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Trail extension to enhance ride for both motorists and cyclists

••• The Kent County Road Commission received a \$300,000 grant toward completion of Phase II of the Grand River bike path project.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After four years of inquiries as to when the Grand River bike path project will be continued, Lowell Charter Township residents are finally getting the answer they sought.

"I was afraid it was never going to get funded," said Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson. "Our stretch of Grand River Drive is the most dangerous. Hopefully, this will get done before we lose someone. We seem to be on the right track and I'm pleased about that."

Steve Warren, director of planning for the Kent County Road Commission, said Phase II construction of the bike path is scheduled to be started and completed next year.

The project will run the bike path on a two-and-a-half

mile route from Snow Avenue to Bewell. When completed, there

ment (FETA) program grant to assist in funding the \$350,000 project.

Phase II will be more challenging to build because the side slopes are steeper and we will also be improving the road surface.

Steve Warren
Director of Planning for the Kent County Road Commission

will be a four-foot-wide bike path on each side of Grand River Drive.

"Phase II will be more challenging to build because the side slopes are steeper and we will also be improving the road surface," Warren explained.

Phase I of the road resurfacing bike path project (Buttrick to Snow Avenue) was completed in 1995. The Kent County Road Commission received a \$175,000 Federal Transportation Enhance-

Warren estimates that Phase II will cost \$645,000. Its cost made it imperative that the Kent County Road Commission receive a FETA grant before the second phase could be started.

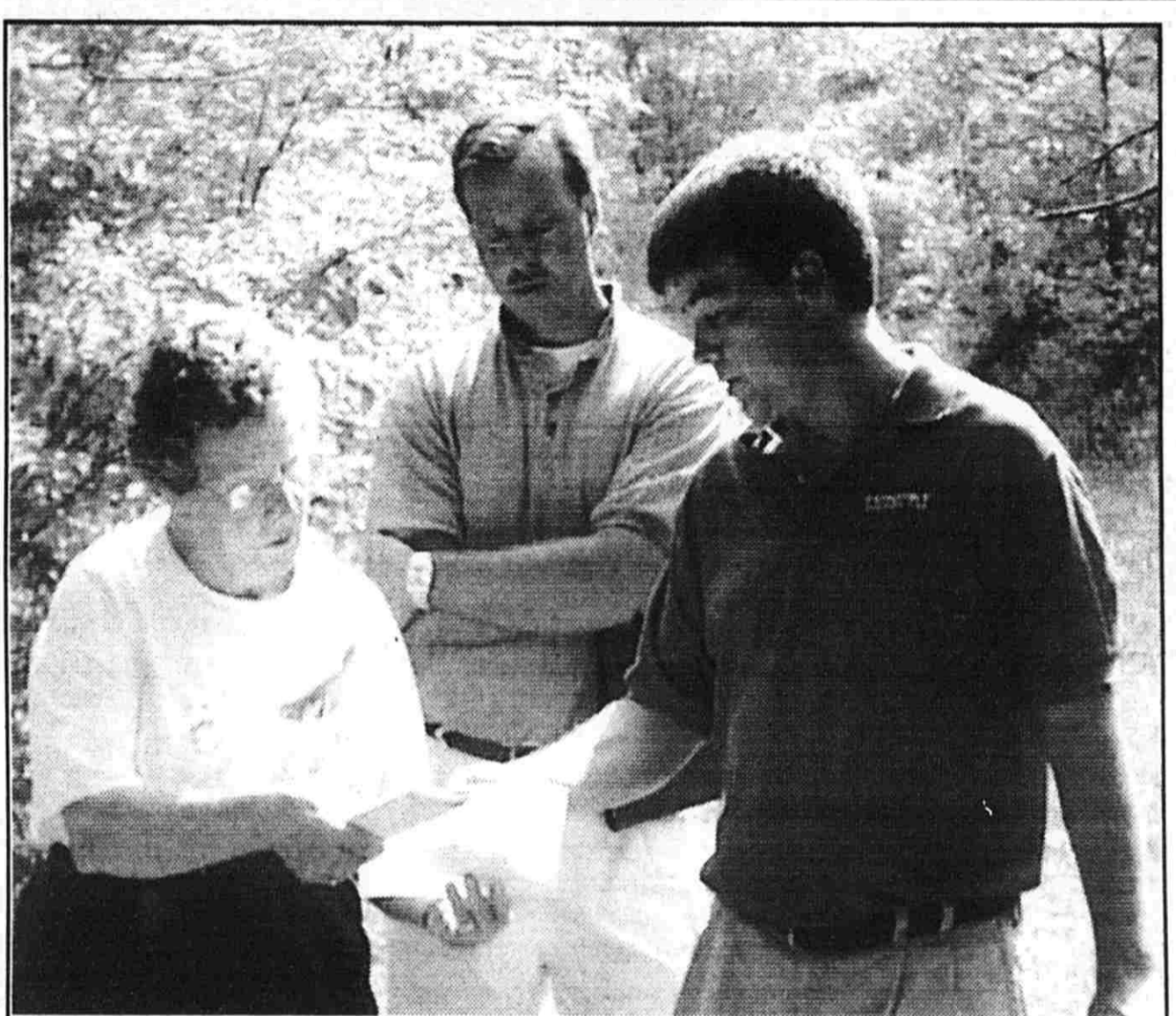
Warren said he received notification that the Kent County Road Commission would receive a \$300,000 grant to help complete Phase II of the project.

"That is exactly what we asked for," Warren explained. "We are currently working on the design plan."

Typically with projects like this, the federal government covers 80 percent with 20 percent local (Kent County Road Commission).

Warren says the Kent County Road Commission increased its local match when applying for the grant, in hopes of increasing its chances of receiving the full amount requested.

"The competition for the money under this program is very competitive," Warren said.



Sundry Corporation developers Kevin Rude, right, and Brad Jordan met with Dorothy Teesdale, a neighbor to the proposed development, on Friday. Rude and Jordan walked Teesdale through the site explaining their plans and answering any of Teesdale's questions.

Developers discuss plans for spillway and site with concerned township resident

••• Lowell Township resident Dorothy Teesdale posed questions on the effects the construction might have on the wetlands and the tributary that connects to Kopf Creek.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Nature's Place is just the latest of many proposed housing developments in Lowell Charter Township.

It is, however, the first to include a conservancy.

Sundry Corporation developers Kevin Rude and Brad Jordan, who have an option on 100 acres of land owned by Robert Boyd, are proposing a 20-home development on the land at 28th St., one quarter

mile west of Montcalm.

The lot size will range from two to six acres and the homes will range in price from \$200-\$300,000.

The developers will set aside 30 acres to use only for nature and walking trails.

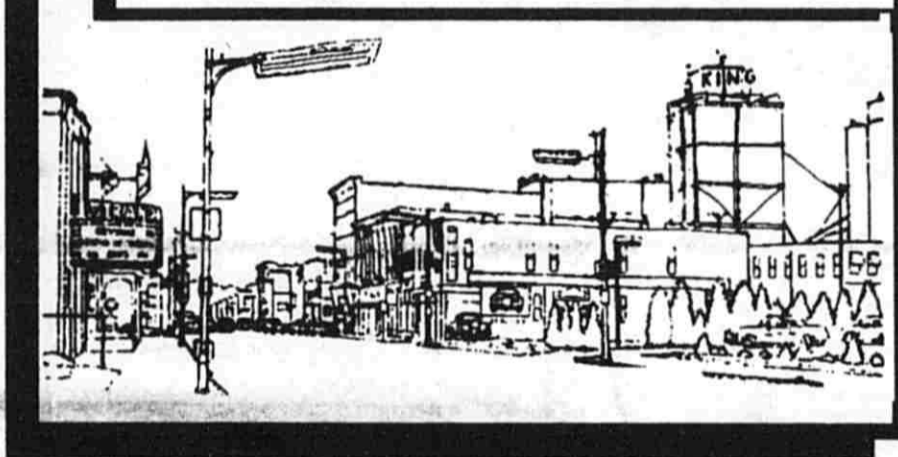
"It's a first attempt at setting aside property and leaving it natural in an effort to protect the ecology," Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson said.

Word of the housing development brought concerns from neighboring land owners. On Friday, Rude and Jordan walked through the site with neighboring resident Dorothy Teesdale.

Their fears dealt with the effect such a development would have on the wetlands and Kopf Creek, designated by the DNR as

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Along Main Street



GOLF OUTING

The 1st annual Lowell YMCA/Lowell Masonic Lodge golf outing will be held at Deer Run Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 7. There will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start and lunch will be served.

The deadline to register your foursome is July 23. Call the YMCA, 897-8445, for details or sponsorship opportunities.

LOWELL FIRE DEPT. BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, July 21, from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson St. Appointment preferred.

SHOWBOAT ENTERTAINMENT

Angie's Angels and Jason Conant & Friend's will provide the entertainment at the Showboat Amphitheater from 7-7:15 and 7:15 - 8 p.m. respectively on Wed., July 21. The following week Blak Pearl Band & Stellar Band will perform.

YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Lowell Youth football, Lowell youth flag football and Lowell youth cheerleading signups will be held July 24, July 29, August 3 and August 10 at Cherry Creek Elementary gym. If you have any questions, please call 897-7896.

LITTLE LEAGUE ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

The Lowell Little League ice cream social will be held Main Street, cont'd. pg. 8

Main Street will be market to food and things Aug. 6 & 7

The second annual Area Chamber of Commerce's Market Days in Lowell will bring a plethora of items to Main Street.

Linda Todd is organizing the event along with fellow Chamber members, Michael Sprenger and Jean Poulias.

"We're looking for Main Street merchants plus anyone who wants to rent space," Todd said.

Lowell's Market Days are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 6 & Saturday Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Our vision for Market Days is to fill the sidewalks of Main Street from the east to the west end.

Linda Todd, member of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

Of the 40-plus vendors who have reserved spots, items that will be available to market-goers include food, hand crafted items, bird houses, jewelry, Mary Kay products and fresh produce.

The cost for an 8 by 16 foot vendor spot is \$30 for the two-

day event. Fees are nonrefundable.

All proceeds from the event are used to promote and advertise the event.

"Our vision for Market Days is to fill the sidewalks of Main Street from the east to the west end," Todd said.

Registration forms are available at Lowell Bed & Linen Shop, 220 W. Main St.; Springgrove Variety, 123 W. Main; and Victorian Thymes Floral and Gift, 211 W. Main.

For more information call Todd at 897-7447.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL**

For the Regular Meeting of TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1999.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Green and the Clerk called the Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Blough, Myers, Shores and Mayor Pro Tem Green.
Absent: Mayor Thompson.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Police Chief James Valentine, Water Distribution Supervisor Robert Robinson and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and supported by BLOUGH to excuse the absence of Mayor Thompson.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the regular and closed session meeting minutes of the June 21, 1999 meeting be approved as submitted.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Pasquale noted with the close of the 1998-99 Fiscal Year, the Accounts Payable contains only prepaids to June 30. The new format of the payables is the result of the new computer software program.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/06/99)

GENERAL FUND	\$28,426.29
MAJOR STREET FUND	29,350.77
LOCAL STREET FUND	770.75
DDA FUND	21,486.64
AIRPORT FUND	27.22
WASTEWATER FUND	765.79
WATER FUND	34,215.78
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,203.48
ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND	82,085.70

Item #1. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH EARTH TECH REGARDING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. City Manager Pasquale said the City entered into a Wastewater Treatment Plant operation agreement with Earth Tech in 1989, which then was renewed in 1995. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt explained the necessary amendments to update the contract. The first amendment involved the elimination of the Inflow and Infiltration program. As part of the previous contract, Earth Tech was given \$20,000 a year for five years to provide this service. This will now be delegated to the Department of Public Works on an as needed basis.

Councilmember Blough questioned if the Department of Public Works would be continuing this program. Mundt responded the funds needed to continue the Inflow and Infiltration program would now be part of the Department of Public Works budget. This would be carried out as needed.

As part of the first amendment, Mundt also stated the increase of the maintenance allowance from \$8,000 to \$12,000 was reflected in the newly adopted Wastewater Treatment Fund budget.

Councilmember Myers questioned the last time there was an increase in the maintenance allowance. Mundt responded approximately six years ago.

Mundt explained this is an accounting procedure. He had \$8,000 in his budget for maintenance while City Treasurer Sue Olin also had provided \$4,000 in the Wastewater Treatment Fund.
This amendment would pay the entire amount of \$12,000 to Earth Tech for maintenance. Any funds not spent would be refunded to the City at the end of the year.

The second amendment addressed the loan from Earth Tech for the Solids Thickener (rotating drum) which was approved by the Council on November 17, 1997 which extended the contract to July 1, 2005.

The third amendment addressed the monthly contract charge of \$22,561 starting July 1, 1999. This included a 4% operations increase, elimination of the inflow and infiltration contract and a \$4,000 increase in the maintenance allowed. The previous compensation per month was \$23,065.

City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council approve the contract amendments with Earth Tech as proposed.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by SHORES to approve the contract amendments of the Wastewater Treatment Plant agreement with Earth Tech as proposed.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM. City Manager Pasquale noted over 150 communities throughout the State of Michigan are currently involved with Wellhead Protection Programs. This state-sponsored program encourages communities to protect their drinking water through land use management.

A grant program established, by application, would provide a 50% match up to \$25,000 from the State. This would delineate the areas of protection for the City's water well fields. In examining within the City itself, there are gasoline stations and old industrial areas where there is the possibility of infiltration into the well fields. There is mapping as well as the involvement of the Planning Commission in terms of land use control to ensure new uses are not added to the community which would endanger the water well fields.

This program has been helpful and used successfully throughout the State. The resolution to be considered at the meeting would be the first step in pursuing this program funding. The next step is to seek approval from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Myers asked if any stipulation was presented in terms of requirements to receive the grants. Pasquale said there is an application, which states the City is pledging to be part of this program, if a grant was received. The City is not required to spend any funds at this time.

Councilmember Blough asked if the City has the capability and ability, from a planning stand point within the Zoning Ordinance, to protect effectively what this resolution does. Pasquale responded it helps, but this program basically delineates areas, which have the potential for pollution of the City's water wells. It is also his understanding this program provides additional authority to the Planning Commission in terms of protecting the well fields.

Blough questioned how these funds would be utilized. Would this lead to another consultant being paid to provide another study or plan for these areas in place? Pasquale answered there would be some consulting fees in terms of delineating areas of pollution.

Councilmember Myers asked if this resolution is part of the grant application. If so, it is relatively vague.

Pasquale answered it is part of the grant application and the resolution is deemed acceptable to the State.

Councilmember Blough stated he had no objection toward the resolution in the best interest of protecting the City's water. But he wanted to be sure there are benefits before any funds, whether the City's or State's, are spent.

Mayor Pro Tem Green stated passing the resolution gives the City the opportunity to be part of the program. But it does not force the City into the program.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the resolution of intent to participate in the Wellhead Protection Program.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. PERMISSION FOR SECOND ANNUAL STREET MARKET DAYS FROM THE LOWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO UTILIZE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS. Deb Pipe, representing the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, requested permission from the City Council to utilize the downtown sidewalks for the second annual Street Market Days. This event will take place on Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Chamber will rent 16' x 8' spaces of the sidewalks in front of businesses. The cost of \$30 for the two day event would be used for advertising.

Councilmember Myers asked what types of items would be available for sale.

Pipe responded it could vary from crafts to fresh produce to garage sale items. She also noted approximately 80 businesses and individuals participated in last year's event.

Myers questioned if the Chamber would receive any part of the fee to participate in this event. Pipe said the Street Market Days event is not a fundraiser for the Chamber. All monies received would be used toward advertisement of the event.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to grant permission to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to utilize the downtown sidewalks for the Second Annual Street Market Days to be held on Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH HOPE NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN (NORTH KENT TRANSIT). City Manager Pasquale stated in 1996, the City entered into contract with Hope Network to provide transportation services to the physically handicapped and those 60 years and older by utilizing the Community Development Block Grant Funds, it is possible to subsidize \$7.81 for senior citizens' rides and \$17.82 for handicapped. This past year from July, 1998 to March, 1999, 145 rides were given to Lowell residents through this program.

City Manager Pasquale recommended the City enter into contract to provide transportation services for the handicapped and those 60 and over with Hope Network.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to renew the contract with Hope Network West Michigan (North Kent Transit) to provide rides for the handicapped and senior citizens from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. DISCUSSION OF NORTH STREET RIVER CROSSING WATER MAIN BREAK AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK ENGINEERING PROPOSALS. As brought to the Council's attention earlier, the river crossing water main, which spans the Flat River from North Street to Elizabeth, had a significant leak and is currently shut down. As one of the two river crossings, the main is critical to the system.

Water Distribution Supervisor Robert Robinson suggested the City seek engineering proposals to prepare construction documents for replacement of the main rather than repair. As the Public Works Department employees were trying to repair the 6' long by 1 1/8" to 1 1/4" wide split in the main, the steel flaked off large pieces of 1/8" to 1/4" thick. Robinson believed a clamp could be used to fix the leak. But, it wouldn't work because of the size of pits in the main caused by the scaling. In investigating the condition and age of the main, which appears to be nearly 112 years old, replacement appeared necessary.

Councilmember Myers questioned the environmental issues. Robinson responded these issues would be addressed as a significant part of the project.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to authorize City Staff to seek engineering proposals to determine the best course of action on the replacement of the North Street river crossing water main as well as to prepare construction specifications.

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

TOWN TALK

As a resident of Lowell, what qualities served as Lowell's biggest draw for you?



Mike McKendrick
My family moved here three years ago because of the Lowell School system.



Jeanne Rockett
Lowell is on the upswing. The people are friendlier and everything is looking better all the time.



Ron Potter
Lowell still has a small town atmosphere. It also has a low street crime.



Kim Stewart
The small town atmosphere.



Cheryl Rittenger
The banking and grocery store availability.



Diana Stormzand
I know everybody. A homey place.



Glenn Moore
The community living. I moved here from Grand Rapids, the people in Lowell are more open and friendly. In Lowell, there is more a sense of belonging; in other towns you're just a part of it.



Deb Clark
Its peacefulness and the friendliness of the people.

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It is time that our community leaders get to work and provide the citizens with a community project that would promote a more healthy, active lifestyle. A swimming pool would accomplish this.
Some of our elected officials lack an understanding of the past and insight into the future. We have seen enough of the Englehardt money spent on computers, soccer fields (that only benefit school-aged members) and downtown building beautification.
Every civic and community group and organization should be voicing their support and providing financial backing for the "Lowell Aquatic Center."
Please, show us that you care.

Sincerely,
Elaine K. Gregersen

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers questioned when the Showboat would be repositioned by the Riverwalk. He also acknowledged the letter from Mark Weber of the Lowell Middle School addressed to Police Chief Valentine expressing the School's appreciation for the excellent support given by the police force during the last school year.
He also complimented the Chief on his leadership in bringing the Fast 50 Silent Observer program to the Middle School.

Myers also noted the Lowell Light and Power Board had changed auditing firms. He questioned if it was within the Board's authority to do so without any acknowledgement from the Council and their reason for doing so. Pasquale stated it is his understanding the Light and Power Board adopts its own budget and has had separate auditor agreements in prior years. Pasquale understood the auditing firm being utilized does have more background and expertise in Light and Power financial matters.

Councilmember Shores was impressed with the activities in the City during the Fourth of July weekend with the rodeo, parade and fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Green concurred with Shores on the excellent job with the fire works and hopes this becomes an annual event.

Green also noted the City, Townships and School Board have received a letter from Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools Superintendent, requesting two members of

each group be selected to represent their district or governmental body for a brief meeting on Monday, July 12, 1999 at 5 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Conference Room. This meeting would be to attempt to generate a process or a model by which an ongoing method of cooperation could be obtained. It was noted the purpose is not to add another layer of government, but simply to develop a way by which the community can seek and find means for an ongoing basis to determine common answers to common concerns.

Councilmember Blough wished to attend, but with the meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. makes this impossible. Mayor Pro Tem Green and City Manager Pasquale stated their intention to attend this meeting, but would suggest future meetings not be scheduled at this difficult time.

ITEM #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:
1. The minutes of the May 24, 1999 Planning Commission meeting were provided.
At its June 28, 1999 meeting, the Commission approved a site plan for the construction of a 15,000 square foot building for Michigan Wire Processing Company at its West Main Street facility.

2. The minutes of the May 13, 1999 Downtown Development Authority meeting were submitted.

At its June 24, 1999 meeting, the DDA Board authorized \$8,300 of repair work to the west wall of 101 East Main Street. The damage was caused as part of the demolition work to Lee's Landing. Mark Batchelor of Architectural Restoration Company has the contract to complete all

the necessary work to the wall.
Councilmember Blough asked when would the wall be repaired. Pasquale stated he did not have a date yet. But as soon as one is received, the Council will be informed.

Councilmember Shores inquired when the Main Street bridge repair project would be completed. Pasquale responded the City had made contact with Mark Lessens who has been preparing construction specification. Hopefully, an update will be provided soon and the Council will be informed.

3. Bill McQueen was hired on June 21, 1999 to serve as a General Laborer for the Public Works/Water Distribution Departments. A 1989 Belding High School graduate, McQueen most recently worked for K and R Construction.

4. The City recently received \$3,974.63 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the overtime snow plowing during last January's snowstorm. Pasquale gave many thanks to Dan DesJarden, who completed and followed through on the paperwork.

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.
DATE APPROVED: Monday, July 19, 1999

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

Developer, continued....

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a trout stream.

One of the initial concerns involves the spillway. "The development does not need the spillway. An improved spillway would benefit the wetlands," Rude explained. If nothing is done to the spillway in its current condition, Rude says the wetlands will be destroyed by the erosion that is occurring and eventually disappear.

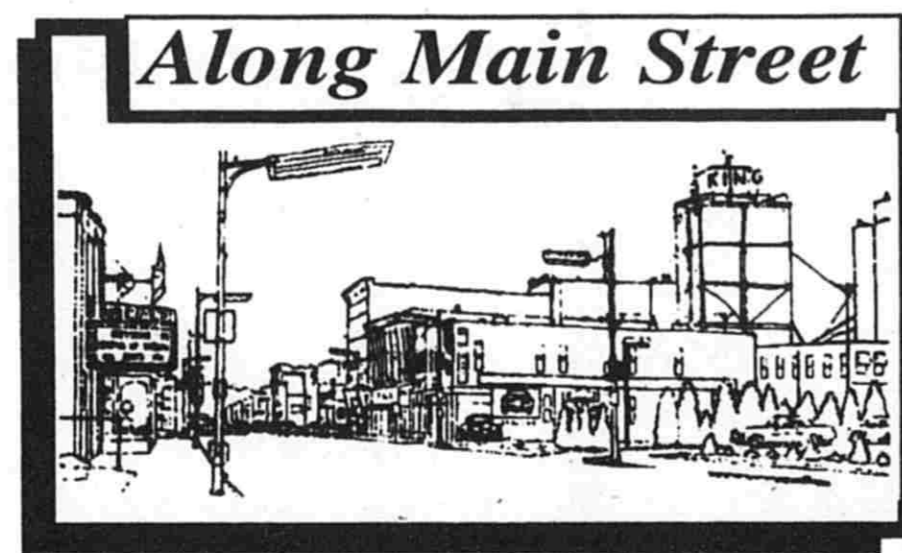
"Our thought is if we do something now, the wetlands can be sustained and we won't lose it," Rude said. "An improved spillway will make the creek better."

Neighboring property owners questioned how much sand would wash out into the creek, thus affecting the water's temperature and the fish.

Timpson said a good permanent spillway would maintain the water level, creating a constant temperature, rather than high and low water levels which would change the tempera-

Fill will be put in around the 340-foot road that is proposed to go through a portion of the wetlands, making it wider so as to meet the standards of the ordinance.

Any homes near the wetlands will be required to have a 30-50 foot buffer between the edge of delineated wetlands and any disturbance (e.g., lawn, boat landing).



Monday, July 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fallsburg Park Pavilion. Elections for the new Lowell Little League board members will be held on Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. at the old NAPA building. All positions will be open.

GIRLS J.V. BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

There will be a mandatory meeting for girls planning to tryout for the J.V. basketball team at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 25 at Lowell High School. Wear basketball attire for open gym after the meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Roxanne Gallert at 691-7811.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, July 29 from 8 a.m. until they run out at the Moose Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Main.

For more information call Bernadette Johnson at 897-4340.

"It will be done in the best, most environmentally sound way," Rude explained.

Timpson concluded in saying if people are vigilant and if the property is developed properly, there will be no harm to the ecology.

"The township can live with that," Timpson said.

CLASS OF 1930 REUNION

The class of 1930 will be holding their reunion Saturday, July 31 at Keiser's Kitchen at noon. The class of 1929 and 1931 are invited also.

Call 897-7218 or 897-5331 if you wish to attend.

TEEN DANCES AT SHOWBOAT AMPHITHEATER

Teen dances will continue this year at the amphitheater every Tuesday night from 8:30-11 p.m. now through August 10. Admission is \$3 per person. Middle school and high school ID is required. Bring your friends and join in the fun!

LHS CLASS OF 1994 REUNION SCHEDULED

The Lowell High School Class of 1994 is having their five-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. at the 54th Street Lounge. (Cost \$3 per person). If you haven't received an invitation, call Deb Wieland for more information at (616) 242-9948.

STREET MARKET DAYS

LACC needs Flea & Farm marketers, crafters, people who just want to clean out their treasures and have no space to go with it. We have the spot on Lowell's sidewalks, Aug. 6 and 7. Call Linda at Lowell Bed & Linen for more information, 897-7447.

TRY-OUTS FOR LAAC FALL PLAY

Lowell Area Arts Council's annual fall community play will be William Dalzell's *Father's Been to Mars*. Eleven parts are available (eight women, three men and teenagers needed). Auditions will be held on August 3, 4 or 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson.

NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Sealed bids for the purchase of a new 2000 3/4 ton pickup truck, three or four door extended cab with rear seats will be accepted at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331 until Tuesday, August 10, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. where they will publicly be opened and read aloud. Contact Tom Hartman at 897-5929 for specifications. Envelope must be marked "DPW TRUCK BID".

The City of Lowell will trade or sell a 1988 Chevy 4-wheel drive pick up truck with plow to the highest bidder. The truck can be seen at the Department of Public Works.

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. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

24 HOUR TOWING & ROAD SERVICE

Lincoln Lake Auto's 897-9040

SAVE THOSE RETURNABLE CANS & BOTTLES

The Lowell Baseball Program is having a can drive SATURDAY, JULY 24

The teams will be scouring the area for your returnables.

You may also drop off cans and bottles at the Varsity Baseball Field located behind Cherry Creek Elementary School on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thank You For Your Support!

GARAGE SALE SEASON IS HERE! USE THIS CONVENIENT PAGE!

GARAGE SALE
Toys, antiques, 2 Schwinn 10 spds., 2 twin bed frames & dresser, Bassett crib & mattress, clothes & much more. 10128 Bennett bet. Parnell & M 21, July 23 & 24, 9-6p.m.

MOVING SALE
7/23 & 7/24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Baby & household items. 8384 36th St. SE. Clothes, etc.

ADA SALE
TV antenna & rotor, kerosene heater, dresser, excellent teen clothing, Wonder horse, toybox, stroller, swings, lg. step to pool, Wed., July 21 ONLY. 7-79159 Vergennes.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Thurs., July 22, Fri., July 23, 9-5 & Sat., July 24, 8-12. 6415 Darby Rd., Saranac. 1/2 mile N. of Grand River. Rain or shine.

4-FAMILY SALE
Baby items, adult, men's, toys. Too much to mention. 10017 68th St. SE, Alto, 9-6, Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

THE YARD IS LOADED
4 dining room chairs in good condition, flat wt. sheets, odd dishes, dolls, good vacuums, toys, Star Trek dolls, chamber pots, lovely dishes. Thurs. & Fri. 529 Avery.

CASCADE AREA GARAGE SALE
4 families, something for everyone. Fri., July 23 & Sat., July 24, 9 a.m. - 2, 4896 Sequoia Dr. off 48th St. between Thornapple River & Whitneyville.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Arts & Crafts Sale. July 22, 10-8, July 23, 10-6, July 24, 10-2, 7647 Fase, Ada - Sandy, Alice, Sue, Doris & Adrian

WHOLE HOUSE SALE
July 23 & 24, 9-5, 522 North St., Lowell.

SALE
Thurs. & Fri., July 22 & 23. Four families. Furniture, baby clothes, toys, antiques, much more. 612 Lincoln Lake, Lowell.

YARD SALE
Fri. & Sat., July 23 & 24, 9-5 p.m. Clothing, household items, bikes, kitchen items, books & lots of misc. items. 145 Washington, Saranac.

GARAGE SALE
Sat. Aug. 7 & Sun. Aug. 8, 9-3. Exercise equipment, women's & children's clothing, dishes, pans, skis, vacuums, strollers, kids' toys. 889 Hillside Ct.

GARAGE & MOVING SALE
Fri. & Sat., July 23 & 24. Some of everything, also some furniture, Steelcase cabinet, 1972 Conn Organ. 2806 Segwun SE, 1/4 mile S. off Alden Nash, Lowell.

TEENAGE GIRL CLEANS OUT HER CLOSET SALE
Sat. July 24, 9-1, 417 Hunt St. Size 0-9 clothing, purses, jewelry, shoes & misc.

GARAGE SALE
Baby equipment, crafts, glassware, band-saw, scroll saw, furniture & more. July 22, 23 & 24, 9-6 p.m. 1950 Parnell NE.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., July 23, 9-5 p.m. & Sat., July 24, 9-4 p.m. 8560 2 Mile (bet. Honey Creek & McCabe), Ada. Truck cap, 3 pt. plow, brush hog, riding lawn mower, Little Tikes picnic table, 9 ft. wave slide, toys, girls outerwear, 7-14 & uniforms. Horses for sale.

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SATURDAY MORNING JULY 24, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (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) and rows for various channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX, CABLE CHANNELS, PREMIUM CHANNELS).

SOCCER

WOTV 4 Sat. 3 p.m.; WZZM 13 Sat. 3 p.m. Major League Soccer Miami Fusion at New York-New Jersey MetroStars. From Giants Stadium. (Live) [E]

VOLLEYBALL

FOXDT 6 Sat. 2 p.m. Women's Pro Beach Volleyball From Hermosa Beach, Calif. (Taped) [E]

BASKETBALL

LIFE 6 Fri. 8 p.m. WNBA Basketball Washington Mystics at Minnesota Lynx. From the Target Center. (Live) [E]

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

BICYCLING

WOTV 4 Sat. 5 p.m.; WZZM 13 Sat. 5 p.m. Cycling: Tour De France Stage 19. Endurance race. (Same-day Tape) [E]

HOCKEY

ESPN 23 Tue. 3:30 p.m. Hockey Pro Beach. (Taped) [E]

GOLF

ESPN 23 Fri. 10 a.m. Golf Senior British Open - Second Round. From Portrush, Northern Ireland. (Live) [E]

BASEBALL

WGN 23 Fri. 4 p.m. Major League Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. From Comiskey Park. (Live) [E]

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SATURDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT JULY 24, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, July 24, 1999. Columns include time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, July 24, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.) and program titles.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday Evening/Late Night, July 24, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) and program titles.

SUNDAY MORNING JULY 25, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Morning, July 25, 1999. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Morning, July 25, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.) and program titles.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Morning, July 25, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) and program titles.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JULY 25, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Afternoon, July 25, 1999. Columns include time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Afternoon, July 25, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.) and program titles.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Afternoon, July 25, 1999. Columns include channel numbers (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) and program titles.

Advertisement for 'Victorian Thymes Floral & Gift' featuring a 'MIXED BOUQUET SPECIAL' for \$9.99. Includes address (211 W. Main, Lowell) and phone number (897-5767).

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PREMIUM CHANNELS. SHOW (6:05) "Little Man Tate", HBO (6:30) "Dennis the Menace", TMC (6:20) "Red Comes", MAX (6:00) "City of Angels".

WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 28, 1999. Broadcast Channels: Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Cosby, Becker, The Rockford Files, News, Late Show Actors. Cable Channels: M*A*S*H, Show Me the Funny, News Link, Where Are They Now?, Xena: Warrior Princess, Wild Discovery, Family Matters, ESPN Sportscenter, CNN Moneyline, Headline News, NICK Hey Arnold, A&E Law & Order, FOXDT Major League Baseball, TNT ER, TBS Roseanne, DISN The Little Mermaid, TRAV Adventure Bound, TLC Medical Emergency, SCIFI Star Trek, COM Daily Show, TWC WeatherCenter, HIST 20th Century, AMC Biography, H&G This Old House, LIFE Party of Five, TOON Timon & Pumbaa, MSNBC InterNight, CSPAN House of Representatives, EWTH Our Lady of the Angels.

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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, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

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 MONDAY: Men's senior golf club at 9 a.m. at Arrowhead. Come join us.

EVERY SECOND MONDAY: Attention mothers of preschoolers. MOPS meetings are held at Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St. Cost is \$3 and meetings are from 9:45 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy crafts, food, free child care and new friends. For information call Meghan at 616-642-6748 or Trisha at 616-527-1333.

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.

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.

THIRD MONDAY OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST: West Mich. Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Ho micide (POMC) at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, 7 p.m., Discovery Rm. Contact Danni Smith, 897-2544 or Tim Timmerman, 696-1023.

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 TUES: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 1030, for boys 11 & 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 Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

TUESDAY EVES: Teen dances at the Showboat Amphitheater from 8-11 p.m. \$3 admission. Middle school and high school IDs required.

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.

TUESDAYS: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

EVERY FOURTH TUES: Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township office.

EVERY SECOND TUES: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 118 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. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Bellline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group

info, call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 10 a.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Lowell. Call Janet 897-6845 or Rebecca 897-6734 for more information.

FIRST THURSDAY: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

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

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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.

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EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

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.

THURS., JULY 22: Elections for the new Lowell Little League Board members will be held at 7 p.m. at the old NAPA building. All positions will be open.

SAT., JULY 24: Grand Valley Blood program will sponsor blood drive from 9 - 1 p.m. at Grattan Township, 12050 Old Belding Rd. You must be 17 or older & weigh 110 pounds or more to donate blood. Call Dave Benson at 691-7645 for an appt. or info.

SAT., JULY 24: North/South Bell School reunion at Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, corner of Elmdale Rd. and Drew Rd. 11-4 p.m. Bring dish to pass, your own table setting and beverage.

MON., JULY 26: Lowell Little League ice cream social from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fallsburg Park Pavilion.

WED., JULY 28: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tour the Franciscan Farm in Lowell as part of the Summer Fun Program/Celebrating Diversity. Sponsored by 1st Congregational & 1st United Methodist churches of Lowell. Call Cindy Talcott at 897-5906 or Bill Zinke at 897-5936.

THURS., JULY 29: Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. until they run out at the Moose Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Main. For more information call Bernadette Johnson at 897-4340.

TUES., AUG. 3: ADD/ADHD support group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Ionia Middle School. Speaker, Dr. Ronald VanValkenberg on differential diagnosis.

WED., JULY 21: Visit the Children's Museum in Grand Rapids from 9-3 p.m. as part of the Summer Fun Program/Celebrating Diversity. Sponsored by First Congregational and First United Methodist churches of Lowell. Call Cindy Talcott at 897-5906 or Bill Zinke at 897-5936.

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WED., JULY 21: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

THURS., JULY 22: 12:30 - 1 p.m., Medicaid/Medicare presentation.

WED., JULY 28: 8 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.

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Youth Group Takes Donations to Kids

Lowell Friends & Neighbors 4-H Club presented their donations for the "Kids 4 Kids" at the Kent County 4-H council meeting. Items donated included toothpaste, combs, hand lotion, spelling dictionaries, note cards and story books. The donation of suitcases, tote bags and personal items will be distributed to children and youth in the Kent County Foster Care program. Those interested in making a donation to the kids' care kits can call Cindy Koning at 897-9021 or Renee at 336-3265. Pictured to the left are Steven and Christian Koning, Lowell Friends & Neighbors 4-H Club; Sandra Springer, Kent County 4-H agent; Pat Digham, Kent County 4-H agent; and Kent County 4-H council members.

LAHA presents museum renovation plan and timetable

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A conservative, slow, two-phase approach for the creation of a museum in the Graham building was presented to the Lowell City Council Monday night.

Dan Pipe and Jim Doyle, representing the Lowell Area Historical Association (LAHA), presented LAHA's strategic plan and timetable for the museum.

Doyle said LAHA is looking to take the building back to its 1873 condition, but not to do it all over.

"We're going to take a slow approach," Doyle said.

This approach will include rehabilitating three rooms of the lower west half of the Graham building for use as an exhibit museum. Some of the proposed work includes removing the drop ceilings and taking care of any electrical concerns.

The plan also calls for developing and constructing an exhibit design utilizing membership and community sources, talents and skills.

LAHA will consult with the city on the development of a plan for design of handicap bathroom and handicap building accessibility.

Doyle said final plans for the entire Graham building are

hindered by the YMCA's current use of the building.

There is no timetable as to how long the YMCA will need use of the office space. There has been talk that with a proposed new community pool center, the YMCA offices may be able to relocate.

AREA BIRTHS

Basketball camp Aug. 2-5

The Third Reformed Church basketball camp got its start with barely enough kids to form a team.

It has grown into one of the happening events of the summer.

Keith Boeve, Lowell High School track coach and event coordinator, expects roughly 125 kids to participate in the four-day coed event.

There is a \$5 entry fee to participate in the basketball camp which runs the week of Aug. 2-5 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Players who attend all four days will receive water polo T-shirts, Bibles and surfer cross key chains.

The theme for this year's basketball camp is the "Path to Victory."

Players will also be able to win prizes at the trivia tree by answering questions correctly.

For more information, players may call 458-3089.

Bruce and Celeste Meyer are proud to announce the birth of Matthew Steven Meyer, born Wednesday, June 9, 1999, at 12:42 p.m. at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches. He is welcomed by big brother Jordan.

Proud grandparents are Bruce and Peggy Meyer of Ada and Bill and Sharon Malone of Rockford.

Mark R. Cain and Janna Kelly of Kentwood are happy to announce the birth of their son Logan Michael Cain, born June 16, 1999, at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. Logan was 9 lbs. 1 oz. and 21 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Marlene and Gordon Marshall of Lowell, Karen Vegter of Kentwood and Remka Vegter. Great-grandma is Ellen Nummer of Lowell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 25: Ella Tuinstra, Wayne Thomas.

JULY 26: Elaine Gregersen, Eric Baird.

JULY 27: Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander, Ed Roth Sr.

JULY 28: Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt.

MacKenzie Marie Roe was born at Metropolitan Hospital on May 11, 1999 at 11:18 a.m. to Dale Roe and Heather Jordan. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 inches long. She was welcomed home by big brother Blake.

Proud grandparents are Don and Charlene Welch of Lowell and Chuck and Linda Jordan of Hastings.

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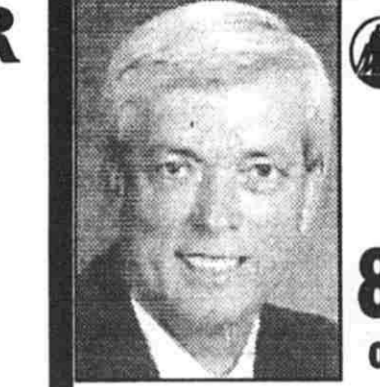
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Lowell YMCA director vacates post after seven years

••• Andy Johnson's last day as executive director of the Lowell YMCA was Thursday. Johnson leaves Lowell to take a position with the YMCA in Worthington, MN.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Andy Johnson is grateful that Lowell has allowed him to serve as its YMCA executive director for seven years.

The Lowell YMCA board is thankful it was able to keep his services that long. Johnson has proved himself worthy.

Thursday was Johnson's last day with the Lowell YMCA. His career path will take him and his family to Worthington, MN, where he will serve as the Worthington YMCA CEO.

"It is a larger YMCA physically and it has a full facility," Johnson said. "They are looking at capital improvements and expansion. Hopefully, it will provide me with another chance to make a mark."

Johnson calls his time as executive director in Lowell a critical time in his career.

"It has provided me with a ton of opportunities," he said. "I've been involved with starting a child care facility and dealing with growing programs, and through sub-committees I've been involved with the school. I'm not sure I could have gotten such great opportunities elsewhere."

The child care facility Johnson referred to now serves over 180 families. The Invest In Youth program has enjoyed great strides in volunteer involvement and growth in campaign funds.

He credits it to the community's willingness to give and get involved. What this (Lowell) community does is amazing. It is blessed with many outstanding individuals.

Andy Johnson, crediting the Lowell community with its willingness to give and get involved.

"Just the number of kids and families the Lowell YMCA serves provides me with a great deal of pride," Johnson explained.

He credits it to the community's willingness to give and get involved. "What this community does is amazing," Johnson said. "It is blessed with many outstanding individuals."

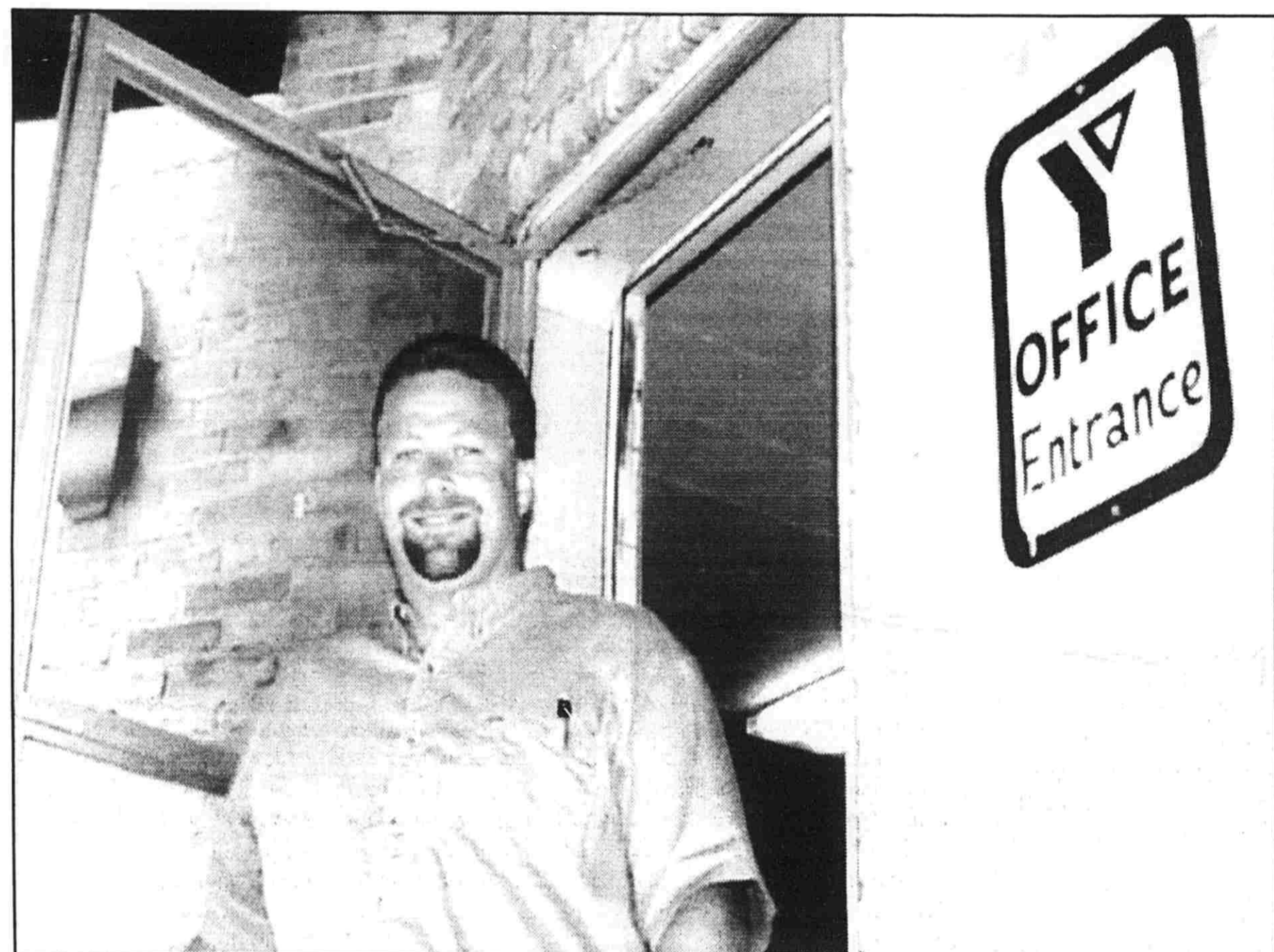
As Johnson leaves for Worthington, he also leaves Lowell with a vision.

"My vision for the Lowell community is for the community pool to become a reality," he said.

The former director said he would also like to see some sort of fitness facility. "There is a population out there that is striving for a health and wellness program that we're not serving," Johnson said.

He adds a teen center, YMCA office space and a pre-school recreation center to his futuristic vision.

"There is more to expansion and growth than keeping busy. It is education, providing opportunities for volunteerism, leadership and giving input on growth and the future of the YMCA," Johnson concludes.



After serving the community for seven years as executive director of the YMCA, Andy Johnson leaves Lowell for a job in Minnesota.

Bond resolution adopted

The city of Lowell adopted a resolution authorizing it to enter into a contract for lease with the Building Authority.

As part of the financing process for the City Hall/police station renovation construction project, \$500,000 in bonds will be sold during September to provide funds

for the acquisition phase of the work.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said any unused funds will be applied toward architectural engineering costs.

The bond will be wrapped around a second issue for the eventual construction phase.

The city approved the contract of a lease between

the city and the Building Authority whereby the municipality pledged its full faith and credit to the bond application.

The bond authority will consider a similar resolution along with a bond authorizing action.

A 10-year issue was proposed.

Anderson contracted to construct storage building

In going along with the goals of the Public Works department, Lowell Waste Water Treatment plant superintendent Mark Mundt said it would be removing items it has stored in the Foreman building.

In an attempt to provide

inside storage for the portable generator, the space utility trailer, mowers and miscellaneous equipment, Richard Anderson Builders has been contracted to build a 24-by-30 foot storage building.

The construction cost for

the new storage building will be \$9,800.

Mundt said \$10,000 was budgeted.

"We picked a location near the plant where we don't expect construction will ever take place," Mundt explained.

Reading club Party in the Park, July 22

When the Summer Reading Club comes to a close, Maranda from FOX 17 will host a "Party in the Park" celebration. Two parties will be held - the first is from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 22 at Old Kent Park and the second is from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 29 at Fallsburg Park in Lowell. Summer Reading Club readers are invited to join the fun in the sun.

Joining Maranda will be the John Ball Park Traveling Zoo, a one-man calliope band,

and costumed characters. There will be free ice cream, music, crafts and prizes while supplies last. The celebrations are partially underwritten by Country Fresh, Meijer, and

Priority Health.

For more information about the Party in the Park, call the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

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CASE #99-04278-DO

BRIAN R. SCHERZER
(SSN 386-88-5053)
Plaintiff

vs.

ERIKA ANNEKE
SCHERZER
(SSN Unknown)
Defendant

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan on July 8, 1999.

PRESENT: Hon. George S. Buth, Circuit Judge.

On May 4, 1999 an action

was filed by Plaintiff, Brian R. Scherzer, against Defendant, Erika Anneke Scherzer, in this Court requesting a Judgment of Absolute Divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Defendant, Erika Anneke Scherzer, shall Answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before July 29, 1999. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Default against Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this cause.

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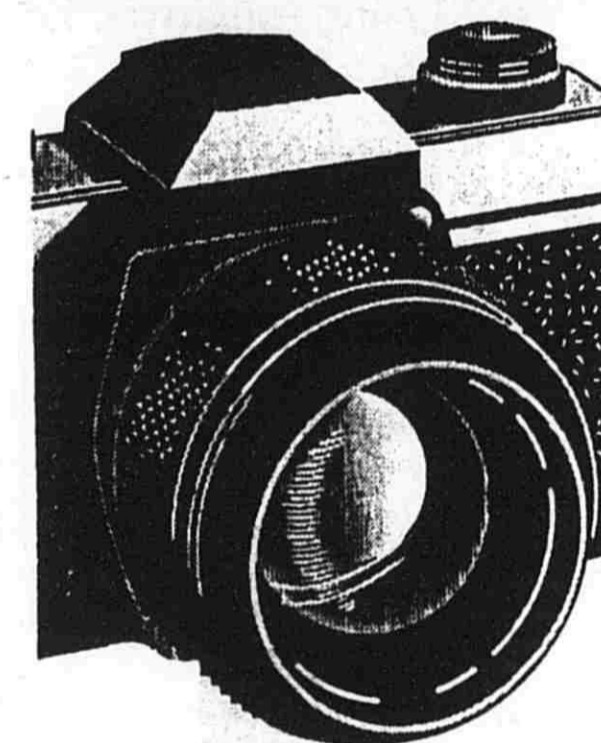
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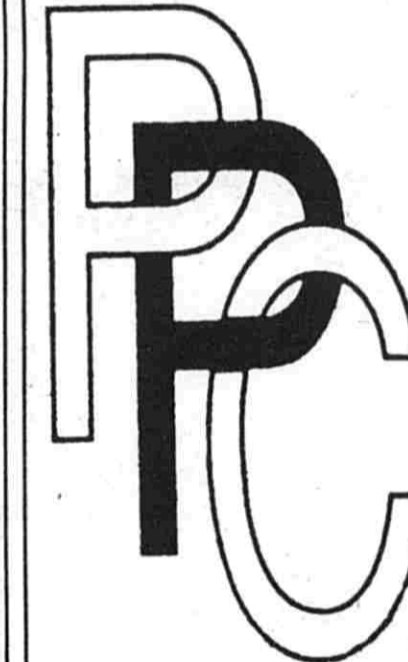


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(Instructional) Sept. 11 - Oct. 16

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(Instructional with games) Sept. 11 - Oct. 16

Mini Kickers #3 (ages 4 & 5): Mondays • 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
(Instructional with games) Sept. 13 - Oct. 18

YMCA Members: \$23 • Non-Members: \$35 • Registration Deadline: September 2

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Held at Creekside Park.

We'll play a total of 6, Saturday games beginning September 11.
Practice begins in late August.

Coaches will notify players of dates and times of first practice.
YMCA Members: \$24 • Non-Members: \$38 • Registration Deadline: August 9

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Deadline Monday, Aug. 9.
After August 9, Add \$5 For Late Fee.

Practices start after the Coaches Meeting on Tuesday, August 17. 7th and 8th grade league will be co-ed if not enough players sign up for separate teams. Coaches will notify players of dates and times of first practice. Games will start on Saturday, Sept. 11 and end Oct. 23 for grades 1-6. Each team will meet twice a week - once for practice and once for a game. Games for 1st-6th grades will all be played on Saturdays, except for make-ups.

7th-8th graders play on week nights and Saturdays. NOTE: We WILL have away games!

1st - 6th grade fees - YMCA Members: \$26 • Non-Members: \$40 • Registration Deadline: August 9

7th - 8th grade fees - YMCA Members: \$33 • Non-Members: \$47 • Registration Deadline: August 9

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO REGISTER...

1. IN PERSON: Stop in the Lowell YMCA Office 323 West Main Street, 49331
2. BY MAIL: to the above address.
3. BY PHONE: 897-8445 with VISA, Mastercard, American Express or Discover

Financial assistance is available for those in need. Deadline for assistance is August 3.

COACHES, we need you! YMCA Youth Sports depend on volunteer coaches. Please check the box on the registration form or call the Lowell YMCA to volunteer.

Coaches Meeting: Tuesday, August 17: Grades K-2, 6:00 p.m. & Grades 3-6, 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell YMCA.
* No refunds or credits will be issued after teams are assembled without medical confirmation.



Fall '99 Registration Form Return form to: Lowell YMCA, 323 West Main, Lowell, MI 49331 One child per form. Fee must accompany the form.

PROGRAM: Mini-Kickers #1 Mini-Kickers #2 Mini-Kickers #3 Kindergartner 1st-2nd 3rd-4th 5th-6th Boys 7th-8th Girls 7th-8th

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