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Timpson updates board on park progress and grant monies received

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Gifts totaling \$110,000 were presented to Lowell Charter Township for the purpose of helping the township develop its first park.

Township supervisor John Timpson said the township had received another \$100,000 from the Englehardt Fund, making a total of \$250,000 from the fund for the park located on Grand River Drive. The township also received \$10,000 from V-Tec Engineering, out of Grandville.

"We gratefully appreciate the generosity of these groups," Timpson said at the township's board meeting last week.

With the V-Tec money, Timpson said he was looking into a main building for the park to house supplies and for maintenance purposes.

As for the Englehardt Fund money, Timpson said about \$30,000 has been used for rebuilding and paving the entrance. This project also includes improving the railroad crossing, he said.

Boardmember Alyn Fletcher asked if the board could report on all the monies received for the park and what those monies have been spent on. Timpson explained that before former township

clerk Carol Wells left, she had put together a chart on that. Once the chart is updated, he would be happy to share the information with the township board.

As for progress on the park, which is west on Grand River Drive about one and three-tenths of a mile from Alden Nash, everything seemed to be moving forward, Timpson said.

He is currently having talks with Lowell Light and Power about getting electrical out to the park for lights. Also on the table is bid specifications for a septic system and drainfield, as well as a sign to mark the entrance.

The township has been working on creating a park since 1992, Timpson said. Since receiving a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, the township has been developing the area on Grand River Drive as the township's first park.

The township did at one time maintain a walking trail near the current township hall, however, due to a lack of use, the trail has been abandoned.

The township park will have several fields including ball diamonds and seven to eight soccer fields, some of which have been used for recent tryouts for several local leagues.

Lowell YMCA prepared to move forward on study

.... The results will define the community's definition of what a full facility YMCA should offer. Furthermore, it will provide some direction in developing a strategic plan that could be implemented over the next five to seven years.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Would there be enough community support for a YMCA facility in Lowell?

That is the question the Lowell Branch YMCA plans to present to the residents of the Lowell area in October.

Thanks to a grant from the Englehardt Fund, the Lowell YMCA will be able to have the Winfield Consulting Group, which has done more than 400 surveys for various YMCAs, look into the building of a full facility that could include a gym, pool, and fitness center.

"What your idea of a full facility for the YMCA is might differ from my idea of one which might differ from what a boardmember might think," said William Welsh, Lowell YMCA executive director. "One person might say a full gym and another might want a pool."

The idea behind the study is to give the Lowell YMCA some direction in developing a strategic plan which could be implemented over the next five to seven years.

The survey includes focus groups and meetings with area officials including the city's mayor and the township supervisors. Last week, Welsh approached the Lowell City Council about getting councilmembers involved in the process and received positive feedback.

In October, about 400 residents will be surveyed for input on whether the Lowell YMCA should move from a storefront facility, with offices located at 323 W. Main St., to operating its own facility.

The survey will help the local YMCA determine a number of items such as membership potential for the first 15 to 18 months the facility is open, pricing policies, and level of interest. It also will help in determining the YMCA's niche in the area.

If the survey comes back indicating a building is what residents want, which is what YMCA officials are hoping for, then the task will be to determine what can be constructed. The survey will help in that as well, breaking down several aspects such as a fitness center versus an aquatic facility versus an indoor gym.

"If we can't afford to do everything at once, it will let us know out of all the items what the residents have the highest priority on and so forth," Welsh said.

The Winfield Consulting Group has a 95-percent accuracy rating on its survey results. In a 1999 survey for the Grand Rapids Metropolitan study, it indicated an interest in the southwest area for a full-fledged YMCA facility. An opportunity came up for the YMCA to purchase an existing sports facility that was going out of business. Within six months, the facility had reached its 24-month projected membership levels, Welsh explained.

The Lowell YMCA had an opportunity to be part of the study but because of talks about a community pool and other such items at the time, it didn't make sense for the organization to be part of the study, Welsh said.

"At the time, it was thought this YMCA would be running the pool," Welsh said, adding that for that reason, the Lowell YMCA did not participate. However, now that things have changed, the survey is an excellent way for the local YMCA to determine what the community's goals and plans for the organization are.

The Englehardt Fund Committee has agreed to pay half
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Suburban residential one of four zones chosen for wireless communication towers

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Suburban residential, industrial, light industrial, and public facility zones are all suited for wireless communication towers was the decision of the Planning Commission Monday night.

The decision contradicts the wishes of some residents who are fighting to keep an AT&T tower out of their backyard. After some discussion, the planning commission in a 7-1 vote decided to include suburban residential in the proposed ordinance, which goes before the City Council July 5.

The only vote against the proposal was Planning Commissioner Trudy Cahoon, a resident of Gee Drive, where AT&T would like to place its wireless communication tower. AT&T would like to build a 180-foot multi-carrier monopole tower at 2311 Gee Drive, which is property the city owns and currently has a water tower located.

Cahoon said she felt it behooved the Planning Commission to listen to what the residents wanted and that by allowing such towers in the suburban residential zone goes directly against the wishes of the residents.

"On the one hand I don't like to see them in suburban residential," said Chairperson Dan Brubaker. "But on the other hand, I'm not sure I would like to see them anywhere."

In the end, the Planning Commission should decide what is best for the entire community not just one specific area, Brubaker said, adding that such issues raised on health concerns could not be considered by federal law, which has been upheld in federal courts.

The Planning Commission did receive one letter in objection to the ordinance having suburban residential. Tracy Loughlin, 2435 Gee Drive, said while concerned about the

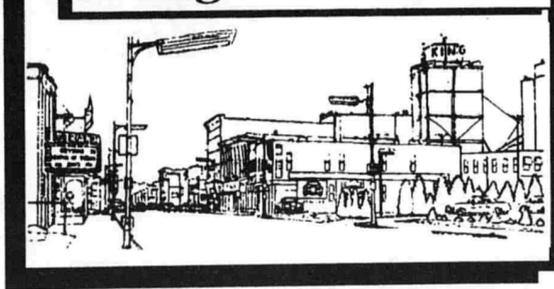
health issues, she did not believe such a tower fit the suburban residential area for several reasons. Among those reasons was that many people who live in a suburban residential area choose that area because of the wide open spaces. Also, she said she did not buy the argument that a tower did not lower real estate values. If given the choice of purchasing land with a tower nearby or land without, she would buy the one without.

Planning Commission John VanderWilp said he believes people's concerns over wireless communication towers were more grounded in "fear than fact."

"If I was to put a dollar bill or even a \$100-dollar bill up on the ceiling with a sign saying take it, its free, it probably would still be there by the end of the night," VanderWilp said. "That is because people have a tendency to look straight ahead or down, not up."

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Along Main Street



GLOW NECKLACES

Support the Fourth of July celebration by buying glowing necklaces for \$2 each while supplies last at Old Kent Bank, Rupert's Drop, Springrove Variety and Roll Away Family Fun Center.

FLAT RIVER THRIFT SHOP NEW HOURS

The Lowell Flat River Thrift Shop at the corner of Main and Jackson will begin new hours July 5. The hours are Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. from noon to 6 p.m. Sorters for the Thrift Shop are needed at the following times: Tues. 9-11 a.m. and Thurs. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

PARADE ENTRIES WANTED

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the Saturday, July 1 parade. Call Liz at 897-9161 for an application form or to register. The deadline is June 26.

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VISIT THESE GREAT SALES!

LET THEM KNOW YOU SAW IT IN THE GARAGE SALE PAGE!

BIG GARAGE SALE
recliner, cross country skis, men's, women's & children clothing, toys, crib, Environ room air cleaner & much more. June 29 & 30 & July 1, 1124 McCabe, off Bailey.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., 6/30 - Sun., 7/2, 10-8 p.m. 1395 Egypt Valley, near Pettis pits. Electric stove, \$10; toys, quilt material, air cleaner, more!

TWO-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Large selection, Thurs., June 29 & Fri., June 30, 9-5 p.m. 7410 Kettle Lake Dr.

GARAGE SALE
June 28 & 29, 9-4, kids toys, Pokemon cards, games, Barbies, crafts, household items. Much more. 12620 Grand River Dr. (near Gulliford Dr.)

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE
Thurs. and Fri., June 29 & 30. 9:00am to 6:00pm. Waterbed frame, exercise equipment, Little Tikes cabin, Barbie Jeep, boys and girls clothing to teens. Lots of toys and misc. Lemonade and pop stand. No early sales. 10176 Bailey Dr. NE

YARD SALE
Sat. July 1, 9 to ? 813 Avery St. Everything 25c unless marked otherwise.

GARAGE SALE
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THE KIDS CLEANED THEIR ROOMS
Gavin Lake to 10851 Keystone, June 29 & 30.

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
517 Chatham St., Lowell, June 29-30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Kids bikes, bunk beds, Little Tikes Race Car bed, stroller, crib & mattress, changing table, health rider, car seats, Sega, Nintendo, edger, Burley bike cart, Huffy bike cart, vacuum, toys, baby swing, baby and kids clothes and much more. Moving - lots of stuff must go! No prior sales.

GARAGE SALE
Huge Sale at Perry's, quality clothing, household items, furniture, lawn mowers, bikes, roll-top desk. German beer steins, golf clubs & snow blowers. Something for everyone. Fri. & Sat., June 30 & July 1, 6939 Alden Nash Rd. (5 miles S. of Lowell on M-50)

BARN SALE
5663 W. Bluewater, large man clothing, tools, toys, misc. household. 9-7 p.m. June 28, 29 & 30.

YARD SALE 5 FAMILIES
Thurs., June 29th, 9-5, 826 E. Main St., Lowell. Clothes, books, toys, household and lots of misc. Canceled if rain.

5 FAMILY SALE
something for everyone, 1254 Jane Ellen, Fri., June 30, 8-5; Sat., July 1, 8:30-3 p.m.

BOOK & BARN SALE
July 1, 2 & 3, 8-5, 9121 Lincoln Lake, Greenville. Zane Grey, Louis L'Amour, Harlequin romances & other books. Motorcycle, lamps, children & adult clothing, toys, dog door, vacuum, banjo, end table, dining room table & more.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs., 9-6 p.m. Tent, sleeping bags, microwave, kid-adult clothing & misc. 715 Hunt, W. of Beech.

BARN/MOVING SALE
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Lowell man killed in bike/car accident

Allen Seeley died Sunday from injuries sustained in an accident at the intersection of Chatham and Hudson Street Saturday evening.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Allen C. Seeley, 58, of Lowell died early Sunday evening from injuries incurred in a Saturday evening accident at the intersection of north Hudson Street and Chatham.

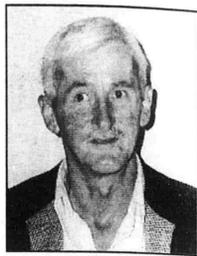
According to the Lowell Police Department, Seeley was traveling west on Chatham on his bike at approximately 11:05 p.m. He crossed in front of a south-bound Dodge Durango driven by Steven Allen Schwedt of Brighton.

Seeley incurred fatal closed head injuries and multiple fractures of the lower extremities. Schwedt nor his passenger incurred injuries.

Lowell Police Sgt. Steve Junewick said Seeley's clothing was not conducive to night time riding and that alcohol was a factor (Seeley's blood/alcohol content was over the legal limit).

Friends remembered Seeley as a good high school athlete back in the early 60's. Seeley played football, basketball, tennis, cross-country and baseball for Lowell.

Seeley worked part-time at the Buyers Guide (circulation) for the past 11 years. The Lowell resident is survived by his children Allen (Jodi) Seeley-Reynolds, Jr. of Lowell; John Seeley-Reynolds of Cascade; and their mother, Lynda (Marty) Reynolds of Cascade; a sis-



Allen C. Seeley

ter, Shirley Peckham of Lowell; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles, and parents, Cecil Seeley and Ila (Seeley) Phillips.

Funeral services will be held at the Roth-Gerst Funeral chapel in Lowell on Thursday, June 29 at 1 p.m. Visitation will be Wednesday (today), 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Contributions may be made to the Al Seeley Memorial Fund.

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June 29th - July 4th, 2000

Thursday, June 29
1:00 pm.....Dog Show
5:00 pm.....Midway Madness (5 to 10 pm)
7:30 pm.....Antique Tractor Pull

Friday, June 30th
10:00 am.....Parade
10:00 am.....Midway Opens (cash in discount coupons)
1:00 pm.....Harness Racing
2:00-4:00 pm.....Reception for Grand Marshall
3:00 pm.....Judging Boys, Girls, and Adults
3:00 pm.....Bobbin Lace Demonstration
5:00 pm.....Midway Madness (5 to 10 pm)
7:30 pm.....Light Weight Horse Pull

Saturday, July 1
10:00 am.....Draft Horse Show
10:00 am.....Dairy Cattle Judging
12:00 pm.....Midway Opens (Midway Madness noon-5 pm)
1:00 pm.....Harness Racing
7:30 pm.....Figure Eight Demolition Derby

Sunday, July 2
10:00 am.....Draft Horse Show
12:00 pm.....Midway Opens (Midway Madness noon-5 pm)
1:00 pm.....Harness Racing
3:00 pm.....Ladies Day/Quilt Show
6:00 pm.....Mud Bog

Monday, July 3
9:00 am.....Beef and Sheep Judging
10:30 am.....Youth Horse Show
12:00 pm.....Midway Opens (Midway Madness noon-5 pm)
1:00 pm.....Harness Racing
7:30 pm.....Semi Truck Pull

Tuesday, July 4
12:00 pm.....Midway Opens (Midway Madness noon-5 pm)
1:00 pm.....Harness Racing
1:00 pm.....Puff Tractor Pull
7:30 pm.....Demolition Derby
10:00 pm.....Fireworks (time approximate)

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Reflections

Of Faith

By Jason Greer,
Children's Pastor
Christian Life Center

"It is all vain to preach the truth, To the eager ears of a trusting youth. If, whenever the lad is standing by, He sees you cheat and he hears you lie." -Edgar A. Guest

"If you can give me one good reason to go to church with you then I will go in a second." This was the response my neighbor gave me about seven years ago when I asked him to go to church with me. I had already built a good relationship with this man, and so I was kind of taken back at this response to my question. I asked him why he was so against going to

church. His response was that some church members had treated his wife unkindly when she went to church in the past, and neither of them had any desire to set foot in a church again. Knowing that the mean's personal walk with the Lord was much more important than his desire to go to church, I asked him about that too. His response went something like, "Christians are such hypocrites and I have no desire to be any part." He could not explain to me though how I was a hypocrite.

Are you a hypocrite? Do you know anyone who refuses to turn to Jesus because they see the hypocrisy in the church today? Are you one of those people who blame hypocrites for your stubbornness in repenting of your sins and turning to your only hope of salvation, Jesus Christ?

I think that it is interesting that Jesus saved his harshest words for hypocrites. "Woe unto you scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites..." He woeed them three times in just three verses in the 23rd chapter of Matthew. And all throughout the gospels we can see what Jesus thinks about hypocrites. The ultimate end for hypocrites is eternal damnation. "And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnash-

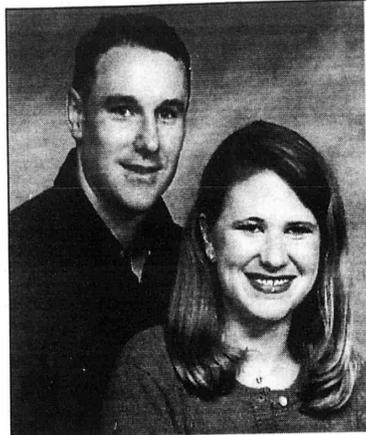
ing of teeth." I heard a wise man once say that just because a mouse gets in the cookie jar does not make him a cookie. And likewise just because a hypocrite gets in the church, it does not make him a Christian.

Since the time that I talked with that man seven years ago, I have come to realize that he was using hypocrites as an excuse because he did not want to face up to the fact that he needed God. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." (Prov. 16:18). The plain and simple truth is that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. It does not matter how good a person you are, you still are not as good as God is. If you were then you would be God. There are some people that think they are god. They usually end up having a bunch of people drink cyanide and then wait for a spaceship to come.

Anyway, that is off the subject at hand here. Everyone of us has sinned. If you think you haven't then give an honest look at the ten commandments. If you are a sinner then you need Jesus. He is the only way to heaven. Sound narrow minded? Maybe to you, but that probably is the pride thing getting in the way again. Anyway, using a hypocrite as an excuse for not turning to God is kind of like saying, "He is jumping off the Empire State Building, but I don't want to be like him so I will just jump off the Sears Tower. Either way, you are both going to end up dead, and eternity is a long time.

The little I know, I owe to my ignorance.
—Sacha Guitry

Love that which will never be seen twice.
—Alfred de Vigny



William John McGovern and Tricia Heather Raab

Raab/McGovern

Elizabeth Raab of Lowell and Terry Raab of Comstock Park are announcing the engagement of their daughter Tricia Heather Raab to William John McGovern, both of Grand Rapids.

The future bride is a Lowell High School and Grand Rapids Community College graduate employed as a registered nurse at Spectrum Health Downtown.

The groom-to-be is the son of Marlene McGovern of Escanaba and William McGovern of Gladstone. He is a graduate of Escanaba High School and Central Michigan University with a master's degree from Ferris State University. He is employed at Foremost Insurance.

An August 12, 2000 wedding is planned.

AREA BIRTHS

David and Sara Yomtoob are pleased to announce the birth of their son Nathan Charles, born Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at Metropolitan Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 18 inches long.

He is welcomed home by his big sister Rachael. Proud grandparents are John and Johnnie Lindhurst of Battle Creek and Dr. Youssef and Parichehr Yomtoob of Riverwoods, Illinois.



Nathan Charles Yomtoob

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 28: Brian Doyle.
JUNE 29: Ben Zoodma, Stephanie Yonker.
JUNE 30: Sheila Yeiter.

Denny Brenk, Kayleigh Page.
JULY 1: Brandon Hewitt.
JULY 2: Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon

Sterzick, Logan Brenk, Landon Trierweiler.
JULY 3: Alice Ryder, Jamie Capen.
JULY 4: Anne Armstrong, Barb Austin, Zachary Rhodes, Tara Sherman.

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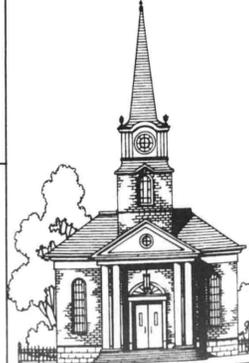
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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I fly the commercial airlines once a month. The trip between my two jobs involves three legs each way. That's six airplanes. Six boardings. Six de-planings. Six chances for my bags to be lost. Ah, but I have the airlines outsmarted. They lose me occasionally, but they can't lose my bags. I don't check any.

Kinda like the guy who says to the doctor, "Doc, it hurts when I do this". The doctor says, "Don't do that. That'll be \$50.00". Same thing only different with the airlines. They lose my bags when I fly. I don't check any bags.

You see these pathetic business travelers hauling laptops, briefcases, garment bags and towing "you gotta be kiddin' me" carry-on suitcases on wheels that wouldn't stuff under any airline seat I've ever seen. They need that stuff when they get where they're going. If they check it, the airlines lose it. Consequently they are always pushing the envelope when it comes to carry-on limitations. It's a never ending struggle like the whole man versus nature thing, only on a bigger scale.

When I fly I have this old black knapsack that has fresh

underwear, a modest change of clothes, a small dopp kit, whatever book I'm reading, tickets, car keys and a few incidentals like gum, sunglasses and a Smith & Wesson .357. Just kidding. Because of my journalistic license I can joke about that here, but don't try it when checking through security. Been there... done that. Those rent-a-cops get all huffy about such things.

I flew back to Michigan on Sunday. I made an exception and checked a bag. Actually it wasn't a bag. It was a cooler full of frozen fish. My son had requested some dolphin filets for the grill this summer. Now before you go ballistic and think I'm catching and eating Flipper, this dolphin is a fish. The same fish they call mahi-mahi in the Pacific and dorado in Mexico. Some wise guy in the gulf coast region decided it would be fun to stir up the populace by naming a great fish for the table after a lovable aquatic mammal. Sorta like renaming pork chops, koala chops. Ah, but I digress.

I bought a heavy duty styrofoam cooler especially for this purpose. I filled it with the zip-lock bags of fish filets suspended in frozen water (commonly referred to as ice in some circles). This freezing method takes up more room in the freezer, but reduces freezer burn and works great for transporting in a cooler. All that ice has to melt before the filets start to defrost. I also stuffed all the voids in the cooler with wadded newspaper. Another tip I learned along life's highway that greatly extends the life of frozen items in a cooler. Just call me Heloise.

I packed the cooler about 10:30 Sunday morning and checked it in at the Key West airport about an hour later. It then

proceeded to the ramp area where the temperature is a balmy 90 degrees with a noontday sun beating down. I began to have second thoughts about the wisdom of this whole fish transporting scheme.

By 12:30 we were in the air headed for Tampa. My flight out of Tampa was delayed by some thunderstorms moving through the area. The delay made my connection in Pittsburgh very tight. Great! Now I could worry about my cooler making the trip to Lansing. I was reminded why I never check a bag. The cooler was way to big to carry on, even by business traveler standards.

In Pittsburgh I hustled out to the gate area where all the commuter planes operate. As usual, it was pandemonium out there. I got to my gate and found the flight was a little behind schedule. That was good news for my tardy cooler. I positioned myself by a window where I could watch the baggage being loaded in the plane. Pretty soon a baggage train pulled up and a handler began pitching bags onto the conveyor. If you've ever really studied this procedure, you would know why your shampoo always breaks open and oozes through everything in your bag. The gorillas in the Smithsonite ad are actually quite gentle.

I stood and watched, and watched, and watched as bag after bag went up the conveyor. No white cooler. The conveyor stopped. The gorilla on the ground shouted something at the gorilla up in the plane. The conveyor started again. More bags went up. No cooler. The conveyor stopped again. More shouting. More bags went up.

This scenario went on for some time. Each time fewer bags went up. Still no cooler. Finally the gorilla on the ground waved good-bye, climbed on his tractor and zoomed away with the baggage carts in tow. The carts were covered, but I could see that there were more bags on board. I assumed they were going to a different airplane. I would find out later that, as usual, my assumption was wrong.

As I said, "E" Terminal was a zoo. (complete with gorillas). My gate was exceptionally out of control. When I finally had a chance to talk to the gate agent, she didn't seem too concerned with my cooler problem. She assured me that the bags from the Tampa flight would make the trip. I told her I had a cooler full of frozen fish. She just smiled and was probably thinking to herself, "What kind of stupid butt head would trust a cooler of fish to the airlines?". If she wasn't thinking it... I was.

As you can see, I've about used my allotted space for this drivel. I'll be back next week. We'll pick this story up at the baggage claim conveyor in the Lansing Airport terminal. Like they used to end the Rocky and Bullwinkle episodes... join us again next time for... "There is something fishy going on here" or "Flying fish grounded in Pittsburgh".

ALTO SOLO JUNE 25, 1925

The July 4 celebration at Ramona Park, Reeds Lake will feature balloon ascension with parachute drop, fireworks, vaudeville, dancing and amusement attractions.

The Lowell Band will give a free open-air concert at Richards Park next Wednesday at 8 p.m. You can park your autos around the square and listen in comfort. The Lowell Literary Club will dedicate a marker honoring Dr. Arba Richards, who gave the park to the village.

Standard Oil of Indiana buys a large passenger/freight airplane to see if it will be useful in carrying on its 10-state business.

The International Geneva Conference outlaws poison gas warfare.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 29, 1950
Esther Fahrni, Village treasurer, reminds that summer taxes are due July 1.

Lake Odessa will hold its annual Michigan's First Fair on July 3 and 4.

Lowell is up from the 1940 census of 1,944, to 2,150 in 1950. Lowell Township has multiplied, from 1,316 to 3,494.

Editor Harold Jefferies' tour with U.S. Editors of Ontario is reported; the group was winned and dined all over the province.

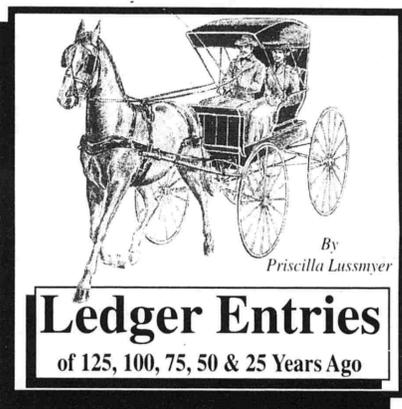
25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE JUNE 26, 1975

Heavy rains cause temporary floods, one in front of the Ledger office and another on the roof of the post office.

Alto Businessmen's Association will have their annual tractor-pulling contest Saturday, in several categories, from garden to super-modified.

The school board wrestles with the problem of school buses having to stop at all three elementary schools, and member Phil Kropf suggests using a portion of the Middle School parking lots for tennis courts.

Rotary Club president Norm Borgerson asks for citizen input for the club's July 9 program, "What Can We Do To Make Lowell a Better Town?"



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 30, 1875 IS MISSING; WE SUBSTITUTE JUNE 28, 1871

James Cheeseman has harvested 2801 quarts of strawberries from 7/8 acre of land, and profited by \$307.98, plus filling his canning shelves.

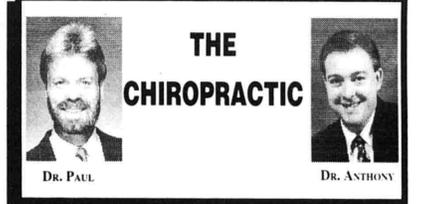
Proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors for June are published in full. We report that the Saturday afternoon meeting was postponed because of lack of a quorum.

Shaw & Burdick's new omnibus makes a fine appearance on the streets.

A new brick schoolhouse will be built this summer in Ada, to cost \$6,000.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 28, 1900. THIS ISSUE IS MISSING.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE



THE CHIROPRACTIC

DR. PAUL

DR. ANTHONY

Lifting a baby high overhead draws shouts of delight from your child, but could also draw shouts of pain from your back. It is easy for people caring for children to injure their backs. But it is also easy to avoid those injuries.

I recommend these tips to help avoid injury when caring for your children:

Put one foot on a box or low shelf when you stand and change a diaper. This tilts your pelvis and reduces fatigue.

• Keep work surfaces at a comfortable height. Put something under the legs of a changing table, for example, if you are tall.

• Drop the crib side before you pick up a child. Squat with your back straight, hold the child close and use your leg muscles to rise.

• Make sure your feet touch the floor and your back is supported when you sit and hold a child. Keep your knees at the same height, or slightly higher, as your hips.

Adjust stroller handles so you are not bending or stretching when you push.

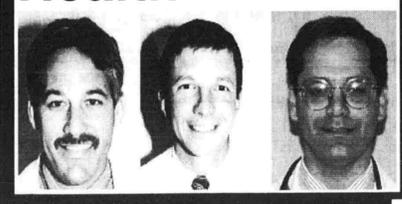
• When putting a child in a car seat, sit sideways on the seat with the child on your lap. Rotate so you are facing the front, and then put the child in the seat.

• Make sure all equipment, such as cribs, strollers, and car seats are all properly adjusted.

Taken alone, any one aspect of child-care probably is not going to hurt your back. But consider how many times a newborn is placed in a crib each day for naps. Remember, as children grow, the job gets heavier every day.

An important key to avoiding injury is to allow older and heavier children to do things on their own. For example, between two and three years old, most children learn to climb into a high chair or onto a booster seat without much help.

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



SEBORRHEA

Seborrhea (also known as seborrheic dermatitis) is a common skin problem. It typically causes a red, itchy rash, with whitish scales. Seborrhea of the scalp is known as "dandruff."

It is also commonly found on parts of the face, including the folds around the nose, the forehead, behind the ears, the eyebrows, and eyelids. On the rest of the body seborrhea tends to affect the middle part of the chest, around the navel, and in the folds under the arms, below the breasts, and in the groin and buttocks area. In infants, seborrhea may affect the scalp and is known as "cradle-cap."

Treatment of seborrhea depends on its location, and the age of the patient:

Scalp (dandruff) - use either over the counter or prescription medicated shampoo.

Cradle-cap - use medicated baby shampoo. For mild cases, use baby moisturizing cream.

Seborrhea of face and body - use soap and water at least three times a day. For more resistant cases use over the counter or prescription cortisone cream.

If seborrhea does not clear with conservative measures of good hygiene and the aforementioned preparations, see your doctor to rule out other causes of persistent rash formation.

NOTICE
EARLY LEDGER DEADLINE
Because of the Fourth of July Holiday
The Ledger DEADLINE for all copy is NOON
on **THURSDAY, JUNE 29**
for the July 5 edition of the Ledger.
This edition of the Ledger will be delivered on Thursday, July 6. Thank you & have a safe holiday.



Pictured above, left to right, are Harold Zeigler Ford's Ron Russell and the winning family of Kip Bower, Chase Bower and Diane Bower.

Exploring Their New Ride

Belding's Kip Bower knew the days for his Dodge van were numbered. It had 187,000 miles on it and was blowing smoke out the tail pipe. "I had begun thinking what was my family going to do for a vehicle," Bower explained. His concerns were calmed by a phone call Sunday at approximately 6:20 p.m. "I had just driven past the St. Patrick's Festival on my way home (Sunday)," Bower said. When Bower answered the phone at 6:20 p.m., St. Patrick's car raffle chairman Charlie Jeffries was on the line. Jeffries told Bower that he was the winner of the 2000 Ford Explorer. "I think my response was no, no, ... I can't believe it," Bower said. Bower purchased his ticket on Wednesday, June 21 at the grocery store across the street from St. Patrick's Church. "It's the first time I've ever won anything," Bower said. "This is pretty nice." Bower and his wife Diane and their three-year-old son Chase picked up their prize at Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell on Monday.

Lowell FFA members attend leadership conference in D.C.

Throughout the summer more than 2,300 FFA members will attend week-long conferences.



Jana Young is pictured on the left of Congressman Vern Ehlers and James Bosserd is pictured on the right. Both stopped by Ehlers' office on June 21 while they were out here attending the Future Farmer's of America Washington Leadership Conference. Over 400 kids are participating in this weeks conference that focuses on leadership skills.

James Bosserd and Jana Young of the attended the 2000 Washington Leadership Conference June 19 - 25 in the nation's capital. The conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education.

Students also increase their understanding of the nation's heritage with visits to Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt Memorials and other historic sights in Washington, D.C.

The week-long program helps FFA members improve their leadership skills and prepare for leadership roles in their chapters, communities and their future careers. They attend workshop sessions on persuasive communication, character leadership and building relationships, and participated in discussions on citizenship.

A highlight of the week was a visit to the office of Congressman Vern Ehlers of Michigan. FFA is a national organization of 451,997 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. The organization has 7,268 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. National FFA Online, www.ffa.org, FFA Internet web site, can provide information about the Nation FFA.

"We live in an increasingly competitive world," says Dr. Larry Case, National FFA Advisor and Coordinator. Agricultural and Rural Education with the U.S. Department of Education. "Tomorrow's leaders must develop skills in these areas to effectively compete. Every student leaves the Washington Leadership Conference with an advantage because it gives those young people cutting-edge leadership skills and valuable insight for productive citizenship."

The National FFA Organization coordinates the Washington Leadership Conference, which attracts participants from across the country. This summer, more than 2,300 FFA members will attend one of the conference's seven week-long sessions.

TO THE EDITOR

Editor, I am sharing with the residents for Vergennes Township the following open letter which was submitted by me to the board at the regular township meeting on June 19, 2000.

Dear Mr. Wittenbach, For the past year and a half it has been my pleasure to serve you, and the residents of Vergennes Township as your deputy. I have enjoyed doing so and sincerely hope the work has been some benefit to you and our neighbors.

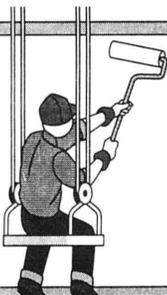
Soon we will be entering another season of campaigning for township elections. I am aware, of course, that you will be running for reelection as supervisor. In order to give you freedom from whatever

Tim Wittenbach
Supervisor
Vergennes Township
10381 Bailey Dr.
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"excess baggage" may be perceived by residents from my position, I am resigning effective immediately. The purpose of doing so is simply to give you the most possible latitude in conducting your campaign, and to give me the freedom to speak and campaign as I see fit.

Thank you for the trust and confidence shown by your appointment of me. I wish you success in August and November.

Sincerely,
Kenneth P. Ewing



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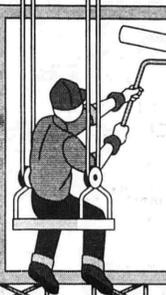
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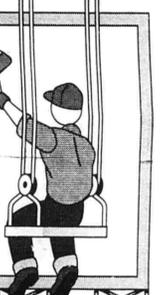
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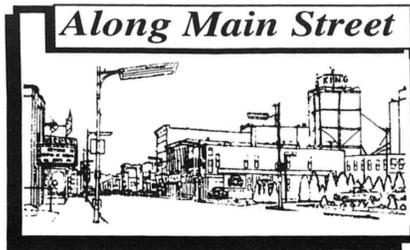
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LHS CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

Lowell High School's class of 1975 will be holding its 25-year class reunion on Saturday, July 15, at Boulder Creek Golf Club. Cost is \$30 per person with payment due by June 26. Reservations may be sent to Robert and Mary Ford, 130 Sagamore Trail, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-7176.

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

"I really wouldn't have a problem with [having a tower in my neighborhood, which is suburban residential] and I am probably a prime candidate for it since I have lots of hills," VanderWilp said.

The communication wireless towers would only be in allowed in the four zoned areas, suburban residential, industrial, light industrial, and public facility, by special use permit. Being a company would have to seek permission from the city to construction a tower.

The guidelines for the tower would include a lot size of at least 20,000 square feet with a setback of at least half of the tower's height. All towers shall be monopoles. A security fence of at least eight feet around the tower.

No new commercial wireless communication tower shall be located within a half mile of an existing one. No signs other than warning signs shall be placed on the property and the Planning Commission may require screening. Any abandoned or unused tower shall be removed within six months of operations ending. All towers must meet federal and state aeronautical regulations and have a review from the Lowell City Airport Board.

The ordinance also strongly encourages carriers join forces and share towers. Those who use towers that meet all guidelines will not have to come before the commission for a site plan review. Company planning to use sites or towers that do not

COOKIE CONTEST

The Fallsburg Historical Society is sponsoring The Best Old-Fashioned Cookie Contest. The judged event will be held during the Covered Bridge Bike Tour. Recipes from the contest will be printed in a cookbook to be sold at the museums.

To enter call Sue at 452-5973 or a leave message for Kerry at 897-0849 on or before Monday, July 3. On Saturday, July 8, three dozen cookies will be delivered to the Fallsburg Schoolhouse along with the recipe. Entrants will be asked to sign a release form granting permission to use the recipe in the

cookbook. Judging is July 9 by a panel of three judges plus popular vote of riders who will enjoy them at rest stops.

BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Lowell Area Softball Tournament will be held at Recreational Park in Lowell, July 15 and 16 to benefit Fred Probst, a longtime umpire and player.

Registration deadline is June 30 at the Lowell YMCA branch, 323 W. Main St. The cost is \$150 per team (double elimination). Phone 897-8445 for more information.

YMCA Study, continued.... From Page 1

of the survey costs up to \$15,000. It is estimated the survey will run about \$24,000 plus an additional \$6,000 for out-of-pocket expenses.

Winfield Consulting Group will present its findings to both the Lowell YMCA and the community some time before

the end of the year. After that, the Lowell YMCA Board will spend three to four months developing its strategic plans, Welsh concluded.

High numbers of holiday travelers bring increased opportunity for accidents

Because July 4 falls on a Tuesday this year, travelers will have an extra 24 hours of fun...and more opportunity for serious, life-threatening crashes, on the road and on the water, says AAA Michigan.

"In 1999, we had a 78-hour July Fourth holiday period," says Jerry Basch, manager of Community Safety Services for MA Michigan. "This year, it's 102 hours. Michigan's last 102-hour holiday in 1996 was one of the most tragic on record, when 27 persons died."

Basch is hopeful that the state's new "Click It Or Ticket" campaign -- detailing standard enforcement of Michigan's safety belt law -- will help reduce crashes and fatalities, both of which increased in 1999. MA Michigan encourages motorists to buckle up, keep their mind on the drive, maintain a safe following distance, avoid alcohol and be well-rested to help keep the extended holiday safe. Boaters should also avoid alcohol and wear their life jackets.

Number of travelers staying in state is up 41 percent, says AAA Michigan July 4 survey.

More Michiganians have Fourth of July travel plans this year than last -- an estimated 2 million state residents will travel during the Independence Day holiday -- and a lot more will keep their travel dollars in state, says a recent AM Michigan survey of 500 state residents.

In 1999, 41 percent of

those surveyed said they would remain in Michigan during the Independence Day holiday. This year, 70 percent of respondents indicated they would remain in Michigan -- a 41-percent increase. High gas prices may be a factor in the decision. More than one-third (35 percent) of those surveyed said higher gas prices would affect their summer travel plans in some way. The average reported trip length is six days.

Some motorists will travel this summer despite high gas prices -- AM's Regional Routing Center in Milwaukee reports a 15-percent overall increase in June TripTik® routings requested for 16 states, including Michigan.

The trend to spend travel dollars in state mirrors survey results first reported by MA Michigan during the Memorial Day weekend, when 65 percent of state residents said they would keep closer to home this year.

According to the Auto Club survey, conducted in late May, most of the Michigan travel destinations will be in the lower peninsula (78 percent), while 20 percent will visit the upper peninsula.

Of those planning to leave the state over the Independence Day holiday, 86 percent will stay within the United States; 17 percent will visit Ohio, Virginia, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois and Colorado are also popular out-of-state destinations.

The majority, 84 percent, will travel by car, truck or van, while another 7 percent

will use a recreational vehicle. Twenty-two percent of those surveyed said they will extend their vacation beyond the extended Fourth of July weekend, while 16 percent said they will work the entire week, including the Fourth of July holiday.

On average (as of June 12), motorists will pay \$2.011, about 87 cents more than last year for a gallon of self-serve, regular unleaded gas.

Based on requests received for AAA TourBook® guides, TripTik® routings and maps, the top five summer destinations in Michigan are: 1) Metro Detroit, 2) Mackinac Island, 3) Mackinaw City, 4) Traverse City and 5) Sault Ste. Marie.

Tourism in Michigan is a \$9.5-billion-a-year industry, and the state remains one of the best travel values. This year, says AAA, the average family of four will spend \$206 daily for food and lodging in Michigan -- \$11 more than last year.

Based on the available data, the Auto Club predicts that the state will remain on track for a projected 4-percent increase in tourism volumes and spending.

The official 102-hour holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday (June 30), and runs to midnight Tuesday (July 4).

During last year's 78-hour July Fourth holiday period, 15 people died in 15 fatal crashes on roads across the state. That's unchanged from the 78-hour holiday in 1998, when 15 people died in 14 fatal crashes. Four (26.7 percent) of last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related. Four of eight victim occupants did not wear their safety belts.

Michigan's last 102-hour Fourth of July holiday (1996) was one of the most tragic on record, when 27 persons died on Michigan roadways. AAA Michigan urges motorists to keep their mind on the drive, buckle up, maintain a safe following distance, avoid alcohol and be well-rested to help keep the extended holiday safe.

City accepts Nagel's bid for Flat River water main project

... The water main project is expected to be completed later this summer.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell is moving forward on its water main crossing through the Flat River at the tune of just over \$190,461.

The Lowell City Council accepted a bid of \$190,461 from Nagel Construction to install an HDPE pipe by open cut. This

process is actually more expensive than the standard directional drill, which Stephen C. Nichols, from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, noted in his report to the council. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber is the engineering firm overseeing the project.

Nichols said in his memo to the council that the reasons he recommended the open cut method for the Flat River crossing water main is because the geological conditions in the area indicate large stones or rock cobbles, making it difficult to install a water main by the directional drill method. The open cut method only requires 30 inches of soil to be placed over the pipe, making it easy to access for maintenance purposes.

Also, the open cut method will leave less impact on reconstruction of Riverside Drive and Elizabeth Street on the west end of the river crossing.

The open cut method is about \$10,000 more than the lowest bid, which also came from Nagel Construction. That bid was for \$179,895 to lay an HDPE using the directional drill method.

City Manager David Pasquale said the city has budgeted \$200,000 for the project.

Animal Olympics pet show at KDL branches

Do you have a high-jumping dog, a world-class snoozing cat, a long-distance swimming fish? Come show them off, as Kent District Library hosts the Animal Olympics Pet Show. Every pet is a winner in this fun family event at various KDL branches. Registration is required; pet owners of all ages can sign up by picking up a registration form at the library.

This free program is part of the Score Big with Books! Summer Reading Club, which gives good sports for all ages a chance to get in the reading

and complete their reading goal become eligible for prizes including a trip for four to Walt Disney World.

For more information about the Animal Olympics Pet Show, please call the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

It is scheduled for the Englehardt branch on Thursday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m. Call 897-9596 for information.

The Summer Reading Club began on June 12 and runs through August 5. Readers who cross the finish line

IN THE SERVICE

Bradley J. Schoen has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a

new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Schoen, a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, OK, for basic training July 6. He is the son of Nancy L. Triplett of Lowell.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. 6 board members present. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2000 approved.

Approved bills totaling: General Fund.....\$121,307.18 Sewer Fund.....\$6,140.11 Water Fund.....\$14,008.93 Trust & Agency Fund.....\$991.92

Business Conducted: Moved to cooperate with the YMCA thru the Community Recreation Department to use the Township Hall for exercise programs; appointed Dennis Sanford to the Planning Commission; acknowledged gift of \$10,000 from Vista Technical Engineering Consultants and \$100,000 awarded from the Englehardt Fund, which are to be used for the Township Park; agreed to continue to support the Kent County Road Commission in their efforts to pave Timpson Avenue.

Adjournment at 8:10 p.m. Linda S. Regan, Clerk

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

to be held on August 8, 2000 in Vergennes Township

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Vergennes Township, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Vergennes Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; at the office of the County Clerk; at any Secretary of State branch office; or other designated places for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000.

At the Primary, votes will be cast for the following offices: United States Senator, Congressional Representative, State Representative, County officials including Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer and Commissioner, Probate Court Judge, and Township officials. There will also be two proposals from the Kent District Library asking for a renewal and additional millage to provide funds for District Library purposes.

The Last Day for Receiving Registrations will be Monday, July 10, 2000

On which day the Vergennes Township Clerk's office will be open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive registrations of electors qualified to vote.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- Citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age on or before July 10, 2000
- Resident of Vergennes Township

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the township clerk or call the Michigan Relay Center TDD#1-800-649-3777.

You must be registered to qualify as a voter. Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

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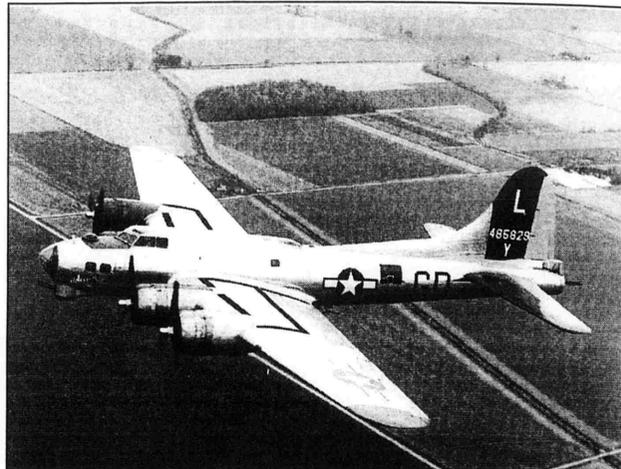
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The chalet pass includes AirFair admission, flight-line seating and unlimited food and beverage service. The cost of membership, which includes the free chalet pass is \$40 per person.

The major Air Fair attractions include the Tora, Tora reenactment of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (complete with pyrotechnics), demonstrations by the F-15 Eagle and F-18 Hornet fighter aircraft, and an authentic 1920s style aerobatic barnstormer. In addition, a fully restored B-17 Flying Fortress and other World War II aircraft will flying and available for tours. Of special interest to kids is Shockwave, a jet engine powered truck that screams down the runway at 300 m.p.h., and Robosaurus a four-story high, car eating robot.

The Confederate Air Force is a nonprofit Educational Corporation dedicated to the preserving World War II combat aircraft in flying condition, and with over 130 aircraft in the fleet, is the 14th largest air force in the world. The West Michigan Wing is located at Gerald R. Ford International Airport, and is restoring a WWII AT-11 bombardier trainer.

For chalet reservations or more information call Col. Len Russell at (616-532-3322).

COLLEGE NEWS

Katherine Akers of Lowell has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Michigan State University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, nonprofit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first- and second-year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a re-

sponsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Katherine, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director. "Katherine will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

Aaron John Plattner and Brett William Plattner, graduates of Lowell High School, were recipients of academic honors at Kansas State University for the recently completed spring 2000 semester.

More than 1,400 students earned semester honors. The students rank in the top 10 percent of their class within their respective colleges and completed 12 or more hours of graded course work during the semester. The honors are recorded on the students' permanent academic records and they receive commendations from their college deans.

Alma College has named over 400 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2000 winter term which ended April 21, 2000.

Included on the list was Shannon Finnegan of Lowell. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the dean's list.

A total of 2,203 persons are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in April at the end of the winter session of the 1999-2000 school year.

Among them from Lowell are: Karyn M. Rogers, BS in Community Health Education and daughter of Melvin and Janice Rogers; Amanda Nicole Smit, BS in Elementary Group Minors and daughter of Jerry and Linda Smit.

From the Alto area are: Rachael Bledsoe, Cum Laude with a BS in Special Ed Emotionally Impaired; Jessica Lee French, BA in Organizational Communications; Kris Lynn VanBelkum, BBA in Computer Information Systems and daughter of John and Connie VanBelkum; Adam Michael Wiltzer, BBA Human Resource Management and son of Gerald and Amy Wiltzer.

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LHS CLASS OF '40 TOGETHER AGAIN

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FINAL SITE PLAN REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning commission will hold a public hearing on

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2000

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

To consider AT&T's final site plan for property located at 4283 Timpson Avenue (PP#41-20-20-400-003) 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. The property is owned by the Kent County Road Commission.

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

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

CITY OF LOWELL
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, July 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:

- Michigan Wire Processing Co. (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on real and personal property (located at 2487 W. Main) parcel 41-20-03-301-023. The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,018,359 in facilities and machinery.
- Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV budgets for 2000-2001. The documents outline proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

Copies of the proposed 2000-2001 budgets will be available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV offices, 127 N. Broadway and the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct public hearings at same meeting to consider the following:

- 931 Beech - Dale Rogers wishes to construct an attached garage to his home. Since the property is zoned R-1, there must be a total of 20 feet for the side yards, with one being at least 8 foot. The Rogers proposal provides a total of 15 feet 4 inches with a side yard setback of 4 feet 8 inches. Thus, the variance has been requested.
- 810 High - David and Shannon Rapp wish to retain a 6 foot high fence in their required front yard, where 3 feet is the maximum. Thus, a variance has been requested.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
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Filling Time

••• YMCA looks to create place where middle school students can go after school.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

For most middle school students, the most boring time is between that time when school lets out and when the parents get home.

If all goes according to plan, however, middle school students may soon have a place of their own, specifically designed to offer fun and creative programs to fill that space of time.

The Lowell Branch YMCA recently received a grant from JC Penney for \$5,500 with the idea of creating a teen center for middle school students.

"The grant is for one year and is for use in an effort to develop some type of new after-school program for junior high or middle school students," said Will Welsh, the executive director of the Lowell YMCA.

The Lowell YMCA submitted one of 1,200 proposals to receive money from the \$2 million pledge made by JC Penney. The department store made the pledge to the YMCAs in order to help with an after-school program initiative for teens. The Lowell proposal was one of 300 selected.

The new after-school program would operate from 2:30 p.m. approximately when school lets out, to 6 p.m., ideally five nights a week, Welsh explained. But to get the program

started, the center may run only a couple of nights a week. The center would include pool tables and ping pong tables as well as a quiet area for students to study or relax.

"The center could be located anywhere like the middle school, however, there really isn't any space available at the middle school," Welsh said. "We need to identify a location and hopefully enter into a cooperative agreement with the school district to provide transportation in case the center is not at the middle school."

Welsh said YMCA staff are hoping to get the program up and rolling by this fall.

Lowell Township prepares to collect on first millage for gypsy moth spraying

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township residents can expect to pay a little bit more on their tax bill in July.

The township's new mill-

age for gypsy moth spraying goes into effect. The half mill approved by voters in February should net the township about \$46,980.02, which is a little less than the estimated \$57,000 it will cost the town-

ship to spray.

"Actually over the course of the years, we expect to spray less acres," said township supervisor John Timpson. "This means that

we should capture the short-

fall." The township paid about \$14-\$15 per acre to have Aquatic Consulting service do the spraying, which was done in May. This is the first year

in a three-year program.

As time progresses, the township should see the need to spray less and less acres and eventually use the spraying for maintenance. Gypsy moths can be quite

damaging to an area's hardwood tree population. Lowell Township began to see the effects of gypsy moths over the past several years, which was impetus behind having the spraying done.

Lowell Township residents aren't alone in helping cover the costs of gypsy moth spraying. The residents of Vergennes Township also voted for a half mill increase for spraying in their township.

COLLEGE NEWS

Central - Michigan "University's spring semester honors list includes student from the Lowell-area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages. Those students are: Jacqueline E. Bay, Nathan J. Brandner, Jessica A. Garber and Elizabeth A. Krebill.

In all, 3,222 CMU students were named to the honors list and 419 earned straight "A's". About 17,800 students attend CMU in Mount Pleasant.

For the spring semester, 621 freshmen, 667 sophomores, 765 juniors and 1,169 seniors were named to the honors list.

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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.

EVERY SUN.: Misner House and Fallasburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallasburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park.

SECOND SUN. 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."

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

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

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

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

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

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 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.

TUES.: 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.

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

TUES.: Summer play group for 3-year old/preschool age children. They meet weekly in the mornings and rotate houses. Also field trips. Interested in some summer fun with your little one? Call Kim 897-5257. Space limited - call soon.

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. 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 TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at the Masonic Temple. Programs for July include: Pam Nation, exec. director Habitat for Humanity; Clarence Underwood, athletic director for MSU & A Michigan Outdoors program. Members plan on attending & bring a guest.

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

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

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

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

THURS.: 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.

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

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

FIRST THURS.: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURS.: 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 THURS.: 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 THURS.: 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.

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

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

FOURTH THURS. 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.

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THURS., JULY 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Fallasburg Schoolhouse lawn. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, table service & a lawn chair. In lieu of the White Elephant sale, a money donation will be requested. Program by George Lessens, "How Weather Affects Us."

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TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

Special Events

WED., JUNE 28: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast. **TUES., JULY 18:** 7:15 a.m., Rockford McDonald's. music.

FRI., JUNE 30: 10:30 a.m., Picnic at Fallasburg. **WED., JULY 19:** 10 a.m., Advisory council.

WED., JULY 5: 8 a.m., Men's breakfast. **THURS., JULY 20:** Noon. Dance, Westside Complex.

WED., JULY 5: 9:30 a.m., Blood pressure. **FRI., JULY 21:** 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network or Meijers.

THURS., JULY 6: Noon. Dance, Westside Complex. **TUES., JULY 25:** 12:40 p.m., Church tour.

FRI., JULY 7: 12:40 p.m., Shopping, Meijers. **WED., JULY 26:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

TUES., JULY 11: 12:40 p.m., Squire Street Square & dessert at Rosie's Diner. **THURS., JULY 27:** 7:15 a.m., Soaring Eagle.

WED., JULY 12: Noon. Movie "On the Avenue." **FRI., JULY 28:** 9 a.m., Senior Neighbors all centers picnic.

MON., JULY 17: 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network or Meijers.

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Members of the 1999 Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court met with Congressman Vern Ehlers in the U.S. Capitol yesterday during their visit to Washington, D.C. Pictured from left to right are Junior King Christian Koning of Lowell, First Runner-up Kyle Hinton of Cedar Springs, Congressman Ehlers, Junior Queen Morgan Thomas of Greenville, Queen Casey Parker of Lowell, and Second Runner-up Jennifer DenHouter of Lowell.

Wellness and fitness classes may be coming to a township hall near you

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Looking for a place to learn more about nutrition? Or how about a place to exercise?

The Lowell Branch YMCA is hoping to accommodate those wishes. Last week, Andy Rietberg, the new YMCA community development director, approached Lowell Charter Township about the possibility of using the township hall as a site for wellness and fitness classes.

"One of my goals as the new community development director is to try and bring fitness programs to the Lowell area and its residents," Rietberg said. "My hope is to offer some group exercise classes, perhaps a couple in the

morning, some during the noon hour, and a few in the evening, not all necessarily at the township hall."

Rietberg said he was in the process of trying to establish a fitness program that would encompass a number of sites for the purpose of offering various exercise programs including step aerobics, for older adults and people with children. The program would also offer wellness and nutrition classes, which would be more informative, classroom-type programs.

"What kind of facility would you need for this?" asked township boardmember Alyn Fletcher.

Rietberg said for the exercise classes, he is looking for a well-lit open room with bathroom facilities nearby.

The proposal was met with a warm reception from the

township board that decided to turn the matter over to the Community Recreation Committee, which is serving as a coordinating force for such community programs.

"I know the girls in the office said they would like it if the classes were here," said supervisor John Timpson.

Fletcher said there really wasn't a strong wellness program present in the community.

Rietberg agreed and said "there really hasn't been a strong fitness influence in the community since Bodyworks left."

The director said he would like to get the classes going for the summer.

Tuthill, cont'd... From Page 8

An important key to avoiding injury is to allow older and heavier children to do things on their own. For example, between two and three years old, most children learn to climb into a high chair or onto a booster seat without much help. When the meal is over, the child can climb back down with only a little support from an adult. Not only will this

save your back, but will also help your child develop coordination and gross motor skills."

If you do experience back discomfort, Dr. Tuthill recommends performing between 10 and 20 repetitions of three exercises every morning and evening:

First, lay flat on your back with your knees bent and

slightly apart. Pull your head up toward your knees, but stop short of doing a full sit-up. Only do enough to feel slight tension.

Then, stretch your legs out straight and lift each one individually. Hold it up for a couple seconds.

Finally, push the small of your back into the mattress for a second.

CORRECTION...

In the June 21 edition of the Lowell Ledger, the phone number for the Veen Observatory was incorrect. The correct number is 897-7065.

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Proposed bed and breakfast business gets boost from planning commission

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The unanimous approval of the Planning Commission to recommend allowing bed and breakfasts in the residential zones of R-2 and R-3 came as a sigh of relief for resident Kim Hoffman.

Hoffman hopes to purchase a house on 203 N. Hudson St. with the hopes of converting the place into a bed and breakfast. One of her biggest obstacles was that the home is located in the R-2 (multi-family housing) district.

The Planning Commission made its recommendation to include bed and breakfasts in the R-2 and R-3 zones to the City Council, which will take up the matter at its July 5 meeting. The council at that time probably will set a public hearing for the issue at its July 17 meeting.

"I've been waiting for this meeting before doing anything," Hoffman said to the commissioners. Hoffman said her main efforts have been focused on writing a business

plan for financial support from the bank.

While doing that, she came across another issue about having business meetings and gatherings at the house with catered meals to help keep the bed and breakfast going.

"I don't know if there are enough people who come to Lowell to stay that will support the business," Hoffman said, adding that by offering a meeting place would help her be able to pay back her loan.

The guidelines for a bed and breakfast are specific in that it only allows for a bed and breakfast to be operated. However, Planning Commissioner Clark Jahnke said those regulations address situations,

such as a gift shop or antique shop, that operate all the time. "There could be some distinction made from this," Jahnke said, indicating that what Hoffman was planning would not be something that would run all the time.

City Manager David Pasquale said he recommended that Hoffman go through the guidelines and any questions she has write them down and present them all at once to the Planning Commission. As for the issue of the banquets, Commissioner James Hall said it would also be wise to show that she could secure parking for such an event.

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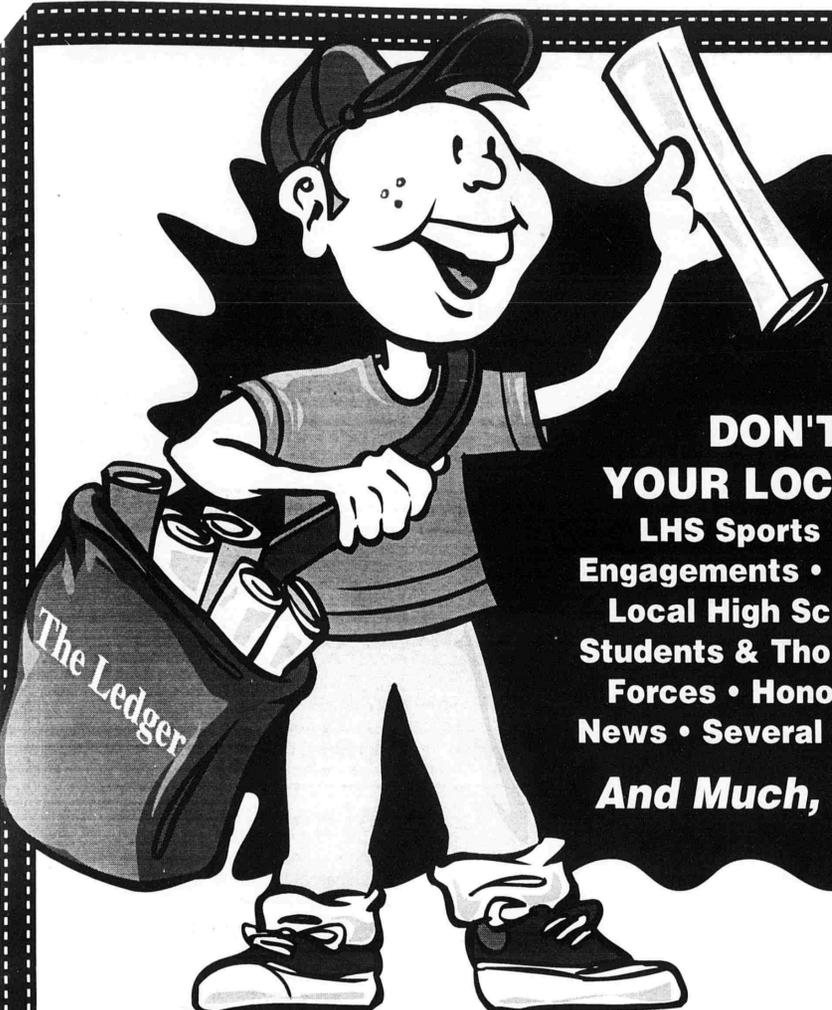
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