

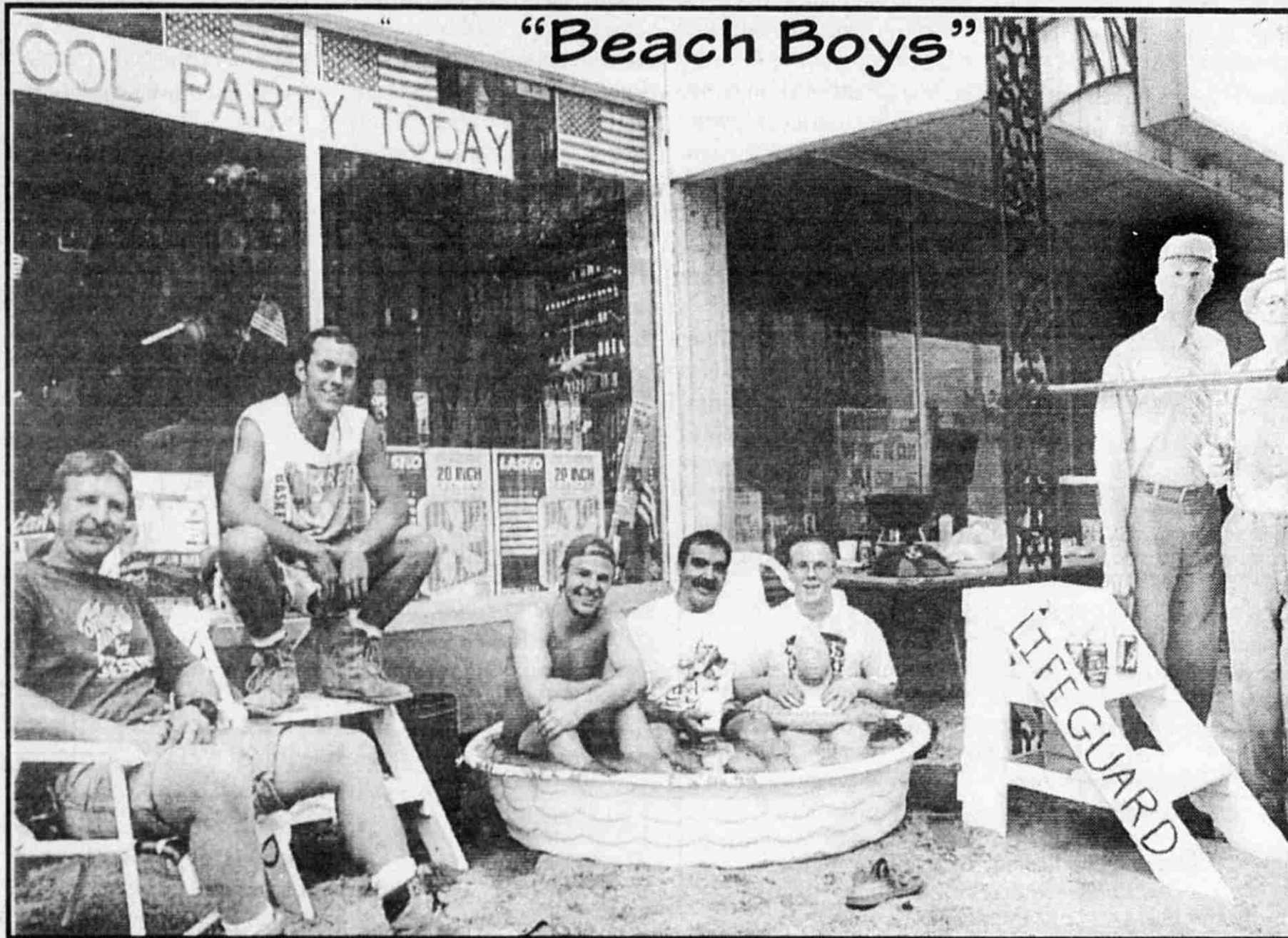
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Looking out the front door of Hahn Hardware prompted a customer to ask hardware owner Bob Ford, "Where's your beach towel?" That got Ford thinking, with a sandy front sidewalk, and with downtown in the midst of a long construction haul, a beach party may not be a bad idea. Ford walked down to Springrove Variety, bought a small pool, used a small stepladder to make a lifeguard stand, and brought in some lawn chairs and a grill. Gary's Country Meats donated the buns, hot dogs, hamburgers, cole slaw and potato salad. Sneaker's provided plates and utensils. Last Wednesday, Ford held a beach/pool party for construction workers and customers. Pictured, from left to right, are: Howard Allen, Burgess Concrete; Heath Alfien, Burgess Concrete; Jason Prescott, Ford; and Paul Pelon.

Vennen's proposed rezoning plans viewed as intrusive

◆◆◆ Lowell Planning Commission tables requests as Lowell car dealer says it will try to work out agreement with neighboring residents.
By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After listening to the discussion, given a choice between the planning commission voting on a rezoning request or meeting with residential neighbors and trying to come to an agreement, Vennen Chrysler Dodge's Clark Galloway chose the later.

To a man, the planning commissioners agreed that rezoning lot 44 of Sweet and Smith's addition on south West Street from R-2 (residential) to C-3 (general business) would be intrusive on the residential neighborhood.

"We cannot go lot by lot into a residential neighborhood," commissioner Greg Canfield said.

The site plan presented by Vennen Chrysler Dodge would provide for the expansion of 66 parking spaces on lots 44 and 45 of Sweet and Smith's addition. It would be used for employee parking as well as dealership vehicles to relieve the congestion around the facility.

"In relieving the congestion around the parking lot it makes the car lots more presentable," Galloway said.

Galloway proposed a six foot high wooden fence along the south border with direct lighting and a five foot grass barrier. The proposed development would also include pavement, storm drainage and sidewalk.

Vic Weeks, whose mother lives at 137 S. West, said it is not necessary for the proposed lot to run up to the residents. "It is stressful to my 87-year-old mother to have a car lot less than 20 feet off the side of her house," Weeks said.

Joyce Green, 141 S. West St., stated in a letter to the planning commission that she did not believe Burger King should have been allowed to cut into the residential district and that the Vennen proposal goes a little farther into the district. She asked the planning commission to turn down the request before residents lose any more privacy in their neighborhood.

Commissioner Dan Pipe said he felt there needed to be more space between the proposed development and the residential neighborhood. He suggested that Vennen officials meet with residential neighbors in the area and try to develop an agreement.

Chairman Mike Blough said the plan was intrusive, but agreed with Pipe's assessment for the two sides to hold discussions.

Commissioner Jim Hall held a little stiffer line and was critical of Vennen's planning. "The proposal severely infringes on the residential character of the neighborhood. It would be just one more irritant to the neighborhood," Hall said. "I believe Vennen has tried to put too many uses on the same lot. I think a lack of a master plan has led it into a corner. I don't believe it is up to the commission to resolve that problem."

The commission voted to table the request and give Vennen and the resident a chance to meet and try to come up with an agreement it could bring back to the planning commission.

Clerk's seat sole contested term in Lowell Township primary election

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township voters will decide the fate of the township's clerk position in the Aug. 6 primary election. While the township has six openings, only one is a contested race.

Current township clerk Carol Wells is looking to extend her 30-year tenure with the board for another four years.

Wells, 61, has served as clerk for 30 years and was the first clerk in the state to become certified through a state implemented three-year procedure.

Wells attended Davenport College and took several courses at Michigan State University.

During her tenure Wells has served as director of ACCESS 6, director of Kent County's chapter of the Michigan Township's Association and has helped develop a cost and time cutting test for election machines.

Wells likes the community and wants it to remain a nice place to live and raise children.

"We have to handle growth and get it fairly... without giving up our freedom in the process," said Wells.

Running against Wells is Carol Wieland, no stranger to township government.

Wieland, 41, is a housewife on her family's 400-acre farm and has an accounting background.

Wieland attended Davenport College and has served as treasurer of the Alto United Methodist Church.

She has also served on the township board for four years, the township planning commission for two years, and the Kent County District Library Board for two years.

The mother of four believes the township needs some changes.

"There needs to be some changes made at the township level and after 30 years, it needs some new ideas," Wieland said.

Wieland also believes the township needs to get more information out to the community in a timely basis.

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No mystery in fate of Vergennes Township primary election

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes voters will have little to choose from when they go to the polls for the Aug. 6 primary election.

In an uncontested ballot, voters can re-elect four township officials and add one new trustee.

Jenean Hoffman, Jim Cook, Mari Stone and Mark Weber are seeking re-election, while Alan Baird has decided to call it quits.

After more than 12 years of service to the Vergennes Township Board, Baird decided it was time to spend more time with his family.

Taking Baird's place on the ballot is Susan Geiger-Hessler, owner of Alden Pine Bed and Breakfast.

Each candidate said a love of their community prompted their decision to run, expressing growth as a major concern.

"I understand Vergennes is going to grow, but I just want to make sure it is done with a good perspective," said Geiger-Hessler.

Hoffman will achieve a personal accomplishment by being elected for two different positions during her 12-year tenure.

Hoffman served as township clerk until 1994 when she assumed the treasurer's duties and Stone was appointed to the board.

Cook and Hoffman have the most experience with 12 years apiece, while Weber is seeking his second four-year term and Stone is seeking her first four-year term.

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OBITUARIES

LEHMAN - Lena May (Reusser) Lehman, of Lowell, passed away July 18, 1996. She was born the daughter of Hattie (Mead) and Godfrey Reusser. She married Daniel Lehman who preceded her in death in 1959. She worked for many years at Hudson, now known as Root Lowell.

and also many other places. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Lowell. She leaves a sister Irene Stahl of Clarksville; two sisters-in-law; Theresa Reusser of Ionia and Martha (Lehman) Feuerstein of Belding and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Brothers Alex

Reusser and Fred and his wife Margaret Reusser also preceded her in death. Funeral Services were held Saturday, July 20, 1996 at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. Interment Mt. Olivet, Ionia. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

PLATJOUW - Joseph Platjouw, aged 74, of Greenville, died Friday, July 19, 1996 at his home. He was born March 31, 1922 to Victor Platjouw and Emma Moody in Wallaceburg, Canada. He served in the Canadian Navy during World War II. He retired from Attwood Corporation in 1987 after 23 years of service. He was a member of the Canadian Legion and the Moose Lodge of Lowell Chapter 1388. He is survived by his sister Julianna Verstraete of Greenville; brother James Platjouw of Wallaceburg, Canada; very dear friend Betty L. Palmer of Greenville. He was preceded in death by his father Victor Platjouw and

mother Emma Moody. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Lux and Schnepp Funeral Home in Carson City with Rev. Roger Burk officiating. Interment will be in West Side Cemetery in Hubbardston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

RINGELBERG (Rockford) - Mr. Martin Ringelberg, aged 84, went home to be with the Lord on Monday morning, July 15, 1996. Mr. Ringelberg was a member of Spencer Mills Orthodox Presbyterian Church and with his wife Dorothy owned and operated Ringelberg Gas and Grocery at Pine Island and Fonger for many years. Besides his wife, whom he married on November 10, 1932, he is survived by his son James Ringelberg of CA; his daughters Sue and her husband Edward Schmitt of Jenison, Judy Rockwell of Lowell; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mrs. Cora

Ringelberg of Grand Rapids; nieces and nephews. The service of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the life of Mr. Ringelberg was held Wednesday at Spencer Mills Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Frank Marsh and Pastor Don Stanton officiating. Inurnment in Algoma Township Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Spencer Mills Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

TOTCH - Vallarie Ann Totch, aged 41, died July 21, 1996. Surviving are her husband Terry, daughter Terri Lyn, parents Phillip and Margaret Dibble; sister Angie and Jerry Waite, brothers Randy and Linda Dibble, Patrick Dibble, Mark and Deveny Dibble, Christopher and Vicky Dibble, also aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and in-laws. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Joseph Reitz, officiating. Interment

Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

ZIGMONT - Edward F. Zigmont, aged 80, of Lowell, died July 19, 1996. Surviving are his nieces and nephews, Shirley Zigmont of Grand Rapids, Sherry and John Free, William and Mary Zigmont Jr., Albert and Helen Zigmont Jr.; sister-in-law Helen S. Zigmont all of Lowell; a host of great nieces and nephews; two great-great nephews; and a special friend Larry Patrick of Clarksville. Ed was employed by Fisher Body Plant #1 prior to his retirement in 1980. He was preceded in death by his brother Albert Zigmont Sr. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell, Rev. Robert G. Balsler, CSSR, President. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

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Vergennes Cooperative Club welcomes new members
Vergennes Cooperative Club held its annual picnic and auction at Emma Herron's cottage on Murray Lake with Donna Jean Ford assisting.
Members of the club enjoy excellent programs, speakers and many good times together.
Their project is supplying ACCESS-6 (All County Church Emergency Support System) with food items each month, packing cookies for shut-ins, playing Cardo with prizes, to be of service whenever needed, and the last meeting of the year is a catered, traditional turkey dinner in December.
New members are always welcome. If you're interested in becoming a member, contact Dorothy Randall.

Local 4-H members recognized at state award assembly

The 1996 4-H Reginal Award Nominees were saluted for their Outstanding achievements at the Michigan 4-H State Awards Celebration held at MSU. 4-H'ers chosen to participate represent the more than 202,000 4-H members throughout Michigan.

Each nominee was selected on the basis of their accomplishments and represents one of the award areas from six regions in the state. The primary goal of the Michigan 4-H Youth pro-

grams is to help young people become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. Each nominee has embodied this goal through community service, leadership and extensive project work.

The state 4-H Award nominees were chosen through a county and regional selection process that included a review of their written award portfolios. The youth participated during the two-day 4-H Awards assembly, which included special

activities and speakers, the award portfolio review and project interviews by the Michigan 4-H Selection Committees.

Receiving Honorable Mention Team Award was the Friends & Neighbors 4-H

Youth Club, Lowell. Their Environmental Stewardship project included a one-mile section of Adopt-A-Road. Three times a year, the club cares for their roadside, and the environment. They have adopted an endangered West

Indian Manatee, and participated in "Christmas with the Animals" at John Ball Zoo.

As part of their interview, they chose to do a visual five-minute demonstration on "Land Use."

Members include:

Courtney and Jake Baker, Chase Woodrick, Chris, Kate and Kyle Pearson, Matt Francisco, Nathan and J.T. Rings, Andy, Rachel and Bethany Penning, Steven and Christian Koning.

Christian Life Center to assist burned churches

In the past few months, people have watched with sadness and distress as American churches across our nation have been burned by arsonists. "This is one more tragic symbol of the broken-

Piano duet recital Aug. 9

Please join us for this special piano duet recital by Beverly Covell and Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E. on Friday, Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

The duet will be playing Hungarian dances, No. 1-10, by Johannes Brahms, including the famous Hungarian Dance No. 5.

The Hungarian folk tunes are beautifully interwoven with complicated rhythms and intriguing harmonies - extreme contrasts and subtle changes.

There is no charge for the event. A reception will follow the recital.

The Franciscan Life Process Center is located at 11650 Downes St., a half-hour from Grand Rapids, fifteen minutes from Ada or ten from Lowell.

ness and sin which has gripped our country," stated Thomas E. Trask, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Christian Life Center Pastor Daniel Wansten announced, "The church will be stepping in and assisting in the rebuilding of some of these churches. Right now we just finalized plans to help rebuild the Glorious Church of God in Christ in Richmond, VA."

To rebuild, \$260,000 is needed to cover its uninsured cost. The church is currently meeting in a community center until the church is rebuilt.

Volunteers will be helping to rebuild this church soon.

The Christian Life Center is asking the community to assist in the following ways:

1. It asks that you pray for the people who have lost their buildings.

2. It has set up a fund through Christian Life Center to assist in the rebuilding of the church in Richmond, VA.

If you would like to help by making a contribution, you can do so by sending your check to the Burned Churches Assistance Fund, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331, making it payable to Christian Life Center.

If you have any questions please call 616-897-1100.

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Friends & Neighbors 4-H Youth Club. Members representing the club at the Michigan 4-H State Award Assembly Interview and Celebration: Steven Koning, Jake Baker, Courtney Baker. Also present but not pictured is Christian Koning.

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Running unopposed in the election are supervisor John Timpson, treasurer Jean Huver, and trustees Alyn Fletcher, Richard Huver and

Carlton Blough. Blough is the only newcomer to the township race as he looks to replace Herbert VanderBilt, who decided not

to seek re-election. The general election will be conducted on November 5.

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This bold stand has led to equitable funding for arts and cultural institutions in West Michigan and the end of political favoritism. The awarding of these funds is now based on merit rather than geography or political clout.
Representative Horton has set himself apart as a legislator who is willing to act on principle and take tough stands, even at the risk of being targeted for defeat by entrenched advocates of the status quo. In fact, the Grand Rapids Press wrote on Oct. 28, 1992: "He's shown considerable spunk in refusing to go along with standard pork-barrel spending - making some powerful enemies as a result."
Representative Horton believes a public servant must be willing to step up to the plate, even at the risk of an election defeat.
When Getting It Right is more important than Getting Re-Elected, you can count on Jack Horton!



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble... (11 Corinthians 1:4)

Little Russell was playing outside. He was having the time of his life until a playmate dropped something on his bare foot and bruised his toe. Russell burst into tears and refused to stop crying until his father picked him up and comforted him.

Children want to be comforted when they are hurt or feel badly. And human beings never seem to outgrow the need for sympathy, adults,

too, like to be noticed and comforted when they are weary, sick and lonely. When we work hard all day, we like to have our partners notice us.

Sometimes we wonder why we are allowed particular trials. It is only after we have suffered ourselves that we are able to understand the like afflictions of others and to "comfort them which are in any trouble..."

The Lord is waiting to comfort His children just as Russell's father was quick to cuddle him close. But the Lord does not comfort us, Christians, simply to make us feel better or to be comfortable. He comforts us so we can be greater comforters to others.

Prayer: O Thou Great Comforter, the One to whom I can go for consolation in time of trouble, enable me to console those in need of my comfort. Because Thou hast given me much, I, too, must give, Amen.

Because we have been given much

We, too, must give: Because of Thy great bounty, Lord,

Each day we live,

Author Unknown

*** Every man is a borrower and a mimic; life is theatrical and literature a quotation.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER

FILE NO. 96-07183-DM

KAREN LYN COCHRAN Plaintiff

vs RICKY JOHN COCHRAN Defendant

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 1, 1996

PRESENT: The Honorable Paul J. Sullivan, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 20th day of June, 1996, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you, the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was: 918 McReynolds NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 9th day of August, 1996.

FAILURE to comply with the Order shall result in a Judgement by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

PAUL J. SULLIVAN Circuit Court Judge

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Jim and Rachel Bowen

Bowen and Cilley exchange May vows

Rachel Cilley and James Bowen were married at the Mayflower Congregational Church on May 4, 1996.

Maid of honor was Nicole Gerard and bridesmaids were Melissa Bowen, Debra Bowen, Julie Roy and Selena DeYoung. Flower girl was Katherine Schlosser.

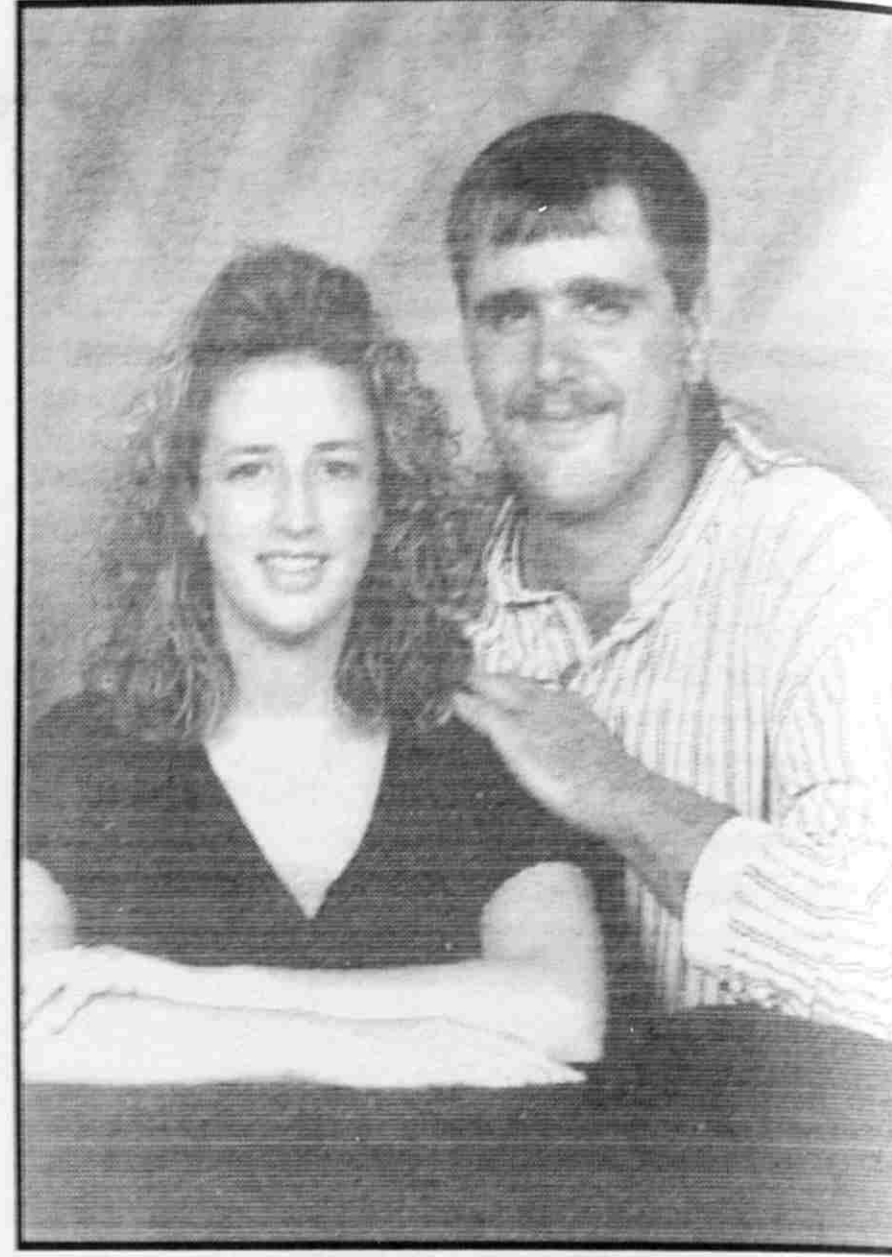
Best man was Todd Roy and groomsmen were Troy Clinger, Ernie Bowen, Rob Cilley and Scott Nagy. Ringbearers were Timothy Watters and Bradley Theel.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Brent and Becky Edwards and Jessica Jones.

Parents of the couple are Bob and Brenda Cilley of Lowell and Roger and Jill Bowen also of Lowell.

Everything considered, work is less boring than amusing oneself.

—Charles Baudelaire



Dana Tindall and Mike Wolbers

Tindall and Wolbers announce August wedding plans

Rich and Barb Tindall of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dana to Mike Wolbers, son of Lynn Wolbers, of Grand Rapids.

The future bride is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School. The future groom is a 1992 graduate of Lowell High School.

An August 31, 1996 wedding is being planned by the couple.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JULY 25 - Ella Tuinstra. JULY 26 - Elaine Gregersen, Eric Baird. JULY 27 - Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander. JULY 28 - Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt. JULY 29 - Rachelle Vegter, Matt Lee, Mary Acosta. JULY 30 - Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Jodi Andrews, Kimberly DeBold, Bill Potter. JULY 31 - Nancy Raymor, Sandy Roth, Rochelle Brien

Viewpoint . . .



Cozy corner by Roger Brown

I hope most of you read last week's column. For those of you who didn't, it was a bunch of gibberish about a trip I'd taken with a friend in my Stearman. I hate serializing these things. As a courtesy to those who missed the first column, I always feel compelled to capsule it so as to bring them up to speed. My exploits are barely worth writing about once. Rehashing these adventures is really a stretch.

Out of courtesy, here goes a quick re-cap. The column covered the first 24 hours of a whirlwind three day tour in my 1941 open cockpit biplane. Leaving late afternoon on a Thursday, we'd flown to a small town in western New York, spent the night and travelled on to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome on the Hudson River north of New York City. At Rhinebeck we met up with the crews of four other Michigan Stearmans. We toured the makeshift museum of WWI aircraft and beat it out of there because of bad weather being pushed in by Hurricane Bertha. Our group flew back over the Hudson River, the Catskill Mountains, the Finger Lakes region and landed just before dark in Genesee, New York. Yes, all that in about 28 hours!

Genesee turned out to be the home of a sizeable collection of WWII airplanes, many of which were tied down outside. We parked our five WWII trainers among them. The rest of our group used a phone at a farmhouse nearby, arranged lodging in a nearby town and hooked a ride with the farmer in a cargo van he owned. My partner and I passed on such luxury and got our sleeping bags out of the baggage compartment.

That's about where I left you last week...stranded at a deserted, remote airport on a beautiful summer evening, surrounded by antique bombers and cargo planes.

My partner, friend and copilot has a flare for boldness and adventure. He has a nickname that aptly describes this aspect of his character, but it's not printable. I'll use his real name. Before our companions were out the driveway, Randy was poking around the old airplanes looking for an unlocked door. His idea, and it was a good one, was to sleep in one of them. You know...just so we could say we did it.

About the time we were getting into this illegal entry thing in earnest, a set of headlights came up the drive. The driver turned out to be a member of the foundation which owns the warbird collection. He was passing through town and stopped to see if anything was going on at the airport. He offered to take us in to town for dinner. During our time with him, he asked us about our trip, our airplanes and other small talk. We discreetly pumped him for information about what time people showed up around the airport on a Saturday morning, security, etc. I doubt he suspected we were intent on sleeping in an old bomber.

Back at the airport, with our meal ticket and unsuspecting informant headed home to Buffalo, we returned to our covert activities. With Randy standing on my shoulders, he found an open hatch that gained him access to the bulging belly of a C-46. Not satisfied with that, we moved on to a C-47, where with a boost from me, Randy was able to crawl through an unlatched hatch. This was still not quite right. I was reminded of Goldilocks trying out the bear beds.

We found a B-26, a C-119 and several tanks to be impenetrable. Our efforts zeroed in on the B-17. Of course, that had been our goal in the first place, as the Flying Fortress is one of the most famous of all WWII warbirds, and this was one of only seven or eight still flying. There is much more prestige in claiming to have slept in a B-17 than there is doing the same in a C-47 or an old tank.

Our inspection of the old "Fort" revealed the pilot's sliding plexiglass window to be open. Another boost from me, and Randy was up on the wing, scrambling up to the window and squirming through. It wasn't long before the rear entrance door swung open. It was just like Goldilocks finally finding the baby bear's perfect bed.

We spent a fair amount of time inspecting the old bird. We sat in the cockpit gawking at the maze of controls and fought back the temptation to fire up the four engines and taxi around. We finally rolled our sleeping bags out in the crew area at the rear of the airplane and went to sleep.

We were up at dawn, re-inspected the "Fort" with a little daylight to help, rolled up our sleeping bags, locked it up and nobody was the wiser.

Before long some members of the warbird museum showed up with donuts and coffee. We were touring the museum with donuts and coffee in hand when the rest of our group showed up after spending the night in a mundane motel. They seemed prepared to give us a hard time about our decision to sleep at the airport. When I told them we'd slept just fine in the B-17, we could see the jealousy wash over their faces.

Sleeping in the B-17 was the high point of the trip, and our weekend was only half over. No, I'm not going to continue this saga into a third column. To quickly finish things up, we parted company with the other Stearmans at Genesee. They were all headed to the Detroit area, and opted to fly south of Lake Erie. We went north, and stopped at Hamilton, Ontario where the Canadian Warplane Museum is located. We toured that museum in the afternoon, rented a car, got a room, ate Greek food and took in the festivities at a downtown summerfest that evening. The next day we flew on home.

We were only gone three days, but toured three great warplane museums, flew 1,500 miles over some gorgeous country, logged 15 hours in an open cockpit and slept in a B-17. To sum up, I'll paraphrase the Army's recruiting slogan, "It's not a weekend... it's an adventure!"

Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago. Includes image of a horse-drawn carriage and text by Priscilla Lussmyer.

have been the result of seats bouncing free. "Notice-The Pews of the Baptist Church of this village will be rented for the coming year on Monday afternoon and evening, Aug. 1st, '71. By order of Committee"

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 21, 1921 "Happy Allen" Lasby buys eight acres on Campau Lake, where he plans to build a pavilion, boat house, store and ice house for summer resorters.

The Michigan Motor Garment Co. of Greenville (Lowell) has one of the six satellite plants) goes into receivership. The remains of Privates Clarence R. Roberts and Charles W. Clark arrive from France and are interred in Oakwood Cemetery with ceremonies by the Charles W. Clark Post of the American Legion, Boy Scout band, veterans and citizens.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 25, 1946

The finest, best-quality wheat on record starts arriving at King Milling. The Civil Service position for Lowell Postmaster is advertised. Bell Telephone is planning radio-telephone service on all important southern Michigan highways by next spring. Showboat is on and rated wonderful. Gubernatorial candi-

diate Murray VanWagoner will visit Friday night, Gov. Kim Sigler Saturday. John Tucker finds a full-grown owl in his stove, where it was trapped after coming down the chimney.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/ SUBURBAN LIFE - JULY 22, 1971

Eighteen-year-olds can now vote. Showboat Garden Club is requesting entries in 20 classes for the big show next weekend (also the second Showboat weekend).

Attorney and hand-player John Twomey is part of this year's Showboat nights.

Astronaut James B. Worden of the Apollo 15 crew has a brother, Pete, living in Lowell. Pete and the family will be down at the Cape for lift-off, which will include a space-walk and moon landing among other chores.

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CHILDHOOD STUTTERING

Stuttering speech in childhood is much more common than you would think. As many as 25 percent of all children go through a stuttering phase between the ages of 18 months and 7 years. This phase of stuttering can last as long as several months, and in the vast majority of cases resolves without professional help.

The cause of transient stuttering remains a mystery, but it is believed that stress tends to aggravate the problem. This can be extremely frustrating to the child, often causing temper tantrums or sulking. If we think about it, we would be somewhat upset too, if one day we were incapable of adequately completing a sentence. Experts feel that if your child does develop a stuttering problem, the best advice to parents is to ignore or downplay the occasional stutter. Maintain good eye contact with the child, be patient, and speak clearly to the child. This shows your child that you are understanding, and gives him/her the confidence to communicate.

If your child's stuttering persists or tends to worsen, evaluation by your doctor may be in order. Sometimes speech therapy is necessary to help with the problem.

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - JULY 26, 1871 This year's wheat crop is far superior to the last two years; however, some farmers are mixing the old and the new, a trick easily spotted. Lowell has two large flouring mills, a saw mill, machine shop, planing and woolen mill, all operated by water power. Livery men need to make sure that seats are attached to wagon boxes so they cannot be tipped out. Numerous injuries

Capitol Commentary by Dick Posthumus. Includes image of the Michigan State Capitol building.

PROVIDING EQUITY FOR KENT COUNTY AND THE REST OF MICHIGAN

Two weeks ago, the Legislature took a much needed step toward bringing equity and fairness to the families of west Michigan. As your state Senator, it has always been a priority to ensure the tax dollars generated in west Michigan be used to benefit the people of west Michigan. One area that has been out of balance is trial court funding. For too many years, we've been operating under a funding system that favors Detroit and Wayne County over the rest of the state.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Table listing various churches in the area including ADA Community Reformed Church, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Day Bible Chapel, Evergreen Missionary Church, Alton Bible Church, First Congregational Church of Lowell, and Lowell Wesleyan Church. Includes contact info and service times.



John McMillian and Rebecca Conner

Conner/McMillian plan August wedding

Rebecca Lynn Conner and John Travis McMillian will be united in marriage August 24, 1996 at the First Congregational Church of Lowell.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Virginia Ann (Miller) Conner and the late Allen Lee Conner, of Lowell. She is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School.

The future groom is the son of Gregory Wayne McMillian of Cawood, Kentucky and Susan Jean (Proctor) Videon of Birmingham, Washington. He is also a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School.

Capitol Commentary, cont'd...From Page 5

wide and use that information to modify the funding formula in the future as needed.

The state will also take the responsibility of paying judges' salaries. To establish order and uniformity in the pay scale, judicial salaries will be set so lower court judges will be paid at specific percentages of Supreme Court Justices' pay. The new system provides a lump-sum budget for the county courts at the discretion of the local county board of commissioners or locally created court funding unit. The court funding unit would become the employer of court workers. Simply put, we're giving more power to local leaders to operate the courts according to local needs.

We're also removing an equity by abolishing the Detroit Recorder's Court. This special court only exists in Detroit and handles only city of Detroit criminal cases. No other city in the

state has this kind of exclusive court. In order to make our court system uniform throughout the state, we're merging Recorder's Court with the Wayne County Circuit Court effective October 1, 1997. The present judges will serve as circuit judges until their current term expires. Thereafter, they will run county-wide for circuit judgeships, as is the case for all other parts of the state.

This new court funding system is fair to all taxpayers in Michigan and corrects a problem we've been dealing with for over a decade. The new system ends preferential treatment and eliminates the "special status" and "favored few" that had previously existed. Most importantly, it restores fairness and accountability to our system of justice in Michigan. That is good news for Kent County and taxpayers across Michigan.

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Grattan Academy officials extend registration deadline in hopes of boosting enrollment

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grattan Academy officials will determine within the next two-three weeks whether or not it will be feasible to open up the charter school in September.

Valerie Von Frank, director of communications with the Michigan Partnership for New Education, said enrollment for the proposed charter school was extended beyond the July 12 cutoff date.

The official enrollment currently stands at 75. "We are continuing to explore other efforts to inform the public about the academy," Von Frank said. "We are putting up a lot of signs and sending out flyers in an effort to en-

hance awareness. We will also hold other meetings as a way of getting information out to the parents."

Given the small enrollment size to this point, officials will also have to explore other building options.

The cost of the site will dictate the base level of students needed so that expenses can be met.

The average size of first-year charter schools is 129.

"Enrollment is a little low right now. We'd like the enrollment to get into three figures," Von Frank said.

The rural location of the proposed academy has had an impact on enrollment. "Rural areas are not densely populated. Getting the enrollment

to a viable number is easier in more densely populated areas."

If the response to the proposed academy does not meet the need, Von Frank said it is unlikely a second effort to start a charter school in the same area would be made for the 1997-98 school year. "If the response to start a charter school is not great this year, it probably won't be next year," Von Frank said.

Grattan Academy is attempting to draw from a wide area which includes a number of small towns. "We've received responses from even as far as the west side of Grand Rapids," Von Frank said. "The main thing is people want choices. Charter schools offer them a public school alternative."

The director of communications also adds that while parents are interested in having a choice, most parents will opt for schools nearest to their home. "That's because most people move into an area because they like the school system."

Extending the enrollment deadline will still:

1. Allow time for any building renovation that may be needed.

2. Allow time for professional development before school opens.

3. Allow any staff enough time to interview for positions at other schools. Von Frank added most of the staff is currently employed.

workshops. Consultants also sell a line of photo-safe albums and supplies.

Pachulski and Dubbink, who attended the national convention along with 1,900 other consultants, have been with Creative Memories for one year.

Pachulski was the recipient of the company's award for recruiting over 10 consultants in a one-year time period and was ranked as the sixth best recruiting consultant in the nation. She was honored for her achievement at the recognition ceremony July 20.

annual convention in St. Cloud, MN, on July 18-22.

Creative Memories, headquartered in St. Cloud, is a national direct-sales company that teaches people how to organize and preserve their photos in scrapbook albums. Its 15,000 consultants offer home classes and hands-on

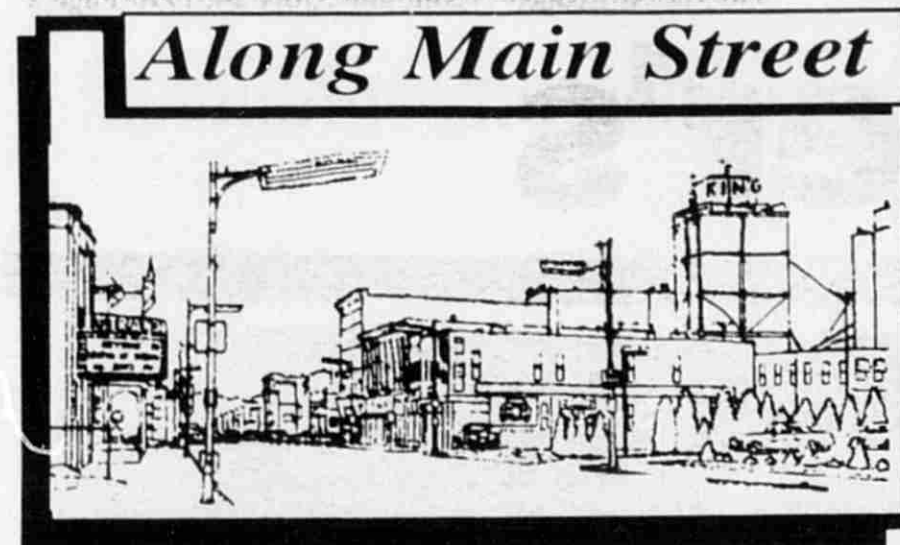
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Barb Pachulski and Sheila Dubbink, Lowell, recently attended Creative Memories' eighth-



Along Main Street

PIG ROAST

There will be a pig roast fundraiser for St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, 12 and under, preschoolers are free. Carryouts welcome. For more information call 897-9820.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Kenneth McFerrin, 30, of Walker, reported to Lowell police his vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver while on Main Street near Jefferson July 16.

Stacey Augdahl, 23, of Lowell, was released after posting bond on a warrant out of a Grand Rapids court for failure to appear July 5.

Transferred to the city of Grand Rapids police department after being arrested on their warrant for failure to appear in court July 5 was Donn Sparks, 36, of Grand Rapids.

Christopher Hewett, 35, of Grand Rapids, was arrested July 6 on two warrants out of a Grand Rapids court.

Timothy Shortle, 26, of Lowell, sustained minor injuries in a private parking lot on West Main St. July 9 when his foot was run over by a 16-year-old driver backing from a parking space.

George Cannon, 50, of Laredo, TX, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail for driving under the influence of

alcohol July 11.

A 16-year-old, from Lowell, reported his vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver July 11 while parked in the Family Fare lot on West Main St.

Dennis Eckman, 27, of Saranac, was arrested on a warrant out of 17th Circuit Court in Grand Rapids for probation violation July 12.

Dale Kimball, 65, and Mary Richmond, 62, both of Lowell, were involved in a minor property damage accident in the Rite Aid lot on East Main St. July 13.

Tracey Sorenson, 25, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant July 9 issued out of 63rd District Court.

David Bardwell, 30, of Lowell, was arrested for domestic assault July 14 and transferred to the Kent County Jail.

DenHouter plays waiting game with township and county boards

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township officials need some time to digest Leonard DenHouter's proposed housing development before giving it the first of many needed blessings.

DenHouter received tentative plat design approval from the planning commission last week, but supervisor John Timpon said township engineers need to review the plan before his board can cast

an approving vote. "We need our engineers to scrutinize it so we make sure we don't miss anything," said Timpon.

Timpon expects DenHouter's tentative plat design to be approved, but said this is a necessary step.

DenHouter said the "preliminary, preliminary" plan will undergo change in accordance with county and township suggestions and

said this is just the first step in getting final approval of the plat plan.

DenHouter plans on developing 57 acres of residential zoned land on Alden Nash and Grand River Drive to accommodate 23 new homes.

DenHouter hoped to start building the roads for his development in September but realizes that is now a long shot.

The township has 90 days

to review the material before making a decision, but Timpon doesn't expect to take that long.

While the township reviews the plan, county officials are expected to have made their suggestions to DenHouter.

The development is expected to have two access points, but neither will be off Grand River Drive, according to DenHouter.

Bowne Township history preserved with help of quilt donations

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Bowne Township has caught the history bug and residents will be the big winners.

Several years ago, the Bowne Township Historical Society started to preserve some of the area's prize possessions and now the desire to do more has the society putting together a historical quilt.

For the next two years residents can contribute to the restoration projects by donating \$10 toward a new "memory quilt."

Residents contributing to the quilt will have their name appear on the quilt.

This is the second quilt bearing residents' names and the fund will help restore Bowne Center Schoolhouse and retrieve other treasures lost over the years.

"We have a chance to get our first fire station and another historic home, if we can raise the funds," said township clerk Sandra Kowalczyk, a historical society member.

The historical society will seek donations at the Sept. 7 Alto Festival and other donations for historic projects will also be accepted.

Kowalczyk said the quilt will be ready in time for Bowne's Sesquicentennial and old school reunion.

The old school, one of Kent County's original one-room school houses which was closed in 1967, is expected to be completed and a reunion conducted in its honor.

The 450 squares available will be put together at a quilting bee. At the center of the quilt will be a picture of the

area's historic buildings.

People interested in the project can visit the Bowne Township Historical Museum from 2-4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month or they can write to the Bowne Township offices, 6059 Linfield Ave., Alto, MI 49302.

For more information on the quilt squares or historic projects, contact the Bowne Township offices at 868-6846 on Wednesday or Friday.

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Grattan Township	8431	1994-1998 Incl.
	1569	1994-1998 Incl.
Lowell Area Schools	18.00(non-homestead)	1996-2000 Incl.
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/s/ John K. Boerema
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Kent County Treasurer

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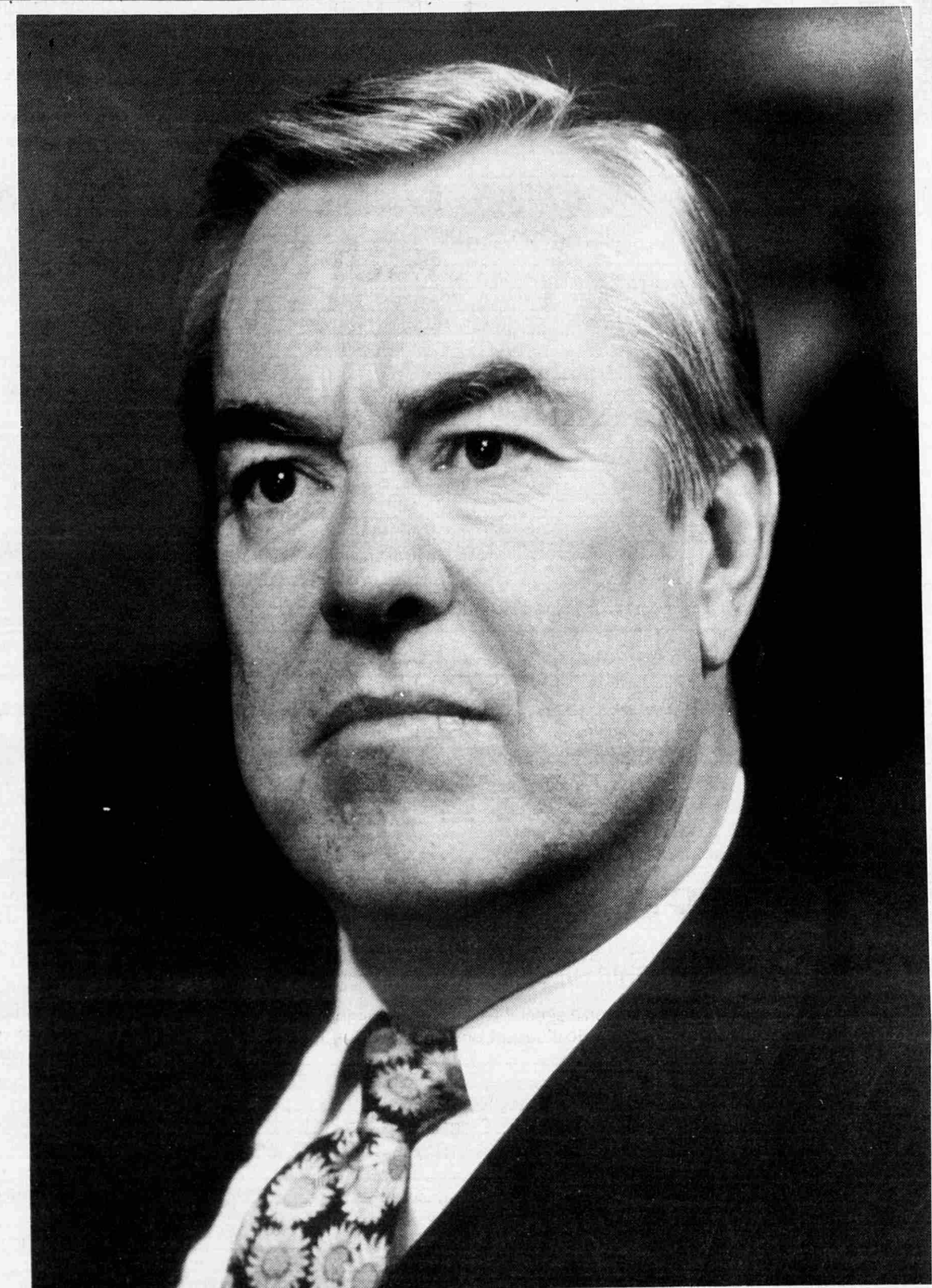
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Hello Harry! Annual show returns to LAAC with strong reception

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

One of Lowell Area Arts Centers' (LAAC) most enduring shows makes its annual appearance at the main gallery this month.

Harry and Friends marks the 11th straight year the show has taken center stage at the LAAC and if the turnout at the reception is any indication, it has a good chance of going another 11 years.

Harry and Friends is one of the LAAC's original shows and while the artist participating in the show may change, the reason for it remains Harry Heffner.

As an instructor at Western Michigan University (WMU), Heffner conducted a class with several local artists.

The class ended its tenure at WMU, but found a home at Sylvia Kristoff's house.

From Kristoff's residence, the show expanded to an exhibit for the newly formed arts center and now holds a special place in the history of the center.

"We all look forward to the show and we strive to put one of our best paintings in

the show," said Jan Johnson, a founding member of the group. "For many of us this is the highlight of being a part of the group. Some of the artists have their own shows during the year, but as a group this is the main event."

The principals of good composition and pure water-color artwork make up the theme of the show and are still honored by the artists, even if they have expanded their talents.

"I strive to assemble some reality in my work, but I make the viewer strive to do a little work as well," said Johnson. "They don't immediately see everything; not every detail is shown to them, but they end up getting it."

As a newcomer to the group, Julie Long adds her talents, but also takes with her

a great deal of respect for her counterparts.

"This group is so helpful. A lot of these artists are teachers and really good artists and I feel pretty honored to be showing with them," said Long, who has been with the group for more than two years. "Harry is a wonderful critic and they encourage you to move forward and expand your talents."

Harry and Friends runs through Aug. 4 and can be viewed from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from



Some of the 15 artists represented in the exhibit, from left to right, are: Julie Long, Bertha Brown VerBrugge, Elsa McFarland, Jan Johnson, Martha Zuiderveld and Ruth Koster.

1:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

CITY OF LOWELL
NOTICE OF TESTING
OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM
FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the August 6, 1996 PRIMARY ELECTION will be conducted Tuesday, July 30, 1996 at 6 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the August 6, 1996 Primary Election will be conducted Monday, July 29, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 5-07-96

AN ORDINANCE, granting to MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power, and authority to lay, maintain, and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in all Sections in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN for a period of thirty years.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Grant of Gas Franchise and Consent to Laying of Pipes, Etc. Subject to all the terms and conditions mentioned in this ordinance, consent is hereby given to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan (the "Company"), and to its successors and assigns, to lay, maintain, operate, and use gas pipes, mains, conductors, service pipes, and other necessary equipment in the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places in all sections in the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, and a franchise is hereby granted to the Company, its successors and assigns, to transact local business in said Charter Township of Lowell, for the purposes of conveying gas into and through and supplying and selling gas in said Charter Township of Lowell and all other matters incidental thereto.

Section 2. Installation and Extension of System. If the provisions and conditions herein contained are accepted by the Company, as in Section 6 hereof provided, then within not more than one (1) year following the later of the date upon which this ordinance takes effect and the date upon which the Company receives such regulatory approval as may be necessary for the Company to convey gas to the Charter Township of Lowell and to construct and operate its facilities therein, the Company shall determine the area within the Charter Township of Lowell to be served initially and commence the installation of a gas distribution system within such area, and the

Company shall thereafter proceed to complete said initial installation as soon as reasonably practicable; provided, however, that the Company shall not be held responsible for delays due to weather or labor conditions, inability to procure necessary materials, or other causes beyond its control; and provided further that such initial installation and any extensions shall be subject to the Main Extension provisions, the Area Expansion Program provisions (if and where applicable), and other applicable provisions now or from time to time hereafter contained in the Company's Rules and Regulations for Gas Service as filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission or successor agency having similar jurisdiction.

Section 3. Use of Streets and Other Public Places. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the passage of any of the highways, streets, alleys, or other public places within said Charter Township of Lowell and shall within a reasonable time after making an opening or excavation, repair the same and leave it in as good condition as before the opening or excavation was made. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall use due care in exercising the privileges herein contained and shall be liable to said charter township for all damages and costs which may be recovered against said Charter Township of Lowell arising from the default, carelessness, or negligence of the Company or its officers, agents, and servants. No road, street, alley, or highway shall be opened for the laying of trunk lines or lateral mains except upon application to the Highway Commissioner or the Charter Township of Lowell, or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises, stating the nature of the proposed work and the route. Upon receipt of such application, it shall be the duty of the Highway Commissioners or the charter Township Board, or such other authority as may have jurisdiction, to issue a permit to the Company to do the work proposed.

Section 4. Standards and Conditions of Service; Rules, Regulations and Rates. The Company is now under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission to the extent provided by statute; and the rates to be charged for gas, and the standards and conditions of service and operation hereunder, shall be the same as set forth in the Company's schedule of rules, regulations, and rates as applicable in the several cities, villages, and townships in which the Company is now rendering gas service, or as shall hereafter be validly prescribed for the Charter Township of Lowell, under the orders, rules, and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises.

Section 5. Successors and Assigns. The words "Michigan Consolidated Gas Company" and "the Company," wherever used herein, are intended and shall be held and construed to mean and include both Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 6. Effective Date: Term of Franchise Ordinance: Acceptance by Company. This ordinance shall take effect the day following the date of publication thereof, which publication shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, and shall continue in effect for a period of thirty (30) years thereafter, subject to revocation at the will of the Charter Township of Lowell at any time during said thirty (30) year period; provided, however, that when this ordinance shall become effective the charter Township Clerk shall deliver to the Company a certified copy of the ordinance accompanied by written evidence of publication and recording thereof as required by law, and the Company shall, one hundred eighty (180) days after receiving the documents from the Clerk, file with the Township Clerk its written acceptance of the conditions and provisions hereof.

Section 7. Effect and Interpretation of Ordinance. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which conflict with any of the terms of this ordinance are hereby rescinded. In the case of conflict between this ordinance and any such ordinance or resolutions, this ordinance shall control. The catch line headings which precede each Section of this ordinance are for convenience in reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Ayes: Wieland, Fletcher, J. Huver, Timpson, R. Huver, VanderBilt, Wells
Nays: None
Date Passed: 15 July, 1996

Attested, by Order of the Charter Township of Lowell

Carol Wells,
Charter Township Clerk

John R. Timpson,
Charter Township Supervisor

Lowell's Rasch joins effort to help protect drinking water

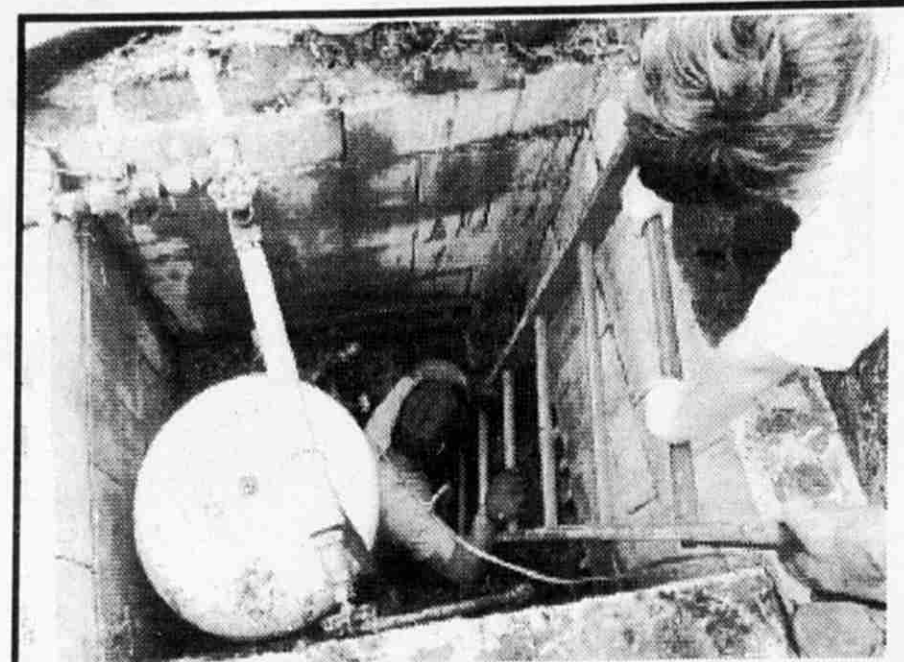
By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship program is in place to help prevent abandoned old wells from becoming a leading contributor of contaminated drinking water.

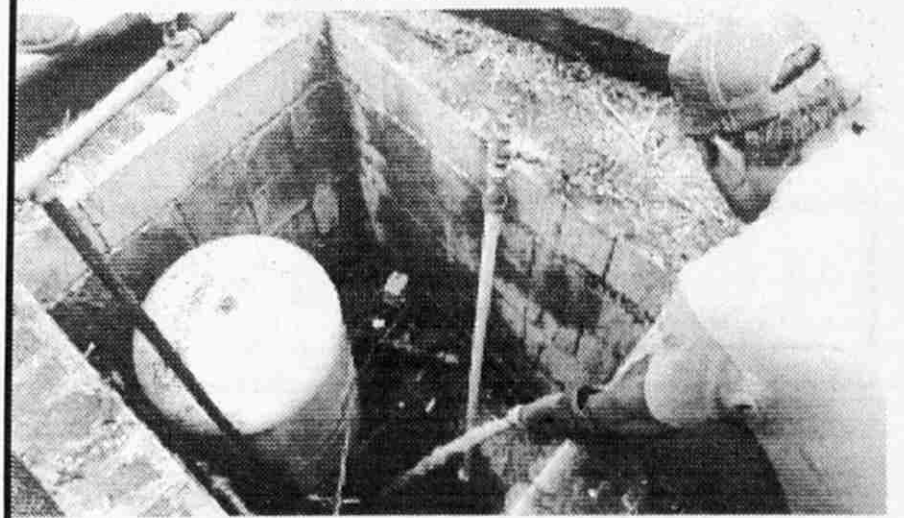
Carl Rasch, through the assistance of the program, will be doing his part to help assure healthy drinking water for his family and generations to come when he has an old abandoned well plugged.

State officials estimate that there are more than a million old, unplugged wells across Michigan. These open wells can allow passage for spills and surface waters to directly contaminate groundwater and spread to other areas.

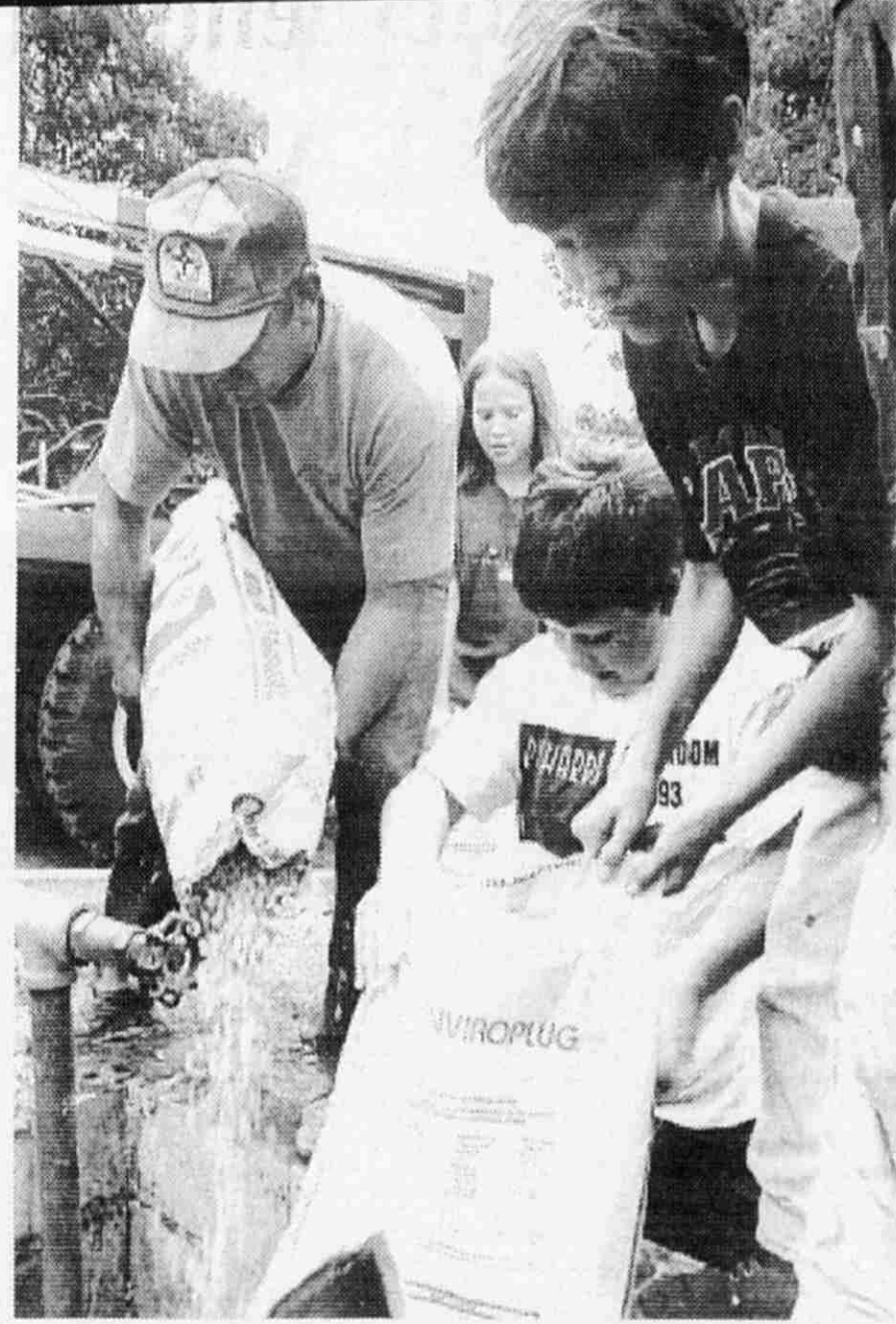
In an effort to see that these wells are dealt with, the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship program, a state program, is offering to cover 90 percent of the cost to have these old wells plugged up.



Mike Wahlfield, Wahlfield Drilling, makes his way down to the bottom of the well. Wahlfield cleared it of any debris before the plugging process started.



Water is added to the mix before the well is filled with sand.



Brian Rasch, right, helps unload 900 pounds of sodium bentonite into the well.

"The program is in place to prevent unplugged old wells from becoming a leading source for contaminating groundwater," said Mike Wahlfield of Wahlfield Drilling out of Comstock Park. "Overall, Michigan groundwater is in very good shape. Other states find themselves

in bad situations. Michigan, I believe, has learned from them."

Phil Throop, a Kent County groundwater steward, works directly with landowners, particularly agricultural producers, to make sure there is a thorough awareness of farmstead practices and op-

eration that contribute to the protection of groundwater quality.

He works in association with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Branches of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, AmeriCorps and MSU-Extension.

"This is an educational and service-oriented project aimed at providing resources and knowledge to protect groundwater," Throop said. "We try to increase awareness by meeting with individuals and completing work sheets that address specific activities on the farm."

Throop adds that the sensible choice is to have these wells plugged before their locations are forgotten and funds run out.

The cost to have an abandoned well plugged varies on its depth and size. "Typically the average cost is \$300," Throop said. "Through the surcharge on fertilizer and pesticide, 90 percent of that cost is covered."

Throop held a water well decommissioning demo on Rasch's property at the corner of Four Mile Road and

Whites Bridge Road on Friday.

Rasch said he learned of the program through an environmental health inspector. "We're spot checked several times a year," Rasch said. "I must apply for a camp license before I can get approval for housing migrants."

Rasch's fruit orchard has been in the Lowell area for nearly 50 years.

"With all the new construction, the water table needs to be protected," he explained.

Rasch's old dug well, which could date back as far as the 1800's, was filled with 900 pounds of sodium bentonite, sand and concrete. Wahlfield explained that 450 pounds (nine 50-pound bags) of sodium bentonite were put on the bottom of the 86-foot deep well. Sand was then poured on top before another 450 pounds of sodium bentonite was used to fill the well to the top. A concrete floor washen poured over the top.

The steel pipe in the well was filled with a bentonite gROUT slurry.

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Becki is a junior at Lowell Senior High & is employed at Laurels of Kent in Lowell. The daughter of William & Kim Howorth was chosen to represent Lowell in the Miss Michigan Co-ed Pageant July 18th, 19th & 20th.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to sponsor Becki so that she could participate in the pageant!

The New Riverview, Keisers, Ball's Ice Cream, New Creations, Larkin's Tuffy, Backwater Cafe, Pro Slot, Noon Equipment, Larry Price, Vennen's, Thomet's, Wittenbach's, Zeigler's & everyone who came to her car wash, Family Fare for the lot & water, and Candice & Nicki for helping with the car wash.

We will not forget the couple others who did not want to be public. We appreciate each & every one of you.

Thank You All!
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Docents descend on visitors at LAAC's main gallery

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell area's burgeoning art galleries continue to grow, but in order to truly survive, the work of docents is needed.

On the weekend the main gallery of the Lowell Area Arts Center is a favorite destination among many residents and the success of that week's show can directly be attributed to the efforts of the center's docents.

"There is a link between the arts council and viewer," said gallery director David Davis, who puts on more than 10 shows a year at the LAAC's main gallery.

Docents are volunteers, who donate their time and knowledge while taking visitors on a tour of the gallery's artwork. Docents offer tidbits on the artist and their work to visitors who want to truly experience the world of art.

"They don't need to know the artist or work because we'll supply the information," said Davis, who currently has 15 docents, but said more would be welcomed. "They just need to greet the visitors and provide information when called upon."

The gallery updates volunteers with quarterly newsletters which detail upcoming artists and their work.

Docents work three hours on a Saturday or Sunday, from 1:30-4:30 p.m., and are called upon about every six to eight weeks.

For more information on becoming a docent, contact the LAAC at 897-8545.

Two roads diverged in a wood and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

—Robert Frost

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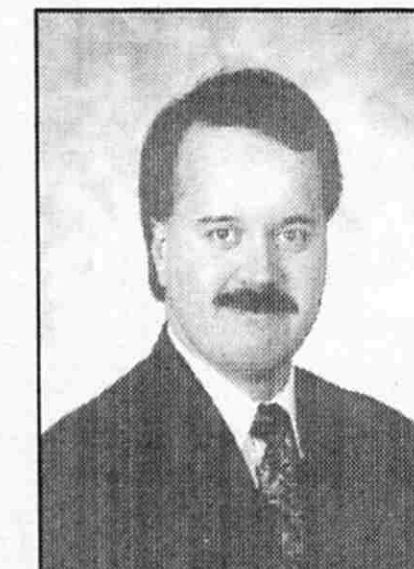
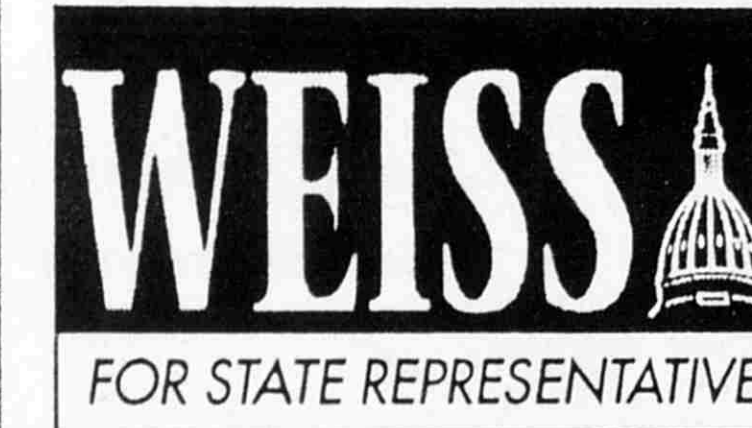
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Alden Nash/36th St. scene of Monday crash

Two Lowell men were transported to Blodgett Hospital following a two-car accident on 36th St. and Alden Nash Monday morning at approximately 8 a.m. Michael Bruce was northbound on Alden Nash when a vehicle driven by David Johnson pulled out into his path. Neither driver suffered life-threatening injuries.



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Dear Friends in the 73rd District:

Over the past several weeks I have had the opportunity to meet many new friends as I walked door to door in my campaign for the Michigan House of Representatives. During that time, I have heard from many of you about the issues that concern you. We have discussed:

- The need for a strong educational system for our children and grandchildren.
- The need to insure that future generations have a quality of life equal to or greater than what we enjoy.
- The need to insure the economic future of our area and our state.
- The need to obtain equity in funding of state programs between our area and Detroit, so we get our fair share.
- The need of keep control of the legislature in the hands of citizens and not powerful special interest groups.
- The need to have a representative who has been involved in our community and understands the issues that impact us.
- The need to work hard to control crime and insure swift and sure sentencing of criminals.

In the future, I will be in your community stopping at your home, your business, your school or your church to say hello and learn about the issues that impact you.

Thank you for the overwhelming encouragement and support and for your confidence in my ability to serve you. I look forward to meeting you as we continue our walk through your area.

Sincerely,

Michael Weiss
John W. Weiss

P.S. Remember to vote August 6th and feel free to contact me personally if I can assist you.

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NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 6, 1996 PRIMARY

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the August 6, 1996 Primary Election will be conducted July 31, 1996 at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 5, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

David and Sari VanKeulen petitioned to construct an attached two stall garage 22 feet back from the front lot line at their home located at 1521 Laurie Gail, where a 30 foot setback is required.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

DDA board agrees reluctantly to extend downtown project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

City officials would rather not have to prolong the Downtown Development Authority's streetscape project, but are leaning toward extending the completion date so that conflicts can be avoided with King Milling wheat deliveries and the 4-H Fair.

DDA board member Ray Quada said he didn't like seeing the project extended four weeks. "It's just one more disruption for the businesses," Quada said. "I would like a

written recap as to what happened to the original time frame. I don't think we want this to be viewed as letting the contractors off the hook. And we don't want a repeat of this when the work on the south side starts."

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale noted that the boring of the bridge, contaminated soil, the high river and additional work added by the city all played a role in stretching the time frame.

John LeFevre, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr

and Huber and city officials were openly concerned about the flat work being at least a week behind. DDA board member Dean Lonick asked what is being done to put a stop to the lagging behind that exists. LeFevre explained Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber Inc., and Nagel Construction are pushing to get the subcontractor to pick up its pace.

In other construction news: Officials said by holding off the downtown detour work until after the 4-H fair there is the possibility that 14 days would not be needed to complete the detour work.

Also, in waiting until after the fair (Aug. 14), the north side of Main Street will be substantially completed with only utility and water main crossings left to finish.

Pasquale said the sequence would allow time for Lowell Light and Power to complete its work and would allow traffic on Main Street during the fair.

The detour work includes making at least four wide cuts in the street (Main Street) so that electric and water can be run to the south side. These cuts will be made at Jefferson, Washington, Monroe and Broadway.

There are six other downtown locations where electric and water need to be extended across Main St. LeFevre said

with these they intend to bore holes running under the road. City officials said Nagel thinks some of the work can be done at night so as not to bog down traffic during the day.

Nagel Construction will start installing water services

to buildings on the north side of Main Street, provided that the chlorination tests are approved.

The concrete subcontractor will continue work on the flat work in Lafayette Plaza and Main Street.

The city approved the

replacement of the front steps to City Hall.

Lowell Light and Power begins to erect and energize all the new street lights on the north side of Main Street and run the power feed to the bank.

IN THE SERVICE

James R. Munroe has been commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer's Training Corps) program after earning a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Munroe is the son of Bruce and Marie Munroe of Lowell and is a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Thomas W. Moss has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force

Base, San Antonio, TX. Moss is the son of Fred W. and Janice Moss of Alto. His grandmother, Myrl Dygert, resides in Alto.

The airman is a 1986 graduate of Caledonia High School. In 1995, Moss received a master's degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Students from this area who were graduated at the conclusion of the winter 1996 semester included: Randy R.

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Stevens' work produces results during his six-month stay in Lukavac, Bosnia

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Children provided Rob Stevens with a great dichotomy of emotions during his six months of reserve service in Lukavac, Bosnia.

In Lukavac and other cities that make up the theater known as war-torn Yugoslavia, Stevens was gripped by the tragedy that children wear on their faces, many of whom have been left without parents and homes.

"Not every town had a refugee center, only those who accepted refugees," Stevens said. The smaller towns had informal refugee centers that housed 30-35 children and roughly 10 adults.

They were about 2,000 square feet and had two-three stories. Empty schools (the size of the middle school but 2-4 stories high) were used as larger refugee centers.

"You'd see the children show up at camps and dig food out of the dumpsters, even rotten food," Stevens said. "They'd also break into camp and steal things. If they were caught, the children were turned over to police."

Stevens and others were

born between wanting to feed and help the children, and understanding that to feed one child would bring more children, thus creating interference in carrying out their civil affairs' mission.

Then there was that other mutually exclusive group of children from hometowns, USA, who littered the six-month stay with cards and notes thanking Stevens and others for their service as well as wishing them safety.

"The small communities from around the country supported us a great deal," Stevens said. The Lowell Middle School teacher was also strengthened by his daily E-mail communication with his wife Susan.

"Our communications through E-mail helped me too," Susan said. "Rob and I also have a lot of terrific friends who helped to keep me busy."

Stevens said the devastation he saw in the different areas was out of control. "People question why we are there," Stevens said. "To see the hills that set behind Zetra Stadium (where soccer

played) filled with grave stones makes one drop everything they are carrying and pause in thought."

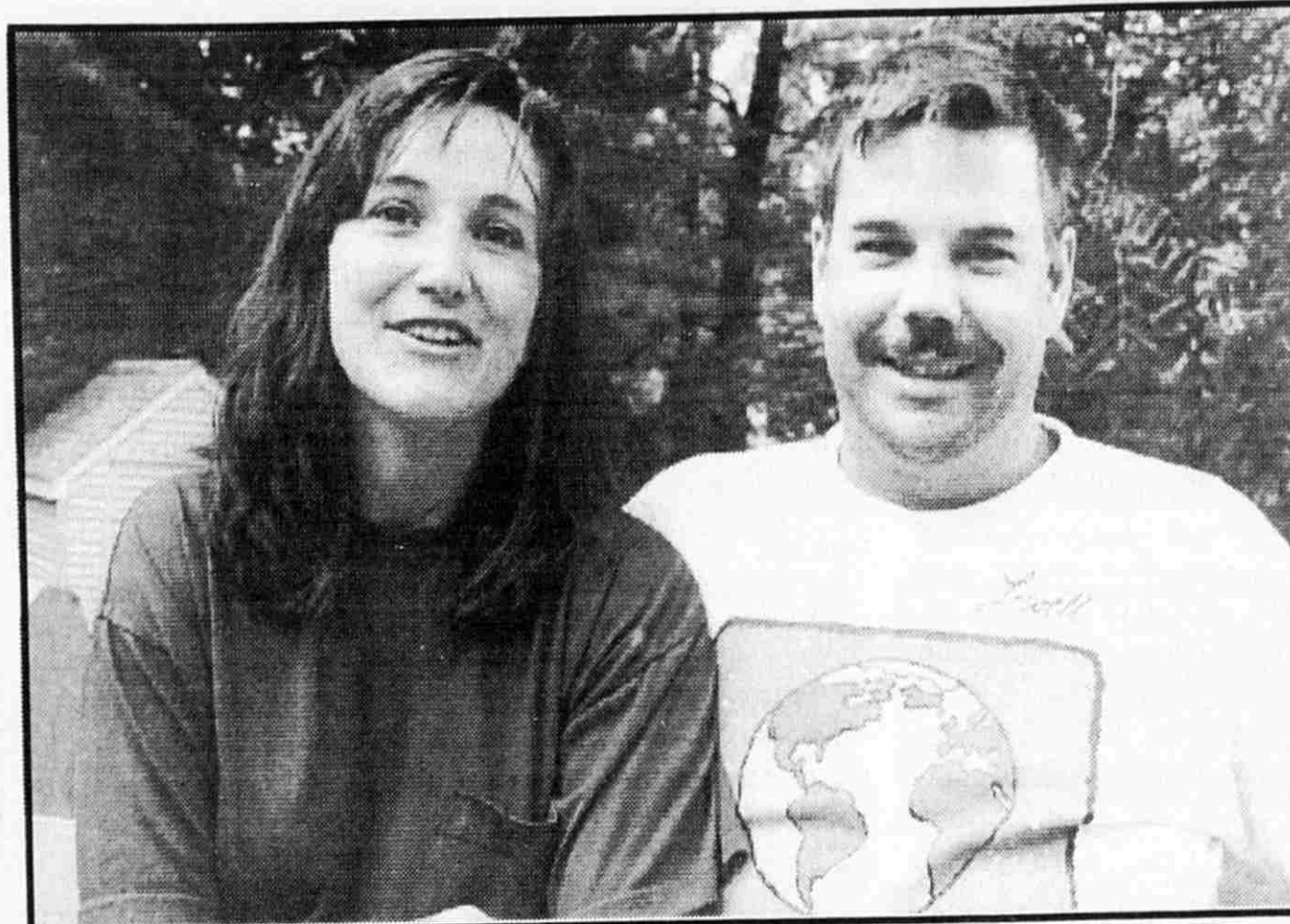
As part of a five-man civil affairs' team, Stevens handled interface between civilians and military. There were over 100 teams throughout the war-torn country.

"I worked for 'Division Rear,' which was located in the middle of the country," Stevens said. "Part of our job was to make sure roads were cleared and to help others move down roads. We also mediated claims, minimized interference and did a lot of liaison work."

Stevens' team was responsible for opening the railroad tracks going into the American sectors so that fuel could be delivered.

The civil affairs' teams didn't travel unless there was a four-vehicle convoy with two people in each vehicle.

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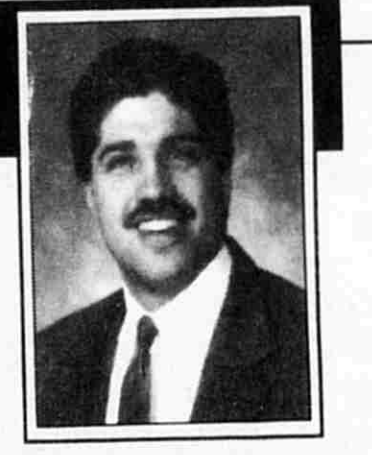
Susan Stevens welcomed home her husband Rob Stevens after he spent six months in Lukavac, Bosnia as a member of a five-man civil affairs' unit.

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NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Public Testing of the OPTEC Computer Program for the August 6, 1996 Primary Election will be conducted Wednesday, July 31, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Mari Stone Clerk

Legal Notices

COUNTY OF KENT known address was 1400 LAFAYETTE ST. SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49507, died 10-09-95.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative DORIS FLORIEN, 1400 LAFAYETTE ST. SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49507, or to both the independent personal representative and

SUSAN M. POTYRAJ Attorney-at-law (P-46249) 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 454-4119

COUNTY OF KENT known address was 2489 LONGSTREET AVE. SW, WYOMING, MICHIGAN 49509 died 6-19-96. An instrument dated Sept. 22, 1995 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative STACEY STROUSE, 8755 KEISER ROAD, ALTO, MICHIGAN 49302, or to both the

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 5, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

Donald Fizer, President of Michigan Wire Processing Company (2485 W. Main) is appealing the site plan ruling by the Planning-Citizen Advisory Commission requiring the installation of sidewalks along W. Main.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

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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.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

SECOND MONDAY 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.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous new meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

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 MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and 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 North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ket Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

EVERY TUES.: 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour, Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY: La Leche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell meets at 7 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is the Ada Congregational Church on Ada Drive. Call Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at 7 p.m. Designed for the whole family, pre-school thru 6th grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: 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 WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

THURSDAYS - 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.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Li-

ons Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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.

EVERY THIRDSUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

EVERY SUNDAY: Saranac Depot-Museum is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.8045 Cannonsburg Rd. Any questions call Frank at 874-6861.

SAT., JULY 27: 1930 class reunion, noon at Keiser's Kitchen. 1929 & 1931 classes are invited. For reservations call Emma Herron at 897-7218.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BIG PINE ISLAND LAKE

TAKE NOTICE that the Big Pine Island Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on Monday the 19th day of August, 1996 at 7 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum on 11675 Old Belding Road to receive public comment on the practicability of continuing an aquatic plant control program on Big Pine Island Lake.

This notice is being published pursuant to provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended, Part 309 - Inland Lake Improvements.

Charles R. Palazzolo, Secretary
Lake Improvement Board
Dated: 7/23/96

NOTICE OF REZONING TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED THAT there will be a public hearing of the Township Planning Commission on Monday, the 29th day of July, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell. The following change of zoning will be considered:

Richard Edison, applicant, has requested rezoning of property located at 13565 Grand River Drive, S.E. described as PP #41-20-11-229-001 from the present zoning classification of Commercial to the zoning classification of Light Industrial for a light assembly and warehousing operation.

For further information, please call the Hall at 897-7600 during regular office hours.

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We could not understand it,
No matter how we tried,
If Love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
You will always be missed and in our memories.
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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN of the GRAND RIVER ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUM located in Section 9 of Lowell Township, approximate address 11950 Grand River Drive, SE, Lowell (PP#s 41-20-09-400-019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, and 026).

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Catch of the Day

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They carried with them a crew served weapon which took two-three people to operate.

When rest stops were needed, the crews did not leave the road. "With all the land mines, we never stepped off the road," Stevens said.

During the months leading up to Stevens' departure from Lukavac, the civil affairs' teams carried out normality indicator checks. "We checked prices and the availability of items," Stevens explained.

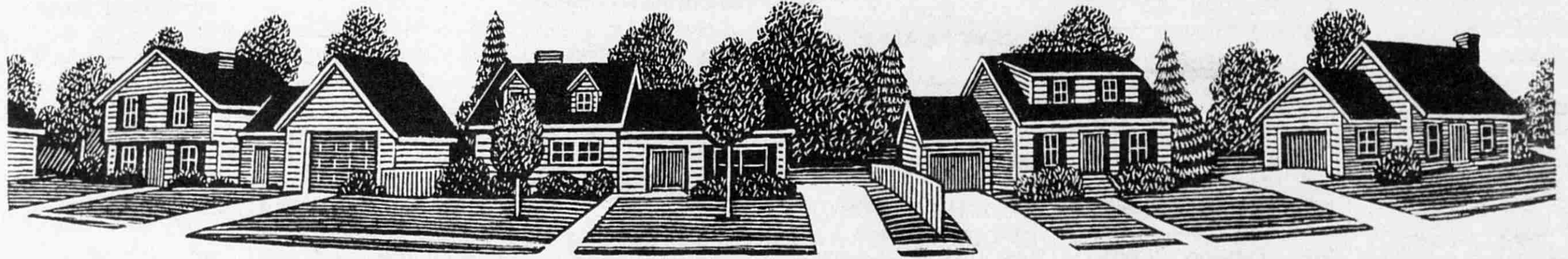
The indications showed improvement from when Stevens first arrived. "Prior to leaving, prices were com-

ing down and availability of items was improving," he said. "We also began to see businesses return."

Stevens left for Lukavac in December of last year. He returned to Lowell on July 12th.

While Stevens' unit (R-unit) was the second to go, the Lowell resident was transferred to the 432nd civil affairs' battalion (the first unit to leave for Yugoslavia).

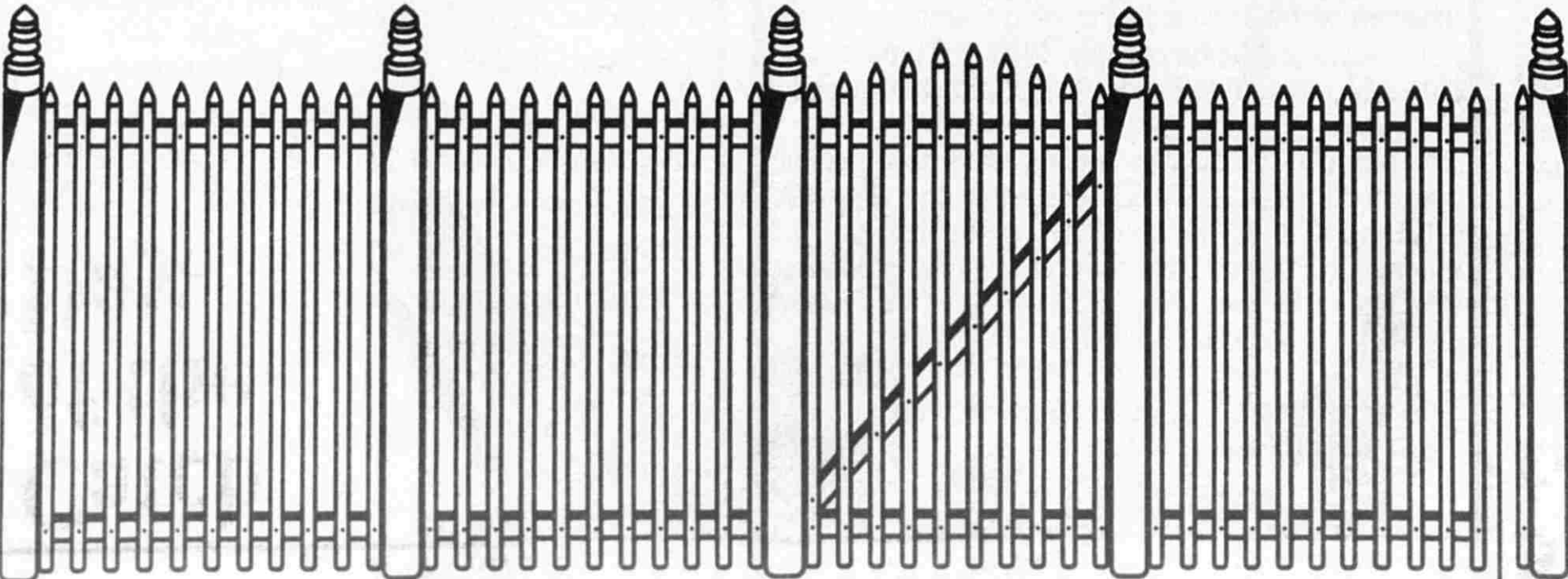
"I can't tell you if it's right or wrong for us to be there, but I can tell you there are a lot of people alive because the U.S. has a presence over there," Stevens said.



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<p>GARAGE SALE July 25, 26 & 27, 9-6 p.m. 3240 Alden Nash SE. Household items, books, lots of crafts, ice fishing auger, fishing lures & other tackle by Best Tackle, rotor & table, small drill press, picnic table & free broken concrete & much more.</p>	<p>BIG SALE 9741 E. Fulton (Tip Top Gravel) July 25 & 26, 8:30 a.m. Kids' & women's clothes, toys, linens, household items, airbed.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE 191 Washington, Saranac, Fri. & Sat., July 26 & 27, 9-? Summer & winter clothing: infant, children's, women's, men's & big mans, coats, 2 bridesmaid dresses & 1 slip, games, dishes.</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS IN JULY ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW by Alice & Sandy, Thurs., July 25, 3-8; Fri., July 26, 10-6:30; Sat., July 27, 10-3. 7647 Fase St., Ada.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE July 26 & 27, 4-family, lots of goodies for everyone. 2481 Emery Dr., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE July 20 - July 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 5000 generator 150,000 BTU heater, furniture, clothing, lamps, household items. 14391 Cascade Rd. third house East of Deer Run.</p>
<p>YARD SALE July 25 & 26, Thurs., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., antiques, collectibles, dolls, books, household items, baby-adult clothing. Lots of boys clothing-sizes infant to 4T & sizes 10-12. New craft items, bird-houses, wall hangings & yard "Welcome" signs. 6535 Buttrick, Alto, (between 60th & 68th.)</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Adult & children's clothing, computer hardware & software, Kenwood stereo components, stand mixer, dishes, housewares and more... 9612 Grand River Dr. at Snow Ave., July 25, 26 & 27, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>AWESOME 4-FAMILY REMODELING GARAGE SALE Thurs. & Fri., July 25 & 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Exercise equipment, (2) glider rockers, furniture, housewares, console TV, handyman goodies, baby furniture, toys, nice clean clothing (infant-6, men's, ladies, maternity). You won't believe the great stuff! 329 N. Washington, 3 blocks North of Main St.</p>	<p>HUGE YARD SALE July 26 & 27, Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 2880 Lincoln Lake near 3-Mile.</p>	<p>ADA- CLEAN OUT SALE July 26 & 27. North of Pettis on Conservation. Bikes, Furniture, Misc. items, mowers, propane furnace and stove, radios, tires, toys, trinkets & HO gauge trains.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Fri., July 26 & Sat., July 27, 9 a.m. to ?, antiques, glass, knick-knacks, pans, picture frames, old toy trucks, books, 8989 52nd St., Alto.</p>
<p>YARD SALE 10868 Woodbushe, Fri., July 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., sports cards, toys, clothes, etc.</p>	<p>ESTATE/GARAGE SALE Lots of dishes & household items. Many antique collectibles, clothing-girls' infant - 2T, boys' size 4; couch; 12605 60th St., Alto. 1/2 mile east of M-50, Fri., July 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sat., July 27, 9 a.m. to noon.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Thurs., July 25 & Fri., July 26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Stuffed animals, dresser, barstools, books, dishes, twin bed & other misc. items. 4051 Buttrick SE, Ada. Bet. Cascade Rd. & 36th St.</p>	<p>1-DAY ONLY GARAGE SALE Sat., July 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 306 N. West. Lots of baby clothes, furniture, etc.</p>		



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