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City changes locations of primary precincts

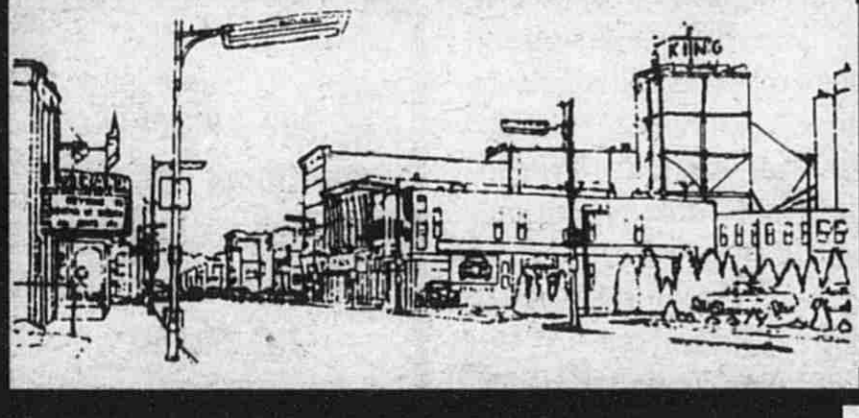
The precinct locations for Tuesday's primary precincts in the city of Lowell have been changed.

Precinct 1 which was Runciman Elementary School is now Englehardt Public Library.

Precinct 2 which was Bushnell Elementary is now the Look Memorial Fire Station.

"The new locations are city buildings, they provide good access (barrier-free accommodations) and it's an opportunity for the city to use its own facilities," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale.

Along Main Street



BLOOD DRIVE

The Grand Valley Blood Program will be having a blood drive Friday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Laurels of Kent Nursing Center, 350 N. Center Street.

Any healthy person 17 or older who weighs 110 pounds or more may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days. An appointment is preferred. Call Brian Schoenborn at 897-8473 for information or an appointment.

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.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, July 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Moose Recreational building. This month the commodities include: apple juice, refried beans, vegetarian beans, cereal, canned chicken, corn, frozen ham, cooking oil, syrup, canned tomatoes.

YMCA SPORTS

Fall soccer registration has begun. The registration deadline is Thursday, Aug. 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Roller hockey camp will start on Monday, Aug. 3 for kids in grades K-8. Registration deadline is July 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Fall adult softball registration has also begun and the deadline for all adult leagues is Monday, Aug. 10 at 4:30 p.m.

You may register in person or by mail at the Lowell YMCA 323 W. Main St. or by phone, 897-8445, using MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.

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, Springgrove 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Amazing Science & Wonders" Vacation Bible School will be held August 10-14 at Creekside Park for kids in grades K-6. School will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A bike parade will begin each day at the Rite-Aid parking lot at 9 a.m. to pick up neighborhood children who want to attend. Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Lowell.



The M-21/Hudson Street intersection was shut down for roughly 15 hours on Saturday while crews laid a new water main and then repaved the intersection.

Intersection work causes some inconvenience for Saturday's through traffic

Construction crews worked 15 hours on Saturday so the intersection could be reopened Sunday morning.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Construction officials expect to reopen Hudson Street Wednesday.

Work on widening the M-21/Hudson Street intersection began Thursday.

M-21 was closed off Saturday so that the intersection could be removed and a new water main could be laid.

Two K&R Construction crews, Reith & Reilly and John R. Howell, Agricultural and Electrical Specialists, worked 15 hours on Saturday so that M-21 could be opened back up that evening to through traffic.

"We worked from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. We thought it was better to work a long shift on Saturday and not have to work on Sunday," K&R Construction foreman Pat Bishop said. "Had we worked a normal eight-hour day on Saturday, it would have taken two days."

The foreman said getting Hudson Street open by Wednesday was the main objective. "We were given roughly a week." Construction crews were putting in a new water hydrant across from the Shell Station on Monday.

Howell, from Dimondale, was responsible for the work on the traffic signal and street lights.

Bishop said Reith & Reilly was expected to finish asphaltting the business entrances on the west end of M-21 on Tuesday.

Work on the M-21/Hudson Street corners was slated to begin within the week.

Had we worked a normal eight-hour day on Saturday, it would have taken two days.

Pat Bishop
K&R Construction Foreman

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OBITUARIES

McMAHON - Bruce McMahon, aged 83, passed away Friday, July 24, 1998, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Margaret McMahon, former teacher in the Lowell Public Schools. A lifetime resident of Lowell, Bruce was an all-

state athlete who played football at Michigan State and Central Michigan universities. He was also an accomplished pilot who performed in air shows throughout the state. In World War II, Bruce was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the nation's second highest medal, for ex-

traordinary courage and skill as squadron leader of the B-17 Flying Fortress force. Beating the odds, Bruce successfully completed his 25 missions, but refused to accept a safer assignment while other pilots continued to risk their lives. He volunteered to keep flying, leading and completing another 13 missions before the war ended. After four years of service, Bruce returned to civilian life, having achieved the rank of major in the United States Air Force. In addition to his achievements as an athlete and pilot, Bruce was a talented musician who financed his college education by playing saxophone with several well-known bands in the resort areas of Northern Michigan. Later, as owner and operator of the Lena Lou Inn in Ada, Bruce entertained customers by playing both the keyboards and the saxophone at the popular restaurant. Bruce also performed as endman in the inaugural Lowell Showboat. He is survived by his six children and spouses: Marty and Paul Heise of New Hope, PA, Mike and Pam McMahon, Susan and Chuck Teunis and

Mitch and Jody McMahon of Ada, Kevin and Nancy McMahon of El Lago, TX, and Laurie and Mark Summerfield of Grand Rapids; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson. A Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Fekete on Monday, July 27, 1998 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Lowell. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Margaret McMahon Memorial Scholarship, c/o Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

Jelaine (Mark) Smoex, Kimberly (Jerry) Hale all of Lowell; grandparents William Lachniet of Clarksville, Anna Dykhuis of Wyoming; parents-in-law Joe and Alice Mitchell of Lowell; brothers-in-law Joe Jr. (Kathy) Mitchell of Alto, Bill (Gloria) Mitchell of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law MaryAnn (Mark) Strunk of Grand Rapids; also aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Cindy was employed by Old Kent Bank. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre and Rev. George Coon officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

WINGEIER - Evelyn J. Wingeier, aged 85, of Lowell, died Wednesday, July 22, 1998. She is survived by her husband, Samuel D. (Babe), sisters-in-law Kate Murphy of Pontiac, MI, May Wingeier of Fenwick, MI; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday with Rev. Gordon Barry of The First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

PERKINS - Margaret G. Perkins, aged 86, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 1998, in Grand Rapids. She is survived by her son William (Karen) of Lowell; and daughter Pinkie (John) Hoffmann of Traverse City; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and special friend Wilhelmina A. Perkins. She was preceded in death by her husband Ransom B. Perkins and two sisters Florence Denman and Lela Wixom, both of Grand Rapids. In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at the Fountain Street Church on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hospice of Grand Rapids.

TAYLOR - Benjamin D. Taylor, aged 71, of Boston Twp., passed away unexpectedly Sun., July 26, 1998. He was preceded in death by his son David. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Shirley; children Leo (Vicky) Taylor of Belding, Carol (Leo) Rogers of St. Petersburg, FL, Jerry (Judy) Taylor of Lowell, Dana (Chip) Hunter of Freeport, MI, Pam (Fred) Zuke of Grand Rapids; sisters Anita (Chuck) Harris, Genevieve (Robert) Adair, all of Ionia; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Taylor served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Dr. Ronald Zartman of Crystal Creek Community Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Welcome Home for the Blind, 1953 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

MITCHELL - Cindy E. Mitchell, aged 44, of Lowell, passed away July 25, 1998. She was preceded in death by her brothers Steven and Kevin Dykhuis. She is survived by her husband John; daughters Lindsey and Jenna; parents Ken and Elaine Dykhuis of Alto; brothers Kenneth Jr. (Shirley) Dykhuis of TX, Scott (Denise) Dykhuis of Lowell; sisters Sharon (Alonzo) Miller of Saranac,

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CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The adoption of the following Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Shores:

ORDINANCE NO. 98-8

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAP OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

1. That the "Official Zoning Map" as referenced in Section 3.02 of Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended to change the zone district classification of real property legally described from R-2 Residential District to R-3 Residential District:

PART SE 1/4 COM 100.05 FT ELY ALG N LINE OF FULTON ST (100 FT WIDE) FROM N&S 1/4 LINE, TH N PARALLEL TO THE W N&S 1/4 LINE TO S LINE OF SIBLEY ST EXT W FOR PT OF BEGINNING, TH E TO NW COR OF LOT 205, VALLEY VISTA NO. 7, TH S ALG WLY LINE OF SD LOT EXT SLY A DISTANCE OF 388 FT, TH WLY TO E LINE OF W 100.05 FT OF SEC 3, THEN NLY TO PT OF BEGINNING CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 2.465 ACRES

2. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lowell.

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Blough, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson

NAYS: Councilmembers none.

ABSENT: Councilmembers none.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

I, David M. Pasquale, City Clerk of the City of Lowell, do hereby certify this Ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the members elect of the Lowell City Council at a regular meeting held on July 20, 1998 and that the Ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger on July 29, 1998.

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, during regular business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

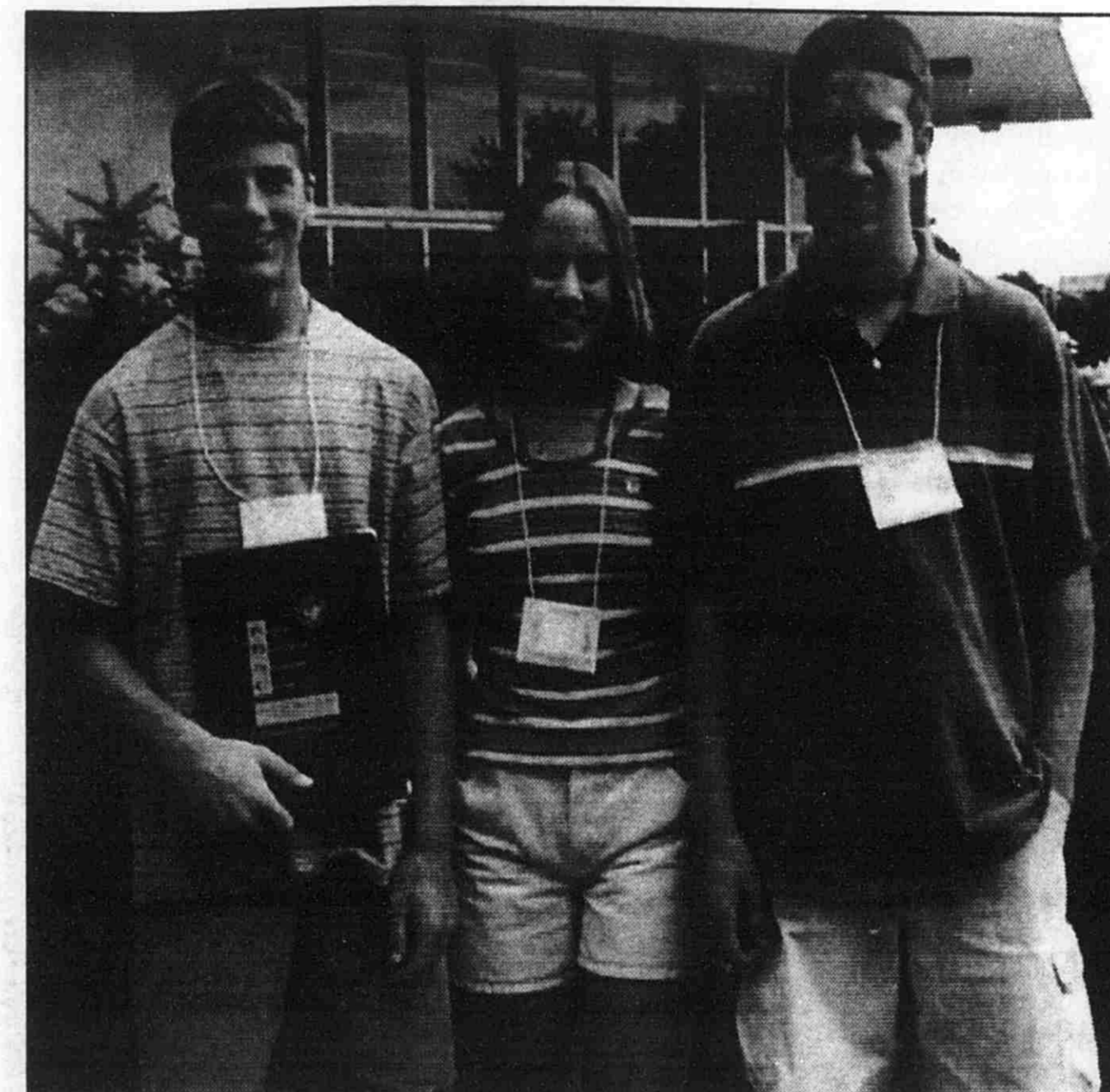
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Lowell students participating in MSU's fourth annual Summer Business Institute program, left to right, are: Jeff Pfaller, Elizabeth Baker and Nick Collins.

LHS senior trio invited to Spartan's Summer Business Institute

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Those students chosen will come from around the country to take part in the fourth annual Summer Business Institute through Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business.

The business program is for students who will enroll at Michigan State University in the fall.

These high-achieving high school students will gain exposure to MSU's college business program.

There were over 70 applications received and 52 will attend. All applicants were asked to write an essay as to why they wanted to partici-

pate in the program.

"The program will expose students to career opportunities. It is a foundation from which outstanding business leaders can be created," said Linda Gross, senior program coordinator for the Multi-Cultural Business program in the Eli Broad College of Business.

Three of the 52 students attending the program are seniors at Lowell High School. They are Elizabeth Baker, Nick Collins and Jeff Pfaller.

This trio, like others who will be in attendance, represents the top five percent of their high school class.

Fortune 500 corporate representatives from

Motorola, Eli Lilley, Comeric, General Mills, Hyatt, Proctor & Gamble, Ernst and Young and EDS (Electronic Data Systems) will attend the week-long program.

During their stay, students will be divided into eight teams. They will research fields of business (accounting, marketing, finance, hospitality businesses and supply chain management).

During this time, they will work with faculty members and have a chance to interact with various deans.

"All the students will come with outstanding leadership and communication experience," said Gross.

Franciscans to display Farm Fest quilt "Iris Sensation"

The Franciscan Life Process Center will display a handmade quilt at various locations in the area, prior to its raffle at the tenth annual Franciscan Farm Fest, on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10 p.m.

The queen-size quilt, "Iris Sensation," was a cooperative quilting effort of many people. Sister Theophane

Wurzer, F.S.E., brought together her family, her community, her friends and co-workers to create a work of art that will provide revenue for the Franciscan Life Process Center's scholarship fund.

Tickets are available now through September 11 at the Lowell Area Chamber of

Commerce, Betsy Ratzsch Gallery in Ada and The Franciscan Life Process Center. The quilt will be displayed at the following locations and tickets sold at the time of display:

July 27 - August 2, Grand Quilt Company in Eastbrook Mall
August 3 - 15, Huntington

Bank in Lowell
August 21 - 23, Danish Festival Quilt Show in the Danish Brethren Hall, downtown Greenville
August 24 - 29, Betsy Ratzsch Pottery in Ada
August 31 - September 4, Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell.

September 5, Lowell River Walk Arts & Craft Festival
September 8 - 12, Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell
The Franciscan Farm Fest and the quilt raffle are efforts to raise revenue for a scholarship fund, which allows the center to provide a sliding fee scale to individuals and groups

who are not able to fully pay for needed services of counseling, music therapy, preschool and educational experiences.

For more information please contact the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

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CITY OF LOWELL

**SALE OF CITY PROPERTY
ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS**

The City of Lowell is accepting bids for the sale of a portion of Recreation Park located at the south end of Water Street (copy of legal description and survey available at City Hall).

Bids must be returned to the Office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street, no later than Tuesday, August 11, 1998 at 11:00 a.m., at which time bids will be read. A final decision of sale rests with the City Council, which will consider such on Monday, August 17, 1998.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

Reflections

By Faith

By Rev. Gordon Barry
First United Methodist
Church of Lowell

Stand Up and Be Counted
"When Krushchev pronounced his famous denunciation of Stalin, someone in the Congress Hall is reported to have said, 'Where were you, Comrade Krushchev, when all the innocent people were being slaughtered?'"
Krushchev paused, looked around the hall and said, "Will the man who said that kindly stand up!"

Tension mounted in the hall. No one moved.

Then Krushchev said, "Well, whoever you are, you have your answer now. I was in exactly the same position then as you are now."

Stand Up. Be Counted. Stand Up means being seen by others. Stand Up means doing something that others may not be willing or agree to do. As Christians, we are called to be salt, which works the same as standing up.

Go to the movies and ask for popcorn with no salt. Taste

the difference? Does salt or no salt make a difference? We are called to be salt and stand up. We are called to be seen and not to blend in. As Christians, we have one foot in our culture and the other foot is in our discipleship to Jesus Christ. This discipleship foot dictates how we live in our culture. We are constantly asking, "WVJD - What Would

Jesus Do?"

Whether you are a child, teen or adult, the choice is always the same, just different circumstances. The choice is whether or not we will stand up and be counted on the issues and beliefs we are called to stand up for or will we remain seated, safe and secure with our inaction. At the same time, our remaining

seated - and our inaction is a very clear action that is a very clear choice.

There is a lot of salt around this community. There are a lot of people who are standing up, and we are a much better community for it. May we continue to build not only one another up, but also our community as a whole. Stand Up and Be Counted! Be Salt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 30 - Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Jodi Mohr, Kimberly DeBold, Bill Potter.
JULY 31 - Nancy Raymor, Sandy Roth, Rochelle Bieri.
AUGUST 1 - Sue Shalander.
AUGUST 2 - Carolyn Kline, Hayley Woolfenden.
AUGUST 3 - Rebecca Heinicke, Kelsey Brenk, Becky Shindorf, Hillary Smith.
AUGUST 4 - Irene Willmarth, Scott VanDyke, Cody Bieri, Nick Tykocki.
AUGUST 5 - Robin Abel, Stephen Martin Jr.

Cook and Osborne/ Wedding



Scott and Grete Mae Cook

Jerri Young and Ron Osborne, both of Lowell, Lucene Cook of Boca Raton, Florida, and Thomas Cook of Lowell, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Grete Mae and Scott Matthew.

The bride and groom eloped on the beach at sunset in Key West, Florida, on April 18, 1998.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1990 graduate of Ferris State University.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1990 graduate of Ferris State University.

The couple currently reside in Pompano Beach, Florida.

AREA BIRTHS

Josie was born on July 19, 1998, at 5:25 p.m.

She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Welcoming her home are big sisters Ashley and McKenzie.

Grandparents are Don and Margaret Videan of Ada and Richard and Carolyn Manion of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Florence Videan of Lowell, Gerald and Margaret Kysler of Lowell, and Crystal Marietta of LaGrange, Wyoming.

Paul and Robyn Benjamin nee Thompson, of Grand Rapids, are proud to announce the birth of their twin boys, born July 25, 1998. Jakob Sebastian, weighing in at 5 lbs. 11 oz., was born at 6:52 a.m. and Jarred Amadeus made his arrival at 7:09 a.m., weighing in at 5 lbs. 12 oz. They both measured 19 inches long.

Also welcoming them to their hearts are proud grandparents David and Paula Benjamin of Ada, Ron and Jan Carney of Lowell and Jim and Cindi Thompson of Walker.

Greg and Kathy Zaleski of Wayland are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Miranda Jo. She was born June 30, 1998, at 11:28 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 19 inches long.

She is welcomed home by her brothers and sister, Brandon and Sarah Zaleski and Justin Doyle.

Proud grandparents are Ralph and Fran Clouser of Lowell and Bernice Zaleski of Walker. Great-grandmother is Donna Arlt of Kingsley, MI.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

Years ago my kids used to watch a TV show on PBS created by Jim Hensen. The show was called "Fraggle Rock." The characters were a bunch of Hensen's Muppets and one was Uncle Traveling Matt. That's me, "Uncle Traveling Roger." I'm scratching these lines out in my kitchen near Key West.

Our monthly paper has been put to bed and this afternoon I'll arrive in Michigan and be back to work up there.

Unfortunately, deadline for this Ledger will elapse while I'm winging my way over Georgia.

In an effort to avoid a hole where my column usually goes...I'm faxing up the preface to a quiz that went through our shop a couple of weeks ago.

Unless you have nothing pressing to do, I'd stop reading right now. Otherwise, you'll be captivated by the quiz and won't accomplish anything until you've solved it. I know this to be a fact as there was a complete work stoppage at my shop while there was a community effort to solve the puzzle. Kinda like the GM strike...only different.

At any rate, I figure I earned the right to publish this because of the wages I paid my employees while they solved the puzzle.

Good luck...and please don't call my people for the answers, we have enough time invested in it.

The test does not measure your intelligence, your fluency with words and certainly does not measure your mathematical ability. It will, however, give you some gauge of your mental

flexibility and creativity. In the many years since the test was developed, few people have been found who can solve more than half the 23 questions on the first try. Many reported getting answers long after the test had been put aside, or discovered answers at unexpected moments when their minds were relaxed.

INSTRUCTIONS: Each question below contains the initials of the words that will make it correct. Find the missing words. For example: 12 = M in a Y would be 12 months in a year. Good luck!

1. 26 = L of the A
2. 7 = W of W
3. 1,001 = A N
4. 12 = S of the Z
5. 54 = C in the D (with the J)
6. 9 = P in the S S
7. 88 = P K
8. 32 = D F at which W F
9. 13 = S on the A F
10. 18 = H on a G C
11. 90 = D in a R A
12. 200 = D for P G in M
13. 8 = S on a S S
14. 3 = B M (S H T R)
15. 4 = Q in a G
16. 24 = H in a D
17. 1 = W on a U
18. 5 = D in a Z C
19. 57 = H V
20. 11 = P on a F T
21. 1,000 = W that is a P is W
22. 29 = D in F in a L Y
23. 64 = S on a C



By Priscilla Lusmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY - JULY 23, 1873

Mrs. Dr. Ford operates bathing rooms here. Cherries, strawberries and raspberries have come in bumper crops.

"Milkmen in Grand Rapids are getting rich. They have excellent water power there."

There will be a Lowell Agricultural Fair this fall, after the State Fair.

The editor follows the horses very closely, and includes an article (not his first) on a Michigan horse, Bangweola.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 21, 1898

Santiago, Cuba, surrenders after a long series of truces, and the troops take off immediately for Porto Rico.

Harvesting in very hot weather is made more difficult by much lodged grain and very heavy straw.

Dorus Church of Alton killed three large hawks, the largest with a wingspan of 4 feet 4 inches.

The 32nd Michigan stationed at Tampa is plagued by continuous rain, then typhoid and malarial fevers. They are moved to Fernandina, Florida, where conditions are much better.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - JULY 19, 1923

Webster Morris, founder of the Lowell Journal in 1865, returns for a visit to the family gravesite. The 83-year-old is entertained by a dinner at the Hotel Waverly by a group of Lowell leaders.

In the chase after bootleggers, an "ordinary-appearing individual" (oai) who keeps asking where he can buy a couple of quarts, turns out to be a federal agent.

The Ionia Annual School meeting handles a budget of \$140,000 and building fund of \$276,000 with nine votes: the school janitor, two school board members and six members of the election board.

The State Fair at Detroit will have a Dog and Pony Show—and some mules too.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 22, 1948

The Lowell Creamery has a new Divco truck with many labor-saving features.

The State Highway Department installs riprap on the east bank of Flat River (west of King Milling feed mill), to keep the bank from washing away during high water.

No traffic light will be installed in Lowell, but more attention will be paid to the 15% of drivers who go too fast.

The cost of the high school addition will be \$125,000; the building fund is \$20,000 short. The board asks for suggestions.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - JULY 19, 1973

Parents are warned about children playing in the sewer tiles piled along the streets.

Police chief Barry Emmons again reminds business men to be sure to lock doors and especially windows for the night.

Another caution for businesses: downspouts on some buildings may be connected to the sewer system and need to be unhooked while construction goes on.

The uncertain chicken market, added to torn-up streets and attendant dust, causes the cancellation of the Congregational Men's Club barbecue.

Congressman Gerald R. Ford will be a Showboat guest next week, July 26.

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY - JULY 30, 1873

King, Quick & King saw an average of 20,000 feet at their lumber mill every day.

The bridge is much improved, with an immense amount of dirt hauled. It's been "turpiked" into good shape.

The rear of the Flat River log drive will soon be coming into Grand River.

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TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In response to Michael F. Lessens' letter to the editor July 22nd, King Milling is noisy, not so pretty to look at and smack dab in the middle of town.

Maybe we should put a huge brick fence around it so it matches the new development? Do you think cramming new houses in every nook and cranny looks beautiful?

Or what about all the buildings popping up along M-21? Lovely? I am not against progress, my own home town has gone through quite a change. But to imply Sam Noon and his family (who have loyally helped out the people of their community, a farming community), do not take pride in their city is plain ignorant.

At Noon Equipment you can pick up almost anything from farm equipment and a tire change to that antique sleigh that reminded you of yours as a kid. Don't quite have enough money? How about a swap? Or maybe you are not shopping at all, but just have a need to yack. The best pride a person can give their community is respect for its citizens and at Sam's - Noon Equipment - you get just that.

Bryan and Roxann Roth

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter in the July 15th Ledger. I was quite perplexed reading Mr. Ewing's letter. He stated he attended meetings from time to time. Yet, he mentioned that Vergennes Township residents could not give music lessons without the expressed approval of the township government. He ended his statement with, "What nonsense." I couldn't agree with him more. WHAT UTTER NONSENSE!! I have a copy of the part of the ordinance entitled Home-based businesses. There is no such ordinance that denies me or Mr. Ewing from giving music lessons in the home. I have never nor do I now have to go to Vergennes Township for permission to give lessons of any type in my home. The Home occupation ordinance that originated in 1978 has always given residents of the township that liberty. It is my understanding that these are two different sections in the ordinance.

My husband has been a farmer in Vergennes Township for 48 years. I have been his partner for 32 of those years. We have from the beginning had to acquire township permission to build a building. It is called a zoning compliance permit. We notify the township when we are ready to build an accessory building. We are informed after an inspection by the zoning officer whether we comply with Agricultural Zoning. We are either given the permission to build or have the option to change what must be changed to comply. My husband states that zoning compliance adds an orderly step to the construction process. It not only protects the value of our property but it also protects the value of our neighbors' property.

Gay Nauta

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter published in the July 29, 1998 edition of the Lowell Ledger from Daniel Parker.

Our township officials have the responsibility to protect the rights of ALL the residents who live within the township. If you operate a legitimate business within the confines of your home and there are complaints about your business, I feel the township has the right to investigate the source of the complaint. Our current officials work hard to protect the best interests of everyone living here.

Home-based businesses are great, but just because you have a business permit does not give you special exemptions to operate your business in a way that affects my rights to quality living standards. When businesses bring in excess amounts of traffic, excess amounts of traffic, excess amounts of noise, creates an eyesore in the community which is offensive to the residents who live next to that home-based business.

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then my constitutional rights are being violated.

How can a business owner have more rights than a non-business owner? My belief is that the residents of Vergennes Township are being misled by a select few in the community into making political decisions that will have a serious negative effect upon our community.

On August 4th, we will have an opportunity to vote on the future of our township. I think the real question that needs to be asked is, "What is the real voice of the people?" Do we allow home-based business or a select few to take over and force the township residents to live in commercial or industrial zones? Or do we put our trust in someone who has a real concern for preserving our rural community character? I think that our present township officials have done an outstanding job in trying to protect the rights of all the people.

Mary Fry
Non-business owner

applications and interview candidates should have been made, but was not.

Under state law, the board has up to 45 days to make such an appointment.

Within 24 hours of our former supervisor's announcement to resign, Marsha Wilcox, a political insider, was appointed supervisor. Why the big hurry? Was this fair to the others who had applied? This action gives the appearance of impropriety to say the least (or were they trying to set a new world record for speed in appointing an official?)

Do you think that many of our township officials are worried about the outcome of this election? Might a victory by another candidate other than the one they selected prove to be embarrassing? Furthermore, would your failure to vote on August 4 validate or encourage this type of activity in the future? Think about it.

Renee Johnson

Dear Editor:

In reference to Gary Kemp, former Lowell High School principal's statements July 29, 1998, under Rivers' Reflections.

We have always held Gary Kemp in high regards at our house but, and I quote, "I will always remember how Gary Rivers disciplined. He could throw a block of wood at a student and get away with it."

"Perhaps the athletes really didn't find his size and gruffness appealing and they responded to him." Another quote from Gary Kemp.

Just perhaps they were worried about that block of wood and where it would land if they didn't respond and at once!

Gary Rivers taught some of our kids; however, if I've ever had a complaint from our house, we just could never see the humor of blocks of wood being thrown by a man the size of Mr. Rivers toward students when his size alone could get anyone's attention.

Dewey and Dotty Prins

Dear Editor:

We would like to respond to a letter to the editor; we feel that there were a few inaccuracies which we wish to correct.

In any township, and Vergennes is no exception, the state of Michigan allows ordinances to be passed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents. Unfortunately, we sometimes feel that this treads upon our property rights. Perhaps we all feel that to some degree about not just local government, but also about county, state and federal. While other levels of government cannot say this to any significant degree, townships can say that property owners can and do have direct input into ordinance formation and have had this right in Vergennes Township since the first two-page ordinance was passed in 1957.

For 41 years then, resident planning commissions have added and amended ordinances, held public hearings to ask for citizen input, and sent ordinance recommendations on to resident elected township officials. There always was, for those who avail themselves of the privilege, ample opportunity for input. Unfortunately, it is unusual for many people to show up and speak up.

The fact is that ordinances clearly protect what is to most residents their largest asset - a home - from eroding property values. Ordinances do this for everyone. Ask any realtor who sells property in townships without an ordinance to compare those property values with Vergennes Township.

When a part of the ordinance does not fit into a property owner's plans, there is an appeal process proscribed by State law. Every township has a Zoning Board of Appeals which is empowered to hear variance applications to, in effect, allow non-compliance with the ordinance. As a quasi-judicial body, the Zoning Board's decisions are final in the township. No other township board or individuals can overrule the Zoning Board. Any appeal for the Zoning Board's decisions go to the Kent County Circuit Court.

Sometimes people start their business as one type of legal entity with the idea that they may convert that business into another legal entity down the road. Consequently, you will want to make sure that whatever entity you begin with can be easily converted into another legal entity later on.

If you are going to be hiring employees, there are a lot of issues and responsibilities of which you must be aware. For instance, your hiring practices need to conform with both state and federal law beginning with the way you advertise for help right through the application and interview process. There are also many do's and don'ts and laws with which you must comply once you hire somebody.

The \$300 cost to apply for a variance reflects: 1) The cost to publish public notice; 2) The cost to notify nearby neighbors; 3) The cost to pay Zoning Board members' per diems; 4) The clerical support required. If these costs were not covered by the applicant, they would be borne by the township residents. It would seem unfair to ask one's fellow residents to pay for one's request to deviate from the ordinance.

To specifically address the recently-passed home business ordinance in Vergennes, we relay this information. For more than a year, citizens made helpful comments during the planning commission's formulation of that ordinance. It generated much interest. When adopted, there was a distinction between home occupations (businesses which are conducted solely at home) and home-based businesses (businesses which are based at home and conducted off the premises). Home occupations, such as giving music lessons in a home, have always been allowed, and continue to be allowed, without any permit. The Planning Commission is working to address the portion of the ordinance that prohibits accessory buildings from being built in front of a residence. Many situations are unusual and unique to the topography of a parcel, so it is difficult to make a one-size-fits-all ordinance. We have also not been able to find another township which does allow building in front of the home. The township allows an agricultural building in the front yard, but applicants for such a building are required to obtain a Zoning Compliance Permit.

A call to the Vergennes Township office can answer many residents' questions or begin a process to address problems or unique situations. These are people who are fellow residents and neighbors. They understand that the State law set up for townships is not well understood, and not understanding can be frustrating. They will do their best to help.

Tim Howard, Chairman, Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals and
Rick Gillett, Chairman
Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Dear Editor:

I talked to Sam Noon of Noon Farm Equipment to say he has done a great job of cleaning up and maintaining his place.

He told me that there are times that, after long hours, his workers might leave equipment at angles to the road that might not look too pretty, but I got his point.

I understand that I may have implied that I was pointing fingers at the city of Lowell to get Sam to work on his place while Jean Huver of the Lowell Township Council said they had jurisdiction and were dealing with Mr. Noon. She shared with me that Sam is a law-abiding citizen and has done his best to follow the rules and suggestions given him by Lowell Township supervisor, John Timpson.

So continue your good work, Sam.

Michael F. Lessens

If you plan on leasing space for your business, you will want to make sure that before you sign the lease that it has been reviewed by a lawyer and you are protected as much as possible. Further, you are going to need to have a complete understanding of your rights and obligations under the lease.

I have only touched on some of the issues. If you research what you can on your own and retain both a CPA and a lawyer to help you get started. Good luck.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.



Creekside Kingdom sanded and sealed for another year

Nearly 55 gallons of sealer were needed to complete maintenance work at Creekside Kingdom.

Approximately 50 volunteers took time Saturday to sand and re-seal the children's park.

"There were 30 freshmen and sophomore football players who volunteered their time from 8 a.m. until noon," said Dan Phillips, coordinator of the project. "Their efforts were greatly appreciated. It would have taken us a lot longer without their help."

Keith Johnson, also a volunteer, built a wooden garbage holding container and a wishing well (for donations) for the park.

"People may not realize how much this maintenance work is needed on an annual basis. This helps ensure the park will be enjoyed for years to come," concluded Phillips.

Pictured spraying is Bob Schultz.

Dear Editor:

How is your service at Vergennes Township? Need a building permit, a variance, want to sell or develop part of your land? It may take weeks, months or may not even be approved.

You may question your service as a resident, but there's no question as to how quickly our board can appoint a new supervisor when the old one resigns. Our local politicians appear to have put their knowledge and experience to work...in this case for themselves.

Under normal and appropriate circumstances, the township initiates the process by posting notices in our local newspapers and at the hall for a period of time to seek interested applicants for unfilled positions. For such an important position as the supervisor's, sufficient time to review

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<p>LEGAL EASE</p> <p>By Jonathan David</p> <p>DEAR JONATHAN: I plan on starting a business this year. I am in the process right now of investigating what type of business makes the most sense, how much money it will take to get started, how to secure financing, etc. When it comes to actually establishing a business, however, who should I talk to or where should I go to get information?</p> <p>JONATHAN SAYS: If you are looking for general information, a good place to start is your local chamber of commerce. They have a lot of information, both in pamphlet and book form, which goes over the ins and outs of starting a business.</p> <p>You should also check with your library or bookstore for a list of books which deal with this subject. There are many decent publications available which give you a good overview of what is involved in starting a business and what you should think about before proceeding.</p> <p>As you get closer to starting your business, you should consult with a CPA and a lawyer for the purpose of getting both tax and legal advice regarding the business. Many people make the mistake of focusing all of their time, energy and resources in starting up the business and too little time in securing appropriate tax and legal services. Consequently, many problems which become apparent later on could have been avoided with the right advice when the business was started. For example, you will need to decide what type of legal entity the business should be, i.e., a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a corporation or a limited liability company. Some of the questions you will need to ask and answer when making this decision include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it important to limit your personal liability for the debts of the business? If so, you may want to consider a corporation or a liability company. 2. Which form of legal entity will result in the least amount of taxes? 3. Are you to be involved in this business alone or will others participate? 	<p>Thomet Chevrolet BUICK</p> <p>1250 West Main Street • Lowell, Michigan 49331</p> <p>★ COMPLETE BODY & FRAME REPAIR Phone 897-9294</p>	<p>For a listing of homes in this area, call Joice R. Smith 421-2040</p> <p>Greenridge Realty, Inc. 1160 W. Main Lowell, MI 49331 897-9239</p>	<p>QUALITY TAX SERVICE, INC.</p> <p>216 E. Main St., Lowell (616) 897-7668</p> <p>• CORPORATE, BUSINESS & PERSONAL TAX PREPARATIONS • BUSINESS START-UP & CONSULTING • PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES</p> <p>HOURS: MON - FRI • 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Others By Appointment</p>
<p>Ledger Entries, continued...From Page 5</p> <p>Constable Booth has a quantity of mostly white clothing pilfered from local laundry lines. Ira Button was arrested.</p> <p>It's time to clean up the premises of all garbage; this is the cholera season.</p> <p>Mr. Ware has established a marble works for the manufacture of gravestones, on the west side of Water Street.</p> <p>100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 28, 1898 Clarence Long, with the 33rd Michigan in Cuba, writes to friend Will about the fighting around Santiago, adding that all the boys from Lowell are well.</p> <p>The weather has included frosts that nearly wiped out the cranberry crop, a "young cyclone" at Boston and 96-degree warmth.</p> <p>The Alton reporter says there's a sailboat on Murray's Lake now.</p> <p>The U.S. Post Office will not return or forward 2nd, 3rd, or 4th class mail without prepayment of postage from now on.</p> <p>75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - JULY 26, 1923 Webster Morris, founder of the Lowell Journal in 1856, describes Lowell in that year as a country road, lined irregularly on both sides for three-fourths of a mile with cheap wooden buildings. He goes on to describe Lowell buildings in detail.</p> <p>The state conservation department is seining Murray Lake to remove bill fish, dog fish and any other "noxious fish" they find.</p>	<p>Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Co. shipped a carload each of their new baby cabs to Chicago and New York last week.</p> <p>The 16th annual Snow School reunion brings 136 people from as far away as Chicago.</p> <p>50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 29, 1948 Sugar maples and American elms are still the top favorites for tree planting.</p> <p>All American men between ages 18-25 must register for the draft between August 30 and September 18. The dates for each age group to register are given.</p> <p>A sellout crowd of 5,000 greets the first-night Showboat. Francis Seese of Alto delivers the first load of wheat to King Milling on July 20.</p> <p>Michigan's six divorces per 1,000 population in 1947 were double the U.S. average.</p> <p>25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - JULY 26, 1973 Disappointingly small audiences mark the first three nights of Showboat.</p> <p>The 4-H Fair will feature a dunk tank for the city manager and mayor.</p> <p>The sewer-water separation project manages to tie up Main Street during Showboat Week.</p> <p>Meanwhile development outside Saranac has overextended the village sewer system beyond capacity.</p> <p>The Showboat Garden Club show this Friday and Saturday is a "Circus of Flowers" at Runciman School auditorium.</p>	<p>CALL US AT 897-9261</p> <p>Advertise Your Business In The Ledger BUSINESS DIRECTORY</p>	<p>BILL WHEELER Certified Public Accountant</p> <p>W.J. Wheeler Michigan</p> <p>103 Riverside Dr. Lowell, Michigan 49331</p> <p>616-897-7711</p> <p>Rich's Service Co. Now Stocking Some Used Appliances</p> <p>Free Estimates on Water Softeners</p> <p>Rich Curtis (616) 897-5686</p>



Adrian Martin Schuster of Lowell was among the 5,103 students included on the dean's list at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for the 1998 spring semester.
Dean's list eligibility is limited to the top 20 percent

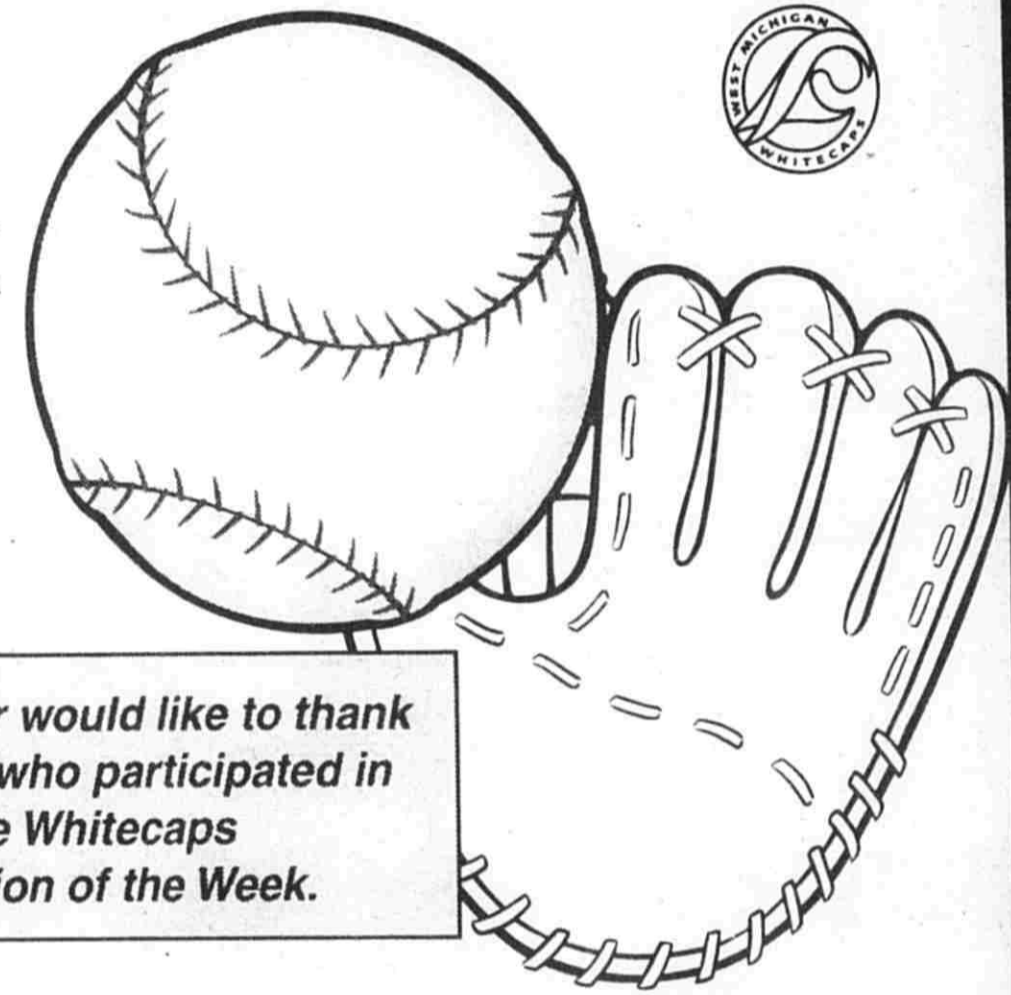
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of a student's college class or curriculum. The minimum number of hours of course work required is determined by each college or unit.

WIN! WHITECAPS TICKETS!

From The Ledger

Our Final Winner Is:
PATRICK BAILEY



The Ledger would like to thank everyone who participated in the Whitecaps Question of the Week.

The tickets are undated reserved seat tickets and should be redeemed at the stadium box office for a dated game. All exchanges are made based upon availability. We encourage everyone to exchange their tickets in advance.

Hatfield and Curtiss set Sept. wedding date



Jeremy, Randy and James of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their mother, Erika Hatfield, to Stephen Curtiss, also of Lowell.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Cutler of Tucson, AZ, and Orrin and Kathy Cutler of Muskegon. She is a graduate of Sahuarita High School in Arizona, now attending Grand Valley State University. She is currently employed at First Item Processing in Grand Rapids.

The future groom is the son of Clyde and Eula Curtiss of Lake Odessa. He is a 1994 graduate of Saranac High School and a 1996 graduate of ITT Technical School. He is currently employed by Mollers of North America.

The couple is planning a September 19, 1998 wedding.



In the 1700s, many women wore hairstyles measuring more than two feet high, were supported with small cushions and wire frames, covered with powder and decorated with feathers, jewels or tassels.

PRIMARY ELECTION

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**
SEATS ON THE ELECTION BALLOT:

★ Vergennes Township Supervisor ★
★ Republican 3rd District Kent County Commissioner Seat ★

Supervisor opening brings Dwyer out of his corner

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Upon his arrival in Vergennes Township, the former Navy and Air Force officer did what came naturally...he took in some "corner time."

"Corner time is when you find a seat a corner away from others and just sit and listen," Richard Dwyer explained.

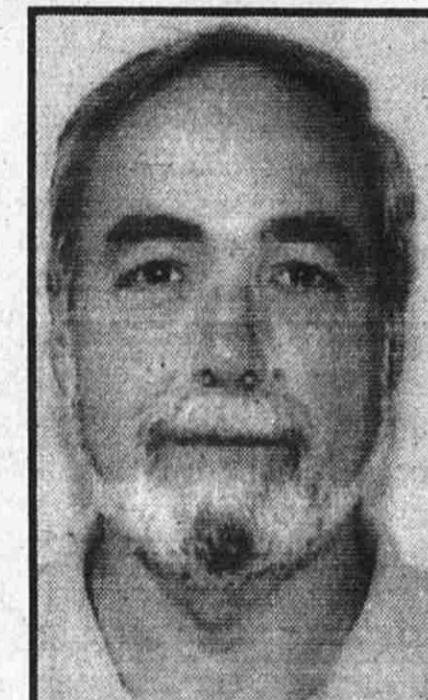
Dwyer over the last two years has put that into practice at Vergennes Township meetings.

"To this point I have focused on bettering myself and my family," Dwyer says. "Now that I have time and am informed, I can become involved. Any time you seek an appointed or elected position a great deal of time is required on the part of the participant."

Dwyer will be one of three candidates seeking the Vergennes Township supervisor position on Aug. 4.

Involvement in an election process is not new to Dwyer. He ran successful mayoral and House of Representatives campaigns in Florida.

"I don't think it's necessary to have a government background to run for an office," Dwyer said.



Richard Dwyer

"I offer a large, wide business management background. Government is a business. Our clientele are the people we're responsible to. Our job is to make sure they receive our services."

The Vergennes Township resident has owned and operated Dwyer Construction since 1991. He also serves as treasurer of River Bluff Development.

Dwyer realizes Vergennes Township will see more development sooner rather than later.

"Growth is coming. In light of that, the township

needs to look to its road system to insure that more arteries are passing through the township," Dwyer said. "We also need to update our existing roads."

To ease the township of the burden that comes with large development, Dwyer believes regulation, zoning and mandates need to be in place to assure that large developments provide their own services.

"A township board with five individual opinions coming together in a cohesive group will help assure that the township enters into the 21st century in good light," Dwyer said.

The township supervisor candidate says he would bring honesty, integrity and straight forwardness to the position if elected.

"Depending on what I'm hearing is true, there are many people dissatisfied with the status quo," Dwyer said.

The candidate is hopeful that will help outweigh the name recognition disadvantage he will battle.

"I have people who are committed to voting for me to my face and talking me up to their neighbors," Dwyer said.

Wittenbach promises communication and sensitivity to township's needs and wants

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Aug. 4 election for Vergennes Township supervisor will be the first political office Tim Wittenbach has ever sought.

One couldn't tell it by his relaxed demeanor.

"This has been neat. I'm having fun. Win or lose, it's been a great experience and good for everybody," Wittenbach said.

The lifelong Vergennes Township resident believes things will be even better for residents if he is elected.

"I am passionate about Vergennes Township. I want its growth and improvement to be beneficial to everybody," Wittenbach explained.

The candidate is a 1986 graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist Academy. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management in 1990 from Davenport College.

"With my business and education background and in talking to friends and neighbors, I felt it was time to run," Wittenbach explained. "The position of supervisor is a community position. I don't see the benefit of being plugged in to every political thing there is. If voters want a career politician, then they should find themselves one."



Tim Wittenbach

Wittenbach says growth in the township is inevitable. "We must manage all the different aspects that will come with growth, but remain sensitive to the people while going through this transitional phase."

Wittenbach believes this can best happen through open communication with the community. It must also include increased property values and the preservation of Vergennes' rural character.

"Through all the growth we must remain sensitive to the wants and needs of the people living here," Wittenbach explained.

His commitment to community will include more accessibility. Wittenbach would like to see township hours extended and more diversity on the boards.

"I will work with the people in the township and collectively we can move forward," Wittenbach said. "With my background I believe I can help in an effective way."

The Alton Bible Church member says ultimately he is accountable to God. "I will

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Interest high in election of township supervisor

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time since 1984, the office of Vergennes Township supervisor involves a contested election.

For many, it has turned into the most exciting thing to happen in Vergennes Township in quite some time.

Marsha Wilcox, who was appointed to the supervisor position following Jim Cook's resignation earlier this year, will be challenged by Tim Wittenbach and Richard Dwyer.

During the last couple of years, the issues of growth and home-based business have sparked debate and discussion over the township's direction.

The last primary election in Vergennes Township was in 1996. Somewhere between 15-20 percent (350 voters) went to the polls. The numbers are expected to be much higher than that on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

The Vergennes Township Hall precinct will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. "This election has got people talking about government," Wilcox said. "If it gets people out to vote, it's a good thing."

Wilcox a friendly, familiar face to area public service

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



Marsha Wilcox

It's a new campaign, but Marsha Wilcox's philosophy behind running for an office remains the same.

"I feel strongly that if the place where I live is to be a community, I need to work at making it a strong community by doing my part," said the interim Vergennes Township supervisor.

Wilcox was appointed as Vergennes Township supervisor back in March when Jim Cook retired.

Now, in order to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends in 2,000, Wilcox must run and win the Aug. 4 primary election.

"I have taken the same basic plodding approach," Wilcox explained. "I have done things with honesty and integrity and have not done anything underhanded."

Wilcox says her experience and knowledge which she has collected over the years would fit well into the role of supervisor.

"The township board felt that way when they appointed me in March. The transition has been smooth and no on-the-job training was necessary," Wilcox explains.

Vergennes Township government works because the people are very knowledgeable, according to Wilcox.

opers, such as clustering of homes and establishment of conservation easements.

"I am constantly searching for resources and new ideas to help us accomplish that preservation," Wilcox says.

Wilcox believes Vergennes Township government can be better by being open more convenient hours. "I'd like to see the township hall open more than just Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

Prior to her appointment in March, Wilcox served on the Lowell School Board (five years), Vergennes Township Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Board of Review.

Wilcox was also a Kent County commissioner where she served as the chairman of the Legislative Judicial Committee.

"I know what's going on. I like people. I like to help out, and serving as supervisor gives me that opportunity," Wilcox explains. "No level of government is understood well by everyone. The more people get involved, the more knowledgeable they become."

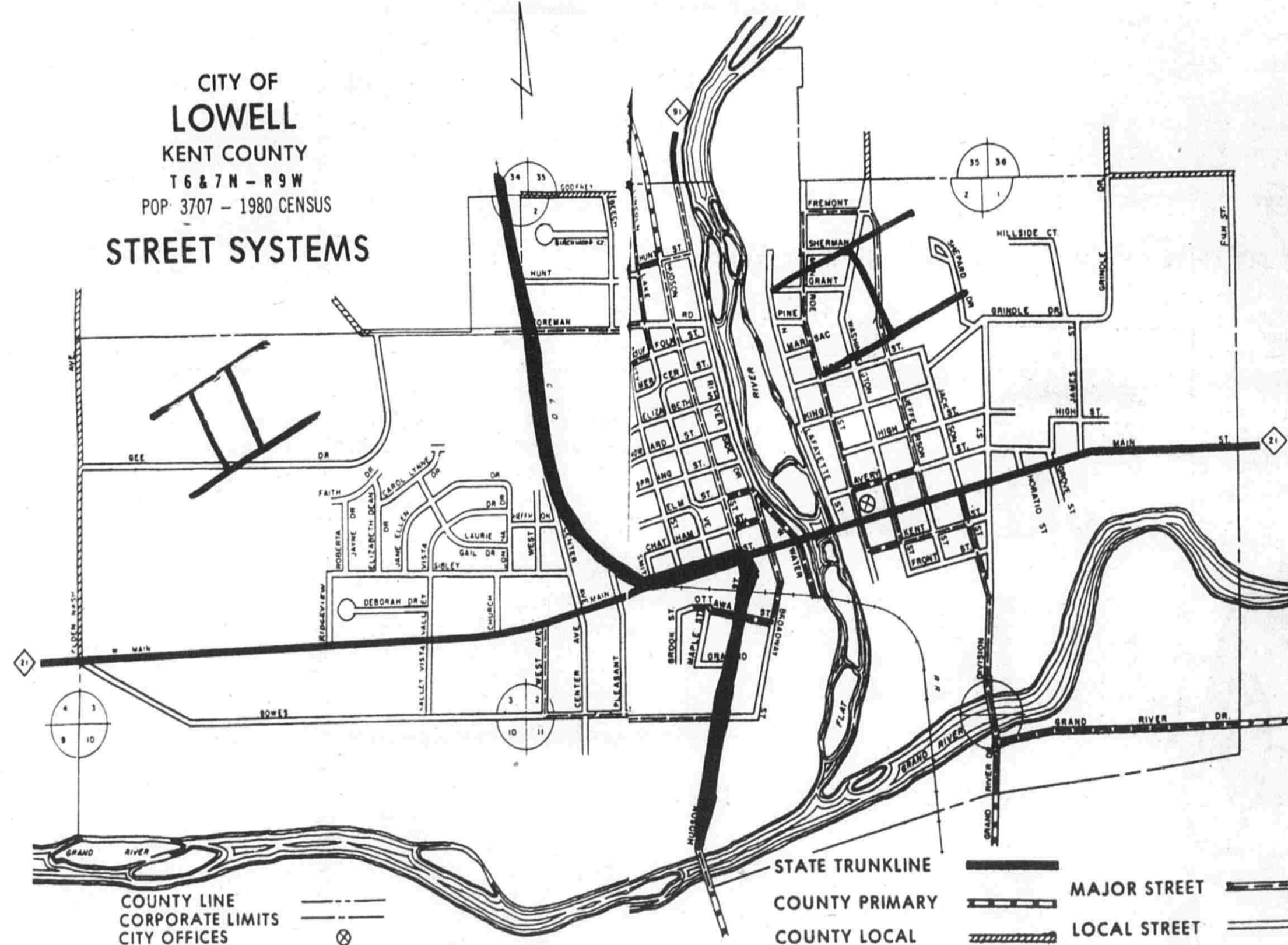
Wilcox concurs that this election has prompted people to talk about government.

"If it gets people out to vote on Aug. 4, that is a good thing," she concludes.

CITY OF LOWELL ELECTION NOTICE

Attention City of Lowell registered voters, your precinct location for the August 4, 1998 Primary Election has been changed.

Please see below for details.



PRECINCT #1 WAS:

Runciman Elementary School
300 High Street
NOW:
Englehardt Public Library
200 N. Monroe

PRECINCT #2 WAS:

Bushnell Elementary School
700 Elizabeth
NOW:
Look Memorial Fire Station
315 S. Hudson

If you have any questions call City Hall at 897-8457

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

Vergennes Township Precinct

Vergennes Township Hall

Polls open at 7 a.m.

Polls close at 8 p.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION

VOTE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Name: Bryan Harrison
Address: 9130 76th St.
Alto
Occupation: Regulatory Reform Officer



Bryan Harrison

Why I am running for Republican Kent County Commissioner Third District:
I was born and raised in the 3rd District. My children are the sixth generation of Harrisons to call this home. For the past seven years, I have worked for Richard Posthumus. During this time I have worked with schools, and business and community leaders.

Urban Sprawl:
This area is feeling the pinch of urban sprawl more deeply than others. What that says is this district is where other people want to live. Planning, though, can combat the negative approach to developing. Gov. Engler has initiated the Greenfielding program whereby contaminated, abandoned inner city sites are being fixed up and reused. This will allow for some industry to stay in the city where there is infrastructure to support it.

Commissioner Pay Increase:
For someone like myself just coming into the position,

It's been awhile since the 3rd District Kent County District Commissioner seat has been the focus of so many candidates. There are five Republican candidates vying for a spot on the November general election ballot. The winner of the Tuesday, Aug. 4 primary will face off against Democrat James Turner in the fall. Below are candid, brief thoughts from the candidates on some of the election year issues.

Name: Jack Horton
Address: 1625 Parnell Ave. - Lowell
Occupation: State Representative



Jack Horton

Why I am running for Republican Kent County Commissioner:

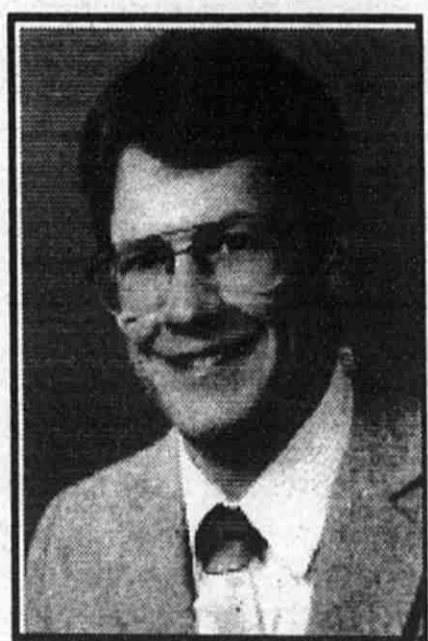
Over the last eight years as state representative, I have grown to enjoy public service. I like the interchange, working toward solutions, and the give-and-take involved. There are some issues that I'd like to pursue. During my time as a state legislator, I have worked with the Child Protective Services to sponsor welfare reform. Under the system, a Kent County pilot program called Project Zero has been started in 12 sites. Its charge is to reduce the number of people who don't have work to zero. I have an interest in making sure that this works. As a commissioner, it can help facilitate it.

Commissioner Pay Increase:

I don't know if commissioners have earned their pay. I know as a legislator I voted against pay increases. The proposed commissioner increase is pretty small. I think it comes to \$1 a day.

Justice Center:
I think the pursuit of a

Name: James Reagan
Address: 680 Bowes Rd. - Lowell
Occupation: Dentist



James Reagan

Why I am running for Republican Kent County Commissioner:

I believe it is important to be civically active in your community. Public office is one step higher, it is representing your community. I feel that I am the best qualified candidate to represent the citizens of the 3rd District. I live, work and worship in Lowell and feel it is important to give back what you take out of the community you live in.

Commissioner Pay Increase:

I'm opposed to a commissioner pay increase.

Justice Center:
It was put to vote rather quickly and the people voted down the use of a millage to fund it. It wasn't a vote against the center; people want existing plans.

Name: Frederick Fleischmann
Address: Major Oak, 9033 Foecke Dr. - Caledonia
Occupation: Computer Systems Consultant



Frederick Fleischmann

Why I am running for Republican Kent County Commissioner:

County taxes are too high for services provided, commissioner leadership is lacking and citizen responsiveness is quite poor. I have experience at trying to get information - they make promises but don't deliver. There have been four county tax increases over the last four years. I am quite outspoken in favor of open government. This is the only partisan contested race in the county.

Commissioner Pay Increase:

Should commissioners increase their salaries from \$17,200 to \$17,800? The county commission met for fewer than 25 hours last year because it parcels its decisions over 40 unelected boards, committees and commissions. The appointment process for those 40 groups is done in closed session by a small group of senior commissioners and county officials. It's time an appointment committee is established to appoint on merit and open the process to the public.

New Justice Center:

County citizens overwhelmingly turned down a millage for the new \$60 million center. The county commission, however, has gone ahead and committed to an \$80 million center. To make a down payment, \$6 million was supplied this year by cutting the sheriff's capital requests by 66 percent; parks by 66 percent; the zoo by 40

Name: James Turner
(Democratic representative in November General election)
Address: 10785 Woodbush Dr. - Lowell
Occupation: Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator



James Turner

Why I am running for Republican Kent County Commissioner:

I think there is a need for more diversity of views. Currently, it is awfully one-sided. There is a need for exposure of new and different ideas.

Commissioner Pay Increase:

It's ridiculous - silly to even talk about. We have commissioners who spend time talking about silly things like this when they should be discussing things they can do to make the county better. This is at best a part-time job. \$17,000 is pretty good pay. I am opposed to a pay hike.

Urban Sprawl: With the growth more Metro type services are inevitable (e.g. a Metro sewer authority). The Metro Council was a great idea. It is a way for local governments to get together and help one another in development. I am for providing for green areas in Kent County. There needs to be farms and rolling hills. A study showed

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3	WWMT-3
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9	WLNS-6
10	WLX-10
11*	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	DISNEY
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO**
17	WTBS
18	C-MAX**
19	FAM
20	FX
21*	MTV
22	VH-1
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28*	HN
29	NICK
30	A&E
31	FOX SPORTS
32	TNT
33*	C-SPAN
34*	EWTV
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
39	COMEDY CENTRAL
40	WEATHER
41	HISTORY
42	AMC
43	WZPX-43
44	HOME & GARDEN
45	LIFETIME
46	TOON DISNEY
47	MSNBC

* Denotes channels not appearing in the grids
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FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31 THRU AUGUST 6

An obnoxious judge and his psychic wife (Beau Bridges, right, and Kiersten Warren) are two of the unusual characters populating *Maximum Bob*. The offbeat series, based on the Elmore Leonard novel, premieres Tuesday on ABC.

Service Specials

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WITTENBACH

HOURS: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 7:30-5:00; Wed. 7:30 - 7:00

AURORA - OLDS - PONTIAC - GMC
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DAYTIME MORNING 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30

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SATURDAY LATE NIGHT AUGUST 1, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Star Trek: Next Generation, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy!.

SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 2, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and NFL Preseason Football.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AUGUST 2, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and NFL Preseason Football.

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COMING EVENTS

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

EVERY THURSDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 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. No Sept. meeting.

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322.

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: 7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

EVERY MONDAY: Senior Men's Golf Club at Arrowhead Golf Course. 9 a.m. tee-time. 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.

TUES. & THURS: Flat River Running Club, 7 p.m. at Fallsburg Park-main parking lot, during summer months starting June 23. For more information call Mike Wojciakowski, 691-7455.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

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. Luke's 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.

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: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

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 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 M#372: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College every Thursday evening at

the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at anytime. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center: 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

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.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

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THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

EVERY SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

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

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 1 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.

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THURS, JULY 30: Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Moose Recreational building. This month the commodities include: apple juice, refried beans, vegetarian beans, cereal, canned chicken, corn, frozen ham, cooking oil, syrup, canned tomatoes.

FRI., AUG. 14: Blood Drive at Laurels of Kent Nursing Center, 350 N. Ctr. St., Lowell, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointment preferred - call. Any healthy person 17 or older who weighs 110 pounds or more may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days. Call Brian Schoenborn at 897-8473 for information or an appointment.

MON., AUG. 17: West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) meets at 7 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, Discovery Room. A session led by Anita Droog, coordinator of the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit of the Kent Co. prosecutor's office together with one of their case managers. All survivors of homicide are welcome. Contact Danni Smith, in Lowell, 897-2455, Tim Timmerman, in Cedar Springs, 696-1023 or Steve Gainey at Life Guidance Services, 954-1991.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. and shop - Woodland Mall; 1:00 p.m., Euchre; 9:30, Crafts.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **MON.-FRI.:** Senior meals program, noon.

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk

Special Events

WED., JULY 29: 8 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast. **WED., AUG. 5:** 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Blood pressure.

FRI., JULY 31: 10 a.m., tour & lunch, Evergreen Commons - tour Cappel House or Horizon Mall. **THURS., AUG. 6:** 12:30 p.m., Dance, Westside Complex

MON., AUG. 3 - 12:45 p.m., Visiting physicians speaker. **FRI., AUG. 7:** 1 p.m., Euchre.

WED., AUG. 5: 8 a.m., Co-ed traveling breakfast. **MON., AUG. 10:** 12:30 p.m., Meijer's, Shopping.

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

IS SATELLITE TV THE ANSWER?
Are You Asking The Right Questions?
Q: Will satellite TV cost me less than cable?
A: No. First you'll pay for the equipment & installation. Then, getting your favorite channels could wind up costing you considerably more than cable.
LOWELL CABLE TELEVISION
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that overcrowded rats tended to be vicious. I think the same can be said for humans. The growth, though, raises the need for better police protection outside of the city.

New Justice Center:
It is needed desperately. The people voted against the millage. If our government can amass \$60 million why can't we afford to use some of that money to pay off bond issues?

The sky is the daily bread of the eyes.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 5, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the new Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The principal provisions of the proposed amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- Section 3.54 is added, providing that communications towers exceeding 75 feet in height shall be permitted only upon approval by the Planning Commission as a special land use under Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance. Article II of the Zoning Ordinance is also amended, to specify a definition of communications tower.
- Section 3.33 is amended so as to provide that certain satellite dishes are exempt from the requirement that freestanding satellite dishes or antennas shall comply with the zoning requirements for accessory buildings.
- Section 3.26 is added, so as to provide that communications towers exceeding 75 feet in height may be permitted only upon approval by the Planning Commission as a special land use, under certain minimum terms and conditions. The additional provisions include regulations on the placement, operation, design, screening, illumination and abandonment of such communications towers. Such provisions also include requirements on the collocation of antennas on a communications tower. Section 3.13 is also amended so as to indicate that communications towers exceeding 75 feet in height shall not be included among the permitted height exceptions stated in the Ordinance.
- Section 3.55 is added, so as to prohibit the excavation or other establishing of any channel, canal or similar waterway connecting to any lake or stream, excluding ponds which do not abut or connect to an existing lake or stream, and excluding the lawful dredging of an existing channel or canal, where such channel or canal is not enlarged or expanded.
- Section 3.16 is amended so as to add subsection J providing that if land having frontage on a lake or stream is located within a zoning district where the minimum lot width requirement is greater than 80 feet, then the minimum water frontage requirement for the use of the lake or stream by non-frontage lands shall be increased so as to be not less than the minimum lot width requirement of the zoning district in which the land is located.
- Section 9.03, pertaining to the R-R Rural Residential District, is amended by the amendment of subsections E, F and G so as to provide that a lot with public sanitary sewer shall have an area of not less than 40,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of at least 120 feet, and also to provide that a lot without public sanitary sewer shall have an area of not less than two acres and a minimum lot width of at least 200 feet.
- Section 14.08, pertaining to planned unit developments, is amended by the amendment of subsection B so as to provide that the sideyard setback for a principal building in the residential PUD district shall be 10 feet and that the sideyard setback for an accessory building in the residential PUD district shall be 5 feet; subsection D is amended so as to provide that permitted uses in the Industrial PUD shall include all uses permitted in the C-1 Commercial District, the C-2 Commercial District and the I Industrial District.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed zoning ordinance amendments. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: July 6, 1998
Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan

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make my decisions based on the fear of God. I am responsible to the people of Vergennes Township, but ultimately I am responsible to Him."

Wittenbach says he thinks the election will be close. "I hope everybody comes out and votes on Aug. 4," he concludes.

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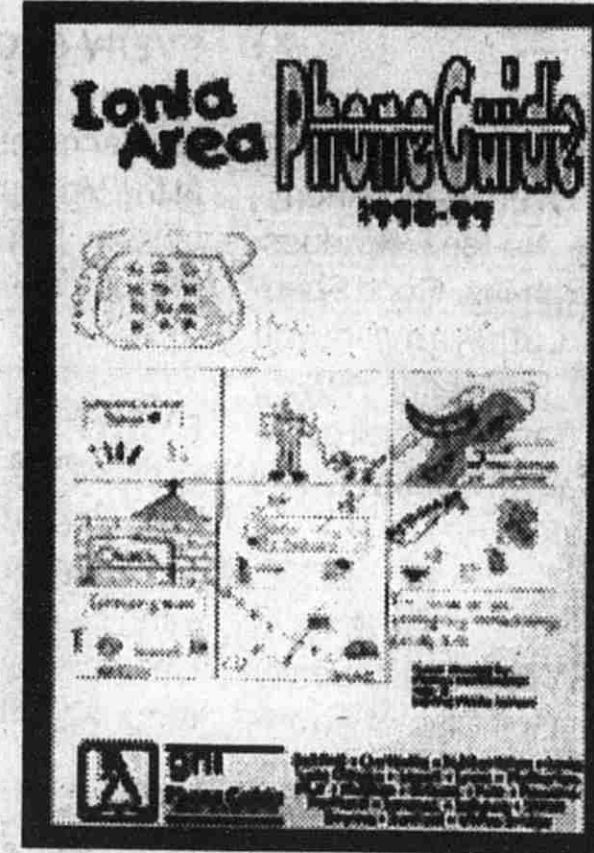
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Gauger's drawing selected for city's new flag emblem

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ginny Gauger learned a couple of things at the most recent city council meeting. First, that she won the city logo contest and second,

that she won't receive her prize of \$750 until the Riverwalk Festival.

Nonetheless, Gauger was pleased that her sketching was selected as the new emblem for the city flag. "I enjoy doing artsy

things. It is an all around picture of Lowell and what we're about," Gauger said.

Her emblem portrays the joining of the Flat and Grand rivers as well as the new city lights (downtown renovation) with a background of the

Lowell Showboat.

Gauger's emblem was one of 30 drawings turned in for consideration.

A committee composed of Wendell Christoff, president of Litehouse/Chadalee Farms; Teresa Beachum, city

resident; Lowell Middle School art teacher Karen (Lambert) Thomure and city manager Dave Pasquale reviewed the logos and then selected an entry for the approval of the council.

Lowell city councilmember Jeanne Shores said Gauger's emblem will be tweaked a little by a professional artist.

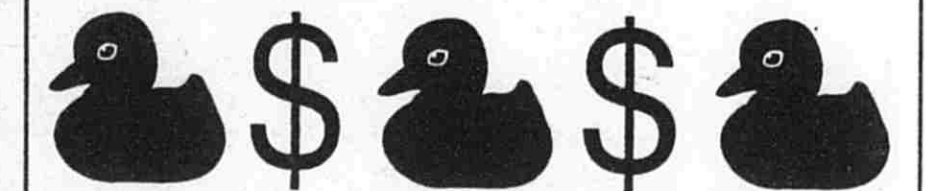
The borders will be changed and the distinctive downtown clock will be added.

"I am real pleased with how well the city flag contest went," Shores said. "Ginny's not only told a lot about Lowell but it looked like one that would print well. It's time the city of Lowell had its own flag again."



Ginny Gauger's drawing was chosen from one of 30 entries.

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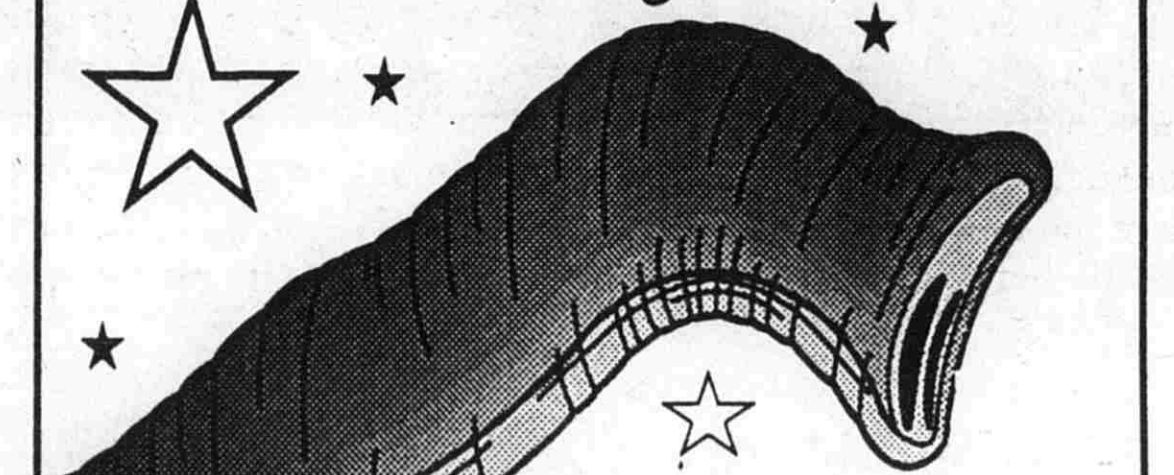
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Showboat and city commemorated with new march

The city of Lowell and its most famous landmark are being commemorated in a new march by composer Dennis Havens, whose "Showboat City" received its world premiere in St. Joseph on July 21. Havens, who lives in Vergennes Township, has made annual appearances

guest-conducting his music with the 65-piece St. Joseph band since 1991.

He was for many years a working musician in the show-rooms and lounges of Las Vegas, where he played bass and trombone, and wrote arrangements for such business luminaries as Vic Damone, Martha Raye, the Ritz Brothers, Eartha Kitt, Englebert Humperdinck, opera star Marguerite Piazza and the Mills Brothers.

He also played in and wrote music for the big bands of Stan Kenton, Lionel Hampton and Bobby Sherwood.

A Michigan resident since 1995, Havens specializes in writing for concert bands, which he calls his "first love."

"I'm hoping this new march might find a place at some point in the future of Lowell Showboat," Havens says. "I'll also be happy to provide a copy of the music to the Lowell High School band, if they'd like to give it a try."

AN OPEN LETTER TO VERGENNES TOWNSHIP CITIZENS

For the first time since 1984 the office of Vergennes Township supervisor involves a contested election.

In contrast to city government with a city manager system, township elections are a part of the political party process. The reality of party preference in West Michigan is such that the Republican winner in the August 4 primary will be the winner in the November general election.

There are three Republican candidates for supervisor on the August 4 ballot. Of these only Marsha Wilcox has learned, through years of experience, the duties and responsibilities required for effective township service. Marsha also has years of experience in elective office as a Kent County commissioner and as a member of the Lowell Area School Board. She has a lifelong record of distinguished community service.

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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JULY 13, 1998 & SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 13, 1998

OATH OF OFFICE - Superintendent, Bert Bleke, administered the oath of office to Pat Nugent and Pete Gustafson who were elected on June 8, 1998 for four year terms.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - The following members were voted into office for the 1998-99 school year:

Pete Gustafson President
Mark Blanding Vice-President
Ann Mulder Secretary
Jack Lane Treasurer

ACTING SECRETARY - In Ann Mulder's absence, Norm Byrne was appointed Acting Secretary.

ACTION ITEMS

Regular Board meeting dates were set as follows:

August 10, 1998	February 8, 1999
September 14, 1998	March 8, 1999
October 12, 1998	April 19, 1999
November 9, 1998	May 10, 1999
December 14, 1998	June 14, 1999
January 11, 1999	

Workshop Sessions and Educational Forum dates were set as follows with locations to be determined:

WORKSHOP SESSIONS	EDUCATIONAL FORUMS
October 28	October 26
January 25	November 23
May 24	February 22
	March 22
	April 26

The Board adopted bylaws for the 1998-99 school year.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approved/Adopted were:

Appointment of Assistant to Board Secretary, Check Signature Authorizations, Depositors of Funds, Conflict of Interest, Delegation and Election Duties, Meeting Notices, Board Member Compensation, Organizational Memberships, Legal Services, and the District Auditor.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - Discussion was held on committee assignments for the 1998-99 school year. Bert Bleke recommended the committees be formed as last year with the two committees: Board Finance/Personnel Committee and the Board Curriculum/Policy Committee.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Erin Umlauf, the Student Council President, was introduced as the Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 1998-99 school year.

ACTION ITEMS

Approved the one year shared time pilot program with St. Patrick School.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:

Minutes for June 8, 1998 Regular meeting and June 26, 1998 Special Meeting.

The following payment of bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$857,022.61
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$53,491.25
B. Athletic Fund	\$11,089.30
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$19,689.42

The resignation of Bill Markovich, Cherry Creek Elementary Principal; Louie Dudeck, Bushnell Elementary Principal; and Gary Kemp, High School Math Teacher.

Parenting Leaves:

Vicki Remar, High School English teacher on or about September 21, 1998 and ending on or about November 2, 1998.

Cindy Young, Cherry Creek Elementary Teacher effective September 18, 1998 and ending January 4, 1999.

Administrative Appointments and Administrative Expansion: Maureen Dorough - Principal of Cherry Creek Elementary; Karen Burd - Principal of Bushnell Elementary; Connie Gillette - Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Personnel.

Accepted the Canvass Report for the June 8, 1998 annual election.

Tax-Deferred Payments Resolution to allow employees to have pre-tax deductions sent to the retirement service to purchase years of service.

Resolution which certifies that Lowell Area Schools will provide preschool education to eligible four-year-old children during the 1998-99 school year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - Connie Gillette gave an update on the district's current financial condition.

BOARD GOALS - The Board briefly discussed Board goals for the 1998-99 school year. This item will come back for formal adoption at the August 10, 1998 meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke commented on the resignation of Gary Kemp and the many years of dedicated service he has given to the community, school and the students of Lowell. Board Committee meeting dates were established for the month of July.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, August 10, 1998,
Admin. Bldg., Board Room, 7:30 p.m.
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Lowell Youth Development filling gaps where budget can't

•••• LYD's charge is to coordinate a community school program to promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A year ago it was just an idea. Today, it is a program that affects all age groups.

The Lowell Youth Development community-driven initiative was generated to promote healthy personal and emotional growth, leadership skills, and community involvement among Lowell youth.

"We've come a long way in the first year," said program coordinator Pinky McPherson. "Currently, we're geared around school programs hoping to gear around community programs."

Lowell Youth Development helps fill the gaps where budgets and time constraints force school funding and community service organization to stop, according to its president, Jane Bosserd.

Funds supporting the program have come from the Englehardt Fund, Educational Support Personnel of

Lowell and other local contributors.

The program has also received financial support from Amway (\$45,000 over three

the Lowell High School leadership class; a Multicultural Youth Ambassadors program which promotes Lowell character traits along with diver-

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Pinky McPherson
LYD program coordinator

years), Meijer (\$45,000 over three years), and Huntington Banks (\$3,000 over three years).

The vote of confidence and support comes with contributions from individuals and Lowell businesses," said Bosserd. "They are sorely needed."

Principles set in motion over the last year include a high school orientation for eighth-graders developed by

sity and acceptance; and a Nicoteam which provides peer encouragement to younger students to stay away from smoking.

"We will continue many programs that we did last year and will look to expand," McPherson said. "We want to see a coordinated community/school effort to develop and target healthy lifestyles, and alcohol and drug resistance programs."

Kemp walks away from education after a great ride

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Gary Kemp has given and gained the most out of his 30 years in education, right up to announcing his retirement.

"I am leaving on my own terms, not someone else's," Kemp explains. "I've seen too many people in education wait so long and then regret it."

Kemp leaves with the respect and admiration of his peers and students...something he relishes.

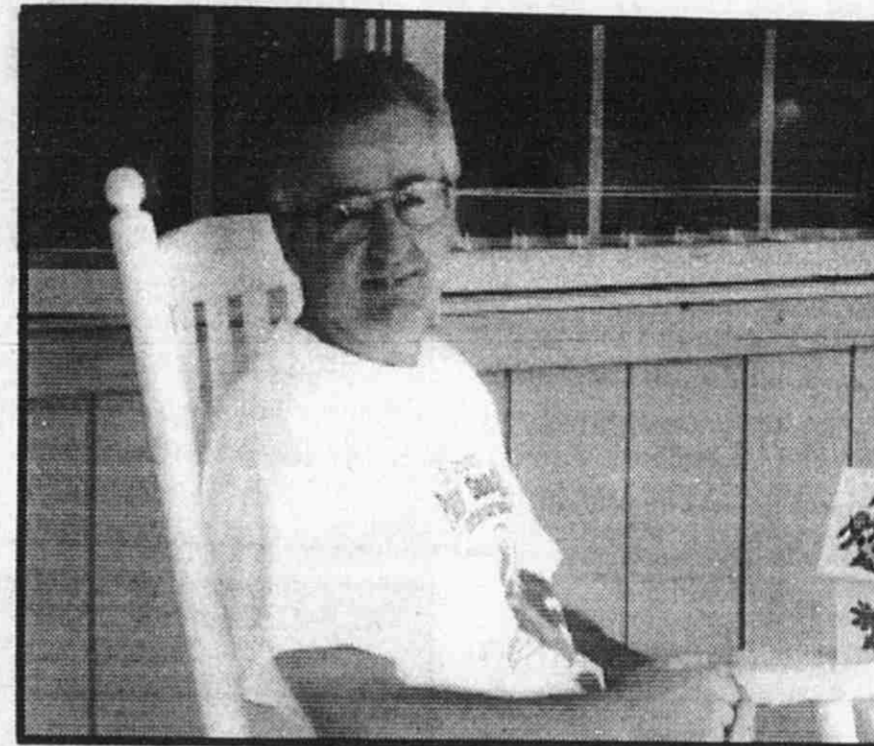
"It's been a great ride," Kemp says. "It's a good time for Lowell Schools."

As his ride ends, his youngest son, Matt, begins his journey into education at Muskegon Reeths-Puffer High School.

While Kemp has enjoyed his roles as teacher and coach the most, he ventured into and had an impact on a multitude of other educational areas.

"I drove a bus, worked as a custodian, scheduled high school classes, taught three different subject areas, coached three different sports, was an athletic director, assistant high school principal, high school principal and assistant superintendent for finance and personnel," Kemp said.

All but seven of Kemp's 30 years were spent in the Lowell school district.



Gary Kemp recently announced that his 30th year in education was his last. For now, Kemp plans on enjoying the simple things in life.

He spent his first five years at Climax-Scotts Community Schools where he was a math teacher, athletic director and head football coach.

Kemp left for an assistant high school principal position with Lowell Schools.

Two years later, he left Lowell and took a high school principal position with Leslie Public Schools.

While at Leslie, Kemp was ready to recommend that the board hire Dick Korb in

1977 as its new assistant principal.

"On the day that I was to make that recommendation, I got a call from Don Kelly who asked me if I was interested in returning to Lowell as high school principal," Kemp explained.

Kemp said yes. Ironically, Korb who was Kemp's recommendation as Leslie's new assistant high school principal was also Lowell's top choice at that time for an

assistant principalship. After hearing Kemp was leaving for Lowell, Korb

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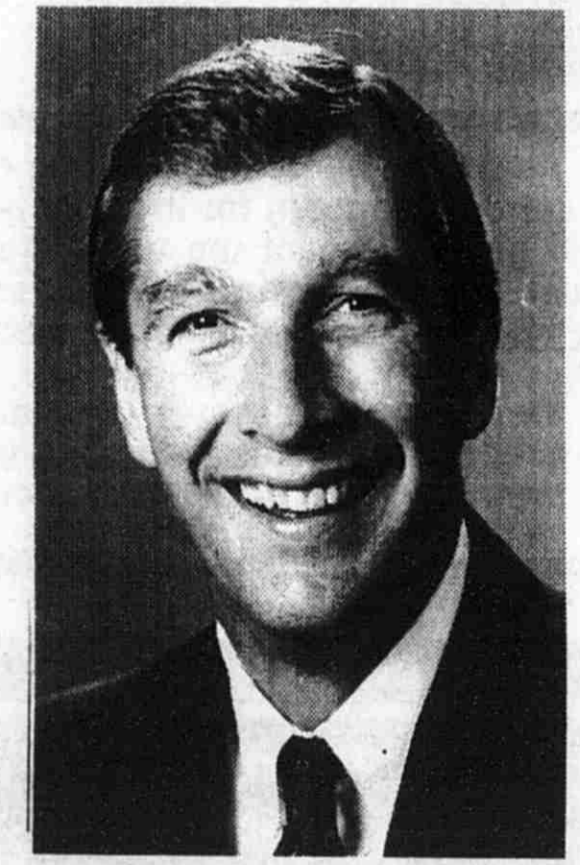
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decided to take the Lowell position instead of the Leslie offer. Kemp's six years as high school principal led to a 12-year stint as assistant superintendent.

"When your personality begins to change, that is when it's time to change jobs," Kemp said in explaining his decision to

move back into the classroom in 1994.

"When I approached Jim White about my interest in a math teaching position at the high school, I wasn't sure what to expect. I owe him a lot for his confidence in me. Jim's response was so positive."

His return to the classroom found students with the same needs and problems.

"Parenting had changed, but the kids hadn't changed," Kemp said. "Students today, however, are smarter and more informed. If you treat kids with dignity and respect, you'll get that in return."

Kemp holds a lot of respect for those he learned from.

"Lowell has had a lot of good leaders since I've been here. Don Kelly, Leonard Sinke and Fritch Esch have been my tutors," Kemp says.

Having said goodbye to education, Kemp says it is time to enjoy the simple things.

"For now, I just want to take walks and listen to the birds sing in the morning," Kemp explains. "Give myself a chance to recharge my batteries. I don't know yet where my next work life will take me, but I hope to continue coaching as a volunteer in the football program. I would also like to be considered for any overload classes the high school may have."

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Ionia State Recreation Area park naturalist Kathy Doyle sees children and adults for just a few hours a day. She uses that time to help them understand that they have a responsibility and ownership to our state parks.

"I want them to leave with the knowledge that with ownership comes a different kind of caring and responsibility," Doyle explains.

On Thursday, children from Lowell's First United Methodist Church and the First Congregational Church participated in a Raccoon Rascals program at the park.

"It's to help them understand that animals require the same needs as humans as far as habitat, food, shelter, water and space," Doyle said.

Doyle runs two programs a day, each one hour in length, five days a week. She has conducted the program for as many as 80 in a group and as few as one.

There is no charge or pre-registration required.

"The programs are not just for children. Adult programs include star gazing, lake hikes, and wildlife viewing. The times of the programs vary. Schedules are available. For more information, call the Ionia State Recreational Area at 527-3750.



Samantha Robinson, six years old, helps Kathy Doyle demonstrate how much of the earth is covered by water.

Your Vote Counts ELECT TIM WITTENBACH Vergennes Township SUPERVISOR August 4

As a third generation lifelong resident of Vergennes Township, Tim Wittenbach has a genuine concern for the community we live in. Decisions are now being made that will greatly impact the future development of our Township. Tim is an honest and trustworthy person who will listen to our concerns and represent us. He would begin by being available evening and Saturday hours at the hall.

Tim's family has over 50 years experience working on the Vergennes Township Board. His grandfather, Elmer Wittenbach, served for over 46 years. Tim is dedicated to preserving the rural atmosphere of Vergennes Township for future generations.

ISSUES	EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Protect Private Property rights ★ Preserve Rural Atmosphere ★ Open Communication ★ Financial Accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Davenport College Bachelor of Business Management Degree ★ Primerica Financial Services Financial Planning Consultant ★ The Furst Group Director of Marketing ★ Action Enterprises Landscape Services Company
VALUES	COMMUNITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Honesty ★ Integrity ★ Commitment ★ Respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Alton Bible Church Board ★ Alton Church Society ★ Alton Youth Leader

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Tim Wittenbach, 12944 3 Mile Road, Lowell

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HOUSEKEEPING AIDE - Currently we have an opening in our house-keeping department. This is a full-time position including every other weekend. Hours would be from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact us at: The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331. Phone 897-8473.

HELP WANTED - Janitorial, full-time, Ada area. 3rd shift. Tue-Sat., some overtime. \$7 per hour to start & benefits. Call 530-9372 for more info.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN YOUR AREA - Become a representative for friendly toys & gifts, the number one company in party plan. Toys, gifts, Christmas, Home decor. Free catalog & information. Call Susan-1-800-488-4875.

PART-TIME CAFETERIA SERVER - A local plastics company is now seeking a candidate to work part-time from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Friday serving food in the cafeteria. Interested? Call Manpower today at 897-0050. EOE.

BARBER WANTED - Busy 3 chair shop in Lake Odessa. Call 616-374-7201 or 374-8219 eves.

JANITOR - Are you interested in janitorial work? Manpower has the position for you! We are now seeking a plant janitor for third shift at a Lowell area company. Duties include: sweeping floors, emptying trash & general cleaning duties. Heavy lifting may be necessary. \$7 per hour to start with a possibility for permanent hire & pay increase after only 90 days. If interested call Manpower today. APPLY TODAY, WORK TOMORROW! Manpower, 505-D West Main, 897-0050.

SECRETARY - Local professional firm has challenging permanent part-time position available for an outgoing person with excellent secretarial skills. Experience preferred with word processing skills a plus. Send resume in confidence to: Secretary, c/o Buyers Guide, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

DIETARY AIDES - The Laurels of Kent currently has 2 openings in our dietary department. One of the positions is part-time from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The other opening is part-time from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Each position would require every other weekend. Please contact us if interested at the Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

FOR SALE - Stove & refrigerator, brown, \$175 for pair. 897-5498.

FOR SALE - 1985 Lincoln Town car, in good running order. Must sell, \$1,000 or best offer. Call eves. 897-7180.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WILL BE BIDDING OUT THE F O L L O W I N G PROJECTS - New boiler for the Alto School; re-roofing Alto & Runciman schools in areas needed; snowplowing for the 1998-1999 renewable for the 1999-2000 school year; painting of Alto & Bus garage interior & exterior. For more information call Larry Mikulski at 897-9353.

HELP WANTED - Full & part-time positions. Apply in person at Curtis Cleaners.

ASSISTANT MANAGER - The Samuel Mancino's Italian Eatery, of 1335 W. Main Street, Lowell, is currently accepting applications for the position of Assistant Manager. Desired qualifications include: previous restaurant experience, leadership ability, customer service oriented, team worker, self-motivated & very dependable. Starting hourly rate is very competitive & includes benefits. Qualified & interested persons are invited to stop in & request an application and interview for consideration of employment.

FOR SALE - 1993 Rinker 209 Bowrider, excellent condition, camper canvas, trailer, many extras. Must see. Call 897-4836.

PRIMESTAR - Mini-satellite system, no equipment to purchase, \$99 complete set-up. 1-800-459-7357.

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FOR SALE - **DINING ROOM SET** - Dark wood table w/3 leaves, lighted hutch, \$750; Tandy computer & printer, \$75. Call 897-5326.

FOR SALE - 4 bedrooms, 1 large bath, updated utilities with plumbing & heating, large yard. 721 N. Washington. Also have a 3 bedroom in Lowell. 897-9357.

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COOKBOOKS ARE HERE - 500 great recipes, \$10. Call 897-6639 or 897-7815.

FOR RENT - **BIRCHWOOD GARDEN APARTMENTS** - is accepting applications on 1 & 2 bedroom apartments currently available. No rental assistance available. No pets. 897-8049.

CARD OF THANKS - Thanks to everyone who came to our 50th anniversary open house. It was so good seeing friends we hadn't seen in several years. Thanks for all the cards & good wishes. Bob & Lorraine Meeuwse.

CARD OF THANKS - Thanks to all the friends and relatives of Erma L. Weeks, who were so supportive and gracious in her passing this July 19, 1998. Sincerely, family of Erma L. Weeks.

STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household goods, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

PERSONALS - **LET'S GET TOGETHER & TALK** - about your ideas for the future of Vergennes Township. I will be meeting with residents at 2800 Fallsburg Park Drive on Thurs., July 30 at 7 p.m. and also on Sat., Aug. 1 from 4-7 p.m. at 2780 Lincoln Lake Road. I look forward to seeing you! Sincerely, Tim Wittenbach.

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Caledonia man killed in Alden Nash/Cascade Rd. crash

A Caledonia man was killed Saturday night at the intersection of Alden Nash Ave. S. and Cascade Road.

Ronald Weaver, 52, was westbound on Cascade Road when he slowed down at the stop sign and then proceeded to go thru the intersection and into the path of a northbound vehicle.

Kent County Sheriff Deputy Don Munn said Weaver was pronounced dead at the scene. He sustained internal injuries in the accident.

Witnesses to the accident said Weaver slowed as he approached the stop sign, then hesitated briefly before pulling out into the intersection.

Munn said police are still investigating whether or not alcohol played a factor.

Michael Dykstra, 16, of Lowell, traveling north on Alden Nash, was driving a Chevy Lumina. Unable to avoid Weaver's vehicle, Dykstra broadsided him.

His wife Lucinda, a passenger in the car, was treated at Metro Hospital and released. Both occupants were wearing seatbelts according to the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Dykstra, also transported to Metro Hospital, was treated for chest, knee and wrist injuries and then released.

BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY GO TO A GARAGE SALE!

ESTATE MOVING SALE
Sat., Aug 1, from 9 to 5, 1270 Laurie Gail, 3 families. Books, dishes, glasses, bedspreads, high chair, clothes, pictures, furniture, entry mirror (long) with marble top table, dinette set, 4 swivel chairs on casters, table with oak trim, lumber, Tupperware, Phillipine mahogany table (needs work), Christmas tree, corner hutch, decorative items, pool ladder. No checks please.

JUST MOVED SALE
furniture, antiques, toys, clothes (infant - adult), exercise equipment, household items, too much to mention! Sat., Aug. 1, 2435 Gee Dr. 9 a.m. - 4.

PORCH SALE
203 N. Jefferson, 1 block behind ice cream place. Sat., Aug. 1, 9-5 p.m.

GARAGE SALE
July 31 & Aug 1, 8 to 4, corner of Amity & Howard, 3-family sale, weight machine, desk & many clothes items.

ESTATE & GARAGE SALE
July 31 & Aug 1, 9-5 p.m. Men & ladies clothes, boys clothes (toddler-sz. 8), oak doors, queen softsided mattress, dining room table, Pfaltzgraff dishes, sewing machine & table, doublebed, kitchen table & chairs, rocking chair & treasures. 2301 LowellView Ave.

3- FAMILY BARN SALE
Bazaar stuff, uniques, antiques, kids ride-ons & good toys, Princess Di books, cases of milk bottles, insulators, old Ball jars, steins, old mirrors, frames, pictures, tools, dolls, glassware, yard tools, china, brass, silver, household, 14 ft. boat, motor, trailer, 14 ft. trampoline, upright freezer. No Clothes! Sat., Aug. 1, 9-5. 8806 Sparks Rd. E. of Fallsburg off (M-91) Fuerstein. Just N. of Jones Meat Market.

GARAGE SALE
Many great items! Furniture, clothing & misc. 9-4 p.m. 11030 -36th St. July 31 & Aug. 1.

GARAGE SALE
Thur., Fri. & Sat., July 30, 31 & Aug. 1, 1297 Jane Ellen.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Quality clothing, women's, childrens, big mens, household, toys, van running boards, jack, sewing machine, vice. July 31- Aug. 1, Tip Top, Gravel, 9741 E. Fulton.

GARAGE SALE
6018 Harrison (corners on 60th), Alto., Fri., July 31, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sat., Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Electric treadmill, electric chain saw, 3-wheeler, canning jars, brand name girls clothing, summer & winter, 6x thru size 8 & junior sizes, winter & summr coats, Beanie Babies, mini blinds & lots more!

GARAGE SALE
trailer bunk beds, baby items, some antiques, lamps, antique table & 4 chairs w/leaves, oil space heater, children's clothing, bike rack, roll bar, household items. Bet. 36th St. & Grand River 3275 Timpson. July 30 & 31, 8-5 p.m.

HUGE SALE
Sat & Sun, Aug. 1 & 2, 9 a.m. Furniture, antiques, collectibles & more. Prices firm. 519 Ionia St., Belding.

SPORTING GOODS SAMPLE SALE
Golf, baseball, backpacks, pool & lake inflatables. July 31 to August 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 3081 Alden Nash SE. NO PRIOR SALES!

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL? ARE YOU THINKING OF HAVING A GARAGE SALE?
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us on Aug. 13 & 14 in Lowell's Blue Ribbon Street Market Days. Take advantage of higher volume of traffic, collective advertising, more sales. For signing up or for more information stop in at Rupert's Drop or call 897-3081.

HUGE BARN SALE
Thurs. - Sat., 7/30 - 8/1: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 30 years of treasures. Something for everyone. 4329 Egypt Valley NE.

MOVING SALE
725 Bowes Rd., Apt. J1, Schneider Manor Apartments. Wed., July 29 & Thurs., July 30, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. All household items.

GARAGE SALE
1st timers, anything & everything! Tons of good stuff. 1631 Stonewood, Sat., Aug. 1, 9-?

GARAGE SALE
July 30 & 31, 9-5 p.m. Computer table desk, Super Nintendo & games, basketball hoop, Little Tikes castle & other quality toys, metal daybed. 11056 Grand River Dr. Rain or Shine.



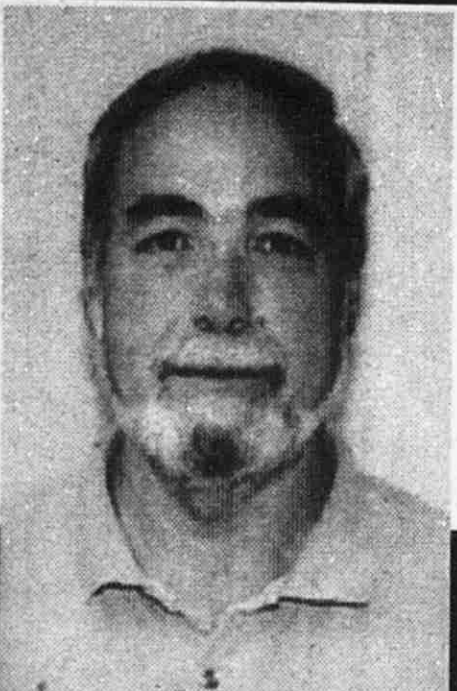
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