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Do or Die

Aug. 8 vote will determine Kent District Library's future

••• The stakes have never been clearer or higher. If question one fails the 18 KDL branches will be closed in December.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

After the Kent District Library's proposed millage increase was voted down by 269 votes in February, KDL officials went to work.

They asked library patrons in all 18 branches what tweaking on the proposal would get their vote in Aug. 8; held informational meetings; and took public opinion polls about its rates and services.

From that, a two-question proposal was drafted for Kent voters to consider in the August primary election.

(Englehardt Library would expand to 44 hours per week in 2001); the materials' budget will be increased by 50 percent over the next four years; 100 programs will be added to the 18 branches beginning in the year 2001; funding of KDL programs for the blind and physically handicapped will be increased by 5 percent to continue this service; computer equipment and software for electronic access to information will be improved and maintained; and pending library expansions will be supported with

more local funds. Without local funds, state aid is not available."

Lowell Charter Township resident G.M. Ross added he felt it was a shame that the KDL has to scrounge at the polls with signs in an effort to get funding. "While other programs are richly endowed, I think it is a bad commentary on the way we do business in Michigan," he explained.

If both ballot questions do not pass, assets such as computers, books and other materials will be sold; 230

Grand River Expedition 2000

13-day journey will foster river awareness and responsibility

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

For the second time in 10 years, a plethora of professionals will paddle canoes down a 225 mile stretch of the Grand River as part of Expedition 2000.

A team of scientists, historians, educators, students, agriculture and natural resource professionals, industry representatives, leaders in civic organizations, writers, video and film specialists and others will participate in the second Grand River Expedition.

Lowell's Pat and George Raimer will paddle along as members of the historic and education segment of the expedition.

"I'm paddling the whole way; my husband, however, is unable to participate on a couple of those days," said Pat Raimer.

As part of the historic and education segment, Raimers will help set up exhibits, displays and demonstrations along the Grand River for area residents.

"George and I have done a couple of overnight canoe trips, but never an extended one," Pat Raimer explained. "We just went down the Colorado River, through the Grand Canyon, on a motorized raft for six days."

In 1990 volunteer expeditioners traveled

the same navigable stretch of the Grand River conducting studies and educating communities along the way.

River cleanup, community river revitalization projects, and the formation of watershed interest groups are a few of the outgrowths of the expedition.

Grand River Expedition 2000 is a 13-day canoe journey and river study initiated to document the values, problems and opportunities of the Grand River and its watershed in an effort to foster awareness and responsibility of the Grand River.

This year, 125 people are taking part in the expedition which began July 15 in Liberty, MI. The canoe trip will conclude 12 days later at the boat launch in Grand Haven.

On Sunday, July 23, the team members will stop at the Fairgrounds in Lowell for lunch. They will be served by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the city of Lowell at the Look Memorial Youth Center. The luncheon will be catered by Lowell Area Schools lunch director, Lynne Kotarski.

The lunch is being sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club, Rotary and an anonymous donation.

MILLAGE APPROVAL MEANS:

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY

- * Increased materials budget by 50 percent over four years
- * Adding five-six new programs the first year.
- * Adding eight open hours in 2001, opening earlier on Monday through Saturday and staying open on Tuesday.

ALTO LIBRARY

- * Increased materials budget by 50 percent over four years
- * Adding four-five programs in the first year
- * Adding seven open hours per week in 2001, opening an additional day on Monday and staying open later on Wednesday.

The first question asks voters to approve a .777 mill renewal to continue library services.

Question two on the ballot will ask voters to approve a .11 mill increase (contingent on one passing).

If both questions pass, open hours will be added to 17 of the 18 branches over the next four years

additional staff and materials. Seventeen of the governmental units in the KDL plan to build, renovate or expand within the next five years.

"This is a do or die vote," said Ruth McCrank, deputy director of the Kent District Library. "The current millage ceases to exist as of Dec. 31. At that point, there are no

employees will be laid off, and all 18 branch libraries and headquarters will be closed by Dec. 31.

KDL is asking an owner of a \$100,000 home to pay an extra \$1 per month or \$12 a year. "That equates to a family of four eating out at McDonald's," McCrank said.

Council's Communication Clear

No wireless communications towers in any residential district

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

A Lowell Charter Township boardmember did what several city of Lowell residents have been trying to do for the past couple of months - convince the city that placing wireless communications towers in suburban residential areas is not a good idea.

At Monday night's meeting, Jim Sowle, of 770 Lincoln

Lake Rd., raised several concerns about the proposed wireless communications tower ordinance that the Lowell City Council was considering. Concerns included placing such towers in suburban residential areas, height restrictions, and the distance between towers.

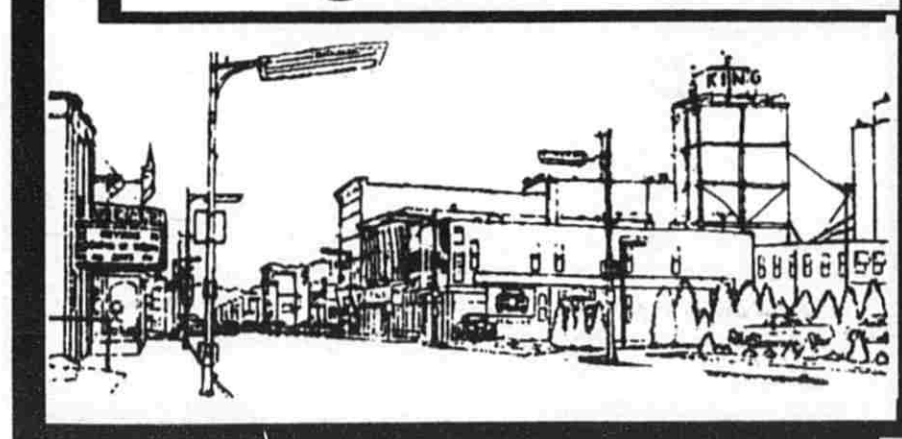
"I have been a member of a township board and planning commission," Sowle said, reading from a prepared statement. "I am aware of the

problems inherent in crafting documents that are fair to all concerned. But this issue is not about fairness. It is about the values of your citizens and their homes and the commercial interests of a cell phone company.

"This is not just another technical issue to be resolved by an ordinance. This is one of the most important issues to come before the council in quite some time. What is

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Along Main Street



LHS CLASS OF 1930 REUNION

The Lowell High School class of 1930 reunion will be held at noon on July 29 at Keiser's Kitchen. The class of 1929 and 1931 are invited. Call 897-5331 for reservations.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, July 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are needed to house high school and college age music students from France from July 24 - July 27. Ninety-two people from Ecole Nationale de Musique from Pau, France, will be in Lowell as part of their tour of Michigan, sponsored by Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Responsibilities include transportation for students to and from their rehearsals and concert (July 25 at 7:30) at the Showboat Amphitheatre.

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OBITUARIES

ROSE - Stuart W. Rose, aged 62, of Ionia and Saranac, passed away suddenly from a farming accident. He was born January 13, 1938 in Lake Odessa to the parents of Wayne and Margaret Rose

Stuart. He recently retired from Attwood Corp. in Lowell after being employed for several years. His hobby was restoring antique tractors. He graduated from Saranac High School in 1956. He farmed

the Saranac and Clarksville area all of his life. He attended Clarksville Bible Church. He married Norma Slater in Clarksville August 29, 1958. Besides his wife he is survived by his father Wayne Rose of Saranac; five children Steven and Jillena Rose of Pickford, Laurel and Peter Smith of Ionia, Jennifer and David Kent of Lake Odessa, Colleen and Paul Kehres of Royal Oak and Robert Rose of Ionia; two brothers Carl N. and Halla Geiger of Saranac, James A. and Beth Rose of Kalamazoo; four sisters Alice Marie Geiger of Saranac, Pauline and Dennis Hartman of Illinois, Mary E. and Rich Seida of Maple Rapids and Phyllis and Tom Pickens of Clarksville; eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother Margaret and stepmother Karen. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 19 at 2 p.m. at the Clarksville Bible

Church with Rev. Lawrence Pike and Pastor Tim Bateman officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Clarksville Bible Church or Gideon Bibles.

SPENCE - Wallace Eric Spence, aged 48, of Lowell, passed away July 11, 2000. He was preceded in death by his father Eric and brother Gerald. Mr. Spence is survived by his wife Nola; children Wendy (Dale) Davis, Todd (Jamie) Spence, Suzanne (Max) Pangborne, Gene (Avree) Sturgeon; mother Louise Abendroth; sisters Linda (Rick) England, Janet (Steve) Schafer; brother-in-law (Cindy) Spence; mother-in-law Grace Atkinson; brother-in-law Bill Atkinson; sister-in-law Wendy (Tom) Pipe; eight grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst

Chapel, Lowell, Interment N. Brinton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of West Michigan.

STEVENS - Janet (Kleefisch) Stevens (formerly of Lowell) passed away from cancer June 24, 2000 at the age of 68. Retiring in 1996, she was a school teacher for 30 years, last at Marlinda School in Covina, CA. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Robert E. Stevens of Fallbrook, CA; son Ronald

Stevens of Concord, CA; daughters Tamara Homrick of Kalamazoo, Marta Baker of San Diego, CA, Rebecca Ann Solander of Courtland Manor, NY; brother Raymond Kleefisch of Rockford; sister Delores Gabourie of Grand Rapids, and nine grandchildren. Services were private. Donations in memory of Janet may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church, Deacons Fund, 450 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Culbertson to seek variance

Kim Culbertson, 9449 Wingeier, has been selling and buying antiques at shows for approximately 20 years.

The Alto resident approached Bowne Township with a request to open an antique business in an accessory building which sits on her 80 acres of property.

The building is a three-story barn. Culbertson would use an 18-by-20 room in the barn for her antique shop.

Since there is no text in the ordinance which allows for this type of use in the A-1 district, Culbertson will take her request for a variance before the Zoning Board of Appeals. No meeting date has been set.

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Anchors selected for WSNX's survivor contest

••• The WSNX-Isle contest winner will receive six months' free rent at Ramblewood, groceries from Meijer, a TV/VCR and a cell phone with six months' free activation.



Deanna Anchors

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Her friends have told her she is a person who usually gets what she wants.

Deanna Anchors wanted to be selected for 104.5's Survivor-like contest "WSNX-Isle."

She was. Anchors received a telephone call Friday (July 7) informing her she'd been selected as one of six participants.

"I took donuts with me to my interview, maybe that helped," Anchors suggests with a smile.

The junior at Central Michigan University wants to be the only survivor when the month-long contest concludes on Aug. 10. That is still to be decided.

The contest brought six people together in a one bedroom apartment at Ramblewood, 4277 Stonebridge Rd. SW, last Friday evening. The only time they can leave the apartment is to go to work or to do something for the radio station.

WSNX provides a hair dryer, hair spray, beds, linens, pillows and deodorant (to be used by all).

The contestants are allowed to bring eyeglasses, work clothes, one pair of shoes, undergarments, one pair of pants and one pair of shorts. They must wear WSNX T-shirts.

The six contestants met on Tuesday. "We decided that we'd share luxury items and would not duplicate what others are bringing," Anchors explained.

The Lowell resident said she would bring shampoo/conditioner and an alarm clock.

Afterwards, Anchors was pleased with her choices. All of her roommates get up to go to work in the morning. She works evenings. "If I get voted out of the apartment, they have no alarm clock to wake them in the morning," Anchors reasons.

The down side of working in the evening is that An-

chors will be spending a number of hours alone in the apartment.

"I'll use that time to clean and make some sort of presents for my roommates," Anchors explains.

This fits in with her theory that the winner will be the person who is able to befriend all and able to form little clicks with everybody.

Each contestant will be allowed 30 minutes on the phone over the 30-day period. "We can use those 30 minutes any way we want, but once they are gone, so is your access to the phone," Anchors explained.

A second phone, which can't be used to call out on, will be used by the radio station to call and talk to the roommates.

At the end of each week for the first three weeks, a roommate will be voted out of the apartment. Once there are three left, the WSNX au-

dience decides who stays or goes. The listeners will also decide what Anchors and company will eat every day. "I'm thinking... it is going to be gross (e.g., pigs feet and cow tongue)."

The roommates will be engaged in competitions (individual and group) throughout their stay. The winner(s)

of the competition will be allowed one-time use of a luxury they don't have access to.

The apartment is wired with web cameras in every room except the bathroom. There is no television or radio. Listeners can check in on what's going on by logging onto www.wsnx.cc.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-169,792-DE

Estate of INGE F. TRAMPER, Deceased
Date of birth: September 23, 1934

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, INGE F. TRAMPER, who lived at 2889 Five Mile Road, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died April 11, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to ELLEN R. DEYHLE, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 12, 2000

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Please do not use the yellow return envelopes that were included in your summer 2000 tax bill. Kent County inadvertently mailed return envelopes for Vergennes Township with the City of Lowell tax bills. City of Lowell taxes should be paid to the City of Lowell, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331

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Suzanne Olin
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August 8th
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For the past six years I have served as Vergennes Township Clerk. In the beginning, had I not been on a learning curve, it might have been possible to get most of the job done in one or two days a week. That was then...this is now. With the growth we are experiencing, it is more important than ever to have knowledgeable officials who are willing and able to do their jobs. I am in the office to do my job, and pledge to continue to be personally available to assist residents.

I am also committed to continually improving communications between the township officials and residents, and am working on the development of an Internet Web Site for that purpose. The Township newsletter, monthly synopsis of meeting minutes and various public notices published in the Ledger are other examples of communications I provide.

Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Mari Stone Clerk 14024 Thompson Dr., Lowell

Re-Elect

Jean
Hoffman

Vergennes Township
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August 8th Primary



Working to keep Vergennes
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Keeping Vergennes Township a great place to live will require a commitment from your Township Board to seek ways to manage growth while keeping the best of what Vergennes Township has to offer. We must all work together so that we can seek the best solutions for the residents of Vergennes Township.

I pledge to be available to assist all residents in order to make Township services accessible to everybody in the Township.

Paid for by the Committee to re-elect Jean Hoffman Treasurer 345 Camberland, Lowell, MI

Reflections

Of Faith

Rev. Gordie Barry
1st United Methodist Church

"Change" is a word that is constant in our culture. Everything is changing. Many people looking into the future speak of the fast changing pace and how for those little children starting kindergarten this year, their job has not even been thought of yet. In the midst of all this change we know of one constant and that is the wonderful presence and reality of God in our lives. We worship a God who always was, always is, and who always will be. Isn't it good news to know that we can use the word "always?" Isn't it good news to know that when we think of God, always and forever more are words we can depend on?

There is the temptation to be sucked in by our culture and follow the easy path and avoid the true faith walk that Jesus Christ has shown us. I share a story that portrays

others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little life-saving station grew. Some of the new members of the life-saving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in an enlarged building. Now the life station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they redecorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely, because they used it as a sort of club. Less of the

members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions, so they hired life-boat crews to do this work. The life-saving motif still prevailed in the club decoration, however, and there was a liturgical life-saving boat in the room where the club initiations were held. About this time, a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick, and some of them had black skin and some had yellow skin. The beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwrecks could be cleaned up before coming inside. At the next meeting, there

was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon life-saving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own life-saving station down the coast. They did. As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another life-saving station was

founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that seacoast today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown. As the church of Jesus Christ - as the body of Christ here in Lowell, who are we to be? "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved Children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1,2). Be the church, my friends. Be the people of God. Blessings on you and your faith journey.

Don and Deb Hall of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Luke Bosscher, also of Lowell. The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Lowell. She is attending Aquinas College and plans to graduate in the spring of 2001. She is employed at Kroft Orchards. The future groom graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School in 1997 and is presently working for Reitsma Electric. He is the son of Roger and Barb Bosscher of Lowell. A September 23, 2000 wedding is planned.



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Rick and Debbie Bowling of Cascade Twp. are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Lynn. She was born June 1, 2000 weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are Chris and Darlene Crawford of Lowell and Bill and Garl Bowling of Middleville. Great-grandparents are Eileen Crawford, Don and Dorothy Jackson, Virginia Bellestri, Bobbie Bowling and Delores Bowling.



Jim and Kathy Schater of Ada are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kaden Michael, born June 6, 2000. Kaden weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches. He was welcomed home by big brother Jamie. Proud grandparents are Mary O'Connor of Ada and the late Jay O'Connor, and Jim and Norma Peterson of Alto and great-grandmother Agnes Wieland.

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Viewpoint

Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools
Superintendent

During the past months vision articles have discussed the importance of short and long range planning to ensure the best possible future for the Lowell community and its schools. We have shown that student population growth (3,086 in the year 1990; 3,762 in the year 2000; and a projected number of 4,215

students in 2005) has given the district no option but to present to the community a bond issue on Sept. 26, 2000. The bond issue will be presented to the community in two phases. The first phase will address the immediate short-term needs of the district by adding an elementary school as well as updating the technical capabilities in each of our schools. The second, more long-term phase of the ballot, will generate funding for a second elementary school and additions to the high school. This second phase, while projected to take place in a few years, will be activated only by student growth. Thus, the exact timing is unknown. It is this second phase that will result in changes to the organizational structure in the Lowell Area Schools. This change will occur because Cherry Creek and the Middle School will have reached their capacity. When the second phase is initiated with a second elementary school, the Lowell Area Schools will take on the following organizational look:

- Four neighborhood elementary schools (K-4) spread throughout the district
- One (5-6) building located at Cherry Creek
- One (7-8) building located at the current Middle School
- One (9-12) high school facility located at the current site

The community Demographics Committee has projected that this configuration (based on the phased-in approach) would serve the community and the school system through the year 2010. Many years of planning and discussion have resulted in this proposal to the community. We hope that you can support this unique and practical solution to the challenge of student growth.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, in particular the projected school configuration, please contact Bert Bleke at 897-8415 or email at bbleke@remc8.k12.mi.us.

Residents are reminded that throwing boxes, cans, ashes, etc. into the Flat River is against the law. The annual school meeting calls out 106 voters. Two new trustees are elected to replace those whose terms have expired. The Wednesday evening band concerts have proven quite popular, with people driving quite a distance to park around Richards Park and listen, then go downtown and shop. A delegation of the Lake City Chamber of Commerce, plus band, celebrates the opening of M-66 to their town by traveling down it to Lowell, the southern end of the new highway.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 20, 1950
The Edward Kiel's are moving their greenhouse from North Monroe to Main Street. The mother duck with her ducklings is patrolling the river in preparation for Showboat, as usual. The Phillip Schneider estate, left to Lowell village and Lowell Township, has grown from \$900,000 in 1935 to \$1,400,000. Yet another new problem: theft of picnic tables from roadside parks. The Village Players, a drama group, will be in charge of makeup for Showboat chorus members.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE JULY 17, 1975
New school board president Harold Mettermick has already served 13 years on the Alto board and 14 years on the Lowell board. The Ledger request for citizen input on "How to Make Lowell a Better Town" brings more than 25 replies; unfortunately, most of them are complaints. The Lowell and State Police departments will play Donkey Baseball Thursday night, proceeds for the new Lowell Rescue Unit. Elwood Hart of Belding brings in the first load of wheat to King Milling Co. for the fourth year in a row. Local nonprofit organizations have earned nearly \$1,000 by selling Showboat tickets. The Senior Neighbors, Howard Clack leading, earned almost \$500.

AREA BIRTHS

By Priscilla Lassmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 21, 1875
The engine house will be moved and improved. The Fire Department has \$200-\$300 in the treasury. Cattle running loose at night have destroyed shade trees on Jefferson, says the marshal. The Methodist Church is at last free and clear, after a sheriff's sale a few years back. They look forward to a new bell tower and 1000-pound bell. In a long and flowery introduction (2 columns), the editor proposes a series on notable Lowell men who are important parts of Lowell history; this week, Robert Hunter Jr., Tailor and County Supervisor; William W. Hatch and Edwin R. Craw, owners of two of the largest flouring mills in West Michigan. The University of Michigan adds two homeopathic physicians to the medical school faculty, due to strong demand.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 19, 1900 IS MISSING

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 16, 1925
A group of gypsies heading west is thought to have returned to Lowell

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.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

ASTHMA

More than 12 million people in the United States suffer from asthma. Recent data has shown that the evidence of asthma has increased significantly over the past several years. Asthma is a chronic lung disorder. Patients with asthma have sensitive airways that react to certain triggers resulting in bronchospasm. During an asthmatic episode, breathing becomes difficult because the lining of the airway becomes swollen, the muscles around the airway tighten, and the airway becomes more narrow. Thick mucus can also plug the narrowed airway. Certain factors like smoke, cold air, exercise or allergens may trigger an asthmatic attack. The most common symptoms of asthma are wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing and tightness in the chest. Symptoms may be more pronounced at night or after exercise. Not all patients with asthma will have wheezing. For some, coughing is the only symptom. Although asthma cannot be cured, treatment is available to stop symptoms and allow asthmatic patients to have a normal active life. The most common treatment is the use of inhalers that relax the bronchial muscles, relieving an asthmatic attack. Another type of inhaler is also prescribed to reduce the inflammation in the respiratory track and help to prevent attacks reducing long-term damage to the airways. With proper medical management, most asthmatics should be able to avoid repeated episodes of bronchospasm and maintain active lifestyles.

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To The Editor

To the Editor,
It is with great appreciation that I congratulate the many Vergennes Township citizens willing to accept the responsibility of leading our community into the 21st century. I hope that all candidates' views on governmental values and organization be projected during the campaign rather than being revealed shortly after the election. I had no objection to Mr. Wittenbach appointing Mr. Ewing as Township Supervisor, even though the appointment was unusual for Kent County. I'm sure that the proper research on like size and demographic townships went into that decision. I do believe, however, that trust grows amongst the citizenry when such important and unique changes are forwarded prior to the ballots being cast. Retail malls, mobile home developments and low cost housing are among the issues that will be considered. The township should represent the views of all, not just landowners and developers poised to make vast profits. It will be the responsibility of those elected to maintain the natural beauty of this area, already lost to so many others. I would encourage voters to research the candidates.

There are important issues out there and we owe it to ourselves, our community and our children to be informed.
Jack Misner

This letter is in response to the letters that were sent to my parents and me, questioning our Christianity because of our support of certain candidates running for Vergennes Township office. I would first like to thank you for your concern, I'm sure you pray for us every night so we will be "better Christians and witnesses". I would like to start by being a "better witness" to you. Here are a few points to consider: first you stated in one of your letters that you heard from a friend at Amway that some of the candidates had sinned in the past; may I remind you that gossip is a sin, and that I hope you will ask God for forgiveness. Second, Tim Wittenbach, Errolyn Weeks, Allan Baird, Susan Hessler, and Ken Ewing (whom I all support) have invested a substantial amount of time and money placing election signs around the township. A majority of these signs have been stolen - they came up missing around the time that re-elect signs for Mari Stone and Jean Hoffman appeared. May I refer you to one of God's commandments... "Thou shalt not steal." If you took these signs or know who did, would you please make sure they are returned to their rightful owners. And my final suggestion is that next time you write a letter, it would have a lot more strength and conviction if you had the courage to include your name. If you don't, please print your

next one on toilet paper so I can put it to better use.
Philip Schreur
Vergennes Township
To the Editor,
In your capable report of the public hearing on the proposed revisions to AG-2 to broaden allowable businesses, you prominently quoted Supervisor Timpson. He said that things would be fine so long as a property owner does not annoy his neighbors. As the Japanese say, "So sorry." That kind of interpretation lands one in Circuit Court. What he meant was being in compliance with the ordinance, no minor distinction. If the township wants to do a "property rights" dance, then abolish the ordinance, but a nuisance theory is inappropriate. I beg the indulgence of the Ledger, s.v.p. law review time:
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The future bride is a graduate of New Lothrop High School and Davenport College. She is the daughter of Richard and Janet Maxa of Chesaning, Mich.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Grand Rapids Community College, Davenport College, and the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School. He is attending Wright State University in Dayton, OH. He is the son of Sally Golds of Lowell and David Robertson of Ft. Scott, KS.

A September 30, 2000 wedding is being planned.

COLLEGE NEWS

Calvin College has announced its spring 2000 graduates - the first class of the new century. Among them was Mark I. Bajema, son of John and Maria Bajema of Lowell. He received a degree in computer science and mathematics. The school celebrated Commencement at the end of May in an afternoon ceremony in the Calvin College Fieldhouse.

That commencement ceremony marked the 80th consecutive year that Calvin has conferred bachelor's degrees to its graduates.

This year's graduating class (approximately 800 students total) heard a commencement address from Notre Dame professor Dr.

Alvin Plantinga who spoke about the importance of Christian higher education.

Calvin is considered one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges. In fact, this past fall Calvin was honored by U.S. News & World Report as not only one of the best regional universities in the Midwest (the only Michigan school so honored), but also one of the top buys in the Midwest.

Established in 1876 in Grand Rapids, Calvin had a 1999-00 enrollment of 4,273 students.

A total of 6,248 Michigan State University students

earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring semester 2000. Students from Michigan numbered 5,723.

From this area the list included: Katherine Marie Akers, Kyle J. Aksamitowski, Rachael L. Fredline, Thomas Kenneth Friedrich, Jamie L. McCaul, Cara Lin McQueen, Jeffery Robert Pfaller, Jolene J. Scheeringa, Amara K. Truax and Holly Elizabeth Twisten of Lowell and Alisha A. Adriane, Jessica Elizabeth Fischer, Bradley James Fortuna, Gretchen Ann Jarchow, Heidi Elaine Jarchow, Chadwick James Radaz and Jessica Lynn Winsor of Alto.

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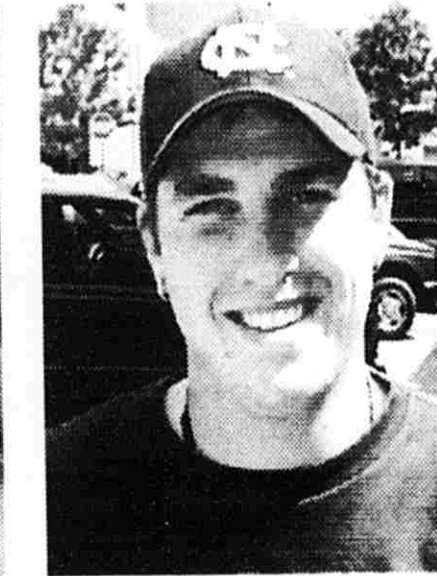
Do you favor proposed legislation which would prohibit cell phone use while driving?



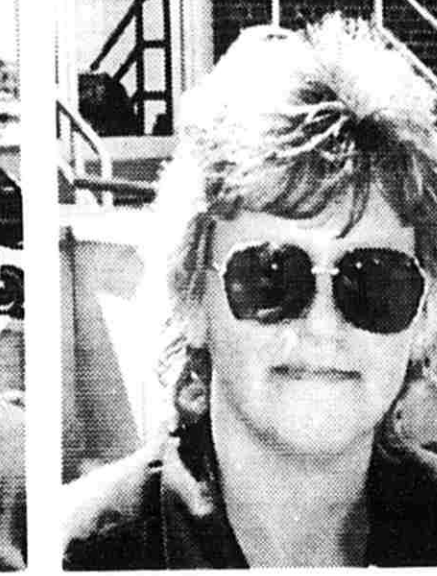
Vicki English
It should be prohibited. It's too distracting especially while dialing.



Crystal Chipman
I oppose people using cell phones while driving their car. They are distracting and cause accidents.



Scott Mikulski
I don't think it should be prohibited. The use of a cell phone in a car is handy sometimes.



Sandy Sturgeon
I am for legislation. People get busy gabbing and it becomes dangerous.



Rod Schaub
I'm for it. People don't pay attention and they can't drive anyway. I pull over when I'm making a call.

Linda Barnes
It's too bad we need legislation. People should use common sense and restrict use while driving.

Lynnette Bookie
I favor such legislation. Cell phones are the cause of too many accidents.

Debbie Burke
I am in favor of legislation. It's not safe for people to talk on a phone and drive.

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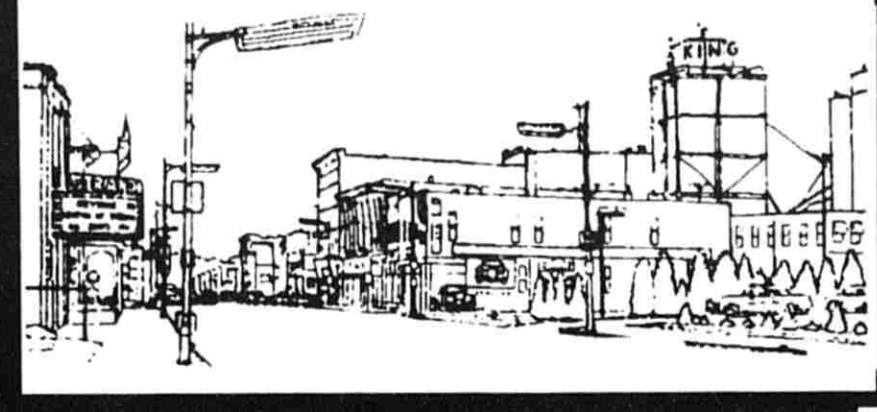
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Towers, cont'd... From Page 1

more important than preserving the homes and values of our citizens?"

In a unanimous decision, the council decided to refer the ordinance back to the Lowell Planning Commission to review placing such towers in suburban residential and public facility properties, height restrictions, and distance between towers.

"No matter where you put these towers, it isn't going to look good," said councilman Don Green, who was the only member to state it did not bother him to put such towers in the suburban residential areas. Green did have concerns over the height of the towers and the distance between the towers.

Sowle said he estimated how many towers the city could hold, which is 10, based on the half-mile distance between each tower. This concerned Green, who said he did not want the city to become an antenna field.

"I know when it came to adult businesses, we had to provide an opportunity for those businesses to exist," Green said, adding that the two sites which could have housed adult businesses in Lowell are currently having medical facilities built on the property.

"I would like to know what our rights are as a city," Green said. "Do we just have to provide a place?"

City manager Dave Pasquale said determining exactly what the city needs to provide can get sticky ... however, he believes the city needs to allow such towers in one or two of the zoned areas of the city.

"If the federal government really wants to have these towers in this area, it certainly has the power to require that of us," said councilman Ray Quada, who came out in strong opposition of having the towers in suburban residential.

"I do believe we need to be sensitive to the citizens," said councilmember Jeanne Shores. "I don't think suburban residential is a place to have a tower. The people were there before

the tower was." The issue was turned over to the planning commission for further review at its Monday meeting at 7 p.m. at the City Hall.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman James E. Bozung, son of Edna and David L. Bozung of Saranac, recently visited Palma DeMallorca, Spain, while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, home ported in Norfolk, VA.

While in Palma, sailors from Bozung's ship spent two days refurbishing a building donated to a local drug rehabilitation clinic. They moved nightstands, chests, tables and desks and painted the walls. The crew also had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the culture and cuisine.

USS Wasp supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions, which are specially-designed Hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment. The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopters embarked and is equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctors, dentists, nurses and corpsmen.

Bozung, a 1998 graduate of Belding High School, joined the Navy in December 1998.

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H&W Farms still a favorite among West Michigan cherry and apple customers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The orchards are sprawled over a five-mile stretch from Parnell to 10 Mile.

H&W Farms, 13375 Belding Rd., is completing its 30th year of producing cherries.

During the two-and-a-half week cherry season, H&W Farms will process an average of one million tart cherries in the country's largest tart cherry producing state.

Michigan processes approximately 200 million tart cherries each year. The next closest state processes 30 million.

Success at harvesting and processing cherries isn't the sole reason for H&W Farms' success. "I think diversification is," said one of its three owners, George Wright. "We don't do just one thing. Right now we harvest cherries and apples. For a number of years we also harvested peaches and we do as much as we can in-house."

H&W Farms, founded in 1970 by Clayton Heffron and Raymond Wittenbach, is the only cherry processor in this part of the state and Wright says it is probably the smallest in the state.

Wright joined H&W Farms in 1978 while dating

(eventually marrying) Wittenbach's daughter Sheila.

Today, Wright, Tim Heffron and Raymond "Johnny" Wittenbach oversee operations. Partnerships aren't unusual, but partnerships which last 30 years are. "About three years ago we had a consulting firm come in and analyze our business. It showed that partnerships normally don't last - making ours unique," said Wright.

A steady, lasting ownership doesn't mean there haven't been changes.

The same cannot be said



Pictured from left to right are George Wright, Sheila Wright, Brendan Heffron and Tyler Nethercott.



Jessica Wright works in quality control.

for orchards which allow customers to pick their own. "People don't pick their own fruit anymore," Wright explains. "That is a result of people not canning anymore."

The cost of labor, equipment and the product continues to increase. Wright, like other farmers, is concerned that the rate Americans pay for the product is not keeping up.

As a result, Wright says

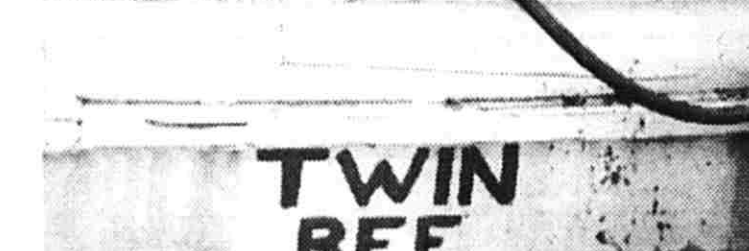
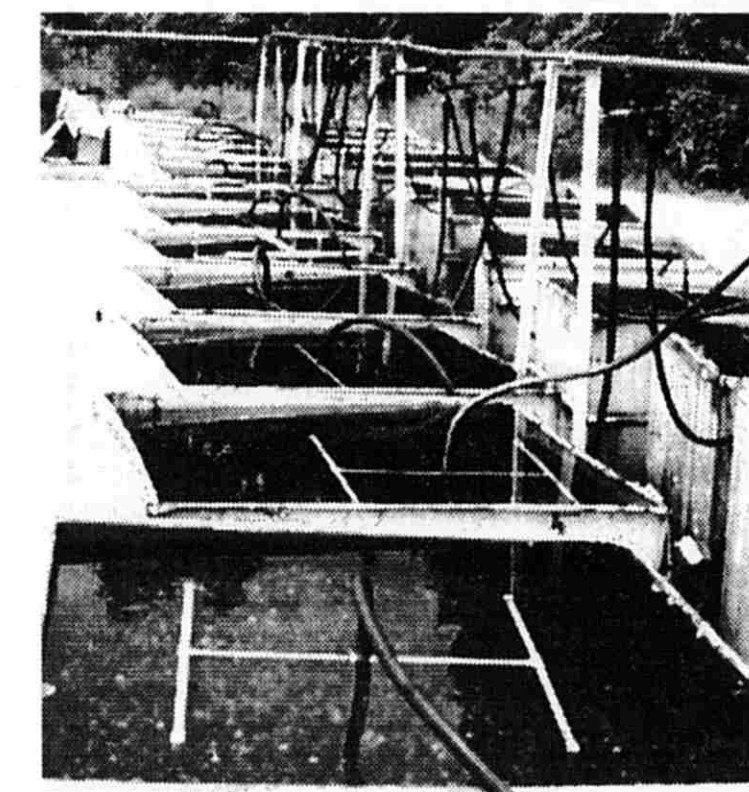
there are fewer and fewer farmers. "Farmers over-produce every commodity that is raised and Americans eat cheap. Eventually that is going to catch up to us because it is not covering the cost of the farmer."

Despite the dilemma, for Wright and many farmers, working in the fresh air and the satisfaction of watching things grow entices them to

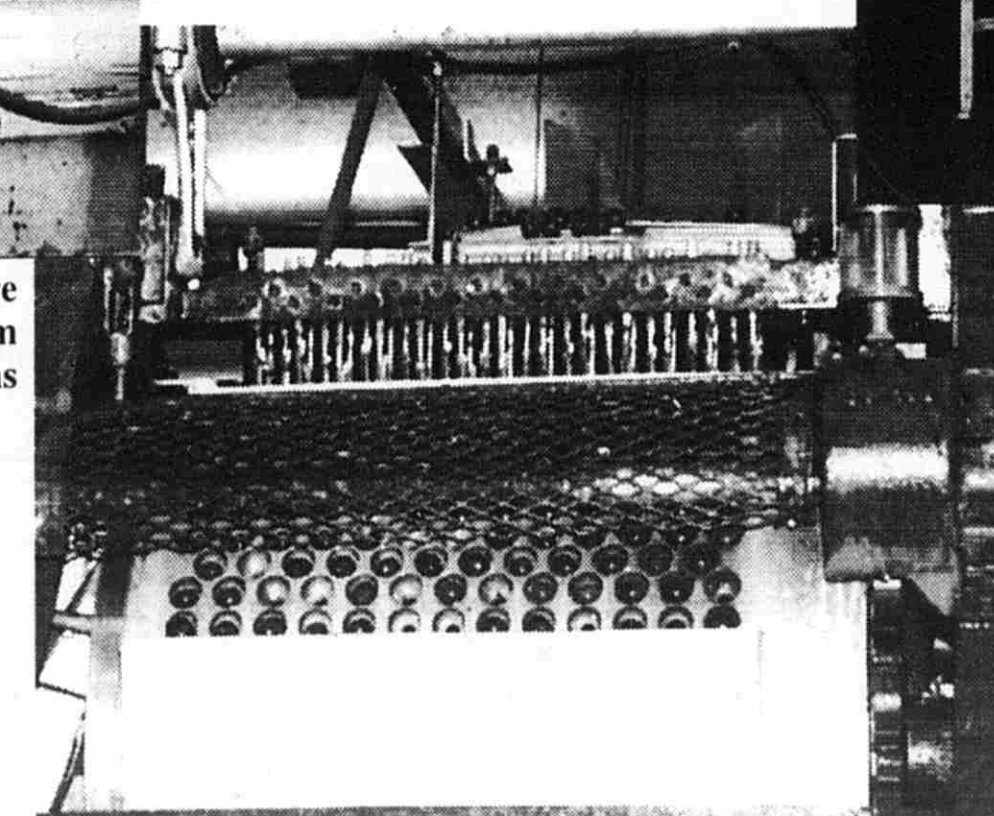
continue. "It keeps farming fun," Wright concludes.

Fresh cherries are available through July 21. Frozen pitted cherries will be available throughout the summer.

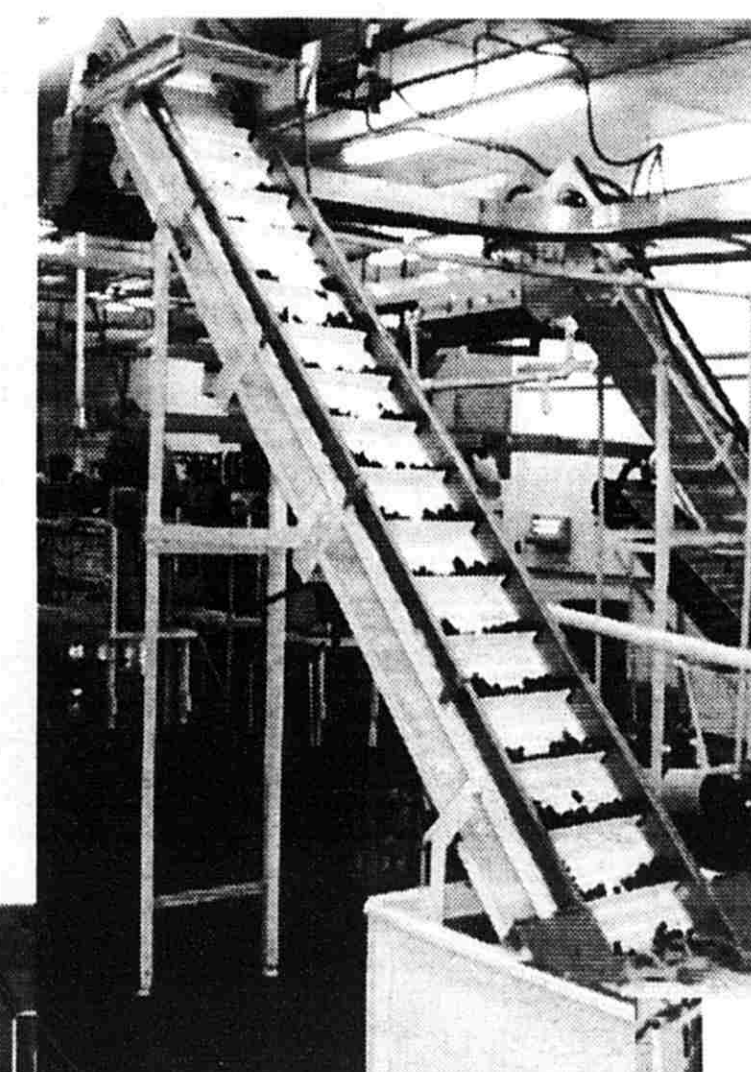
H&W Farms is open weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.



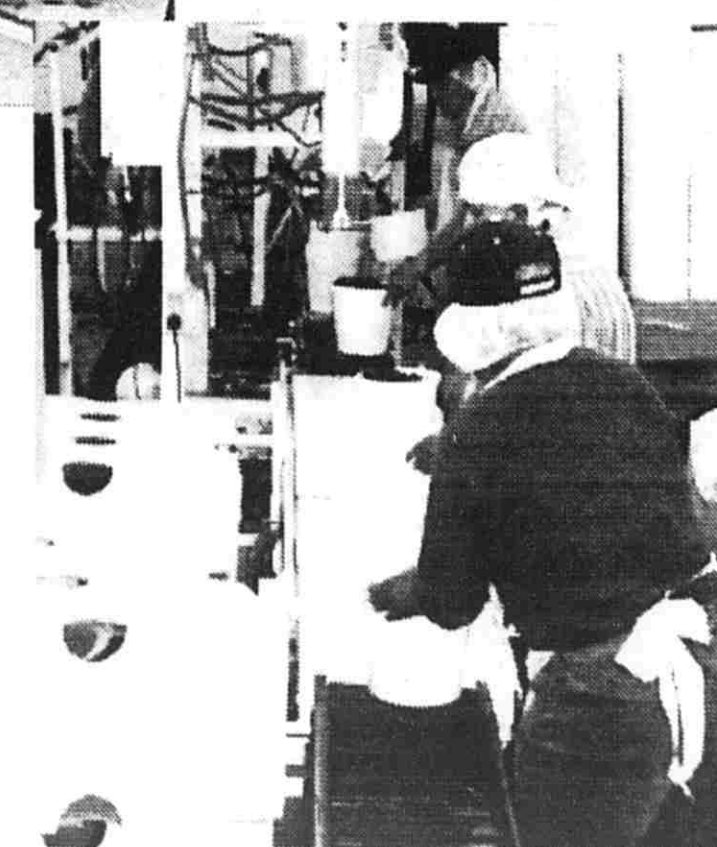
After the cherries are picked they are chilled in tubs of 50 degree water. From there they are moved into storage bins kept at temperatures of 30 degrees.



It is here that the cherries are pitted.



Prior to being pitted they are cleaned and then escalated up and over for inspection before moving onto the pitter.



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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2000.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Quada, Shores and Mayor Blough.

Absent: Councilmember None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV employee Ron vanOverbeek, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager Tom Richards, Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker, Planning Commissioner John VanderWip, Lowell Light and Power Boardmember Norman Borgerson and City Attorney Richard Wendt.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2000 regular meeting as written.
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.
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Item #1. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR COMMERCIAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS - ADOPT OR SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE (7/17).

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing for July 17, 2000 to consider the proposed zoning ordinance amendment providing for commercial wireless communication towers.

City Manager Pasquale stated the Planning Commission has spent several hours reviewing the ordinance. There was a concern the existing language was not adequate coverage for commercial wireless communication towers.

Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker and Planning Commissioners John VanderWip and Clark Jahnke worked with City Attorney Richard Wendt to provide a proposed ordinance amendment. The Planning Commission had an opportunity to view the amendment and hold a public hearing on June 26, 2000.

The key elements of the ordinance are as follows:

- allow such towers in the SR (Suburban-Residential), LI (Light Industrial), I (Industrial) and PF (Public Facilities) districts by special land use permit;

- provide specific standards for the towers such as a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, a mono pole design, setbacks equal to one half the tower height and an 8 foot high security fence;

- the Airport Board shall review such tower request in terms of State and Federal aeronautics regulations;

- communication antennas and related equipment may be mounted on existing towers or structures regardless of the zoning district if the regulations are met. If not, a site plan review before the Planning Commission is needed.

The area causing the greatest amount of discussion was whether to allow such towers in Suburban Residential districts. The majority of the Commissioners felt such towers in areas with hills and trees would provide adequate camouflage. Other Commissioners did not believe such districts should be considered because of nearby residents. By a vote of 5 to 3, the SR district was retained.

The Planning Commission recommended the proposed text of this ordinance by a vote of 7-1. The Council may adopt or set a public hearing date for July 17, 2000.

Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker stated this is a product of work completed by a committee of the Planning Commission. Many ordinances were reviewed and the best provisions were incorporated.

Councilmember Quada questioned if there was any need to consider the amendment more rapidly. Pasquale believed a public hearing held on July 17, 2000 would be adequate.

Quada questioned if the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing. Pasquale responded yes.

Councilmember Shores noted the calls she has received since the last Planning Commission meeting and believed the Council should hold a public hearing.

Hearing no other discussion, a vote was called.
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.

Item #2. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PERMIT BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE R-2 AND R-3 DISTRICTS - ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (7/17).

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing for July 17, 2000 concerning a proposed zoning ordinance amendment to permit bed and breakfast establishments in the R-2 and R-3 districts.

City Manager Pasquale stated the Planning Commission received a request from Kim Hofman at its May 22, 2000 meeting to consider a bed and breakfast at 203 N. Hudson (northeast corner of N. Hudson and Chatham). Currently the property in question is zoned R-3. Within the ordinance text, a bed and breakfast is allowed in the SR (Suburban Residential) and R-1 (Single/Family Residential), by special land use permit.

The Planning Commission initiated an ordinance amendment extending bed and breakfast establishments by special land use to the R-2 and R-3 districts.

At its June 26, 2000 meeting, the Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended adoption of the ordinance. The Council may adopt this ordinance at the meeting or hold a hearing on July 17, 2000.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. MICHIGAN WIRE PROCESSING CO. (2487 W. MAIN ST.) - APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - PUBLIC HEARING. Michigan Wire Co. has applied for industrial tax abatement related to the construction of a 15,000 square foot building addition and related equipment.

In reviewing the application, Michigan Wire would qualify for twelve years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council. It was noted the cost of improvements would be \$1,018,359 in facilities and machinery. Thirty-nine (39) existing jobs will be retained and 12 new positions created within two years.

After conducting a public hearing, the Council may consider the abatement application.

Dean Lonick, President of Michigan Wire, stated the improvements have been made as requested by the customers. The equipment additions are all internal to the structure and contain the same type of equipment. Michigan Wire Processing Company is working toward consolidating coil operations to the western facility. This would reduce truck traffic through the City.

Quada asked if the Planning Commission typically reviews each variance request. Pasquale stated the Zoning Board of Appeals has asked the Planning Commission to review and provide recommendations on each of the variances. This procedure has been carried out for several years.

Quada questioned this because the City has a policy making-body as the organization that is responsible for establishing a planning process and acting in consider-

ation for variances. He asked if this concerned the Council in terms of when an individual states it was recommended to the Council, this be reduced from 20 feet to 15 feet. Therefore, let's change the ordinance. Pasquale stated it has been reviewed. He noted an applicant who wanted to have a bed and breakfast at a particular location where one was not allowed. There was discussion regarding a variance, but the Commission believed it would be more appropriate to pursue a zoning ordinance amendment, avoiding a variance. Pasquale noted the Planning Commission tries to avoid variances as much as possible explaining it diverts from the established zoning ordinance.

new addition is currently being used for storage of finished goods and work in process materials. This has allowed the company to free up existing space in the old facility for the installation of the new equipment.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to close the public hearing.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to approve the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) as proposed for Michigan Wire Processing Co. at 2487 W. Main St. for twelve years.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Myers requested an amount of tax savings be given to Michigan Wire Processing.

Item #4. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS A. 931 Beech - Dale Rogers - side yard variance for an attached garage - public hearing. Dale Rogers wished to have an attached garage built to his home located at 931 Beech. 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 feet. The Rogers proposal provides a total of 15 feet 4 inches with the attached garage. Thus, the variance involved a side yard setback of 4 feet 8 inches.

At its meeting of June 26, 2000, the Planning Commission voted to recommend the variance by a vote of 5 to 3. This was based on the Commissioners' interpretations of the six criteria for granting variances.

Zoning Board Chairman Myers confirmed a one-stall garage was already located on the property. Rogers responded yes.

Planning Commissioner John VanderWip stated there is an existing garage already present. Rogers would be connecting the existing garage, house and new garage together.

City Manager Pasquale explained the existing garage is unattached and noted such a structure can be within three feet from the side yard. However, once it is attached to the main structure, this becomes part of the overall structure.

Mayor Blough questioned who the residential contractor was. Rogers explained he had planned to use Randy Hawkins from Grand Rapids. However, the initial stages have taken longer than anticipated and Hawkins has since moved to other projects. Therefore, he is currently looking for a new contractor.

Councilmember Quada asked regarding the significance of the 5.8 inches shown on the diagram provided. Pasquale explained 9 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 8 inches equals 15 feet 4 inches of side yard setbacks. The ordinance within the R-1 District requires a combined side yard setback of 20 feet with one being a minimum of 8 feet. Therefore, in this particular case, the 5 feet 8 inches does not meet the set back requirement.

Quada clarified a variance is being granted of 4 feet 8 inches. Pasquale responded yes.

Blough inquired why some of the Commissioners were against the variance. Brubaker responded the Commissioners did not believe there was any exceptional or extraordinary circumstances about the property making it so unique to justify a variance.

VanderWip stated the criteria needed for variances is challenging.

Brubaker noted the majority of the Commissioners believed there was no exceptional or extraordinary circumstances found with the property. Despite this, some Commissioners voted for the variance.

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Councilmember Shores appreciated the work done by the Planning Commission. She noted it is a difficult job.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by QUADA to grant a side yard variance for an attached garage at 931 Beech as submitted by Dale Rogers.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. 810 High - David and Shannon Rapp - fence height variance - public hearing. David and Shannon Rapp wish to retain a 6-foot high fence in their required front yard located at 810 High, where a 3-foot fence is the maximum.

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Zoning Board Chairman Myers questioned if the existing fence was the same wooden structure as the new fence. VanderWip responded yes.

Zoning Boardmember Quada commented on the issue of exceptional and extraordinary circumstances and noted the petitioning property owners have indicated there is a narrow front yard. Quada stated there are many narrow front yards throughout the City and did not consider this unique or extraordinary. He also believed the variance would impair the intent and purpose of the ordinance. He said a decision was made as a community and was upheld through a public hearing to not favor any fence higher than three feet in the front yard.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by BLOUGH to deny the variance request regarding the fence height where six feet is requested and three feet is required for David and Shannon Rapp at 810 High.

Zoning Boardmember Blough stated any individual requesting a variance believes their situation is unique. Recently, there were six criteria established which must be evaluated when reviewing such request. He explained when the Planning Commission provides a recommendation which is based on the criteria, he would tend to support the recommendation.

After reviewing the criteria, Blough stated he would concur with Quada and would support denial of the request.

Zoning Boardmember Green agreed with Blough and Quada on the application. However, he had concerns regarding a separate issue. Green explained when the zoning ordinance was adopted, there was discussion concerning situations returning. He said the fence along the north property line appears to be in the front yard. The fence along the west line, which appears to be approximately 50 feet from the road, does not conform either. He mentioned this is obviously a side yard and is not a traffic hazard. Green believed if the front was changed, the one on the side would also. The Council has stated within the ordinance, there shall be no privacy fence located on a corner lot. This has nothing to do with setbacks from the road or from the corner. Green found the privacy fence on the west side of the property to be acceptable but noted this is not allowed under the ordinance. He suggested reviewing the ordinance for such a situation.

Green stated the resident on Amity applying for a fence height variance (at West Main) did not meet the requirements, noting the fence was set back sufficiently from the road and was not blocking the house and the street.

Green felt the variance request should be denied.

Green said the ordinance regarding this issue should be reviewed again. At least in regards to allowing chain link fences. The Council could inhibit an individual from obtaining a daycare license or similar if a fence were not allowed in the front yard. Green believed the ordinance was more restrictive than intended.

VanderWip noted there is a six-foot high fence on North Hudson, where the suggested bed and breakfast would be located.

Green asked if he was correct concerning the western fence and this can be no higher than three feet in height. Brubaker believed this was correct but wanted to confirm it with the ordinance.

Pasquale stated if the fence has a set back of 30 to 35 feet from the right of way, it can be six feet high.

Green would support the motion, but wanted to know if the western fence had to be torn down. Pasquale responded the fence could remain if it had a set back of 30 to 35 feet from the right of way.

Myers noted the house is located in a neighborhood less traveled. He recalled the original fence and stated it appeared a bit odd. He stated if the variance is allowed, this is how the entire City could look.

Zoning Boardmember Shores also felt the fence was too high and did not want this throughout the City.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

C. 609 Ottawa - Hugh Young - lot split - set public hearing date (7/17). Hugh Young proposed to split his lot into two parcels. Since the property is zoned Industrial, each parcel must have 20,000 square feet minimum. This has 36,212 square feet and thus a variance is sought.

At its June 26, 2000 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend the variance by a vote of 4 to 3 based on the six criteria noted in the Zoning Ordinance.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing on July 17, 2000 for a lot split at 609 Ottawa.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER ANC CABLE TV BUDGETS - PUBLIC HEARING, REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager Thomas Richards explained the bud-

get presented is the most recent and best projection he is able to provide at this time. He noted a more accurate one could not be available due to the adoption of a new accounting structure and software program. Richards' plan is to revise the projections and present an amended budget to the Council as soon as possible.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to close the public hearing regarding the Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Budgets.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Quada commented on the electric budget stating it indicates there is no proposed payment in lieu of taxes to the City. Richards said the budget also indicates a zero amount for electric service purchased by the City. There is a question which needs to be resolved in the proposal suggesting the City and Light and Power work together to establish a payment in lieu of taxes to be a specific amount rather than being an amount of electricity used by the City. He was anticipating a number would be established to equal both out.

Quada stated the budget also indicates there is no street lighting expenses proposed. Richards said Light and Power has proposed the expenses for maintaining the streetlights not fall on the subscribers of Light and Power, because it is an asset which belongs to the City.

Quada questioned if Richards was aware this proposal was contrary to what the citizens of Lowell want. Quada explained the City Charter provides, very explicitly, under the Section 16.6 - Power of the Light and Power stating, "The Board and Council shall agree upon the rates and conditions upon which the Board will furnish electricity and services for street lighting." Quada said the Charter is very clear with respect to what the citizens expect with respect to street lighting. There have been a number of discussions throughout the years. In 1977, discussions were held on the entire issue of payments in lieu of taxes. At the time, it was agreed (as is required by the City Charter) by both parties, the payment in lieu of taxes would equal the cost of the City's electricity service which includes care of its buildings and properties. Also, Light and Power would furnish electricity and services to the street lighting. Quada did not believe this agreement had been changed.

Quada could not understand why the Board would pick this year and then say, "This is the way we are going to do it in the future," without any consideration or discussion from the City Council. He corrected Richards regarding the statement of "placing this on the ratepayers of the community" and stated it is not the City Council which does this. It is the City Charter, which was voted and enacted in 1960 by the citizens and has not since been changed. Quada stated the citizens have the right to petition for a change.

Richards referred to the letter and read, "The City shall be charged and shall pay for light and power used at the same rates that would be charged to and paid by other customers using like amount of electricity." Richards did not believe this has been happening. Quada responded it has and referred to the section which deals with payments in lieu of taxes stating "the payment in lieu of taxes shall be whatever the community agrees to."

In 1977, it was simply reaffirmed what had been being done in the past. The agreement was Light and Power would pay to the City a payment in lieu of taxes equal to the cost of the electricity used by the City. Quada stated Light and Power would bill the City the proper rates and once this happens then the payment is made back to the City equal to that amount. He noted this has occurred for 40 years.

Richards stated this agreement did not come to his predecessor when speaking with City Manager Pasquale prior to writing the letter to the City Council. He said the history had not been mentioned. Quada said Pasquale did not have to mention this because this is the way calculations have been done for the past 40 years.

Quada read Section 16.9 "Payments to the City" which states, "The Board of Light and Power shall annually pay, to the Treasurer, for the use and the benefit of the City, an amount in lieu of taxes which payment shall be in recognition of and in compensation for the benefits received from the City for the use of streets, services and facilities. A set amount is to be negotiated by the Board and the Council". Quada explained the point made earlier

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that over 40 years ago it was decided the payment in lieu of taxes would be equal to whatever the annual cost of electricity was to service the City's buildings, lights, streets, etc.

Mayor Blough referred to the letter submitted with the budget indicating an accurate budget can not be provided due to current software problems. The letter also indicated the software support team would not be available for assistance until July 10, 2000. He questioned why the Council would entertain adopting the budget when it is not the finalized document. Blough said the letter also indicates the Board needs the budget approved because of a desire to pass on a rate increase in November. Borgerson stated the Board is asking for a rate increase for the Cable TV, effective in August. Blough explained in order for this to happen, the Council would want to review an accurate budget.

Richards stated the Board has come to the Council with a budget which is not the accurate projection as hoped. Any budget will be a projection. It is the Council's decision whether the budget is approved on an interim basis until a more precise document can be established.

Blough questioned how accurate the budget was. Richards could not project the accuracy. He said the proposal is a close representation of the past year's budget. So far the financiers indicate it is a reasonable projection.

Borgerson stated budgets are revised routinely in all organizations.

Councilmember Shores questioned when Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV would normally present the budget to Council. Pasquale said the Charter states the budget should be presented in March.

Shores asked why this was not presented in March. Richards stated according to past history the budget has been prepared and delivered to the Council in May in preparation for June budget considerations. He became aware of the March deadline well after March of this year. Much of the budget was prepared by the former General Manager.

Shores found the budget very difficult to compare with the previous years.

Richards stated there have been some changes because of the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) Accounting practice, which allocates individual hours of a person's time to the individual product or service. There have been many shifts within the past year to these budgets based on actual hours of time rather than what was originally projected. Therefore, there are some significant shifts from one account to another. The basic totals in terms of revenues and expenses in some of the various categories come in very close to each other. But, there is some shifting because this is now based on the experience of how many hours it takes one person.

Blough asked if Richards understood why the Council was asking for an accurate budget. He agreed with the fact budgets are amended from time to time, but under careful scrutiny and consideration by the respected Boards. Blough noted the Council recently went through a two-month process examining all items in its budget relative to setting a tax levy for next year, which would avoid adding an additional tax base on top of the residents already burdened. This was made possible with the gracious assistance of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). When having a budget for an enterprise such as Cable TV and Light and Power, the Council feels very responsible to ensure it is not faced with a task later of increasing the electrical or cable rates because of unforeseen expenditures.

Borgerson stated there are definitely foreseen expenditures in the future which would require cable and electrical rate increases.

Quada stated he can not support the budget at this time. The format does not even come close or touch the requirements of the City Charter. The Council has no way of telling the public there has been an accurate comparison of rates, expenses and revenues from last year to this year. There is no history.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN that the budgets be returned to Light and Power and Cable TV. Further, if the software company has indicated they will not leave until the system is accurate, then the budget will be reviewed again on August 7, 2000.

Blough asked to paraphrase the motion and said he is asking for the budget to be returned to the Lowell Light and Power and Cable Television Board respectively and requesting they return to the Council on August 7, 2000 with an update budget for consideration and further discussion.

Richards was unsure if the budget could be completed within one or two weeks from when the software problems are corrected.

City Attorney Richard Wendt raised concerns regarding the format of the budget. It is presented as a combined budget and in his opinion it is contrary to both the provision of the City Charter and the City Code. He suggested the budgets be separated for each entity.

Blough asked if the Council supported the amendment. The Council agreed.

Blough asked if Quada would accept the amendment. Quada stated yes. He noted as a point of reference, there is a separate presentation for Light and Power and Cable TV.

Pasquale referred to the discussion he had with former General Manager Ron Holcomb. Pasquale stated he had one verbal discussion regarding payment in lieu of taxes and street lighting issues which Holcomb had raised. These were issues which Holcomb felt strongly about. Pasquale said he did not make any comments whether he was right or wrong and basically just listened to what he had to say. Pasquale had told Holcomb this would have to be reviewed. One week before Holcomb left, he provided a letter which was subsequently provided to Wendt and the City Council.

Blough questioned if Richards had an alternative date for presentation of the budget. Richards suggested nothing short of a month from the time the financial statements are completed.

Quada recalled his motion and stated it indicated this is to be returned to the Council at the first meeting in August for the purpose of consideration and discussion. He had made the assumption at that time there may be extenuating circumstances which would prevent Light and Power and Cable TV from having a prepared budget but at least discussion can continue.

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

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers thanked Dean Lonick for his work in the past with the City. He stated Lonick served on the Planning Commission and currently serves on the DDA Board.

Councilmember Green asked if the Cable Advisory Committee had met yet. Richards responded the first meeting is scheduled for the end of July and would be held in the evening.

Councilmember Shores complimented the Chamber of Commerce on the Fourth of July Parade. Chamber Director Liz Baker deserves a vote of thanks.

Shores also thanked Laurels of Kent for paying for the fireworks.

Shores commented on the old Rite Aid and Wesco buildings and questioned if anything was being done to improve the appearance.

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

1. The following meetings minutes were presented:

- Downtown Development Authority meeting of May 18, 2000
- Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Policy Committee meeting of May 17, 2000
- Planning Commission meeting of May 22, 2000.

Pasquale noted the Planning Commission meetings have been lasting 3 to 4 hours.

Mayor Blough stated the need for training new appointees to committees is important. Pasquale noted this was discussed at the last meeting. He said the Commission wishes to have a joint training meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding variances.

2. The Planning Commission had also recommended the City Council consider restricting overnight street parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. only from November through April due to the possibility of snow. This would provide greater utilization of on-street parking during the evening. The recommendation has also been forwarded to Police Chief Valentine.

Police Chief Valentine stated this issue was brought before the Council several years ago. He stated he would be in favor of reviewing the possibility.

Blough requested a recommendation from City Staff be placed on the next agenda.

3. During the course of closing on the school property for the City Hall - Police Station project, a title search showed Helen Koewers was still the owner of a parcel of property. Based on a pro-rata basis (\$.93 per sq. ft. X 3300 s.f.) Mrs. Koewers would receive \$3,069 for her property, while the Lowell Area Schools would be provided the remainder of the \$12,000 (\$8,931). This was agreed upon from the Schools and Mrs. Koewers.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to add Helen Koewers as a second property owner on the school property (near the intersection of N. Monroe and Avery) to be utilized for the City Hall - Police Station project with pro-rata share of \$3,069 while the Lowell Area Schools is allocated with \$8,931. Further, the City Council is not committing any additional funds.

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

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. No appointments were made.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:54 p.m. to review a letter subject to attorney/client privilege with the City Attorney.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by QUADA to return to open session at 9:59 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, July 17, 2000

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

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.

EVERY SUN.: Misner House and Fallsburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallsburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg 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/pre-school 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 Bellline) 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 Congre-

gational 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 per-

sonal 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. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

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.

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.

WED., JULY 19: The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson from 3-7 p.m.

THURS., JULY 27: 1st United Methodist Church in Ionia will be having cold pop & bottled water along with homemade cookies for sale on the east lawn of the church during the Ionia Free Fair Parade. Proceeds go toward their Christmas basket program.

THURS., AUG. 3: Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses: Marsha Wilcox, Barb Litschewski, Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickert; program: Don Taylor, Wild Birds Unlimited; sponsor: Danni Smith.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

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<p>MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.</p>	<p>THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.</p>
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Special Events

<p>WED., JULY 19: 10 a.m., Advisory council.</p> <p>THURS., JULY 20: Noon, Dance, Westside Complex.</p> <p>FRI., JULY 21: 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network or Meijer.</p> <p>TUES., JULY 25: 12:40 p.m., Church tour.</p>	<p>WED., JULY 26: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.</p> <p>THURS., JULY 27: 7:15 a.m., Soaring Eagle.</p> <p>FRI., JULY 28: 9 a.m., Senior Neighbors all centers picnic.</p>
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(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

CHECK OUT THE MONEY-SAVING ADS IN THE
LOWELL LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY!!!

TO THE EDITOR

Just talking, now, there are two things to ponder in AG-2, or more honestly "mixed use" business zoning.

a) The "rational relation" test. I pass over this province of law professors ... and appellate judges.

b) Equal protection. The Big Kahuna. 1) There would be

a new class of business property, a "home business" (so-called) taking refuge in "mixed use," taxed at the "AG" rate along with residences and small farms. Are these businesses being tax carried? 2) The township has other businesses in formal business zones, say commercial or industrial. They are being taxed at a higher rate because of their zoning, not the shelter of "AG-2." The question: Do property owners in 1) and 2) have a constitutional challenge based on alternate allegations?

Life's a pistol. I crave your technical views if you can find me, but please "no Star Spangled Banner." G. M. Ross

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



CAMPING OUT

A young couple from British Columbia pulled into a U.P. campground the other day. They were able to pack everything required for life on the road into a compact sedan. Their basic equipment list was brief and to the point: a small tent, a portable gas stove, sleeping bags, and a cooler. They set up camp by the lake shore and appeared to be happy as clams. I have spent years camping with the same kind of equipment. I still own it and have plans to use it again sometime soon.

Earlier in the day, an older couple set up their camp in a somewhat different fashion. They backed in a massive fifth wheel trailer using a one-ton, dual-wheel, diesel truck, and had just finished setting up their satellite dish. They, too, were having a good time.

The point is that getting out and enjoying the outdoors by camping at your favorite venue is possible, no matter what you are able or willing to invest in equipment. Each kind of camping equipment has its advantages and disadvantages. What works for one person may not necessarily be right for another. We all have our own priorities and requirements.

Here are some things to consider before selecting a camping style or changing your current method. Tent camping is relatively inexpensive and allows one to travel light. Modern tents used with the proper auxiliary gear can provide comfortable shelter. Backpack type tents allow you to camp in wild places not accessible with other kinds of equipment. If you have to set up a tent in the rain, the advantages of more permanent accommodations become apparent.

Travel trailers, including fifth wheels, provide a lot of comfort and convenience. Some units have slide-out walls that substantially increase the size of the living area. Trailers demand a special tow vehicle, and moving the units around requires special skills and knowledge. Motor coaches provide a way to enjoy all the comforts of home on the road. Even the large models handle reasonably well and all you have to do is pull off the road and you're home. If you need a loaf of bread, however, you will have to drive your "home" to the store unless you tow a second vehicle.

A pick-up camper, my personal favorite, has the convenience of a motorhome, but you can take it off the truck in camp and free up the vehicle for other uses. It is also possible to pull a trailer for ORVs, horses, boats, etc. Even a big pick-up camper, however, doesn't have a lot of room in it and requires a heavy-duty truck to haul it.

Pop-up camper trailers don't require a huge tow vehicle and can provide most conveniences found in other types of camping units. The cost is reasonable and off-season storage is not usually a problem. Most pop-ups have some canvas and all must be set up before being occupied.

As you can see, choosing camping equipment can be somewhat complicated. It's best to spend some time determining what your actual needs are and the price you are willing to pay. The couples mentioned at the beginning of this article used two completely different modes of camping, but do have one thing in common: they were all having fun.

Bed and breakfasts allowed in all residential zones

By J. N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

With little discussion among the group, the Lowell City Council unanimously decided to allow bed and breakfasts in all residential zones, clearing the path for one local resident to establish

COLLEGE NEWS

Ryan White, son of Jim and Bobbie White of Lowell, has been named to the Grace Bible College's dean's list with High Honors for spring term. This is the fourth semester in a row that White received this mark of distinction.

Students achieving an overall grade point average of 3.30 to 3.69 receive Honors; those individuals achieving a grade point average of 3.70 to 4.00 receive High Honors.

The college is affiliated with the National Christian College Athletic Association and provides intercollegiate competition for men in soccer and basketball, and for women in volleyball and basketball.

Sports awards presented this spring to White for intercollegiate varsity soccer for Grace Bible College include the Dr. Jack Dean Scholar Athlete, Most Valuable Player, All Tournament Team, and NCCAA All-Regional First team.

Grace Bible College is a private, accredited bible college offering two- and four-year degrees in Theology, Science, Arts, Religious Education, and Music. Grace Bible College is located on the southwest side of Grand Rapids in the city of Wyoming.

Business flags missing

Seven Lowell businesses had their American flags stolen late Sunday night (July 9).

The flags hanging at Ball's Softice Creme, First Baptist Church, Ionia County National Bank, Lowell's Water Treatment Plant, D&D Trucking, Lowell's Department of Public Works and the Lowell Area Fire Department were missing when employees arrived at work on Monday.

Lowell Police Chief James Valentine surmised that the bandit(s) stole the flags during the late night hours when traffic was low.

"We're asking anyone who has information regarding the missing flags to call the Lowell Police Department (897-7123) or Silent Observer (774-2345).

such a business on N. Hudson Street.

Resident Kim Hofman approached the Lowell Planning Commission a couple of months ago about the possibility of creating a bed and breakfast at 203 N. Hudson St. The property, which has a house for sale on it, is in the R-3 district, which is for multi-family housing. Under

the old ordinance, bed and breakfasts were only allowed in suburban residential or R-1 residential.

Steve Doyle, of 706 Riverside Drive, did raise some questions about parking and landscaping. City manager Dave Pasquale said these issues would be taken up by the planning commission during a site plan review. Bed and

breakfasts would be allowed in all residential zones as a special use which would require a site plan review by the planning commission.

Certain properties would have sufficient land use to allow for parking, while others would be tight, Pasquale said, adding that it would be difficult to make a blanket requirement on such issues

as parking and landscaping for all proposed bed and breakfasts.

"I would just like to say that if the zoning goes through, it does not mean the property at 203 N. Hudson St. is a shoe-in and that everything is cut and dry," said planning commissioner John Vander Wilp, who was at the

Lowell City Council's Monday night meeting.

Regardless of whether Hofman proceeds with her project or not, the planning commission did feel bed and breakfast establishments should be allowed in all residential districts, concluded Pasquale.

VISIT THESE GREAT SALES!

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2ND ANNUAL VALLEY VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD SALE
Sat., July 22, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Something for everyone. Clothing, toys, household items, furniture, etc.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., July 15, 9-3 p.m. 803 N. Washington. Toys, children's, baby clothes, misc.

5-FAMILY YARD SALE
Thurs. & Fri., July 20 & 21, 9-5 p.m. 320 Alden Nash (N. of Zeigler Ford).

GARAGE SALE
July 20 & 21, 9-5 p.m. Gossip seat, Pfaltzgraf dishes, oak coffee table, end tables, Rainbow vacuum, lamps, some clothes & odds & ends. 6182 Kyser Rd.

SALE
Toys, clothes (kids, women's plus), truck caps, misc. 128 Flat River. Thurs. 7:30 - 7 p.m. & Fri., 7:30 - noon.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., Sat., July 21 & 22, 9 am-6 pm. Multi-family, baby & adult clothing, household items, canoe, tires, light fixtures, twin bed w/drawers, games, books & more. N off M-21 on Pinckney, go East, or Hawley Hwy. West to 8407 Centerline Rd., approx. 1 1/2 miles.

July 21 & 22, Fri. 8:30 - 6 pm., Sat. 8:30 - 4 pm. 13766 Grindle Dr. Name brand baby & adult clothing, truck parts, bikes, toys & lots more.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs. & Fri., July 20 & 21, 6898 Potters Rd., Saranac (2nd house E. of Hawley Hwy.) Lots of girl's clothes, baby to sz. 12, some boys & misc.

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE - Fri., July 21, 8-4 p.m. & Sat., July 22, 9-5 p.m. 2965 Gulliford Dr., W. on Grand River to Gulliford Dr. Everything from baby clothes to a 1978 Ford pickup. Cleaning house & pole barn after 11 years. Riding mower, clothes infant to 4T & adult sizes. Toys, books, bikes, household items. Come over & check it out!

GARAGE SALE - July 21 & 22, 9-5. Remodeled. Love seat, recliner, La-Z-Boy rocker, plus another living room suit, wooden rocker, tables, lamps, collectibles, arts & crafts. 1028 S. Hawley Hwy., Saranac. Bet. Potters Corners & Sayles Rd.

MOVING SALE - Priced to go! Tools, L/XL clothes, ottoman, garden tools, office chair, electric adding machine & others. Key Heights, lot 57, 11366 Dorothy, July 21 & 22. If rain next week, 9-?

GARAGE SALE - 2177 Gee Dr. Furniture & many misc. items. Sat., July 22, 9-4.

GARAGE SALE - Fri. & Sat., July 21 & 22, 9-5, 1575 Sibley St. Good children's clothing, women's plus size, entertainment center & Avon.

YARD SALE
Friday, July 21st, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Baby items, men's & women's clothes, videos, CD's and lots more! Cheap! Cheap! 4697 Wheat Dr. off Ware Rd. (Grand River Dr.).

BIG MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Brass bed, lg. book shelf/entertainment center, 5 bar stools, 2 stereo cabinets, matching couch & loveseat, rocker/recliner chair, tools, pictures, knick-knacks, household items, bikes, dog cage, ex. cond. adult/teen & kids clothes, toys, lots more. July 20 & July 21, 8-5 p.m. 328 N. Jefferson.

GARAGE SALE - 1077 Lincoln Lake NE, Sat., July 22nd, 9-2. Step-2 van, toys, car seat, high chair, toddler bed, tricycle, some boys clothing, household items.

GARAGE SALE - Fri. & Sat., July 28 & 29, 9-4 p.m. 12031 Kinyon Trail (Grand River W. to Gulliford to Gulliford Trail.) Men's, women's & teen clothing, girls 10 spd bike, books, audio visual equip., & many household items.

3990 BUTTRICK - EVERYTHING for baby! Clean, quality, namebrand clothes, toys & necessities. NB-4T. Stroller, car seats, exersaucer, etc. Some adult clothes (including maternity), crafts & housewares. Table saw, treadmill. Sat., July 22, 9-5 p.m.

GARAGE SALE - July 20 & 22, 8:30am-5pm, 5226 Kyser Rd. 14 ft. trampoline, Sears washer & dryer, clarinet, humidifier, wood stove, bathroom cabinet, organ, 2 yr. old Simmons deluxe mattress & box spring, ladies suits & dresses, teen & toddler clothes & much much more.

HUGE SALE
Baby items & stroller, household items, clothes, toys and much more. 58 Sagamore Tr., off of Flat River Dr. Wed. & Thurs. July 19 & 20, 9am-3pm.

GARAGE SALE - 6868 Bluewater Hwy., Saranac, July 20 & 21, 9-5. House windows, cell phone, lots & lots of stuff.

YARD SALE - July 21 & 22, 8-5 p.m. Electric heater, pots, pans, silverware, Red Devil vac., 13" color TV w/remote, elec. oven, elec. fry pan, velvet spread, shoes, bicycle, blankets, towels, blouses, afghans, table lamp, man's suit 36W/30L, Tupperware, misc. 11901 Foreman Rd., Lowell.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 3872 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, Fri., July 21 & Sat., July 22, 9-? Baby items; namebrand Gymboree, Gap, etc., girls clothing & accessories, 0-18 months; boys namebrand clothing 10-12. Beanies, toys, adult clothing, household items, exercise equip. (Golds Gym Nordic, etc.) Everything in excellent shape & priced to sell.

GARAGE SALE - Antiques, clothing, knick-knacks, small appliances & tools. Friday ONLY, July 21, 9-6 p.m. 4049 13 Mile Rd., Rockford.

HUGE YARD SALE - Everything must go! 12378 60th St., Alto. Thurs. & Fri., July 20 & 21, 8-5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ARTS & CRAFTS SALE - July 20 & 21, 10-7 p.m. July 22, 10-2 p.m. 7647 Face St., Ada.

GARAGE SALE - Carpenter & yard tools, china, glassware, silver, exercise equipment and lots more. No clothing. 11388 Vergennes, July 20 & 21, 9-5.

GARAGE SALE - 10644 W. Bluewater Hwy., Thurs., July 20; Fri., July 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Household items, clothes (women's x-lg & plus; men's X-lg), antiques, collectibles, couch table-chairs (oak), computer armoire, roll-top desk, car (1991 Chevy Caprice), barn and 3.58 acres of land. Please no checks and no prior sales other than for the car, barn or land. Call for more info. 897-7172.

TWO SISTERS YARD SALE
Thurs., July 20, 9-5, 1004 Riverside Dr., Lowell (corner Hunt & Riverside). Little Tikas, Home Interiors, Pokemon cards, toys, clothes: men, women & children, tackle boxes, exercise equip., gas grill and more.

GAS COMPRESSOR - Sawbuck hardware, housewares, washer, toddler beds, clothes, July 20-22, 9-6, 1950 Parnell, N. at 2 Mile.

GARAGE SALE - 13420 Cascade Rd. Couches, hunting gear, lots of baby items. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat., July 22.

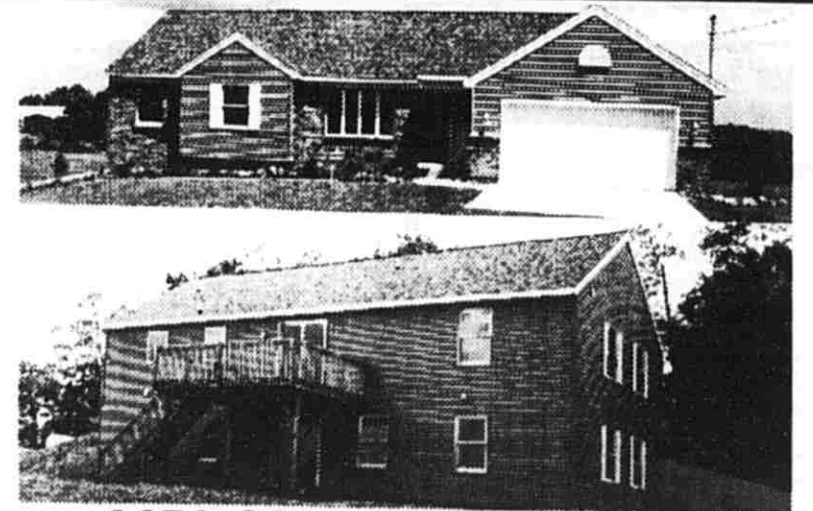
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Agri-science center construction on schedule; opening-day deadline may be met

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Eventually, the Wittenbach Agri-science Center, located across from the high school on Vergennes, will grow into a world-class learning environment for students.

If its construction continues ahead of schedule, the learning opportunities will be available to students at the

beginning of school, Aug. 28. The center will also be ready for the entire community to visit when a dedication is held for the center and land conservancy on Sept. 8.

While building construction is ahead of schedule, Mikulski expects delays will come in completing the groundwork, parking lot and other planning that is done around construction.

The building was moved to the east to make sure it will not interfere with an existing structure and to make room for school program plots.

"The creation of a unique world class learning environment will grow into an impressive learning opportunity for kids and community," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

Wittenbach Agri-science Center Progress Report shows the site is balanced; barn is framed; foundations are in and floor is poured; underground plumbing; HVAC & electrical are in; main building is 100 percent framed; and the rough plumbing and HVAC and electrical have been started.

The exterior colors selected for the center are barn red for the main body of the building; cream for the building trim; dark green for roofing (asphalt shingles); and white for the windows.

An agri-science environmental advisory team has met with other districts to discuss


planning for program activity.

Lowell currently uses Howard Christensen Nature Center for student environmental learning.

The bid for the project went overbeck; 5-7 local sub-contractors are being used.



Construction crews finished framing in the Wittenbach Agri-science Center.



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Teens dig in and help beautify retirement village



Cumberland Retirement Village had the privilege of getting help from the Lowell YMCA Leaders Club on Thursday, June 8. Heather Posthumus, Tom Oesch and Brady Foster, along with Kathy Stiver, Cumberland programming manager, removed some vines to make way for a flower bed for A.F.C. residents to enjoy. The teens gave over an hour of their time to plant the flowers that were donated by one of the resident's sons.

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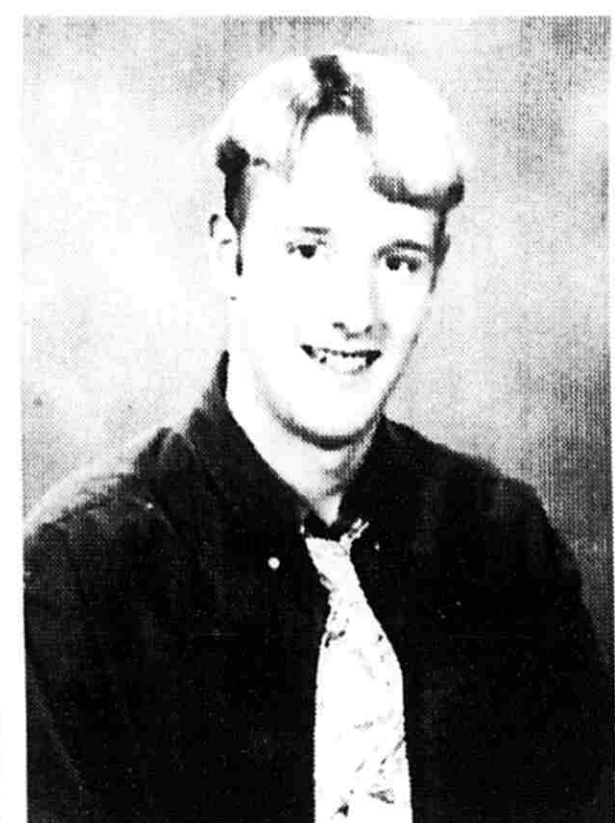
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Dewey & Dotty Prins Sr. of Alto, Mich. and all of their family wish to say thank you to all who supported us with homemade food, cards, flowers, visits and donations at the time of our great sorrow.

Eric Scott Prins, 19 years old, passed away June 26, 2000. Eric grew up in Lowell. He had a great dry sense of humor, was very handsome and tall. Eric worked at CompuNet and all his working friends came to support us at the funeral home and the funeral. They played and sang *Freebird* as a farewell and in honor of Eric. They all wore yellow arm bands as a tribute to a ragtag yellow sweater Eric was fond of wearing to work. That sweater belonged to Eric's Uncle Scott who died accidentally in his early 20s. Eric loved to eat real mashed potatoes and real pot roast and consumed as much as possible every Sunday at Grandma and Grandpa Prins. They also have been babysitting Eric's much loved cats: Cookie and Katie, and will continue to do so along with lots of help from Jenny, Eric's sister. Thanks to David Gerst Funeral Home for all your absolute kindness during our family's many deaths in the last two years. Also to Dr. Corkey Klinginfuss and the Bereavement Committee of Cascade Christian Church, to Roxanne and Pete for all the homemade food. We deeply appreciate the cards and flowers but most of all the love and prayer support from all of you.

Eric was a joy and will be greatly missed along life's way. We are grieving deeply at this loss of such a great young grandson and son. Eric was Dewey Prins Jr.'s only son and brother to Jenny, also of Lowell.

Thanks to Forest Hills Northern school system and all of you there for all of you were so supportive to Dewey Jr. Thanks especially to Dick Green for all your phone calls, support in person, and cards from all of you. Dewey Jr. extends his thanks to everyone also mentioned above.

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Sound defense and timely hitting helped the senior softball players from the West Michigan Ensure 65 and older squad win its third qualifier of the season this past weekend at South Bend, IN.

In winning the tournament, Ensure qualifies for the Softball Players Association Championship Tournament in September at Panama City, Fla.

Ensure won a regional qualifier tourney in Moline, Ill, the first week in July, qualifying the team to play in the World Championship Tournament in Winnipeg, Canada this fall.

The Lowell area softball team will travel to St. George, Utah, to play in the Huntsman World Senior Games in October.



Team members are pictured, back row, left to right: Will Venema, George Stark (mgr.), Ted Martin, Dick Kaminski, John Kenworthy, Bill Sweeney, Jim Willyard, Kathy Willyard (scorekeeper); front row, left to right: Art Benedict, Ivan Blough, Jim Cullin, Mel Curtis, Bob Sciamanna and Frank Miller. Missing from picture are Don Follett, Dale Johnson, John Warners, Dan Ploeg, Jim McCoy and Wayne Baker.

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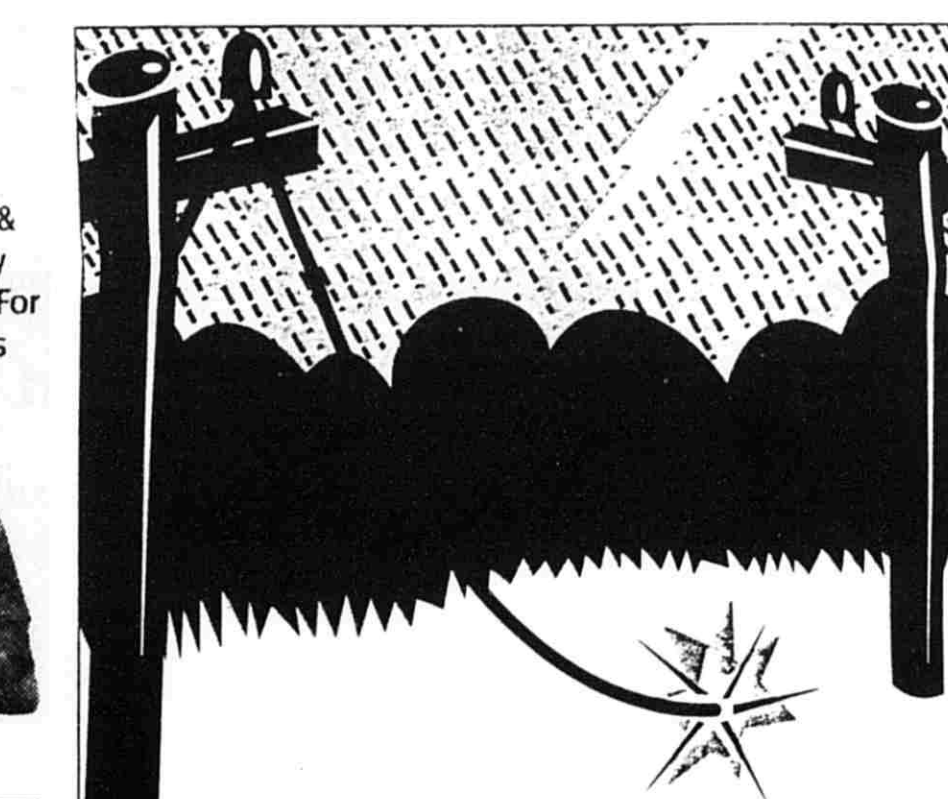
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School district names DeBaar as director of outdoor education

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The only thing possibly more exciting than the anticipation of the Wittenbach Agri-science Center opening is the enthusiasm Tammy DeBaar brings to her newly appointed position as director of outdoor education.

DeBaar, appointed to the position in June, sees the whole picture through a number of small tasks leading up to the opening of the 2000-01 school year.

Those tasks include trails which are handicap accessible, supplies, implementing curriculum that meets objectives, a facility which blends both the environment and agriculture, training workshops for teachers, a student mentoring program and coordinating an educational program effort with the Van Andel Institute.

Undertaking more than one task at a time would be overwhelming. DeBaar has not been asked to run an existing center... instead she is the facilitator in setting up and imple-



While construction of the center progresses, Tammy DeBaar has been busy piecing together a program for the upcoming 2000-01 school year.

This center will be unique in that it will expand student opportunities both environmentally and agriculturally.

Tammy DeBaar
Director Of Outdoor Education

menting an outdoor educational program.

DeBaar, who taught at Unity High School last year, has a master's degree in science from Michigan State University in ecology. She is currently working on finishing her Ph.D. in fishery, wildlife and biology at MSU.

"It's a perfect fit. It will allow me to focus on outdoor education and leadership," DeBaar explained. "This center will be unique in that it will expand student opportunities both environmentally and agriculturally."

Both the center's director and the school district's curriculum director Jim White said quality of the programs is more important in the beginning than the quantity of programs offered.

"We want to do things right the first time," DeBaar said. That has included getting other districts (Belding, Caledonia, Saranac) in on the opportunities the center offers. "The nice thing has been that we all have the same state objectives," DeBaar said. "We met early on and determined what is best for the students."

The director has also met with elementary teachers. "It was a great experience and the room was full of excitement and positive attitudes after discussing what's possible," DeBaar concluded.

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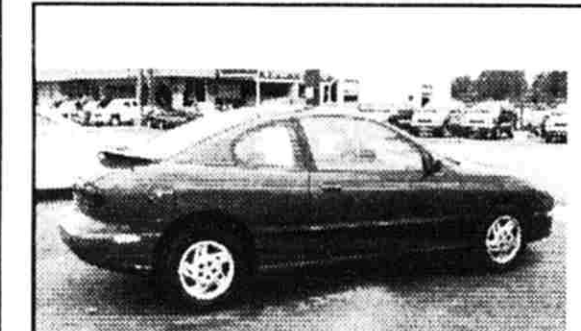


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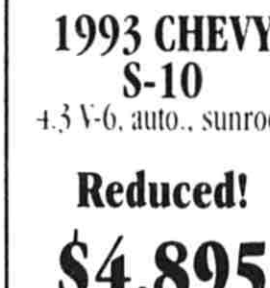
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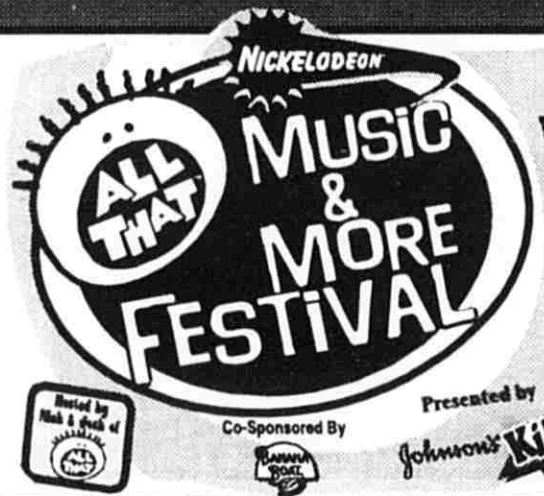
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SATURDAY, JULY 29

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- 9 am.....4-H Swine Show
- 9 am.....4-H Senior Horse Show
- Noon - 6 pm...Tightwad Tuesday
- 7 pm.....Best Dairy Delight Contest

- 7 pm.....Draft Horse Cart Class Show
- 7:30 pm.....4-H Gallon of Milk Sale
- 8 pm.....Sawyer Brown with Montgomery Gentry

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- 9 am.....Draft Horse Halter Class Show
- 9 am.....4-H Senior Horse Show
- 11:59 am.....Governor's Lawn Party
- 1 pm.....Pillsbury Refri. Pie Crust Championship
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- 9 am.....4-H Senior Horse Show
- 1 pm.....Best Spam Recipe Contest
- 6 pm.....Ionia County Youth Meat Animal Sale
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

- 10 am.....Ladies Day
- 11 am.....Heavyweight Horse Pulling
- Noon.....Farm Stock Tractor Pulls
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- 1 pm.....Speed Horse Competition
- 7:30 pm.....NTPA Grand Nat'l. Truck & Tractor Pulls

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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