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Elect 3 to council on Tuesday

Eligible voters of the City of Lowell will go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3 to elect three councilmen. The terms of Mayor Dean Collins, Councilman Jack Fonger and Councilman Phil Schneider expire this year.

Three incumbents, Collins, Fonger and Schneider, are candidates for city council as well as Bobby Adams and Herbert Holcomb.

Collins has served six years on the council and lives at 901 N. Jefferson. He is an engineer at Root-Lowell Corp.

Fonger is completing a two year term on the council and also served on the council in the 1950's. He is retired from the U.S. Postal Service, Lowell branch and resides at 611 N. Washington.

Schneider was appointed to the council a year ago to fill a vacancy after a resignation and served the council in the 1960's as well. He owns Speerstra Insurance Agency and resides at 950 Riverside Dr.

Adams, of 926 E. Main, is seeking his first term of office and is a retired U.S. Marshall.

Holcomb, 318 Avery, is also seeking his first term and is a retired Detroit fire officer.

Two of the council terms will be for four years and the other term will be for two years. The candidates receiving the top two vote tallies will win the four year terms and the two year term will go to the third place vote-getter.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at both city precincts: Bushnell School and Runciman / Riverside School.

School conferences next week

Lowell Area Schools will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences next week to give parents an update on the progress of their children. Please note the change in the high school conference schedule from that previously reported.

ALTO: Tues., Nov. 3 from 6-9 p.m. and Wed., Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.

BUSHNELL: Tues., Nov. 3 from 6-9 p.m. and Wed., Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

RUNCIMAN / RIVERSIDE: Tues., Nov. 3 from 6-9 p.m. and Wed., Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Tues., Nov. 3 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 4 from Noon to 4:30 p.m.

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Chase ends in crash



A car driven by Martin H. Canfield of Clarksville smashed into a parked auto on Main Street about 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26 ending a high speed chase by Kent County Sheriff's deputies. Canfield was northbound on S. Hudson at a high rate of speed and made the corner at Main to continue eastbound at excessive speeds. Lowell officers intercepted Canfield whose vehicle then spun into a car owned by Louis D'Agostino of Grand Rapids in front of Reedy Realty. Canfield was arrested for fleeing and eluding and violation of the basic speed law. There were no injuries.

New shops open in mall

Three businesses have opened recently in the Rivertown Mall, located at the bridge on Lowell's Main St. Another business is scheduled to open in the near future and three are already going concerns.

The "Straw Basket" shop is also new to Main Street and the Rivertown Mall but has been in operation for two years from the home of owner, Hazel Smith.

The shop offers dried floral designs, all done by Mrs. Smith, and stained glass works created by her daughter, Nancy Bailey of Greenville. Also included are handmade gifts of stoneware, dolls and wooden items for the home. Hazel plans to add to her selection while concentrating on custom dried designs to match paint, wallpaper or carpet samples. She resides at 2318 Alden Nash, Lowell, with her husband Richard.



Hazel Smith is the proprietor of her new business, the Straw Basket, located in Rivertown Mall on Main Street at the bridge. The shop features her dried arrangements, stained glass works and other gift items.

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HAPPY HAUNTING

The seniors of the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center invite anyone over 60 to stop in at the center, 214 E. Main, between 9-11 a.m. on Friday morning, Oct. 30 for cider (or coffee) and donuts. Win a prize by guessing the contents of John Tesch's surprise bag.

Halloween parties are slated for youngsters in Lowell on both Friday and Saturday nights. From 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, it's games and prizes for Halloween upstairs at the Moose Lodge on Main Street for kids 12 & under. On Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m., the party with games and prizes is at the VFW post on Main Street sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary and the Volunteer Lowell Firemen. Both events are free.

There is still time to take out Spook Insurance if you live in the city from the YMCA Leaders Club boys by calling 897-8545. Post-Halloween cleanup costs \$2 per residence, \$4 for small businesses and \$6 for large businesses.

SHOW YOU CARE

A meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29 for all adults interested in being a volunteer in the Community Child Watch program. The program hopes to ensure the safety of children going to and from school. The meeting will be held in the Kiva room at Bushnell Elementary starting at 7:30 p.m. and should last about one hour. The program will be explained and help is needed, so please plan to attend.

CELEBRATION WINNERS

Grand Prize winner of a \$100 gift certificate in Pfaller's Riverfront Clothing 2nd Anniversary celebration is Belinda Barley of Lowell. Winning \$50 gift certificates are M.J. Sprague and Diane Barnes, both of Lowell. Winning gift certificates of \$10 each are Judy Moyer of Saranac, Sandi Tryon of Lowell, Mike Owen of Alto and Pat Deimel of Grand Rapids. Congratulations to the winners and to Bob and Gay Pfaller, owners of the business.

TRAVELING LIGHT

Armchair travel is a great way to visit foreign lands without the hassle of lost plane tickets or luggage and definitely sidesteps jet lag and Montezuma's revenge. Costs less, too. In an effort to aid the LASA fund drive, the Lowell School Bus Drivers Association is sponsoring a Travelogue Series so you can visit six countries in six months without leaving the city limits, all for \$15. Visit Hawaii, Mexico, Switzerland, British Columbia, the Gulf States and Norway by calling 897-8545 to reserve your ticket.

SOMETHING MISSING

In an effort to make more room available for front page news, one regular feature of this column will now be carried on an inside page of the Ledger, namely "Off The Blotter".

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New shops open in mall, continued . . .



Dawn Seese, owner of Birchwood Gardens, now located in the mini-mall on Main Street, creates live and dried floral arrangements for every occasion.

Birchwood Gardens Floral and Gifts has relocated to the mini-mall from its former location on Godfrey St. in Lowell. Owner Dawn Seese has been in the business for 5 years. She is hopeful that being downtown will increase traffic to the shop where she has floral arrangements for all occasions, green plants, flowering plants, dried arrangements and more.

The old location included a greenhouse but the new space will allow Dawn to concentrate on weddings, holiday floral needs and funerals. She plans to have weekly or weekend specials in the future. Birchwood is open from 9 to 6 Monday through Saturday.

owner. Prices on items are lowered after one month and, if not sold after 3 months, the item is returned to the owner or donated to a civic group. Most items are priced at about one-third of the new retail cost and all are in good to like-new condition.

Yesterday's Child is a good idea for both people with clothes to sell and those needing clothes for growing youngsters. Marcia resides in Ada with her husband Ed and 15-month-old son Brett.

Other businesses already in operation in the Rivertown Mall are Chris' Ice Cream Shoppe, Dick & Owen's Barber Shop, and Todd Gillan D.D.S. Opening soon will be Moberg's Antiques. That leaves only one space in the mall vacant.

SAFETY TIP

Hunters! You know the rules of hunting safety, right? Here's something else you should know: How to reach the sheriff's department or other emergency medical help in the area you plan to hunt in. Also, the warning signs of heart attack: A heavy fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest, which may spread to shoulders, neck or jaws; faintness; shortness of breath; dizziness; sweating or nausea may all mean heart attack. Remember--hunting can be very strenuous. So take it easy, never hunt alone and know what to do in case of heart attack. For more information, call the Michigan Heart Association.

A new business for Lowell's Main Street is "Yesterday's Child" owned by Marcia Verkaik. On sale are good quality second best children's clothes and toys on consignment. Marcia got the idea for the shop while vacationing in Canada where this concept is popular.

People bring in children's clothing in good repair to be sold in the shop. The articles are priced and a percentage is charged as a handling fee. When the item is sold, the money is split 50/50 with the



Marcia Verkaik, owner of Yesterday's Child in Rivertown Mall, offers like-new children's clothing.

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