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Extreme E-coli counts close down Pebble Beach

••• City officials say geese are the cause of the problem and they will look to have the DNR relocate the birds.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Extremely high samples of fecal coliform (E. coli bacteria) in the water at Stoney Lakeside Park have made it unsafe for Lowell residents to swim at Pebble Beach.

The city of Lowell has posted signs asking people to stay out of the water.

George Regan, Lowell water treatment plant superintendent, said measurements on Friday and Saturday indicated a high sample of fecal coliform. "The sample was beyond what I could count," Regan explained.

Regan found more than 200 colonies per 100 ml of E.

coli bacteria in water test samples for the two days.

The samples are taken along the shoreline to make sure it is safe for people to use.

"If we wanted the count to be low, we could collect our samples in the middle of the lake. We want to monitor the area where people are and make sure the environment is safe," explained Regan.

The Kent County Health Department said side effects from contact with the water include swimmers itch, ear aches and if the water is ingested, diarrhea.

The source of the problem, according to Regan, is

the molting geese.

"They cannot fly during this time and they wander to and from the corn fields," Regan explained. "When the

beach area isn't being used, they come and look for food that people have left behind." Waste from the geese can be seen 18-24 inches out

in the water. "The decaying and dissolving problem increases the counts," Regan said.

City officials have con-

tacted the Department of Natural Resources about relocating the geese to another area.

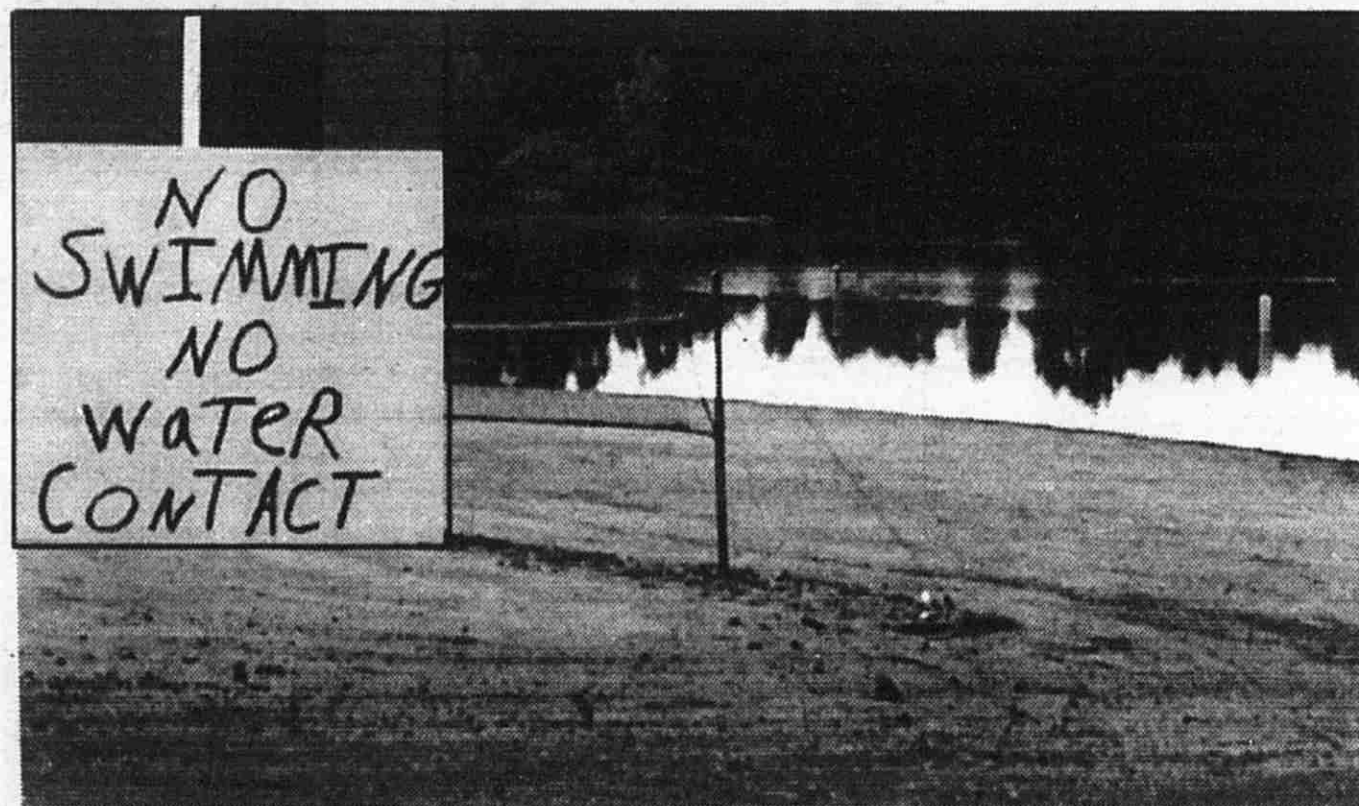
Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden says the city has not heard back from the DNR. "I'm not sure the DNR will even allow us to relocate the geese."

Regan says he will continue to measure for fecal coliform until he gets a low count sample.

Before the water should be used again by area residents, two consecutive days of low count samples are needed.

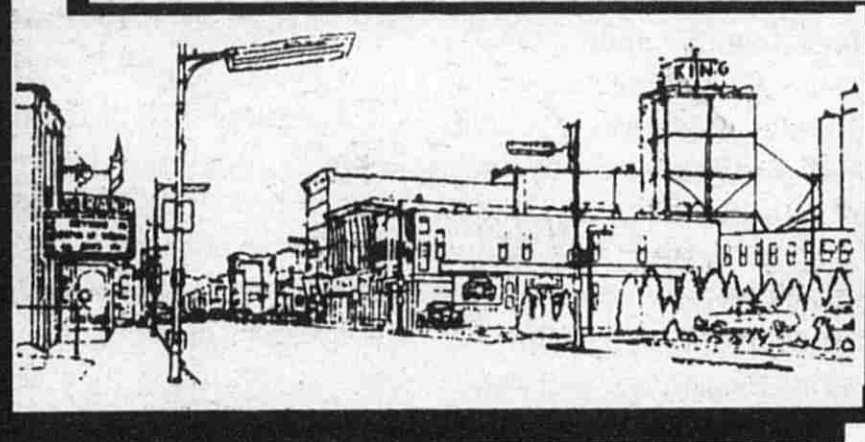
Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said the city has not received any calls of people becoming sick after going out in the water.

"I'm not aware of any at this time."



Area residents have been asked to avoid swimming or having any contact with the water at Pebble Beach due to high E-coli counts.

Along Main Street



SUMMER TEEN DANCE

Teen Dances will be held Mondays, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Showboat Amphitheater. For information call 897-5936.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The volleyball camp dates have been changed to July 20-24 at the high school. 9-12th grade: 9 a.m. - noon; 4-8th grade: 1 to 3 p.m.

2ND ANNUAL BASEBALL AND BRUNCH

Grand Rapids Whitecaps will visit the Franciscan Life Process Center on Saturday, Aug. 1st at 9:30 a.m. Participants will be able to enjoy a pancake brunch, ask questions about baseball, see demonstrations, have photos taken with players and get autographs.

For reservations contact the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

The Kent County Youth Fair is holding a tile-painting fund-raiser. Come to one of four pottery studios: The Mud Room, Naked Plates, Bare Bisque or the Clay Art Studio to paint a 4" x 4" tile for \$6.50.

Proceeds go to renovating the Fair Center. The tile you create will become part of a permanent display inside the Fair Center. For more information about this project, call the MSU Extension office at 336-3265.

CLASS OF '58 40TH REUNION

Lowell Class of '58 is having its 40th reunion Sat., July 18, at Middle Villa Inn. Anyone who hasn't received a notice and would be interested in attending, please get in touch with Sue at 942-9202. This includes everyone even if you did not graduate.

LHS CLASS OF '88 REUNION

The Class of '88 10-year reunion is being planned for

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Bleke ecstatic about final 1997-98 budget picture

••• School district's excess revenues topple \$500,000 for the last school year.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke was unabashed with his excitement of the school budget news Connie Gillette related to the board of education.

The assistant superintendent for finance and personnel unveiled the final amended 1997-98 budget, showing it to have excess revenue in the amount of \$501,509 with a fund balance of \$2,345 million.

Those numbers are even better than reported just 10 days earlier.

Gillette lavished high praise on building administrators for watching their budgets carefully.

"Our budget is projected based on all the money being spent in each line item," Gillette explained. "This year there was money left over in each line item."

She reiterated that the staff is dedicated to watching every penny that is spent this upcoming school year.

Bleke had this to say in lieu of anticipated criticism. "I am ecstatic with the news. I remember three years ago when this district was on the other side," Bleke said. "I will take

criticism for having more money than projected any day. We project conservatively. I guarantee we won't have less than we project. The district has learned from being surprised and not knowing what our figures are."

Gillette said state aid, summer school tuition, driver's ed fees, increased use of the performing arts center, lower gas prices and reduced utility expenses due to the mild

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Lowell Superintendent

winter all played a significant role in the excess revenues.

Bleke said the district must focus on its commitment to providing kids in the system with a sound education while balancing that with the future so as not to jeopardize future students.

"If we're doing our job, the fund equity should be higher than or equal to what we anticipate," Gillette emphasized. "If it is lower than that, we're not watching the budget closely enough."

Grant monies now available for downtown Lowell Historic District property owners

With the \$30,000 it received from the Lowell Area Community Fund in hand, the Lowell Historic District Commission is now ready to begin awarding grants.

Grants up to \$5,000 will be awarded to property owners in the Downtown Lowell Historic District. The monies are for repair and restoration of building exteriors.

The Historic District Commission will give priority to projects that repair or stabilize a building.

Brick repair and painting

will have a higher priority than signage or a new awning, according to Steve Doyle, chairperson of the Historic District Commission.

"With a Historic District and Commission, we now have an organized body that can apply for and receive grants for historic preservation purposes," Doyle explained.

Grants will be made available for small projects that involve simple painting as well as larger projects

where grant monies may be a small part of a comprehensive restoration.

Requirements for property owners seeking a grant

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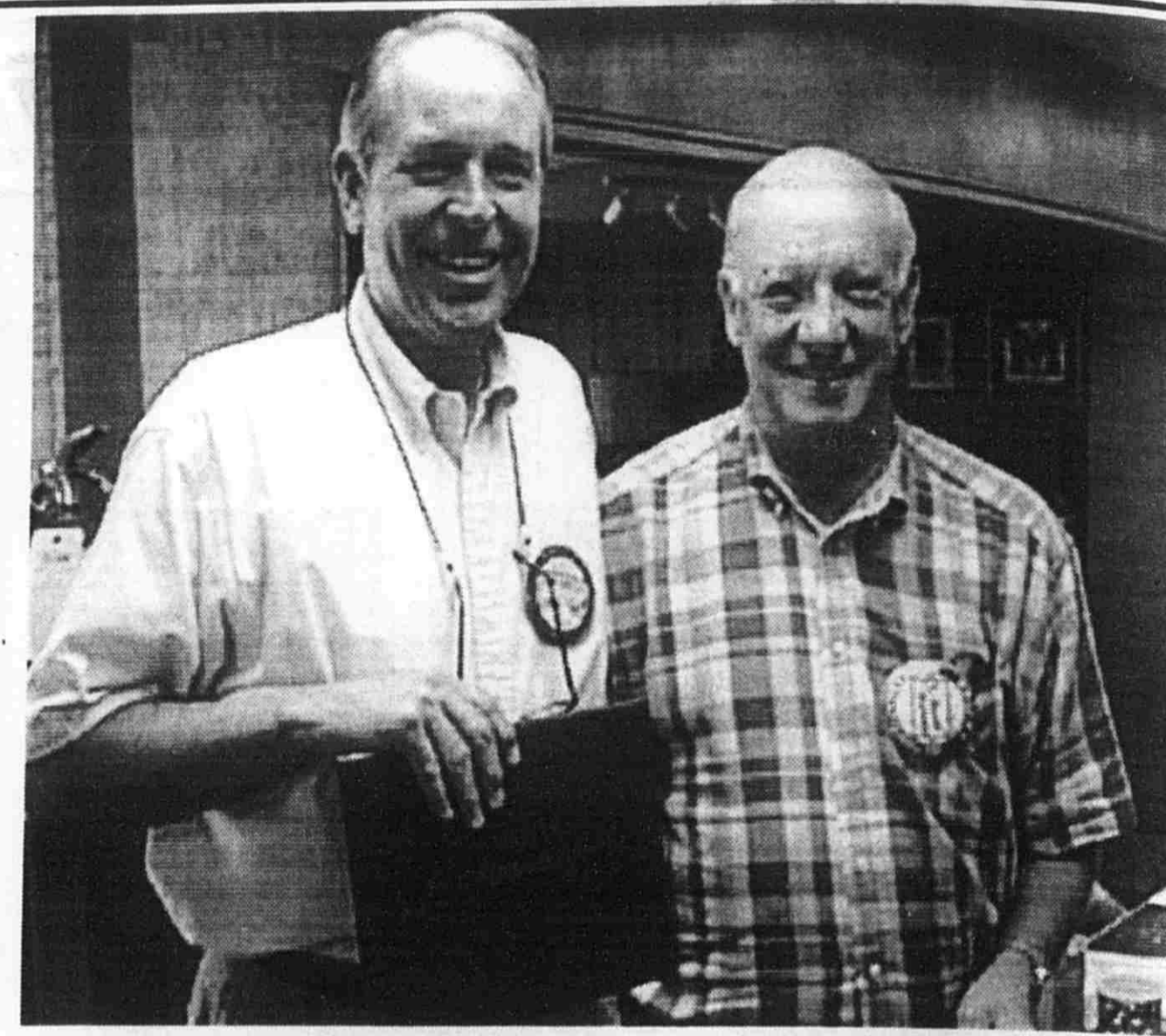
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Grand Rapids Explosion
Plays Chicago Sting
Sunday at Stadium,
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Haeck receives Paul Harris Fellowship award; donation made toward purchase of thermal imaging camera



Lowell Fire chief Frank Martin, left, accepts a check from Lowell Rotary president Scott Carpenter in the amount of \$8,833. The money will be used to help purchase a thermal imaging camera. Martin said a new unit costs between \$18,000 and \$20,000. This device will help firefighters locate where hot spots and victims are in a structural fire.



Low Haeck, left, was presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship award by Attwood's Don Rocheleau at the Lowell Rotary meeting on Wednesday. The club made a \$1,000 contribution in Haeck's name to the Rotary Foundation to help fund charities throughout the world. Fellow Rotarian Roger Chapman was also honored with the Paul Harris Fellowship award a week earlier.

TOWN TALK

Amy Grossberg, 18, and Brian Peterson, 20, were sentenced to 2 1/2 and 2 years respectively for killing their newborn son which they thought was stillborn. Do you think the sentence was justified? Also, Grossberg's parents claim they didn't know their daughter was pregnant. What does this suggest, if anything?



Karen Kennedy

The sentence should have been a lot more. No matter the circumstance, it was wrong. The parents not knowing, I think, indicates ignorance.



Dottie Hutchison

It's pretty sad people don't value human life more. I'd hate to be the person setting the sentence. I think it is incredibly feasible that the parents might not know.



Angie Thompson

It is murder. I don't think the sentence is justified. A lot of parents see nothing and move on. They just deny it.



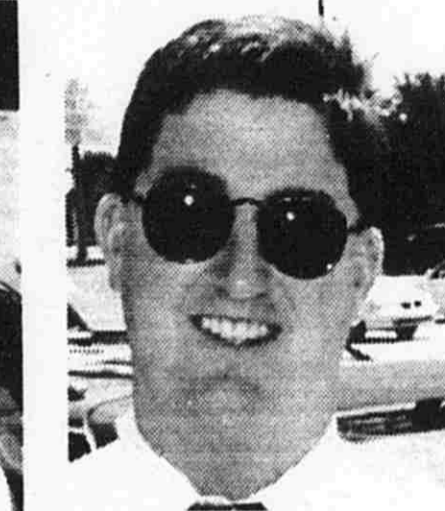
Tami Riemersma

No, I don't think the sentence was right. They are adults. It was not a good decision. I think it indicates poor education.



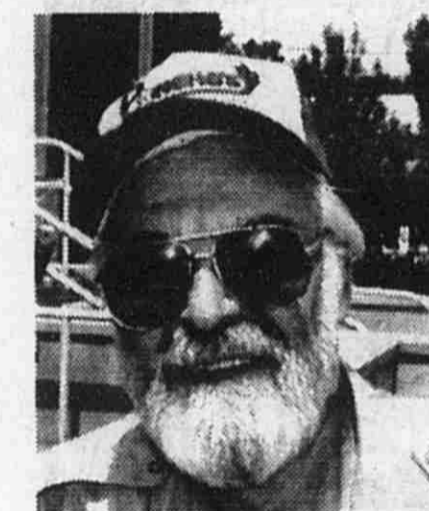
Sandy Fleming

They killed a human life. It's hard to believe they didn't get a longer sentence. The parents obviously were not paying much attention to their daughter. They are not very observant.



Jason Miller

The sentence was a little lenient for murdering a newborn. They should do life. I don't believe the parents didn't know.



Harold Ball

I can't understand why parents wouldn't observe that their daughter is pregnant. Both kids did wrong. The sentence is better than nothing. What good is it to sentence them to 10-15 years at that age? The judge apparently gave careful consideration and thought to that.



Michelle Way

I think they were young and dumb and didn't know what they wanted. As for the parents, how can you not know? I think that shows ignorance. The sentence will give the kids time to think about what they did and about changing their lives.

Council to set goals this fall

The Lowell City Council will undergo a goal setting session in the fall, with the help of the Michigan Municipal League, to facilitate goals for the upcoming year. "By finding out the council's goals, I will be better able to set goals for myself," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. "This will better help me to understand their priorities." In the city manager's evaluation, the council stated that it wanted Pasquale to establish goals for himself.

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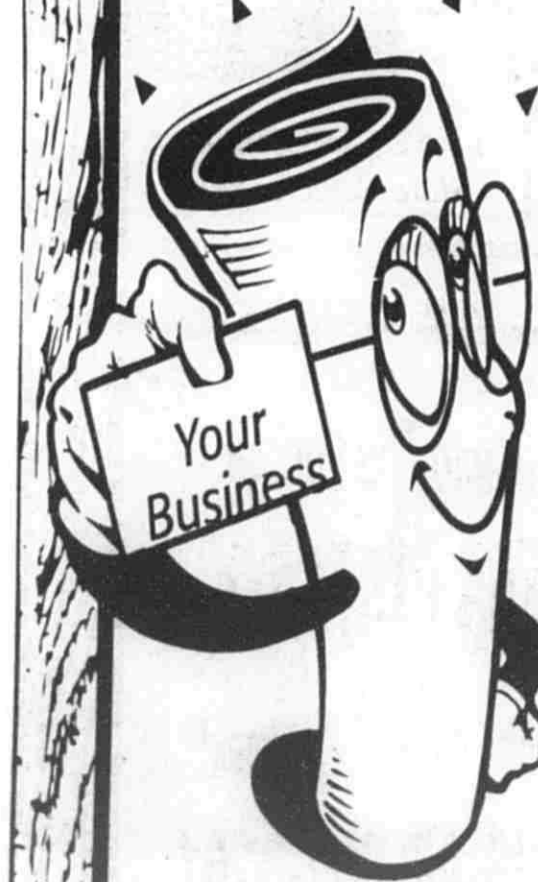
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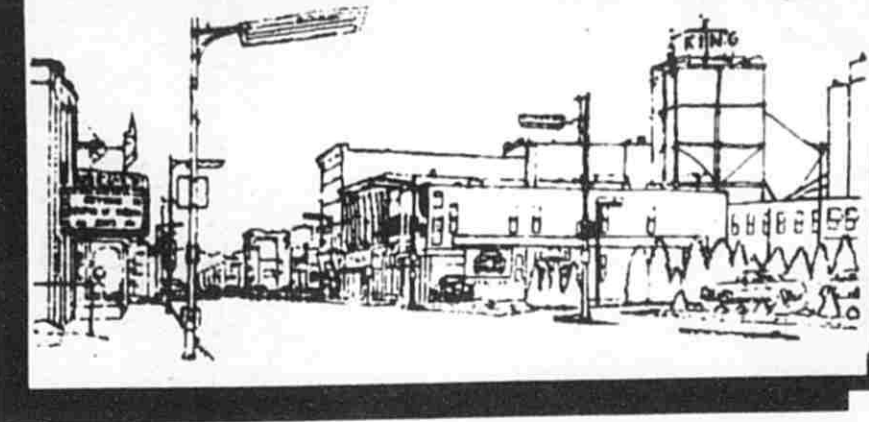
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BLUE RIBBON STREET MARKET

Wanted: flea marketers, crafters, farm marketers or people who just want to turn their junk into someone else's treasure. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Blue Ribbon Street Market on August 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A 16'x8' spot is \$30 for two days.

Application forms for registration are available at Lowell Bed & Linen Shop, Springrove Variety, Rupert's Drop, Victorian Thymes or by calling the LACC at 897-9161. Stop by Rupert's Drop, 214 E. Main St., to register and pick your spot.

Grants, cont'd....

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include the following:

- completing an application.
- having the work approved by the Historic District Commission.
- contracting a professional to do the work.
- garnering a minimum of two competitive bids unless it is determined that the work requires specific qualifications that may only be available from one contractor.

•providing a detailed drawing for any alteration to existing exterior.

Grants will be awarded on a reimbursement basis and they will not exceed 75 of the project's total cost.

Grant applications are available at City Hall. The deadline for applying is Friday, Aug. 21.

"The Historic District Commission has a strong interest in seeing properties in

Township works to regulate construction of communication towers

By Amy Briggs
Contributing Writer

If you're going to use a cellular phone in Lowell Charter Township, you'll need an ordinance!

Maybe not literally, but one is in the works. Because cellular use is on the rise, the township planning commission is drafting an ordinance to regulate the construction of communication towers within township boundaries.

Because the township currently has no ordinance in place to control the erection of new towers, the board issued a moratorium on such structures in February of this year. The commission has 18 months to implement a tower ordinance, yet public need is infringing upon that time frame.

The commission reviewed a compilation of all requirements at the meeting July 13. While some items in the rough draft required further discussion, others did not; the commission was adamantly opposed to allowing communication towers in residential areas.

"Co-locating cellular providers on one structure can save the day," stated David Simmonds, commission secretary. "In this case, less is more."

The new ordinance will not change policy; however, no towers can be erected without a Special Use permit. Such permits are issued by the commission only when zoning requirements are met and site plan reviews are approved.

Commission vice chair Richard Bryan summarized the ordinance's purpose: "We understand growth yet we'll also recognize the needs of the people."

Health, continued.... From Page 5

The rash of poison ivy is the result of contact with the resin in the plant. Contact can also occur indirectly from contaminated clothes or pets. You can not get poison ivy by touching

the weeping rash of another person. The typical out-break occurs a day or two after exposure resulting in redness, swelling, itching and eventual formation of small fluid-filled blisters which rupture and drain. If left untreated, the rash will usually resolve on its own in a week or two.

Once the rash has developed, avoid scrubbing or washing the area with harsh soaps. Treatment consists of application of drying compounds like caladryl or ivy dry. Topical hydrocortisone cream will help alleviate itching and inflammation. Oral benedryl will help blunt the allergic response. If there is widespread involvement or significant involvement on the face, systemic steroids are usually prescribed. Steroids will shorten the duration and decrease the severity of the reaction.

Some people highly sensitive to poison ivy may benefit from an application of a newer product, Ivyblock, prior to activity that involves exposure to the plant. This acts as a physical barrier to the resin, preventing contact. There are no effective shots which desensitize a person to poison ivy.

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Dr. Anthony Trombly

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You suffer from "Golfer's Syndrome": harsh twisting of the back, neck and shoulder regions. This causes pain and the headaches you mention. You might consider doing what so many athletes like Tiger Woods do: See a Doctor of Chiropractic on a regular basis and undo or neutralize the negative physical effects of golf. In fact, it is theorized that this chiropractic care may be a factor in winning at golf.

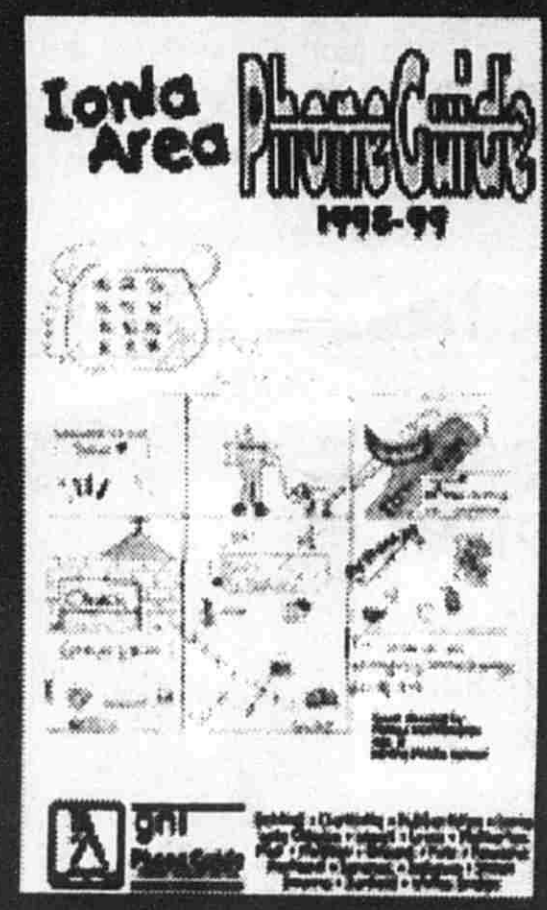
Golf related problems respond best to a regimen of modern chiropractic because only chiropractic doctors realign the spine and other structures. These get "twisted out" by the rigors of golf. What is not recommended for these ailments is drugs. Drugs just hide symptoms and allow them to become far worse over time. Why not call a chiropractic doctor near you and get an evaluation? Chances are very good that he can help you. Golfers need chiropractic care to help have the most fun they can at a game they love.

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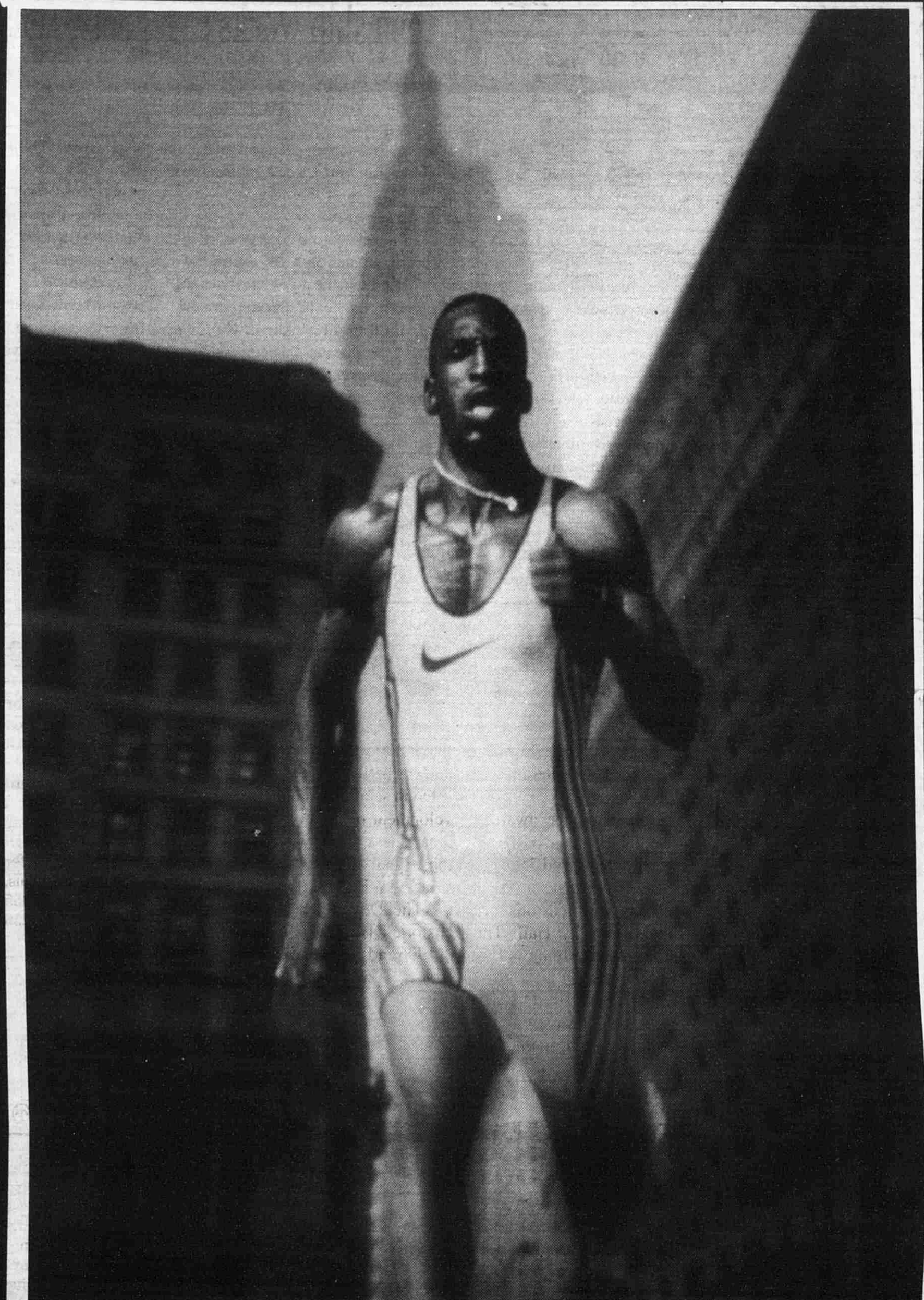
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In the shadow of the Empire State Building, two-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson prepares for his 200m and 400m races at the Goodwill Games. The games run from July 19 - Aug. 2, in New York. Johnson says competing in the United States against the world's top runners gives him the hometown advantage.

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Winick brings state of the art self storage to Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's a business notion that has been self stored in the back of Mike Winick's mind for quite some time.

"My father was in the self-storage business," Winick explains. "It is a fairly low maintenance business to get into."

The Rockford resident opened his Ada-Lowell Self Storage business at 2075 Bowes Rd. on Saturday.

When fully developed, the three-acre parcel of land will hold approximately 300 rental units. The first phase, which has been completed, has 71 units.

The size of the units range from 50 to 200 square feet. Winick put a variety of sizes in phase one to see what the preferences are.

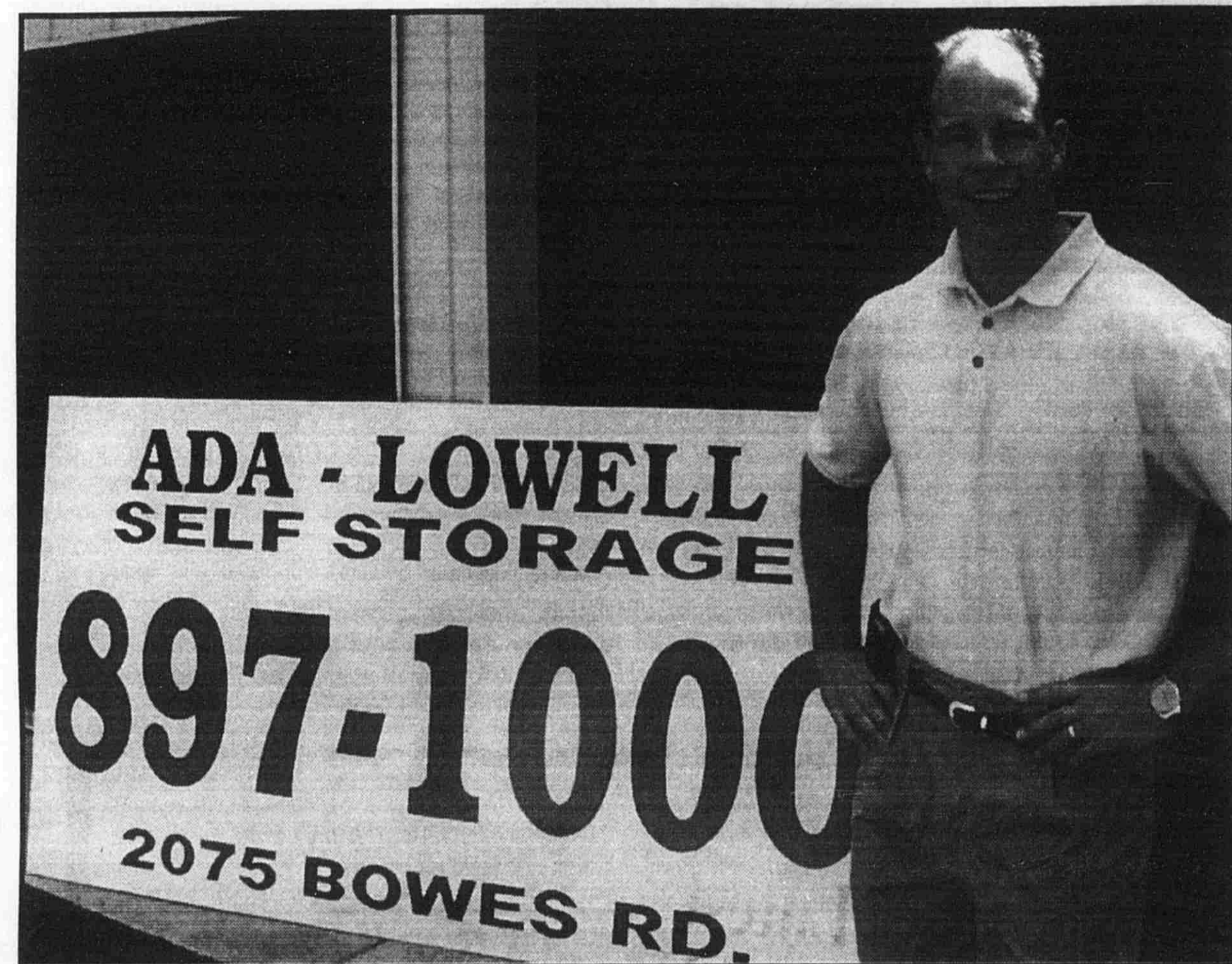
The new self-storage facility is state of the art. It has a computerized security gate, convenient seven-day access, 24-hour surveillance and is fully fenced, lighted and paved.

When all four phases are completed, Ada-Lowell Self Storage will also offer outdoor storage for RVs, boats, campers and cars.

"As with opening any business, there are risks involved," Winick explained. "Self storage is a larger industry than most people realize. With the state of the art Ada-Lowell Self Storage, I'm emulating what the larger ones are doing, except I'm bringing it into a smaller community."

Ada-Lowell Self Storage will offer extended hours. Access to storage units can be attained from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day.

Winick said he chose Lowell because he likes the direction it is headed. "I like the continuity between the school and the city. I think Lowell has taken some of the positive aspects of what Rockford has done, but has not made the same mistakes."



Mike Winick opened Ada-Lowell Self Storage to the public on Saturday.

City contracts with Overbeck for two construction jobs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Overbeck Construction Co., Inc. landed itself two city projects at July's Lowell City Council meeting.

The Lowell construction company was awarded the bids for the construction of three pavilions (two at Creekside Park, one at Stoney Lakeside Park) and for the renovation work at the old NAPA building.

In both cases, Overbeck's bid was the lowest one received.

Overbeck bid \$15,840 to

build the three pavilions. Its low bid on renovating the old NAPA building was \$22,393.

"The pavilion work can be completed by the middle of August," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale.

The city has budgeted \$12,000 from the Lee Fund and allocated \$3,840 from the general fund (parks).

The city also allocated money from the general fund (public works account) to cover the cost of the NAPA renovation.

Overbeck said the work

at the NAPA building can be completed by the end of August.

The construction company will put in new windows and doors, and add a pitched roof.

Eventually, the building will be the new home of the

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

The interior renovation will be done by the Chamber. It received a \$10,000 grant through Harold Englehardt's Lowell Area Community Fund and a \$20,000 matching grant.

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Sunday Morning W. Main Collision

Serious injuries were avoided in a Sunday morning two-car collision on M-21 just west of the NAPA building.

Lori Ann Gerard, of Lowell, was traveling eastbound on Main Street when she stopped to make a left turn into a private drive.

Jessica Sue Rocco, of Lowell, traveling behind Gerard, struck Gerard's vehicle in the rear.

Gerard was transported to Spectrum Downtown where she was treated and released. Rocco and Kristeena Lee Hughes, a passenger in Rocco's car, were transported to Spectrum East.

Rocco was cited for failing to stop in a safe and assured clear distance.

St. Patrick's and Lowell Schools will begin sharing time in 1998-99

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the federal courts having ruled it a viable alternative, schools are proceeding with caution as they begin to test the concept of shared time between public and parochial schools.

Lowell Public Schools will enter a shared time pilot program in 1998-99 with St. Patrick's School.

"I am convinced that it won't harm us and that it will

benefit all involved," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

St. Patrick's will receive teaching aid from Lowell in the areas of art, music and physical education. Federal law prohibits core curriculums from being taught in the shared time program.

"Our teachers (art, physical education and music) are maxed out. We will have to go through the interview process and hire teachers for those areas," said Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction.

The teachers will work one day a week with approximately 180 kids from St. Patrick's.

Lowell Board of Education trustee Jim Reagan emphasized that Lowell teachers will be traveling to St. Patrick's School, not Lowell students.

While Lowell is responsible for the salaries of the teachers and supplies, it will collect state aid for its time involved in teaching St. Patrick's children.

White said the amount of money collected in state aid will surpass the cost to the district for teachers and supplies.

With separation of church and state, there are some restrictions. Lowell teachers cannot team teach with teachers from St. Patrick's. Religious symbols must be removed from rooms in which Lowell teachers are instructing.

While Lowell school officials admit the shared time program makes sense financially, Bleke adds the education provided for students makes it a win-win for all.

"Many of the St. Patrick's students will come to Lowell secondary schools when they are finished at St. Patrick's," Bleke explained.

New board trustee Pat Nugent said cooperation for education is an American tradition. "It is just over the last 30 years that it's been an aberration."

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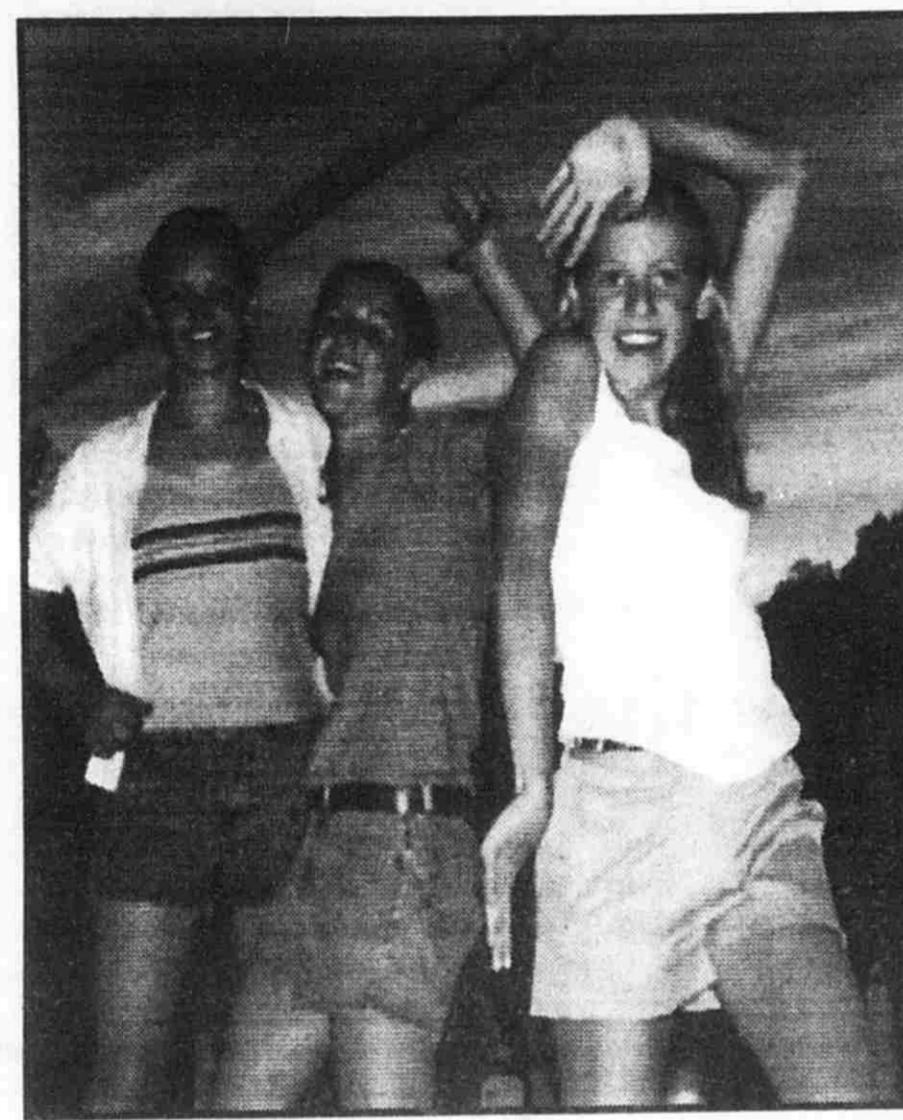
A public testing of the Optec Voting Equipment to be used in August 4, 1998 primary election in Vergennes Township will be held on Monday, July 27, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at Vergennes Township offices located at:
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Showboat Amphitheater has teens dancing under the stars

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



It's not quite what Gordie Barry remembers from the teen dances he attended 30 years ago.

The music, dance and beat are all different. The music, however, is still loud and the Summer Teen Dance still provides one more place for students to go and have a good time. For Barry, that is most important.

Through a cooperative effort with Lowell High School's student council, a teen dance is rocking and rolling at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater.

The Monday night dances which began June 22 will run through July 27.

While the music has been alternative and unfamiliar to Barry, the attendance has been progressive - progressively larger.

The initial dance brought a little over 30 high school students. The second dance gathered a few more than 40 students and the dance on July 6 garnered a little over 60 students.

"I think kids are enjoying it. They are starting to tell their friends and getting the word out," Barry said. "It is one more place they can gather and have a good time and be with one another."

The dances begin at 8 p.m. and go to 11 p.m. There is a \$2 cover charge. "The kids stay until 11," Barry says. "I didn't have a clue as to what to expect, but I'm happy with what we're doing."

High school seniors are providing the music. Barry says if the dance takes off, he's hopeful of having a professional disc jockey next year. "The seniors are doing a good job and having fun with it. Every now and then they bring out a moldy oldie that I recognize," Barry smiles.

The Summer Teen Dance has received a lot of business support from within the community.

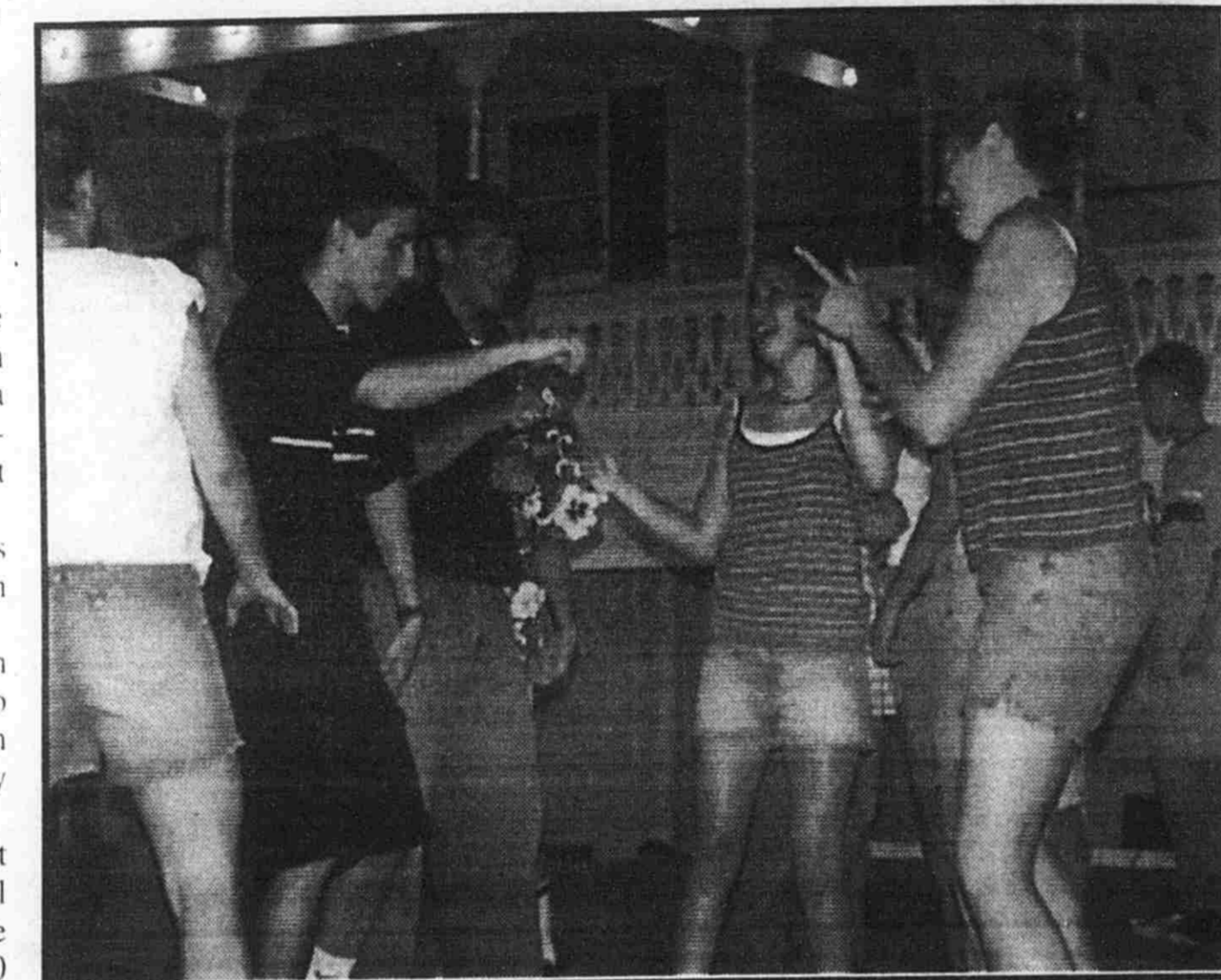
Larkin's Restaurant has donated advertising space on

dian changed his work schedule so teens could use the Riverside restrooms without having to pay for having a custodian on site.

"We are grateful for the

tative Katie Akers says the teen dance continues to grow each week. "I think it continues to get better," she explains.

Fellow student represen-



The response to the six-week Summer Teen Dance has been encouraging to its coordinators.

its marquee. Family Fare donated cases of pop for the June cleanup at the Showboat. Amoco donated liters of pop, and a school custo-

community support which has helped to make the Summer Teen Dance work," Barry concluded.

Student council represen-

tative Dan Vosovic explained that growth of the event will depend on continued promotion within the city.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF TESTING OPTTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTTECH Computer Program Testing for the August 4, 1998 Primary Election will be conducted Monday, July 20, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The idea for and the creation of White Swan CoffeeHouse and Gifts, at 201 E. Main, came about almost as quickly as that morning pot of coffee.

Its owners, Sue Brander and Jody Haybarker, hope White Swan CoffeeHouse

and Gifts becomes that place where Lowell residents go for their morning cup of coffee, an afternoon espresso, latte or cappuccino, a meeting with a friend, or to just sit back and relax from the daily grind.

"We decided on this in February and everything kind of fell into place," said co-owner Brander. "I guess it was meant to be."

Haybarker says she always wanted a craft/gift store. Brander threw in the coffeehouse idea and the two business partners were off looking for a building.

They started looking in February, found a building in March and were renting in April.

The work between then and now made opening day (July 8) the most relaxing day the two have had in months.

"We went through so much inspection," Brander explained. "Had we known just how big a project this was going to be, we may not have gotten into it."

Behind every big project is the support of others. In the case of Brander and Haybarker, it's family.

"Our kids and husbands (Craig Haybarker and Fred Brander) were behind us 100 percent and worked hard to



Sue Brander, left, and Jody Haybarker, right, opened White Swan on Wednesday (July 8).

get White Swan Coffeehouse and Gifts ready," Haybarker explained. "We did as much of the work as we could ourselves."

The coffeehouse hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The menu will include espressos, cappuccinos, lattes, gourmet coffees and Italian gourmet ice drinks.

White Swan will also offer muffins, bagels, rolls, yogurt, sandwiches, cheesecake, cookies and brownies.

"Right now, there are just a few gifts, but that part will grow," Haybarker said.

The north end of White Swan is the conversation area.

It's an area where customers can come to meet friends, read books and play games.

Brander says they've received a lot of encouragement from people who think the coffeehouse is a great idea.

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