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Council approves lease with new airport operators

•••10-year lease establishes "School of Missionary Aviation Technology" (SMAT) as Lowell City Airport's fixed base operator

Citing economic reasons, Cornerstone College announced they were closing the Missionary Aviation Training School (MATS), operated from Lowell City Airport. The official announcement was made before the Lowell City Council in December of 1996.

Cornerstone College took over the missionary aviation school from the Grand Rapids School of The Bible and Music when they closed in 1993. Cornerstone picked up the school and all the assets, including the aircraft, for one dollar.

The flight training portion of the school closed in May of this year. The maintenance school is scheduled to

close at the end of August.

Since MATS's contract with the city required they act as the airport's Fixed Base Operator ("FBO") and designate an airport manager, the city quickly began a search for someone to fill that role.

Before the process could really get underway, a proposal came before the Airport Board of Commissioners. Three Grand Rapids area businessmen, who all had longterm ties to the missionary aviation school at Lowell, set forth a plan to save the maintenance portion of the school. The businessmen were David Pray, Marvin Tyler and Tom Werkema.

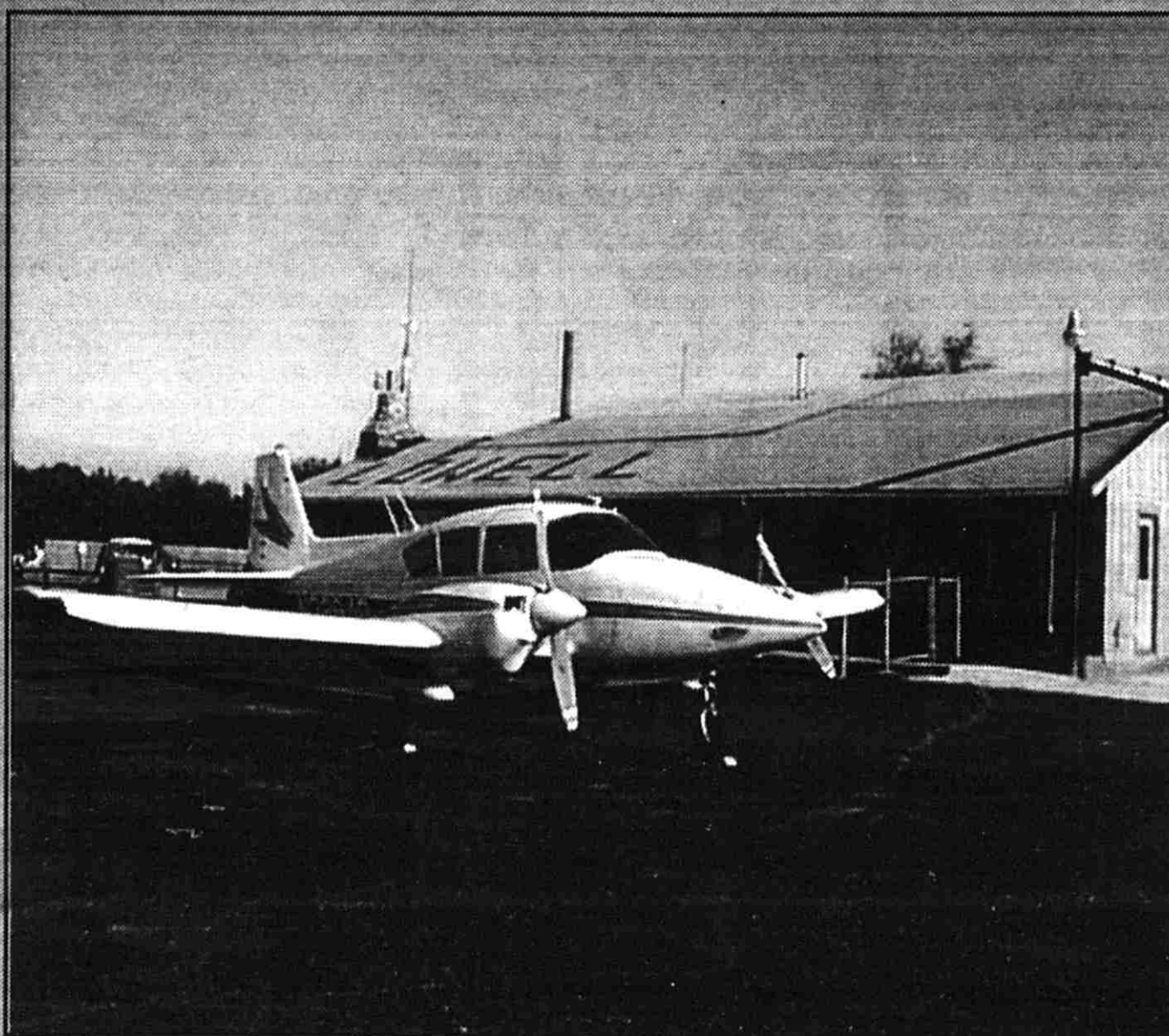
Cornerstone College had the school's assets appraised

and put them up for sale. The businessmen considered buying the entire program, but budgetary restraints limited them to buying only the assets of the maintenance school. The five aircraft owned by the school have since been sold.

The group's plans were presented to the airport board, and following several meetings were forwarded to the city council with a recommendation for approval.

The new school will be called the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT). The trio at the helm has been working very hard this summer and has about a dozen students enrolled for

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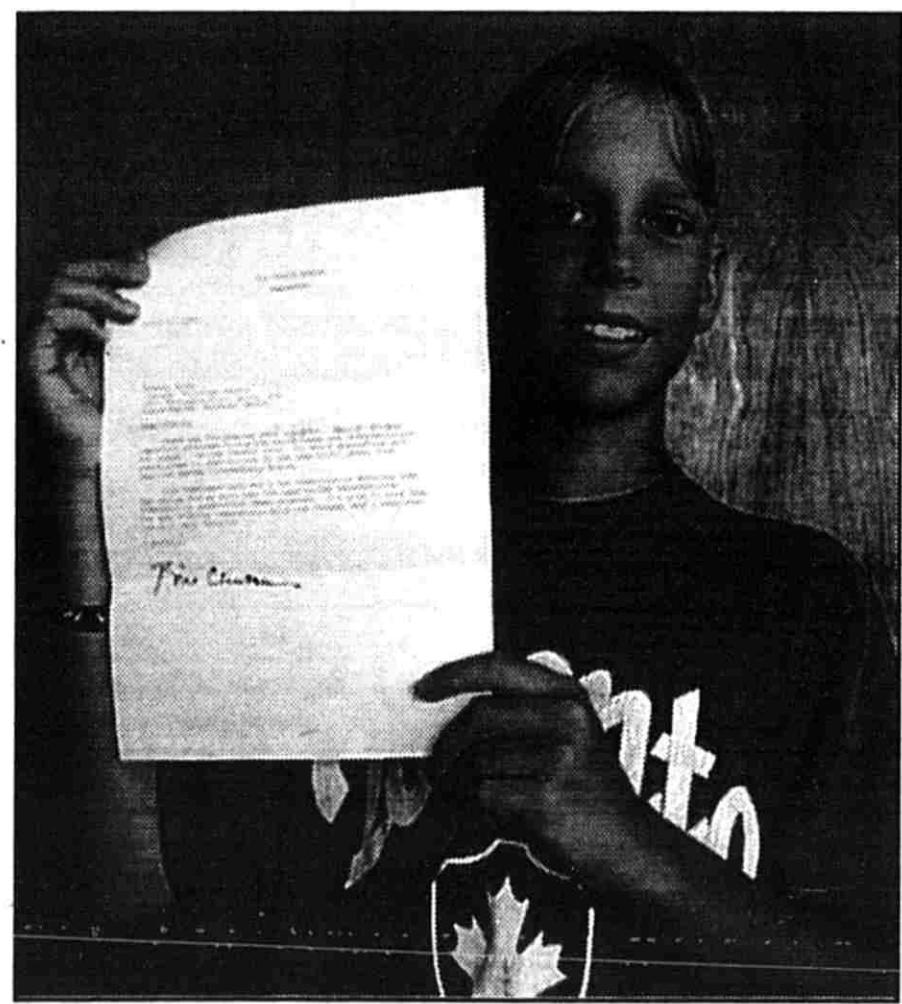


The School of Missionary Aviation Technology will operate the Lowell City Airport as part of their contract with the city. The new school will offer training toward an approved "airframe and power plant" certificate.

Letter from Washington delights middle school student

When a person hasn't had anything to eat for 30 hours, it only makes sense that food would be on the mind when setting one's thoughts down on paper. That's exactly what happened to Justin Soyka, 12, of Lowell. What Justin probably hadn't counted on, was that his letter to President Clinton would generate a response from the Chief Executive on White House stationery, complete with "the big guy's" signature.

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A very proud Justin Soyka holds a letter he received from President Bill Clinton.

Ledger errs in last week's article concerning Endurance Products

By Roger Brown
Lowell Ledger Publisher

Last week's Ledger contained a front page article, "New business awaits approval from planning commission or faces closure." There were numerous errors in the piece written by former

staff writer Marc Popiolek. This article will attempt to correct those errors and apologize to Bernie Anderson, Jr., owner of Endurance Products on East Fulton, Lowell.

The original article named Dan Anderson as the owner of the business. That is incorrect. The owner is Bernie

Anderson, Jr. The original building permit was taken out in the name of Don Anderson, Bernie's brother. The permit was granted in October of 1996. Either Popiolek or his source confused Don with Dan.

The building was intended to be used as a medical sup-
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Zoning board grants variance for new garage against planning commission's recommendation

Two separate, yet very similar, ordinance variance requests came before the Lowell Planning Commission at their regular meeting of Monday, July 28.

The first request came from Kathleen Mieras of 1572 Sibley. Her proposed garage and utility room totaled 480 square feet and would have been built to within seven and one half feet from her west property line. The existing home is constructed six feet from the east property line. With the proposed addition the side yard setbacks would have totaled 13 1/2 feet, a foot and one half variance from the required 15 foot total.

The primary argument against allowing this variance concerned accessibility to the rear of the home without crossing onto a neighbor's property. Commissioner Clark Jahnke pointed out that vehicles used for construction or safety equipment such as fire trucks would not be able to access the rear yard on either side of the house if the variance were granted.

The commissioners voted nearly unanimously to not recommend the variance for passage. Louis D'Agostino was the lone dissenting vote. A week later, the issue came before the Lowell City Council acting in their secondary role as the Zoning Board of Appeals. In a surprise three to two vote, the Planning Commission's recommendation was ignored and the variance was approved.

The second request came from Don Shaffer of 1360 Jane Ellen, also a Valley Vista subdivision address. Shaffer's request to build a 23 foot 9 inch by 43 foot garage would have left only nine feet of total

sideyard setback. His existing home rests six feet from his east property line. The proposed garage would have been constructed just three feet from the east property line.

Using the same criteria, the commissioners voted to not recommend the request for a variance. Shaffer's request comes before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, August 18.

Two other variance requests were dealt with more favorably. Delbert Will of 222 N. Jackson proposes to build an 18 by 18 foot family
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OBITUARIES

ABEL - Roger Abel, aged 66, of Kentwood, passed away Sunday, August 3, 1997 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Elaine Abel (nee Gerloski); his children Rick (Deb) Abel of Mesick, Terry (Barb) Abel of Lowell, Dave Abel (Leeann O'Donnell) of Ionia, Debbie Kropf (Val Grossenbacher) of Kentwood, Scott (Lisa) Abel of Saranac, Laurie (Joe) Baker of Woodland; his sister Carolyn (Jim) VanDyke of Middleville; grandchildren Justin and Brandon Abel.

Brian and Morgan Abel, Christopher and Rachael Abel, Michelle and Danny Burton, Jeffrey Kropf, Brad Abel, Andrea and Lindsey Baker; brothers and sisters-in-law Tom (Marcia died July 3, 1997) DeBoer, Jerry (Ann) Gerloski, Mary Kay (Dan) Daymon; several nieces, nephews and special friends Amy Abel, Chuck Snoop and Larry Stuart. Mr. Abel was employed at Venture Inc. and he was an avid golfer and member of Highlands Country Club. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 11

a.m. Wednesday (today) at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 1213 - 52nd St. SE, Kentwood. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital. Arrangements by O'Brien, Eggebeen, Gerst.

BILLINGER - Dorothy I. Billinger, aged 80, of East Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away Tues., July 29, 1997. She is survived by her sister Harriet L. Harris of Hillsdale, MI; nephews Clare Harris of St. Louis, MO, Richard Harris of Richmond, VA. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Jack Seberry of

the First Free Methodist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

JOUSMA-NASH - Mrs. Jennie (Jousma) Nash, aged 101, of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Caledonia, passed away Tuesday, July 29, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husbands John Jousma and Owen Nash; her son Vern Jousma and daughter Lorraine Lautenschleger. She is survived by her children Winnifred and Harold Kestner of Belding, Jack and Dorothy Jousman of Florida, Ray and Darlene Jousma of Caledonia, Howard and Shirley Jousma, Sara and John Batdorff all of Florida, Bill and Barbara

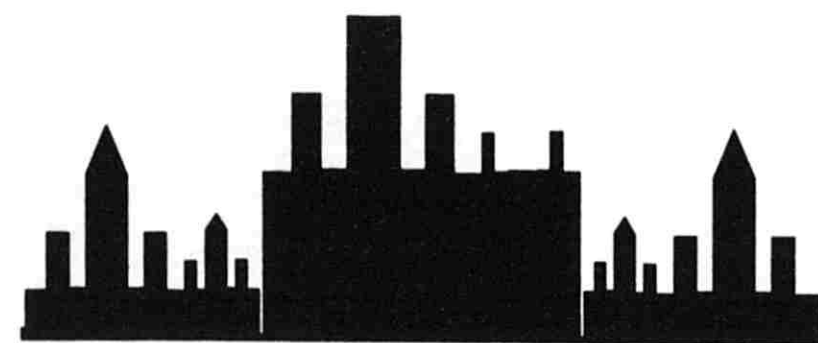
Jousma, Adrianna and Don Shaner all of Caledonia; her daughter-in-law Elaine Jousma of Grand Rapids; her son-in-law Ed Lautenschleger of Wayland; her step-children Matilda and Charles Demming of Alto, Clifford Nash of Newaygo; 38 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren; her sister Isabelle James of Hastings and sister-in-law Blanche Moreland of Grand Rapids. Funeral Services for Mrs. Nash were held Saturday at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Alaska with Elder Robert Loesch officiating. Interment Alaska Cemetery. The family requests memo-

rial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

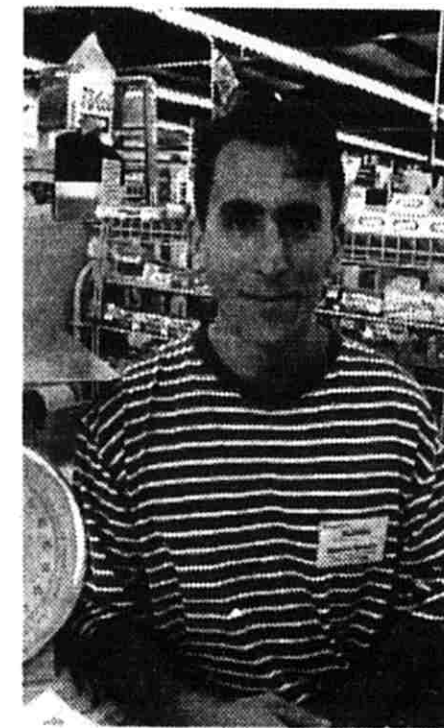
MILLER - Monty Miller of Saranac passed away at Ionia Hospital, July 31, 1997. He was born in Kent County, November 21, 1910 to the parents of Fred and Mina W. (Erwin) Miller. He is survived by his wife Clista, whom he married September 9, 1935. Also surviving is one sister Reatha Rogers of Rodney. Many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters. Cremation has taken place and burial of ashes will be on Saturday, August 9 at 11 a.m. at the Saranac Cemetery. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

NIMS - Sybil N. Nims, aged 84, of Grand Rapids, died July 29, 1997. Surviving are her husband, David E. Nims Jr; five children, David E. Nims III of Royal Oak, Nancy (Mark) Jacobs of Navato, CA, Joan (Jon) Botsford of Alto, Steven (Mary) Nims of Novi, Patrick (Jodi) Nims of Grand Haven; 11 grandchildren and one brother, Roger Spencer of Pittsburg, PA. Mrs. Nims was past president of the Grand Rapids Area League of Women Voters, former treasurer of the state of Michigan League of Women Voters, member of Sigsbee Park PTA, Ottawa Hills High School PTA, the University of Michigan Alumnae Association and many activities at Park Congregational Church. A Memorial Service was held Saturday at Park Congregational Church, the Rev. H.G. Wardlaw Jr. officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or Park Congregational Church.

PANT - Edward J. Pant, aged 74, of Grand Rapids, passed away at the Veterans Facility on August 1, 1997. He was born November 1, 1922 to the parents of Adrian and Verda (McIntyre) Pant in Grand Rapids. He was a life member and past exalted ruler of the Ionia Elks and graduated from Saranac High School in 1940. He joined the U.S. Marine Corp in 1940 in 2nd Marine Division in South Pacific during WWII, went into reserves after WWII and returned to active duty during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He worked for Chrysler Corp. as a plant engineer and consultant in Warren, MI. After retirement he returned home to the Michigan Veterans Facility. Graveside services will be held Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. at the Saranac Cemetery with Rev. Nat Gibbons officiating. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the charity of their choice. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.



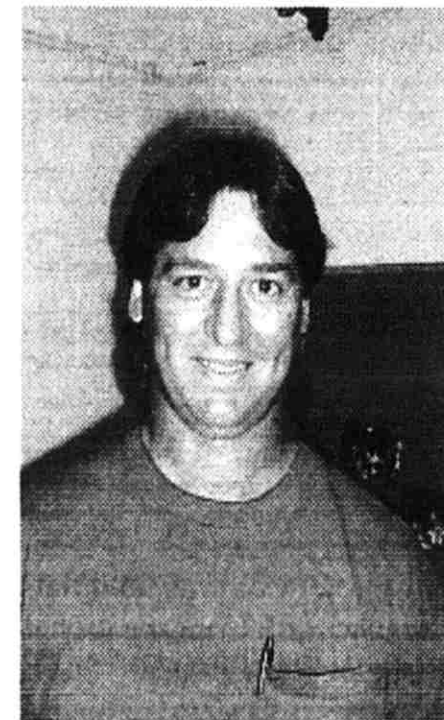
TOWN TALK



Matthew Bernard, Bernard's True Value
We had no outgoing packages on Monday and we're wondering about packages that went out on Friday. We got a parts order thru postal service that normally comes UPS.



Wayne Osmolinski, Counter Clerk, Showboat Automotive
It's just the first day, not a big deal yet. We receive a lot of parts and merchandise from UPS but it's too soon to say how much impact it will have.



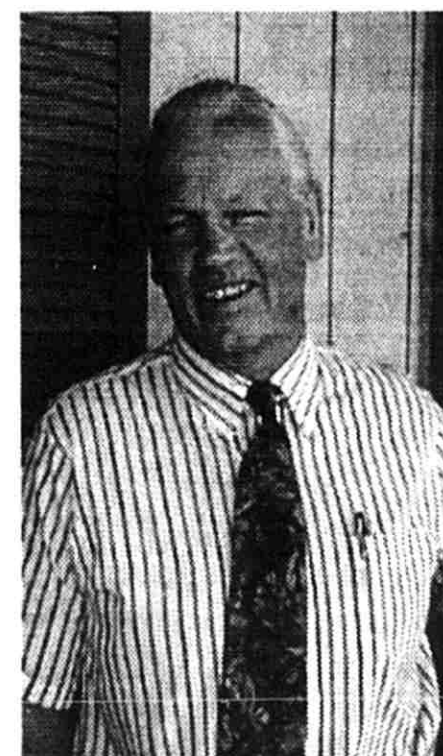
Gary Thraillkill, Attwood Shipping
It hasn't really affected us yet but it could be really bad if it continues. We usually nearly fill a delivery truck per day, probably 200-300 packages.



Brandon Triplett, Counter Person
Emery, RDS & Fed Ex seem to be picking up the slack for now. There were three shipments on Monday. The guy from Fed Ex hopes government will step in.

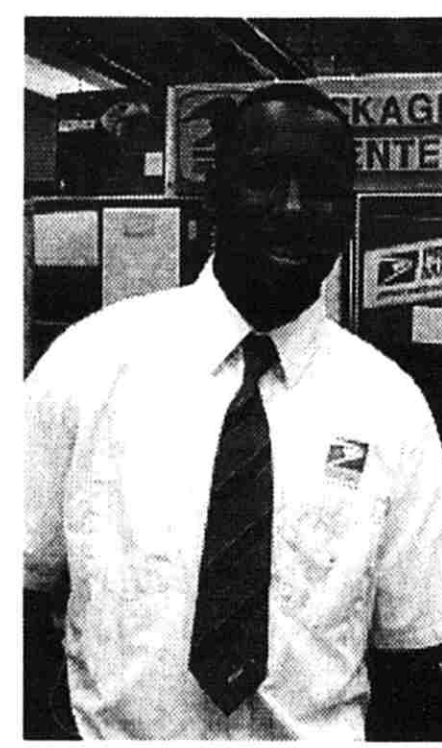


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Grrrrrr (what? UPS went on strike?) Growl (Who am I going to bark at now?) Woof (This is depressing.)

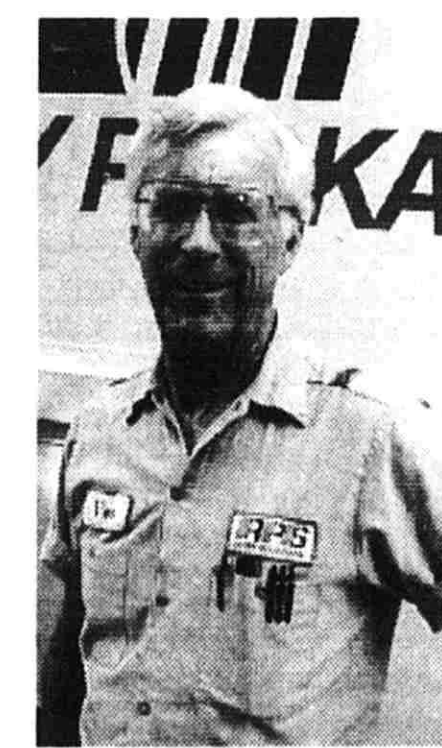


Roger Brown, Owner Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide
We ship packages via UPS at our office. We were told earlier they (UPS) could pick up, but would not be able to guarantee delivery schedules. Especially next day and two-day packages... it's quiet here.

When the UPS went on strike, did it affect you or your business?

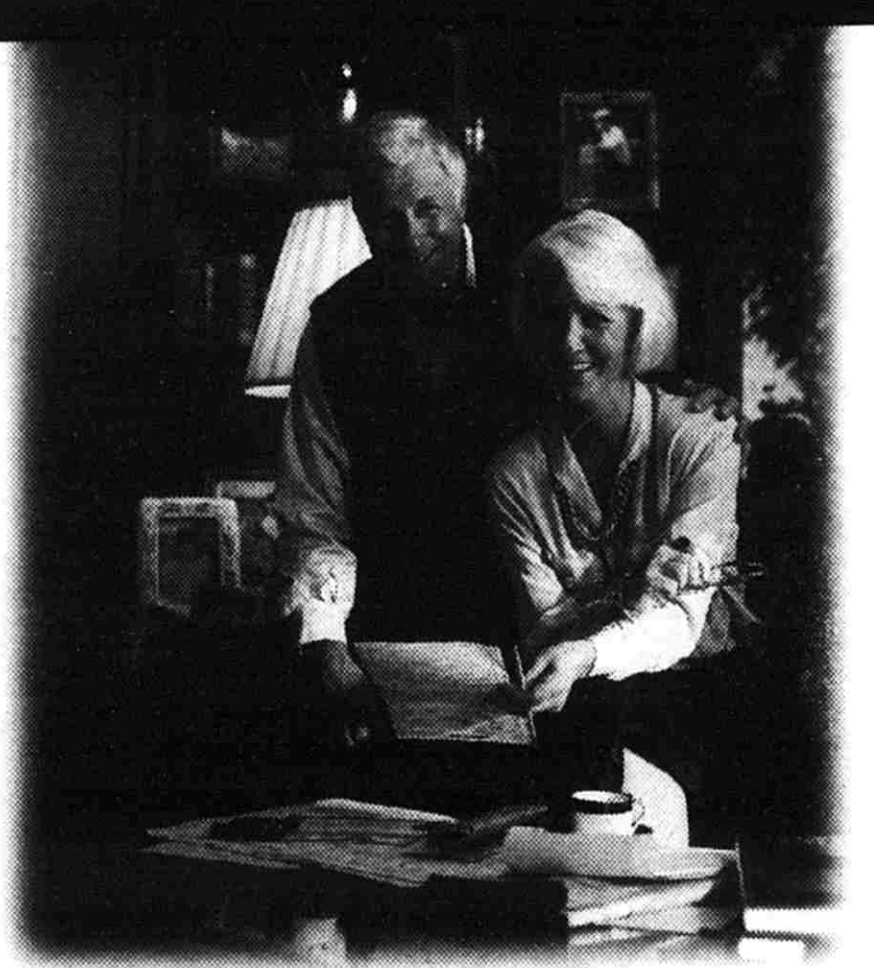


Bob Britt, Postal Clerk
No drastic change yet. It's still the first of the month, but we're expecting to get busy.



Vern Pagel, Roadway Package System Driver (RPS)
We're busy!

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To be upset over what you don't have is to waste what you do have.
Ken S. Keyes Jr.

After you've heard two eyewitness accounts about an auto accident, it makes you wonder about history.
Bits & Pieces

IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME

GARAGE SALE SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!
STOP BY THESE GREAT SALES!

YARD SALE - Some antiques, kids stuff, dried baskets, etc. Maybe some furniture, rain or shine. Fri. & Sat., 10-6 p.m. 10594 Grand River Dr.

GARAGE SALE - Murray Lake, 11816 Five Mile (1 mile W. of Lincoln Lake Rd.) Fri. & Sat., Aug. 8 & 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Household goods, books, clothes, sporting goods & more.

YARD SALE - Several families, everything must GO!! 250 Brook (Hudson to Ottawa to Brook - near Schneider Manor) Tues. thru Thurs., Aug. 5-7, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

HUGE 5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Forget Grand Slam - you'll get it all in one sale. Antiques, clothes, household items, toys, exer. equip., etc. Aug. 6 & 7, 9-5 pm., 11346 Peck Lk. Rd., corner of Hastings Rd., 1/2 mile N. of Jimmy's Grill.

THE "I CAN'T BELIEVE ALL THIS STUFF!" SALE - First time sale from the basement, the attic, the closet, the garage & the barn. Several families. Bring the truck! Bring the men folks! Aug. 8 & 9 at Backwater Woods, 13461 Burroughs, N. of Vergennes bet. Lincoln Lake & Flat River.

MOVING SALE - Fri., Sat. & Sun., 9-? Everything must go. 3790 Pratt Lake Rd., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE - Infant to size 2 clothes & equip., furniture, tires, lots of misc. Thurs. - Sat., 9-4 p.m. 8395 Five Mile Rd. off Honey Creek.

GARAGE SALE - We have a little bit of everything! Fri., Aug. 8 & Sat., Aug. 9 at 716 N. Washington, 9 to 5 p.m.

BASEMENT SALE - Aug. 7, 8 & 9. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 12572 36th Street.

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 7 & 8 from 9-5 p.m. 9550 Riverside Dr. (1/2 way between Lowell & Saranac) Antiques & collectibles, coins, guns, old books, collectible records, clothes & misc.

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 8 & 9, 9 to 5. Good variety, including free box, iron bed, paper back books & craft supplies. 1270 Sibley.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Rain or shine! Fri., Aug. 8 & Sat., Aug. 9, 9-5 p.m. 4469 Causeway Dr., Murray Lake. Antiques, collectibles, tools, toys, household goods.

LOWELL BASEBALL CLUB MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 7 & 8, 9 to 5. Held next to Rite Aid in grass field.

YARD SALE - 1 day only! Sat., Aug. 9, 9-4 p.m. Key Heights trailer park, lot 140. 897-9454.

GARAGE SALE - Wed., Aug. 6, 4-7 pm.; Thurs., Aug. 7, 9 am-4 pm.; Summer & winter clothes, size 12 girls thru juniors. Kathy Akers, 707 Foreman Rd.

YARD SALE - Several families. Aug. 7, 10 - 6 p.m. at 287 Lincoln Lake Rd., formerly H & M Repair. Tons of stuff! Household, collectibles, clothing, furniture, you name it. No presales, cash only. One day sale.

YARD SALE - Fri. & Sat., August 8 & 9, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 11366 Dorothy St., lot 57, Key Heights.

SPORTSCARD SALE - Aug. 8, 10 - 1 p.m. 10868 Woodbushe, Eastgate. Baseball, basketball & football grab bags.

GARAGE SALE - Sat., Aug. 9, 9 - ? Dining & end tables, living room chairs, TV, many nice items. 10487 Bluewater Hwy. (3 miles E. on M-21).

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 7, 2980 Timpson (bet. 36th & Grand River Dr.)

5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - dishes, ladies dress shoes, clothing, books, old record albums, craft items, pictures, house items, light fixtures, furniture. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 7 & 8, 9-4 p.m. 13108 Grand River Dr.

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 8 & 9, 9-evening. 104 Flat River Dr. (just past Fallasburg Powerhouse dam) Rock bottom prices! Everything must go! Household items, nice quality young women's back to school clothing, dishes, toys & lots of misc.

Craigs celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Craig of Clarksville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house luncheon for family, friends and neighbors at the Bowne Center United Methodist Church Hall on Sunday, Aug. 17. Their children will be hosts.

Mr. Craig and the former Geraldine Flynn were married August 17, 1947. He served in the U.S. Army on the European front during WWII and retired from the

Kent County Road Commission. Caledonia garage. She is retired from Lablatape in Grand Rapids.

Their children and spouses are Gary Gilbert of Lowell and the late Sheila Gilbert; Bonnie Craig of Kalamazoo; Wendy and Charles Grudzinskas of Jacksonville, FL; Kirk Craig of Alto and Tim and Debbie Craig of Alto.

They have seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



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IN THE SERVICE

Marine Sgt. Richard J. Mutschler, whose wife Tara is the daughter of Allen F. Dawson of Saranac, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, Santa Ana, CA.

Mutschler was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1994 graduate of Saranac High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1994.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (1 John 3:17).

There are different ways of expressing love and affection. Dad is not the kissing kind. But he does lend his cheek. When it comes time for him to leave home, he leans over for the other person to bestow a caress on his face.

Although Dad doesn't display affection by giving us hugs and kisses, he has his own way of letting us know he loves us. Let one of us get into difficulty of any kind and he is Johnny-on-the-spot, ready to give the shirt off his back, if necessary, to help us out of trouble.

Christians have been called to walk in love; they can express their love for others in different ways. The fortunate can share with the less fortunate. Christians can show

their love by sharing their material means with those in need. They can give of themselves, also. Lending a listening ear, insignificant though it may seem, can mean a tremendous lot to one who needs to unburden his heart. Holding a needy heart up to the Lord in prayer takes time and effort, but being genuinely concerned for others is our

duty and privilege. It is the Christian's way of expressing love.

Prayer: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me show love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy!

St. Francis of Assisi

COLLEGE NEWS

Jessica Pelon of Lowell was named to Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list of students who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages.

Pelon was among 858 seniors and 2,260 total students to make the CMU honors list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 7 - Barbara Wright, Don Grummet, Jaimi Smith, Steve Newell.

AUGUST 8 - Jennifer Kimble, Chris Goggins, John Rasch, Allen Hoekstra, Sharell Wolf, Debra Mercer.

AUGUST 11 - Mike Wilczewski.

AUGUST 12 - Robin Briggs, Linda Uzarski, Betty Powell, Steve Martin Sr.

AUGUST 13 - Robert Hewitt, Ryan Christenson, Ryan Roe, Mike Roth.

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Mary Clark received Realtor of the Month in July.

This award recognizes Clark for her outstanding success and achievements.

A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours.
Milton Berle

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I left you last week near Ely, Minnesota. My friend Randy and I were off on our annual "most excellent adventure." We spent our first night out with some friends at their lodge on an island on Burnside Lake near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. This year's quest was to travel the Mississippi River from the headwaters to the mouth, in a float equipped Cessna 180. After dining on coffee and toast, we threw our stuff in the plane, said our goodbyes and fired her up.

Our first leg of the day was a short hop in the grand scheme of things, just 150 miles to Lake Itasca, Minnesota, where the Mighty Mississippi begins its 2,552 mile journey to the sea.

We had one small problem. I'd ordered new FAA sectional charts prior to the trip, but the "Twin Cities" edition had been back ordered. These charts are updated every few months to show anything new in terrain features (towers, for example), changes in controlled airspace and a host of information important to pilots. I had packed the most current "Twin Cities" sectional I could find. It bore a 1989 date.

My navigator was not comfortable with the old chart, especially since we were heading into some rainy weather and low ceilings. This would require that we "scud run" along at low altitude, and within reach of protruding towers. "No guts, no air medals," I told him. He didn't want to hear that.

Our first hop lasted about 10 minutes. We put down on a lake that had a small airport within an easy walk. At the airport we couldn't get a sectional chart, but a guy there had a current Minnesota state aviation chart. Close enough! Randy called Flight Service for a weather briefing. It didn't sound good, but armed with a current map, we went for it anyway. I told Randy, "Man, this is the land of 10,000 lakes. When you're on floats,

it's like a great big airport. We can put down anywhere if the weather closes in." He loves my little pep talks.

We proceeded on to our destination, skipping along under low ceilings and through a few light rain showers. On the plus side, we were getting a firsthand look at some beautiful terrain.

About an hour later, we were circling the headwaters as the creek-sized river flowed out of the lake. We could tell it was the headwaters because there were a bunch of tourists standing around in the rain. The surveyor who discovered the river's source in 1832 probably didn't have such a landmark.

We landed on the lake and tied up at a beach in the state park, the largest in Minnesota we later found out at the Headwaters Museum. We hiked the short distance over to the headwaters, took some pictures, waded across the river and toured the museum. Our quest had officially begun.

We roared off the lake and began following the river north. Yes, north! The river wanders, and I mean wanders, north about 30 miles toward Bemijig, Minnesota. In Bemijig, the river flows in to the big lake that is the town's namesake. We landed and tied up to the municipal dock like we owned the place. It was a short walk across the street to a restaurant in the old railroad station for lunch. Great food! Again, the fare was not in the spirit of our Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn inspired adventure, but we were hungry. We went to a nearby grocery, scored some grub for the cooler, took our pictures in front of huge, tacky, statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox, then flew off to the east.

We found the river as it flowed out of Lake Bemijig, and kept repeating the process as the river ran in one side of a lake, and out the other. The river grew larger and larger all the while. It was pretty country. Very rugged. We spotted several eagles as we scudded along, still in marginal weather. This was way too cool!

After about a hundred miles of this, we came into Grand Rapids, Minnesota, where the river finally hooks sharply to the south. From Grand Rapids to Brainerd, the river was not much larger than our own Flat River. It wanders through marshland for the most part and is again very scenic. We saw more eagles. The weather was improving. Life was good!

We stopped for gas at a marina outside Brainerd where we

present factory and the Waverly Block. Sprayers have been selling very well.

Belding chief of police Elmer Cook and Kent County sheriff Ward, in disguise, buy several bottles of home brew from Oakland Township farmer Art Smith, then make the arrest.

When Lowell's Harrison Reed shaved off his beard, not even his relatives knew him.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUGUST 7, 1947
Carlton Runciman is vice president of the new Grand Rapids radio station WGRD.

A thermometer in the shade at Roth's Furniture Store, Tuesday afternoon, read 106 degrees.

Young people selling magazine subscriptions to get nursing school scholarships are not being truthful, says the MI State Nurses Association.

Michigan Bell asks for a rate increase, and offers free calls to Ada, Alto and Grand Rapids.

Cary's Inc., owned by Cary Stiff, formerly an executive with Wurzburgs and the Boston Store, buys Weekes Dry Goods from the estate. Frank Coons bought the store building and is leasing it to Cary's Inc.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - AUGUST 3, 1972

Township primary elections "lack excitement."
The Al Hart farm in Belding sends the first wheat to King Milling Co., July 20. A record day's take occurred on July 25: 116,700 bushels.

Twenty-one-year-old Robin Walter is running for state representative in the 90th District.
Erb Lumber purchases Walter's Lumber Mart on East Main Street.

Each dollar donated to the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Decoration Fund is a chance on winning a new color TV.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,
Where were you the evening of the Lowell Showboat parade?

I am writing to show my disappointment that the Lowell Ledger did not mention the Showboat parade in the July 23, 1997 issue. As hot as it was, all of those who participated should have been recognized. But the Ledger had nothing.

There was a young man, I don't know who he was, who led several boys and girls who were on roller skates and roller blades. He did an excellent job keeping them under control. The group did an excellent job as Main Street did not have the smooth surface it should have. I praise and thank this young

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were greeted with what would become the all too familiar. "You run regular gas in that thing? This is a first for this marina!" The only difference was, the accents would change as we headed south. In Minnesota, the speech was punctuated with "yahs" and "heys."

South of Brainerd the river grew measurably, and was about the size of the Grand River here in our neck of the woods (as Al Roker would say). We flew through Little Falls, St. Cloud and on to the outskirts of Minneapolis where we had to contact air traffic control for a clearance through their airspace. Definitely not a Tom and Huck procedure, but essential if we wanted to follow the river.

We told the controller what we were up to, and he was awestruck. Must have been a pilot himself. He kept asking us questions about our trip, in between directing big jets in and out of the airport. The guy was great! He let us follow the river right through town at low altitude so we could get a good look and snap some pictures. At one point he even asked us, "How's the service so far?" This would become the catch phrase for the trip. Any time the food, scenery, weather, luck with a ride, etc. was in our favor, one of us would ask the other, "How's the service so far?" It always got a laugh.

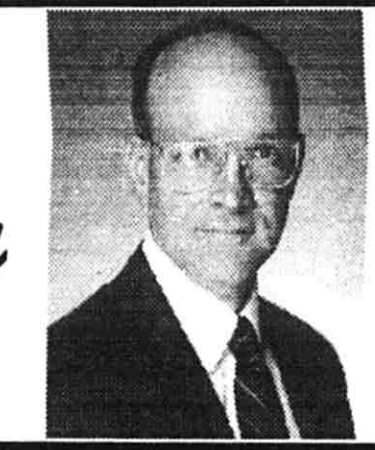
The Wisconsin River flows into the Mississippi south of Minneapolis. The river becomes quite majestic through here. Large green hills and rocky cliffs flank the shores. The weather had become sunny and warm. It was a Saturday afternoon and there was considerable recreational boat traffic. We also encountered the first of many locks on the river and began seeing huge barges tied together and being pushed by big tugs. All in all, it was quite a transformation from wading across a 30-foot-wide stream just a few hours earlier.

We motored on for another hour or so, and found a place to camp for the night. We picked out a sandy island in the middle of the river, splashed down, tied the plane to a tree and began setting up camp. That night we bathed in the river, ate hot dogs cooked over a campfire, watched the stars and asked each other, "How's the service so far?" Now this was in the spirit of Tom and Huck!

Next week: "Headin' downriver."

Sharing The Vision

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Honesty is the final value among the five selected by our community for emphasis in education. It is woven through each of the other values - Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, and Compassion. Honesty needs no definition; we remember what happened to Pinocchio when he was not honest with Jeppetto. Nonetheless, it is interesting to review Webster's definition of "honesty": "A fairness and straightforwardness of conduct; adherence to the facts; a refusal to lie, steal or deceive in any way." Put more simply, George Washington chopped down the cherry tree and then gave us a basic rule to live by when he said, "I cannot tell a lie." This rule, of course, is much easier to pronounce than to obey over a lifetime - even a youthfully short one.

As with all of the other values, the bulwark of morality separates honest behavior which holds families, friends, schools, and communities together from deceptive conduct which tears them apart. As Pope John Paul II said recently, "Truth must be the foundation stone, the cement to solidify the entire social edifice."

But why, one might ask, should young people be honest if they can get what they want by lying or cheating? There are many good answers to this basic question. Some would emphasize religious teachings, and the need for honesty in obedience to scripture. Others would point to laws which punish various forms of dishonesty. As J. Edgar Hoover noted during his tenure at the helm of the FBI: "Truth telling, I have found, is the key to responsible citizenship. The thousands of criminals I have seen in forty years of law enforcement have had one thing in common: every single one was a liar." Still others would cite desire for respect and avoidance of the humiliation and disgrace that shadows a reputation for dishonesty. All of these reasons reflect a fundamental point - we preserve our society and our place in it when we obey basic values such as honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and compassion. We risk social chaos and the hurt and harm it would bring to our lives if we abandon those values.

It is sometimes forgotten that if young people do not learn to be honest, they may find it all too easy for them to lie to get what they want. Thus, it is the core values, beginning with honesty, that must be at the heart of the learning experience for young people. Instilling these values is an awesome task, and one best accomplished when families, schools, churches, and community organizations pull together toward this crucial common goal.

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ABC'S OF MELANOMA

Summer is the time for outdoor activities and basking in the sunlight and time to learn the ABC's of melanoma. Melanoma is the most feared and one of the most potentially lethal of cancers. Malignant melanoma occurs when pigmented cells (melanocytes) multiply uncontrollably for reasons that aren't known yet. Malignant melanoma affects 32,000 people a year and kills nearly 7,000.

Melanoma is more common in fair-skinned individuals with a history of sun exposure, especially intense exposure in childhood. Melanoma presents as a changing or growing pigmented area, usually on the backs of men and on the lower legs of women. It is estimated that approximately 60 percent of melanomas arise from pre-existing moles, and the other 50 percent occur from unknown reasons.

There are other risk factors besides sun exposure and exposure in childhood. Other factors include: personal or

family history of melanoma, numerous moles, abnormal appearing moles, light skin type, blue or green eyes, blond or red hair, Northern European ancestry, living in areas with high intensity sunlight.

The "ABCD's" of melanoma describe its characteristic features. A= asymmetry of the lesion (flat or slightly raised). B= border irregularity. C= color variation (shades of tan to brown to black and red may be seen in the same lesion). D=

To The Editor, cont'd...From Pg. 5

man for taking the time to organize and work with this group of young people. We need more people like him to work with the youth.

There were other organizations who put a lot of work into their entries. The Lowell High School band did excellent. Their music sounded so good. The Lowell post office was another. They had miniature horses that wore top hats and bow ties. Many other entries did a great job and yet no mention in the Lowell Ledger.

I am very glad for the excellent turnout of viewers, but very disappointed in the Lowell Ledger.

Clara Dalstra

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is my check for another year of The Lowell Ledger and for two copies of the Ledger which I received today - one to be sent to Ann in Oshkosh, Wisc., and the other to Patty in Martinez, GA.

diameter greater than 6 mm (pencil eraser size).

The treatment of melanoma is surgical removal. The risk of metastasis (spread to other organs) is directly related to the tumor thickness (depth of growth of the tumor).

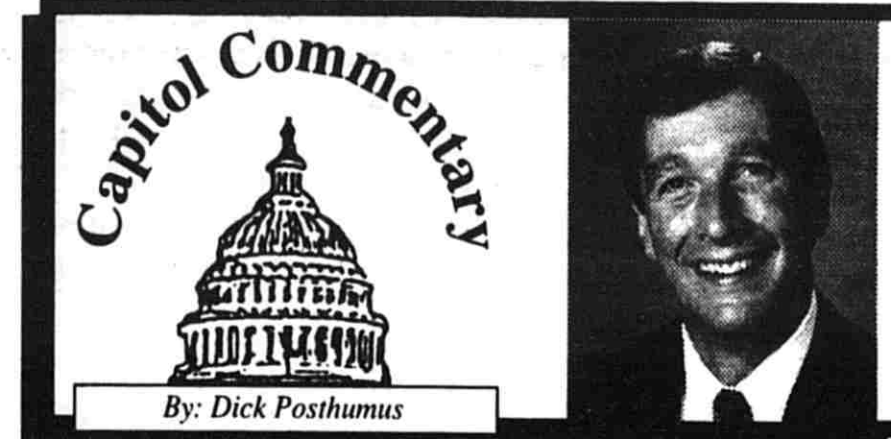
Protection from UV exposure beginning early in life is important. Protective clothing and hats and sunblock are important. People with a history of melanoma or other risk factors should have regular skin exams.

While I was teaching art in Lowell, the last art room I had was in the north end of the city garage, right opposite the old Showboat dock. In all good weather my students and I were out on that dock, drawing and painting the backs of the old buildings. I still have a copy of the back of Lee's Landing, seen from the Showboat dock by a talented student Bill Doyle (Beaver). It was later used on the program of *Our Town*, the junior class play of that year.

This week's Ledger with the story by Ruby Christiansen, Letter to the Editor by Barbara Curtis, and story of the cleanup, to me, represents the best in newspaper writing. I'm also fascinated by the trip down the Mississippi by Tom and Huck.

I think Lowell is a most remarkable town. The years I taught art there were the most satisfactory of my years of teaching and I am impressed by the great support to the fine arts, art, music, and drama by the community.

My deep appreciation,
Blanche Mullen



CHARTER SCHOOL DECISION - A VICTORY FOR MICHIGAN FAMILIES

The education of the children of our state is one of the most important issues facing elected officials in Michigan each year. Every year, the Legislature considers many important bills that will affect the quality of public schools in our state. While we continue to work to improve the system as a whole, I know that the best judge of what is most beneficial for a student, is his or her parents. That is why I'm working to create a system of educational freedom in Michigan so that students and their parents can have more options to choose from in determining the school that is best for them. One way that we're accomplishing this is through public school academics, also called charter schools.

I was pleased last week at a ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court which upheld the state's original charter school law classifying the academics as public schools eligible for state aid. In a 5-1 vote, the Supreme Court said the 1993 charter school law does provide sufficient state control and that the

schools are not religious schools. The decision reverses a Court of Appeals ruling faulting the law for allowing the schools to be run by privately-selected boards.

We've seen the interest in charter schools balloon in the last few years and we expect the number of students enrolled in these schools to reach more than 20,000 in the fall. This shows that Senate Republicans were on the right track when we initiated this opportunity for Michigan families a few short years ago. Michigan families really are looking for quality public education alternatives, and are finding it in our state's growing number of charter schools.

The children of this state are not only our greatest resource, they hold the key to the future of this state and this nation. We must do all we can to ensure they have the greatest educational opportunities possible to prepare them for the ever-changing world around us.

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Thank You

The Lowell Area Fire Department and the Grand Valley Blood Program were pleased with the 64 citizens that turned out for the fire department blood drive on July 23. Fifty-four pints of blood were collected, six of those from first-time blood donors.

The Lowell Area Fire Department wishes to thank all of the people who came out to give a gift.

The next blood drive will be in December. This is the blood drive that helps the Grand Valley Blood Program with the much needed blood for the holiday season.

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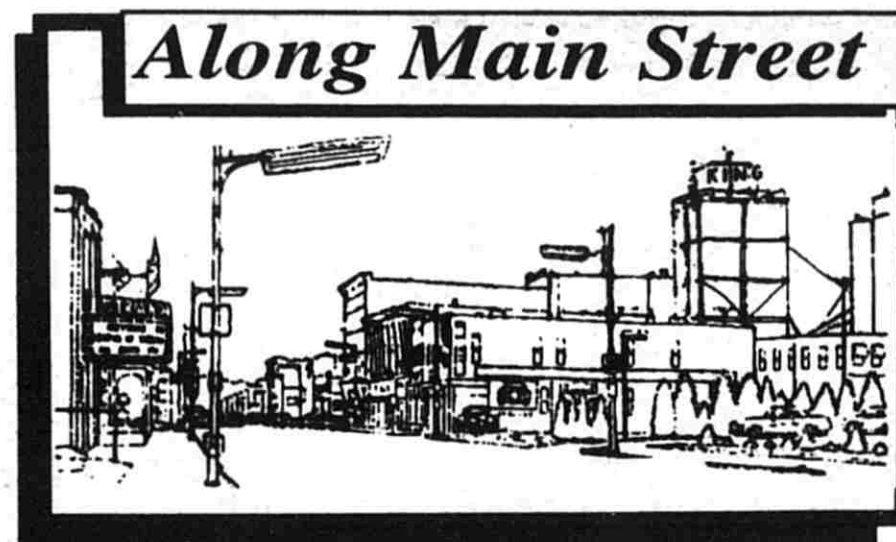
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Along Main Street

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A Riverwalk stage fund-raiser will be held Friday, Aug. 8 from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Riverview. Admission is \$3 per person or \$5 a couple.

You may purchase tickets at State Farm Insurance, Springrove Variety and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

POP CAN DRIVE

The Lowell High School baseball teams need you to donate pop cans for their spring camp. There will be a pickup drive on Saturday, August 9. Call 897-5178, 897-5092 or 897-6266 for more information.

PARADE ENTRIES SOUGHT

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the Labor Day weekend Riverwalk parade held on Saturday, Aug. 30.

For more information call Liz at 897-9161.

GOLF OUTING

World Studies Council golf outing will be held at Deer Run at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12. The cost for a four person scramble is \$35 per person which includes golf cart, dinner, raffle & prizes.

Proceeds to support high school social studies European study tour. Call Deer Run for tee-time at 897-8481.

HARRY'S BACK IN TOWN

The watercolor group "Harry and Friends" is again on

exhibit at the Lowell Arts Council Center Gallery. This exhibit of 34 watercolors will be on view through August 16.

Some members of this exhibit have been painting together for 20 years. Many of those years were spent working under the instruction of now retired Harry Hefner of Western Michigan University's art department. Gallery hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

LACC OFFICE AUGUST CLOSING

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office will be closed from August 9 through 18. The office will open Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 7:30 a.m.

You may call 897-9918 for information.

LHS FALL SPORTS STARTING DATES AND TIMES

The following sports all begin on Monday, Aug. 11: girls basketball - varsity, 9 a.m. - noon; junior varsity, noon to 3 p.m. and freshmen, noon to 3 p.m. all in the high school gym; cross country, 8 to 10 a.m. at the high school track; football - varsity, junior varsity and freshmen, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school fields and boys golf from 8 to noon at Deer Run.

Variance, continued...From Page 1

room to his residence. As drawn, the addition lies within four and one half feet of a detached garage. The ordinance calls for a 10 foot minimum distance between buildings.

Will pointed out to the commissioners various reasons for planning the addition as it was submitted to them. Moving the addition one way would block some bedroom windows. Attaching the addition to the garage would be too costly and would disallow access to the rear yard without walking around the house on either side.

Since Will's property has more than adequate setbacks,

and because the addition would have little visual impact from the street or to neighbors, the commissioners voted to recommend a variance for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Tom Rehwoald, owner of the Lowell Mobile Home Park at 140 N. Pleasant, requested a variance for four mobile home sites along Pleasant Street. Rehwoald's request called for placing new mobile homes on the four sites in violation of the existing 10 foot front yard setback requirement. The existing homes are already placed within one and a half to four feet from the property line

and are grandfathered in.

As these homes grow old and deteriorate, Rehwoald hopes to replace them. One lot is currently vacant since an older mobile home was removed. He explained that new mobile homes are typically 14' by 70', and longer than the old homes currently on the sites. Given this fact, it is impossible for him to place them on the sites and maintain the required 10 foot setback. The new homes would not be any closer to Pleasant Street than the existing homes are now.

City zoning administrator, Pat Hudson, noted that the park is very old and was established well before current

zoning laws were in place. Hudson explained that there is no way the park could ever be brought into the parameters of the existing ordinance. In order to allow the owners to make improvements to the park, the current ordinances will have to be bent, or ignored.

The commissioners voted to recommend the request for approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the request on Monday, August 4.

Airport, continued...From Page 1

all classes to become certified airplane airframe and powerplant mechanics. Tyler told the airport board that they had enough students to get the program on its feet and in the black.

A contract between the city and SMAT was approved at the Monday, August 4,

In other business the Planning Commission approved expending up to \$2,000 for a Request for Proposal to be developed for a new City Hall and Police Station. The work will be done by Dan Durkee of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber. Durkee has been the architect for several local projects, including the fire station and library.

The Planning Commission initially reviewed a committee report on revisions to the zoning ordinance regarding flags and banners.

The Planning Commission also got their first look at preliminary drawings for attractive "Welcome to Lowell" signs at the city's boundaries. The commissioners were pleased with the drawings and the committee was instructed to proceed with gathering costs.

meeting of the Lowell City Council. The 10-year lease basically gives SMAT free use of the two large hangars on the field, use of the airport and exclusive right to all commercial operations. In return, SMAT must provide fire and liability insurance, maintain the buildings

and grounds and designate an airport manager.

As the program grows, it is hoped that flight training will again be offered at the Lowell Airport. But, as Tyler noted at a meeting of the airport board, "You've gotta creep before you walk."

Ledger errs, continued...From Page 1

ply warehouse. When Don's plans fizzled, Bernie stepped into the picture, saw to the completion of construction on the building and opened it as a dealership for used boats, snowmobiles, motorcycles and other recreational vehicles. Doors were opened in July of this year.

When Endurance Products opened, members of the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission had several problems with it. Not the least of which were the facts that it was an entirely different business

than the building permit had been issued for and that there was a different owner.

Anderson met with the planning commission members on July 14 and was advised of several areas where the business was out of compliance.

Anderson said, "I came away from the meeting feeling we had resolved all the issues and they gave me until August 11 to make some changes. The next thing I know, there is this article in the Ledger talking about be-

ing closed up if I don't do certain things to make the township happy."

The big rub between Anderson and the township seems to be the issue of selling licensed vehicles, such as motorcycles. Zoning regulations for such a dealership require 300 feet of frontage, and Anderson currently has only 100 feet.

Anderson says, "In the first place, I'm not selling the motorcycles (titled vehicles); they are here on consignment only. Even if they do say I'm a dealership, I still have the option of not dealing in titled vehicles or buying another 200 feet of frontage before they can stop me from selling motorcycles. Anderson Sr., owner of the adjoining property, owns the adjoining property. The issue of closure was the part of last week's article that most upset Anderson.

Anderson asked that we include in this article his assurance that he is working with the township to come in to compliance with their list of grievances. "This is a new business, and I'm new at this. I've sunk a lot of money into this operation, and the last thing I want is to get into a grudge match with the township. I just want to run a quality business here and be a service to the community."

The Ledger hopes this piece has cleared up the errors in last week's article.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

YE: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JULY 21, 1997.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Shores and Mayor Thompson. Absent: Councilmember Myers. Also Present: Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine, Department of Public Works Director Daniel DesJardens, Fire Chief Frank Martin, City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon and City Attorney Richard Wendt.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to excuse the absence of Councilmember Myers. YE: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by HODGES that the minutes of the July 7, 1997 meeting be approved as written. YE: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YE: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/21/97)

Table listing bills and accounts payable: GENERAL FUND \$87,485.05, EQUIPMENT FUND 1,705.06, LOCAL STREET FUND 53.96, WASTEWATER FUND 357.87, AIRPORT FUND 27.66, WATER FUND 4,533.76, DDA FUND 44,796.89, LOOK FUND 2,345.82, MAJOR STREET FUND 168.20, CURRENT TAX FUND 15.02.

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 1572 SIBLEY - KATHLEEN MIERAS - SIDE YARD VARIANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ATTACHED GARAGE - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (8/4). Councilmember Shores, as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, stated Kathleen Mieras is planning a 480 square foot attached garage with utility room to her home at 1572 Sibley. The garage would be 7.5 feet from the west property line. Shores noted that the home is setback 6 feet from the east property line, giving a total of 13.5 feet. According to the Zoning Ordinance, a total side yard setback for one and two family dwellings in the R-2 District is 15 feet.

B. 140 N. PLEASANT - TOM REHWOLDT - FRONT YARD VARIANCE FOR FOUR SITES AT THE LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (8/4). Tom Rehwoldt, owner of the Lowell Mobile Home Park, requested a front yard setback variance at four sites along North Pleasant Street so that larger (14'X70'), more updated mobile homes could be installed. At present, these sites are from 1.5 to 4 feet away from the front lot line, where 10 feet is required. It was noted that site #4 has been vacated, where a replacement home has been proposed.

Shores stated the applicant has explained that 19.5 feet exists between the lot line and the edge of the street. Thus, the sites have some distance to the road currently. Both variance requests are scheduled for recommendation before the Planning Commission at its July 28 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to set a public hearing date on August 4 to review the requests from Kathleen Mieras - 1572 Sibley, side yard variance for the construction of an attached garage and Tom Rehwoldt - 140 N. Pleasant - front yard variance for four sites at the Lowell Mobile Home Park.

Item #2. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP. A memorandum submitted by City Attorney Richard Wendt provided background for the proposed amendment to the water supply agreement between the City and Lowell Charter Township. In addition, a resolution involved the Township reimbursing the City through depreciation for the full net book value of the Westside improvements amounting to \$83,706 to be paid in one lump sum. City Attorney Wendt stated the City and the Township entered into discussion for a water service agreement when the construction of a new High School was under consideration with the need to supply water at this facility. The Township also indicated their intent to replace a private well system in the Eastgate Subdivision that experienced water quality problems.

Further, a third project was the proposed extension on west M-21 in the Township. Wendt explained an agreement was reached on October 19, 1992 which the City provided public water to the township on a wholesale basis. He mentioned the water used in the Township and supplied to the high school would be metered as it enters the Township. The Township is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the system throughout the jurisdiction as well as billing the customers in the Township for individual water service and use. When the City first entered into an agreement, Wendt said an initial Township rate of \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons of water was established through June 30, 1994. This was based on estimates of costs prepared by the city's and township's engineers as well as estimates of use. Further, the rate was based on information from the township concerning anticipated use of water in an annual year period. Based on those estimates, the city had to incur some costs to build the northwest booster pumping station. At that time, the rate setting methodology based on the actual cost of the improvements proved to be higher than originally estimated. This was due to the lower than estimated flow to the Township and the Township's decision not to extend water service west on M-21. Wendt stated that the property owners along M-21 did not want to pay the cost of a special assessment for water. The recalculation of the rate was raised from \$2.10 to \$2.89/thousand gallons according to the methodology. The second year, (1996-97) the rate climbed to \$3.03. When the City bills the Township, Wendt explained the actual rate to the Township customers is higher due to their cost and billing costs. Wendt explained the actual rate paid by the property owner in the Township exceeded the \$3.03. The township continued to pay this amount and is current with those payments. In the fall of 1996, the Township formally notified the City it was initiating the arbitration provisions to resolve this dispute. Wendt commended City Treasurer Judy Noonon, Dan Cafmeyer of Biggs, Hauserman and City Manager Pasquale for their efforts to attempt to resolve this dispute. He stated the major issue of disagreement dealt with the treatment in the Methodology of the cost for the westside Gee Drive booster pump station and related water mains constructed on Gee Drive and Alden Nash. When the methodology applied as it related to the cost, it was the City's conclusion this booster pump station would not have been constructed had water not been extended to the Township and the High School. Secondly, no more than five percent in the City's opinion was a benefit to the users of the system as a whole. Ninety five percent was of special benefit to the Township and its users. The Township took the position that 100% of the cost of the booster pumping station on the north-eastside should be paid by all users of the system. Further, it was the City's conclusion that 100% of this cost be paid by users within the City and the Township should not pay any of that cost.

Councilmember Hodges stated the Township and the High School used less water than originally planned. He questioned if the difference was due significantly more to the High School or the Township. Wendt explained the greatest disparity was with the High School. It was noted that the High School initially started with its own well system until the Township completed its work so that a water main could be brought to the site. There was a time the High School was utilizing its well system to provide water and this has now changed. Hodges felt the High School was to be totally on the City system and later continued to utilize their well system. The Township of Vergennes raised the issue with the School and found there were some misunderstandings. Then, the Township granted the High School the ability to use its well for sprinkling grass. Wendt explained this has since changed

and the High School is currently utilizing the public water system for sprinkling. Councilmember Hodges questioned if the water Lowell Township is now using met the original estimation. Wendt responded yes, it has exceeded the original estimate. He stated when the original calculations were determined, the Township's share of total flow in the system was 12.4%. Last year was 13.9%, which means flow is increasing at a greater percentage in the Township than in the City. Wendt said this is caused by the High School using more water. But, more important is the development which has occurred in the township.

Mayor Thompson questioned if the engineers originally felt as more water users were added, it would control costs. Wendt explained many items influence the ability to control costs. First, the cost itself and how rates are set. If rates are too high, people conserve water, volume decreases and fewer units spread the costs. If the City grows faster than the Township, the City's percentage of total cost will be greater than the Township. However, the numbers show the opposite. The opportunity for growth is greater in the Township because of more available building sites. Wendt felt M-21 will have to connect into the system eventually and there will be demand. He stated the bowling alley and Cumberland Manor would have been significant water users and would have had an impact on the Township rate.

Wendt provided the following calculations on the cost payment from the Township:

Table showing net book value of Westside Improvements at June 30, 1997 (\$184,505.00) and Northeast Booster at June 30, 1997 (\$324,238.00), totaling \$508,743.00.

95% of net book value of westside improvements at June 30, 1997 (\$184,505.00 X .95 = \$175,279.75; the remaining 5% is already included in the rate base) \$15,279.75

Less contribution of Township users at 18% average annual Township flow over life of improvements (\$508,743.00 X .18 = \$91,573.74) -91,573.74

Cash payment due from Township \$83,706.01

Mayor Thompson asked if assuming we felt it would work out in the beginning and are now back to the drawing board, what if these assumptions don't transpire. Does the City pay the burden or the Township? City Attorney Wendt stated since both booster pump stations have been included, all would contribute or pay for a portion of the costs. If the Township does not meet the 18% share and only 15%, then all the users of the system would pay and rates spread to everyone. If the Township attains a 25% share, then the City has benefitted from the \$83,000 since there is no obligation to refund any or all portion. The City would simply accept this and the Township has agreed to pay it. Wendt said the major assumption was based on the Township's percent of average use will average 18% for the next 47 years.

Noonon added the City is landlocked and the potential for growth is limited. Thompson said on the other hand, the City has been proactive as far as extending the sewer and waterlines to the commercial areas and assisted in this project. Thompson stressed if the City would not have, Eastgate Subdivision and the Schools would have problems. Noonon noted 18% is a conservative figure. Wendt believed there was much incentive on the Township's part to attract more customers into the system. When the City charges are added to the Township, plus their charges to their customers, it provides a substantial rate. Wendt said the Township has an incentive to add more customers on the system.

Councilmember Hodges felt Mayor Thompson's concern regarding the contract being intact for 30 years. Hodges questioned what other provisions are there for renegotiating. Wendt responded by reaching at least to the proposed settlement, the option available is to proceed with arbitration of this issue. He said that is available and the City Council could move to that direction. However, Wendt's concern with arbitration is differences are often cut down the middle. Even though the City feels the methodology is appropriate, there is a risk. Wendt felt comfortable based on the 18% being a conservative number. This results in the City receiving what it would have recovered had the strict methodology been applied and prevailed in arbitration.

Mayor Thompson questioned if these costs will only be Council Proceedings, cont. d., pg. 18

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passed onto the users and not anyone else. He could not envision people installing wells having to take on the burden of the water system. Noonon responded the City never subsidizes the water system. Wendt said the water system is an enterprise fund (a fund supported by rates and charges). Mayor Thompson asked if the City will have a drastic increase in costs. Noonon did not feel that will present a problem. Also, there will be interest earnings off the \$83,000 received. Noonon hoped if this resolution is approved, this would allow for a cash reserve so the City water fund has a better footing. Currently, there is no cash reserve in the water fund. She noted there are bond reserves, but little operating cash at the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Thompson said the City's greatest concern is being good neighbors, but he did not want to see passing the Township responsibilities to the City users. Wendt responded the methodology employed is designed to ensure users in the Township pay their share of the cost of the system. This was the reason behind how the methodology was devised.

Mayor Thompson questioned if the attorney fees would be passed to all users. Wendt responded yes. Thompson noted the City went into this to assist neighbors, the new High School and the Eastgate Subdivision. It is coming back as a City problem. Thompson can't ensure City users will not be burdened by the cost. He stressed it is not the City water users' problem, but a Township issue. Noonon added that arbitration only lasts one year and costs much money. She stressed with this agreement, there is hope everyone comes into agreement and have an end to the legal fees.

City and Township staff recommended three other changes in the Methodology as follows:

1. To better define how the City and Township share of integrated system costs are to be allocated, it is recommended that the percentage of billed flow concept be replaced with a percentage of plant flow which takes into consideration unmetered flow which the System receives income from, System water loss incurring within the City and integrated plant and System usage to be shared by the Township and its users and City users.

2. It is recommended that the capital replacement reserve be eliminated as a cost category of the Methodology since this is already principally provided for through the depreciation cost category. Even though it has been included as a cost category, the City has not used it in applying the Methodology.

Mayor Thompson questioned if, in the future, the Township decides to develop their own water system, taking what they have installed, then the City has a pump system that only services 5% of the community and of no use to the municipality. Wendt stated the agreement addresses that issue. In the original agreement, there is an exclusive service area in the Township. The only means by which water can be provided is through this agreement and they must purchase water from the City. Other areas may be added, which also become exclusive. Wendt noted forty years is the maximum by law the City is allowed to enter into a contract.

Mayor Thompson mentioned the City installed a tank which takes care of fire protection on the westside. He stressed that the City's system can handle the fire protection on the westside and is not dependent on the Township.

Mayor Thompson felt uncomfortable voting on this agreement this evening. He said the Township pushed this to transpire. Why not wait until this proposal is agreeable. Wendt stressed the Council could vote to approve the resolution contingent upon the Township approving it.

Noonon felt there would be less problems if both parties acted on the agreement the same evening. Mayor Thompson wished a unanimous agreement by their board as they initiated the process. Councilmember Hodges stated the issue comes down to good faith. The City entered into this originally with good faith, are sympathetic and want to be fair. Wendt mentioned the City will recover from the Township the full amount of its 95% share of the costs of the Westside Improvements. This is their fair share of the cost. Wendt stressed it is important the users in the city understand this.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the amendment to the Water Supply Agreement with the City and Lowell Charter Township as presented.
YEA: 4.
ABSENT: 1.

NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. EAST BOWES ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND PAYMENT REQUEST NO.1. A change order and payment request for Ken Shaler & Son Excavating was received regarding the East Bowes Road Reconstruction Project. Chief of Police James Valentine stated the change order of \$4,355.38 included the extending of elliptical concrete culverts for Cherry Creek deflecting Bowes southerly to maintain a minimum distance between the utility poles and the new road. Also, a 10" storm sewer had been installed on the south side rather than a flat ditch. Finally, castings on the catch basins were changed to special order related to the storm sewer.

Valentine noted the work completed as verified by the engineer provided a payment of \$30,091.84.

Mayor Thompson stated Jeff Vos, engineer with Williams and Works, has kept the Council well informed.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to provide a payment of \$30,091.84 and to approve the change order of \$4,355.38 to Ken Shaler & Son Excavating for the east Bowes Road Reconstruction Project with funds allocated from the Major Street Fund.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. REFINISHING OF 1946 SEAGRAVE FIRE TRUCK. As directed by the City Council, Fire Chief Frank Martin stated he sought a cost to refinish the 1946 Seagrave so that it may be displayed at 222 W. Main (old Bristol Body Shop) owned by King Milling Co. Martin stated he selected Lowell Auto Body because of their experience with antique car restoration. He explained Lowell Auto Body can begin restoration in a couple of weeks. The process takes three to four weeks to complete.

Noonon added the Council would need to waive the bid process.

Mayor Thompson questioned if the Community Promotions budget had sufficient funds budgeted to cover this expense. Noonon responded it is difficult to know what may be charged to this particular account. She explained a small budget amendment could subsequently be required to the Community Promotions budget.

Mayor Thompson questioned the possibility of submitting this to the Look Memorial Fund for funding.

Councilmember Shores felt the bid received was lower than she had expected and well worthwhile.

Mayor Thompson questioned if the truck was mechanically sound. Martin responded the truck body needs repainting. But, mechanically it is in good shape.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by SHORES to approve the refinishing of the 1946 Seagrave Fire Truck in the amount of \$4,009.76 from Lowell Auto Body with funds allocated from the Community Promotions Budget.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE OLD NAPA BUILDING RENOVATION. Chief of Police James Valentine stated as approved at the May 5, 1997 City Council meeting, the old NAPA building (113 Lafayette) will be renovated to accommodate the Chamber of Commerce office as well as public meeting rooms. An amount of \$20,000 had been budgeted for the project, of which \$2400 is allocated to handle the preparation of construction documents for the roofing, exterior door, frame and window replacement. City Manager Pasquale recommended Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber perform this task.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to approve Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber to perform architectural services for the old NAPA Building Renovation in the amount no greater than \$2400 to handle the preparation of construction documents for the roofing, exterior door, frame and window replacement, with funds allocated from the Public Works Budget.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECT DEPOSIT AND DIRECT PAYMENT PROPOSALS. City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon stated Payroll Supervisor Charlene McNab and City Manager Pasquale reviewed these proposals from FMB - State Savings Bank and Ionia County National Bank to provide direct deposit and direct payment services.

Valentine explained the actual cost between banks is close. However, McNab and Pasquale recommended FMB, due to no initial out of pocket costs. With the payroll currently at FMB, there are no transfers between banks needed.

The following is a comparison of cost based on information received.

	FMB	ICNB
Software fee waived	\$125	
Administrative Fee	\$25 a mo.	\$25 for the first 3 months \$2/file
File Fee	fee waived	\$25/trans
Transaction fee	fee waived	
direct deposit		
Transaction fee for direct payment	\$.10/trans	\$.10/trans
Prenote fee	none	\$.25/trans
Return Item Fee	none	\$.3/trans

Mayor Thompson stated the initial out of pocket costs are very minimal.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to approve FMB State Savings Bank to provide direct deposit and direct payment services.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Marj Harding of FMB State Savings Bank added after a six month period, FMB would review the \$25 a month administrative fee.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were provided:

Police	Building	Public Works
Fire	City Manager Activity	

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Green congratulated the Lowell Showboat for a successful year. He stated it was great to see so many in attendance in the amphitheater. Green commended the Lowell Showboat for compensating their suppliers up front. He said the Showboat is in good shape.

Councilmember Green further questioned City Attorney Wendt on the status of the Adult Oriented Business Ordinance. Wendt expected to have it presented to the Planning Commission at their next meeting.

Councilmember Shores said this year's Lowell Showboat was great and that she is looking forward to viewing the demolition of Lee's Landing tomorrow.

Councilmember Hodges said it has been a busy summer and felt our town looked attractive for the Showboat festivities. He commended Director of Public Works Dan DesJarden and the DPW staff for their efforts in keeping the City streets in good repair and parks trimmed up and looking good.

Mayor Thompson said it was great having the Showboat again and appreciated being a part of the Showboat parade. Thompson further stressed every effort was made to preserve the Lee's Landing building. He added the structure was allowed to deteriorate and it was no one individual's fault in the City.

Item #10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. In the absence of City Manager Pasquale, Chief of Police James Valentine reported on the following:

A. The demolition of Lee's Landing will commence on Tuesday, July 22.

B. Bids were received for the Bowes Road realignment project on Friday, July 11. The low bid received was from D.J. McQuestion and Sons of Leroy submitting a

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cost of \$196,833.55 (engineer's estimate of \$243,876).
In discussions with Jeff Vos of Williams and Works, construction is anticipated to start shortly after Labor Day.

C. A joint meeting of the City Council, Lowell School Board, Lowell and Vergennes Townships Boards along with the YMCA is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m., Lowell Township Hall to review findings concerning the Community Swimming Pool project.

Presentations on pool size options, locations, costs and financing will be given. It was felt by the Pool Committee to have input from the governing bodies at this point. A community meeting on this issue will be held on Tuesday, September 9 at a school site. Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock mentioned the August 19 meeting may be rescheduled for September.

D. The minutes of the June 12 Downtown Development Authority, June 18 GRETS and May 19 Light and Power Board meetings were presented.

E. In response to Councilmember Myers inquiries, Zoning Administrator Patrick Hudson provided copies of correspondence to Turf West and One-Stop Mart regarding zoning violations.

F. For the Council's information, correspondence from Grand Valley Metro Council regarding a proposed area-wide public transportation agency was given.

G. Valentine reminded the Council the next meeting scheduled on August 4 will be held at the Englehardt Public Library.

H. A community river clean up has been scheduled for tomorrow between 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.. Food will be provided.

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Thompson spoke with Michael Blough and Barbara Brown concerning their interest in being reappointed to the Planning Commission and Lowell Light and Power Board respectfully. Both expressed such interest.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to reappoint Michael Blough to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring June 30, 2000.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to reappoint Barbara Brown to the Lowell Light and Power Board for a three year term expiring June 30, 2000.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.
DATE APPROVED: August 4, 1997

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

Letter, continued...From Pg. 1

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1997

Justin Soyka
Cascade Christian Church
2829 Thornapple River Drive, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546

Dear Justin:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. Two of the most important problems facing the world today are overpopulation and hunger. At the current rate, the world population will reach close to nine billion by the year 2025, while food supplies become increasingly scarce.

Vice President Gore and I are committed to ensuring that the United States will take the lead in the international community in confronting these problems. I'm glad to know that you are thinking responsibly about our future, and I hope that you will stay involved.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Justin was part of a Cascade Christian Church middle school youth group project called "30-Hour Famine." During the voluntary fast, the group studied world hunger, visited the Mel Trotter Mission and learned firsthand what it's like to be hungry. At the end of the project, each student was instructed to write to a world leader with their thoughts on what could be done to prevent famine. Justin chose President Clinton.

His letter, the only copy of it, went out in February. Justin says he remembers writing about over population, getting surplus foods to those in need and stopping the waste of food. The months rolled by, and Justin had pretty much forgotten writing his letter. Lo and behold, in came the President's response dated July 22, 1997. Justin's mom, Vicki, thought the Ledger might be interested. Of course

we were, and we're passing it along with hopes that our readers will be just as interested. Justin is a student at Lowell Middle School. He has a twin brother, Josh, another brother, Micah, 7, and a sister, Sarah, 14. His parents are Mark and Vicki Soyka of Lowell. Justin's youth group teachers at Cascade Christian Church are Nancy and Jack Hawkins.

Answer to this week's Whitecaps/Ledger ticket giveaway question: Crush, who visits from time to time and wears number 9.9.

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The Riverwalk Festival that started as a dream and has become firmly planted on the newly built Riverwalk Plaza will be held Saturday, Aug. 30. The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. in downtown Historic Lowell. Chamber officials are pleased to bring 25

artists and craftsmen to the Riverwalk Festival this year. These artisans will offer top end art media and traditional crafts for sale. Among these booths are several nonprofit groups such as the Lowell Area Arts Center, Lowell Historical Association,

Franciscan Life Center, Fallsburg Historical Association and Lowell Friends of the Library, all offering a showcase of their wares for sale or display. The Riverwalk parade will proceed along Main Street at 10 a.m. featuring the

Riverwalk Duck, Lowell Area High School and Middle School marching bands, local churches, businesses and service groups. The pig roast will begin at noon serving from the old Napa building on the Riverwalk Plaza. For \$5 you

can eat a hearty meal of roasted pig, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, homemade cookies, lemonade and ice tea. The pig roast items are donated by several local churches and businesses. There will also be food vendors for those who do not wish to enjoy the pig. For des-

ert, stop off at the FMB ice cream wagon. Live entertainment, coordinated by Jim and Rose Ennis, also begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. There's something for everyone. Later in the evening, beginning at 8 p.m., Jim's band, *Five Times Faster* and *The Todd Nyson Band* will host the dance on the Riverwalk Plaza.

The day's climax is the announcement of the Riverwalk Duckies Race. The ducks will take to the starting gate at 4 p.m. sharp. Last year, over 2,000 ducks were in the Flat River. Only one duck will get through the entrapment device and win \$500. The ducks start at the rear of the Showboat and end at the boat ramp just off the Riverwalk Plaza.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE
Independent Probate
FILE No. 97-164,283-IE

ESTATE OF
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a/k/a ROSE E.
GERSCHESKI
DECEASED
SS# 384-10-1180

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS: Your interest
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barred or affected by the
following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 1117 CARRIER CREEK NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49503 died June 26, 1997. An instrument dated June 8, 1992 has been admitted as the will of the decedent and an instrument dated September 7, 1995 has been admitted as the First Codicil to the Will of the decedent.

Co-creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representatives: MARY MILLER, 1559 BALL NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49505 or MILDRED JABLONSKI, 920 MALTA NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503 or to both the independent personal representatives and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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.

EVERY MONDAY: Senior men's golf club at Arrowhead. Tee time 9 a.m. Play 9 holes, walk or ride. For more information call Al at 897-7342.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous 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 Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. 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 M#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-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES. NOTE CHANGE.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, will not meet during the month of August. Meetings will resume on September 9.

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 St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), 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.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

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: Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 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 SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

SECOND WEDNESDAY

EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

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 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 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 Lions 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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Euchre.

WED., AUG. 6: 8 a.m., Men's traveling breakfast.

WED., AUG. 6: 9:15-11:15, Blood pressure.

THURS., AUG. 7: 12:30 p.m., North Center, dance band.

TUES., AUG. 12: 12:30 p.m., Meijers-shopping.

FRI., AUG. 15: 9:30 - 2 p.m., All agency picnic, Johnson Park.

WED., AUG. 20: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7 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 THURSDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 1841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL SUMMER HOURS: 1:49 S. Hudson St. Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed Saturdays, holidays & all holiday weekends. Phone 897-8545.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 to 12 p.m.

SAT., AUG. 9: Saranac Community Church chicken barbecue from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinners are complete with 1/2 (\$6) or 1/4 (\$4) chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, roll, dessert and beverage. Take out orders are available. For tickets contact Bob and Rose Ann Hardy at 642-6245 or the church office at 642-6322. Proceeds will help with the summer work camp projects in the Saranac area and other items not covered in the church budget.

WED., AUG. 27: A health screening for people 60 and older at Lowell Senior Neighbors from 9 a.m. to noon. Free by appointment. Call 897-5949.

SUN., AUG. 10 THRU WED., AUG. 13: Families United for nightly fun family V.B.S. 7-8:30 p.m. the big

MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

THURS., AUG. 21: 12:30 p.m., Shopping - K-Mart & Goodwill.

FRI., AUG. 22: Gerontology Network.

TUES., AUG. 26: 7:30 a.m., Shipshevanee.

WED., AUG. 27: 8:00 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.

WED., AUG. 27: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Health screening, by appointment. (no charge)

WED., AUG. 27: 9:00 a.m., Advisory council.

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

THURS., AUG. 7: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. The program is Ireland by Betty Yeiter. The hostesses are Marie Rickert, Gladys Clemenz and Charlotte Siciliano. Sponsor, Ann Booth.

FRI., AUG. 8: Riverwalk stage fund-raiser from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Riverview. Admission, \$3 per person or \$5 a couple. You may purchase tickets at State Farm Insurance, Springrove Variety and The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

SAT., AUG. 9: There will be a pop can pickup drive for Lowell High School baseball team's spring camp. Call 897-5178, 897-5092 or 897-6266 for more information.

SAT., AUG. 9: Saranac Children's Issue Group of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD) hosts a presentation by the Franciscan Life Process Center, at 7 p.m., on "Music and Learning Therapies of Children with A.D.D." at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3215 Four Mile Rd., N.E. at the Beltline. For more information call CHADD voice tel: 248-2423.

WED., AUG. 27: A health screening for people 60 and older at Lowell Senior Neighbors from 9 a.m. to noon. Free by appointment. Call 897-5949.

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Plans for huge mini-storage facility requires special use permit

Mike Winick, of Rockford, plans to construct a four-building, 280 unit self-storage center in Lowell. Winick discussed his plans with the Planning Commission at their regular meeting of July 28. Winick's property is a 3.35-acre parcel located behind the Admiral Gas Station on the south side of West Main. The property has approximately 300 feet of frontage on Bowes Rd. where the entrance will be located.

Winick told the commissioners he intends to construct one building at a time. The proposed buildings are 321 feet long and 30 feet wide. The metal buildings will house 70 mini-storage units each. Winick also proposes a row of outside RV storage along the west boundary of the property.

The first 330 feet from Bowes Road are zoned industrial, while the remaining 170 feet are designated General Business. The latter requires a special use permit. A hearing

on this permit will be held at the Planning Commission meeting of August 25.

Having reviewed Winick's plans, the commissioners had questions, observations and requests to pass along. It was noted that signage, lighting and landscape contours were not shown. Winick agreed to complete those portions of the plan prior to the special hearing.

The commissioners also asked that required plantings be identified in the 10-foot buffer along the east side and rear yard property lines. Winick plans to use the substantial existing growth along the front and west side as natural barriers.

Two spots on the east boundary were called into question because the pavement was shown to extend through the 10-foot buffer and nearly touch the lot line. Winick said he'd extended the pavement at the corners of the buildings to allow for trucks and vehicles with trailers. The

commissioners understood the rationale, but asked if Winick could move the entire project slightly to the west so these areas didn't extend all the way to the east property line. Winick thought he could squeeze things over and still have room for his row of outside RV parking on the west side.

The issue of parking was bantered about. It was finally determined that the paved driveways around the buildings qualified as parking, resolving that issue.

The proposed drainage basin was large enough to accommodate 35,000 cu. ft. of run off in a 3 inch, 24 hour rainfall, the standard by which such projects are engineered to. When complete, the four storage buildings were calculated to generate just over that amount. Since the numbers were so close, and because other special drain pipes and gutters had been incorporated in the plan, the commissioners concurred that the pro-

posed system was adequate. At 61.6% lot coverage, the project (buildings and drives) is slightly over the 60% maximum set forth in the ordinance. The commissioners agreed that would be acceptable.

Finally came the age old stickler for such projects before the Planning Commission. Sidewalk? Yes or no? The ordinance specifies the construction of sidewalk along the 300 foot frontage on Bowes Rd. Winick pointed out that the nearest sidewalk on that side of Bowes Rd. was about a half mile away. The issue was discussed for some time, and when polled, the commissioners stuck to their guns, six to two, in favor of requiring sidewalk.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION MERGER OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, Central District, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605, for the following transaction:

the merger of:

- FMB-First Michigan Bank, Zeeland, Michigan
- FMB-First Michigan Bank-Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- FMB-Lumberman's Bank, Muskegon, Michigan
- FMB-Northwestern Bank, Boyne City, Michigan
- FMB-State Savings Bank, Lowell, Michigan
- FMB-Commercial Bank, Greenville, Michigan
- FMB-Sault Bank, Sault St. Marie, Michigan
- FMB-Security Bank, Manistee, Michigan
- FMB-Community Bank, Dowagiac, Michigan
- FMB-Oceana Bank, Hart, Michigan
- FMB-Reed City Bank, Reed City, Michigan
- FMB-Maynard Allen Bank, Portland, Michigan
- FMB-Old State Bank, Fremont, Michigan
- FMB-Arcadia Bank, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and
- FMB-Trust, Holland, Michigan

with and into

The Huntington National Bank
Columbus, Ohio

under the corporate title and charter of The Huntington National Bank.

Application has also been made to the Regional Director, Division of Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 30 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, with respect to the merger of FMB-Trust with and into The Huntington National Bank.

It is contemplated that all of the offices of the above-named operating depository institutions will continue to operate.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 215a of the National Bank Act, to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 USC 1831(u) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, to Part 5 of the Regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency (12 CFR Part 5), and to Part 303 of the Regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (12 CFR Part 303). This notice will appear at approximately two-week intervals over a 30-day period beginning July 2, 1997, and ending August 1, 1997.

Any person desiring to comment on these applications may do so by submitting written comments to: Deputy Comptroller, Central District Office, 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2700, Chicago, Illinois 60605, with a copy to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the address shown in the following paragraph. The public file is available for inspection in the district office during regular business hours.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may also file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office, 30 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, with a copy to the Deputy Comptroller of the Currency at the address shown in the preceding paragraph, before processing of this application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following the first publication of this notice. The period may be extended by the regional director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's regional office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the regional office.

July 2, 1997

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FMB-Maynard Allen Bank, Portland, Michigan
FMB-Old State Bank, Fremont, Michigan
FMB-Arcadia Bank, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and
FMB-Trust, Holland, Michigan

AREA BIRTHS

Randy and Diana (Keim) Schultz of Pico Rivera, CA, joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Grace. She was born on July 23, 1997 weighing 7 lbs. 1.8 oz and measuring 20 inches long.

Welcoming her home was big brother Ryan and big sister Laura.

Proud grandparents are Walt and Marilyn Nickless of Lowell and Ron and Sherrie Schultz of Swartz Creek.



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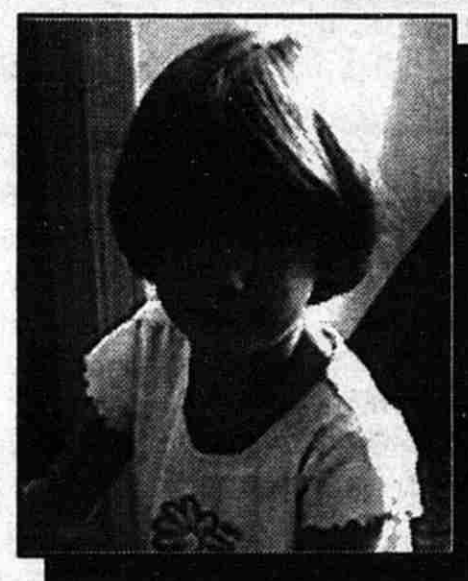
NAME:.....Ashley Aaron White

AGE:.....2 1/2 years old

BIRTHDAY.....10/21/94

HOBBIES: Playing outside and eating ice cream

Ashley receives a prize for her great check-up.



July "No Cavities" Club Members

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| Bobby Nichols | Lorena Grzeskowiak | Rebekah Conklin |
| Michael Nichols | Sara Onan | Matthew Strawser |
| Andrew Jousma | Ashley White | Johnathon Nichols |
| Heather Jousma | Annalise Flier | Megan Loser |
| Brianne Roth | Amanda Vezino | Justin Hewitt |
| Heather Burnett | Tim Vezino | Jason Miller |
| Audrey Frank | Matthew Dood | Eddie Boeve |
| Tena Vela | Lauren Dood | Michael Keith |
| Gary Osborne | Kay Ingersoll | Alex Johnson |
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CUMBERLAND RETIREMENT VILLAGE - is seeking a part-time cook. 20-24 hrs. week. Cooking experience a must. Contact Leona Zander for more information 897-8413.

COUNTER PERSON NEEDED - part time afternoons & Saturdays. Apply in person at Cooper's Drycleaners, 591 Ada Dr. or 6555 28th St. S.E.

ABILITY & DRIVE REWARDED - Customer service, good hours. Due to unexpected expansion, local company has immediate openings available for entry level positions. No experience required. Over \$400/week to start. For interview call 243-7247.

HELP WANTED - Part-time positions (20-30 hours per week) open to friendly outgoing persons. Starting pay \$6.25 per hour plus extras. Must be 18 years or older. Apply at TCBY Treats/Blimpie Subs & Salads, 2005 W. Main St., Lowell.

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FOR SALE

ROLLING MEADOWS PLAT - Saranac Schools: For Sale - 10 ac. wooded w/creek. Restrictions available in box at plat. M-21 E of Lowell to Pinckney Rd., N. 1 mile to Centerline Rd., E. 1 mile to plat, S. side. Can be bought on land contract. For further information call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900.

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CLASSIFIEDS DO THE TRICK! TRY ONE TODAY!

ROLLING MEADOWS PLAT - Saranac Schools: For Sale - 1 acre wooded lot. Beautiful building site. Land contract available. M-21 E of Lowell to Pinckney Rd., N. 1 mile, to Centerline Rd. E. 1 mile to plat, S. side. Restrictions available in box at plat. For further information call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900.

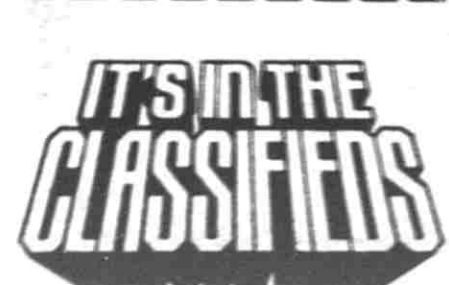
WANTED

BABYSITTER WANTED & NEEDED VERY MUCH - by single mother with annual wage job in Lowell, who will accept \$2 an hour, 20 hours per week, no weekends, for 10 mos. old, starting to walk & talk. Dependable & physically able person in my home on N. Center St., Lowell city. Please phone after 5 p.m. 897-5818.

WOMEN BOWLERS NEEDED - Want to have some fun? Come join us on Wednesday 6:30 at Lowell Lanes. Information 897-6233.

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IN MEMORIAM

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In Memory of Ernest Blasher August 7, 1996.

As we gather around the table, we feel the empty place, where our Pa-Pa used to sit, projecting his smiling face. The garden it still longs for your special loving touch, and we wish we could harvest pumpkins like we used to do so much. No day seems complete without your teasing way, we wish dear Pa-Pa you hadn't gone away. If only for a moment we could hold you near, to tell you that we loved you and make it totally clear. But God crossed you over through those pearl gates, and heaven's shores were calling they couldn't wait. So as we gather around the table, like we always seem to do, and talk about our times we spent with you. We can feel the gifts you gave us, of love and family, and we are proud to be a part of your living legacy.
Your family.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond memory of James Shade, who passed away 5 years ago, August 2, 1992.

God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this Earth, and saw Jim's happy face. He then put His arms around him and lifted him to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. It broke our hearts to lose him, but he didn't go alone, for part of us went with him, the day God called him home.
Deeply missed by his family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear brother-in-law and uncle, Ernie Blasher. December 16, 1929 - August 7, 1996. We often share the fond memories of him.
Gordy & Marsha Wilcox
Lynn, Mark & Paul

'Follow Your Dreams' at the Kent County Youth Fair

The slogan for this year's Kent County Youth Fair beckons - "Follow Your Dreams" and judging by the amount of participation of area youth, many have taken it to heart.

The Kent County Youth Fair, held each year at the Lowell Fairgrounds, began Saturday, Aug. 2 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 9. The days are filled with dog and horse shows, livestock judging, classes in everything from dairy showmanship to swine judging, carnival rides and entertainment.

On Monday, the weighing and screening of all sale animals was done in the livestock barns. Opening ceremonies were followed by the Royal Court and Junior Royal Court coronation, an antique tractor pull and a parade of horse clubs. Tammy J. Richardson, a contemporary Christian singer/songwriter, was on stage to perform in the evening.

Nashville recording artist Teresa Langworthy is slated to perform tonight (Wednesday) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the stage tent.

Thursday starts off with horse judging at 8 a.m. followed by poultry judging at 9, rabbit showmanship at 10 and clown judging in the stage tent from 11 to 1 p.m. Also at 11 a.m., the Grand Rapids Griffins Mascot "Griff" will be signing autographs in the Foreman building. A youth

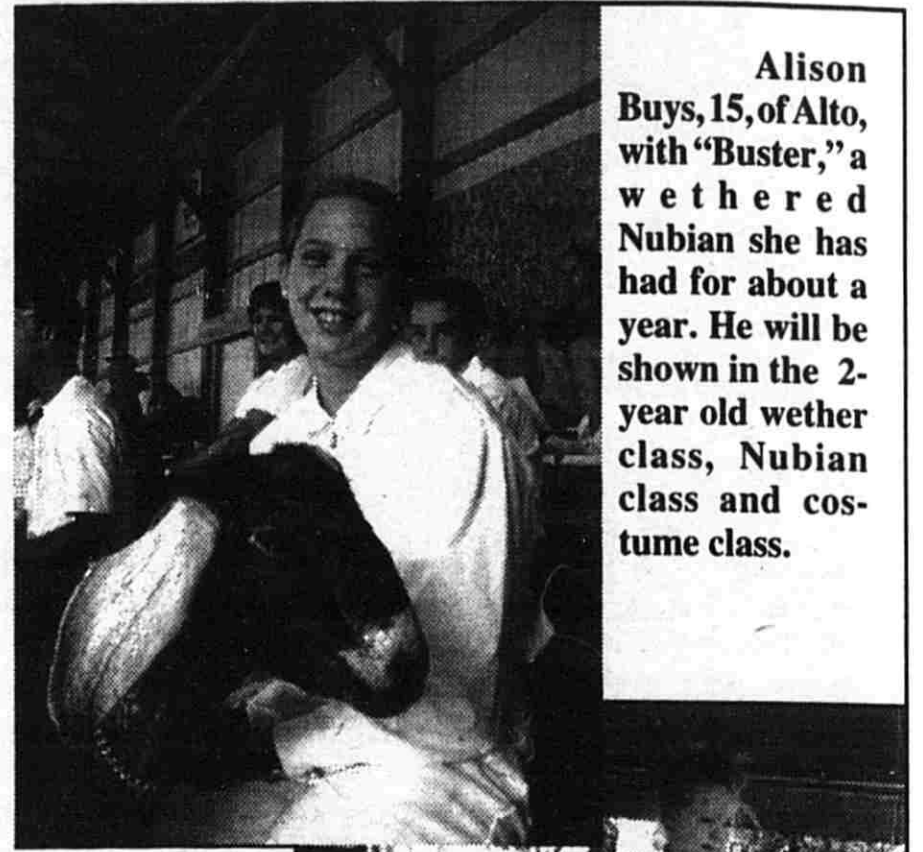
variety show starts the entertainment from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Dee Jay the Clown will perform at 8 p.m. in the stage tent.

The livestock sale of small animals will be held at 4 p.m. with the sale of hogs, sheep feeder calves and beef at 5 p.m., both in the Reath barn. If you are unable to attend the auction, Jones Farm Meats will purchase an animal for you upon request. They also offer free pick up and processing of animals purchased at the fair. For more information you can call Jones at 642-9212.

On Friday, some highlights include: Freddie the Clown at 12:30, a tractor driving contest at 2:30 p.m., Country Karaoke by 101.3 WCUZ & Farrows Music from 6 to 10



Jenny VanderBoon, 15, of Lake Odessa, will show her 1,320 lb. Black Angus steer on Wednesday. This is her second year of showing. The steer which was raised on the family farm in Lake Odessa will be sold on Thursday night at the Livestock Auction.



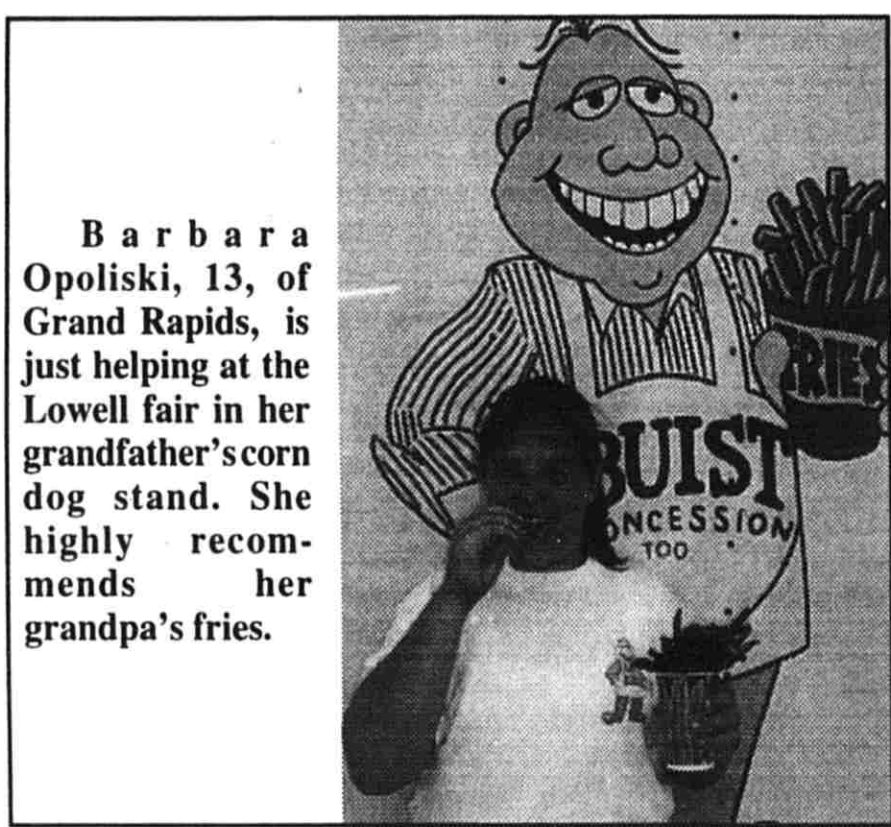
Alison Buys, 15, of Alto, with "Buster," a wethered Nubian she has had for about a year. He will be shown in the 2-year old wether class, Nubian class and costume class.

p.m. and a teen dance party from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The finale on Saturday

will begin with a 5k run/2k run-walk at 8:30 a.m. at the stage tent. Late registrations will still be accepted from 7 to 8:15 a.m. Saturday morning. A Showmanship Sweepstakes will be held at 9:30 a.m. followed by a team penning horse event at 10. "Crash" the Whitecaps mascot will make an appearance at noon for autograph signing on the midway.

Carol Johnson, a singer/songwriter familiar to many in this area, will perform from 1 to 2:30 in the stage tent.

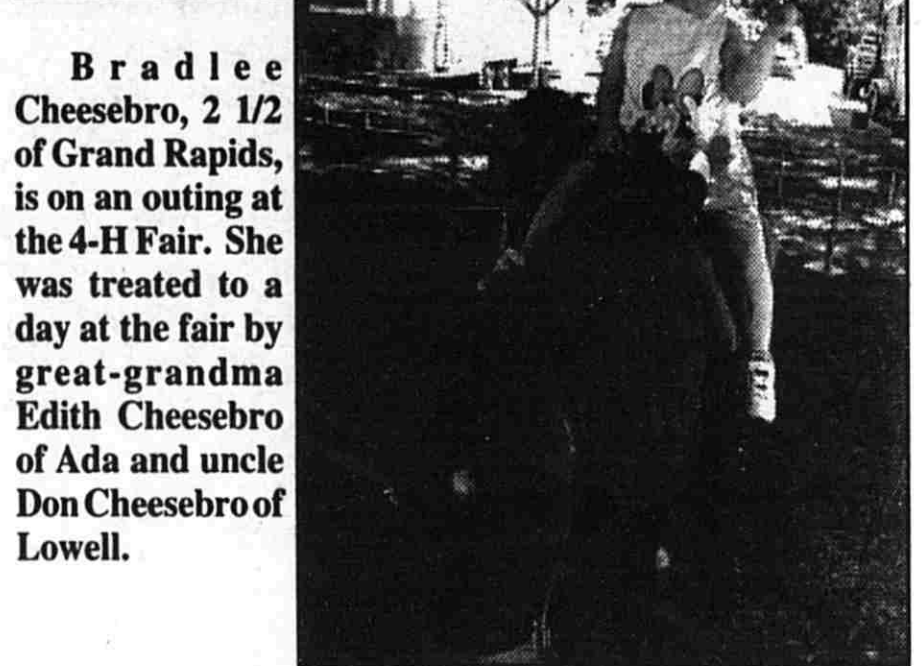


Barbara Opoliski, 13, of Grand Rapids, is just helping at the Lowell fair in her grandfather's corn dog stand. She highly recommends her grandpa's fries.

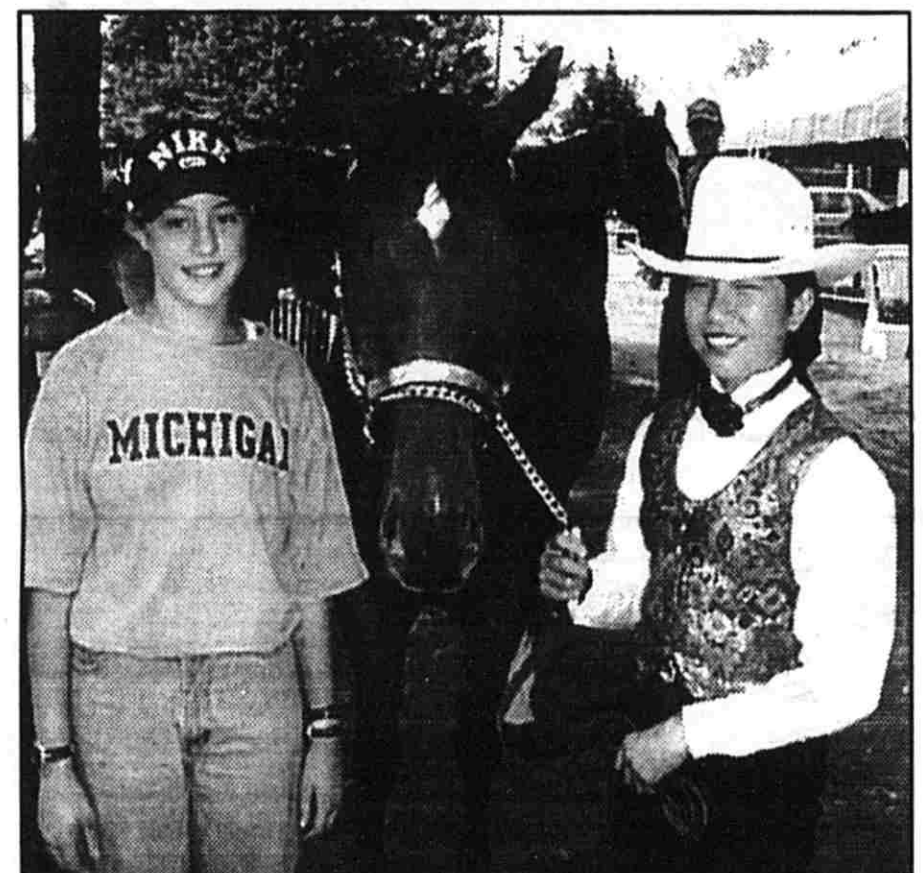
Masons Make Good on \$5,000 Pledge to Library



This week Lowell Lodge No. 90 Free & Accepted Masons presented the Friends of the Library with full payment of its pledge of \$5,000 towards the operational funds for the new Englehardt Library. Lowell Lodge made its pledge at ceremonies held at the library site last September at which time the Lodge donated and assisted in laying the new structure's cornerstone. Lodge members with the assistance of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 94 have hosted numerous Fish Fry dinners to supplement donations pledged towards this project. This is the second cornerstone for a Lowell public building sponsored by Lowell Lodge. In 1909, Lodge members donated and participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the current City Hall located in the city's Historic District. Shown accepting payment in full from Master Keith Stanford, left, and Past Master Herb Holcomb, middle, is Chuck Myers of the Friends of the Library Committee.



Bradlee Cheesebro, 2 1/2 of Grand Rapids, is on an outing at the 4-H Fair. She was treated to a day at the fair by great-grandma Edith Cheesebro of Ada and uncle Don Cheesebro of Lowell.



Anna Moore, 14, (left) and Molly Balaam, 13, both of Lowell, got "Days Destiny," a quarter horse, ready for the showmanship classes on Monday afternoon.

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