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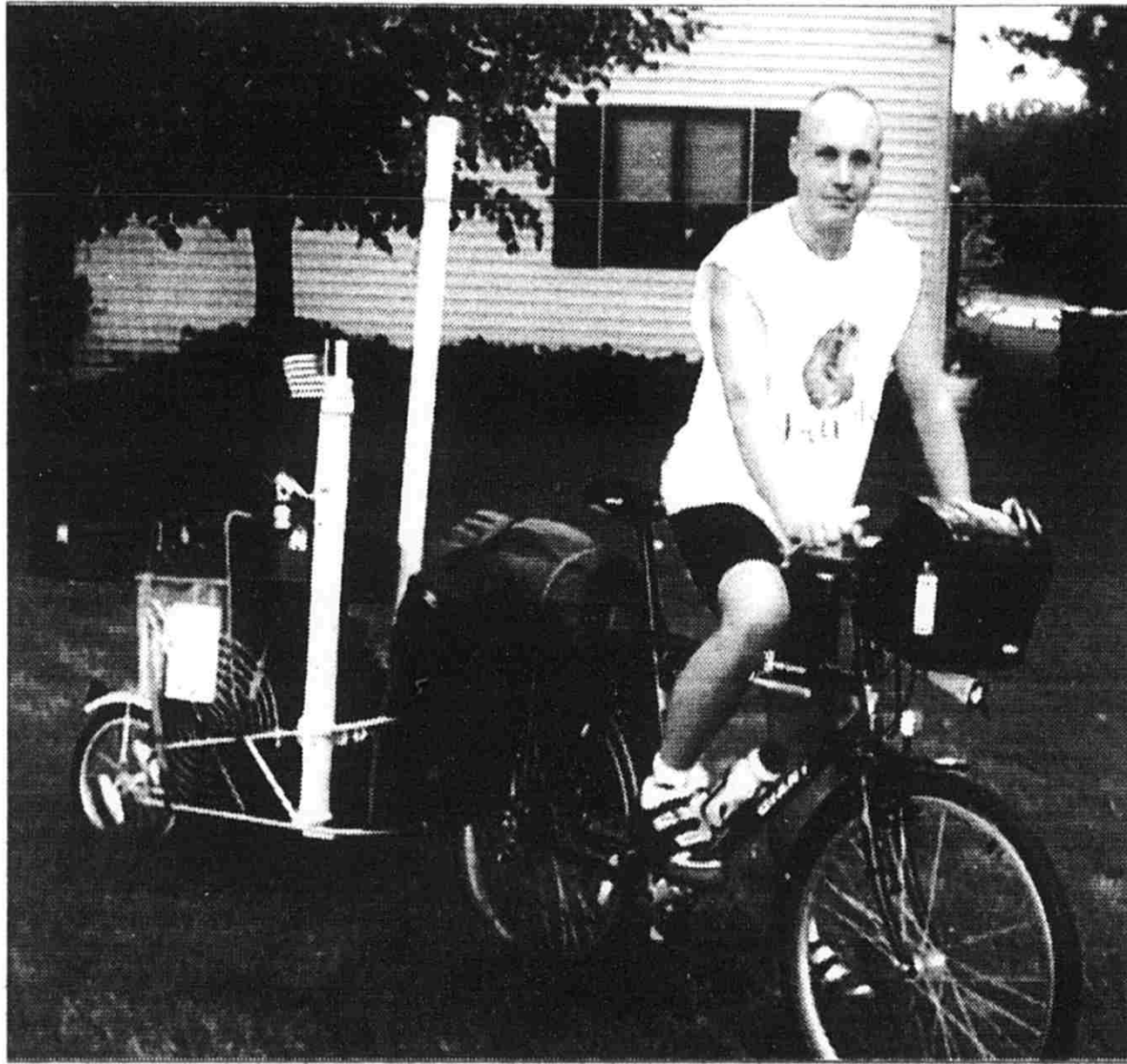
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Peddlin' Pilgrimage

••• Steve Haley is set to begin his sojourn in search of rediscovering the "soul in his roots." His first stop will be Nashville, TN. From there, his plans are to bike to the Florida Keys.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

He grew up an only child on an Illinois farm where he played by himself and planned his own adventures.

As a cadet in the Army, Steve Haley hitchhiked across Egypt and Israel. Later, he embarked on backpacking trips along the Continental Divide.

When the 33-year-old home care nurse broached the subject of another adventure, his father thought he was crazy and his mother,

There are still a number of apartment possessions Steve Haley is looking to sell before beginning his trip.

well... like all moms, was supportive.

Haley was scheduled to begin a bicycle journey to Nashville, TN, this week with his cat Tipper. With a change of mind, the cat will stay at a friend's house instead. "I came to the conclusion, taking Tipper on the trip wasn't fair to the cat," Haley said.

The trip may be delayed beyond this week, depending on how quickly he can sell the possessions in his apartment. Anything he does not sell will be taken to a pawn shop or given to the Salvation Army.

The self-explorational free spirit, who doesn't owe anybody anything, says the trip is necessary for his own personal development and to rediscover the soul in his roots. "It

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Rittenger's conviction may help cover motor home

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Robert Rittenger began his quest for a motor home port at the May Lowell Planning Commission meeting.

A little over two months later, Rittenger is one meeting away from seeing it through the governmental process and attaining permis-

sion to build his port.

"I appreciate the conviction of someone willing to participate and go through the process that Mr. Rittenger has," Lowell city councilman Mike Blough said.

Monday night, the Lowell City Council set a public hearing for Aug. 16 to act on a zoning ordinance amendment

for height limitations to accessory buildings.

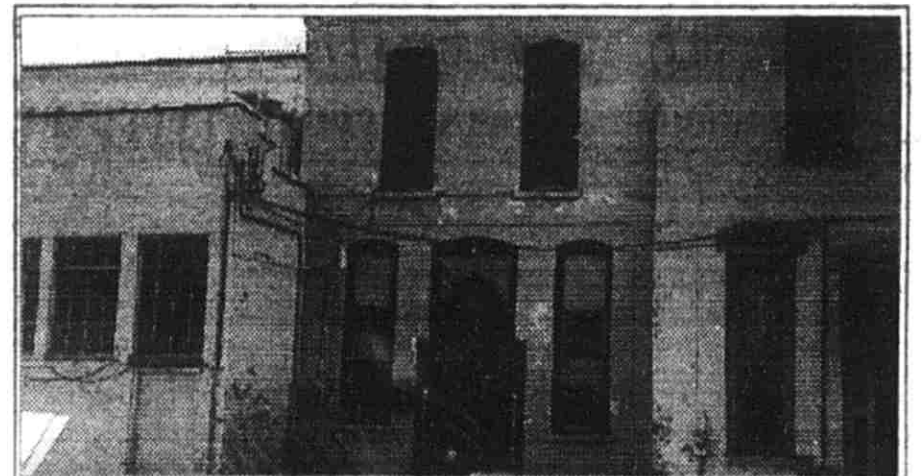
The issue studied by the planning commission was whether the heights of residential detached accessory buildings should be raised from its current 14 feet.

From its discussions, it recommended an amendment that read "No detached ac-

cessory building in a residential district shall exceed the height of the residence."

Following the public hearing on Aug. 16, the council will vote on the amendment. It is expected to pass. If that happens, Rittenger can then build a 16-foot, four-inch motor home port.

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Wire hanging from the buildings of Cousin's, Chapman State Farm Insurance and Dream Pieces was removed as businesses in the historical district work to preserve the historical look of their buildings.

County begins repavement of N. Hudson Aug. 6

••• The Kent County Road Commission will repave N. Hudson from Chatham to Lincoln Lake.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Just in case someone may have missed the repaving project on M-21, they will have a second chance - this time to view a project on North Hudson.

It won't be as big, nor will it take as long.

Through a contract with the Kent County Road Commis-

sion, Reith Riley will repave North Hudson Street from Chatham to Lincoln Lake.

The repaving project will be completed in three days. The street will be milled on Friday, Aug. 6. Two lanes will be paved on Saturday, Aug. 7, and the other two lanes will be paved on Monday, Aug. 9.

Lowell's Department of Public Works has notified affected residences and businesses about the project.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said the project will not require detours and will be completed before fair week.

DPW director Dan DesJarden also emphasized that the work will be done at no cost to the city.

Call the YMCA, 897-8445, for details or sponsorship opportunities.

SHOWBOAT ENTERTAINMENT

Roger McNaughton will provide the entertainment on Wed., Aug. 4 from 7-9 p.m. at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater. The following week (Aug. 11) entertainment will be provided by the Lowell Wesleyan Church from 7-8 p.m.

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

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Wall-hugging wire re-routed underground

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Charlene Chapman, Chapman State Farm Insurance, knew exactly what to say after identifying a possible chink in the progress of eliminating outside wire on buildings in the downtown historic district.

There was some question as to how much cooperation her idea of putting outside wire underground would receive.

"Once they understood the vision, everybody has been very cooperative," Chapman said.

Chapman's response

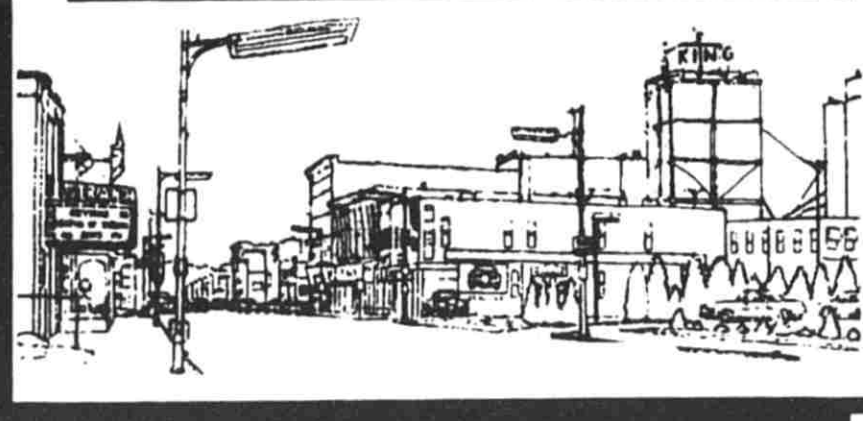
was the state recognizes these buildings (Chapman State Farm Insurance; Carolyn Price, Dream Pieces; and Karen Hale, Cousins Card & Gift Shoppe) as historical buildings and "surely, you too recognize the importance of the buildings and their history."

The wire that once draped the north side of the buildings like a water-soaked sweatshirt on a clothesline, is now buried neatly underground.

Chapman, Price and Hale are currently in the midst of preserving the historical look of their buildings.

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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.

INSIDE THE LEDGER



OBITUARIES

BOUWKAMP - Mr. Claude Katherine and daughter Phyllis Coburn. Surviving are his children Douglas and Pat Bouwkamp of Columbia, TN. Marcia and Frank Taylor of

Lowell, Dennis and Ann Bouwkamp of Walker, Kath and Gene Veltema of Grand Rapids; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law George and Elsie Smith, Margaret Smoes, Mary Puleo, Edith Czinder, Elizabeth and Bernard Umlor, and Helen Bouwkamp. Funeral and Committal Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. at the Van't Hof Chapel with his pastor, Rev. Rod Kamrath of Remembrance Reformed Church and

Rev. Gregory VanderMeer officiating. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory to either West Side Christian School or the Building Fund or Remembrance Reformed Church would be appreciated. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family via the funeral home or our web site at: Van't Hof Chapel, 851 Leonard N.W. Heritage Funeral Service, www.heritagefuneralservice.com

FETTERHOFF - Bernice

Jean Fetterhoff, aged 66, of Lowell, passed away Friday, July 30, 1999, at her home. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Dick; children Roger (Sandra) Fetterhoff, Lowell, Connie (Mike) Scott, Lowell, Suzanne (Philip) Albert, Belding, Cindy (Denny) Addington, Lowell, and Sherri (Denny) Huver, Lowell; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a brother Richard (Sally) Ripley, Reed City. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel in Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 or Visiting Nurse Hospice, 1401 Cedar N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell.

FRAS - Mrs. Delores Fras, aged 64, of Wyoming, passed away Monday, July 26, 1999. Surviving are her husband of 46 years, John; children Darlene (Greg) Wallace, Marie (Rich) Crabari, Donna Fras, Valerie (Robert) Stuewe of Lowell, Rose (Larry) Botsford of Lowell, John (Julie) Fras; eight grandchildren; brothers Bill (Mary) Richardson, Gary (Sue) Lake, Jack Lake, Joe (Linda) Lake and several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday at St. Dominic Church with Rev. Charles Dautremont celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

PEACOCK - Clarissa P. Peacock, aged 89, of Grand Rapids, died Friday, July 30, 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter and brother Forest (Florence) Begerow. She is survived by her children Diane (Robert) Batt of Wyoming; brother Floyd (Beth) Begerow of Ionia; grandchildren Robert (Renee) Batt, Walter (Diana) Batt, Rhoda Greenman-Batt, Claire Batt, John (Renee) Batt, James Batt, Cindy Borello Batt, Elisabeth (Mark) Giem; great-grandchildren Jacklyn, Karly and Rebecca Batt, Erin Batt, Michael, Alexandra, Valerie, Jacob, Erik and Luke Batt, Gillian, Levi and Camryn Giem. Funeral services will be Wednesday (today) 6 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church (338 N. Division) with Rev. David Davis officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Luther Home, 1950 32nd Street S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

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County emergency dispatch program makes sense, but do townships have enough cents

By Jeffrey Redmond
 Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township is considering becoming a part of a greater area program for better emergency service to residents.

But the cost of such a service is yet to be worked out. Chairman Patrick Malone of the Kent County Board of Commissioners has compiled a survey of local opinions about a future emergency dispatch program. "A county-wide emergency dispatch program makes sense. But there is still no consensus on putting the question on any ballot for it to be decided one way or the other," Malone said.

Kent County desires a more centralized system, with Grand Rapids using its own system, but also wants all local governments within the county to help pay for it. Malone does not feel that another consultant should be hired to continue to try to work out these cost financing problems.

Township supervisor John Timpson has decided to

remain extremely cautious about this program. In theory, a city and county dual system could back each other up.

"But there's room for improvement. They need someone with dispatch electronics experience to facilitate it," Timpson said.

The system will eventually include emergency vehicles in all of Kent County, such as ambulances and fire trucks, coordinated with those

of other local areas. But paying for a centralized dispatch remains a problem yet to be worked out.

There has been a county proposal to charge the telephone system in all areas, but the proposed amounts are unacceptable to the Lowell Township Board.

"A 16 percent increase in everyone's phone bill is way too high," Timpson explained.



Sunset Dining

The Laurels of Kent provided Senior Neighbors and Schneider Manor residents with a spaghetti dinner last Thursday evening. During the dinner, guests enjoyed listening to big band, old-time music played by entertainer Ron Simon of Lansing.

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 Aug. 6 & 7, 10 a.m. - ? 527 N. Lafayette. Lots of baby things, adult clothes, household, small appliances, collectibles, toys, books, Apple IIe & Tandy 1000 computers, microwave, puzzles, wheelbarrow, hamster cage, boots, shoes & much more.

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YARD SALE
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Reflections

Of Faith

By Pastor Joe Fremer,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Have you ever felt powerless?

Jesus healed a paralyzed man, and then called a tax collector to become a follower of Jesus. You can read about it in Matthew 9:1-13.

This may seem like two stories, but there is a common thread that ties them together. In both cases Jesus commands someone to do the impossible! Jesus saw a man who couldn't walk and told

him, "Rise up and walk." Now had it been you or me who said that, the man would probably have given a bitter chuckle and said, "Yeah, right. Sure, I think I'll pop on over to Ireland and sign up with Michael Flatley." But because it was Jesus, the Son of God, the One who himself was the Word of God that spoke the world into being, a miracle happened: the man put his trust in Jesus, and found himself able to do the impossible.

He jumped up and walked

around, praising God. Really, two "impossible" things happened: the first being faith in Jesus, which cannot happen unless God does a miracle in our hearts.

Then Jesus saw hardened tough-guy tax collector Matthew, a man who probably felt powerful. He had lots of influence, we would say today, of the Cosa Nostra variety. But he was powerless to turn to God, powerless to become accepted by good people. He could change, in external matters, get a job that didn't involve rearranging people's kneecaps, but what would be the point? People would always think of him as that traitor, that thug who sold his people out to the Romans.

He was powerless to escape the trap he had made of his life. Then here comes Jesus, a respectable rabbi, who looked him right in his shifty eyes and said, "Follow me." Again the miracle of faith happened and

Matthew's heart changed. He changed from being a self-centered hoodlum to a disciple—devoted to Jesus and committed to going wherever he leads. Without Jesus working faith in us, we are spiritually paralyzed, powerless to follow him.

If you answered yes to my question, you need to know that Jesus can help you. If you answered No, you may want to consider a second question: is there some area of your life that is out of control? Whether your powerlessness stems from external circumstances, as with the paralyzed man, or from a situation you got yourself into, you need to know this... Jesus offers you his strength, and invites you to give him your weakness. As our Vacation Bible School kids sang a couple of weeks ago, *Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong. Become like one of those little ones: ask Jesus for help.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 5: Robin Abel, Stephen Martin, Jr.,
AUGUST 6: Jessie King,
AUGUST 7: Barbara Wright, Don Grummet, Jaimi Smith, Steve Newell.

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AREA BIRTHS

Kristen Marie Burkhardt

Tyler James Burkhardt is pleased to announce the arrival of his sister Kristen Marie. Kristen was born on June 8, 1999, at 2:40 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Conan and Sheila Burkhardt of Fowlerville.

Grandparents are Terry and Jean Nugent of Lowell and James and Joanne Burkhardt of Farmington.

Great-grandmothers are Lucille Slowinski of Lowell and Bonnie Jakeway of Greenville.

Vincent Michael LaPenna

Bill and Peggy (Reagan) LaPenna, of Ada, are proud to announce the arrival of their third son, Vincent Michael LaPenna.

He was born at Spectrum Health, East Campus, Thursday, July 15, 1999, at 5:30 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches long.

His big brothers Joey and Frankie welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Tony and Marion LaPenna of Grand Rapids and Bob and Carol Reagan of Lowell. Many aunts, uncles and cousins welcome him into the family.

Maysen Danielle Yaw

Sean and Jody Yaw, of Lowell, have been blessed with the birth of their daughter, Maysen Danielle. She was born Wednesday, June 28 at 6:07 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Maysen was welcomed home by excited big sister, Mallory. Proud grandparents are Mike and Jill Yaw of Saranac and Dan and Jean Hoffman of Lowell.

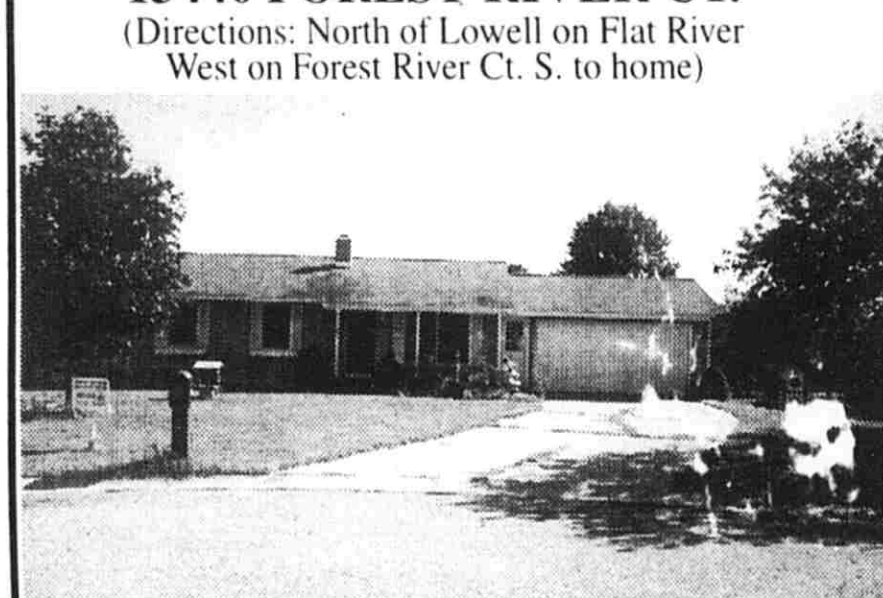
Great-grandparents are Dee and Joyce Yaw of Saranac; Shirley Hoffman and Bob and Pauline Eskes, both of Lowell. Great-great grandma is Ida Stiles of Ionia.

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Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) will offer its annual two-day seminar "Survival in College" August 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. in room 168 of the Applied Technology Center.

The seminar is designed to help students make the transition from high school to college and provide encouragement and practical advice for those already enrolled. Students are taught a wide variety of classroom study techniques and organizational skills such as listening, notetaking, concentration, and memorization skills as well as how to prepare for and take exams. It also addresses time and stress management and the use of guided imagery to accomplish significant changes in behavior.

The seminar is open to all interested students. The cost is \$50 and seating is limited. Enroll now by calling GRCC's Academic Resource Center, 234-4145.

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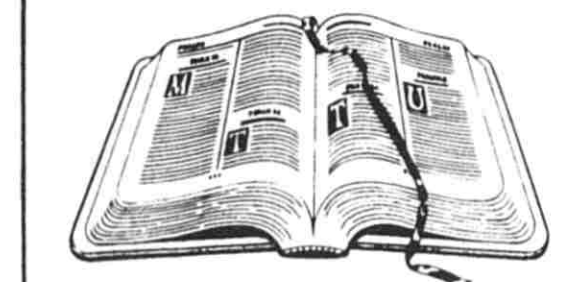
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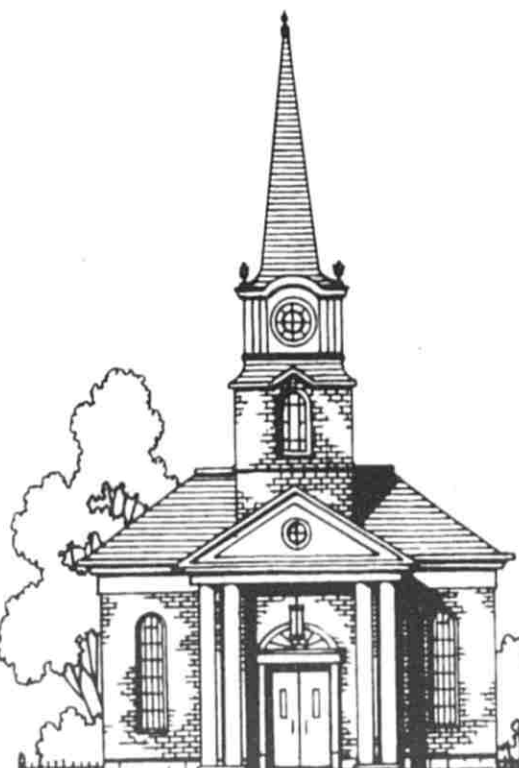
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Viewpoint



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

The state of Florida and particularly the Florida Keys have the equivalent of our opening day of deer season. It is the two-day sport diver lobster season. The last Wednesday and Thursday of July are set aside for this mania. I can't speak for the rest of the state, but the Keys' campgrounds, motels, roads, restaurants and bars swell to capacity for the days surrounding the event. People drive in, fly in and boat in from as far away as... well, my daughter was there from Arizona and I was down from Michigan. Even at the distances we represented I'm sure we wouldn't have won any prizes.

The taking of spiny lobster, crawfish or "bugs" as they are called is curtailed in April each year. The season for sport diving closes and commercial trappers must pull their traps. The bugs breed and grow during this period until the two-day opener. Then all hell breaks loose.

When the sun comes up on the last Wednesday in July there are legal size lobster inhabiting nearly every nook and cranny. When the sun goes down most people have their daily bag limit and those who don't are already having a hard time finding legal size bugs. In certain areas where the bottom terrain holds a lot of lobsters, you can practically walk from boat to boat. The sight is reminiscent of the swimming pool scene in "Caddyshack."

My daughter and I anchored out all night at the most popular spot in the lower Keys. It's an area about eight miles out on the Gulf of Mexico side. The water is only five to ten feet deep and the bottom is littered with coral heads and fissures where the bugs hang out. It was a beautiful night. There was a light breeze, full moon, some lightning off in the distance. It was very nice. In the morning we put on our scuba gear in the dark and were in the water at first light. We had our six-foot limit shortly and were back at our dock by 8:30. Later on that morning, I worked the wall of the canal in front of our house and got my wife's limit. We were done for the day.

The next day we had lined up a babysitter for my grandkids. Angie, Terese and I took off in the boat about 10:30. They didn't even take lobstering equipment. They simply wanted to kick back and relax a day. Angie away from her kids, Terese away from work. Me, the guy with a hammock he's had for three years and used twice, took my scuba gear, lobster net, gloves, measuring device and catch bag. Just for good measure I threw in a fishing pole and some bait. Heaven forbid I get caught with nothing to do.

We went back to a favorite swimming hole and spent a couple of hours there sunning, swimming, listening to the radio and eating lunch. I fished a bit. Not much happening. When we decided to leave I waded out to the anchor I had set in some mangrove roots. The water was gin clear and I was in waist deep or more. Terese was up on the boat looking down at me and nonchalantly said, "Roger, there is a shark coming by you." He was a four or five footer and swam right past my feet. Sure, it was a nurse shark. Sure, they're relatively harmless. Sure, it was nothing to worry about. Just the same, I've seen "Jaws" too many times to not be alarmed. No, I didn't mess myself.

After the incident Angie and I chided Terese for her ho-

over and scab in a couple of days. A mild fever and cold symptoms may also be present.

The illness is contagious for about one day before the rash starts until six days after the rash first appears. A person exposed to chickenpox may not show symptoms for 10-21 days after exposure. Once you have had chicken pox you cannot get it again. Most cases of chicken pox are mild and resolve spontaneously.

However, each year approximately 9,000 people are hospitalized and almost 100 die from complications of this illness. The most common complications are secondary skin infections, pneumonia and encephalitis. Adults with chicken pox are more likely to develop complications.

The chicken pox vaccine is 70-90 percent effective in preventing this illness. If vaccinated children get the infection, they will have a much milder form of the disease. The vaccine is currently recommended for all children between 12-18 months who have not had the chicken pox.

Older children should also receive the vaccine if they have never had the illness. Children older than 13 years will need two doses of the vaccine four to eight weeks apart to insure immunity. Adverse reactions to the vaccine are minimal and include slight redness or soreness at the injection site, occasional fever, or a small rash where the shot was given. The vaccine can be given at the same time that other childhood immunizations are given.

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125 YEARS AGO THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

AUGUST 5, 1974
Dr. Kedzie of Lansing is calling the people's attention to the fact that green wallpaper is poisonous. (The color was from arsenic).

Muskegon suffers a fire covering nine blocks from the railroad to the lake. Lake tugs save some buildings by pumping water over them.

"Many strangers are visiting Lowell this summer." Prof. G.B. Balcom, leader of the Lowell Band, thanks the folks who contributed to his beautiful new silver E-flat cornet.

A grand union (community) picnic on the island Monday was followed by entertainment at Train's Hall.

128 YEARS AGO THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

AUGUST 2, 1871
(replacing missing 1899 issue)
Grand Rapids hopes to have the new Monroe Street railway ready in time for the fair. This is the main route to the fair.

The old sidewalk on Flat River Bridge has been removed. Protruding spikes in other sidewalks continue to be a toe-stubbing problem.

The Cascade Mineral Springs are being visited by many ailing people and promise to become widely known.

Lowell may yet have a fair ground; a lease of 30 acres has been obtained and a fair organization is in process.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

JULY 31, 1924
The Lowell Platoon of the Grand Rapids National Guard Battalion is up to forty, and expects more before going to Camp Grayling August 8.

Two deaths and several injured result from three area auto accidents. Out-of-control steering seems to be the cause of all three.

Lowell contractor George Cheetham is involved with the \$80,000 east wing addition to Clark Home in Grand Rapids. A traveling businessman is held up by robbers who block the Lowell-Ada road and relieve him of his cash at gunpoint. The vacation money in his shoe is missed.

The U.S. government reduced its public debt by about one billion dollars in 1923 fiscal year.

50 YEARS AGO

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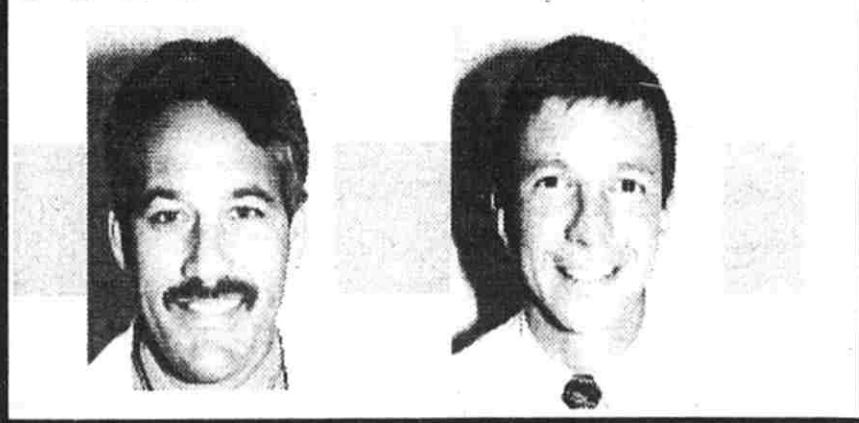
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Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier & Jim Lang




CHICKEN POX

The Health Department will make the chicken pox vaccine mandatory for preschoolers by the year 2000 and all school age children by 2002 if they have not had chickenpox.

Chicken pox is a viral illness currently affecting close to four million people in the United States each year. Cases occur most frequently in children between the ages of six and 10, although a parent may become infected at any age.

Chicken pox usually starts as a rash on the scalp or body that spreads to include the face, arms and legs over a period of three to four days. The rash develops in small blisters that crust

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The new school year looms just ahead, and in Lansing, the legislature has adopted the school finance package for the coming year. On the plus side, Lowell's foundation allowance-the amount we receive for each student in the district-has been increased by \$234, to \$5,696. This allotment from the state provides the primary revenue needed to operate our schools. On the negative side, however, significant disparities remain in the foundation amounts paid to the various school districts in Kent County and around the state. Lowell is at the bottom of the Kent County group.

School finance is a complicated topic (I struggle with it constantly), but as citizens in a democratic society, it is the duty of each of us to become informed about how our tax dollars are spent. So, in this article, I will explain a bit about how current school finance works, and will point out the unfairness built into the system for districts like our own. This will change only when our legislators have the political will-based on input from taxpayers like you-to eliminate the inequities.

Our schools are now operated with money received from the State. Tax dollars from the school operating millage on

your property do not go to the Lowell School District, but into the State Treasury in Lansing. The state then sends the tax money back to the districts in the form of a foundation allowance for each student. We will receive \$5,696 per student, the same amount as Grandville, Rockford, Sparta, Northview and a few others.

Other districts, however, will receive a good deal more, but not because their residents are paying more taxes. Indeed, all Michigan taxpayers now pay at the same rate, statewide, for school operating millage. Why, then, will Forest Hills and Caledonia receive an extra \$1,300 or more per student from the state treasury than our children here in Lowell? The answer is politics! When the current school finance system was adopted several years ago, those districts with larger budgets were "protected" with perpetual higher foundation grants. Does it make sense that a student just across the district boundary from Lowell in Ada or Caledonia will receive a great deal more tax

money for his/her education than a neighbor in the Lowell District, even though all of the families are paying at exactly the same tax rate for public schools?

Here is a simple illustration of the financial impact of this disparity on our district. We now have approximately 3,700 students. Caledonia will receive \$7,045 per student as its foundation grant-\$1,349 more than Lowell. Thus, if "we were Caledonia," our district would receive for the coming year an additional \$5 million in revenue - more than 20 percent of our annual budget. Folks, these are real numbers, and that is a lot of money. Just think how many additional teachers, computers and books we could purchase with millions more dollars, and with absolutely no additional tax cost to our residents. In a very real sense, your tax dollars are being used to underwrite the much more generous payments received by some neighboring districts. Keep this in mind the next time you talk with your elected officials.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

We are very disappointed in the city of Lowell because of no swimming pool. I had to take my grandchildren to Ionia to a golf course swimming pool when it was so hot. I guess we will do all of our shopping in Ionia also.

I grew up in a town of 7,000 people in KY. We had a pool for everyone to use and it still does.

What is wrong with Lowell? What do the children do? Learn to enjoy a swim in another city?! Well, then they will leave when they are grown up, to shop, to swim with their children and to live.

The children are our lives. We all were children once upon a time and there will be others, maybe few, but build a pool for the children and the future of Lowell.

Shirley Luna

TOWN TALK

The Blair Witch Project was called "scary as hell" by Rolling Stone magazine. The Ledger asked Lowell movie goers their opinion of the film.



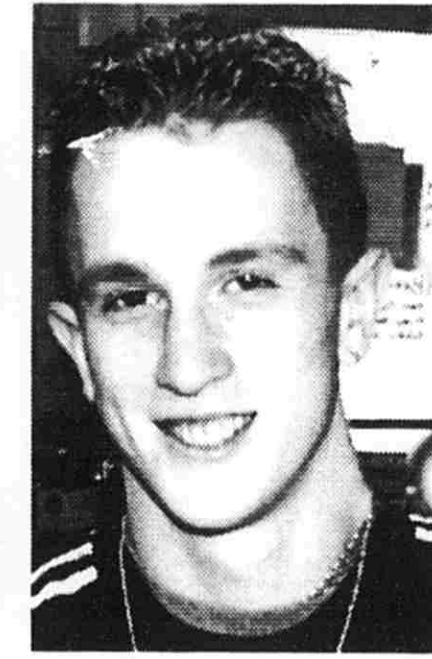
Mollie Zanella

It was kind of scary. It was too gory in some parts. I like how they made the film. I was scared.



Elissa Kinney

Yes, I was scared, alright. I would recommend people go see the film.



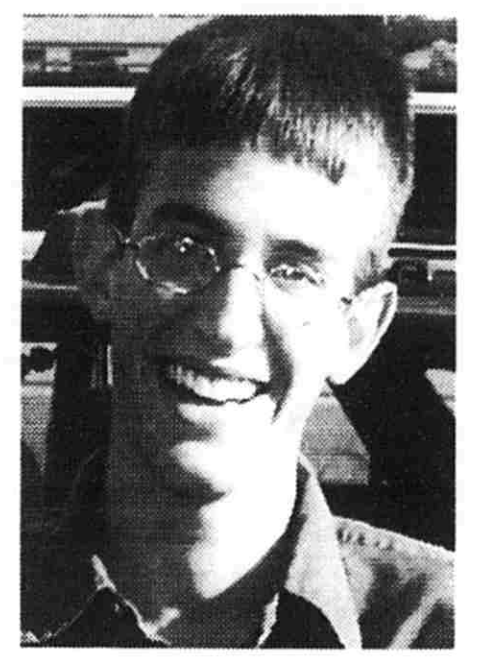
John Chaney

It was awesome. I didn't think it was really scary, but I did walk out of the theatre with an eerie feeling. I would recommend others see the film.



Meg Jipping

It was scary at first. I would recommend people see the film - just not alone. I thought the ending was weak.



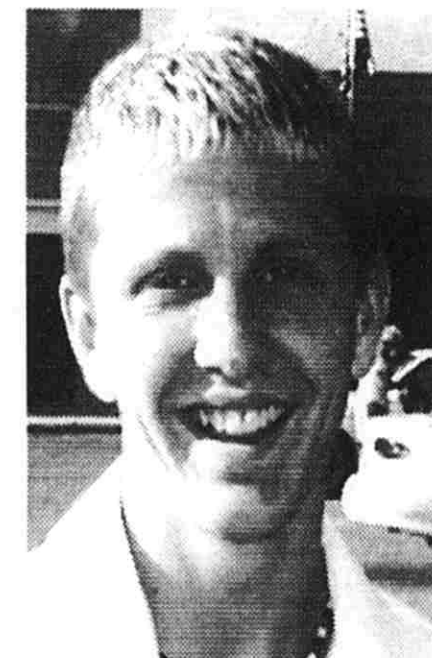
Coby Onan

Oh yeah, it touched me. It scared me. The only part I didn't like was the cost to see the film. It's a different type of film. It's a movie I think you only see once.



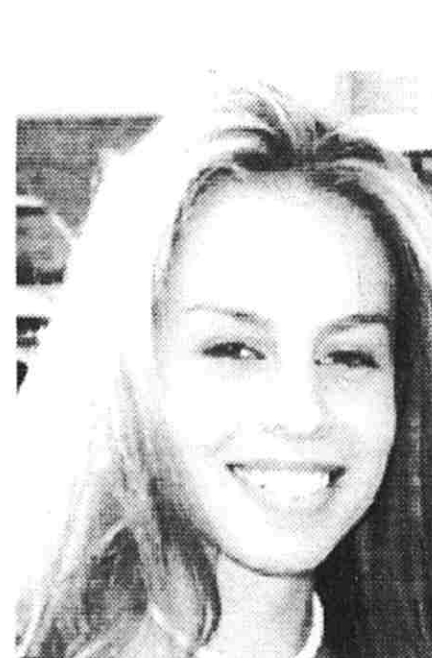
Joni Jipping

The scariest part of the movie is you never see the villain - thus everything was scary. The part where they lose the map I thought came off as staged. I would recommend others see the film.



Collin Vincent

It was scary. It was one of the more scary films I've ever seen. The first time I went to see it, the power went out in the theatre with roughly 5-10 minutes left in the movie. I had to come back the next day to view the whole thing.



Amanda Mastenbrook

It was really good. I thought the ending was lame. I was very scared the first time I saw it. I would recommend it to others.

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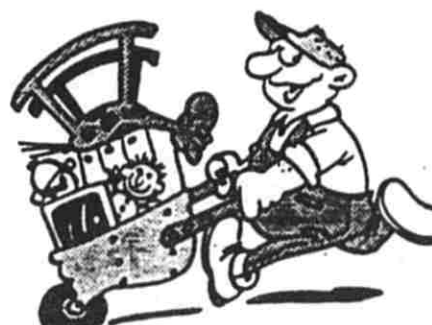
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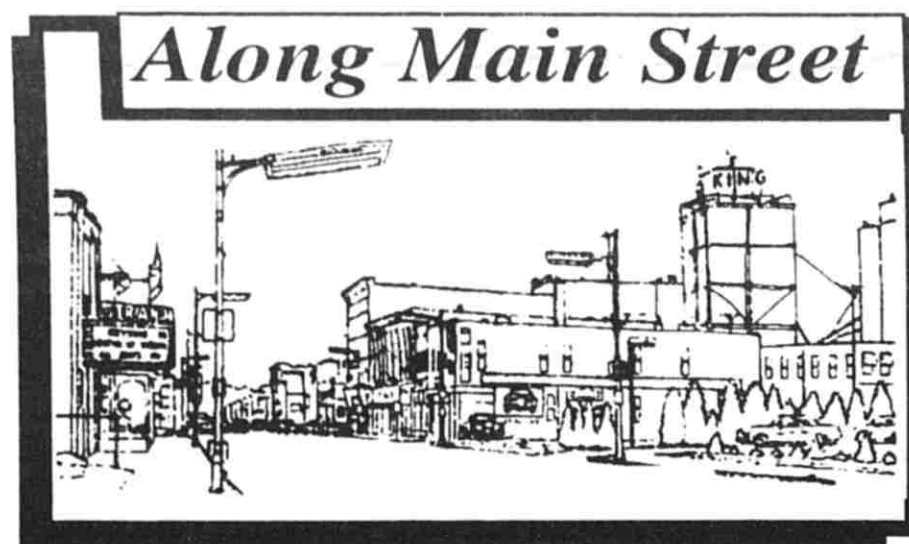
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CAR WASH

The County Line 4-H Club will be hosting a car wash from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 7 in the Family Fare parking lot.

YMCA FALL SOCCER DEADLINE

The deadline for Lowell YMCA fall soccer sign-up, grades K-8, will be Mon., Aug. 9 by 5 p.m. Don't forget! Register at the Lowell YMCA or call 897-8445.

Pilgrimage, continued.... From Page 1

will help me to define who Steve is and how he affects other people and whether or not I'm a good person." Haley explains. Even more important for

Haley was knowing the trip was okay with his 10-year-old son Nick and his ex-wife. "I made sure it was okay with them first," Haley said. Haley's son will live with his mother in Iowa, who has remarried. "She has a good marriage now and I think Nick needs a family (Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters) for his own development," he explained.

the trip via phone and E-mail (via public libraries). Haley, half heartedly, attributes his need for adventure to his mother. "I told her she is the cause of this. My mom bought me a book titled *Walk West* written by Phil Jenkins when I was young. It's about a young boy and his dog who journey west."

The Illinois native has not mapped out the path he will take. "I'm going to get up each morning and check my maps for terrain and water and then go from there. I may ride 30 miles one day or 130, depending on how I feel."

Haley is sure about one thing - he will be doing a lot of fishing. He has a fly fishing pole and a regular pole.

Books he will take with him include such topics as short stories of adventure, edible wild plants, fly fishing and fish recipes. He's also carrying along a Bible. "This trip is about Steve being right with himself and with God," he explained.

The Lowell resident will also have a video camera mounted to his bike so that he can record parts of his journey.

His goal is to eventually arrive in Key West. He will stop along the way and work for a couple of days when money runs low.

What are Haley's plans after reaching his destination? He is not sure. Haley will apply for a nursing license in Florida so he can work through the winter.

Beyond that, there are no plans. For now, the free-spirited adventurer would have it no other way.

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STUDIO HOPPING

The Arts Coalition of Lowell offers an opportunity to visit the studios of six working artists on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Transportation and box lunch provided.

Phone Lowell Arts Center at 897-8545 to register and for further information.

Wireless, cont'd....

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While Chapman's and Price's buildings will be mirror images of one another, Hale is not ready to let the cat out of the bag. "I don't entirely know what I'm going to do," Hale said.

What is known is the Cousins' owner has replaced some of the building's sandstone brick and will repaint it.

The buildings of Price and Chapman will undergo a facelift with new paint and awnings, and the prismatic glass on the storefronts will be cleaned.

Borne from the wire work recently completed, a proposal was brought to the attention of Lowell city man-

ager Dave Pasquale and the Lowell Area Historic District, requesting elimination of any new outside wiring from downtown buildings in an effort to keep historical character and beautify the structure.

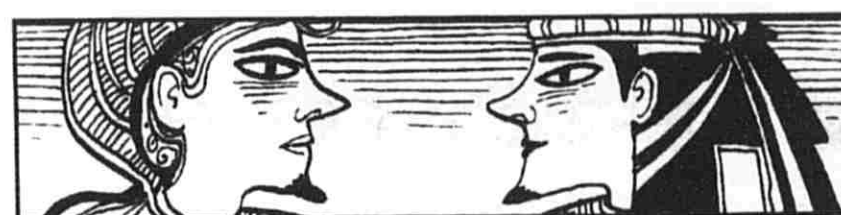
City attorney Richard Wendt said the preferred way to carry this out would be through a zoning ordinance amendment.

Lowell's Planning Commission will review the language and author a formal recommendation to the council at its Aug. 23 meeting. It will then set a public hearing for September before sending it to the city council.

Rittenger, cont'd....
From Page 1

Rittenger initially asked for a variance. The planning

commission denied his request, but said it would work with him to find a solution which came via an ordinance amendment.



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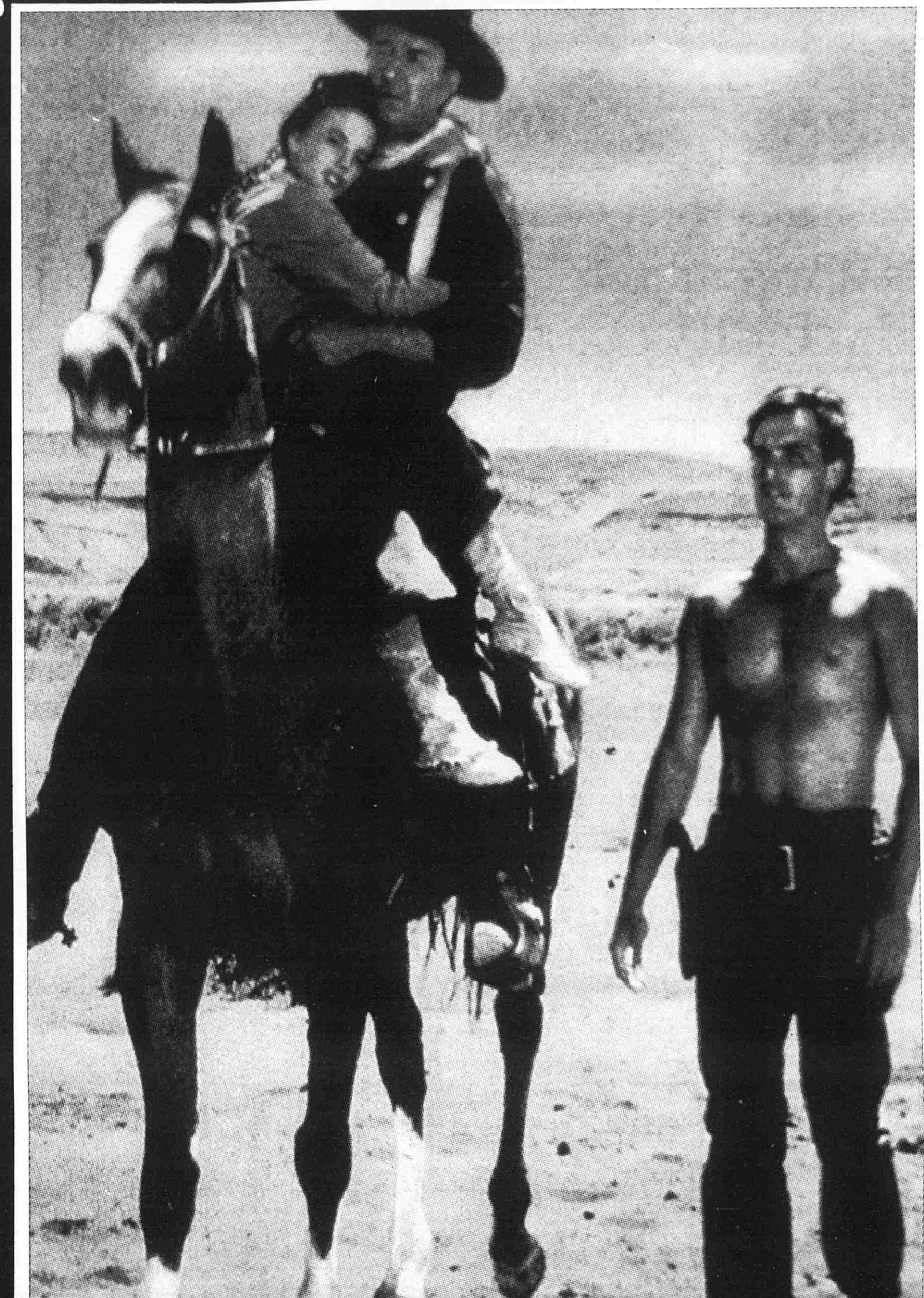
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON AUGUST 8, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

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ROSE SPECIAL 1 WRAPPED ROSE CASH & CARRY ONLY \$2.00. Advertisement for Victorian Times floral gifts.

PREMIUM CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers (50-99) and channel names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

TUESDAY EVENING AUGUST 10, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (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, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS. Table listing premium content for channels like SHOW, HBO, TMC, and MAX, including titles like 'Red Corner', 'Sex and the City', and 'The Omega Man'.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 11, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (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, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS. Table listing premium content for channels like SHOW, HBO, TMC, and MAX, including titles like 'Crocodile Dundee', 'The Omega Man', and 'Batman & Robin'.

CARIBBEAN NIGHT OUT. Friday, September 3rd. Adults \$21.95, Children 12 & Under \$10.99. Includes logo for deer run golf club and contact information.

CELEBRATION! Kids' Night Only. \$99 Hamburger Kid's Meal. Offer Expires September 30, 1999. Includes Burger King logo and promotional text.

THURSDAY EVENING										AUGUST 12, 1999								
BROADCAST CHANNELS										7:00	7:30	8:00	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	"The Rockford Files: If the Frame Fits" (1996, Drama) James Garner, Dyan Cannon, Stuart Margolin. Private eye Jim Rockford is accused of murdering a rival. (In Stereo)		48 Hours (In Stereo)		News		Late Show (In Stereo)								
4	WOTV	Extra (In Stereo)	Real TV Couple hold other couple hostage. (R) (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Show 106" (R) (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	Nightline in Primetime: "Brave New World" Creating families. (Part 3 of 8)	News		Nightline								
5	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	This Old House A clog-free gutter system.	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing	Mystery: "Poirot" "Dumb Witness" A murder victim's dog helps Poirot solve the riddle of who killed Emily. (In Stereo)	Are You Being Served? "Lost and Found" Mrs. Slocombe loses cat.	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)									
6	WXMI	Fraser Niles comforts brokenhearted Daphne. (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Clip Show" The first 100 episodes.	Teen Choice Awards Teens who have made contributions in film, television, music and sports. (In Stereo)	News		MA'SH "Say No More" A gruff general visits his injured son.	Fraser Frasier considers trying to reconcile Sherry with Martin.	MA'SH "Potter's Retirement" Potter gets negative reports.									
7	WOOD	Inside Edition	Friends Ross sees his son with a Barbie doll. (In Stereo)	Friends Rachel smokes to impress her boss. (R) (In Stereo)	Jesse "Touched by an Angel" Darren wants to remodel the bar. (R) (In Stereo)	Fraser Woody makes a surprise visit. (R) (In Stereo)	3rd Rock From the Sun Dick goes on a retreat. (R) (In Stereo)	ER "The Good Fight" Dr. Carter and Lucy must track down the father of a seriously injured girl. (R) (In Stereo)	News		Tonight Show (In Stereo)							
8	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo)	Hollywood Squares (In Stereo)	"The Rockford Files: If the Frame Fits" (1996, Drama) James Garner, Dyan Cannon, Stuart Margolin. Private eye Jim Rockford is accused of murdering a rival. (In Stereo)		48 Hours (In Stereo)		News		Late Show (In Stereo)								
9	WLX	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Friends Rachel smokes to impress her boss. (R) (In Stereo)	Jesse "Touched by an Angel" Darren wants to remodel the bar. (R) (In Stereo)	Fraser Woody makes a surprise visit. (R) (In Stereo)	3rd Rock From the Sun Dick goes on a retreat. (R) (In Stereo)	ER "The Good Fight" Dr. Carter and Lucy must track down the father of a seriously injured girl. (R) (In Stereo)	News		Tonight Show (In Stereo)							
10	WTLJ	Marriage and Family Magazine	Dwight Elijah	TCT Today	Hal Lindsey	Something Good Tonight: The Hour of Healing (In Stereo)	Praise the Lord (Live)											
11	WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House Turning a child into a home. (R) (In Stereo)	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions - Brussels, Belgium (In Stereo)	Mystery: "Poirot" "Dumb Witness" A murder victim's dog helps Poirot solve the riddle of who killed Emily. (In Stereo)	Fraser Frasier considers trying to reconcile Sherry with Martin.	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Michigan Out-of-Doors								
12	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo)	Hollywood Squares (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (In Stereo)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Show 106" (R) (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	Nightline in Primetime: "Brave New World" Creating families. (Part 3 of 8)	News		Nightline								
13	WSYM	Home Improvement "My Son the Driver" Brad gets in a car accident.	Fraser Niles comforts brokenhearted Daphne. (In Stereo)	Teen Choice Awards Teens who have made contributions in film, television, music and sports. (In Stereo)	News		Fraser Frasier considers trying to reconcile Sherry with Martin.	Newsradio "Friends" Dave hires a temp to help Seth. (In Stereo)	Coach "Save the Wave" The Breakers may move to Los Angeles.									
14	WZPX	Treasures in Your Home: The World of Collecting	It's a Miracle Close friends discover they have more in common than they ever imagined. (R)	Touched by an Angel "Venice" Monica helps a bitter woman overcome the secret she has been hiding. (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Georgia on My Mind" Mark goes undercover at an ice cream plant to get the scoop on a murder. (In Stereo)	Sentinel "Sentinel, Top" Sandburg encourages a female Sentinel to refine her abilities. (R) (In Stereo)												
CABLE CHANNELS																		
3	FX	MA'SH "Period of Adjustment"	MA'SH "Private Finance"	NYPD Blue "Aging Bull" Simone aids an old boxing friend who doesn't think he needs help. (In Stereo)	X-Files "Anasazi" Computer hacker's findings put Scully's and Mulder's lives and sanity in question.	MA'SH "Officers Only"	MA'SH "Henry in Love"	X Show										
4	FAM	World's Greatest Magic IV Magicians from around the world gather to perform feats of magic. (R) (In Stereo)	"Heaven's Fire" (1999, Suspense) Eric Roberts, Jurgen Prochnow, Cali Timmins. A man must lead others to safety out of a burning high-rise. (In Stereo)					700 Club										
21	MTV	Real World (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	Real World (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	Sandbrawl-Isle of MTV	Celebrity Deathmatch	Tom Green (In Stereo)	Undressed (In Stereo)	Loveline (In Stereo)							
22	VH1	Behind the Music "Jefferson Airplane/Starship" (R)	Legends "The Doors" (R) (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Full Contact" Walker must clear the name of a karate student framed for murder. (In Stereo)	"Whispers in the Dark" (1992, Suspense) Annabella Sciorra, Jamey Sheridan, Anthony LaPaglia. A psychiatrist's romantic involvement leads to murder. (In Stereo)			Where Are They Now? "Woodstock" (In Stereo)	Behind the Music "1968" (R) (In Stereo)									
23	USA	Xena: Warrior Princess "Charots of War" Xena defends a town against a father and son duo. (R) (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Full Contact" Walker must clear the name of a karate student framed for murder. (In Stereo)	Golden Gate Bridge Personal accounts of the building of the Golden Gate Bridge. (R)	Prehistoric Sharks Megatooth, the ancestor of today's great white shark. (R)	Into the Unknown "Fearsome Legends" Bear, grizzly squid. (R)	Golden Gate Bridge Personal accounts of the building of the Golden Gate Bridge. (R)	MacGyver MacGyver and a former girlfriend become prey for a group of backwoods poachers.										
24	DISC	Wild Discovery "Giraffes" Giraffes on the Arusha Plains of Tanzania. (R)	Family Matters "We're Going to Disney World" (6:30) Sportscenter	Major League Soccer: San Jose Clash at New England Revolution. From Foxboro Stadium. (Live)	Billiards: Ultimate Nine-Ball Challenge. Orlando, Fla. (R)	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter											
25	WGN	Family Matters "We're Going to Disney World" (6:30) Sportscenter	Major League Soccer: San Jose Clash at New England Revolution. From Foxboro Stadium. (Live)	Billiards: Ultimate Nine-Ball Challenge. Orlando, Fla. (R)	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter												
26	ESPN	Major League Soccer: San Jose Clash at New England Revolution. From Foxboro Stadium. (Live)	Billiards: Ultimate Nine-Ball Challenge. Orlando, Fla. (R)	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter													
27	CNN	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	CNN & Entertainment Weekly	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)										
28	CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News								
29	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Wild Thornberrys (In Stereo)	Cousin Skeeter	Happy Days "A Star is Bored" (In Stereo)	Happy Days "Open House" (In Stereo)	Happy Days "Fonzie's Getting Married"	Happy Days "The Cunningham Capers"	Happy Days "The Not Making of the President"	Happy Days "Cruisin" (In Stereo)							
30	A&E	Law & Order "His Hour Upon the Stage" The detectives link a corpse found in a meat locker to a 5-year-old murder.	Biography "Nick Nolte: Acting Up" Profile of Oscar-nominated actor Nick Nolte. (R)	Investigative Reports "Execution at Midnight: Death Row/Last Hours" Death-row inmate profiles; preparations are made for the execution of Lloyd Schlup. (R)	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News												
31	FOX2D	Major League Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers. From the Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. (Live)	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News														
32	TNT	ER "Ambush" A documentary team follows the emergency room staff through a typical day at work.	"The Sting" (1973, Comedy-Drama) Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Robert Shaw. Two Depression-era con men plot to swindle a crime lord.	"The Horse Soldiers" (1959, Adventure) John Wayne, William Holden, Constance Towers. A Union officer leads a mission to destroy an enemy depot.														
33	TBS	Roseanne "The Dark Ages" (In Stereo)	Roseanne "Mommy Nearest" (In Stereo)	Wrestling: WCW Thunder.	Wrestling: WCW Thunder.	Chimp Channel "Brook's a Movie Star" (R)	Wrestling: WCW Thunder. (R)	Wrestling: WCW Thunder. (R)										
34	DISN	"Just Like Dad" (1996, Drama) Wallace Shawn, Ben Diskin, Nick Cassavetes. A 12-year-old student raises his popularity with his peers when he finds an impressive substitute for his dull father. (In Stereo)	"Toothless" (1997, Fantasy) Kirstie Alley, Dale Midkiff, Lynn Redgrave. A coldhearted dentist dies an untimely death only to return to the world of the living as the tooth fairy.	Z Games Strack, Wall Ball, Tarp Football. (R) (In Stereo)	Zorro "The Fortune Teller" Tavern dancer plans to swindle Garcia.	Zorro "Senior China Boy" Zorro saves a young Chinese prince.												
35	TNN	Waltons "The Elopement" (In Stereo)	Shania Twain's Winter Break (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Championship Bull Riding: Bullnanza. (In Stereo)	Dallas "Runaway" (In Stereo)	Lonely Planet "Malaysia & Southern Thailand" (R)											
36	TRAV	Adventure Bound "Giant Sea Turtles" (R)	Lonely Planet "Malaysia & Southern Thailand" (R)	Adventure Crazy	Adventure Crazy	Survivor Science "Tornado" Towns that have suffered the rage of terrible tomodoes.	Medical Detectives "Without Warning" "High Rise Bomb/Flash Flood"	Without Warning "High Rise Bomb/Flash Flood"										
37	TLC	Beating the Elements "Polar Weather" (R)	Medical Detectives "Without Warning" "High Rise Bomb/Flash Flood"	Blaming the Pilot Errors of judgement by pilots cause a majority of air crashes. (R)	Rescue efforts begin when the asteroid impacts near Dallas. (In Stereo)	Star Trek The Enterprise discovers a technologically advanced gladiator-type empire. (R)	Without Warning "High Rise Bomb/Flash Flood"											
38	SCIFI	Star Trek The Enterprise discovers a technologically advanced gladiator-type empire. (R)	Sliders "Desert Storm" The sliders arrive in a chaotic world suffering from a scarcity of water.	"Astero" (1997, Science Fiction) (Part 2 of 2) Annabella Sciorra, Michael Biehn, Anthony Zerbe. Rescue efforts begin when the asteroid impacts near Dallas. (In Stereo)	Star Trek The Enterprise discovers a technologically advanced gladiator-type empire. (R)	Without Warning "High Rise Bomb/Flash Flood"												
39	COM	Daily Show (R)	Win Ben Stein's Money	"Delirious" (1991, Comedy) John Candy, Mariel Hemingway, Emma Sams. A soap writer is swept into the world of his characters.	Bob and Margaret "Neighbors" (R)	VS. (R)	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money										
40	TWC	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter								
41	HIST	20th Century Discovery of the DNA molecule leads to a new field of scientific inquiry. (R)	Caevemen The cave dwellers known as Neanderthals. (R)	Hitler's Henchmen: "Bomann: The Shadow Man" Martin Bomann is part of Hitler's inner circle. (R)	Tanks How technology has transformed the tank into a 60-ton machine.	Secrets of World War II The strategic victory for American forces at Guadalcanal. (R)												
42	AMC	(5:45) "Mama" (1974, Musical) Lucille Ball, Robert Preston. An eccentric woman becomes her young nephew's guardian. PG	"Save the Tiger" (1973, Drama) Jack Lemmon, Jack Gilford, Laurie Heineman. Jack Lemmon won an Oscar as a Los Angeles garment manufacturer facing financial woes and a middle crisis. R (Adult language, adult situations, nudity)	"The Silver Chalice" (1955, Drama) Paul Newman, Virginia Mayo, Natalie Wood. The tale of the young Greek who designed the chalice for the Last Supper and instigated the wrath of an evil sorcerer.														
43	H&G	This Old House (R) (In Stereo)	New Yankee Workshop (R) (In Stereo)	Home & Garden Almanac (In Stereo)	How's That Made? "Furniture/Ovens" (R)	Designing for the Sexes (R) (In Stereo)	Kitchen Design (R) (In Stereo)	Location, Location, Location (In Stereo)	Dream Builders (R) (In Stereo)	Home & Garden Almanac (In Stereo)	How's That Made? "Furniture/Ovens" (R)							
44	LIFE	"Fugitive Among Us" (1992, Drama) Peter Strauss, Eric Roberts, Elizabeth Pena. A policeman is obsessed with capturing an escaped convict.	"Ultimate Betrayal" (1994, Drama) Mario Thomas, Mel Harris, Ally Sheedy. Sisters take their father to court on incest charges.	Quack Pack (In Stereo)	Darkwing Duck	Aladdin	Gargoyles (In Stereo)	Gargoyles (In Stereo)										
45	TOON3	Timon & Pumbaa (In Stereo)	101 Dalmatians: The Series (In Stereo)	Tale Spin	Bonkers (In Stereo)	Goof Troop	Quack Pack (In Stereo)	Darkwing Duck	Aladdin	Gargoyles (In Stereo)	Gargoyles (In Stereo)							
46	MSNBC	InterNight	Time and Again	News With Brian Williams	Time and Again	Time and Again	Time and Again	Time and Again	Time and Again	Time and Again								
47	CSPAN	House of Representatives (Live)	Prime Time Public Affairs	We Are One Body	Rosary-Land	Holy Families, Holy Priests (R)	Vocations 2000 (R)	Mater et Magistra										
PREMIUM CHANNELS																		
48	SHOW	(5:45) "The Flamingo Kid" (1984), Richard Crenna PG-13 (Adult language)	"The Borrowers" (1998, Adventure) John Goodman, Jim Broadbent, Mark Williams. Four-inch-high dwellers of a British house must stop an evil real estate agent from destroying their home. (In Stereo) PG (Adult situations)	"Bonanno: A Godfather's Story" (1999, Biography) (Part 2 of 2) Martin Landau, Costas Mandylor, Robert Loggia. Bonanno brings prosperity to the New York crime family despite betrayals, government action and his own failing health. (In Stereo)	Bonanno: The Godfather Speaks (R) (In Stereo)	Line's "Deconstructing Harlan" Harlan gets some shocking news. (In Stereo)												
49	HBO	Worst Witch "When We Feast at the Midnight Hour" Girls decide to scare Mildred. (In Stereo)	Happily Ever After: Fairy Tales for Every Child Journey to Bremen scare Mildred. (In Stereo)	"Major League: Back to the Minors" (1998, Comedy) Scott Bakula, Corbin Bernsen, Dennis Haysbert. A retiring player takes the helm of a mid-level team of minor-leaguers to prepare them to play the Minnesota Twins. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language)	Fists of Freedom: The Story of the '68 Summer Games Black power demonstration. (R)	Real Sex: Wild Cards Smart, sexy women change the public's view of sex. (R) (In Stereo)												
50	TMC	"Greedy" (1994, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Kirk Douglas, Nancy Travis. Squabbling relatives unite when a noble caretaker threatens their chance of inheriting an uncle's immense wealth. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language)	"Another Stakeout" (1993, Comedy) Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez, Rosie O'Donnell. An overbearing assistant district attorney joins bickering undercover detectives to find a key witness in a mob trial. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Violence)	"The Killing Grounds" (1998, Suspense) Anthony Michael Hall. A gold-laden plane is the prize for six desperate strangers who are willing to kill to possess it. (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)														
51	MAX	(6:15) "The Golden Child" (1986, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. A social worker searches for a mystical Tibetan child. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	"Wolfen" (1981, Horror) Albert Finney, Diane Venora, Gregory Hines. The slayings of an industrialist and his wife lead to a detective's encounter with a race of superintelligent wolves. (In Stereo) R (Adult language, graphic violence, nudity)	"The Break Up" (1998, Suspense) Kiefer Sutherland, Bridget Fonda, Steven Weber. Detectives pursue a hearing-impaired woman who they believe murdered her abusive husband. (In Stereo) R (Adult language, strong sexual content, violence)														

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: 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 MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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 MI#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-Ke-Zik 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, 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. 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. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

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.

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

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

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 MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. 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 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 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 Rebecca, 897-6734 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

ENGLHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

WED., AUG. 4: Fun at Fallasburg/swimming at Ionia YMCA, part of Celebrating Diversity sponsored by 1st United Methodist & 1st Congregational churches from 9-3 p.m.

THURS., AUG. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club

SAT., AUG. 7: County Line 4-H Club car wash. From 9 a.m. to noon in the Family Fare parking lot.

THURS., AUG. 19: The Gift of Life at the Lowell First United Methodist Church from 4 to 8 p.m. The Grand Valley Blood Program Mobile Blood Bus will be located in the church parking lot - corner of Main Street and Jackson.

SAT., AUG. 28 - Saranac Friends of the Library Bridgifest Booksale... in front of the library on Main St. 7 a.m. till? Come browse the marketplace for some good reading!

MON., AUG. 16: 12:30 p.m., Value City, shopping.

TUES., AUG. 17: 10:50 a.m., Grandville Center, lunch.

WED., AUG. 18: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

WED., AUG. 18: 10:50 a.m., Sparta Center, lunch & program.

WED., AUG. 25: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JULY 19, 1999.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Blough, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Police Chief James Valentine, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt, Planning Commissioner Daniel Pipe and Lowell Area Historical Association members Luann Kaeb and James Doyle.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BLOUGH that the meeting minutes of the July 6, 1999 meeting be approved as submitted.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/19/99)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 174,292.12
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,277.85
LOCAL STREET FUND	687.38
DDA FUND	4,059.44
AIRPORT FUND	2,675.00
WASTEWATER FUND	379.87
WATER FUND	10,347.64
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,959.41
ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND	15,735.20

Item #1. PRESENTATION FROM THE LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION INVOLVING A STRATEGIC PLAN AND TIMETABLE FOR THE CREATION OF A MUSEUM IN THE GRAHAM BUILDING - ENDORSEMENT REQUEST. Daniel Pipe, representing the Lowell Area Historical Association (LAHA), was present to discuss LAHA's strategic plan and timetable to create a museum in the Graham Building.

LAHA has reviewed the extent of the remodeling and the types of displays throughout the building. Pipe noted an estimate of \$200 per square foot to restore the building and display materials had previously been given. They decided to opt for a less aggressive plan, which would consist of remodeling three rooms throughout the downstairs. The work would include removing the drop ceiling, repairing electrical wiring and installing different lighting. Pipe was hopeful local residents would be able to provide displays for the museum.

He mentioned one room would consist of early history of Lowell, another for exhibits, which would be changed every six months, and the third would be more of hands on teaching experience.

The LAHA will consult with the City on the development of a plan for design of handicap accessibility for the bathrooms and building itself.

Pipe also noted the final plans for the entire Graham building are hindered by the YMCA's current use of the building.

Mayor Thompson asked if a bid process would be established for work on the building. Pipe responded yes. He noted LAHA is currently attempting to receive an estimated cost of the project.

Thompson questioned if the YMCA had discussed when they would be moving out of the building. Pasquale was unsure when this would happen, but mentioned the possibility of the YMCA moving into the community pool center.

Pipe noted LAHA is taking a conservative approach toward the restoration of the building and estimated the project to cost approximately \$20 per square foot.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to endorse the Lowell Area Historical Association's strategic plan and timetable for the creation of a museum in the Graham Building as presented.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN STORAGE BUILDING - AWARD OF BID.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Superintendent Mark Mundt stated bids were taken for the construction of storage building at the WWTP. He mentioned the project is associated with the long term goals of the Public Works Department concerning the vacation of the Forman Building. Use of the structure would provide inside storage for the portable generator, the confined space utility trailer, mowers and miscellaneous equipment at the plant. Mundt stated \$10,000 had been allocated in the Capital Outlay budget from the Wastewater Treatment Fund for the construction of this facility.

The following bids were received:

Richard Anderson Builders (Lowell)	\$9,800.00
Michigan "Dutch" Barns (Lake Odessa)	11,067.47
D'Agostino Builders, Inc. (Lowell)	13,515.62

After reviewing the bids, Mundt and Pasquale recommended the storage building project be awarded to Richard Anderson Builders for \$9,800 as allocated from the Wastewater Treatment Fund. Mundt stated the staff from the Public Works Department would be providing the excavation. He noted this was not included in the price.

Councilmember Blough abstained from voting on the issue due to a family member of his submitting a bid on the project.

Mayor Thompson requested verification that all companies had bid on the same specifications. Pasquale responded yes. Thompson questioned why there was such a difference in price. Mundt responded many of the builders are very busy and have the luxury of not being as aggressive in bidding as others.

Thompson asked if Anderson's work had been reviewed. Mundt responded yes, Richard Anderson has been in business for several years.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to award the storage building construction project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Richard Anderson Builders of Lowell in the amount of \$9,800.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1. (Blough)
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 422 East Main Street - Steven Morrison - variance to allow multi family dwelling in General Business District - set public hearing (8/2). Steven Morrison proposed to convert the Hahn house into a multi family dwelling. Because the property is zoned General Business, no residential usage other than the non-conforming single family house is allowed. Thus, a variance has been requested.

Since the Planning Commission will review the variance petition at its July 26, 1999 meeting, the issue of rezoning would also be explored.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) had been requested to set a public hearing at the August 2, 1999 meeting for a variance request at which time a recommendation from the Planning Commission would be received.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing on August 2, 1999 for a variance request for Steven Morrison of 422 East Main Street allowing multi family usage.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Pasquale explained to Bob Hahn rezoning the property might be a more appropriate procedure.

He stated the Planning Commission would review the variance request and the appropriateness of the current zoning. This would be brought to the City Council and the ZBA for consideration.

Thompson requested a larger lot layout of the site before being brought to the Council and the ZBA.

Item #4. CITY HALL - POLICE STATION RENOVATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR LEASE WITH THE BUILDING AUTHORITY. As part of the financing process for the renovation construction project of the City Hall - Police Station, \$500,000 in bonds will be sold during September to provide funds for the acquisition phase. Any unused funds will be used toward architectural engineering costs. Further, this bond will be "wrapped around" a second issue for the eventual construction phase.

The Council will consider approving the contract of lease between the City and the Building Authority, whereby the municipality pledges its limited full faith and credit to the bond obligation. The Building Authority, on Tuesday, July 27, will consider a similar resolution along with a bond authorizing action. A ten year issue has been proposed.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to adopt a resolution authorizing the entering into a contract for lease with the Building Authority regarding the City Hall renovation Police Station construction project.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Thad Kraus stated a few years ago there had been discussion concerning the installation of a sign directing traffic to areas such as the high school, Fallasburg Park and the Arts Council building. He also suggested including the Showboat and the Lowell Library. Kraus noted many cities have installed signs indicating direction to the landmarks. Pasquale said there is a sign indicating where the library is located. Kraus stated both gas stations on the corner of Hudson and Main Street receive many inquiries for directions to such locations. Public Works Director DesJarden mentioned the County or the State must be contacted concerning directional signs for the high school and other public facilities. He mentioned the sign for the library on M-21 was allowed because it is a city owned building.

Dan Pipe of 214 E. Main believed there was a need for a crosswalk over Main Street by the King Milling parking lot to the riverwalk. Mayor Thompson mentioned a request for a crosswalk had been initially approved, then denied by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Thompson believed this should be reviewed again. City Manager Pasquale was directed to correspond with MDOT requesting the crosswalk.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers mentioned many of the barrels and barricades have been removed from the west end of town from the M-21 construction project. He stated there are a number of areas with over grown weeds. Myers also questioned if the City had the ability the clean up the old Motor Inn on the west side of town. Pasquale stated he would insure that the area was cleaned. He mentioned the new owner intends to demolish all of the buildings.

Councilmember Shores questioned who was responsible for the grass between the sidewalk and the curb. Pasquale responded the property owner. However, there are many areas in which the contractor would be responsible for the landscaping between the sidewalk and the curb due to the construction.

Myers also asked if the Look Memorial Committee administered the Lee and Carr Funds. Pasquale responded no. The Lee Fund is administered through the City Council, primarily for Parks and Recreation projects. The Parks and Recreation Commission provides recommendations and then submits it as part of a budget, which is approved by the City Council. Expenditures from the Carr Fund are recommended through Friends of the Library.

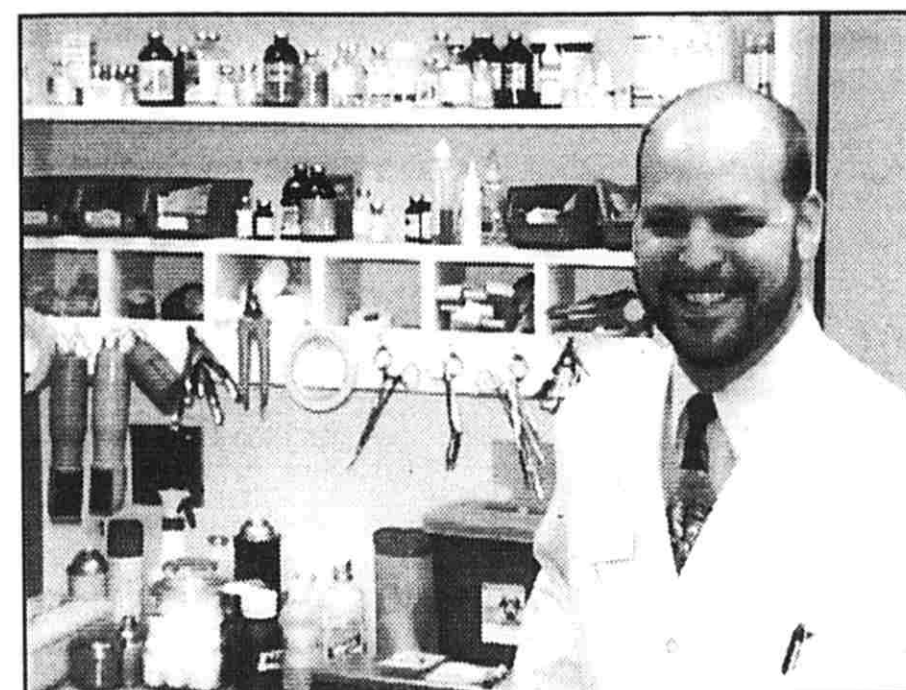
Myers questioned if there was a spending policy. He noted the Lee Fund had a balance of \$204,000, while the Look Fund had \$842,000 and the Frank Carr Fund had \$20,833. Councilmember Green stated the original policy on the Lee Fund was to spend only the interest. Approximately four years ago, the City started adding \$1,000 or 10% whichever was greater, to help the fund grow. He noted only 90% of the interest was being spent. It was mentioned the Look Fund gives 15% back into the principal. Myers asked if any inquiries had been received

BUSINESS MATTERS

Call it destiny or just a quirk of luck, but Richard (Rick) Lowell Banks is content with his new job as veterinarian at Animal Hospital and Pet Complex in Lowell.

"I guess it is just destiny," Banks said. "I'm very comfortable being here."

The 1995 Michigan State University graduate from the College of Veterinarian Medicine comes to Lowell



after working three years in Hudsonville.

"I find veterinarian work to be challenging," Banks said. "There's something different every day. I really enjoy it."

Banks finds complete relief from work when he and his wife go camping, boating or get away for a weekend. "So far it's been a great job and a great little town to work in," Banks said.

Sue Pixley, owner of Salon 206, 206 E. Main, will celebrate the hair salon's fifth anniversary the week of Aug. 2-7.

Throughout the week there will be drawings for a boom box and Aveda products.

An Aveda representative will also be available to give free hand massages, foot soaks and seated massages on Wednesday, Aug. 4 from noon until 6 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 5 from 4 until 8 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Patrons of Arby's, 2157 W. Main, can now enjoy Bingo every Tuesday morning among friends.

Bingo will be played from 9 until 10:30 a.m. Coffee will be served.

Arby's food coupons will be given as prizes.

COLLEGE NEWS

Calvin College has announced its 1999-2000 scholarships for new students and returnees.

There are 656 first-year Calvin students who have received a combined 894 scholarships for the 1999-2000 school year - awards totaling almost \$2.5 million.

Students receiving first-year scholarships from this area include: Seth D. Renkema, Brian W. Scheeringa, Joshua P. Manion, and Amber K. O'Boyle of Lowell and Brooke D. Wierenga of Alto.

There are 1,356 returning Calvin students who have re-

ceived a combined 2,011 scholarships to Calvin for 1999-2000 - awards totaling over \$4.7 million.

Returning students from this area receiving scholarships included Joel W. Renkema of Lowell.

Calvin is considered one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges. In fact, this past fall Calvin was honored by *U.S. News & World Report* as not only one of the best regional universities in the Midwest (the only Michigan school so honored), but also one of the top buys in the Midwest. In addition, *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* se-

lected Calvin as one of its 21 "Best Buy" private colleges.

Established in 1876 in Grand Rapids, Calvin had a 1998-99 enrollment of 4,127 students. Tuition in 1998-99 was \$12,915 while room and board was \$4,500. Those costs make Calvin one of the country's more affordable private colleges. And 92 percent of the student body receives financial assistance from Calvin that significantly reduces those costs.

Davenport College-Holland is pleased to announce its spring 1999 dean's list.

Brian Gessler, of Lowell, was among students who received a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Council approves YMCA's remodeling request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell YMCA offices in the Graham Building at 323 W. Main will be getting a summer brush up.

Lowell City Council approved the YMCA's request to provide several minor repairs and improvements at its own cost for its offices.

This would include installing a new front door and screen door; painting all interior walls and ceilings; re-

carpeting the interior; countertop, shelves, sink, vanity and toilet; as well as replacing four interior door frames and doors because of extensive termite damage to the door frames.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said all exterior work would need the review of the Downtown Historic District Commission.

The YMCA will now begin the process of acquiring bids.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

from family members of these funds. Pasquale responded no. He noted policies have been adopted for these funds.

Myers asked how much of the Englehardt Fund is given for reinvestment. Pasquale responded the Englehardt Fund (Lowell Area Community Fund) provides 5% (\$500,000-\$600,000) of the investment proceeds to be spent in any one year through the Grand Rapids Foundation.

Myers asked if a history on the Lee and Carr Funds could be given. Green stated the Lee Fund had been given to the City to build Recreation Park, along with other uses throughout the parks system. He also noted a yearly budget of approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 for capital improvements.

Pasquale noted a list of expenditures from the last five years would be provided.

Councilmember Blough thanked Pasquale for the information received on the M-21 bridge project, noting the information indicates a permit application had been filed the first part of July with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Blough also noted the construction would not be complete until spring of 2000. Blough questioned if this information should be given to the press. Pasquale responded the press had already been given this.

Pasquale noted he and DesJarden had spoken with Mark Lessens of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber concerning the urgency of completing the project. He mentioned the Council would be kept informed on the project.

Blough mentioned the discussion held in June regarding the administration of the Cable TV Board. He asked if the ad hoc committee had met to discuss the topic. Mayor Thompson responded Superintendent of Light and Power Ron Holcomb indicated a study of the administration would take approximately six weeks. After the study was completed, Holcomb would report back to the City Council.

Mayor Thompson believed the M-21 project would benefit the City of Lowell. He thanked MDOT for the monies spent for the project. Pasquale added the construction completed within the City limits cost between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000.

ITEM #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. Copies of the following meetings minutes were given:
 - Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of June 2
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of June 9
 - Look Memorial Committee meeting of April 21

2. The American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 has requested to build a structure on the Lowell City Airport property near Lincoln Lake Road. This issue should be referred to the Airport Board for recommendation.

Pasquale received a call from a concerned resident who lives by the airport.

Thompson questioned the purpose of the building. Pasquale responded the building would be used for meetings.

Thompson inquired if there had been plans for a cemetery on the parcel. He also asked if the proposal would be brought before the City Council or the Airport Board. Pasquale said the City Council would provide the final decision. He also noted the parcel in question was beyond the proposed cemetery.

3. Minutes from the June 15 Community Land Use/Ecology meeting as submitted by Mark Wyckoff as well as a draft which could serve as a Community Cooperation Model was provided. Pasquale noted he and Councilmember Green had attended the meeting.

4. Representatives for the Annual Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 6 in Grand Rapids need to be selected.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to recommend sending City Manager Pasquale as delegate or Councilmember Green as alternate to the Annual Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, October 6, 1999.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

5. A letter was provided from Mark Lessens regarding the status of the M-21 bridge sheet piling/railing project.

Also, Mark Batchelor intends to complete the 101 East Main Street wall repair work in September. He is coordinating with King Milling to lower the river for at least two days.

6. On behalf of the City, Pasquale expressed sympathies to the family and friends of Laura Shepard who passed away on July 11. Mrs. Shepard served as Village and City Clerk from March 1955 to June 1972.

7. Pasquale mentioned Director of the YMCA Andy Johnson is taking a new position in Worthington, Minnesota. He stated Johnson has worked very diligently for the Y and the Lowell Community during these past seven years.

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Thompson noted the following appointments:

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by MYERS to appoint Greg Canfield to the Historic District Commission expiring on January 1, 2002.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by MYERS to reappoint Daniel Pipe to the Planning Commission expiring on June 30, 2002.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Thompson also noted there are openings on the Airport Board and Downtown Development Authority.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, August 2, 1999

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

Lee Fund works quietly and efficiently

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

At the request of councilman Chuck Myers, the Lowell City Council received a list of Lee Fund expenditures covering the last five years.

"I think this list shows that through the Lee Fund things are quietly and effectively getting done that people may not be aware of," Myers explained.

The list shows that over the last five years the Lee Fund has put approximately \$93,500 back into community parks. That averages out to roughly \$18,700 a year over that time period.

Some of the projects undertaken with Lee Fund monies include the construction of three pavilions (two at Creekside; one at Stoney-Lakeside Park); top course asphalt of Creekside Park; two T-ball backstops at Burch Field; and a contribution toward Creekside Kingdom.

I think this list shows that through the Lee Fund things are quietly and effectively getting done that people may not be aware of.

Chuck Myers
Lowell City Councilman

Dr. Solomon S. Lee, a Lowell physician who died March 21, 1940, suggested in his bequest to Lowell that the Lee Fund monies be used for gradual improvement of Recreation Park.

Upon Lee's death, the portion of the estate bequeathed to Lowell came to \$68,000 in New York stocks. When they were sold in 1982 to comply with the prohibition of the municipality's holding stocks, the resulting amount of \$213,000 was invested with the Government National Mortgage Association.

About \$125,000 from the Lee Fund was expended on the Creekside Park project, along with \$20,000 from federal revenue sharing.

Shortly after that, it was decided that only the interest from the Lee Fund should be spent and funds should be added to the capital annually.

The asset value of the Lee Fund currently stands at \$206,713.22.

Lowell's Goldner to compete in Grand Rapids pageant

Katie Goldner, of Lowell, was recently selected to participate in the national 1999 Miss Pre-Teen Grand Rapids Pageant on Aug. 15.

The 11-year-old will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes, and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants.

She will compete in the Miss Pre-Teen division, one of five divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of seven and 23 competing in modeling routines which include casual and formal wear.

A Grand Rapids panel will judge her on personality and interviewing skills.

Goldner, in her spare time, enjoys sports, 4-H and playing the piano.



Katie Goldner

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Lowell YMCA '99 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS
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MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED CHURCH DIVISION	W	L	T
Lowell Nazarene I	10	1	
Lowell Nazarene II	9	3	
Bowen Center United Methodist	6	6	
Alto Baptist	4	7	
First Congregational	3	8	
First United Methodist	2	10	

MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED OPEN DIVISION	W	L
Rainbow Travel	9	2
Noon Equipment	8	3
Laurels Of Kent	0	11

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION	W	L
Germaines/Saranac Dental Clinic (1st Place)	12	0
Ball Busters (2nd Place)	8	4
Chiro Maniacs	8	4
Lowell Engineering Mirror System II	3	9
Jordan Smith Concrete	3	9
Precise Engineering	2	10

FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION	W	L
River City Fire Protection	10	2
Larkins	10	2
Ostrandors	9	3
Graham Framing	9	3
Magna Mirrors	6	6
Alpha II	5	7
Lowell Moose Lodge	3	9
Ada Beef	3	9
Harding Enterprises	0	12

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DDA presents proposal for second TIFA bond to city council

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A public hearing will be held Sept. 7 so that the Lowell City Council can consider the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans (TIFA) of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

An interest has been expressed by the DDA to issue another TIFA bond to cover more improvements in the district.

As part of the process, an amendment will be needed for the original development and tax increment financing plans, approved in April 1993.

The bond issue approved in 1993 was for \$1.3 million. The proposed second bond is for \$1.1 million.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale explained that through an amendment, the city determined that \$3 million was the maximum any TIFA debt obligation could total.

The proposed second bond would bring the debt total to \$2.4 million.

The work on the second bond will begin next summer. It will include expanding the Avery/Monroe and King Milling lots; property acquisition and demolition for the renovation of City Hall/police station; extension of the Riverwalk to the amphitheatre; sidewalks; and extension of city lighting to the west city limits.

Information's pretty thin stuff, unless mixed with experience.
—Clarence Day

To be proud of knowledge is to be blind with light.
—Benjamin Franklin

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING
WED., AUGUST 11, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.
Grattan Township Hall
12050 Old Belding Rd.
AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE HEARD:

Kenneth White, 962 Parsons, Grandville, MI request a variance from section 3, 3.01 A (1) and 3.01 I, to build a pole barn in R-L district. Property located at 9750 6 Mile Rd., parcel #41-12-30-100-013.

Joe and Chris Hubert, 3887 Kehoe Dr., Ada, MI requests a variance from article 4 section 4.3 request variance from side yard of 10'-0" to 9'-0", Article 4 section A-4, request variance from rear yard (N.E. corner of garage) from 20'-0" to 8'-0". Request variance from rear yard (S.E. corner of garage) from 20'-0" to 18'-0". Article 4 section C, requests variance from height of 20'-0" to 23'-0". Property located at 3887 Kehoe Dr., parcel #41-12-31-302-003.

Richard Scott Chapman, 4145 Causeway, Lowell, MI requests a variance from article 3 section 3.01 A.1, B.1, B.2, B.1 to build an accessory building. Property located at 4145 Causeway, Parcel #41-12-33-251-040.

Written comments concerning these issues should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on July 12, 1999, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, adopted Grattan Township Ordinance No. 99-712-1, being an ordinance to amend the Grattan Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance (Ordinance No. 96-30) ("the Sewer Ordinance"), as amended. The principal provisions of Ordinance No. 99-712-1 are the following:

- Availability Fee.** Section 702 (b) of the Sewer Ordinances amended to provide that the availability fee shall be established on a per connection basis. Such availability fee may be established at different rates for connections made to the public sewer system prior to July 1, 1999 and for connections made on or after July 1, 1999, to certain portions of the public sewer system, as defined in the sewer ordinance. Other provisions are added concerning the availability fee.
- Billing of sewer Rates and Charges.** Section 709 is amended to specify that the Township Sewer Administrator is responsible for the billing and collection of sewer rates and charges.
- Extension of Public Sewer by Property Owner.** Section 308 is added to the Sewer Ordinance, to provide the terms, conditions and procedures under which sewer connection shall be made where connection to the sewer system is required by the sewer ordinance, but the sewer system is not adjacent to the premises to be served, or where a property owner elects to extend the public sewer to a certain premises. Section 308 includes provisions for the extension of a sewer main in public easements or rights of way; requires extension of a sewer main across the entire frontage of the premises served; and other requirements relating to reimbursement of Township costs and expenses, payment of the costs of making improvements to downstream facilities which are necessary as a result of additional connections proposed to be made by the owner of a premises; and other matter. Section 308 also provides that the Township Board may enter into an agreement whereby any person who extends the public sewer or who pays for public sewer improvements may be reimbursed for a portion of such expenditures, from revenues resulting from connection fees and certain other charges.
- Extension of Public Sewer by Township.** Section 309 is added to the sewer ordinance, providing that the Township may in the discretion of the Township Board utilize any legally-available means to extend the public sewer. The Township reserves the right to establish a separate availability fee applicable to premises served by the extension of the public sewer.
- Other provisions.** The ordinance also makes certain amendments in Section 306 of the Sewer Ordinance, pertaining to optional connections, and in Section 404, concerning the abandonment of private sewage disposal facilities, after a premises formerly served by such facilities are connected to the public sewer system.
- Effective Date.** The ordinance will become effective September 3, 1999. A copy of the ordinance may be examined or purchased at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: July 28, 1999
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Bartlett and "Team USA Michigan" ride Tobacco Road to Gold

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For 10 days this summer, athletes from around the world gathered for the World Games Special Olympics.

The different site venues were located in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. The three North Carolina cities, separated by 30 miles, are connected by a highway, known as Tobacco Road.

Competing in the World Games was Lowell's Carl

Bartlett, a member of the gold-winning Team USA Michigan soccer team.

Bartlett is the son of Lori Huff and stepson to Terry Huff. During the games he played both the forward and keeper positions.

A goal in the final two minutes of the championship game gave the U.S. team a 3-2 win over Canada.

The games brought together 7,000 athletes, 2,000 coaches, 35-40,000 volun-

teers and 400,000 spectators from 150 countries.

"It was just out of this world," said Huff. "After you're there you forget these athletes are mentally challenged."

Arnold Swartzenegger, a long-time supporter of the Special Olympics, explained that people always complain there are not more heroes in athletics - "I disagree. I'm looking at 7,000 right now."

Other notable personalities in attendance included Grant Hill, Rev. Billy Graham, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Billy Crystal, Peter Paul & Mary and Ty Herdon.

"The cooperation between everybody was terrific," Huff said. "Meijers provided our team with uniforms and shoes. Things I saw there were both sad and joyous."

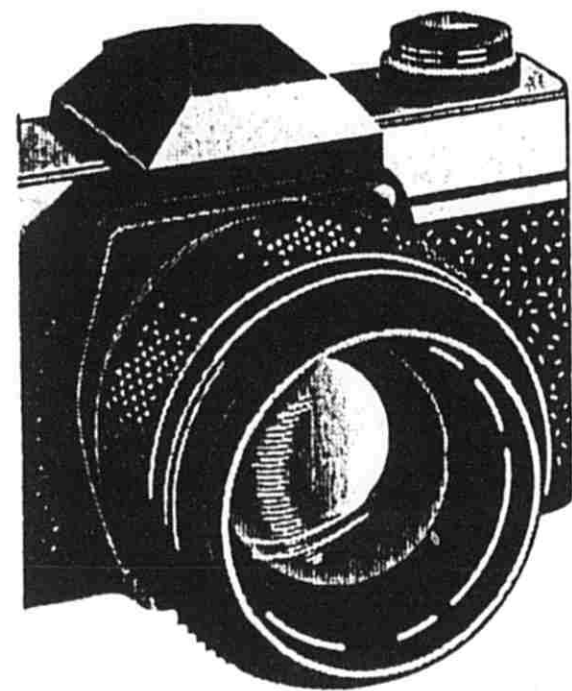
Huff added that games had a lot to do with attitude. "The focus is on participating, not winning."

Ireland will host the next World Games Special Olympics in 2003.



Team USA Michigan's soccer team celebrates after defeating Canada 3-2 in the championship game of the World Games Special Olympics. Below, Carl Bartlett creases the net for Team USA.

Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



It is important that the subject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark.

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD JULY 19, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Minutes of June 21, 1999 Meeting
- Treasurer's Report/Invoices, including Williams & Works Comprehensive Plan
- Motion to Grant Final Approval to Jordan Meadows Planned Unit Development
- Motion to Approve Agreement to Provide Cemetery Services
- Motion to Adopt Ordinance 99-5 Regarding Daycare Facilities in the R-1 District
- Motion to Adopt Ordinance 99-6 Regarding Front Line/Lot Definition
- Motion to Adopt Ordinance 99-7 Regarding Driveway Setbacks
- Motion to Table Special Use Permit Application from Lincoln Lake Autos
- Motion to Approve Contract Between Vergennes Township, County of Kent, and Hope Network for Transportation Services from North Kent Transit
- Motion to Approve of Plans for September 18, 1999 YMCA Corporate Challenge Race at Fallsburg Park
- Motion to Accept Resignation from Historical Commission, and to Appoint Colleen Lenihan to fill vacancy
- Motion to Direct Attorney Jim Doezema to Work on Needed Changes Concerning the Civil Infraction Ordinance
- Motion to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.

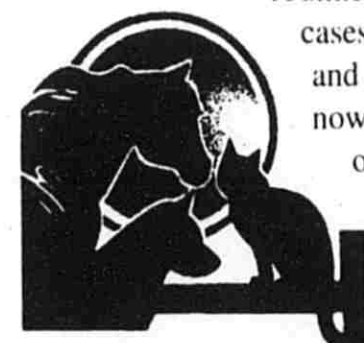
Mari C. Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk



Fifty percent of America's population is within a day's drive of Indianapolis, Indiana.

There is a new Doctor in Town

The Animal Hospital of Lowell is proud to announce the addition of Dr. Rick Banks, DVM to our staff. Dr. Banks graduated with honors in 1995, from the nationally recognized College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. Dr. Banks grew up in Ionia, and now lives in the local area with his wife Dana, and their multitude of pets. Their family consists of Harley the German Shepherd, Sam the Lhasa Apso; Kelli, the Lab; 2 cats named Joey and Nigel; and a military Macaw named Major. The Banks hope soon to add a child to their family.



Animal Hospital & Pet Complex of Lowell

Friends don't let best friends get Heartworms!!!

A dog who suffers from heartworms can become lethargic, lose weight, cough and eventually die. This is not what you would want for your best friend. Fortunately, heartworms can be prevented, and if need be, treated. All best friends (of the canine type) in this area should have a yearly blood test, and be given a monthly tablet year round that not only prevents heartworms, but also treats the most common intestinal worms.

Dr. Banks is a member of both the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. He is experienced in all types of medical problems from the routine to complicated internal medicine cases, and is proficient in both general and orthopedic surgery. Dr. Banks is now available at the Animal Hospital of Lowell for office calls for routine care, sick and injured pets, and surgical cases on an appointment basis. Call 897-8484 to schedule your appointment, and to meet the new doctor in town.

At the Animal Hospital of Lowell, our dedicated doctors and technicians take a personal interest in your pet, and will let you know the best method for prevention or treatment for heartworms. Our friendly staff is happy to answer your questions. If your best friend is not currently protected from heartworms, please call 897-8484 to schedule an appointment. Keep your best friend happy and healthy.

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What creature can fly straight up like a helicopter? Hmmm...a hummingbird.

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- IN MEMORIAM

THE IONIA COUNTY TEACHER ASSISTANT/ BRANCH YMCA - has a job opportunity for someone looking for part-time employment. This position will be a part-time life guard & swim instructor in the Aquatic (pool) department. The position is for 15-25 hours per week starting in Aug. through the rest of the year. We are looking for someone that works well with adults & children. This person must be at least 18 years of age & have current lifeguard, CPR & First Aid certification or is interested in learning these skills. The position will include evening & weekend hours. Please contact Sue Kohler, Aquatic Director, Ionia County YMCA 616-527-5760.

FOR SALE
1990 Plymouth
Acclaim, auto., very good condition, 4 dr., black cherry, 78,890 miles, AM/FM cassette, new tires, \$2,750 obo. Call 897-5448.

FOR SALE - Lowell 4 bedroom. Large rooms. New electric, furnace, plumbing & water heater. Large lot & deck. 721 N. Washington. \$82,000. Call 897-9357.

DAY LILIES FOR SALE - Vena Mae's Day Lily Farm, hybrid day lilies, state inspected. We dig fresh plants. Located at 10255 Division, Wayland. 1/4 mile S. of 100th Street. Appointment preferred. Phone 616-877-9929.

HELP WANTED - 2 part-time counter positions. Apply at Cooper's Drycleaners, 591 Ada Dr. or 1537 Langley SE, in Town & Country Plaza.

WANTED - Library director's assistant working approx. 40 hours a week. You must have a 4 year college education in Library Science, Liberal Arts, a related field or any equivalent combination of education & experience. A full job description is available with the application. Employment will be starting early September. Pick up an application at the Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St. All applications must be in by Fri., Aug. 13. Return with your resume to Mary Groat, PO Box 4, Saranac, MI 48881.

WANTED - Reliable, in-home afterschool daycare for my 1st. & 4th graders. Hours from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. Call 897-2699.

HOME MAILERS NEEDED - Earn \$635 weekly mailing letters. Easy! Limited open positions. Call 1-800-426-3689 ext. 3300 24 hrs.

FOR SALE - Yamaha saxophone, excellent condition. New \$2,000. Asking \$1,200. 691-7776.

TRY A CLASSIFIED TO SELL YOUR "JUNK"

FOR SALE
BEAUTIFUL KITTENS - 7 weeks old, to good home only. We will pay for neutering. 897-7106, after 3:30 or leave message.

HAY - Premium quality alfalfa/Timothy. No rain. \$2 a bale. S. of Lowell. Call 897-2848.

FOR SALE - Yamaha electone organ, excellent condition, \$500 obo. 897-7639 call after 5 p.m. or weekends.

PLANT NOW! - Huge selection of perennials, trees & shrubs. Garden supplies, bird houses & seed & feeders. 25% off plants/10% off trees. Mulch: red & pine; pickup or delivered. Large selection of hostas. Morning glories 7'-8' tall & blooming! Pond plants & supplies, fountain kits, liners, chemicals, etc. Murray Lake Greenhouse, 12745 4 Mile.

FOR SALE - Yamaha saxophone, excellent condition. New \$2,000. Asking \$1,200. 691-7776.

FOR SALE - 1994 Pontiac Grand Am GT, 4 door, 57,000 plus miles, \$7,500 obo; 14 karat gold CZ ring, paid \$350, sell for \$175; stair stepper, \$10; manual treadmill, \$75; large dog cage, \$75. Call 897-7809.

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.

MAPLEWOOD SQUARE APARTMENTS - new upscale construction, four-plex ranch style homes, 1 unit available. 1,020 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry, attached garage & covered porch. \$795 per month + utility. Located on Sibley St. in Lowell. Near shopping, banking, entertainment. Call Michael Nosko at 682-1581.

3 BEDROOM - lg. apartment, Alto area, wooded, cats okay, no dogs, \$750 plus electric. 891-1840.

Be sure to check out the school lunch menu. Coming in August.

WANTED

PUBLIC NOTICE - Lowell Area Schools Board of Education will be accepting bids hooking up the Middle School, 750 Foreman Rd. to the new electrical transformers. This includes running new #600 MCM lines, bids will be accepted up to 12 pm. on Friday, August 13, 1999 for bids. For more information call Larry Mikulski at 897-9353 or stop at the Lowell Bus Garage, 12695 Foreman Rd., Lowell, MI.

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MOTHERHOOD DAY CARE - Where your children are treated in a motherly fashion, is now accepting full-time positions. Meals, activities, lessons & more. Big play area. Please call Emley at 987-9458 or 897-0929.

DAYCARE - 2 full-time openings ages 1 1/2 to 3 years. Vergennes area. 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call Karen, 897-0586.

NEW POST AND MAIL BOX INSTALLED - Starting at \$34.00. For information call 897-0489 and ask for Herc.

CHRISTIAN HOME DAYCARE - 2 full-time openings available. Now accepting interviews, 2 year olds & older. Very reliable, references. Call 897-0858.

AN OPTION WOMEN CAN TRUST - If you are going through MENOPAUSE or PMS, call me, I will help! 30 day money back. Ask for Annette, 868-6817 or 1-888-673-3870.

LICENSED DAYCARE - 2 full-time openings end of August. Call 897-0703.

MURRAY LAKE GREENHOUSE IS STILL OPEN! - (through Sept.) Can't find us? On the NW corner of Lincoln Lake & 4 Mile Rd. - at the big red barn (12745 4 Mile). Landmark: there is a "Kropf" Apple sign on our corner in front of our gardens. (However, we are not affiliated with the orchard.)

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SEE US AT THE STREET MARKET - On Aug. 6 & 7 along the river! Murray Lake Greenhouse, 897-7347 or 897-2628.

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of my mother, Mary A. Dumbeck who passed away one year ago, August 6, 1998.
God Gave Me An Angel by Lia Fail.

God gave me an angel right here on earth, She taught me my values and gave me self worth, She guides me through life with her wisdom, God's light, She steers me toward right, She leads me toward right, She stands by my side when things are rough, she taught me in bad times we need to be tough. She is there when I need her throughout all my years, She laughed with me in happy times, and comforted my tears. My angel on earth was sent from above, God paid her not in wages, but with eternal love. She has been my confidante, my rock, my protector, And when God says her job is through, I know I won't forget her. She need not a halo, or silken wings of grace, For the glory of God's love shines upon her face. My Guardian angel can be replaced by no other, She is God's gift to me - I call her my dear mother.
Loved & sadly missed by your daughter Marchelle.

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of our "Mammie" Mary A. Dumbeck, who passed away one year ago, August 6, 1998.
Forever Gone but Forever in Our Hearts by Rosebud.

IN MEMORIAM
The caring prayers, the shaking shock - This awful news my world did rock. No one knew how it happened or why. We were all so sad: it made me cry. How unfair it should have happened now - Won't someone ever tell me how? Her tears had dried, her pain had healed; And God chose this time for her life to yield. It's later now, while we've moved on - We miss her as though she had just gone. We'll never forget all the good she did, Even though, to her our farewells we've bid. We love her still, we miss her yet. And on this I'll forever bet. If she is truly in our hearts, From us she'll never be truly apart.
We will always love you, we'll think of you always. Love Kayleigh, Brennan & Brooke.

CHECK OUT THE MONEY-SAVING ADS IN THE LOWELL LEDGER TV MAGAZINE

Life skills teacher ready to "catch all" retirement has to offer

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Donna Hansen described her middle school life skills class as a catchall for students.

It made students think about clothing, textiles, nutrition, meal planning, budgeting, consumer education, human relations, time management, pre-parenting, human sexuality and health.

Life for the 20-year school teacher, during her first eight weeks of retirement, has also been a catchall. Hansen and her husband Douglas had to consider many of those topics in planning for what could be called a "catch all" vacation.

One which started almost immediately after the final bell rang for the 1998-99 school year. With the motor home loaded and ready, the Hansens left on a wondrous seven-week vacation which took them through the Upper Peninsula, Montana, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California.

"We'd planned for this trip for two years," Hansen explained. "I wanted to retire while we were still healthy, well and young enough to enjoy quality time together and with our grandchildren."

Hansen earned her master's degree in education from Western Michigan University.

The Rockford resident worked in the intensive care unit at Butterworth Hospital for 15 years prior to returning to school.

"If I knew I was going to live to be 90, I'd go back to school

again," Hansen explained.

When she returned to earn her degree in education, school was even better. "I found it to be even easier. It was just school and there wasn't any interest in a social life," Hansen said.

Education enabled Hansen to teach things she loved to do herself. It also gave her a schedule comparable to her husband who taught industrial arts at Comstock Park. "We both had our

summers and weekends off," Hansen explained. "Both nursing and education are rewarding careers and they both needed what I had to give."

Hansen said she would miss her supportive colleagues and students. "The kids were great. They just need to know you will treat them fairly, you care and that you are interested in them," she concluded.



After 15 years of working in intensive care and 20 years as a middle school life skills teacher for Lowell Area Public Schools, Donna Hansen begins journey into retirement.

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