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## Chamber labors to make sure first Riverwalk Festival is fun for all

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor
downtown area. Along with the plaza and the riverfront walk, city parking lots will also be renovated.
Charlene Chapman, president of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, said the festival will extend into a celebration of the rebirth of the downtown.
project, the downtown sidewalks and lights will be replaced and Main Street will be repaved. Streetscape work will also be completed. While the DDA project is scheduled to be completed in 1996, construction of the new 1.2 million Lowell Public Library will begin.
"The festival will kind

Sept. 2nd and 3rd which will be about a month short of when the Lafayette Street Plaza and riverfront walk from Main Street to Avery is expected to be completed. Those two projects, cov ered through the $\$ 1.3$ million DDA grant are just the beginning of a two-year dedication

The Riverwalk Festiva was organized to lend financial support to the new Lowell Chamber of Commerce office.
Timing of the event has more. The date of the festival is to the revitalization of the

## "MOREL-VELOUS" MUSHR00MS

After three-and-a-half hours on the mushroom trail, the Trent Buck family hit the jackpot - as they found a patch-full of morels

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A Saturday afternoon walk through the woods is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the fresh spring air and to commune with nature.
If you're a mushroom hunter, stumbling across a few morel mushrooms during the stroll makes for an early evening delicacy delight.

Trent Buck and his wife Jeni along with their little boy Dillon were out in the woods Saturday hunting for mushrooms and enjoying nature."We found one mushroom in three-in-a-half hours," Jeni said. Then, like it was heaven sent, the family

If you cook morel mushrooms in with steak, you'll eat the mushrooms and throw away the steak - morels are that good.

Allen Falstrom
of three came upon a dead Elm tree. At the trunk's base, the
morel mushrooms. We're not talking 10 or 20 ; we're talking hundreds of mushrooms.

They gathered the mushrooms and then called to family and frien
"We hit the jackpot," Trent Buck smiled.
Allen Fallstrom added, "Do you know how much you pay for a pound of fresh morel mushrooms at D\&W? About $\$ 199, "$ he said. "To find this many is very unusual."

So where are the most common places to look for and find morel mushrooms? Fallstrom says poplars, dead elm trees, pines and under old apple trees.

The Buck's, family and friends were out mushroom hunting north of Lowell off of 91. "That's close enough," Sue Simmonds laughs.
The Bucks prepare the delicacy by either dipping them in an egg and milk batter or sauteing the mushrooms in in anter.
"If you cook them with steak, you'll throw away the steak and eat the mushrooms," Fallstrom said. "They are that good."

be a celebration of all of those things," Chapman said "What makes it so exciting is that it looks as though segments from all parts of the community will be involved in the festival. I'm not sure when that has happened before." .

The chamber president knows that cooperation is necessary if the planning and organizing of the "event-full" festival is going to be successfully pulled off.
The Riverwalk Festival events will include canoe rides and races, face painting, a riverwalk duck race down the Grand River, a pig roast, a dance, music all day long on the riverwalk and ajuried arts and crafts exhibit.
arts and crafts ex diverwalk dedicatio will be coordinated by Lowell First United Methodist Church 's Rev. Gordie Barry. All local pastors interested in participating in the dedication are asked to contact Barry. The dedication will be at 2 o'clock on Sept. 3.
The Riverwalk duck race, scheduled tostart at 30 'clock, will begin at the Division St. bridge and finish up at the boat ramp on Alden Nash. Ducks are scheduled to go on sale the last week in May. The cost will be $\$ 2$ a duck or three ducks for $\$ 5$.
"The duck race was sched uled to take place on the Flat River, but the river is too slow and the brush in the river is too high," Chapman said. "This is the first time in a long, long time that the river has been used."

In preparation for the race,


Chapman and other event coordinators have visited Grand Haven to get an inside look on how a duck race is run. "We want to avoid as many of the first-race mistakes as possible," Chapman said.
One of the charges for the festival coordinators is to keep the festival cost friendly for families. For example, a 45 minute canoe ride for two adults and two children or for adult adults will just or three adults will cost just $\$ 10$. The cost for the pig roast will be $\$ 4.75$ per person and children 10 and under will get in for free. Churches are being asked to donate dinner items. Lowell's Congregational Church has volunteered to provide the baked beans.
Admission to the dance will be just $\$ 2$.

All of these activities and others will be possible only through the work of a large contingent of volunteers. Chapman said people interested in volunteering to help work the days of the festival should call 897-9161.

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Along Main Street, pg. 9

Local businessman dies, pg. 28

Top ten named, pg. 10


Kempker to retire from FMB after 24-year devotion


Viewpoint ...




Four of us drove down to Ft. Knox, Kentucky a couple
weeks ago. My army private son was halfway throul


 Sunday drive. That's a pretty serious road. trip.
Getting there wasn 1 . too bad. We lef and aler. Two hours into the trip pe stopped for breakfast and
somerody buyht a kazoo. We played
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even play a recognizable tune on a kazo. Even though $m$ even play a recognizable tune on a kazoo. Even though h
attempts were entusiastic and loud, they were never guessel
correctly. In fact. Idon't think. correctly. In fact, Idon't think they even tried to guess at the
tune thenj just laughed.
The weekend was fund
 went to the Lowisville zoo, spent some time at a food darir in
downown Louisvile to kick off Derby Week, toured the
Patto Musur



Ledger Entries
of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MAY 15, 1895

the business of education
Let's get one thing straight. Children are not widgets. Here identical products with ever increasing efficiency and eve decreasing quality. Each child is is a uniquet indiviviual, and we

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thinned out, most of the construction zones were hehind usuad


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a "howdy", she said in a a rather Gestapo-like manner, "l need
see See your driver's license and registration." "t was clearly a he end. I sensed I might be in trouble.
As fumbled for the documents
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 break or a warning?"'" In a well-rehearseds, demeaning snarl
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os surrender my license, opped to follow her to court. It w


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for three weeks in the hottest weather. Abig sow storm threetestens wather
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7 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER MAY 13, 1920
Evangelist Earl Cook dehates Cristian Scientist Stee on the front page
Ada Hichonh Shage. has two graduates, Laurel Katz and
Elizabeth Slager. A Dr. Flexnee proposest to wipe out influenza (the world-
wide 1988 ppidemic killed millions) by atacking it at the border. No method is given.
The regular tarn page i
eek tells how wosect,
New help for the Reed
50 YEARS ago in the ledger - may 17, 1945 Pressure canner gauge checking should be done befor




| from recovering damages where their own drug o intoxication was 50 percent or more responsible <br> injuries. <br> We've also worked to cap non-economic dama pain and suffering or mental anguish at $\$ 500,000$ in a vital bodily function, and at $\$ 280,000$ in all other c if a defendant is "grossly negligent" and that negligen in death or the permanent loss of vital bodily functio point out that there would be no cap on economic such as loss of wages or medical benefits. <br> There are just a few of the provisions of this compr needed. All across the nation, legislators are debatin to current product liability law, not only because it co taxpayer, but also because it robs our society of ative products. <br> How many legitimate lawsuits will we allow to we allow to slip through our fingers? When this bill law, I'm confident those numbers will be limited, in once again will flood Michigan's marketplace and dren will rest assured that they will have access to the keeping them healthy. <br> It is better to live rich, than to die rich. |
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## CTTY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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CITY OF LOWELL
For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY $1,1995$.
The Meeting was called to order at $7: 30$ p.m. by Mayor
Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Th-
ompson and Mayor Maatman.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by
HODGES that the minutes of the April 17,1995 meeting be approved as writte
YEA. 5 .
ABSENT:
MOTION CARRIED.
ITWASMOEDBY GREEN and seconded by SHORES
that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the
YEA: Councilimembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thomp.
Son and Mayor Maatma
NAY: 0 .
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ABSTION CARRIED.

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Item \#1. REQUEST FOR REZONING - HENRY
VANDERVENNEN - 127 S. WEST ST. FROM R-2 (RESIDENTIAL)TOC-2 (GENERALBUSINESS)-RECCONSIDERATIONTO ADOPTORSETPUBISHEAR. ${ }_{\text {ING. }}^{\text {Henry }}$ VanderVennen and Darryl Kuiper of Vennen Chysler Plymouth Jeep Eagle Inc., were present to West Street adjioining their business at 930 West Main
enabbing service parking and new car storage. Kuiper forthe pasteightyears and the existing home was rented
for six. During the last tov years, the emome tas been
racant needing repairs. Kuipers stated that a security further explained that two maple trees are located in the further explained that two maple trees are located in the
tront of the property. Kuiper noted there have been
ofthe lot. Heexplained the main reason for the additional lot was the lack of customer parking. Kuiper stated that
their dealeship is ranked poorly in this area due to the lack of parking tor their customer base.

City Manager Pasquale said the Planning Commission
hed a public hearing at its April 24,19955 meeting to added that to one was prosesent at the hearing gor were
their etters or phone calls recied. Pasquale mentioned then Joyce Green, 141 S. West St., expressed mer sup.
tort for the rezoning. The Planning Commision recommended that this lot be rezoned subject toa site
plan review when the property is developed. Pasquale stated that drainage, paving and dandscopaing p ofquale lot
were concerns that were expressed. He explained that the Council has the option of adopting the ordinance to
rezone the property or intiate a public hearing.

 Vandervennen explained that each border of the prop-
erty is avacantlot.
he hopedtoplace apicnic area on the site for mpariovere lench breaks.
Councimember Green stated the Councilmerber Green stated that a neighboring prop-
erty ownerspent much moneer remodedilig in some and
expressed concern that the parking lot wisld value.
IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by
SHORES to approve the rezoning requested dy
 tial toc-2 (General Business) subjectioside plan review
by the Planning Commission prior to development.
YEA: 5 . NAY: O. ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED.
Item \#2. FIRE STATION LLWN RESTORATION. City Mem $\# 2$. FRRE STATION LAWN RESTORATION. City
Manager Pasquale stated that the Fire Station lawn is
deteriorating. Streets and Parks deteriorating. Streets and Parks Supervisor Da alleviatinin the condition of the currment lawn Diteratives tor
contacted Endless Lawn Serde contacted Endless Lawn Service (cutrently Desdarder con
tract to pertorm lawn care for various city ropoerties) and tractoperiorm lawn care tor various city properties) and
discoverd a gut problem. In an effor toc ocrect the
problem, Endless Lawn Service has proposed problem, Endless Lawn Sevicice ena sproposed toct theply
Ofinal , which will kill the grubs. After the gubs are unde Oinal, which will kill the grubs. After the grubs are under
control, anew lawn will be installed by replacing soil and
hen hydroseeding the pron then hydroseeding the proposeded area. The thetotial cost or
the work
Dess been quoted or $\$ 2,88$. Dessarden explained that Endless Lawn Care plans to
turn the curent soi overand then levelit out. At that time
the awn will be sprayed with insecticid the lawn will be sprayed with insecticide. LLater this yeer,

and the Public Works building. Also, Recreation $B$ ana the Public Wioks buidang. Also, Recrea
Field dand reekside Park have been sprayed
Dessarden explained Endiess Lawn Serice continue to spray the Eaity parks to keep con
grub problem. He said currently the grub problem. He said currently the parks hav
maintenance. However, the City will boost its atta
guus, noting the added responsibilites grubs, noting the added responsib
Councilmember Hodges felt $\$ 2800$ was a sign
amount of funds for a new lawn. Dessarden resp amount of funds for a new lawn. DesJarden resp
that a licensed sprayer must apply Ofinal. He note
the spraving itself the spraying itselif cost $\$ 350$ and extra dirt will have to
applied. Councilmember Hodges further questione applied. Councilmember Hodges further questioned
there will beadditional costs incurred. Des.arden station
the price may be lower but will not exceed $\$ 2,868.28$
IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THO
SON to approve the contract with Endless Lawn to initiate alawn restoration program eradicating grubs
the Firiestation and Public Works Bividing ground int
amount of $\$ 2.868 .28$ with tunds allocated trom the Fil Demount of $\$ 2,888.28$ with funds allocated from the Fi
Departent budget.
YEA:4. Green Shors Thom YEA:4. (Green, Shore
NAY: 1 Hodges)
ABSENT: 0 .

## Item \#3. PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN SETPUBLIC HEARING $(5 / 15)$ ). City Maner

 said over the last several months, the Parks and Recere
ation Commission has worked with Paul LeBlan of
Dosign Plus to formulate a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. At this point, the Commission has recomm Mended
adoption of adoption of the plan at its April 22,1995 meeting. The
docoment outinins the current parks inventory and poo
poses proiects to the poses projects so upgrade the system. Pasquale notet
that a publich earing needsto obe schedulded on Nay 15 .
Councilmember Green stated that the members of the Councilimember Green stated that the members o ot
Parks and Recreation Commission plan on attending public hearing in order to answer any questions.
ITWASMOVEDBY GREEN and seconded by SHORES
to set the pubbic hearing date for May 5 to reevive
comments on the proposed Parks and Recreation Mas
ter len.
YEA:
NAY: $: ~$
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARB
Item \#4. ELECTRICAL HOOKUP OF A PITCHIN
MACHINEATCRICKL MACHINE ATCREEKSIDEPARK. Gorddon Andersond
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tion of third acectical hook uat rreekide Par
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Kristin Gallagher presents Lowell High Schoo

Students help promote good choices


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cost of the building improve. Caydalee Farm officials ated within two years of the
projects completion and the
70 current jobs will be re-
tained

## CTTY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

outgrown these exphines Low Lne Legue has MOTON CARRIED.
Councilimemeer Graeen stated that Phil Vanderbitt, alocal
electrician, is willing to donate the labor and has re. electriciant, is willing to donate the labor and has re-
quustedth CitilyPW rtench a path to accommodate the underground wiring. Vanderbitit ex
$\$ 150$ in materials for the hookup.

ITWASMOVEDBY REEN Nand Seconded by HODGES
for the C City to allocate up to $\$ 200$ tor materials to extend from the east field to the south field a third pitching
machine a Creesside Park along with authorizing the machine at Creekside Park along with authorizing the
Department of Public Works persononel to trench the path
tor for the underground wiring anc
take the wiring of the project.
YEA: 5
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ABSENT
ABSENT: O.
MOTION CARRIED.
Item \#5. 1995-96 - ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING
DATES (MAY Y 15 AND JUNE 5 Stated that the $19995-99$ budget will
of the presentided as par part
of of the May 16 City Council geeting. He mentioned thatit
is necessary to conduct two public hearings on May 15 and June 5 prior to adoption.
IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by
GREEN to establish pubbic hearing dates for the May 15 and June 5 City $C$ ounc
the $1995-96$ Budget.

## YAA: 5 NAY: ABSEN

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.
Item \#6. KING AND HIGH STREETS WATER MAIN
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT- CHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PRRJECT- CHANGE ORDER NO.
ONE. As part of the King and High Street Water Main Improvements Project, City Manager Pasquale explained
a new hydrant is needed at the corner of Jefferson and King. This was not included in the construction docu-
ments. Also, the existing Washington-King hyr Ments. Also, the existing Washington-King hydrant had
to be relocated. Pascuale noted that rerouting of the
watermain on King was necessary to avoid sanitary and Watermain on King was necessaryy toa avoid sanitiary and
storm sewers. Altogether, a change order of $\$ 2.535$ order eneeds to be considered for Ken Shaler and Son
Exacavating. Pasauale statedt that Directorof of ublic Works
 Robinson haverever
the change order.
IT WASMOVEDBYHODGES and seconded by GREEN
to approve Change Order No. One to Ken Shaler in the
amount of $\$ 2,535$ toinstall anew hydrant at the corner of
Jefferson and King, relocate the existing WashingtonJefferson and King, relocate the existing Washington-
King hydrant and reroute the main on King to avoio the sanitary and storm sewers.
YEA: 5.
NAA: 0
ABSENT: 0.



 Pasquale mentioned
on the 23 rd of May.
E. A joint meeting with the Planning Commission is
scheduled May 8 at $7: 00$ p.m. to review the Action Plan scheduled May y at $7: 00$ p.m. to teview the Action Plan
component otthe Master Plan. Also, oopies ofthe master
ind componentorthe Mastere Plan. Ad
plan document were distributed.
F. The Planning Commission, at its April 24 meeting,
reviewed a 5880 square foot addition for $D \& D$ Trucking at the Michigan Wire site located at 2485 W . Main. The
Commission decided to table the site plan until the next




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Item \#10.APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman confirmed the appointments of the e istotric district study committe Item \#11. IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to adjourn to closed session at $8: 00$ p.m
considering a personnel matter rursuant the Open Meetings Act.
IT WAS MOVEDBY GREEN and seconded by SHORES
to reopen into its regular session at $8: 14$ p.m. to reop
YEA:
NAY: NAY: O
ABENT: O.
MOTION CARRIED.

It was the consensus of the Council not to pursue
opening an early retirementwindowforan $F-50$ ( 50 years opening an early yetirement windowfor an $F-50$ ( 50 years
of age, 25 years of service) MERS program at this time. IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 15, 1995


Forensics team continues tradition with 18th straight state appearance By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Edior
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 Continuing the streak this where a team of thritece to eight



## All Aboard For

Kindergarten Round-up
NOTICE TO PARENTS:
The Lowell Area Schools will be holding its annual Kindergarten Round-up on June 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 at Bushnell Elementary. We have scheduled two evening meetings for parents only, at which time teachers will talk about Kindergarten Round-up and what your child can expect next fall.

The meeting for families in the Alto attendance area will be on Wednesday, May 17, in the Alto gym from 7 8 p.m. The meeting for families in the Bushnell attendance area will be on Thursday, May 18, in the Bushnell gym from 7-8 p.m.

The testing program will be the same this year as it was last year and will take place on June 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 at Bushnell Elementary. Details and scheduling wil be discussed during the May 17 and May 18 meetings
Please pass this information on to anyone who has a child old enough to start kindergarten next fall (five on or before December 1, 1995). If you have
questions, please call the appropriate school (Alto 868-6111 or Bushnell - 897-84710)
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Resolution clears way for chamber's nonprofit status


A resolution was adopted Monday night by Lowell's City Council stating that the chamber
of commerce be recognized as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining a gaming of conmerce be recognized as anonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining a ganim
license.
In doing so, the council paved the way for the che
 Sas part of its Riverwalk Festival over Labor Day Werkend.
Thi rubbor duck race is scheduled to take place on the Grand River.
Tickets will Tickets will go on sale for the race slarting the last weck in May. Tickets for ducks ars S
apiece or thre for 55 .

ra the operation of the chamber office.


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mation or directions call Marge at 897-8434.

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SPRING BAND CONCERT
 concert will be held Thursol sixth-a and seventh-grade band school gym. Admission is free, but tickels ar at the middle

on view at the center The annual Lowell student exhibibit is prese the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery. Thesenty on view in
The work of middle and high school students will be The work of middrle and high school students will be on
view through May 28. Gallery hours are Tuestay through
Friday, 1105 spm. Saturday and Sunday 130 Fridyy, 1 osp...., Sautrdyay al
center is closed Mondays.

PARENT MEETINGS FOR SENIOR
ALLLNGHT PARTY Parent mecting fLer the seniop alll-night party will be May
18 at 7 p.m. at the high school. The senior all-night party will be held Friday, May 26 .
ChERRY CREEE PROGRAM SHOWING ON LCTV The Cherry Creek Elementary third-grade musical pro-
gram will be shown on LCTV channel 2 on the following


amusement park tickets Asa service tothe community, Lowell Conmunity Educa-
ton is selling tickets to majo amusement parks at discount rrices. Please call Marge at $897-8434$ for prices.
ANNUAL FFA HOG ROAST AND AUCTION
The Lowell Area FFA chapter will be hold ding is
 auction begins at 7 p .m.
Tickets cost $\$ 5$ and children five and under are free. For nore information call Mr. Siler at Lowell High School a 1897 .

POPPY DAYS
Clark-Elis American Legion Auxiliary and Flat River Po
Veterans of Forcign Wars will be selling poppies May 18,10
COMMUNITY ED SUMMER SCHOOL Community Ed summer school
able in your childs s school office.
help needed for regional track meet All track enthusiasts willing to help out with the track
regionas) Friday, May 19, please call the athletic office at
$897-4442$ $897-4442 . \longrightarrow$

LIBRARY BRANCHES CLOSE FO
ALL-STAFF INSERVICE ALLLSTAFF INSERVIICE
O. Friday, May 19 , all 17 Kent District Library Branches
will be closed to allow staft toattend an all-day inservice. This
 annual inservice allows for additional staff training opportue
nities and beter communication. Library branches will renite
sume their regular schedules on Friday, May 20.
For more information, oontact your local branch library, For more information, contact your local branch libary.
AMATEUR RADIO YOUTH CLUB FUND-RAISER The Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club will hold a return
able bottlecan fund-aiser on Saturday, May 20 at Family


CHICKEN BARBECUE TIME
Plan on taking the family, friends or relativestothe annual
Boy Scout chicken barbecue on Sunday, May 21 , at the First Boy Scout chicken barbecue en Sunday, Mry 21 , at the Find
United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main strect, Lowell. Take--
 served from $11: 30$ a.m. to 5 p.m. (or whenevere chicken suppl
runs out).
 beans, salad and beverage. Buy as many halves as needed
feed your roup. Proceeds go to assist in annual progran expenses. free glaucoma screenin

The Veterans of Foreig COLLECTION and its Ladies Auxiriary will bars, Flat Riviver Post No. 8303
tattered United States flast old,


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ensign on Memorial Day, Mondyy
14, Independencenc Day,
$\qquad$ The Moose fishing derby will be held at Stoney Lakeside Prko S aturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 2:30 p.m. for children CREEKSIDE KINGDOM PLAYGROUND REUNION Remember the fun and friends of "Build" week? Sanding and sealing of the play ground will be belld June 17 and 18 . For
more information call Tina Phillips at $897-0709$. LOWELLATHLETIC BOOSTERS
FIRST ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
$\qquad$ Veterans of Foreign Warss Frat Rivare Post \#8303 and
Clark-Elis Post \#152 of the American Legion are sponsonisg thos Memerial the Amperican Legion are again
and civic towell. All veterans and Civic groups are invited to take part. The parade forms at
Richards
arkir on North Hudson Street. (Veterans may muster at the V.F.W. at 307 East Main Street or on thene cornen muxter to
Roth-Gerst) Paritipipating roups should muster around
Richards Park on Eli Sprinoud Thiards Parar on EIm, Spring and Lincoln Lake streets.
The parade will depart prompty at 9 a.m. and proce

The First Annual Goif fcranble wCRAMBLE be held Wednessay,

 dinner, golf, memento and prizesawarded for events. For more
ifformaioncontact Mickey Burrows, president, Athetetic Boost information contact
ers at $897-4375$. south on Hudson, turn nast onp Main thtret, stopping at the
Veteran's Memorial on the east side of the Flat River for a

Main St., cont'd. pg. 10

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT- Zac Cole reported that Student Council elections were scheduled to take
place later in the week. Rather than a student assembly, the school would use the technology available and place later in the week. Rather than a student assembly, the school would use the technology available and
broadcast candidates' speeches into each classrom in five-minute segments and at designated times. This
 principal, Jim DeWeerd, for his help during the school y
as Student Representative on the Board of Education.
AUDIENCE AGENDA COMMENTS -Joe Barnella, board candidate, questioned a few expenditures listed on reviewed the bills and then explained that most of the expenditures in question were insurancence-related and the
the district will be reimbursed by the appropriate insurance companies
Art Warning expressed his concern over the seven-block instructional day for the high school, which is being
proposed and asked why the Board tht not resen proposed, and asked why the Board had not responded to previous questions he had raised. Board member,
Pete Gustafson, indicated to Mr. Warning that he interpreted his comments as more of statements of concern and his position on the seven-block schedule, as opposed to a definitive question. Board president, Marsha


SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT - The Board approved the contract to employ Bert R. Bleke as
superintendent of Lowell Area Schools for a term of three years beginning yuly 1 , 19955 , at a alary of $\$ 82,000$ PAYMENT OF BILLS. The Board approved the payment of general fund bills in the amount of $\$ 935,766.2$ and athetic, food service, trust and gency, and energy and dmantenance tunds in hee amount
Also approved was the payment of 1990 Buiding and Site funds in the amount of $\$ 22,194.41$
INSTRUCTIONAL TIME TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS - The Board adopted the following recom-
mendations made by the Instructional Time Task Force beginning with the $1999-96$ school year: 1 ) Reduce elementary lunch period by t ton minutes and transier this time to instruction, 2 ) hire one art teacher at the
elementary level , 3) hire one additional middle school thacherto reduce elema in
breabruary for students and staff. At their $J$ June meeting, the Board may consider the high school seven. break in February yor students and staff. At their June me meting, the Board
block instructional day which is the Task Force's final recommendation.
UNDERFUNDING OF MANDATED PROGRAMS RESOLUTION. The Board adopted a resolution which authorizes the district's legal counsel to make a claim for any underfunding by the state of Michigan in the
mandated areas of special education, bilingual education, driver education, and/or school lunch programs mandated areas of
through 1995-96.
PERSONNEL - The Board accepted the resignation from Phil Beachler as boys basketball coach effective submitted aletter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, and the Board regreftully accepted his resignation effective June $30,1995$.
RESOLUTIONTOAPPOINT LLECTION WORKERS - The Board approved a resolution appointing election
 son, Eleanor Dintaman, Joanne Durkee; Precinct III - Sue Bomer- chairperson, Tom Harper, Betty Grifin., BUDGET HEARING NOTICE- The Board set a budget hearing for the $1995-96$ budget on June 12,1995

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Budget Hearing- June 12, 1995-7:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting, June 12, $1995-7: 30$ p.m.

Lowell Area Schools "Action Line" (897-1219) is a phone service availabl to anyo
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Wins in the long jump and 800 relay highlight Lowell girls' 4 th-place finish in conference meet


Lowell tennis team catches ıp to Hudsonville in 0 -K White tournament
By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor
Lowell's tennis team was one out of tww
D-K White Conference tennis meet goals. o- White Conterence tennis meet goals
The Red Arrows were playig to sc.
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Lowell scored seven points but it was still enough to Llowell scored seven points pare them ahead of Hudsonville who finisished with six
The Eagles defeated Lowell in their dual match during
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way, but I still think we should have won three more matches. Ats.
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The Red Arrows were competitive The Red Arows were con
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Kylc Triplet In first doubles play, Zac Cole and Ry
Jay Slayboom and Brian Hoos $6-2,6-3$.
In other doubles play, it was Lang and Flanery defeating
Mart Langridge and Brad Richardson $6-0,6-0$ Mike and Tomm Roudaubh, third doubles, were beaten in straigh
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Lowell boys break slump with sweep of cellar dwelling Zeeland


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Red Arrow softball team falls on hard times; loses two to Zeeland


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Lowell golfers finish third behind FHC and EGR;Anderson 9th overall


Golf course designer gets rezoning approval from township



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## Makeup of Lowell Airport Board changed <br> \author{ By Thad Kraus 

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has done a lot with the airport. That credit goes to both city and non-city residents."
Brown asked that the current ratio of five (city residents) to two (ex-officio) be changed in the ordinance to four city residents and three ex-officio (plus the power to vote). Councilman Don Green motioned and the council con curred that the new ordinance read that all airport board members may or may not be city residents, and that up to three members may be non-city residents.

Thompson also requested that any recommendations brought to the council show how the vote went so the council can see where the votes fell with city resident board members. Brown did not have a problem with that. "The airport board doesn't run into split votes. Most matters that are handled lean toward a consensus."

I am only a public entertainer who has understood his time.

The problem was there were not enough interested city rsidents who wished to serve on the Lowell Airport Board. The solution was to increase the number of ex-officio board members and allow them to vote.
That is what Lowell Airport Board chairman Roger Brown and the airport board asked of the Lowell City Council "Currently we have problems keeping a full board," Brown said. "We also have meetings where there is not a quorum.
Brown noted that there is at least one and maybe more noncity residents interested in actively serving on the airport board.

The council's concern was giving non-residents a formal vote.

Brown stated the Lowell Airport Board serves only as an advisory board. "All of our recommendations are brought before the council for approval.
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## Curtis Cleaner founder passes away at the age of 71

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor
A charismatic Lowell entrepreneur passed away Friday, May 12.

Richard A. Curtis, 71, along with his brother Art helped their father Art, Sr. start Curtis Laundry and Dry Cleaners in 1946 on the southeast corner of Main'and Hudson Street.
The area business is now located at 1004 W. Main and is owned and operated by his son John "Bucky" Curtis and Kevin Smith
"Richard was probably the greatest entrepreneur to hit Lowell," said long-time associate and friend Charles Doyle.
Adds friend Robert Reagan, "He had the ability o solve mechanical prob-
 ore solve mechanical prob-

Richard A. Curtis ems with some extremely ingenious devices and equipment. He was part inventor, mechanic, engineer, chemist, salesman, plumber, welder and jack of all trades." Both Reagan and Doyle eulogized Curtis at the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church.
"Dick enjoyed a good time and at one time we probably all enjoyed one with him. He was fun to be with. I am glad and feel fortunate to have known him," Reagan said He is survived by his wife Barbara of 46 years; children, Jane (Kevin) Smith of Wyoming, Patricia (Patrick) Herblet of Lakeview, John "Bucky" (Kathy) Curtis of Lowell, Debra Curtis of Aspen, CO, Richard R. (Carrie) Curtis of Lowell; sister MaryEllen (Wayne) Kingdom of Tulsa, OK.
He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, Jenifer Johnathan, Jodi, Nick, Jason, Michelle, Mike, Andy, Chris, Erin, Cassie, and Brooke.
Dick raised and provided for five great kids," Doyle said. "Something many people may not know about Dick is that he was a hell of a dancer. I watched him dance and
entertain people at Greenwich Village."


BOYS \& GIRLS AGES 12 THROUGH 15
Lowell Community Ed. is offering a Red Cross "BE A BETTER BABY SITTER" CLASS

Whether you are planning to be a babysitter, work in a church nursery, watch your younger brothers and sisters or spend after-school time by yourself, this class will be helpful! Topics to be covered are:

- What to do in an emergency
- Knowing what to expect of children
- Supervising children
- Caring for infants and children
- Preventing accidents
- Giving first-aid
- Selecting toys and games
- Feeding children
- Diapering children

This 1 -session class will be held Tuesday, May 30 in the Lowell Middle School, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Fee is \$15 and you must register and pay in advance. (Limit: 20 students)

You will receive a Red Cross pin, card and booklet. Call Marge in the Community Ed. office: 897-8434 or send a check, with student's name, by May 23 to:

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[^0]:    Lowell Community Education 300 High Street, Box 269 Lowell, MI 49331 Attn: Marge

