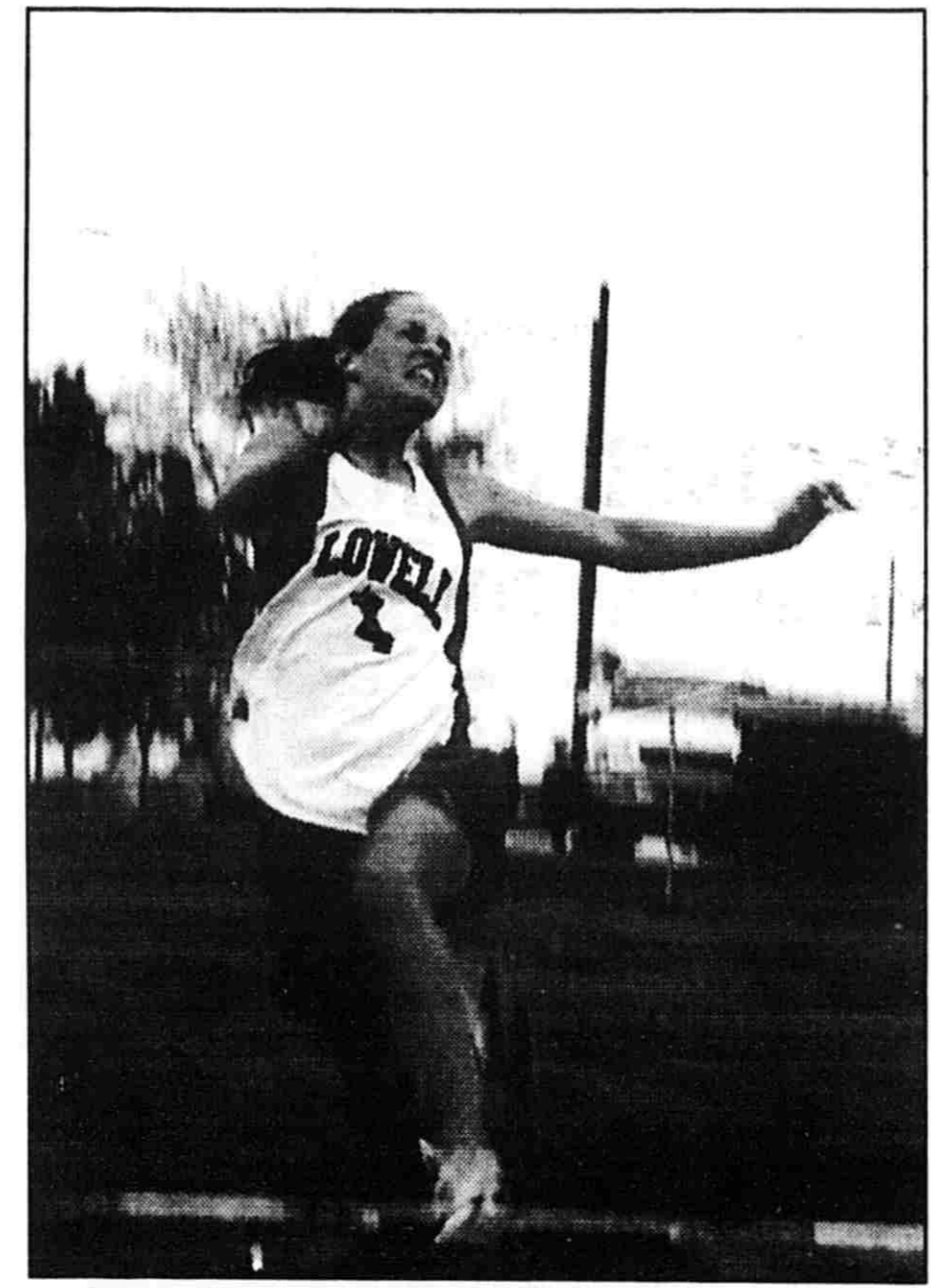
"I got to thinking that this was a game that wasn't going to end," Antel explained.

Lowell looked as though it would run away and hide as it



Keith Keman, Lowell third baseman, fields and throws.

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Nicole Gillikin was third at the league meet in the long jump with a distance of 14' 11 1/2".

## Red girls trip up Hastings in extra innings; shutout by Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A one-out sacrifice bunt by Noelle Dewey scored Jacque Benedict from third to give Lowell a 3-2 nine-inning decision over Hastings.

Lowell walked a tightrope in making it to the ninth inning. Hastings scored the tying run in the seventh inning and had runners on second and third with no outs, but Kelly Kemen induced a pop up and then struck out the next two batters to get out of the inning.

In the eighth inning, Hastings again had the bases loaded and one out and Kemen, again, struck out two batters to retire the side.

Kemen pitched nine innings, allowing two runs on six hits while walking eight and striking out eight.

Lowell grabbed a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning on a single, two walks and a sacrifice.

Hastings scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to tie the game at 2-2.

"Kemen pitched well, but we only had four hits, two by Jody Seif and two by Benedict," said softball coach Bob Rodenhuse.

Softball, cont'd. pg. 21

# Lowell pounds Park; sixth in OK White meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys track team finished sixth at the Ok White Conference meet in Hudsonville.

The Red Arrows scored 58 points finishing behind Hudsonville 150, Northview 81, Hastings 74, East Grand Rapids 65, and Forest Hills Central 63.

Zeeland placed seventh with 30 points and Wyoming Park was eighth with five points.

In the field events, Bill Stouffer took a second in the shot put with a distance of 48'11". Nick Deline, Hastings, won it with a mark of 49'11 1/2".

Mike Williams (6'2") was second to FHC's Nate Blevin (6'3") in the high jump. Jon Weiring was fourth at 6'.

In the long jump Mark Catlin finished fifth at 19'5 1/2". Blevins won the event with a distance of 21'6 1/2".

Lowell's 3200-meter relay team (Mark Maatman, Ryan Mix, Kevin Huisman, Zach Stauffer) placed fourth in a time of 8:27.8. Hudsonville won the relay in 8:17.

Wiering finished fifth in the pole vault, clearing 11'6". Brian Beach of Hudsonville won the event with a height of 14'.

In the discus, Dave Hefferan was sixth with a distance of 122'-10". Phil McKeogh, Hastings, won it with a mark of 137'1".

The unofficial times and places in the running events were as follows:

Wiering, 110 high

hurdles, fourth, 15.6; Ken Palcowski, 100-meter dash, sixth, 11.45; 800-meter relay (Williams, Kurt Telman, Catlin, Palcowski), fourth, 1:34; 400-meter relay (Matt Foster, Telman, Catlin,

dominated an undermanned Viking team.

Lowell won 15 of the 17 events and claimed 12 second-place finishes.

Lowell swept the relay events.

the 400-meter relay, breaking the tape in 46 seconds.

In the 1600-meter relay, Scott Weir, Foster, Maatman and Mix raced home in 3:37.2.

Other first-place finishes included: Bill Stouffer, shot



Lowell's Mike Williams qualified for the finals in the 100-meter dash in the league meet preliminaries on Thursday.

Bill Stouffer's toss of 48' 11" in the shot put placed him second in the conference meet.

## Softball, cont'd.... From Page 20

Northview 2  
Lowell 0

Beth Brown shut the Red Arrows out on five hits. Lowell had just two scoring opportunities against Brown. The Red Arrows had a runner on second with one out in the third but could not score, and they had a runner on second with one out in the sixth but could not score.

Northview scored single runs in the third and fourth innings against Kelly Kemen.

The Lowell ace scattered 11 hits, walked three and struck out one Northview batter.

## Baseball, cont'd... From Page 20

plated seven runs in the first inning.

The first six batters all got hits. Baum led off with a double, and five singles followed. With the score 5-0, Pete VanLaan knocked in runs six and seven with a one-out two-run double.

Brian Conley also had a two-run single in the first.

Lowell added two more runs in the third on a single and two doubles.

Lowell 12  
Hastings 4

The game's outcome was still in the balance after five innings with Lowell holding onto a 6-4 lead.

"It was a closer game than the score might indicate," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said.

Leading by two runs, the Red Arrows plated two runs in the sixth on two walks and two singles.

The Red Arrows put the game away in the seventh when it sent nine batters to the plate, scoring four runs on four hits and three walks.

Dave Rozema pitched the whole game and picked up the win. All the runs scored against him were unearned. "Opposing teams are capitalizing on our mistakes," Antel explained.

Josh Brown led all Lowell hitters with three hits.

Lowell finished the week at 11-8 overall and 3-6 in the OK White.



## PERFECT SEASON

The girls track team from Lowell Middle School has just completed their sixth season as undefeated champs in their league. They also took first place last Saturday among nine teams at the Greenville Optimist. The first-place score was 135 to Coopersville's 101 second place.

Many first places were taken at the Optimist Saturday by Lowell girls. The mile: Sarah Swab; 3200 mile relay: Swab, Sarah Vuong, Ashlee Jones, Elizabeth Camp; mile relay: Ashley Kehoe, Sarah McCarrick, Stephanie Wagner, Angie Wood; pole vault: Lynda Horsley, long jump: Kelly Umlauf; many numerous second and fourth places brought the team to the top.

According to head coach, Julie Niemela, LMS's 67-member team goal was for the girls to have pride in their hard work and enjoy the success that comes with it.

"We have the girls set goals for themselves at the beginning of the season. Nearly 100 percent were met, and many set and met two or three personal goals."

The season concludes Wednesday with the 7th grade conference at Northview and on Thursday with the 8th grade conference at Greenville.

# SPRING FEVER

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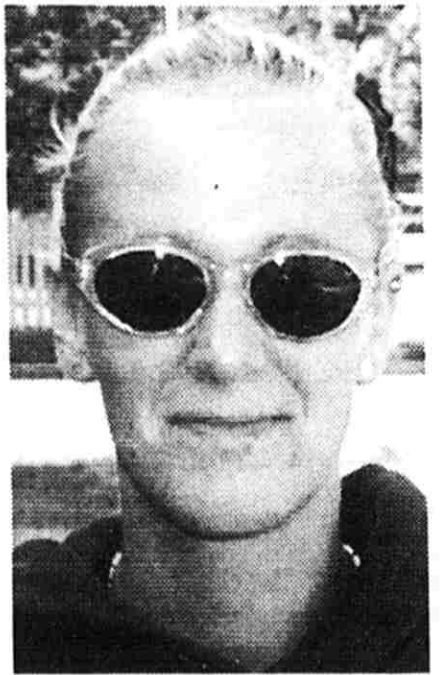
Nearly 750,000 demonstrators gathered for the Million Mom March Sunday to demand action which would limit guns in an effort to curb tragedies. What impact do you think it will have?



**Vicki English**  
It will make a lot of people more aware of the issue. I like some of what they had to say, but not all of it.



**Beth Schuivens**  
I think there are already too many guns out there. It's too late to try to limit them. I agree with their cause, but I don't think it will work.



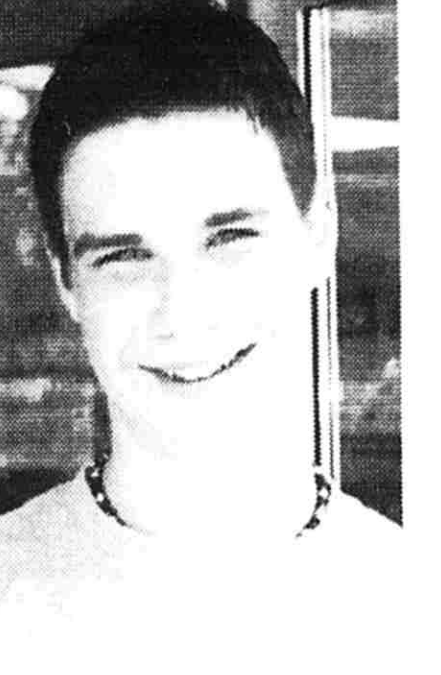
**Audra Bolthouse**  
I think it will have an impact because of the number of school shootings. I think something will get done because of the march.



**Patty O'Haire**  
It already has had an impact - there were people there protesting their march. I am not sure what the result from all of this will be.



**Val Walker**  
I think it stinks. I don't want a congressman telling me I can't have a gun. I hope the march doesn't have any impact.



**Jarrett Grover**  
There are more guns out on hunters day than any other day. I don't think they will be able to limit use of guns. I agree with their reason - saving lives.



**Jan Herb**  
Mother will have a big impact. I agree with their message.



**Martha Scharaswak**  
It's a good idea, but I don't think it's going to do much good.

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