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## DID YOU KNOW?

Coming up in May, each student will be working on a design for Alto's annual Ceiling Tile Painting Contest where the winning entries from each classroom are painted on existing ceiling tiles for permanent display in our Media Center.
Alto Elementary has sent over 8700 labels to the Campbell Soup Co. for some playground and gym balls. These lables were collected all year as our students, staff, principal and even our senior citizens helped by bringing in all of their Campbell product labels during the past year. We thank everyone for that-we've already received over 200 labels towards next year's count. Certainly is nice when the whole community can contribute to a school project
This information has been supplied by the Lowell Citizens for Education.

## SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME

Al Symons, owner of the Lowell McDonalds Restaurant conacted The Ledger last week to tell us of an upcoming monthly clean-up conducted by his employees. "Fast food restaurants are often criticized for creating liter," says Symons, "I would just like to let the community know that my restaurant does everything possible to help reduce the problem." Last Saturday, a crew of ten McDonalds' employees scoured the area around the restaurant for a block in every direction picking up all McDonaids liter. Along with the liter collected, was a $\$ 100$ check that was retumed to the owner Besides the once a month police call Symons has extra trash containers placed both inside and out of the restaurant and all food containers bear a reminder to please not liter. The example set by Symons and his staff is a good one, and we can all help by being sure to "Put liter in its place!"

## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

All freshman entering Lowell High School next fall and their parents should plan to attend an orientation session on Thursday, April 18. The orientation will be held in the High School Gym from 7:00 until $9: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Curriculum and scheduling will be discussed along with information concerning classroom visitation. Also, various student clubs and organizations will be on hand with displays and presentations.

NEXT WEDNESDAY IS SECRETARIES'S DAY
If you have a secretary, chances are she more than deserves a little recognition on National Professional Secretaries's Day, Wednesday, April 24. A card, flowers, a gift or lunch are just some of the ways a boss might say "thanks" for all these times that his secretary got out a rush letter at five o'clock or made sure you got to an important meeting on time.

## SENIOR SAFARI

Attention all parents of Lowell High Seniors: Once again we parents are planning a surprise, fun-filled time for our graduates on Senior Release Day, May 24. Come and join us at our organizational meetings, April 22, May 6, and May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the KQuad of the High School. For more information contact - Denise Dommer 897-9678 or Steve Uhen 897-8238.

## BOOSTER CLUB DANCE

Don't forget the Spring Dance, Saturday, May 4 at Deer Run Golf Club from 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Cost is $\$ 5.00$ per person. Contact Denise Dommer at 897-9678 for more information.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

A 16 year old juvenile male failed to yield right of way at a stop sign on Main \& Jefferson, Friday afternoon, April 12. He struck a vehicle driven by Robert Ogle, 49, of Lowell. Ogle was injured in the accident.
A car driven by Doris Russell, 26, of Lowell, struck a parked car owned by Geralyn Bryant on W. Main near Pleasant Street, Friday vening, April 12. There were no injuries reported
Mardelle Stevens, 37, of Lowell, collided with a car driven by Broadway near Chatham Street, Thursday aftemoon, April 11.

## Henry holds "Town Meeting"

Our new Congressman, Paul Henry, spoke before approximately 20 residents at a "town meeting" at Lowell City Hall las Friday. Henry spent several mi nutes explaining his views on how to deal with the Federal deficit before opening the meeting up to questions from the audience. Henry is in favor of a freeze on the budget. "This step alone would save us $4 \%$, ," he said. Through a freeze, and cuts in such areas as Revenue Sharing, Farmers Home Loans and Small Business Loans, Henry would like to see Congress reduce the $\$ 200$ billion deficit by about $\$ 50$ billion this year. Henry pointed out that about 13\% of the annual Federal Budget is used simply to pay the interest on the existing debt, and that is the main reason he is so strongly in favor of reducing the deficit.
When asked about the various tax reform bills that have been proposed, Henry said that he thought they would all'be put on the back bumer until the budget can be it is cued out. Henry said that it is currently impossible to support any of the bills, as they will all likely go through many revisions prior to reaching the floor.
When asked if he would vote to privatize the Postal Service as recommended by the Grace Commission, Henry replied that he would not favor such a move. He did say that several of the hundreds of recommendations made by the Grace Commission had merit, and were worth pursuing. He

Henry was comiplimented by a member of the audience for his "no" vote on the MX missile. The compliment drew applause from several in the audience. Henry is currently residing in Grand Rapids and commuting to Washington weekly. He favors this approach because he feels he stays more in tune with his constituents. But, the schedule is very demanding. He said he will try to continue to live here, but added that the situation may change down the road.
Henry introduced State Senator Richard Posthumus, who had been a colleague when Henry was also a State Senator. Henry pointed out that the Federal deficit is more than 30 times the entire state budget, and added that he missed his days as a State Senator when it was a little easier to have a handle on what was going on.
Following the meeting, Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Patton and County Commissioner William Doyle took Henry on a tour of the city

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Paul Henry fields questions from about twenty residents who attended the 5th District Congressman's "Town Meeting" held here last Friday afternoon.

## Old pumper in bad shape; City will likely buy new one

Item number 6 on Monday's the county's replacement rotaLowell City Council agenda tion in 1987, which left the city read, "discussion of fire truck in a troublesome situation. problems." A fifteen minute "discussion" resulted in the probable purchase of a nearly new FMC pumper truck.
The problem with the city's pumper truck arose some weeks ago when Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin reported to the County Controller that the 1970 Intemational Harvester Pumper used by the Lowell Fire Department was not holding prime and he shaft between the pump and ransmission was loose and rattling. The county owns the truck, but loans it to Lowell in a complicated system that relieves the city of part of the burden in providing fire protection to the sur- $\$ 20,000$
rounding townships. The trou- Quada told the council that the bled pumper is due to come up in city currently has a pumper on

## Variances are granted;

## 7-11 Store to be built

The Lowell City Council may placed the building $8^{\prime}$ from the have cleared the way for a new property line to the south and $10^{\circ}$ convenience store here when they approved two requests for zoning variances Monday night. Chris Brown, president of GrabKo, Inc. the area's franchise epresentative for $7-11$ stores sought a five space reduction in required parking and a zero lot line set back variance at he Low The council mad little of Apri with co park reproblem with the parking reduction, but wanted to see a least some bufline. The ordinance calls for 24' set back
Brown said that he would conBrown said that he would connew site plan to April 15 meeting. The new site plan

The pumper was sent to Emergency Vehicle Service and Repair, a Grand Rapids firm specializing in this type of vehicle. Once the pump was torn down, it was discovered that repair of the pump alone would be well in excess of $\$ 10,000$. Not only was the pump shot, but it was also discovered that the body was suffering from a significant rust problem, and would need body repair work that could run as high as $\$ 10,000$. Lowell City Manager, Ray Quada, estimated that the total cost to propy repair the pumper and get it on line would exceed 000. property line to the south and $10^{\prime}$ from the west lot line. The compromise satisfied the council, The property in question is the Thie property in question is the lot at the south west cormer of
Main and Pleasant Streets, once Main and Pleasant Streets, once he site of the Rosie Drive-Inn. At the April I meeting, Brown said that the end of April was a deadline for a building start, betore in the fall op winter. A final site plan must be approved by the Lewell Planning Commission at heir April 22 meeting prior to heir April 22 meeting prior to f all goes as planned, Lowell hould be welcoming a new member to its retail community before the summer is out.
loan from the Cutlerville Fire Department, but some action would have to be taken soon either to repair the old truck or buy a different one. Quada indicated that up to date, used fire equipment is almost non-exisent, and custom built new equipment takes from six months o a year for delivery. Quada had leamed of an FMC Pumper that has been a company demonstrator, and could be delivered in about two weeks. FMC is one of ew, if not the only, fire equipment companies that make any equipment for demonstration purposes. The price of the new vehicle is $\$ 67,500$.
Quada told the council that the city currently has a $\$ 75,000$ fire equipment reserve fund set aside out of Federal Revenue Sharing in 1977. Quada suggested that his money could be used to buy he FMC pumper for the present, and the county would likely agree to reimburse the city for the fire truck when Lowell is scheduled for a new pumper in 1987.

The council agreed that the purchase of the new pumper was probably a much better solution oo the problem, than putting over $\$ 20,000$ into a fifteen year old fire truck. Quada was authorized to contact the County Controller and see if they would agree to such a plan, if the County re sponds favorably, Quada was authorized to order the new pumper from FMC.

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[^0]LOWELL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township
Planning Northeast Gravel Company's request to ho continue operating a gravel pit in Section Five of Lowel
Township. Sald hearing will be held on MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. at the Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE. Plans and condilitions for such a special use may be
viewed at the Township Hall during normal office viewed at the Township Hall during normal office hours.

Carol LL. Wolls
owell Township Clerk

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAA
RESOLUTION NO. 204 At a regular meeting of the Grattan Townahip Board held on the sth day of Aprll, 1985, it was moved by Member Lucllle Slowinski and seconded
by Member Martin Byme that the following rosolu by Member Martin
tion be adoppled.
WHEREAS, Grattan Township seeks to provide for the erposen
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WHEREAS, the Grattan Township Board has ap pointed the members on
torical Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Grattan Township Historicea Commission has held a public hearing and recommended that a cortalin parcel or structure be declared a historic dilstrict, and

WHEREAS, the Gratan Township Board has carefully considered this matter,
now therefore be it resolved that the Grattan Township Board does hereby concur with Che recommendation of the Grattan Township His
torical Commission and doess adopt Ordinance N o. $85-1$ attached hereto which creates a historic dis. trict or structure.
AYES: P. Malone, L. Slowinski, R. Lally, M. Bryne, E.
Maldens.
NAYS: None
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ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

## Motion carried Resolution telered adopted.

ORDINANCE No. 85-1 An Ordinance pursuant to the Historical Districts Act, being Act 169 of the Public Acts of Michigan for 1970, as amended.

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Section 1. Property, The following described prop erty or structure is declared to be a historic distric:

Section 2. Construction or Alteration. No construc tion, alteration, repali, moving or demolition affeciIng the external appearance ofa a structure in the is-
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permit trom the Grattan Historical Commission. This section shall not be interpreted to prevent interior arrangements or ordinary malitenanace and

Section 3. Permil. The Historical Commission shall ted to It within sixty (so) deyse it the permitit is ted to it within sixty (60) days. It the permit is
granted the Building Inspector shall proceed to consider an appllication for a bulldiling permit. It the Historical Commisssion refuses to grant the permit
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sixty (6) days of the date of the application the permit shall be deemed granted.
Section 4. Standards. In reviewing any application for permit, the Historical Commisslon shall consid-
er the standards set forth in the Historical Districts Act, being M.C.L.L.A. Section 399.201 ot seq, M.S.A.
Section $5.3407(1)$. Section 5.3407 (1) et seq.
Section 4. Enective Date. This Ordinance shall take immediate effect upon passage.
This Ordinance was adopted by the Township
Board of Grattan Township at a regular meeting Soard of Gratian Township at a regular meeting
held at the Township Hall on the $\begin{aligned} & \text { sth day of Aprli, } \\ & \text { 1985. }\end{aligned}$ held at tur
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## Corvette Show at <br> North Kent Mall








## Are You Planning A Wedding? ? ?

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## Grand Valley Ledger - Wednesday, April 17, 1985 - Page 20 <br> Lions Club begins White Cane Week April 26th

"Stop for the White Cane" will in the White Cane laws, another requires all motorists to stop at be the rallying cry for members prime purpose of the massive least ten feet from blind persons of the Lowell Lions Club who White Cane Week drive is to carrying White Canes or being are among the more than 23,000 generate funds for the many led by Leader Dogs in harness. Lions in Michigan gearing up for Lions projects and institutions The public should also be aware
the 49 th annual White Cane dedicated to helping the blind. that all public facilities must perthe 49 th annual White Cane dedicated to helping the blind. that all public facilities must per-
Week drive, scheduled for April "Our goal of $\$ 1.5$-million will mit a blind person with a Leader 26 to May 5 , "It is cucial to the safety of Cores in in to enter and use "It is crucial to the safety of Canes, Braille watches, eyeglas- those premises.
he 16,000 blind and visually im- ses, examinations and various "This public awareness is paired in this state that all drivers other aids for the unsighted," more important than ever with know this law," according to Suits continued. "We want to the "right turn on red" law," acOwen Suits, Michigan Lions help the blind help themselves, cording to Suits. "Blind persons
White Cane Chairman. "Every and this takes a great deal of cannot see red traffic lights, so White Cane Chairman. "Every and this takes a great deal of cannot see red traffic lights, so
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blind person with a White Cane through difficult economic cial." blind person with a White Cane through difficult economic cial."
or Leader Dog in harness. The times. We can't continue our During the ten-day period, the driver can see-the blind person work without their help. It's as Lions will be selling miniature can't," Suits emphasized.
Besides educating the public
simple as that," he continued. White Cane pins on street cor-
The Michigan White Cane law

## Posthumus on energy committee

State Senator Richard Post humus (R-Lowell), was recently named by Senator Majority Leader John Engler to a post as delegate to the National Conference of Staté Legislatures' NCSL) State-Federal Assembly, on the Energy Committee.
"Senator Posthumus was selected because of his expertise in this critical area," Engler explained. "I know that he will offer special insights to the committee and bring away new
knowledge and ideas that will knowledge and ideas that " prove helpful to Michigan."
The State-Federal Assembly serves as a forum for discussion among its individual state members, identifies issues of critical concern, and informs legislaures of developments in statefederal matters having a significant impact on legislative actions and to formulate policy recommendations for approval by the many books and areas. The mendations for approval by the many books and papers in his
collection were on display and
Conference.

The Assembly is comprised of tions and Regulation; Health and eleven committees: Agriculture Human Resources; Law and Jusand Food Policy; Education and tice; Natural Resources and EnLabor; Energy; Federal Taxa- vironment; Pensions; Transportion; Trade and Economic De- tation and Communications and era- Federal Budget.
Former Lowell physician
collects works of local authors
Dr. Thomas Hill, former Lowell physician, and his wife Jo, were guests of the Evening Club at their dinner meeting, Tuesday, April 9, at Schneider
Manor
Since retiring from his associ tion with Michigan State Medi cal School, Dr. Hill has pursued as one of his hobbies, the research and collection of works of published authors from Lowell collection were on display and
were the topic of his interesting
were the topic of his interesting program. Evening Club members were amazed at not only the
number of published writers but number of published writers but at the literary recognition given Dr. Hill expressed his interes in finding a suitable place in Lowell for his hobby to be diste Lowell community . The Chamber of Commerce and Arts Council Office will welcome any Council Office will weicome any
suggestions. Call 897-8545.


Lowell Lions Club Officers are L to R: Secretary-Jim Doyle, President-Orson Abel, Program Di-rector-Kevin Smith, Treasurer-Ron Holst.
businesses and other heavily Lisa will make personal appear- Eye Banks, located on the camrafficked areas, Also conerat- ances throughout the state and on puses of the University of Michirafficked areas. Also cooperat- ances throughout the state and on puses of the University of Michi-
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gan, Wayne State University and and state governments, schools, Secretary of State officials and police departments.

To symbolize and create wareness of their efforts, the Lions have chosen pretty 21 -year-old Lisa Binsfeld of Warren, Michigan, as the 1985 White Cane Queen. Lisa, a sophomore at Oakland University, lost her sight following an operation for a brain tumor at the age of 13. Pressure on her optic nerve resulted in total blindness.
numerous radio and television programs during her reign. Money collected from the sale of the White Cane pins is used to support the many worthwhile projects and institutions of the Lions Clubs. Thousands of Michiganians have already beneBlind, Rochester, now "gradut Blind, Rochester, now "graduating more than 350 dog-student teams annually; the Leader Dog puppy program; Welcome Home
for the Blind, Grand Rapids, for the Blind, Grand Rapids,
built to fill the needs of the sightbuilt to fill the needs of the sight-
less elderly; the Michigan Lions
in the Upper Peninsula, which assist in the restoration of sight to the unsighted through transplants and research; Penrickton Center, Taylor, a school for blind children who have an additional handicap.

## Also, the Baycliff Camp;

 Lake Orion Blind Camp; Beaumont Silent Children's und; Braille transcribing, free sight screening from sight- (1) mobiles, glaucoma detection clinics and numerous local community projects and institutions.1984 Plymouth Reliant 4 dr, mink brown, 2.2 auto., PS/PB, AM/FM, stereo, deluxe wipers, rear defroster.

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