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# Caps Off

The LHS Class of 2000 - all 230 seniors, celebrated their graduation Sunday following the 122nd LHS Commencement.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Bethany Fredline called on her classmates to take their vision and make a difference.

The Lowell graduate used the example of Jennifer Jeffers' bout with anemia and how it changed her focus from the Olympics to helping others. Instead of a gold medal, Jeffers was a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award in 1997.

"She may not have changed the world, but she made a difference in the lives she touched," Fredline said. "It's our time for teaching, doing, manifesting and producing. We can make things better for ourselves by making it a better place around us and reaching out to



The graduating class of 2000 sailed their caps and tassels following the presentation of diplomas Sunday at Red Arrow Stadium.

make things better for oth-

The valedictorian's address highlighted the 122nd Lowell High School Commencement in which 230 seniors received their diplomas.

The first LHS commencement of the 21st century took place at Red Arrow Stadium.

Honorary diplomas were given to Lowell High School foreign exchange students Julia Goehre, Germany;

Andreea Iancu, Romania; Midora Ogihara, Japan; and Mariana Vieira, Brazil.

Class of 2000 salutatorian Stephanie Ellison addressed her classmates about the roller coaster called life. She also called for appreciation of teachers, parents, and friends who have been there for them throughout.

Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw paid recognition to Emily Janes

as this year's recipient of the Principal's Award. It represents a student Vashaw felt has shown tremendous courage, strength and fortitude to overcome an obstacle. "Emily Janes not only survived but has thrived in our school," he said.

He also recognized Bill Stouffer who earlier in the week received the Detroit Free Press scholar athlete award and was named high school athlete All-American.

The Class of 2000 Top 10

students were also recognized. They are Fredline, Ellison, Lindsey Thaler, Kelly Chapman, Elissa Kinney, Aaron Kaeb, Laurie

Biener, Lindsay Perkins. Annie Zalokar and James Jastifer.

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# DDA DELAYS MILL INCREASE

A \$125,000 allocation to the city operating budget delays a proposed 1.5 mill increase for at least a year.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

City residents will have a few extra bucks in their pockets and a few less dollars in taxes to pay, thanks to the Downtown Development Authority.

In an effort to spare city taxpayers a 1.5 mill increase, the DDA voted to allocate \$125,000 from tax increment revenues to the city's general fund for the City Hall/police station construction project.

The allocation was provided under the condition that the millage would not be raised.

"The allocation will not affect any DDA projects from

DDA, cont'd. pg. 8

# RECEDING READING SCORES

The percentage of satisfactory scores in the MEAP reading test fell at an alarming rate. The dip in Lowell's reading scores follows a county and statewide trend.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

To some, Alto Elementary principal Mary Ann Schramm may sound like a coach when talking about this year's fourth-grade MEAP reading scores.

dipped from 77.8 percent last year to 64 percent this year. That percentage is just barely higher than the Kent

Intermediate School District (KISD) average of 63.5 percent and the state average of 58 percent.

"Reading is a participation sport," Schramm explains. The percentage of satisfactory district scores in reading "Students don't get better by looking at pictures. They must be encouraged to read more."

## SATISFACTORY SCORES

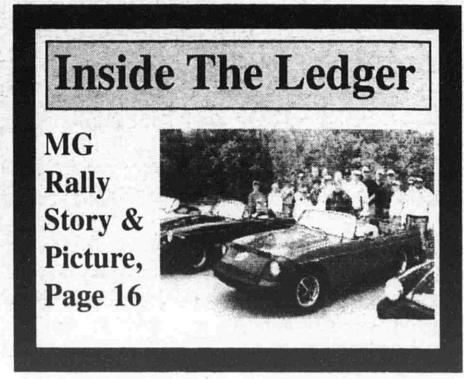
READING	STATE	KISD	LOWELL
4th Grade	58.2	63.5	64
7th Grade	48.4	53.6	62.3
MATH	STATE	KISD	LOWELL
4th Grade	74.8	80.6	86
7th Grade	62.8	68.3	83.9

The numbers above reflect the percentage of students who scored at the satisfactory level (highest level) in the MEAP 4th & 7th grade reading & math tests.

The Alto principal said there are probably a dozen factors that figured into the district fourthgrade reading score.

Schramm has already formulated a plan that meets students at their level and allows them to be successful. "We will look at our strengths and areas where we need to provide additional help," she explained.

MEAP, cont'd. pg. 8



## **OBITUARIES**

**CROOKS** - Patricia Ann June 1, 2000 at his residence Crooks, aged 40, of Lowell, at the Bear Creek Villa in formerly of Comstock Park, Clarksville. He was born in passed away, Sunday, May Conklin on October 23, 1913, 21, 2000 at her home. She to Jacob and Tanzy (DeMann) was preceded in death by her Geldersma. He was preceded father, Robert Crooks. Sur- in death by his parents, his viving are her mother Betty wife Lois, his daughter Jean, Crooks; brothers Mark his grandson Dennis Eldred, Crooks of Grand Rapids and Matthew Crooks of Cam- He is survived by his children bridge. MA; two nephews. Donna(Dorlan)Eldred, Mary aunt, Bonnie and John (Orlie) Grindle, Charles Cannell; and many cousins. Memorial services were of- Russell fered May 31 at Northlawn Geldersma; many grandchil-United Methodist Church dren and great-grandchildren; with Rev. Chuck Vanlente four brothers and three sisofficiating. For those who ters; and many nieces, nephwish memorials may be made ews, cousins and friends. The to the American Heart Association or Humane Society.

GELDERSMA - William Center Cemetery. Memorial Geldersma, aged 86, of contributions may be given to Clarksville, went to be with the Clarksville Bible Church. his Lord Thursday morning,

one sister and five brothers. (Donnis) Geldersma and (Stephanie) funeral service was held Monday at the Clarksville Bible Church. Burial in Bowne

only child of Andrew and Isabelle Farrell on May 19. 1925, and was preceded in in Alto to Matthias Metternick death by her children Marv and Michael and grandson married Shirley M. Beeler on Joey. She will be sadly missed by her husband Joseph V.; by his wife Shirley; daughchildren Lee (Marilyn) ters Susan Birman (Frank) of Jakeway, Jerry (Jodi) Lowell, Kathy Stevens Jakeway, Kathleen (Rick) Dunn, Patricia (John) Baum, John (Ellen) Jakeway, Paul (Julie) Jakeway, Therese Jakeway; 19 grandchildren Margaret." Margaret was an active member of St. Patrick's Parish of Parnell; an avid historian (particularly regarding her Irish heritage) and curafor 15 years. The Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday at St. Patrick's Church, Ada, Rev. Ronald D. Hutchinson, Celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Grattan Historical Society or St. Patrick's Church.

JAKEWAY - Margaret Mary

METTERNICK - Matthew Metternick, Jr., aged 72, of Benzonia, passed away

Munson Medical Center. He (Farrell) Jakeway went to be enjoyed fishing and the outwith her Lord on Friday, June doors. He very much enjoyed 2, 2000. She was born the working in his garage. He was also a veteran of WWII. He was born September 20, 1927. and Henrietta R. Yonker. He May 22, 1948. He is survived (Michael) of Benzonia; sons Steven Metternick (Barbara) of Ada, Ronald Metternick (Carrie) of Lowell; sister Jeanne Segard (Harry) of Jenison; sister-in-law Eva Metternick of Alto; brothersin-law Wendell Beeler of Bear Lake, Norris Beeler (Carol) of Wyoming, Keith Beeler (Rose) of Comstock Park; 11 grandchildren; nine greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Cheryl Kay. Services were held at Bennett-Barz Funeral Home on May 21 with Pastor Dan Ingersoll officiating. Interment Joyfield Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, The American Heart Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

SCOTT - Vern "Dell" Scott, Wednesday, May 24, 2000 at aged 94, of Keene Township,

passed away June 3, 2000 at Funeral Services were held his residence. He was born Tuesday at the Lake Funeral December 15, 1905 in Keene Home in Saranac with Rev. Township, the son of Vern E. Scott Otis and Rev. Judy and Marcia (Blough) Scott. Downing officiating. Inter-He grew up and lived in Keene ment Easton Cemetery. Any-Township Potters Corner area one wishing may make meall his life. He married Ola morial contributions to the Taylor June 5, 1928. She surfamilies choice of charities. vives him. Mr. Scott farmed

and worked in a factory, was

a member of Farm Bureau

and treasurer of Keene Town-

ship for many years, was a

member of Marble Church

until it burned, then was a

member of Easton United

Methodist Church. He loved

his garden and flowers and

was always very sharp when

it came to remembering time

and dates. He and Ola en-

joyed many winters together

in Florida, Texas and Ari-

zona. He was adored by his

grandchildren and will be

missed by his family, neigh-

bors and friends. He is sur-

vived by his wife Ola of 72

years; children Earl and Carol

Scott of Saranac, Doris and

Art Hessler of Belding; grand-

children Brice and Debbie

Hesche of Texas, Keith and

Linda Hesche of Texas, Robin

and Sam Harder of Ionia, Julie

Bennett of Texas, Marsha

Scott Remynse of Kalama-

zoo, Alan and Ellen Scott of

Cheboygan, Dawn and Kim

Talbott of Belding, Debbie

Hessler of Belding, Scott

Hessler of Belding, Denise

Hessler of Belding, Craig and

Lisa Hessler of Clarksville;

19 great-grandchildren; two

great-great-grandchildren;

one niece Donna and Jerry

preceded in death by his par-

ents, daughter Iris Jean

Hesche, sister May Clemenz.

Sturdavant, aged 18, of Belding, died unexpectedly Sunday, May 28, 2000. Andy graduated from Belding High School in 1999 and joined the U.S. Navy in September of 1999. He was stationed in Connecticut where he was studying Advanced Computer Technology to become a Firing Technician. Andy is remembered for his active involvement in the church, always having a smile to give. and for his eagerness to help someone in need. He will be deeply missed. Andy is survived by his parents Sherrie and David Stevens of Belding and Vernon Sturdavant of Grand Rapids; brothers Vern Sturdavant, Christian Stevens and Josh Sturdavant; sister Brianna Stevens; grandparents Joan Finkler of Lowell. Cecil Sturdavant of Grand Rapids, June and Al Ladawig of FL and Sylvia and Bob Bibbler of Lowell; several aunts, uncles and cousins: girlfriend Anna Rackham: special friends John and Brian of the U.S. Navy. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 31, 2000 at the Roth-Gerst Chapel in Lowell with Rev. Jeff Manion of Foy of Grand Rapids; several the Ada Bible Church officitions may be made to the Ada Bible Church, 4900 Cascade Rd., Grand Rapids, M149546.

STURDAVANT - Andy Lee



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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000 AT** 7:30 P.M.

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC HALL 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE** 

AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE THE **FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE HEARD:** 

Kim Culbertson - 9449 Wingeier Avenue, Alto, requests a special land use permit to place an antique business in an accessory building in an A-1 Zoned area. PP# 41-24-27-200-002

Roger Blough, 13280 92nd Street S.E., Alto requests a side yard variance from 35 ft. to 25 ft. in the A-2 zoning in order to build an addition PP#41-24-26-200-004.

Written comments concerning these issues should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Pete Siler, Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals, P.O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302.



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# Thirde Caesars PIZZA PATROL Cherry Creek fifth-grade volunteer safety patrol students were treated to

a pizza party by VFW Post 8303 for assisting students and visitors across streets safely throughout the school year. Students volunteered their time after school to man six to eight cross walk posts. On Friday, VFW Post 8303 Commander Gordon Marshall and other post members served the students pizza and pop.

## Classes to reunite Sept. 2

A class reunion is slated for Saturday, Sept. 2 for Lowell High School graduates between the years 1954 and

An alumni directory list is being compiled by Mike

The reunion will be held at Fallasburg Park. Dinner will be provided by Doug and Kitty's Catering at 6 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$15 and is to be paid on or before July 15.

For more information call Allan and Judy Baird at 897or e-mail BairdFarm57@aol.com

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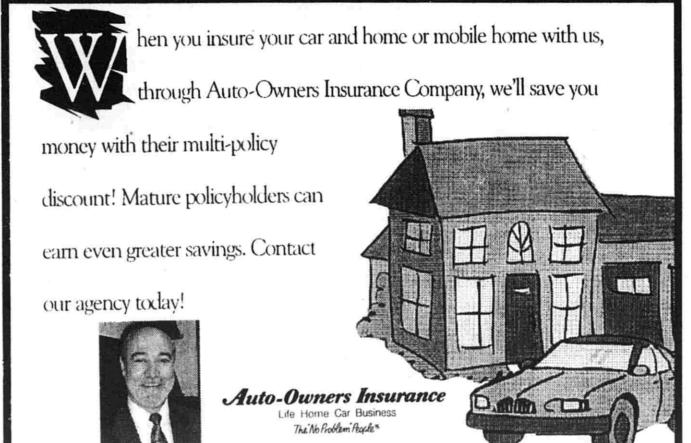
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YARD SALE 171 Valley Vista Dr June 8, 9 & 10, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of everything.

ANNUAL GARAGE

Salesman samples, lots & lots of new items June 8, 9, & 10, 9-5, 14000 Cascade Rd.

**GARAGE SALE** June 9, 10, 11. Two family. Lots of items. Exercise equip., clothes, bar stools, mattress, able & chairs, waterbed Come & see. 1711 Pointed Stone, W. on

& E. on Downes. SALE June 9 & 10, 9 a.m. -13077 Three Mile Rd

**MULTI-FAMILY SALE** Fri., June 9 & Sat., June 10 9-3 p.m. 3370 impson Ave. N. of 36th Clothes - baby - 3T, women's 12, XL, 2X Many misc. items, antiques, 1989 Olds.

Rims 15x10, elec. stove

clothes, misc.

YARD SALE hurs. - Sat., June 8-10. 9-5 p.m. Thursday & riday; 9-noon, Sat. Lots of glassware, puzzles, books, bedding, table. 6943 Kyser Road.

GARAGE SALE June 10, 9-3 p.m. mo. - 3 T girls clothes adult & kids' movie tapes, toys, tools. 10280 Bailey Dr. NE

GARAGE SALE Good stuff! June 8-10. 9430 Elmdale Rd., off 64th bet. Alto & Clarksville.

GARAGE SALE Multi-family. Little Tikes. Lego table, Fisher Price 3 in 1 table, toys.

antiques/collectibles. video camera, hutch, microwave, twin bed. wedding dress/veil, kids & adult clothes, books, Tupperware, household. much more priced to sell! Sat., June 10, 8:30-4 p.m. 6320 Buttrick SE. NO PRIOR SALES.

GARAGE SALE Baby girl clothes, 18 mo.-3T, twin stroller adult clothes, toys. June 3, 9-3p.m., 10280 Bailey Dr.

**HUGE SALE** 

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more. Rain or shine. ri. & Sat., 6/9-6/10, 9-5

**GARAGE SALE** 5 family, June 8, 9 & 10, 9-?, furniture, crystal, bikes, clothing all sizes, iewelry, stereo console, wine glasses, romance novels, misc. household items. 233 Boynton (N. of Vergennes & follow

**HOUSEHOLD SALE** Bailey, N. on Alden Nash Antique table w/6 chairs.

> lamps, clothes, exercise bike, etc. Everything must go.

Saranac.

**BIG GARAGE SALE** June 8 & 9, 9-5 p.m. 1755 Sibley, Bike, baby

bed, trampoline, electric dryer, buffet, antique stove, area rugs, Misses quality clothing, sizes 14-16; also infant - adult

ADA GARAGE SALE Baby! Baby! Baby! Ca seats, bouncy seats. swing, Pak 'N Play, boys clothing 0-3. June 10, 9-3 p.m. 9111 Bailey Dr

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**GARAGE SALE** 

June 8 and 9 at 1270 Sibley, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Western books, house hold goods, craft supplies, toys, clothes and

GARAGE SALE June 9th, 9-5. Car seats, baby items, clothes girls 0-3T, boys 0-5, maternity, women's men's, Precious Moments, etc. 8661 Peck Lake

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some knick-knacks.

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o.m. & Sat., 9-2 p.m. 928

& 948 Riverside Dr.,

Lowell. Lots of stuff!

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June 9 & 10, 9 a.m. - ' 306 N. West, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE June 10, 9-? 6274 Bluewater Hwy.,

Twin bed, 2 kids PlaySkool desks, exercise bike, kids' clothes books, toys, household

**HUGE YARD SALE/** GARAGE SALE 04 Lincoln Lake on the corner of Mercer. Microwave, computers, stereo equip., bikes,

snow boots, clothes infant - adult. June 9 & 10, Fri. 9-5; Sat., 9-3 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE** Dept. 56 collection. **Precious Moments** pewter, Royal Copenhagen plates, oth

er collectibles, antiques boating equipment, large dog kennel, household items, clothes, books, lots of anything, Fri. & Sat., June 9 & 10, 9-5 p.m. 1260 Fero, north of Bailey bet. Parnell & McCabe.





Daniel purposed in his heart

that he would not defile him-

counter, but rather it is a daily

direction we have aleady pur-

By Jonathan C. Walker Christian Life Center Youth Pastor

#### THE POINT OF IMPACT

self with the portion of the King's delicacies, nor with And they stoned Stephen the wine that he drank; thereas he was calling on God and fore he requested of the chief saving, "Lord Jesus, receive of eunuchs that he might not my spirit." Then he knelt defile himself." Daniel had down and cried out with a already made the decision, he loud voice, "Lord, do not had already "purposed in his charge them with this sin." heart" what he was going to And when he had said this, he do. How we will respond at fell asleep. Acts 7:59 the point of impact is not a What will you do at the one-time decision at the en-

point of impact? Throughout history men and women, young and old, have faced dramatic points of impact with their faith. Some have been impacted with temptation, others with persecution. Some have been scorned, others have been stoned.

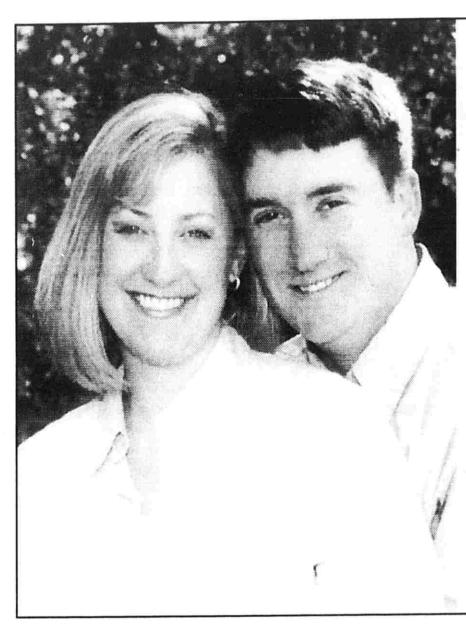
The question that looms for us as believers is, "What will we do at the point of impact?" The reason a stunt man can survive an impact, which would severely wound if not kill the average Joe, is because of the preparation he made long before the point of impact. The same is true of a duty to perform service. you and me as believers in the point of impact depends on what we are doing in prepa-

chapter, verse 8. It says, "But at www.nscs.org.

posed in our hearts to walk.

If you read the journals of Cassie Berrnel, from Columbine High School, you will discover that she had already decided that her popularity her social status, her "friends' and even her life were all worth forfeiting for the new life and faith she had found in Christ Jesus. For Cassie that point of impact was not a sudden time of decision. The decision had already been made!

As believers we must live our lives walking daily in the direction of righteousness. Therefore whether we are confronted with jeering or ridicule at school, or we are scorned at our job, or tempted to turn from righteousness into sin, or God forbid, demanded to renounce our faith in exchange for our life; we have already purposed in our hearts what we will do at the point of



#### Theresa Ann Wasciuk. daughter of Jantina and Peter Wasciuk, is announcing her engagement to Paul Michael Stroosnyder of Lowell. He is the son of Douglas Stroosnyder and the late Patricia Stroosnyder. The future bride is a

Wasciuk/

Stroosnyder

graduate of Western Michigan and is a teacher at Lowell Middle School.

The future groom is the owner of Fry Daddy's East in Lowell.

A June 30, 2000 wedding is planned.

# **COLLEGE NEWS**

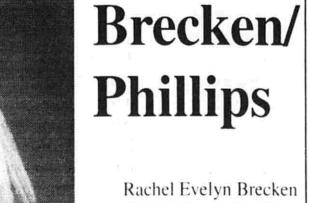
Jeffrey Pfaller of Lowell has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Michigan State

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Jeffrey, Jesus Christ as our Lord and to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplish-Savior. Whether or not our ments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, faith will stand or crumble at NSCS executive director. "Jeffrey will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility.

For additional information contact: Jeffrey Pfaller in Hove the passage found Lowell: The National Society of Collegiate Scholars in Washin the book of Daniel, the first ington, D.C. at 202-234-5295; or visit the Society's web page



Rachel Evelyn Brecken and Todd Vincent Phillips. both of Lowell, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a Belding High School graduate, attended GRCC and is the daughter of Sharon and Terry Webb of Lowell and the late Ralph C. Brecken.

The future groom is a Lowell High School graduate and attended Saginaw Valley State University. He is the son of Jerry and Sue Phillips of Lowell.

In all affairs, love, reli-

gion, politics or busi-

ness, it's a healthy idea,

now and then, to hang

a question mark on

things you have long

—Bertrand Russell

taken for granted.

A September 9, 2000 wedding is planned

# cozy corner by Roger Brown

I have to admit that I'm somewhat addicted to the Today matter of the morning television choices being that bad. The life insurance seminar or dance recital in which your kid is see and hear Barry Manilow. performing last. They make me want to go back to bed

I have tried other channels but have found them to be Dinosaur, etc. I can't be out and about dealing with the public and oblivious to the news of the day. If somebody mentions the with my feminine side. Well, compared to some I am. big fires out west or the stock market roller coaster, I feel I should have something more to offer than the weather in Bangkok, how the Cubs faired, the price of a food dehydrator or my personal rendition of "I love you, you love me..."

My typical morning consists of rolling out of bed, making Manilow in concert forty times this year! the bed, putting on a pot of coffee, dressing for my two-mile compare to a working mom who has to get herself ready and a shower that often! batch of kids out the door, but my routine seems plenty busy just the same.

Ramseys, Columbine and now Elian Gonzalez. I quickly reach vices. for the remote before I'm tempted to sail a size twelve oxford at Katie or Matt. Each time I get to the remote before the shoe I save myself a trip to Circuit City for a new TV.

My temper flared one day last week when they trotted out the attorney for Elian's father with yet another spin on things. I'm proud to say I got to the remote and changed to another like they do before they show blood and guts stuff. network before the introduction was over and the attorney had a chance to open his mouth.

the Today Show was something I found to be quite disturbing. I can't tell you whether I ended up with ABC or CBS, but it was TV news. one or the other. They were just breaking from the weather to

a live report in the street regarding an outdoor concert they were hosting. Just the fact that the morning show was so blatantly copying the Today Show summer outdoor concert gig was bad enough. Even more distressing was the choice of entertainers and the fact that a crowd had gathered to see him.

Viewpoint...

I don't consider myself to be overly macho. I try to stay in touch with my feminine side. I'm a "nineties" kinda guy. But I'm sorry, Barry Manilow, especially at 7:00 on a workday morning, makes me want to throw up.

Don't ask me why, it may have been some sort of morbid Show. It's not that the Today Show is that great, it's simply a curiosity, a fear of channel surfing into another Elian story or some sort of deer in the headlights thing. Whatever the reason, other network morning shows seem like ninth grade algebra, a I remained tuned as the reporter worked the crowd gathered to

The reporter zeroed in on what the politically correct among us would refer to as a full-figured woman. I would call lacking in the information I need to get my day started. I'm her a "heavy duty gal." That may be offensive to some, but it's talking the Weather Channel, Sports Center, QVC, Barney the far more politically correct than my brother-in-law's term, "heifer." See, I told you I was a nineties kinda guy and in touch

> This hei..., this heavy duty Barry Manilow fan goes on and on about how much she loves him and what a devoted fan she is. Then she dropped the bomb. The "bomb" being the statement I found so disturbing. She said she had seen Barry

In the first place, I find it simply beyond comprehension walk, stretching, walking, doing some calisthenics along the that Barry Manilow could get forty gigs so far this year. Forget way and plunking down in front of the TV with a cup of coffee that, think of suffering through forty of his concerts in just the about the time the Today Show is coming on. I watch the first first 150 days of the new year ... the new millennium. That's a half hour or so, then head for the shower. I know that doesn't pace of about three concerts a week. I know people who don't

Anyone who has devoted their life to seeing Barry Manilow in concert three times a week has gone way beyond the "get a I look forward to that cup of coffee and a little shot of news life" advice I reserve for people I feel are squandering their after my hectic start to the day. However, the Today Show is time on earth. Remember the line in the Simon and Garfunkel more than I can tolerate when they trot out some news story as tune "Mrs. Robinson" that asked, "Where have you gone Joe a lead that has long since been anything but news. The O.J. Dimaggio?" Well, I'm asking, "Where have you gone Doc Simpson saga started the trend. Then came Monica, The Kevorkian?" There are people out here in need of your ser-

> Of course I'm only kidding. It's a free country and if somebody has the time and money to chase around eating twinkies and idolizing Barry Manilow, who am I to condemn them? I just wish that if the networks are going to air somethin as disturbing as that interview, they'd give us some warning

So much for my critique of morning TV. I will add that my habit of getting up early each Tuesday morning to write this What I stumbled upon in one of these frantic flights from drivel does have one benefit I have heretofore not appreciated ... Tuesdays are one day out of the week I don't watch morning

Priscilla Lussmyer Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 9, 1875 IS MISSING; JUNE 7, 1871 IS SUBSTITUTED

Potato bugs, mad dogs and counterfeit money are circulat-

The Union School will close on the 16th, says Prof. Hicks. The editor says that the first merchant who offers the newly-fashionable black silk stockings for ladies ought to be

There are 16,530 school children in Kent County, with school apportionments at \$8,099.76.

Widening the sidewalk to 16 feet on Flat River bridge started last Saturday.

#### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 7, 1900

The buyer of the woolen mill will bring his shirt factory here in exchange for getting back his purchase price, plus free use of the building for five years. He promises to hire at least

Commencement will be June 20 at Train's Opera House for the 14 graduating seniors. Top scholars are Harriette Blakeslee and Celia Noble. Prof. W.N. Ferris of Big Rapids Industrial School will be the speaker.

An invention, a rotating brush in front of the forward wheel, clears tire-puncturing objects from a bicycle's path. Someone has figured that census enumerators are quitting

their jobs by the score because "they have to ask 22 1/2 questions for 2 1/2 cents.

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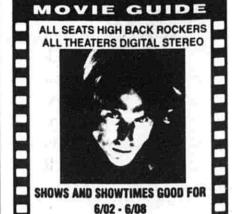
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# TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor.

And the people of Lowell and surrounds,

It was wonderful to see so many people turn out for the Memorial Day services yesterday. The attendance at the cemetery was as good as it ever was and the attendee's appreciation of what we were attempting to do, in our small way, was most gratifying and at the same time humbling, for we do not do it to garner acclaim to ourselves.

We are absolutely positive that the applause that those along the parade route rendered unto the veterans who were so proud to march to the cemetery in uniforms that bear gold that is somewhat tarnished with the patina of many years of service, - such audible appreciation of what they were trying to do, made their aged legs a little stronger, their unsteady gate a little more measured and helped them to hold their grayed heads much higher. We thank you.

But, (regretfully there is too often a "but") some along the parade route do not yet understand that we regard this special day as a "Solemn Day of Remembrance." That this is not a day for the tossing of candy from floats (this also happens to be against Lowell City Ordinance.) We have July 4th, the Riverwalk Festival, the Santa Claus parade for such displays of merriment and celebration. Memorial Day is not a celebration and we are not celebrants.

Some were heard to complain loudly afterwards, that they had brought their kids to town for just that purpose, stating that "if they aren't going to throw candy, then I am not coming back." To these persons I would pose the following question: How would you feel if I rode down the street in the funeral procession of your family member, your brother say, a favorite uncle, or your grandfather and began to fling candy from the hearse window?" Does my point strike close to the mark I aimed it at, or is it too subtle? Does it now become clear to you, with what regard we hold this one special day?

The newspapers of our country, every year before and after Memorial Day, decry the demeaning of Memorial Day. Editorialists write about how the populace has forgotten the purpose of the day, in its rush to get the vacation cabin opened up for the summer or get the boat dock in the water, and I, for one, applaud their literary efforts. It would seem, though, that some people don't read this part of the paper, either that or they do not understand the point of what they are reading.

But at the same time, ink and newsprint cost money and the owners of the paper must print in the very same paper an ad for a "Memorial Day furniture sale." Without the commercial end of the business there is no literary end. I truly do understand the need and it will always be this way, but it saddens me just the same. We appreciate the coverage the Ledger gives us both before and after.

We wish to thank those understanding persons of the Kent County Youth Fair who took the time to make arrangements for their floral tribute. We would very much like to see more of the civic and service organizations of Lowell participate in this manner. (You must surely count some veterans in your families, if not your memberships.)

Again, we thank all those who came to the ceremonies and through their attendance, showed their appreciation of what the few did for the many. We love you back.

> Gordon E. Marshall, Cmdr. V.F.W. Flat River Post #8303

Michael E. Willard. Cmdr. American Legion, Clark-Ellis Post #152

#### Dear Ledger,

Zoning is social engineering in the most neutral sense. because law itself is social engineering, and zoning is a subset thereof. Of course, in America one cannot call something 'social engineering," because our countrymen do not like it -

To The Editor, cont., pg. 6

# 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND

Decoration Day is observed with the customs of the Grand Army of the Republic, carried on by the American Legion. Civil War veteran Edwin Fallas makes the flagstaff presenta-

THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 4, 1925

The Kent County Athletic Association will sponsor a large field meet this Friday in Lowell. The finale will be the baseball championship game between Rockford and Grandville.

The largest graduating class of 51 will celebrate Commencement next Friday. Frances Dailor and Glennis Lee are the top scholars.

The third mysterious barn fire in a month hits Parnell, this time William McCarthy's barns and two Belgian horses.

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 8, 1950

The national debt is almost \$2000 per capita. Seventy seniors will graduate this Thursday, with Gretchen Hahn and Joan Wingeier the valedictorian and salutatorian. Howard Rather, Dean of Basic College at MSC, will be the

Weaver's Market has been remodeled and redecorated and is celebrating 26 years in business.

Showboat is purchasing 800 more seats and will run six nights, looking to surpass last year's record \$27,000 receipts.

The state removes a requirement that voters in school millage elections be property owners.

#### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE JUNE 5, 1975

Main Street businesses, facing a state ban on parking on one side of Main Street, appeal to the City Council for more off-street parking.

Two persons are running for the School Board's three-year term, and eight for the two four-year terms, with voting this Dr. Gilbert Wise receives the U.S. Department of

Agriculture's highest citation for his work in eradicating hog cholera in the United States.

Lowell police handled 25 traffic accidents in May.

#### **EMPHYSEMA**

Try this: blow all the air out of your lungs and then say your name. The feeling of oxygen hunger created by this experiment is similar to the day-in and day-out feeling of someone with end-stage emphysema. Emphysema has been described as a prolonged feeling of suffocation. It is well known that cigarette smoking can lead to cancer and the development of breathing problems like emphysema, but many people do not know what emphysema is.

The damage produced in the lungs by smoking is complex but in some people the changes result in an inability to get air out of the lungs. The air becomes trapped into the lungs. Imagine taking a deep breath and then breathing in and out

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using only the small air space left. To keep up with the need for life. The next stage is where the supplemental oxygen only oxygen, this experiment makes you breathe more rapidly and meets the needs of someone lying in bed: this is known as being never completely satisfies the need for air.

People with emphysema live this way all the time because

a pulmonary cripple.

Emphysema is a bad disease and fortunately in most the disease destroys the elasticity of lung tissue. The pressure instances it is preventable by choosing not to smoke cigarettes. of air in the lungs forces the bronchi (i.e., tubing of the lungs) but some people smoke anyway and if they choose to smoke

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but they do like the benefits of government, both its ability to

neighbors on Kissing Rock Road.

heard a lot of at Township Hall over the last year? In my own Best come to the hearing at 19.00 hours, and tell 'em I sent you. lovable style. I have been in the legal literature, even with the situation in other states.

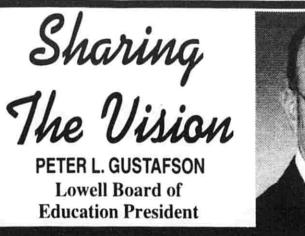
BUSINESS

DIRECTORY

You see, people are moving into the township with cries of delight at our bucolic life. The future American dreamers Those of my brethren and sistren on the "left bank" of across 36th in "Foxtail Ridge" look out and see the quaint Lowell Charter Township should douse the reefer and take white trash at Kissing Rock Farm and think, "How lovely." But note of a public hearing on the 12th. Up for grabs, uh, I mean ex-urbanites awake! What you believe to be the ironclad revision, is the "home occupation" section of the zoning protections of the "R" or "Ag" zoning classification might ordinance. No, this is most certainly not just for my excellent actually be ... commercial, warehousing ... light industrial. Fancy that, and like "creeping socialism," (much celebrated Just what is a "business in the home," a term of art we have but little observed) it could come to roost very close to you.

G. M. Ross

# to collapse thus trapping the air. The disease progressively gets they should do so with the knowledge that emphysema is just worse until an emphysema patient is compelled to use oxygen one of many life- threatening diseases that can result. from a tank just to meet the minimal oxygen requirements for



Another school year has ended, culminating with the graduation ceremony held at Red Arrow Stadium on the high school campus this past Sunday. The stadium was filled with proud parents and friends. The students were jubilant, and perhaps a bit nostalgic as well.

It has been a good year for the Lowell School District, with significant accomplishments in academics, arts and athletics. On the academic front, our district's MEAP scores remain solid, ranking in the upper echelon of KISD. Particularly in writing, our students performed at the very highest level in our area. Many Lowell graduates will be continuing their studies at prestigious colleges and universities.

The high school girls basketball team recently received academic all-state honors, reflecting the continuing emphasis on academic achievement in all of our programs.

Lowell's band, choral and performing arts ensemble: were outstanding. Those who have been entertained by any one of these groups, at all pertinent grade levels, know that cultural enrichment – and the skill of our young performers – is at an all-time high. The high school band highlighted its stellar

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season with the inaugural performance of Sagittarian Dances, a piece commissioned from a well known composer by the band seniors, and played for the first time at the spring concert. Both middle and high school bands helped us remember our veterans at the Memorial Day parade.

In sports, our middle and high school athletes practiced hard, played skillfully within the rules, and achieved success. Several athletes won all-state honors, and many more were allconference performers. Records have been broken, games won, and goals achieved. There have been heartbreaking losses as well ... but these are a part of the lessons of life that Construction is underway across from the high school. athletics help teach.

Our district has been the beneficiary of very generous

The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, June 7, 2000 -Page 7 community members, who have left their legacy to future generations of students in important ways. Last fall, the Wege Foundation and the Land Conservancy of West Michigan. with the support and cooperation of the school district, dedicated The Wege Foundation Natural Area for the Study of Ecology. This is a beautiful tract of land just across from the high school that will now be preserved in its natural state ... And if that were not enough, this spring, through the generous donation of the Wittenbach family, ground was broken for the Wittenbach Agricultural & Environmental Science Center.

It's been a great year! Have a pleasant summer, and we look forward to even greater achievements in 2000-01!



#### FISHIN' FREE

Everyone likes to shop for a bargain. Well, here's a tip on a real deal. The Department of Natural Resources will waive fishing license fees during the weekend of June 10-11, 2000. Anyone can fish in Michigan for free. Because current fishing regulations will still be enforced, it would be a good idea to review a fishing guide before venturing out if you plan to take advantage of this opportunity

With over 11,000 lakes, 36,000 miles of streams and rivers, 1,200 miles of trout streams, and 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, we, in Michigan, have plenty of opportunities to fish. Bass, walleye, panfish, catfish, carp, suckers and a variety of trout and salmon provide a wide assortment of species to choose from. Something is fishable from the Keweenaw to the southern border during all four seasons. With so many angling opportunities in this state, it's a shame to let them go to waste.

You can spend a small fortune on a fancy boat, sophisticated electronics, and special tackle, or you can pick up an exciting. nexpensive rod and reel at a department store and have just as

much fun. Either way, once you get out and spend some time on the water, you will find out where your interests lie; then add equipment as you become more knowledgeable. Some folks focus on one particular species, while others pursue a variety

The main thing is to get out and enjoy yourself. Better yet. if you're an angler now, introduce a friend or relative to your brand of fishing. You could also plan a family outing with the kids. Fishing together can help build a stronger relationship between a parent and child, as well as provide an opportunity to interact directly with nature. Young children don't care about the kind or size of fish, but it is best to go where you can catch something. Because of their lack of patience, if something isn't happening, younger children can become discouraged and get turned off on fishing—or anything else for that

A couple of years ago, my brother and his family stopped by on their way home to California after touring Europe. We all went fishing at a local lake, caught a batch of bluegills, and had a fish dinner afterwards. When my young nephew. Travis. arrived back home, he told his friends about the great time he had catching hand-size bluegills at a lake near Lowell. He considered the day on the lake a highlight of the trip. They will be visiting again in June for a few days, and you can bet we'll be taking advantage of the free fishing weekend.

Actually, it really doesn't matter if you catch a lot of fish. the idea is to get out, have fun, enjoy good company, and build memories. If you have some luck, it can become down right

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# Graduation, cont'd ... From Page 1

their families, respect their teachers, make time for friends, sioned by the senior class. and realize they are never alone.

Class president Ryan Mix, in his welcoming remarks, The Lowell High School band, under the direction of called on his classmates to be smart in all aspects of life, love Robert Rice, played Sagittarian Dances, a class song commis-

Prior to the presentation of diplomas, Superintendent Bert Bleke reminded graduates to give of themselves and to their communities.

# DDA, continued ... From Page 1

REGULAR

**SCHOOL ELECTION** 

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Mark R. Blanding

Kate Dernocoeur

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m.

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell,

Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those

portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and

Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road,

Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in

Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those

portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and

Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and

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the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County

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being completed," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. "The DDA was told this would be a one-year tax savings for residents and would not prevent a mill increase next year." The DDA money is generated through a portion of the lieu of a city project."

mills collected by the city.

Had the city increased the mills by 1.5 it would have generated \$125,130.67 of which the DDA would have cap-

tured \$12, 225. The DDA allocation to the general fund means a \$100,000

home owner will save \$125 in taxes. "This is a good example of organizations working together waiting until students come ementary the number was for the betterment of Lowell," said Lowell mayor, Mike back from summer break.

In other budget news, the Lowell City Council added ters to parents as to what they a student passed both the in-\$9,000 to its operating budget for the leasing of a new police can do to help their child this

The council also agreed to examine funding strategies for a DPW storage building and a new cemetery building. A building authority bond is an option for the storage building, while the Englehardt Lowell Community Fund along with the Look Fund could be used to help fund the cemetery building.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

ending in 2004.

SUCH VACANCIES:

Friday, June 9, 2000.

County.

County.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

and Keene Township in Ionia County.

Lowell city councilman Chuck Myers said he thought it should be the city's responsibility to fund a cemetery building. "I would hate to see funding not available to another entity in

Councilman Ray Quada did not see a problem with

seeking Englehardt funds for the cemetery building. "It's an incredibly intense maintenance issue. I would agree with councilman Myers if city residents had neglected subsidizing its operation over the years," he explained.

# MEAP, continued ... From Page 1

Her plan does not include factorily. At Cherry Creek El-

"I will be sending out letsummer," Schramm explains. "I've already met with our Title I reading teacher as to

Of the Alto fourth-graders taking the MEAP reading test, 64.8 percent scored satis-

At the seventh-grade level, 83.9 percent scored satisfactorily as opposed to 88.4 63.7 percent. percent last year. The KISD Satisfactory indicates that average was 68.3 percent and

Jean Seman, second- and as opposed to 70.6 percent

Seman identified 37 students who, with instruction on test-taking skills may be able to improve their MEAP scores. Of those students. 17, scored at the satisfactory The informational part of the test is considered to be level, 10 at moderate and four the most difficult. In order to pass the test, students must finished in the poor category.

> "At grades one through three and at the middle school level, students have access to extra assistance in reading. but this is not available at the fourth-grade level," Seman

Seman said the goal is to

identify the kids which

struggled on the test, see

where more instruction

would be helpful, and look

to see if they've done poorly

on other reading tests or if

they just did poorly on the

A committee (including a teacher representative at each level) will review the mation will then be shared with the school improvement

Cherry Creek principal

Maureen Dorough explained a letter will be sent home to parents, sharing the findings and suggesting that parents hold conversations on informational items and have their child read informational type material over the summer.

"Students need to be introduced to this kind of reading," Dorough concluded

where we go from here."

the state average was 62.8 formation and story portions of the reading test. The Lowell District's seventh-grade reading scores also suffered a drop. This year 62.3 percent scored satisfactorily

third-grade reading teacher. said while the format of the MEAP test is the same, the test itself is different every

swer 65 percent of the questions correctly. Jean Seman

Reading Teacher

The Kent Intermediate year. School District average was 53.6 percent and state average was 48.4 percent

percent of this year's seventh graders scored satisfactory on the MEAP reading test. Math MEAP scores at

both the fourth- and seventh-

grade levels remained pretty near the same. At the fourth grade level, 86 percent scored satisfactorily as compared to 86.9 last year. The KISD average was

erage was 74.8 percent.

answer 75 percent of the questions correctly. The story

portion, considered easier, requires that students an-

"The informational part of the test is considered to be MEAP results. That inforthe most difficult," Seman explains. "In order to pass the test, students must answer 75 percent of the questions correctly. The story portion, considered easier, requires that students answer 65 percent

cent of Cherry Creek fourth-80.6 percent and the state avage was down five points.

of the questions correctly." Over the previous three years, an average of 68 per-

graders have scored satisfactorily on the MEAP reading test. This year, that percent-

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# Lowell veterinarian travels to Guyana for blood testing

Stan called me and asked if I was interested in helping with a blood test. He told me the conditions would be horrible, the food would be bad, there would be biting flies, primitive conditions, and it would be hot, but would I

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

Bruce Langlois traveled with veterinarian and former host of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Stan Brock to Guyana, South America.

He traveled there as an agent for the Ministry of work.

Brock commended Langlois for his effort.

"It takes a top-notch volunteer to perform as well as Bruce did under difficult conditions," Brock said. "The Ministry of Livestock were equally impressed with his

Langlois signed up with the Christian Veterinarian Mission (CVM) a little over a year ago, but only received communication from them every couple of months.

**Bruce Langlois** 

It was earlier this year that Brock, looking for vol unteer medical help for a re



Bruce Langlois watches as Stan Brock ropes the bull's hind quarters.

Fisheries, Crops and Live- The blood samples mote area in Guyana, got stock of Guyana.

The mission was to blood test 500-plus head of cattle for foot and mouth

of two weeks, in the remote southern part of the country. living and working with the Makushi and Wapashani Indian, in primitive conditions," Langlois explained.

Langlois helped to take may Langlois' name through give serological evidence that will help support the quest for foot and mouth disease - free status for Guyana. This would "We spent the better part lead to the possibility of exporting beef from Guyana.

The foot and mouth disease affects the cattle's feet and mouth and is very contagious. Thus, they don't eat or walk

"Stan called me and

asked if I was interested in helping with a blood test, Langlois said. "He told me the conditions would be horrible, the food would be bad. there would be biting flies. primitive conditions, and it

Langlois, cont'd. pg. 12

## LASSO 2000-2001 SOCCER TRYOUTS Saturday, June 17, 2000



at the new Lowell Township Park (west off Alden Nash on Grand River Dr.) In the event of rain, tryouts will be held in the Lowell High School main gym

TRYOUT TIMES:

U-13 and U-14 (ages 12-13) 9:00 a.m. U-10, U-11 and U-12 (ages 8-11) noon

GIRLS U-10, U-11, U-12, U-14 (ages 8-13) 3:00 p.m.

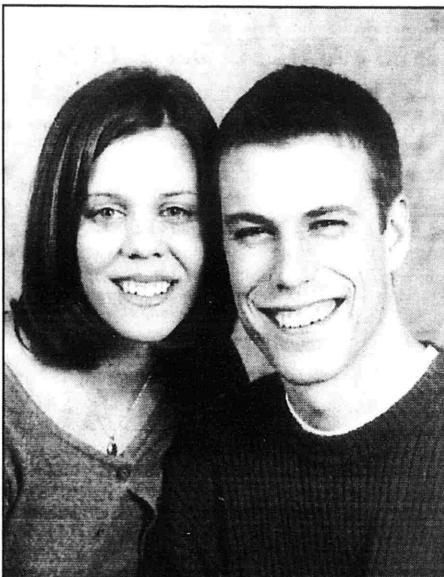
\*\*\*\*\*ALL PLAYERS MUST BE UNDER THE AGE OF 13 AS OF JULY 31, 2000 TO TRYOUT FOR THIS ORGANIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

- \* Players must register 1/2 hour prior to scheduled tryout time.
- \* Players must bring own ball, shin guards, cleats and a pair of gym shoes. \* Players must bring a 1" square photo. New players to GVSA must bring a copy of their birth certificate.
- \* Parents must be present for the entire tryout process.

LASSO (Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization) is a traveling soccer club that competes in the Grand Valley Soccer League. LASSO's mission is to provide the player with potential, interest and commitment, a place to develop through quality instruction and competitive game experience

For more information contact Dale Hanson at 897-5045

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL TRYOUT LOCATION TO THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP PARK



# Sterly/ Hileman

John and Sally Sterly of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lea Michele to Bradley James Hileman both of Naperville, IL.

The bride-to-be is graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University.

The future groom is the son of Gary and Mary Hileman of Grand Rapids He is a graduate of Forest Hills Central High School and Michigan State Univer-

A July 22, 2000 wedding is planned

# **Family Dentistry & Braces** Todd Gillan, D.D.S.



2186 W. Main • Lowell

897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-6254 evenings.

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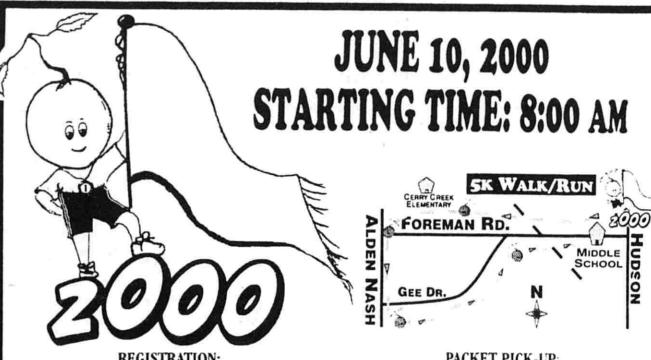
Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek

GROUP RATE:

Classic (Do not send cash).

\$10 per person up until June 5th.

• Free Evaluation For Braces 897-8491



All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, June 9th, 2000 from 4:30 p.m. Lowell, MI 49331. Any questions, call Terry at (616) morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Now until June 5th, \$12; June 6th to race day, \$15. Middle School - north entrance.

Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

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Proceeds from Cherry Creek Classic 2000 to The Lowell Area Fire Department (night-vision binoculars & training equipment for CPR)

AGE GROUPS 14 & under • 15-19 • 20-24 • 25-29 • 30-3	34 • 35-39 • 40-44 • 45-49 • 50-54 • 55-59 • 60-65 • 66 & ove	
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MALEFEMALEAGESHIRT SIZE (circle) XL L  5K RUN5K WALK Signature of Participant (Parent or Guardian If under 18)	Registered runners and walkers will receive a tee-shirt. Late registration after June 5th will also receive a tee-shirt to be picked up at a designated place and time to be announced race day.	

know running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter a run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high and low temperatures, traffic and conditions of the road, all risks being known by me. Having read this waiver and knowing all the facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone to act on my behalf, waive and release the city of Lowell, Vergennes & Lowell townships, Cherry Creek Classic and all personnel, all volunteers, Race Director, and all sponsors involved in this event their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant my permission to all of the forgoing to use photographs, motion pictures, recording or any record of this event for any legitimate purpose

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

#### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Quada, Shores and Mayor Blough.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Assistant Finance Director/Investment Officer Charlene McNab, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV employee Ron vanOverbeek, Cable TV Boardmembers Norman Borgerson, Charles Doyle and Barbara Brown.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by SHORES to approve the meeting minutes of the April 24, 2000 closed session.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to approve the meeting minutes of the May 1, 2000 regular session as corrected.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by QUADA to approve the meeting minutes of the May 1, 2000 closed session.

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

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

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

#### **BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (05/15/00)**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 102,347.38
MAJOR STREET FUND	330.27
LOCAL STREET FUND	307.90
DDA FUND	27,888.74
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	D 189.01
AIRPORT FUND	7,825.93
WASTEWATER FUND	26,506.43
WATER FUND	50,248.51
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,915.93
CURRENT TAX FUND	1,371.60

Item #1, 2000-2001 BUDGET - BUDGET PRESENTA-TION AND PUBLIC HEARING. Through the establishment of an operating budget for the fiscal year 2000-2001, a schedule of proposed revenues and expenditures were provided. Priorities were confirmed through this process The document represents many staff hours of work The School of Missionary Aviation Technology had signed bonuses, gifts for Boards and Commissions and miscelcomplying needed equipment and facility request. These requests were carefully reviewed in term of limitations of available funds. The following narrative provides an outline of key elements comprised in the City budget for this year.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Revenues: The 2000-2001 General Fund Budget has proposed the rate of \$15.35 (mills) per \$1000 of Taxable Value for operation which is a 1.5 mill increase necessary to cover land payments. The projected revenues are to increase from 1.934 to 2.038 million dollars or 5.38%.

It was noted that the Taxable Value would increase .08% (from 82.723 to 83.420 million). Also, State Shared Revenues are projected to decrease .5% (from \$512,000 to \$502,000).

The fund balance is planned to be 15% of expected expenditures. The unreserved fund balance has been projected at \$312,574.

Expenditures: The General Fund has a total of \$2.128 million in expenditures. This represents a 3.25% increase from the fiscal year 1999-2000 amended budget. Among the reasons for the increase as explained in the budget summary include Building Authority bond payments for the library and the City Hall-Police Station project. The primary points in reviewing these accounts STREET FUNDS

- 1. A 3.25 percent cost-of-living increase has been calculated into the budget for employees' salaries. Also, merit increase of \$250 for commendable and \$500 for outstanding performances based on evaluation are planned.
- 2. The Police Department plans to lease one new cruiser (\$9,000). Dependent upon the 1999-2000 fund balance, a second lease vehicle will be considered. In addition, an upgrading of computer hardware for the WASTEWATER FUND County Sheriff record system has been planned. (\$3.500).
- 3. Four turnout gears have been planned for purchase in User rate \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons per month the Fire Department along with hose adapters and hardware, medical supplies and six personal month. facemasks for breathing apparatus equipment.
- 4. The City will continue its refuse collection program under contract with Pitsch Companies whereby residents pay 60¢ per bag and the City contributes 30¢ Public Works. each. Also, the City provides the cost of residential recycling. Yard waste collection is provided with the residents paying 25¢ per bag and the City providing the coming year the remaining 55¢.

#### **BUILDING AUTHORITY FUND**

The \$1.3 million, 8800 square foot library was opened in named the Harold and Mildred Englehardt Public Library. Individual, corporate and public contributions have Township is being reviewed. amounted to over \$885,000.

A ten-year Building Authority bond provided the remaining financing. The principal and interest payments for this fifth year of the bond amount to \$47,000. The revenues will be provided from the General Fund.

Construction of a pavilion at Stoney Lakeside Park is provided as a capital expenditure allocated from the Lee

#### **EQUIPMENT FUND**

The Equipment Fund will purchase either a new hopper body for the 1988 Street Sweeper or a new cab chassis for the 1991 3/4 ton Chevy

#### DATA PROCESSING FUND

Equipment purchases include a new fax for City Hall as well as a printer.

#### AIRPORT FUND

The Airport Fund has a current balance of \$18,622 on the loan from the General Fund which was utilized to carry out improvements. With possible assistance from the State, the Airport Board is considering the lengthening of runways 6-24 and 12-30.

a ten-year agreement to manage the airport. SMAT Board has sought flight services at the facility.

#### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

With a recently sold 1.1 million dollar bond issue, the surer Suzanne Olin stated approximately \$4,000 has DDA is currently planning the following activities: (1) also been included in the budget to cover printing exextension of the riverwalk to the Showboat Amphithe- penses for the minutes. ater, King Milling at Monroe-Avery parking lot improvements; (2) City Hall-Police Station Project site improvements; (3) purchase, renovation, resale of downtown buildings and properties; (4) extension of street lighting west to City limits; and (5) sidewalks as needed.

Also the DDA has approved up to \$37,500 to power wash concrete, seal and paint the Chamber of Commerce building.

#### CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND

A ten-year Building Authority bond of \$500,000 was sold in September, 1999 to provide for acquisition of seven

parcels necessary to accommodate the City Hall-Police Station project. Payments of \$94,960 are budgeted from the General Fund to cover the first year bond payment. Upon completion of acquisitions, the construction is anticipated this budget year.

Major Street funds are planned for the reconstruction and widening of South Hudson Street from Grand River Drive to Main Street in cooperation with the Kent County Road Commission. An anticipated federal grant will cover 80% of the estimated \$800,000 cost.

Funds totalling \$125,000 have been allocated for the upgrading of Bowes Road from 150 feet east of Pleasant to 175 feet west of West Street.

The following rates will remain the same:

Readiness to serve charge \$11 per residential unit per

The sewer main upgrading program (repairing infiltration) will be continued allocating \$20,000. But the responsibility has been transferred to the Department of

No sanitary sewer construction projects are planned for

#### WATER FUND

The readiness to serve charge will be increased to \$18.25 (from \$17.75 residential rate) per month. The February, 1997. Through a gift of \$380,000 the library is consumption would remain the same at \$1.68 per thousand gallons per month. The wholesale rate to Lowell

> Among the capital projects proposed are the installation of an 8" water main on South Hudson Street from the railroad tracks to Grand Street in conjunction with street improvements and a 12" water main crossing the Flat River from North Street to Elizabeth

#### IMPROVEMENT FUND

The accounting for special assessment projects is handled through the Improvement Fund. None is anticipated for the coming year.

With a study of sidewalk needs planned, a special assessment for walks can be anticipated

After two public hearings, the City Council will adopt the budget

Pasquale thanked the members of the city staff for their work on the budget. In particular, he also thanked City Treasurer Suzanne Olin and Assistant Financial Director/Investment Officer Charlene McNab, who spent numerous hours compiling budget funds data and assisting in evaluation of departmental requests. Susan Ullery provided the typing for this document. Pasquale noted the budget is truly a team effort and would not be possible

Mayor Blough questioned the expenditures for the City Council. City Manager Pasquale responded the expenditures include \$1,500 for Mayor Exchange, Christmas laneous memorial expenses of \$4,250. Also included is furnishes maintenance training of aircraft. The Airport the membership fee for the Michigan Municipal League of \$2,818. Additionally, the Council belongs to the Grand Valley Metro Council Transportation Division which has a fee of \$1,000 budgeted for the year. There is \$8,000 budgeted for conferences and conventions. City Trea-

> Blough asked if the amount budgeted for conferences and conventions was higher than usual. Olin responded yes, but was based on the budget projections for the upcoming Mackinaw Island Michigan Municipal League Convention in September.

> Councilmember Myers inquired regarding the General Fund expenditures concerning merit increases of \$250 and \$500 for the City employees based on evaluation. Pasquale explained the budget reflects the possibility of all employees receiving a merit increase of \$500.

> Blough reviewed the attorney fees. He said the 1999-2000

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

budget reflected \$25,000, in contrast to 2000-2001 which Blough noted the public may attend the Kent County the authorization for Mayor Blough to sign. allocates only \$10,000. Pasquale stated the budget is District Library Board meeting which will be held at the strictly an estimated amount, noting City Attorney's bud- Englehardt Library on Thursday, May 18, 2000 at 4:30 NAY: 0. get is dependent upon the number of ordinances provided and enforcement actions.

devoted to public safety. Pasquale responded 36 per- corporate and private donations, yet the City can't accent of the general fund budget is devoted to police and 85 percent within the Police Department budget is allocated to labor. He noted one of the officers has been funded under the Federal COPS Program. Blough stated the program is ending. However, the City would retain the officer's position from within the General Fund. Pasquale added the General Fund already covers the majority of the funding, except for a payment of \$9,600 from the program.

Blough asked Police Chief Valentine regarding the lease of one new police cruiser and what the current rotation of the cruisers was. Valentine responded the Police Department has not purchased a new vehicle in over four years. In addition, the mechanic will refurbish two cruisers during the current fiscal year.

Councilmember Quada questioned the current rotational plan for the police cruisers. Pasquale responded the department wishes to rotate a new car every year but has not been able to. The plan proposed by Valentine was to obtain two new cars this year. However, with the current expenditures and proposed budget, only one car can be leased. Pasquale noted if the projected fund balance is higher than expected, a second lease can be anticipated.

Quada asked how many miles have been accumulated on the cars. Valentine responded the two oldest cars have 140,000 and 150,000. He noted both have been entirely rebuilt. The two cars to be entirely rebuilt this year have approximately 86 and 120 thousand miles.

Blough stated the actual amount budgeted for Fire/ Rescue was approximately \$83,000 with an increase of for the Fire Rescue be reviewed during the next budget be provided.

Myers requested the Fire/Rescue runs be reviewed from Vergennes and Lowell Townships. He guestioned how these costs were offset

Blough indicated the Parks and Recreation Commission has budgeted a Capital Improvements Project involving the construction of a pavilion at Stoney Lakeside Park. A total of \$6,000 will be budgeted from the Lee Fund.

Mvers questioned when a new building would be projected at the cemetery. Pasquale responded the project has not been included in this year's budget. The Capital Improvements Plan can be reviewed to check the status of such construction.

Blough stated approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000 has the payment on bonds, which total \$140,000 a year. This been budgeted for personal services for City Hall and questioned the shift in the budget from last year. Olin responded last year the custodian was part of the payroll. The cleaning services are now paid through a Contractual Budget.

Blough also said approximately \$2,500 has been allocated for the sidewalk program which reimburses the owner 25% of the new or replaced sidewalk. He asked if many individuals have taken advantage of this opportunity. Pasquale responded a few. Olin noted \$5,000 would be allocated toward sidewalk replacement along South Hudson.

Blough questioned the amount the City contributes to the District Library Fund. Pasquale responded the City is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. The City has a budgeted expense of \$46,080. The District provides \$1 per square foot to every library branch in the district. The district provides \$7,740 per year.

Blough said in addition to the maintenance expended for the library, a .68 mills has been levied against Lowell residents. Blough indicated he had reviewed the minutes from the Kent District Library Board of April 20, 2000. There had been discussion concerning youth librarian positions for Comstock Park and Lowell. The Board discussed the budget would allow two 20-hour youth librarian positions, yet the Board decided not to fill the position for the City of Lowell. Blough found this distressing. He asked if input could be received from Director Claudya Muller.

Blough commented \$380,000 has been raised through Blough questioned what percentage of the budget was Mr. Englehardt's contribution with over \$800,000 from guire a 20-hour youth librarian position.

> Quada guestioned how parking violations were enforced. Pasquale responded the City utilizes the Police Department to provide code enforcement for such vehicles. Complaints are processed through the Police Depart-

Myers inquired regarding the length of time a resident Thus, the owners have applied for a variance. has to pave their driveway. Pasquale stated the responsibility is a coordination between the Department of The Planning Commission will provide a recommenda-Public Works and the Building Inspector. He noted a list has been established on all residents who have yet to established for the June 5 meeting. meet this requirement.

Lowell Area Historical Association. He noted \$5,000 has been allocated toward the restoration for the Graham Building. Olin stated this was a donation given to the YEA: 5. district from an account called Contributions and Mainte- NAY: 0. nance. She said the account consists of \$9,000 with \$5,000 allocated to the Historical Association and the MOTION CARRIED remainder used for maintenance of the building.

Quada requested a breakdown of the unreserved Fund Balance which was projected for the last five years.

reconstruction of Gee Drive. Pasquale responded Gee for funding are very limited.

Shores asked if Gee Drive could be declared a Major license has been requested. approximately \$13,000 for the fiscal year. Blough asked Street in order to receive more funding. Pasquale rethat the last five years of actual cost in personal services sponded a request has been submitted to the State of

> Quada believed the Council ought to give consideration as to what direction the City wishes to proceed. He said Councilmember Myers questioned the name of the busithe taxes will be increased this year by 1.5 mills, while at the same time the City is clearly under funded for sidewalks. He noted the City has set aside the police vehicle Myers asked regarding the lounge hours. Sherman reregular restoration program. Also, the City can not afford an \$800,000 restoration of Gee Drive, a connector street to Gee Drive or the restoration of the streets throughout the Valley Vista neighborhood.

He believed the City lacked a consistent code enforcement program. Although, he recognized the police do try to perform a good job.

said if the budget is approved, the Council is looking at money could go toward rectifying some of the other IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by SHORES issues. Quada also noted he was uneasy placing a police officer in a car with over 150,000 miles.

Blough noted a copy of the budget is available at City Hall and the Library.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS MOTION CARRIED to close the public hearing regarding the proposed budget for 2000-2001. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. POLICE CONTRACT - WAGE RE-OPENER. The City is entering into the third year of a three-year agreement with the Lowell Police Officers Association. This year, the agreement has a wage reopener clause where salaries need to be negotiated.

After discussion, an agreement was reached whereby a 3.75% wage increase for the Police Officer (each pay Councilmember Quada asked if separate resolutions increment) and Sergeant positions would be given. Pasquale recommended the Council ratify this wage re-opener agreement. If approved, the new wages begin as of July 1, 2000.

to approve the 3.75% wage increase for the Police utilizing Biggs, Hausserman, Dickinson and Thompson. Officer (at each pay step) and the Sergeant positions, amending the labor contract with the Lowell Police Officers Association for the fiscal year 2000-2001 including

ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 601 W. Main - Dolphus and Patty Slone - height variance for fence - set public hearing date (6/5). Dolphus and Patty Slone wish to have a 6-foot high fence constructed along Amity Street installed for protection of a swimming pool. Since their property is on a corner lot (northwest corner of West Main and Amity) two front yards are considered. Under Section 4.07B a fence or wall may not exceed 3 feet within any required front yard.

tion at its May 22 meeting. A public hearing should be

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES Blough asked about the \$10,950 of charges from the to set a public hearing for June 5, 2000 regarding a height variance for a fence at 601 W. Main Street submitted by Dolphus and Patty Slone.

Item #4. MAIN STREET BANQUET COMPLEX, INC. -TRANSFER OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH **ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE PERMITS FOR 916** W. MAIN TO 901 W. MAIN.

Blough noted the budget does not include funding for the At its December 6, 1999 meeting, the City Council approved the request to transfer ownership of a Class C Drive is a local street and would cost approximately Liquor License from Kaptain Jack's (Ron Potter) to the \$800,000 to reconstruct. Because of this, opportunities Main Street Banquet Complex (Lois Sherman) located at 916 W. Main Street. With the construction of a new facility across the street, a transfer of location for the liquor

> The Police Department, upon investigation of the applicant, has recommended the action. Once approved, this would be forwarded to the Liquor Control Commission.

ness. Sherman responded Main Street Banquet.

sponded the complex would open daily at 10:30 a.m. for

Sherman noted the entertainment license is for wedding receptions or other similar events.

Councilmember Green questioned if the license had to be marked indicating there would be no topless dancing. Police Chief Valentine responded this question does not Quada believed the budget offered many challenges. He apply because it was not filed for in the application

> to approve the transfer of Class C Liquor License with entertainment and dance permits from 916 W. Main to 901 W. Main for the Main Street Banquet Complex, Inc. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0

Item #5. AUDITOR AGREEMENT FOR LIGHT AND POWER/CABLE TV. As directed by Council, two engagement letters submitted by Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson were provided to carry out audits for Light and Power and Cable TV covering the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The audits which begin on approximately September 11 and to be completed on November 27, will cost an estimated \$6,125 for Cable TV and \$8,250 for Light and Power.

Virgil Biggs of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson was present to answer any questions.

were needed. City Manager Pasquale responded one motion could cover both.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to approve the 1999-2000 auditor agreement proposals IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS for Cable TV at \$6,125 and Light and Power at \$8,250

Council Proceedings, cont'd., pg. 12

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-169, 438 DE Rapids, MI and the

Estate of HAZEL DRUNGILAS, Deceased SSN: 376-16-5078

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent HAZEL DRUNGILAS. who lived at 2320 Monroe, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505 died April 27, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred

unless presented to DANIEL A. DRUNGILAS. c/o JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney at Law, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Grand named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

MAY 12, 2000

JOHN D. MITUS (P-31244) 410 Bridge Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 774-4001

DANIEL A. DRUNGILAS 4961 Stoneback Lawrence, KS 66047

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

NOTICE TO

FILE NO. 00-169-573-DE

Estate of DOROTHY R. VANDER LIND, deceased Date of birth: 12/29/24

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent DOROTHY R. VANDER LIND, who lived at 2249 Mapleton N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 2/

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

CAROL A. BARBER, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 3711 Bass Lake Road, Pierson, MI 49339 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

**JUNE 5, 2000** 

**CRAIG AVERY** (P10311) 3875 West River Drive Comstock Park, MI (616) 784-5080

> CAROL A. BARBER 3711 Bass Lake Road Pierson, MI 49339 (231) 937-9101

# Langlois, cont'd ... From Page 9

would be hot, but would I go?"

Not knowing where Guyana was, Langlois said yes.

"We got up at 5 a.m. and many times did not finish until because a red tarantula bite would have killed me." 10-11 o'clock in the evening," Langlois said. "It was definitely a culture shock. There was no water or electricity and only 40-50 people lived in each village. The children had to walk about seven miles a day to go to school."

While in Guyana, Langlois lived on rice, beans, vegetables, fruit and furein (Caraba tree roots).

'The water we drank came from coconuts. These coconuts had more of a skin rather than a bark-like exterior," Langlois explained. "They held probably a quart of water."

The Lowell veterinarian also encountered caiman, anacondas, tarantulas and piranhas.

a wooden post. On the boat ride back, my hand was throbbing so I put it in the water. The coolness of the water felt good on it. One of the guys with me saw this and grabbed me by the shirt, yanking my hand out of the water," Langlois explained. "He reminded me of piranhas and suggested that my hand

would hurt a lot more if a piranha got a hold of it."

Langlois also got bit on the ankle by a black tarantula. I It was primitive, the work was strenuous, and the days wasn't able to put on my shoe until about a week after I returned home. They guessed that it was a black tarantula

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 8: Barbara Brown, Mark Essich.

JUNE 9: MaryEllen Miller, Dimpna Hill Brown, Kristina Parish, Doris Plummer, Jessie Hunt, Josh Felling

"The last day I worked there, a bull jammed my hand into JUNE 10: Jim Stone, April Decker, Courtney Tulppo JUNE 11: Joseph Vezino, Jeanne Boss.

JUNE 12: Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle, Nash Green.

LEGAL NOTICES

JUNE 13: Holly Gregersen, Vivian Hoskins. JUNE 14: Kyle Manszewski

# LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

> NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-169,499 DE

Estate of ANNE M. **BRINK**, Deceased SSN: 386-10-2287

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent, ANNE M. BRINK, who lived at 1620-4th Street. N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died May 1, (616) 774-4001

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

JAMES F. BRINK, c/o JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney at Law, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids. MI and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this no-

MAY 25, 2000

tice.

JOHN D. MITUS (P-31244) 410 Bridge Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504

JAMES F. BRINK 1620 - 4th Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 453-3851 STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS Decedent's Estate** 

FILE NO. 00-169,392 DE

Estate of EDWARD S. KURLENDA, Deceased SSN: 366-20-0546

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent. **EDWARD** KURLENDA, who lived at 50 Valley, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

04/06/00.

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PAUL E. KURLENDA

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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

Pasquale questioned if the audit would be paid through City revenues. The Council responded yes.

Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers noted 75 third graders from Lakeside Elementary in East Grand Rapids visited the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

He also found it interesting the spring hauling of bio-solids was completed with approximately 660 gallons being applied to the Brinner Farm and Jousma Farms in Lowell Township.

Myers also noted Litehouse, Inc. continues to pay surcharges, noting \$300 worth of fines was received in April. He asked if a completion date had been set. City Manager Pasquale responded target dates have been estab
1. The following meetings minutes were presented: lished. He said he would consult with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt and report back.

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Charles Doyle of 725 Bowes Rd. questioned how the City can consider placing a tax on the library and then turn around and take money from the Englehardt Fund and give it to the Wittenbach property (Lowell Area Schools). He asked why this money had not been given to the library. Councilmember

Mvers did not believe it was the intention of the Englehardt Fund to continue with the maintenance program. He said the initial goal was to ensure the building was built and had funding. Myers did not believe it was similar to the pool proposal, which would have to continue funding for operations for several years. He noted he does not sit on this committee yet, but said there are hundreds of opportunities and it would be difficult to provide fund for only one cause.

Pasquale noted the Englehardt Fund has provided approximately \$80,000 to the library over the last two years.

Item # 8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers acknowledged the letter received from James and Judy Sterling concerning the National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2000.

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- Airport Board meeting of April 4, 2000
- Chamber of Commerce meeting of April 12, 2000
- 2. A question arose regarding the portable sign at Fry Daddy's (608 W. Main). As referenced in the Zoning Ordinance, a portable sign may be permitted on a permanent basis as a ground sign. A permit has been issued.

3. In observance of Memorial Day, the City office will be closed on Monday, May 29.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Blough noted there is a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Any interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Mayor Blough c/o City Hall.

Councilmember Myers referenced a letter received from Michael Tummino of Tummino and Tummino expressing interest in a vacant lot which adjoins 311 East Main

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving property acquisition and personnel issues. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to return to open session at 9:52 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:53 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, June 5, 2000

Michael K. Blough, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

# COMNGEVENTS

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 868-6481 River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are wel- at 5:45 p.m. come.

SECONDSUNDAYEACH Laurels of Kent Nursing come. 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

Feb. 13 (13 weeks) 897-5257. Space limited -DivorceCare, 6 - 7:15 p.m. at Lowell Weslevan Church, 1188 Lincoln Lake. For information call 897-6890.

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.

SECOND MONDAY OF Masons are welcome. **EACH MONTH:** The Low-Education meets at 7:30 former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

**EACH MONTH:** The or 897-7555. Bowne Township Historiregular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAYS OR TUES-DAYS: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

**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.

Troop 10210, for boys 11

8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m. hiking and camping and 55 and over. learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh,

TUESDAYS: Take Off east of Montcalm Ave. To MI#372 meets every Tuescheck meeting dates and day evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Com-

TUESDAYS: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 Women's Club meets at p.m., Family Council for the p.m. New members wel-

TUESDAYS: Summer play group for 3-year old/preschool age children. They meet weekly in the mornings and rotate houses. Also field trips. Interested in some summer fun with SUNDAYS - Beginning vour little one? Call Kim

> Zik Sportsmen's Club ciscan Child Development meets, 8 p. m. at the Club Center, 897-7842. building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

at the Masonic Center, 119 ages 8 to 13 are welcome. more information. Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Call 897-8694 for informa-

ell Area Schools Board of EVERY TUES .: Ladies EVERY WEDNESDAY: Historical Society meets at Coffee Break Bible study. Overeaters Anonymous, the Averill Historical Mup.m. in the Administration Free nursery and preschool 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills seum of Ada, 7144 Headley Building located in the story hour/crafts time. Cal- Presbyterian Church, 7495 at 7 p.m. vary Christian Reformed Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) Church across from Burger No fees, no dues, no weigh- THIRD THURSDAY OF King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For ins. SECOND MONDAY OF information call 897-6462

> Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

ents of children with AD/ FOURTH MONDAY OF at 874-5662. For teen group 1-800-651-6000. info, call Sarah 281-6588.

Connie 942-6887

6:45 - 8:45, p.m. G.E.M.S. EVERY MON .: Boy Scout Girls Club at Calvary Chris- FIRST THURSDAY : 4H tian Reformed Church. All drama club meeting. The & up or completing the 5th- Girls ages 8 to 13 are wel- club examines theater re-

grade, will meet from 7 to come. Call 897-8694 for

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway

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

EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets munity Building. Weigh-ins Retirement Village. Phone N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. 897-9310 for information.

> EVERY SECOND WEDNES-DAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

FOURTH EVERY WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed participate ent seasonal activities. Two 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 DAY: LaLeche League of

tion.

cal Society will hold its EVERY1ST & 3RD TUES- No. 333. Saranac, meets time for planning sessions DAY: Lowell Lions Club every Thursday evening at for activities. meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

> EVERY 3RD TUES.: Par- Watchers meets in Lowell of Christian Athletes (FCA) HD Issues Group meeting 201 N. Washington, at 7 school teachers dining at St. Lukes Lutheran p.m. Registration is a half room for a light breakfast. Church, 32156 4 Mile NE hour before meetings. New For information concerning (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) members are invited to join FCA call Kris Gallagher at

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on 147,420 PL 186.2. Mondays from 5:30 - 8 EVERY OTHER WED.: p.m. Phone 897-9393.

skills. Meetings held once 4 p.m. a month at Lowell Middle

FIRST AND THIRD Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall Pounds Sensibly Tops FIRST WEDNESDAY corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

more information call 897-

1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland EVERY 2ND THURS. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY SECOND THURS-DAY: Lowell V.F.W. noon in the community Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell

EVERY THIRD THURSto **DAY**: Royal Arch Masons in the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Intergenerational Program at the Lowell Masonic Cenwith school age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, from Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. times available: 9:45 to EVERY THIRD THURS-

EVERY SECOND & p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Ada, Cascade & Lowell FOURTHTUES.: Qua-Ke- Nagle, F.S.E. at the Fran- meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & OTHER breastfeeding women. WEDNESDAY - 6:45-8:45 Nursing children are wel-EVERY SECOND TUES .: p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at come to attend. Our current Lowell Masonic Lodge Calvary Christian Re- location is a church in Ada. regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. formed Church. All girls Please call 752-7524 for

> SECOND THURSDAY OF **EVERY MONTH:** The Ada

**EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) THURSDAYS - Take Off meets in the high school Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, cafeteria during seminar

**FOURTH THURSDAY OF** THURSDAYS: Weight EACHMONTH: Fellowship at the Nazarene Church, meets at 7 a.m. in high at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at any time. Questions? Call 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

EVERY THURS. - St. EVERYSAT. Lowell Ama-**EVERY 1STTUES:** Adults Mary's Pregnancy Crisis teur Radio Club sponsors with AD/HD Issues Group Center, 402 Amity St., non-the 145.270 - repeater meeting at Calvin College denominational-help for which operates on a 24-Rm. 206 of the Commons pregnant women and ado- hour basis. Also there is a bldg. For information call lescents at the school. From Simplex Frequency

> THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical

lated topics, creative and Museum of Ada, 7144 Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat

BRARY HOURS: Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Call 691-8833. Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. &

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

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ing, Woodland Mall.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking-WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shop-Woodland Mall. ping assistance.

## Special Events

Men's breakfast.

p.m., Gerontology Net-

WED., JUNE 28: 8 a.m.,

shop Woodland Mall; 9:30

a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m.

WED., JUNE 7: 12:40, FRI., JUNE 23: 12:40

fashion show (here)

p.m., Shop Meijers.

WED., JUNE 14: Noon, Movie "Sabrina" with William Holden!

THURS., JUNE 15: Noon, Dance Westside

(Dinner reservations should be

a.m., Picnic at Fallasburg.

made 3 working days in advancer

WED., JUNE 7: 8 a.m., TUES., JUNE 20: 12:40 p.m., Shop D & W, Mall

WED., JUNE 7: 9:30 WED., JUNE 21: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council. a.m., Blood pressure.

Tour Channel 13. FRI., JUNE 9: Sparta

TUES., JUNE 27: 11:30 a.m., Lunch Noels. TUES., JUNE 13: 12:40

work.

Women's breakfast. FRI., JUNE 30: 10:30

Complex.

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Lowell High School's class of 1975 will be holding its 25-

# Non-competitive Lowell School Board election June 12

I come to the board with my eyes wide open and feel as if I can contribute.

Kate Dernocoeur

Mark Blanding district's challenges. "It's all

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Drawn to the educational process and through encouragement of friends, Kate Dernocoeur will seek a firstterm election on the Lowell School Board.

The two board seats up for election are those of Mark Blanding and Norm Byrne. Blanding will seek re-election. Byrne, after serving 16 years on the board, will not run again.

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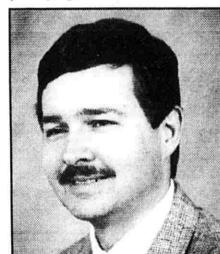
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Mark Blanding

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Kate Dernocoeur

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the people working in the systhings pretty boring," Lowell has a strong board of tem and the administration and education which has done good things in a difficult clisaidhe has enjoyed being part mate. "I come to the board 12. The polls open at 7 a.m. with my eyes wide open and feel as if I can contribute."

teaching staff.

and close at 8 p.m.

The school election is June

Precinct I is Runciman

Elementary School; Precinct

II Old Bowne Township Hall

part of being a good servant," Dernocoeur says. The challenger describes Blanding's time served herself as someone with a broad vision who has knowledge in finance and an appreciation for teamwork. "Things that make for a bet-

> Dernocoeur explained. She identifies growth, school funding, safety and diversity as issues facing the district.

Dernocoeur has served on the Demographics Task Force committee for the past three years. "Because of my involvement, I feel I can address that issue. I also would like to see Lowell's funding on an equitable basis with the higher funded districts in the

The mother of one (daughter Melody), since arriving in the school district four years ago, has been im-

**Bowne Township** supervisor to be challenged in

**August primary** 

(8240 Alden Nash Rd); and

Precinct III is Vergennes

Township Hall, corner of

Write-in candidates

Bailey Drive and Parnell Av-

must file a declaration of in-

tent before 4 p.m. on Friday,

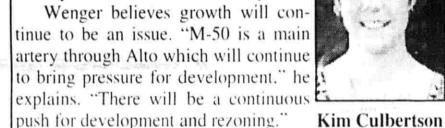
By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Bowne Township voters will have to make a choice at the Aug. 7 primary

Chris Wenger's quest for a third, our-year term as supervisor will bring challenges from Kim Culbertson and Pete

The resident of Bowne Township for the past 60 years calls his commitment to local government a family tradition. "I picked it up from my grandfather." Wenger said. "I was also influenced by 🧟 my high school (Middleville) FFA advi sor and Ag-science teacher.

Prior to being elected supervisor in 1992, Wenger served on the Board of Review for 16 years, the planning commission from 1976-92, and the Kent County Youth Fair Board for 15 years.



The township treasurer and clerk poitions will be unopposed. Sally Johnson has served as treasurer for the past 15 years and Sandy Kowalczyk is completing her 24th year as clerk

The two Bowne Township Board ustee sears up for election are being ought by David Fuss and incumbent Karen Hendrick.



Chris Wenger

Siler has been a township resident for

Bowne Township Primary, cont'd. pg. 15

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returning high school male athletes, courtesy of Drs. Evenhouse, Mogor and Miedema, on Wed., June 7 in the locker rooms. A completed physical card, obtained in the athletic office, must accompany the athlete with a parental signature.

#### LASSO ANNUAL MEETING

Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO) is hosting its annual meeting and board elections on Friday, June 9 at Fallasburg Park (Section C). All players and their families are invited to bring a picnic dinner at 6 p.m. and participate in the 2000 board elections.

An ice cream social will follow the meeting.

#### YMCA HOOPS CLASSIC 3 ON 3

The Lowell branch of the YMCA is hosting the 13th

and Geiger-Hessler are Al four trustee seats are being

ning unopposed.

sought by incumbents Carlton

Blough, Al Fletcher, Richard

Huver and Herb VanderBilt.

RETURNING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES annual Showboat City Hoops Classic 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament June 23, 24 and 25. The Lowell Athletic Dept. will host free physicals for

the two trustee seats currently

being filled by Mark Weber

Township supervisor

Tim Wittenbach is also run-

Baird and Vern Nauta.

In Lowell Township, the

Lowell

The seats of clerk (Linda

# Wittenbach, Vergennes Township supervisor, unopposed in August primary

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Along Main Street

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS FOR

served the past six years as

treasurer, will be challenged

Township clerk for the past

six years, is being challenged

Mari Stone, Vergennes

Running unopposed for

With the filing deadline by Errolyn Weeks. for nominating petitions past, Vergennes and Lowell township candidates have now begun preparing for the Aug. 7 in the primary by Vergennes

Township board trustee Su-While there is little or no san Geiger-Hessler. opposition in Lowell Charter Township, the treasurer's and clerk's positions in Vergennes Township will be contested. Jean Hoffman, who has

Bowne **Township** Primary, cont'd....

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the past 26 years. After leaving one phase of community involvement and activities (teaching and FFA), he will seek to begin another.

His decision to run for supervisor is intertwined with his recent announcement to retire from teaching and his FFA advisor position.

"I know the people in the township through my agricultural background. I have sensitivity to their issues and I can speak to them from all angles," Siler said, "I am somebody that listens and who will evaluate issues based on the rules and regulations. My decisions will be fair, honest and equitable."

On the issue of development, Siler says if it is not an issue today, it will be in the future. "We have in place an organization, rules and regulations to channel development so that it's in the best interest of the township," he

Culbertson, who has lived in the Alto area for seven years, has served on the Bowne Township Board of Review for five years.

"I've enjoyed seeing how the process works and working with the people," Culbertson explains. "I'm energetic, a hard worker, quick study and not afraid of challenges."

The August primary will mark the first time Culbertson has run for a government office. "I'm interested in serving the community," she says. "I think the management of growth is probably the biggest issue facing the town-

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They will be challenged by Paula Blumm.

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Regan), treasurer (Jean Huver) and supervisor (John Timpson) will be unopposed.

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MAY SMILE OF THE MONTH: NAME:. .Melissa Boucier

.. 6 years old

BIRTHDAY ...... 3/31/94

HOBBIES...... Melissa rides her bike. plays baseball and watches hockey She receives a prize for her great checkup.



# May "No Cavities" Club Members

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# Fun, Fun, Fun 75 years later, MGs still blowing their owners hair back

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The first MGB was built in 1925.

Twenty years after the last MGB came off the assembly line in 1980, the excitement, derived from a Sunday afternoon drive with the top down, is still as intoxicating to its owners as it was 75 years ago.

MG stands for Morris Garages, which was the Oxford distributor for Morris cars. When the company came out with a sportscar line, it borrowed the initials (MG) for the car's name. The "B" in MGB indicates the series.

Old Number One was the first MG sports car, but it was the 48th body built for Morris Garages by one firm, Carbodies.

Morris Garages outgrew its home three times before moving to Abingdon in 1929, by which time it had been renamed the MG Car Company. During the early 1930's, MG became synonymous with the term "sports car," and its sports cars were promoted by successful racing forays. In 1935, Morris sold his companies, including MG, to Morris Motors.

"It's just a fun, little car to drive," said Steve Lundberg a member of the West Michigan "Old Speckled Hen" MG Car Jaguars and other British cars.

Brewery. It was a commemorative beer in celebration of the of others," he said. "MGs are enjoyable to drive, responsive, Tulos explained.

ago, has roughly 225 members, of which approximately 40-60 MGs produced. participated in Sunday's Universal Motors Early Summer Picnic. Sunday's participants were mainly from the West readily available and at reasonable prices. Michigan area.



A rally brought members of the West Michigan "Old Speckled Hen" MG Car Club to Fallasburg Park Sunday.

Club members also include owners of Triumphs, Rovers,

David Tulos, a charter member, bought his first MG in The club is named after a beer brewed by the Moreland 1973 - the same car he was driving on Sunday. "I own a couple handle nicely and they are more affordable than other cars The Old Speckled Hen MG Club, which formed 10 years similar to them." Tulos said there were six different series of

Another benefit in owning an MG is that parts are still

The weekend event was a gimmick rally which challenged

participants to drive to a number of locations and figure out clues. They led to the final destination - Fallasburg Park, where all enjoyed a picnic.

Club member Bonnie Wood added, "We enjoy one

"We have a number of these rallies throughout the year,"

another's company.

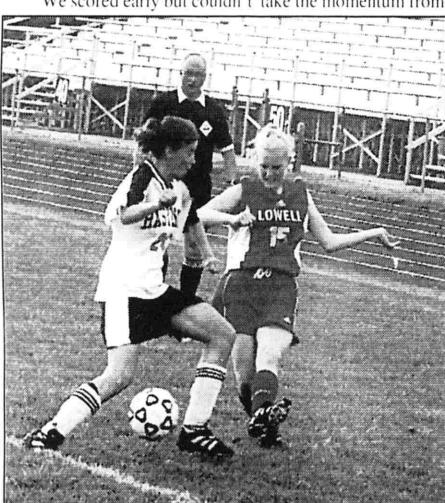
The MG club meets once a month on Tuesdays in different locations. If interested in becoming a member, call Tulos at 452-3848.

# Lowell girls ousted from soccer district by Hastings, 5-1

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls soccer team was playing its best soccer at the end of the year. It was not able to carry that over into its Division II District soccer game against Hastings Thursday The Saxons recovered from an early 1-0 deficit to defeat

the Red Arrows 5-1. "We scored early but couldn't take the momentum from



Lowell's Kelly Chapman battles for possession.

that goal and run with it," Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "I think the heat and humidity tired us out a little bit. I had a lot of girls who had to play a lot of minutes.

Kristen Wysocki put Lowell on the board first as she creased the net at the 37:48 mark of the first half

Hastings responded a short while later with a tying goal by "Lowell's first goal didn't bother us. Our girls showed

some patience and battled back," said Hastings coach Dennis

Hastings changed its alignment following its encounter with Lowell two weeks ago. "We lost to Lowell at their place. They played hard and I thought did a good job with their midfield play. In changing our alignment for this game, I thought we were able to control the middle more." Argetsinger

Hastings' hard and aggressive play kept the Saxons in control throughout much of the first half. Hastings was able to build a 3-1 halftime lead.

"I thought Hastings played their best game against us today," Conlan said.

The Saxons' second and third goals of the first half were recorded by Jessica Gole and Keli Zerbal (penalty kick).

In the second half Hastings got goals by Libby Gibbons and Rachel McKenzie.

"It's been fun to watch the girls play. They've made many improvements in their play since the beginning of the year," Conlan explained. "Their soccer knowledge of when and where to play the ball is one example. It's hard to judge this club's improved play in wins and losses."

The Lowell coach spoke with high praise of Lowell's senior leadership. "It's been excellent all year," Conlan said. This year's seniors were Kara Tousley, Kristen Wysocki, Kelly Chapman, Angie Schmidt and Elissa Kinney.

Chapman earned all-conference honorable mention status in her senior year. "Kelly has come such a long way since I first saw her as a sophomore," Conlan said. "She was a good athlete who has become a good soccer player."

The Lowell coach lauded Chapman and Abbey Goff for their attitude, effort and leadership on the field. "You don't have to be the best soccer player when you bring those qualities to a game," Conlan said.

Sophomore Jenny Wagner was the only Lowell soccer player to earn OK White all-conference honors.



Heather Posthumus races to beat her Hastings counterpart to the ball.

# Red Arrow softball team upset by Pioneers in district play

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Based on record and wins against quality opponents, Lowell was favored to win the Division II District 48 softball crown Saturday at East Grand Rapids.

Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse warned his team that its first-round opponent, East Grand Rapids would probably make a number of big plays.

The Pioneers did, and the Red Arrows didn't as East surprised Lowell 1-0.

Pioneer pitcher Clara Cameron scattered five Lowell hits and received some sparkling defensive play behind her in shutting out Lowell.

Lowell ace Kelly Kemen gave up one hit over seven

innings and absorbed the loss.

The Pioneers' only hit came in the fourth inning and East scored the game's only run in the first inning on a Lowell error. a sacrifice and a run-producing groundball.

"I warned the girls. I warned the girls and I warned the girls of what to expect," Rodenhouse said. "Cameron pitched a strong game for them and their defense made every play."

Lowell had the bases loaded in the first inning with two out and could not score. It had a runner on third with two outs in the third and could not score. The Red Arrows had a tying run get caught in a run down between third and home in the sixth inning and did not score.

"This hurts. This is a game we're supposed to win," Rodenhouse concluded.

Lowell ended its season at 19-14-1.

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> **Bob Rodenhouse** Lowell Softball Coach

# Ford places fourth in state at Division II finals Saturday

•••• The Red Arrow junior cleared 5'3" to finish fourth. Teammate Lisa Wojciakowski did not place in the 800 meter run, but did break a school record

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In her first state track meet, Kristi Ford had visions of placing dancing in her head.

Or is that visions of placing and dancing in her head? Ford had two dance recitals Saturday, one in the capacity of an instructor and the other as a participant in a dance show. It was close, but Ford placed at the track meet and made both recitals.

The Red Arrow junior was seeded second in the high

Josh Brown dives back to first in district baseball

community a summer fun

Summer is full of bright days full of play. Parents don'

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and crafts will fill the remainder of the day until 3 p.m. The

following is a schedule of topics and events.

action against East Grand Rapids. Lowell lost 4-3.

Area churches offer

program for children

jump event at the Division II girls state track meet in Grandville

At the very least, Ford wanted to make opening height. "My goal was to place, but I was very nervous so I really focused on making opening height," Ford explained.

She cleared 4'9", 4'11", 5'1" and 5'3" in her first attempts. Ford bowed out of the competition after missing all high jump: Ashley Cunningham, pole vault; and Nicole three jumps at 5'5"

"My personal best this year was 5'4"," Ford said. "The school record is 5'5". I was really close on a couple of my

year. "I want to clear 5'6" next year," Ford said.

Lowell girls track coach Kathy Talus said Ford qualified for her first state meet because of her season-long hard work and the high jump clinics she attended in January and Febru-

"Kristi's performance made for a nice day." Talus said. Lisa Wojciakowski also had a nice day. She didn't place but the Red Arrow broke the school record in the 800

meter run. She stopped the clock in 2:05. Others who participated at the state meet but did not place were Krystal White. 300 hurdles: Rachelle Becker.

Gillikin, pole vault. Post-season team awards were bestowed upon April Telman, Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player: Ford. most improved; Wojciakowski, most dedicated: White and The junior's goal is to break the school record in her senior Gillikin, rookie awards: Holly Plattner, Becker, Sandra Sturis and Natalie Kent, coach's award: Becker, sports-

> manship; and Lindsay Scigliano, scholar athlete. "It's been an exciting season and one I believe will provide the girls with inspiration for next year." Talus

# Lowell's district hopes dashed against EGR three runs on four extra-base hits (two doubles, two triples).

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ldger Editor

"Pioneer left fielder Nick Kuhl raced in toward left center field and then dove at the last minute to snare what looked like a game-tying hit off the bat of Lowell's Pete VanLaan.

Instead, the Red Arrows were left with a 4-3 Division II, clutch hits in that inning.

"When we get good pitching and play good defense, we stand a pretty good chance of winning," said East Grand the regional at Lowell on Saturday Rapids coach Chris LaMange. Lowell entered the bottom of the seventh, trailing 4-1.

Brian Conley got hit by a pitch to start the inning. Tim Schutte doubled him to third. Groundballs to the shortstop and second paseman plated two Lowell runs, cutting the deficit to 4-3.

With two outs, Jake Baum was hit by a pitch. VanLaan then lifted a short fly ball into left center field which a diving ball coach Tim Antel said. Kuhl made a game-saving grab.

"We had two good games with Lowell during the regular season. We expected this to be no different," LaManage said.

The three-run fifth followed a fourth inning which ended with Lowell getting a runner thrown out at the plate on an attempted double steal.

"I think the momentum from that play carried over into our at-bat in the fifth," LaMange said. "We were able to get some

The Pioneer win advanced them into the district final where they defeated Middleville 17-3. East will now play in

Zach Straayer (7-2) earned the win for East. He allowed three runs on five hits while walking two and striking out five. Mike Smith (7-3) took the loss. He gave up four runs on seven hits while walking three and striking out seven.

The loss ended the Red Arrow season at 19-13. "East made the plays today and we didn't." Lowell base-

Antel added that as freshmen, this year's seniors won six

games, 12 as sophomores, 27 as juniors and 19 this year. "In the last two years we've won 46 games - that is pretty

EGR (21-13) took a 1-0 lead in the second, thanks to two good," Antel said. "Our freshman and junior varsity teams had good years also. We expect good things again next year It remained 1-0 until the fifth inning when East scored there's a good nucleus of players coming back."

# Lowell customers to benefit from electric utility deregulation legislation

Michigan lawmakers to de-Lowell Light & Power and its customers, according to general manager Tom Richards. want their children to forget all those hard learned lessons from

Lowell Light & Power has been participating in the legislative process for several years now, both directly and through our statewide utility association," Richards said. "These deregulation bills will allow us to continue providing reliable and competitively priced electric service to the Lowell area while also reaffirming and strengthening the role of municipal electric utilities here in Michigan."

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> The overall package of cally regulated, not-for-profit bills addresses municipal utilities. A board of directors electric utilities issues almade up of community mem- though it will take some time

understand how these bills will change the industry and to determine if they are beneficial to customers.

"A lot of what our customers will hear in the news is not going to apply to them at all." Richards noted. "Even with the passage of these bills. electric industry deregulation will not happen overnight and our customers will not be directly impacted. Customers with specific questions or concerns should call our office and we will be happy to assist them.

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