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Thrift shop fashions quality, clean clothing at bargain prices

••• Revenues from the sale of clothing will go toward the operation of the food pantry.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

After roughly two years and countless numbers of volunteer work hours, the Flat River Outreach Ministries thrift shop opened with little or no fanfare Wednesday.

"We hesitated about announcing our opening. We were afraid of a big rush on our first day," said Flat River Outreach Ministries director Ann Dimmick. She shares those



Marilyn Venneman holds up a dress for Joy Smith to see. The Flat River Outreach Ministries thrift shop opened on Wednesday.

duties with Sherri LaWarre.

The thrift shop is for the use of the entire community. "You don't have to be down on your luck to shop here."

All of the clothes are clean and in good shape. Any clothing that comes in with spots on it is sent to Second Mile House.

"The clothing here is better than what you find at garage sales," said supervisor Marilyn Venneman. "We have a lot of merchandise that hasn't even been put out yet. There are boxes of merchandise at four different locations throughout the community. So when people come in every week there will be new merchandise."

For residents interested in donating clothing which is clean, in good shape and preferably hung on hangers, they can be dropped off on Wednesday at the McQueen building (where the fire truck sits on display/by King Milling Offices) from 4 until 7:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed on Monday and Tuesday for sorting and pricing.

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LOWELL'S HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Englehardt funds awarded for LAHA's cultural institute

The museum gives Lowell a repository for historical items.

Jim Doyle, Lowell Area Historical Association President.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

In perusing old Ledgers, (on microfilm) at the Englehardt Library, Lowell Area Historical Association's (LAHA) Judy Straub read often of the desire for a museum to display Lowell's rich and wonderful history.

Over the last half dozen years, Straub has been at the forefront in pushing to make a Lowell historical museum a reality.

A Lowell Area Community Fund grant, a donor-advised fund established at the Grand Rapids Foundation through the estate of Harold Englehardt, of \$40,000 to the Lowell Area Historical Association will significantly aid the Graham metamorphosis from an old edifice to a historical museum.

"The monies will allow us to continue the work toward this community's long-time dream," Straub said. "This by no means is the total, it just allows us to move forward."

When completed, a cultural institute will have been created for Lowell. "To create and build historical exhibits is an expensive undertaking when done well," said Lowell Area Historical Association president Jim Doyle.

The historical museum undertaking has proceeded as funds have become available. The grant will help to create a historical museum in the Graham Building in the downtown Lowell Historic District.

Up to now, historical items related to Lowell have been given to the Grand Rapids Public Museum. "The museum gives Lowell a repository for historical items," Doyle said. "We hope that some day we're able to get some of the historical things related to Lowell back."

The fund was established in 1997 through a \$12.5 million bequest to the Grand Rapids Foundation by the late Harold Englehardt.

LAHA's grant was one of 15 grants approved by the Foundation which totaled \$226,000.

Other grant awards announced include: \$8,000 to the Grand Rapids Symphony toward an artists-in-residence program for Cherry Creek Elementary students.

\$4,340 to Vergennes Township to provide meaningful information and services to the residents of Vergennes Township and the Lowell community through the worldwide web.

\$4,250 to the Lowell Area Arts Council for a wireless microphone system for the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

\$3,949.67 to Lowell Area Schools for wireless microphones for the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

\$58,000 to Lowell Area Schools' Tots on Track program to assure children have an opportunity to begin school healthy and ready to learn.

\$12,000 to Lowell Area Schools' community character and diversity initiative program to support the ongoing school and community initiative in developing character and diversity programs for the community.

\$20,000 to Lowell Area Schools to provide a school year of funding in two scholarship areas: summer school opportunities and tutoring for needy students. The foundation has given \$250,000 toward this project since 1998.

\$100,000 to Lowell Charter Township to secure development costs from the Grand Rapids Foundation for Grand River Riverfront Park.

\$4,500 to Lowell Area Schools for an automatic external defibrillator for the school and the Lowell Police Department.

\$9,519 to the Lowell Area Fire Department for a self-contained breathing apparatus to improve the safety of firefighters during fire operations and hazardous material operations.

\$12,977 to Lowell Area Schools for security and safety cameras for Lowell High School.

\$20,000 for the continuation of the Lowell Area Youth Development school-to-career program.

\$15,000 to the Lowell YMCA for a marketing research study assessing potential for a YMCA facility in Lowell.

VOTERS ABSENT

As just 151 registered voters take part in Monday's school board election.

••• Mark Blanding and Kate Dernocoeur earn 4-year terms.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Minus the voter interest of an '80s millage vote or large interest in the two board seats up for election, Monday's school board election went largely unnoticed by the majority of voters.

Only 151 registered voters took time to vote Monday. That number represents three percent of the registered voters. The election cost the district \$4,300 or \$30.60 per voter.

Adding to the already existing apathy was the fact that the small number of candidates running for the board (2) matched the number of seats up for election.

Kate Dernocoeur and Mark Blanding were the unanimous choices of the voters in all three precincts.

Those facts aside should not minimize the strengths of Blanding

and Dernocoeur.

Blanding, currently the board vice president, has served four years on the board. "Mark has been outstanding. He is an excellent thinker and has a way of bringing out the best in others," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said.

Dernocoeur replaces Norm Byrne, who stepped down from the board after serving 14 years.

"Kate is creative, intelligent and has a good understanding of education," Bleke said.

Blanding received 143 votes and Dernocoeur obtained 136. Both earned four-year terms.

Low school-vote turnouts have lawmakers pushing to move school elections to the November ballot, a time in which more people vote. Most find it sad that three percent of the voters make decisions for 100 percent of the children.

"I understand the concern, but moving school elections to November takes away the flexibility and locks districts in," Bleke said.



Kate Dernocoeur



Mark Blanding

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VISIT THESE GREAT SALES!

LET THEM KNOW YOU SAW IT IN THE GARAGE SALE PAGE!

GARAGE SALES
on Driftwood off Thornapple River Dr. June 15 & 16, 9-5 p.m. RE-DID-IT furniture, girls clothes & lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
June 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - ? 11561 Peck Lake, Lowell. Trampoline, toys, Barbies, baby clothes, microwave, exercise equip. & more.

GARAGE SALE
June 15 & 16 9-6 p.m. 12410 64th St. (Alden Nash & 64th). The kids are home from college and I need to make extra room. Computer printers, stereo cabinet, computer desk, linens, vacuum cleaner, misc.

GARAGE SALE
Wed., Thurs. & Fri., June 14-16, 8:30 - ? Infant - sz. 6 clothes, adult clothing, toys, Little Tikes, Fisher Price, etc. baby furniture, home stereo equip., household items & much, much more. 10216 Cascade Rd.

COURTYARD SALE
Name brand & children's clothing, name brand children's playhouse, pool, sandbox, etc. 4977 Kyser Rd., Riverside to Kyser S. on Cascade to Kyser N. then N. again. At the top of hill. June 15 & 16.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE & MOVING SALE
June 15, 16 & 17, 8-4 p.m. 9077 52nd St. (E. of McCords Ave.). Quality baby items, girl's newborn to 5T, Home Interior items, housewares, VCR, stereo, cabinet sewing machine, black & white TV, 10-sp. bike, lots of good stuff.

HUGE MOVING SALE
June 15, 16, 17, 9-5 p.m.; Day bed, mattress, trundle, dresser, antique vanity, sofa tables, Tiffany lamp, microwave & cart, desk, Fisher stereo system, Singer sewing machine w/cabinet, numerous wall hangings, floral arrangements, lots of kids & adult clothing in ex. cond., plus many more items. There is no junk at this sale. 219 N. West St. off of Sibley behind Erb Lumber.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., June 17, 9-3 p.m. Murray Lake, off Byrne 3941 Elhart NE. Men's clothing, small floral arrangements, CD's, household items.

GARAGE SALE
June 16 & 17, 9-6 p.m. Cannondade bike trailer, rattan tables, changing table, some clothing & household items. 11841 5 Mile Rd.

HUGE SALE
Sat., June 17. Home Interior, toys galore, household, furniture, baby to adult clothes. 11600 Bluewater 1 1/2 E. of Lowell, 9-5 p.m.

MOVING OUT OF STATE SALE
2 days only! Fri., June 16 (8-6 p.m.) & Sat., June 17, (9-4 p.m.) Rain or shine. Following is a partial list: Never been installed black Kitchenaid wall convection oven, brand new rototiller, white Kenmore elec. dryer, dressers, stereo w/turntable, speakers, approx. 1000 LP records 60's, 70's & 80's R&R, Classical, X-mas, TV, fireplace insert, houseplants, Steelcase office desks, filing cabinets, tables, chairs, rabbit hutches, baby equipment-gently used & all less than 5 yrs. old, carpenter & mechanic tools, several solid wood dresser parts, glassware, dishes, animal knick knacks, clothing - baby - Plus size. Disney Videos, pet accessories, many items too much to list! Something for everyone. Everything must go. No reasonable offer refused. 693-3660, 12600/12700 Nash Hwy., Clarksville, I-96 E. to Lowell exit. S. 5 miles to 92nd St. E. 6 miles to Nash Hwy. 3rd driveway on left.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Don't miss this one! 1020 N. Washington, just past cemetery. Fri. (16th) 8:30-6 p.m.; Sat. (17th) 8:30-2 p.m. Good quality toys & clothing, name brands, boys sizes infant thru 7, womens 6 thru 14, mens large/tall, cart for lawn tractor, home stereo speakers, artificial Christmas tree, king size waterbed (waveless w/drawers), antique sausage stuffer, child's kitchen w/dishes, tricycle, ice cream maker, dishes, misc. items, much more.

MOVING SALE
June 15 & 16, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 510 N. Washington.

YARD & BASEMENT SALE
June 15, 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 10291 Grand River Ave. 1/4 mi. E. of Jimmy's Grill. Clothes thru plus sizes, Pull-rite hitch w/sway bar, kids toys, lots of misc.

HUGE BARN SALE
Lots of everything! June 15, 16 & 17, 9-5 & June 18, 9-noon. 11850 Bluewater Hwy., just E. of Lowell city limits.

GREAT GARAGE SALE
Thurs. & Fri., June 15 & 16. Lots of everything including women's/boys quality clothing, home items, collectibles, electric stove, 1990 Toyota pickup truck, Beanie Babies, wishing well. Don't miss this one! 13521 Forest River Dr. off Flat River (Old 91) 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE ON GULLIFORD DR.
off Grand River Dr. June 16 & 17. Name brand children, teen & adult clothes, 1/2 horse above ground pool pump (Hayward), trampoline, furniture, toys, small artificial Christmas tree, luggage, household items, books, linens, winter clothing and much more!

SALE
GMC tailgate, pickup toolbox, trailer, guitar, organ, tires, 5 gal. pails, camper parts, crafts, Pokemon cards, toys, much more. Thurs. - Sat. 15, 16 & 17, 901 Flat River Ct.

MURRAY LAKE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
Sat., June 17. Lake wide sale! Murray View Dr. 5 Mile Rd, Bedaki Dr., 4 Mile Rd., Lally, Alden Nash Ave., Elhart Dr. & the Causeway. Don't miss these locations - 3941 Elhart, over 500 CD. 11816 5 Mile - something for everyone, 4235 Causeway - Playstation games & trading cards.

GARAGE SALE
10280 Bailey. A little of everything for everyone. Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OBITUARIES

EATON - James George Eaton, aged 59, of Grand Rapids, passed away June 6, 2000. He is survived by his wife Ruth (Grummet) Eaton; children Kelly, Donna and J. Sutton. Jim and Andrew Eaton. Bill and Gail Mitchell. Wendy Lamrock; brothers Ken Eaton, Ray and Norma Fleearman; sister Sharon and Lee Rowley; mother-in-law Rebecca Grummet; brothers-in-law Fred, Ken, John Grummet; 13 grandchildren. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or the American Cancer Society.

HIETJE - Neil Hietje, aged 99, of Lowell, passed away June 8, 2000. He was

preceded in death by his wife Eleanor; two brothers; one sister. He is survived by a niece Joan (Ferris) McQueen of Lowell; nephew Joy (Aleen) Heyboer of Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Rothgerst Funeral Home.

MARCIULONIS - Benedict Marciulonis, born in Chicago July 26, 1915, died Thursday, May 4, 2000. A memorial Mass was celebrated Friday, June 9 in SS. Peter & Paul Church, Grand Rapids, where he served as assistant pastor from 1944-46. He is buried in Highland Memory Gardens, Apopka, FL. A cousin, Violet

Guirinkas, survives him. Condolences may be sent to her at 1482 Chilean Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792. Ordained in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1943, proficient in Lithuanian, he was appointed to St. Simon's, Ludington; St. Bernard's, Irons; St. Ignatius, Luther and St. Mary, Custer, with missions of Round Lake and Carr Settlement, St. Mary, Lowell and Cedar. He chauffeured Bishop Joseph Rancans and attended the Second Vatican Council with him. He helped institute the Diocese of Gaylord in 1971. He served Cedar, Hillman and Herron, and Skidway Lake, retiring in 1981 at Higgins Lake, then moving to Winter Park. The service was held in the Forrest City, Fla. funeral home. Mass participation and prayers are recommended.

Lowell Fairgrounds to be lit up on July 4

The July 4th festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Red, White and Blue parade beginning at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. The procession will end at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

There you can witness a flash from the past as the Lowell Area Fire Department brings back the Water Ball Fight. Lowell's Fire Department and other area departments compete with their only defense - water. At 7:30 p.m. children can parade their bikes through the Reath Barn Livestock Arena. There will be four categories, each winning

a \$25 Shop Lowell Gift Certificate.

At 8:15 p.m., the Lowell Music Ensemble will entertain the crowds with string music of various moods. Concessions will be available from the Knights of Columbus; their menu includes Bar-B-Q sandwiches, Corn Dogs, Popcorn, Snow Cones and Sodas.

The evening will end with a fireworks display funded and sponsored by the Laurels of Kent of Lowell. Melrose Pyrotechnics will shoot the show at dark from Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes

Road. You may view the display from the fairgrounds, Stoney Lakeside Park and various places throughout Lowell.

Spend the first Independence holiday of the new millennium in historic Lowell.

Classes to reunite, Sept. 2

A class reunion is slated for Saturday, Sept. 2 for Lowell High School graduates between the years 1954 and 1960.

An alumni directory list is being compiled by Mike Miller.

The reunion will be held at Fallsburg 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.

The alumni will attend Lowell's home football game against Catholic Central on Sept. 1. Arrangements have been made for a guided tour of the high school on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 3 p.m.

For more information call Allan and Judy Baird at 897-9081 or e-mail at BairdFarm57@aol.com.

COLLEGE NEWS

Kevin R. Johnson will be a freshman at Northwood University in the fall and is a recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2000-2001 academic year.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Johnson graduated from Lowell High School in June and will work toward a business degree from Northwood. He is the son of Kevin Johnson and Christine Grove of Alto.

Northwood University, located in Midland, is a private, accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields. The Executive, Full-time, and Managerial MBA programs make Northwood's free market-

based degree offerings in management and entrepreneurship the most complete anywhere.

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Elissa Kinney of Lowell has been named a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. She is a student at Lowell High School and is the daughter of Tom and Sue Kinney.

To be considered for this scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.8 grade point average and a minimum ACT score of 32. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

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fastest-growing university. That growth has been paralleled by increases in the quality of our students and their academic accomplishments.

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Students from the Lowell area include **Elena Marshelle Richmond** (BS), **Kendra Nicole Walker** (MA), and **Beth Marie Wilcox** (BA). From the Alto area are **Alisha A. Adriane** (BA) and **Bradley James Fortuna** (BA).

Mandy Jacobs of Alto was among 56 Western Michigan University students honored for achievement this spring by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Jacobs was awarded a \$1,200 Ruth Y. Kirby Scholarship Award in Spanish, an award that provides financial assistance for Spanish majors and made possible

through a donation by the late Kirby, who taught Spanish in the Kalamazoo community. Jacobs is a member of the WMU's Lee Honors College.

Students from Hope College named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 1999-2000 school year include **Steven J. VanLaan**, **Meghan L. Geer** and **Tyler J. Southwell**, all of Lowell.

To be named to the dean's list a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hope College is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 2,943 men and women and is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America.

Aaron Kaeb, 18, of Lowell, was recently awarded a \$1,500 Commitment to Agriculture scholarship, sponsored by Monsanto and the American Farm Bureau. A total of 100 scholarships were awarded to students nationwide from over 1,500 applicants.

"The scholarships are designed for students who are entering college and majoring in agriculture," said Deb Laurell, manager of the Promotion and Education Department at Michigan Farm Bureau. "Aaron is very deserving of the award, and will serve the agricultural industry very well."

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including the State FFA degree, runner-up honors in poultry judging and Regional Star Farmer.

Kaeb plans to become a Spartan at Michigan State University in the fall majoring in biosystems engineering.

"The major allows for me to take one of my interests - agriculture - and pair it up with engineering, another interest of mine," Kaeb said. "I think it's a very interesting field, and I hope to learn more about how engineering can be applied when it comes to agriculture."

Aaron is the son of Curt and LuAnne Kaeb of Lowell. He has two older sisters and one older brother—Melanie, 26, Heidi, 25, and Loren, 23, and a twin brother, Ben.

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THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of the Lowell Senior Parents and the Class of 2000, we would like to express our thanks for the tremendous support we received for the Senior All Night Party. The class had the opportunity to reminisce about their years together.

The day began with lunch furnished by Subway, Kropf's, Keiser's, Sneaker's, Jimmy's Grill, and Cumberland Marketplace. We boarded buses and went to Chicago where we had supper at the ESPN Center. From there we went to Disney Quest for 2 hours of virtual reality fun. Next to the IMAX Theater to see "Michael Jordan to the Max". The highlight of the trip was a cruise on the Odyssey II along the Chicago Skyline with more food and dancing.

We would like to thank the following merchants, organizations, foundations and individuals that donated to this great event. You helped provide our young adults with a fun and safe celebration of an important milestone in their lives.

Our SINCERE thanks, the Lowell Class of 2000 and the Senior Parents

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Reflections

Of Faith

WHAT ABOUT MY HOUSE

Jonathan C. Walker
Youth Pastor, Christian Life Ctr.

Have you ever had a home built or called on a repair man to fix something in your home? Do you remember what it was like trying to get that person to come and complete the task you had solicited them for? You call and call and the only voice you get is one saying, "Sorry I missed your call ..." and you think to yourself, "No you're not." Sometimes you call and the wife/secretary answers the phone and says, "I'm sorry, he isn't here right now, he's out on another job." And the thing you want to scream from the other end of the phone is, "What about my house?"

Haggai: 1:3-4&9
"Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why? Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you are busy with his own house."

I can remember the first time I read this passage of scripture. It was about five years ago. I had met a beautiful young lady whom I was

convinced would one day be my wife. Even though her father wasn't quite sure I was "Mr. Right." I was confident that after he had gotten to know me, the "light of my greatness" would dawn on him. I must say that was the longest sunrise in history.

About three years into our courtship, things began to look pretty hopeful and so I began doing the only natural thing anyone looking to marry would do. I began converting my parents' garage into an apartment. I worked diligently on it for weeks. Then one night God awoke me from my sleep. I opened my Bible to the book of Haggai. As I began reading I realized God was speaking to me. "Jonathan, you are diligently working on your plans, your dreams, your goals, and your ambitions but what about My House?"

You see the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 3:16 that we are the temple of the living God. If the place that God has chosen to reside is within you and me, then the question we must ask ourselves is, "What condition is His house in spiritually?" I often wonder how frustrated God must be when we consume our lives with all the "stuff" we deem so important to our happiness. The question we must constantly be challenged with is the same question God posed to Israel, "What about my house?"

AREA BIRTHS

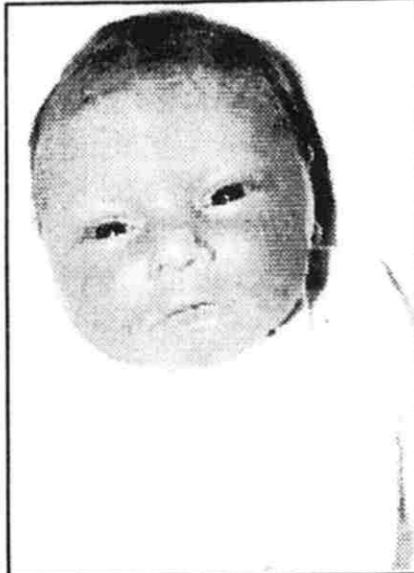
Collin and Chloe are pleased to announce the birth of their baby brother Evan Jaeson Johnson. Evan was born on Sunday, May 21, 2000 at Spectrum Health East Campus. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Beau and Jennifer Johnson of Lowell. Grandparents are Jack and Judy Van Putten of Lowell, Bob and Suzann Wanko of Roscommon and Charles F. Johnson of Houghton Lake.

He is also welcomed home by Aunt Jess and Uncle Jake.

Tara and Aaron Hendricks are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Bailey Raeanne, born Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at Spectrum Health Downtown. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19 inches long.

She is welcomed home by her five-year-old sister Alyssa. Grandparents are John and Sally Sterly of Lowell, Tom and Kathy Hendricks of Grand Rapids and Ed and Deb Chidozie of Austin, Texas.



Bailey Raeanne Hendricks

Randy and Melissa Miller would like to announce the arrival of their new son Raiden Lee, born on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 10:43 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Lola Hunt and Corrina Miller of Lowell and Wes Shaffer of Alto. Great-grandparents are Walt and Barbara Shaffer of Alto and Isabell Riley of Ohio.

Christian concert at amphitheatre, June 24

The churches of Lowell have come together to bring the community a Christian concert. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. The concert will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.

The concert performers will include Buddy Houghtaling, a Christian singer who tells stories with his songs, *The Redeemer's*, an all-male gospel group, and *One Heart*, an all-female gospel group.

Tickets are being sold at most of the area churches and the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets will also be sold at the door. The cost is \$5 a person and this event can be enjoyed by the whole family.

Rivette and Hummel exchange vows

Mary Del Rivette, formerly of Lowell, and Joseph Henry Hummel of Baltimore, Maryland, were married in a private ceremony in Towson, Maryland, on June 9, 2000.

The couple currently resides in Middle River, MD.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Thelma Leslie, through physical and occupational therapy, was able to reach her goal of remaining independent and continuing to go out and visit with friends. Leslie spent a month at Laurels of Kent undergoing therapy.

Ida McNut spent a little over a month at Laurels of Kent where she received physical and occupational therapy in an effort to improve her cognitive status and physical endurance. Through therapy she progressed from ambulating with a stand by assistance to walking independently.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JUNE 15: Joey Hunt Jr., Courtney Baker, Rachel Heimicke, Caran Schalow, Katlin Manszewski.
- JUNE 16: Roger Raymor, Michael Pretzel, Orin Comdure, Jean Bishop, Barb Geelhood.
- JUNE 17: Marjorie Potter, Cody Kastanek, Tricia Raab, Cyndi Dalga, Louise Ryder, Doug Green, Eugene Miller, Logan Wilcox.
- JUNE 18: Marcia Baird, Jessica Vezino, Lindsay Anderson, Whitney Patnode, Nancy Jane Kunard.
- JUNE 19: Matt Stone, Randy Ossewaarde.
- JUNE 20: Fritz Ball, Gladys Metternick, Aleacia Kunard Owen.
- JUNE 21: Thad Kraus, Dennis McClure, Bill Burr, Heather Brown, Jimmy Brown, Sean Briggs.

What is called a sincere work is one that is endowed with enough strength to give reality to an illusion.
—Max Jacob

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I had to fly down to my other job last Saturday. My flight out of Lansing was scheduled for 11:35 and I was due into Key West at 6:30. Nice tight connections... zip zap... wham bam... lickety split... I'm there. I was optimistic for a smooth trip. The weather was good. There were no strikes in progress. It wasn't a holiday weekend. I was at the ticket counter an hour early. I even had time to catch the breakfast I had skipped. Someday I'm going to learn that there is no reason for optimism in this life. At 50 I've finally faced the facts about the Easter Bunny, Tooth Fairy, Santa Claus and any hope of collecting social security. It's time to give up on optimism as well.

My flight out of Lansing was delayed at least an hour because of mechanical problems. The guys at the ticket counter frantically hammered away on their computer keyboards and finally came up with my only chance of getting to my destination that day. My trip would now consist of a cab ride to Detroit Metro; flights to Charlotte, Miami and Key West arriving just a few hours behind schedule. The cab was leaving immediately, so no time for breakfast. That's okay, my pants are way too tight as it is.

When I boarded the leg from Detroit to Charlotte, I noticed a man dressed in a shirt emblazoned with the Excel logo, same with his hat, ditto with his carry-on. He took the window seat in the row ahead of me. I was on the aisle. The fellow in the seat next to me seemed about as eager for chitchat as I was. That was good. My previously buoyant mood had burst and sunk. A middle-aged dry old white toast guy like myself took the seat next to the Excel guy. Everyone in their places, door closed, we taxied for take-off.

For those of you unfamiliar with Excel, you need to go out and buy a lottery ticket. You don't know how lucky you are.

Excel is a long-distance phone service with a multi-level marketing scheme. Kinda like a Sprint telemarketer with an Amway franchise. From my experience, their tactics are in a word - aggressive. I was glad the Excel guy was not next to me. Maybe there is reason for optimism. We hadn't even leveled off when I noticed the Excel guy was already working the guy in the seat next to him. I felt for the guy, but better him than me.

I tried to tune the Excel guy out by reading. I had only fifty or sixty pages left in the latest book by a favorite author. He is not prolific and publishes a novel only every five or six years. I was trying to savor it, but the Excel guy was warming up and I just couldn't ignore him. The Excel guy was almost certainly a southern Baptist minister or had spent way too much time listening to them. He had a "sermon from the mountaintop" delivery to his Excel pitch that was impossible to ignore. And I was a row back. I truly pitied the poor soul next to him. He preached and he preached and he preached! "I sell this program to everybody," he said, "aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters."

By the time he got to the "brothers and sisters," his voice was fever pitch. He repeated, "my own brothers and sisters!" This was becoming quite a show. No TV evangelist or tent revival preacher had anything on this guy. The message may be different, but the delivery was the same. The Excel evangelist droned on and on. I had heard parts of it. "Which would you rather have, a million dollars in your hand or a penny doubled every day for a month? Believe it or not, the penny doubled every day will earn you more. That's the power and the miracle of tiered marketing!"

There were other familiar passages. "When your part-time income exceeds your full-time income, that's when you can decide to make Excel your career." The Excel/minister repeated that thought three times for emphasis. Each time he increased the volume and the passion. All I could think of was "I have a dream!"

I don't know what I'd have done if I had been the poor guy seated next to the long-distance evangelist. They don't let you bring a gun onboard, so I obviously couldn't shoot him. I am certain no one within earshot of his sales sermon would have minded. All I know is the guy never shut up about Excel from the time we left Detroit until we were getting off the plane in

Charlotte. It was quite a performance. Do you know how you feel when you're down in the dumps and feeling sorry for yourself, then you see somebody in a wheelchair or hear about someone dying of cancer? All of a sudden your problems seem trivial and your whole outlook on life takes a turn for the better.

Well, that's exactly how I felt when I got off that plane in Charlotte. I had been feeling a little sorry for myself about my schedule change, the cab ride, missing breakfast, etc. But, when I considered how lucky I had been not getting that seat next to the Excel guy, I was buoyant again. I had floated to the surface. Maybe there is reason for optimism. I know I won't bump into that Excel guy standing in line for a social security check, cause there won't be any social security. How's that for optimism?

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 16, 1875

Two insurance salesmen are in town and "hundreds of families are away visiting friends in the country and nearly every businessman in town is overhauling the rubbish down cellar."

Tramps and thieves are busy again. Fifteen horses have been stolen in Gaines Township since mid-May.

The 99th anniversary of the July 4 celebration will be Monday, July 5 in Lowell with parade, oration, pageant, races, base ball, cannons and a dance.

The upper bridge has a new abutment and will be ready to use by July 1.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 14, 1900

The school board decides to charge a small admission fee to Commencement to offset expenses, and to admit no unsupervised children under 10 years old and no babies in arms.

Five girls form the eighth-grade graduating class of Boston District No. 1. "Commencement" will be on June 20.

Thieves blow open the Saranac post office safe and get away with \$200 cash and \$1400 in stamps.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 11, 1925

A Lowell couple's house is raided for moonshine liquor, and their equipment is displayed at City Hall.

The City State Bank purchases the land it and two stores have occupied for the past seven years.

A new elevator for the Washington Monument will move 250 feet a minute, compared with the old (and nonworking) elevator's 100 feet a minute.

C. Thomas, the "Yellow Front Store," advertises brass washboards for 60 cents and good brooms for 42 cents.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDER JUNE 15, 1950

Hydraplane racing and stunts will be features of this year's Showboat.

Congressman Ford mentions that return names and addresses on orders for farmers' bulletins really are necessary. He is in possession of five blanks.

Michigan Championship Motorcycle races will go on at the Ionia Free Fair grounds next week.

A Rural-Urban Council, sponsored by the Farm Bureau, is formed for Kent women to work in the areas of government, education, social welfare and planning, with cooperation between many organizations.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE JUNE 12, 1975

Roger Roberts, David Miller and Roger Krof' win the school board seats in a hotly contested election.

Pedestrian walk-lights at the corner of Main and Hudson will cost an extra \$3,192.

East Kent Community Center plans for an increased Summer Parks program for children ages 4-12.

Showboat Corporation appeals for the \$20,000 needed to pay off the new Amphitheater.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Joan Wittenbach

I have been impressed the last two weeks with the thought that no matter how much we say we read, something lies dormant within us and others until we share some of what we take in. And the form of the sharing can vary in exciting and rewarding ways.

A passage, a sentence, the entire book, a picture in a book, a poem, a joke, a song, a lament, a psalm, a prayer, even the sound of a voice reading to us, whether on a tape or in person, always has the ability to change us. Sometimes we need to read for pure enjoyment. Other times, our hearts and minds need healing, or laughter, or adventure. There is always a mystery wanting to be solved somewhere in most of us, and often a book can help us toward the answer.

I sat on the patio listening to a friend. All of a sudden, I excused myself for "just a minute," and disappeared. I'm sure

my friend thought, "What in the world" I came back a few minutes later with four children's books in my hands. "Would you mind? ... Would you read this book to me? It goes right along with our conversation, and you'll love the pictures. These are some of my favorites on our subject."

Not only did she read them, I heard her laugh several times, groan when she read about a particular truth, and look up at me, a couple of times with tears in her eyes, and say, "This is just what I needed, Joanie."

Before she left, I picked up Patricia Polacco's book, *Appelmondo's Dream* and read it to her. My friend just needed to have her dream polished. Yes, books are great polishers of dreams, too. Everyone at some time needs encouragement. Share your books; don't just read them and shelve them.

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Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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What Kind of Investor Are You?

Not that long ago, investment strategies were pretty simple. As recently as the 1970s, many people took the fixed-income

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approach. They put their money in passbooks and certificates of deposit, and made their big gains in the appreciation of their homes.

Obviously, things have changed considerably since then. Today, speculators are attracting all the attention. As they chase after "hot" stocks, they frequently ignore fundamentals, such as a company's profits. Instead, they will try to "time the market" by buying a fast-rising stock and holding on to it only until they think it's about ready to drop. The most extreme examples of this type of mind-set are the so-called "day traders," whose idea of long-term investing may be an hour or two.

Of course, there still are "passbook" investors around, people who fear the markets and are reluctant to take any chances with their money.

It's clear that neither the speculators nor the passbook savers have all the answers. People who try to time the market will eventually get burned — repeatedly. Conversely, those investors who stick with fixed-rate vehicles will not see much growth in their money. Furthermore, fixed-income investments carry with them a different type of risk — the risk of losing purchasing power to inflation.

If you're either a passbook saver or a speculator, then you can benefit by expanding your horizons. If you're risk-averse, consider investing in a diversified portfolio of high-quality stocks — and hold them for the long term. Established companies may not soar like today's hot Internet stocks, but

they generally don't crash and burn, either. And they will certainly provide you with a higher return than a portfolio composed solely of bonds, CDs, money-market accounts and Treasury bills. If you have trouble shaking your fear of price volatility, take comfort in this fact: Studies have shown that the longer you hold a portfolio of stocks, the less chance you have of ever losing any money.

On the other hand, if you are more of a speculator, and you never met a risk you didn't like, you could still pick up a thing or two from the passbook savers. Remember, many of yesterday's "hot" stocks are today's unhappy memories. You, too, can benefit from building a diversified portfolio — even one that contains decidedly "un glamorous" investments such as large-company stocks and bonds.

The passbook saver and the speculator each represent an important goal — security and growth. And we all need elements of both in our investment portfolios. The challenge is to go beyond our natural preferences and see what we can learn from those people walking on the "other side of the street."



Flag Day was first observed in 1877 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the selection of the U.S. flag.

LHS honors May students-of-the-month

The final students of the month at Lowell High School for the 1999-2000 school year were chosen in May. These students have shown an expertise and willingness to work hard in a particular area.

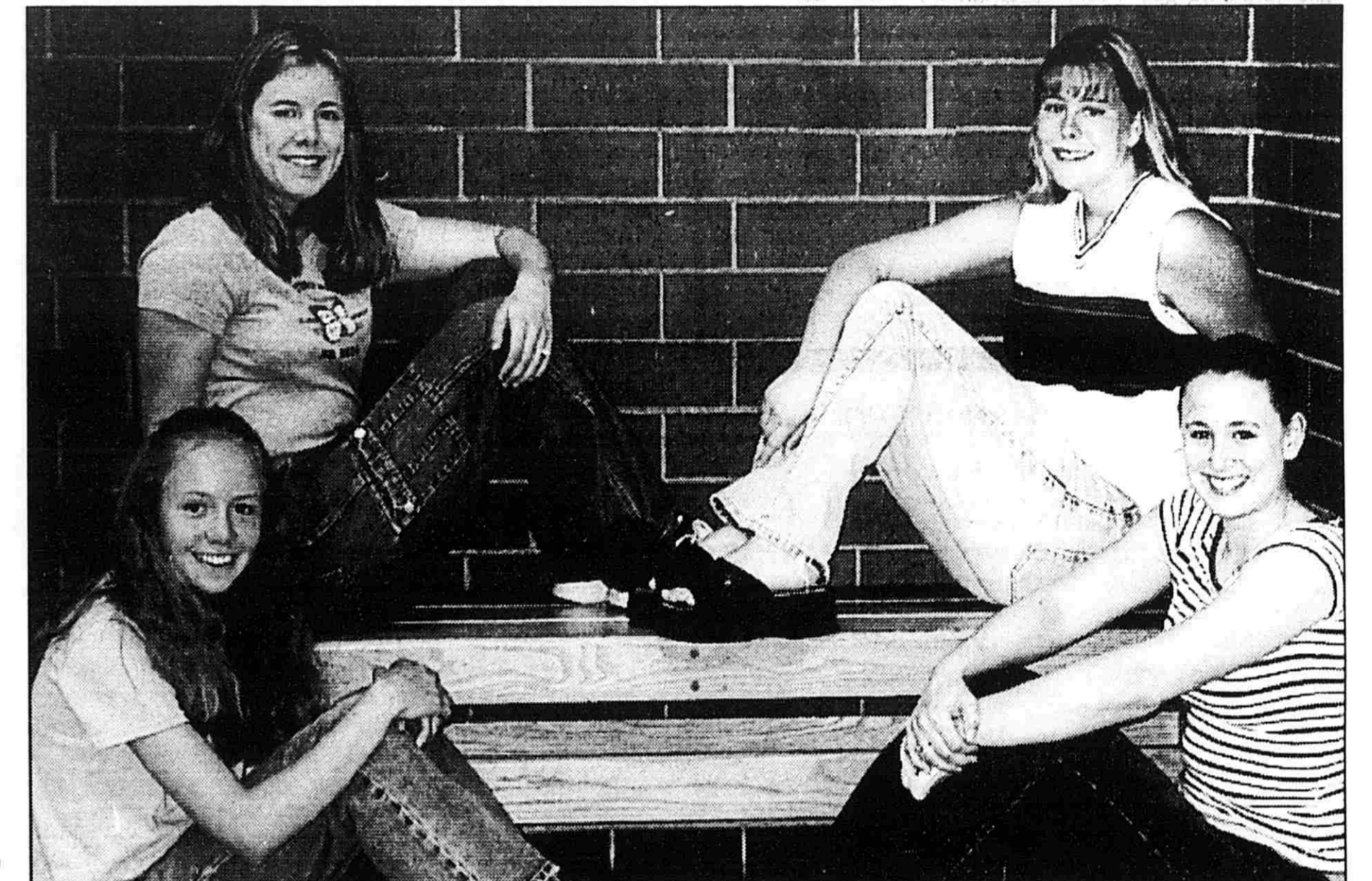
Tara May, a senior, is the daughter of Jay and Oranda May of Lowell. She was selected by the English department. May has been active in extracurricular activities including editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, annual staff and SADD. She is employed at Coopers Drycleaning and plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall. Her teacher nominator says she has done much to organize the staff of the school newspaper and is an excellent student in A.P. English Literature and Composition.

Katie Clements, a freshman, is the daughter of David and Susan Clements of Lowell. She was chosen by the Foreign Language department. In her first year at LHS, Clements' extracurricular activities included cross country, track, school newspaper, International Club and FFA. She is also active in 4-H, her church youth group and Camp Fire Boys and Girls. Her teacher nominator says she is a real pleasure to have in class because she always has a positive attitude and gives 100 percent every day.

Bradley Johnson, a senior, is the son of Mark and Diane Fargo of Ada and Brian Johnson of Flint. He was the choice of the Social Studies department. Johnson has been involved in Model UN and wrestling. He is employed at Meijer. His plans are to attend GRCC and then transfer to WMU to pursue a degree in Psychology.

Becky Brander, a senior, is the daughter of Fred and Sue Brander of Lowell. She was selected by the Business department. Her extracurricular activities include softball and volleyball, serving as captain of both teams. Brander plans to attend GVSU next year. Her teacher nominator said she is an outstanding role model and provides excellent leadership.

Jennifer McCaul, a senior, was also selected by the



Lowell High School students-of-the-month top row, left to right, are: Jennifer McCaul, Tara May; bottom row, left to right, are: Katie Clements and Becky Brander. Not pictured is Brad Johnson.

Business department. The daughter of Richard and Peggy McCaul, she has participated in volleyball, Business Professionals of America, marching band, and symphonic band. She is employed at the dentist's office in Ada. Next year she plans to attend GRCC to study Business Administration. Her teacher nominator says she is an outstanding role model and a hard worker.



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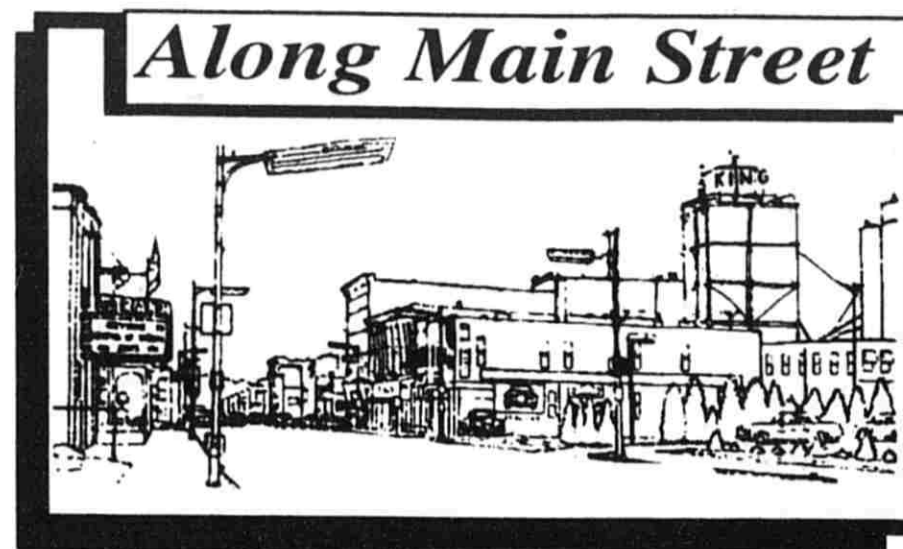
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Along Main Street

The Lowell Showboat Amphitheater from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the Lowell Performing Arts Center at the high school.

Tickets are \$5 a person and are being sold at area churches, the Chamber of Commerce and at the door. Proceeds will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

YMCA HOOPS CLASSIC 3 ON 3

The Lowell branch of the YMCA is hosting the 13th annual Showboat City Hoops Classic 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament June 23, 24 and 25.

Call the Lowell YMCA for registration information at 897-8445.

CUB SCOUT COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE

Cub Scout Pack 3188 is hosting a community campfire on Saturday, June 17. This event is for all current Cub Scouts in the area, as well as those interested in joining Cub Scouts next fall. The fire, fun and fellowship are supplied; camping is optional. Meet at the Boy Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. in Lowell at dusk. Call 897-8751 for more information.

COMMUNITY CONCERT FUNDRAISER

A Christian concert will be held on Saturday, June 24 at

PARADE ENTRIES WANTED

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the Saturday, July 1 parade.

Call Liz at 897-9161 for an application form or to register. The deadline is June 26.

LHS CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

Lowell High School's class of 1975 will be holding its 25-year class reunion on Saturday, July 15, at Boulder Creek Golf Club. Cost is \$30 per person with payment due by June 26. Reservations may be sent to Robert and Mary Ford, 130 Sagamore Trail, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-7176.

Thrift Shop, cont'd.... From Page 1

The Flat River Outreach Ministries also has a food pantry, accessible for residents who have received a voucher from area ministers.

"Eventually, we're also going to accept furniture so

that we can help families whose homes have burned," explained supervisor Cheryl Smith.

Residents interested in volunteering their time to work at the thrift shop may call LaWarre at 642-0616 or

Dimmick at 897-5326.

"This has been a collaborative effort on the part of the churches," Venneman said.

Dimmick recognized the work of Jody and Craig Haybarker for the number of

hours they have put into the thrift shop.

"I am not sure where this project would be without them," Dimmick said.

A grand opening is being planned for late summer or early fall.

Township, Meijer and developers reach water/sewer agreement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson is not a gambling man.

Which is why he wasn't willing to put the township in jeopardy over any development.

Timpson did not think it was wise for the township to pay on a bond so that developers could have sewer and water. "The township is not going to bet on something selling."

In April, Meijer agreed to

pay \$350,000 (\$100,000 up front) so it could bring municipal water and sewer to its East Fulton location.

Two weeks ago the township reached a similar agreement with Whispering Hills Associate developers Duane Gunnick, Ron DeVries and Andy Dykema.

The developers agreed to pay \$642,500 up front for municipal water and sewer for their housing (185 homes) and apartment (96) complexes.

Future proposed develop-

ers Curt Cowles (commercial strip) and John O'Neil will pay \$340,000.

The only cost Timpson believes the township might incur would be bonding for the public road which would connect the east side to the west side.

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.
—Carl Jung

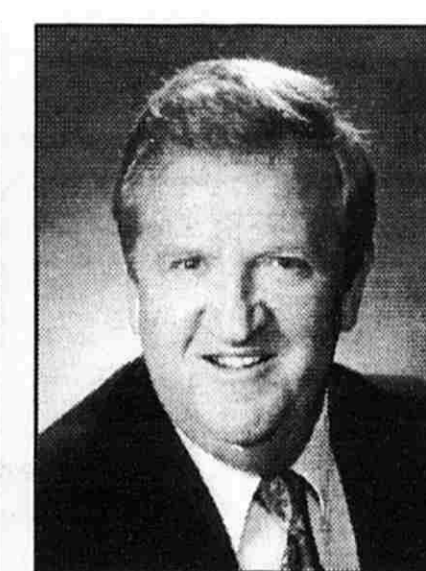
Service saluted as Quada and Byrne are honored

Ray Quada was awarded the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award and Byrne was recognized for serving 14 years on the school board.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



Ray Quada



Norm Byrne

June in Lowell has been a time of celebration and distinction.

With graduation a little more than a week old, the Lowell School District continued its commemorative spirit as it honored two men for their long-standing service to the district and community.

Norm Byrne, stepping down from the school board after 14 years, was honored

as a man of common sense, honesty and forthrightness while being a voice for all students especially the silent majority - those who needed help and support along the way.

"Norm's legacy, I believe, is a voice for students at or near the bottom who may have otherwise been forgotten," Lowell School Board president Pete Gustafson said.

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Pete Gustafson
School Board President

finance campaign and through some difficult political times.

"I want to extend my appreciation for the support of this community, staff, teachers and three men whom I considered my mentors - Chris VanAntwerp, John Haggai and Roger Kropf," Byrne said.

Ray Quada served with Byrne during four of those years.

Monday night he was recognized with the Marsha

Wilcox Community Service Award.

"Ray cares about this community and has done a great deal to improve education and the quality of life in Lowell," Gustafson said.

"He helped lead the district through millage campaigns in the '80s and financing of the new high school."

Two of the four years on the board Quada served as president.

Gustafson referred to

Quada as Lowell's premiere toastmaster/emcee.

"This is a wonderful night. I rarely find myself without words," Quada said.

"This award is an honor and I am thankful I have been able to give back to this community."

Quada reflected on the great accomplishments the district has achieved. "Over the past 10 years, this community has enjoyed great growth which is a product of our great high school."

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **July 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of the proposed amendments are as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 201.202 Specific Terms Definitions - to remove alphabetical letter for each word definition and replace with an ascending section number for each letter group of definitions. This will provide for all current and future definitions to be placed in alphabetical order for an expeditious accurate review. Summary as follows:

Current definition ordinance

- 201.202 Specific terms
- 2.02 The following terms shall have the following meanings when used within the Ordinance:
- A. Accessory building: Shall mean a...
 - B. Accessory use: A use of ...
 - C. Agriculture: Raising of...

Proposed definition ordinance:

201.203 Definitions - A

- Accessory building: Shall mean a...
- Accessory use: A use of...
- Agriculture: Raising of...

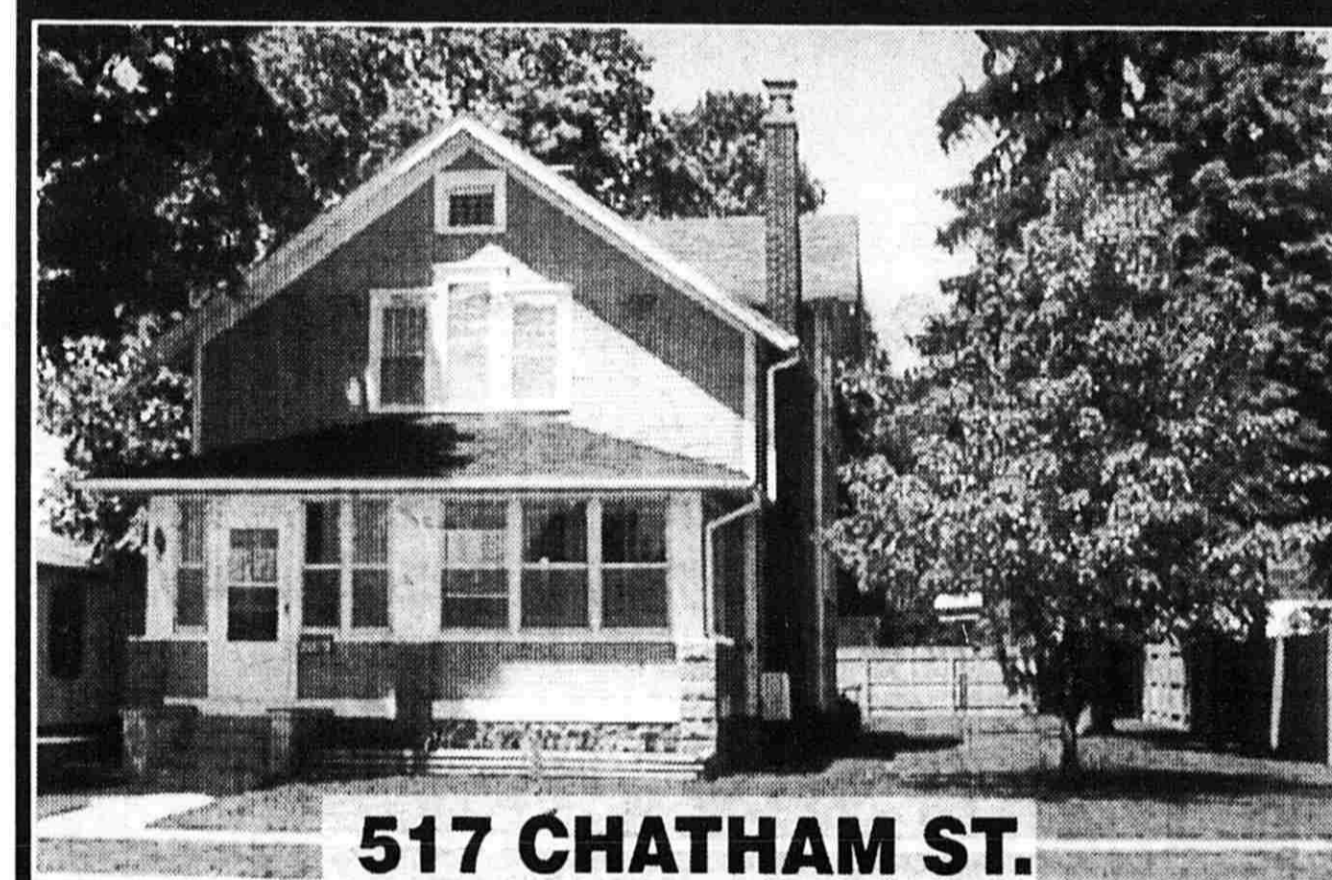
201.204 Definitions - B

- Basement: That portion of...
- Bluff: The top of...
- Building: A structure...(And so forth through the entire alphabet)

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5651 (fax 897-5674)**. Written and oral comments regarding the proposed amendments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices.

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Fire causes extensive smoke damage to Vergennes Twp. home

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dale Russell, 12 years old, said he was pulling weeds in his back yard when he noticed smoke inside the kitchen sliding door.

When he peered inside, he saw flames in the living room.

He then proceeded to run to the neighbors to call 911, but no one was home. He went

to the neighbors of the neighbors but no one was home. So he went to the neighbors of the neighbors of neighbors, but no one was home. Russell tried numerous houses along the way before Bruce Phillips answered his door at 1060 Grindle, roughly a half-mile from his home.

"The boy asked me to call 911 because his house was on fire," Phillips explained. "I

had been watching television when I heard a tap on my door."

Lowell Area Fire Department Lt. Ron Van overbeek said firefighters from five departments may have used a total of two gallons of water in fighting the fire.

"With the time of day (11:10 a.m.) and the amount of people I had, you've got to make sure you're prepared

for the worst and have enough firefighters," Van overbeek said. "When I arrived, the house was full of smoke and coming out of the eaves."

Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin said the fire was intentionally set after gasoline was poured in the living room of the home near a recliner.

The fire caused extensive heat and smoke damage to the home. Martin said the damage estimate was around \$30,000.



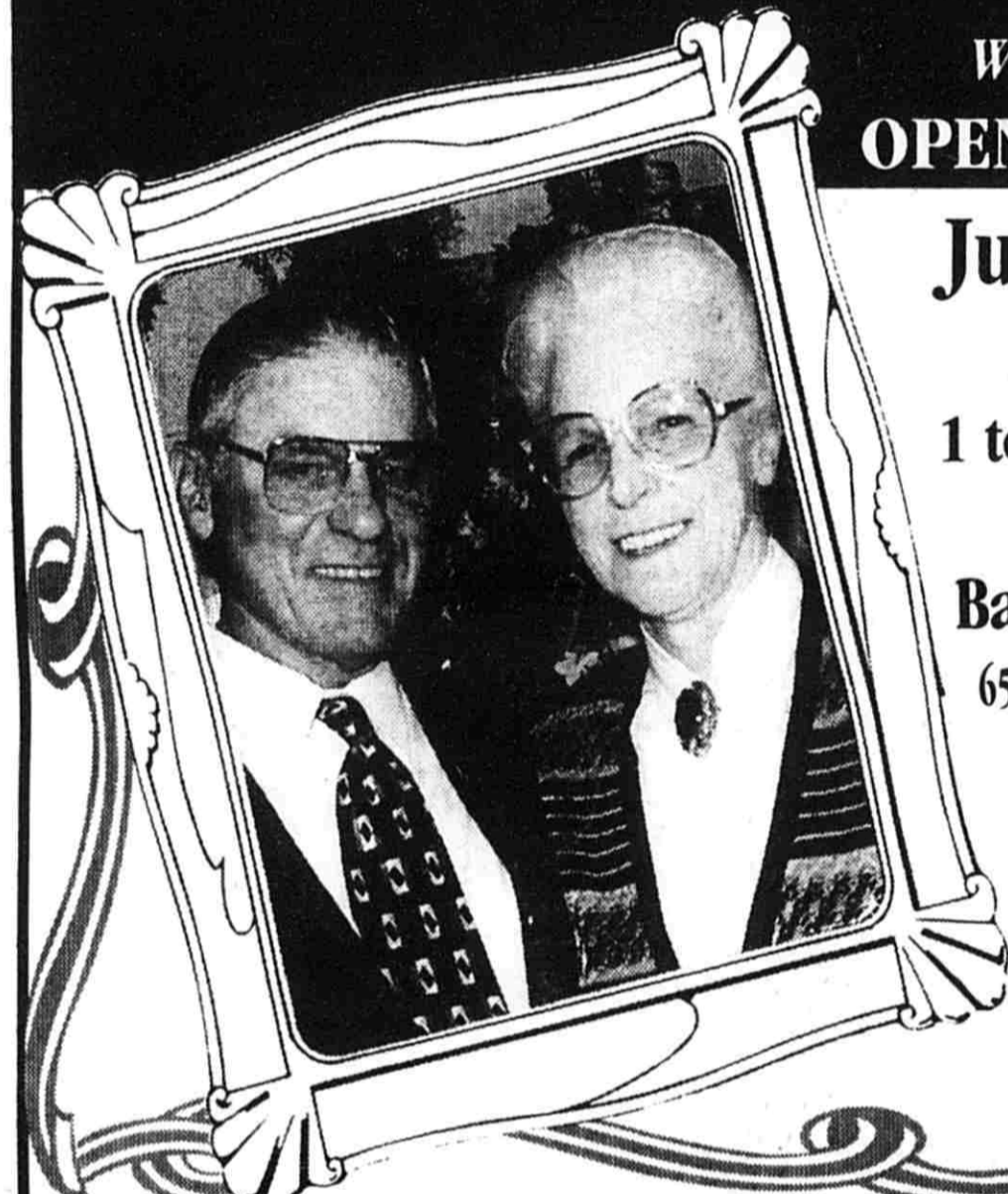
John Muha and Bruce Phillips console Dale Russell following a house fire at 13787 Grindle Dr.

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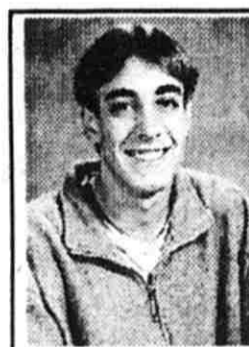
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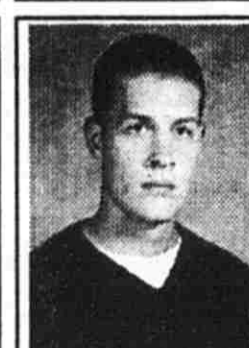
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COMING EVENTS

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

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

EVERY SUN.: Misner House and Fallsburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallsburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park.

SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to

8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

TUES.: 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 your little one? Call Kim 897-5257. Space limited - call soon.

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

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

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Bellline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13 are welcome. Call 897-8694.

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meetings at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

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

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

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

THURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

FRI., JUNE 23: 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network.

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

FRI., JUNE 30: 10:30 a.m., Picnic at Fallsburg.

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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



Dear Jonathan: I am the named agent under my father's general durable power of attorney. For the past year, I have been actively taking care of managing my father's assets and paying his bills, doing his banking, filing his tax returns, etc.

My father is still legally capable of handling those matters, and from time to time he will do something on his own or at least direct me as to what he wants done, but he prefers that I take care of the day to day issues that come up. On his lawyer's advice, my father recently set up a living trust, of which I am named as a successor trustee. For reasons not clear to me, he named my sister, rather than me, as the current co-trustee, along with himself. Apparently, the next step is for him to transfer all of his assets to the trust for probate avoidance. My question is once those transfers are effected, won't my role as agent under his power of attorney be diminished or even unnecessary?

Jonathan Says: You are correct. Once the titles to the assets are transferred from your father's name into his name as co-trustee of his trust, the trustees of the trust will be in charge of the management of those assets and not you. However, depending upon what the general durable power of attorney document says, there might be other duties and/or powers that you have that don't necessarily relate to the management of assets. Consequently, I recommend that you discuss this matter with the attorney who prepared the durable power of attorney, or an independent attorney if you prefer, to determine exactly what your remaining duties and obligations will be under the durable power of attorney once all of your father's assets are transferred to his trust.

Dear Jonathan: I think I want to set up a living will to

avoid probate. Do you think this is a good idea?

Jonathan Says: You are confusing the term "living will" with the term "living trust." This is quite common. A living trust is a trust that you establish during your lifetime and which can be utilized to avoid probate. This is accomplished by re-titling assets which you own into the name of your trust.

I cannot give you a good answer as to whether a living trust makes sense for you without knowing more about your circumstances. If you are interested in having your estate avoid probate, then implementing a living trust for this purpose makes sense. However, there are different kinds of trusts which may apply depending on your circumstances, i.e., are you married or are you single; do you have children and if so, are they minors; do you currently have a taxable estate or is it below the threshold for the imposition of federal estate taxes, i.e., \$675,000 this year, etc.

Rather than giving you a generic answer which may or may not apply to your circumstances, I recommend that you consult with an estate planning attorney who can give you a general overview of the estate planning process and can specifically address what type of living trust would be beneficial to you based on your circumstances and objectives.

By the way, a living will is a totally separate document where an individual leaves instructions as to whether they want to receive (and if so, to what degree), or refuse life sustaining medical treatment in certain situations.

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PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

The Grattan Township Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing for the purposes of receiving comment on the proposed Master Plan for the Township. The Master Plan, if adopted, will provide a guide for the future development of Grattan Township. The Public hearing will be held at: **THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD, BELDING, MI, on the 20th day of JUNE, 2000 at 7:30 P.M.**

Copies of the Plan, consisting of text, graphics, and future land use map are available for review at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809 prior to the hearing during regular business hours. Comments on the proposed Township Master Plan may also be submitted in writing and sent to the above address. Written comments must be received by the day of the Public hearing.

Michigan in the Millennium artwork may be viewed at three Lowell sites

••• The LAAC show opens on Friday and will run through Aug. 11.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jan Upp's Michigan in the Millennium series will be the focus of a two-month-long exhibition at the Lowell Area Arts Council from Friday, June 16 through Aug. 11.

It is an artistic celebration of the wonders of the state of Michigan - from the completion of the millennium to the inception of another.

The entire series consists of 366 original watercolor paintings by Upp, each repre-

Upp said. "I finished the last painting on Jan. 10 of this year."

In those two-and-a-half years Upp and her husband Don traveled 25,000 miles to record images for her series of paintings.

Upp provided the Lowell area with a sneak preview of her Michigan in the Millennium series in January and February of 1999.

The pictorial collection

happenings, and nature at its finest. The paintings also depict well-known places and events, as well as out-of-the-way little corners of the state.

One of the pieces highlights the restaurant congestion on 28th Street. "It's my longest piece (13 1/2 miles long)," Upp jokes.

Michigan in the Millen-

ium is more than just exhibits - it is "Michigan on the Move," bringing scenes and events from around the state to those who are not able to experience them in person.

In conjunction with the exhibition at the Lowell Area Arts Council, Upp will be featuring paintings from the Millennium series at Huntington

Banks in downtown Lowell, 414 E. Main from June 19 through July 21 and the Franciscan Life Process Center through June 28. In addition, Upp is offering a watercolor class in July at LAAC.



Jan Upp's Millennium Michigan Show opens Friday. One of the pieces being highlighted is titled "Let the Games Begin." It's a picture from the Renaissance Festival in Holly, MI, in Oakland County.

The LAAC is one of 12 different locations around the state to host the exhibition of selected artworks.

Michigan in the Millen-

sents one day of the year 2000.

"It took me two-and-a-half years to complete all of the watercolor paintings,"

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It took me two-and-a-half years to complete all of the watercolor paintings. I finished the last painting on Jan. 10 of this year.

Jan Upps

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- * 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.

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Ellison evokes strong, caring words of appreciation

••• Those who have worked beside and with Judy Ellison for the past 25 years hold a great deal of respect for her genuine, caring ways.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The job description for the Lowell Middle School secretary to the principal position would read like a short book.

If those seeking to fill the position being vacated by a retiring Judy Ellison were given a copy of the job description, it might convince them that it's a job they don't want.

Those who have worked with Ellison during the past 25 years are convinced she will be nearly impossible to replace.

"We're going to set Judy up with an e-mail address at home so we can communi-

cate back and forth," said middle school secretary Gail Hutchinson. "She has so many bits and pieces of information stored away. Her knowledge is going to be missed. She has also been a great friend to all of us."

Ellison came to the Lowell School District 25 years ago in search of a job, having spent the previous 17 years raising her three children (John, Garry and Christine). "The boys were in high school and Christine was in middle school. I'd decided at that time it would be good for me to get out of the house and work," Ellison explained.

She started her lengthy district tenure working with Rob Smith in continuing education (now community education) for two years.

Since then, she has served as secretary to four middle school assistant principals (Art Bieri, Jim White, John Gabrion and Jim Harden); and three middle school principals Mike Matlosz, Dave Burdette and Jim Harden. "I've enjoyed being in school with the kids and working with the teachers and administrators," Ellison said. "It's been wonderful - that's why you stay so long at a job."

In appreciation of Ellison's many years of service, the middle school staff put together a quilt. The focal point of the quilt is Holland's Big Red Lighthouse which was framed by patch squares either sewn or tied by individual staff members. "Each staff member did a square and then signed the back of the quilt; that shows you the respect they all have for Judy," Hutchinson said.

Ellison plans on spending her retirement with her own kids and grandchildren. "I also plan on doing some volunteer work for the school and for Meijer Gardens," Ellison explained. "I've done some volunteer work for the Meijer Gardens in the past and have really enjoyed it."

Retirement will be a big change for the middle school secretary to the principal, but Ellison has shown she can handle change. "The biggest change I've had to deal with while working at the school is in technology. It's not always been easy, but I was pretty good at picking it up," Ellison said.



Judy Ellison winds down on 23 years as secretary at Lowell Middle School.

Judy was a fantastic secretary for Lowell Middle School. She always took the time from her busy day-to-day activities to help everyone who came her way. She is one of the most genuine, caring people I know and I am proud to have been able to work with her.

Jim White

Judy will be sorely missed. She was always right there to help you. She's always upbeat and a nice person to work with.

John Gabrion

The best five years of my career were the five years as Lowell Middle School principal. Judy was a keystone. She's a class act. She's wonderful with kids, parents and teachers. She also happens to be one of the finest people I've worked with - I have nothing but the best of memories.

Mike Matlosz

Judy has been a good and faithful employee along with being a good friend. She has been a big help to many people and touched many lives. She did everything with a smile and never got ruffled.

Jim Harden

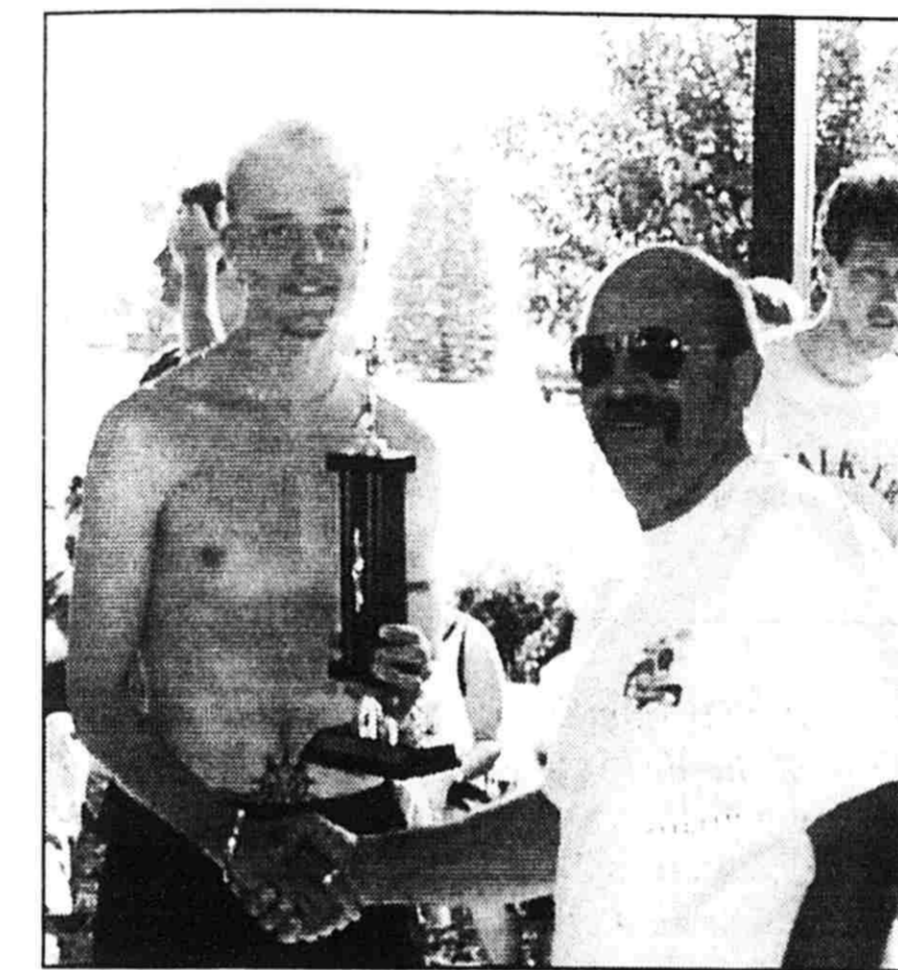
Minnema wins the race; Persson takes longest journey

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Peter Persson was looking to participate in a race in the Grand Rapids area before flying home to Vienna, Austria.

There was the Old Kent, Race, and the Cherry Creek Classic, all within a short distance of his wife's sister and family who live in Grand Rapids.

His decision to run in the Cherry Creek Classic was based on a cross country telephone call he received from race coordinator Terry VanderWarf while staying in Los Angeles.



Cherry Creek Classic coordinator Terry VanderWarf, right, presents Jim Minnema with the first-place trophy. Minnema finished the race in 16:22.

"I was in Los Angeles on a sabbatical when Terry called to answer some questions (which I left on his answering machine) I had about the Cherry Creek Classic race," Persson explained.

On Saturday, two days prior to flying back home (Vienna), the pastor of a German speaking church in Vienna, finished the 3.1 mile Cherry Creek Classic course in 23:13.

"The hills were a challenge; however I beat my goal of 23:23," Persson explained. "I just started running last July. This is only the second race I've participated in."

Jim Minnema found the course challenging enough to defend his victory last year.

"It is a tough course and it was also humid today," Minnema explained. "Although I felt I ran faster than my time of 16:22."

Minnema's time was

good enough to win the Cherry Creek Classic for a second consecutive year. It is the first time in six years that a runner has won the race in back-to-back years.

In 1999, he finished in a time of 15:48. Travis Clement was sec-

ond in a time of 16:43. Steve Peabody came home in third with a time of 17:38.

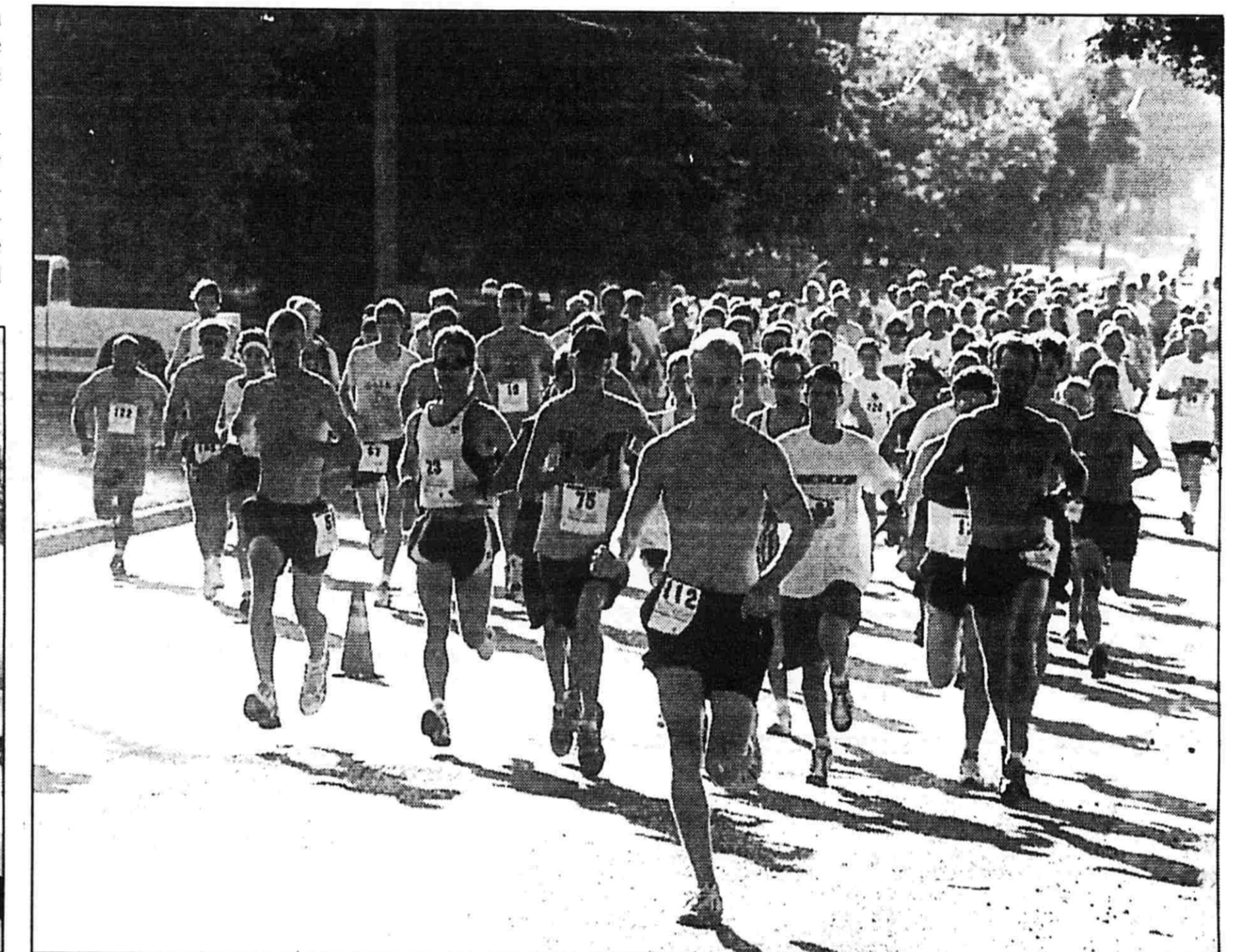
Fred Bunn set the course record in 1997, stopping the clock in 15:18.

Maria Wordelman was the top woman runner. She finished with a time of 20:21.

Deborah Yealin was second in 20:42. Nancy Liveredge was third in 21:57.

"It was a little hot. It's a challenging course but a fair course," Wordelman said. "I signed up late and didn't feel as if I had energy to do very much."

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With the sound of the gun, 180 runners and walkers were off on their 3.1 mile Cherry Creek Classic journey.

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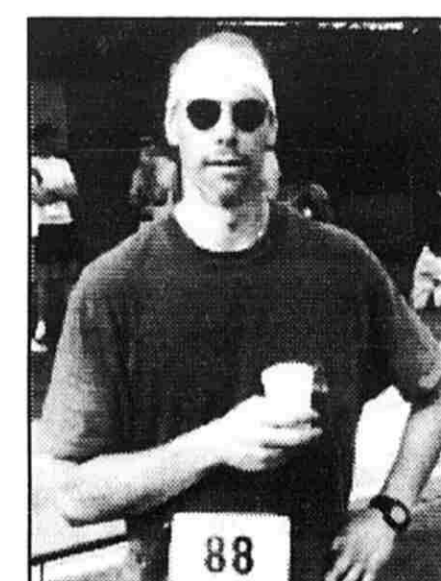
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Terry VanderWarf, left, presents top female runner, Maria Wordelman with the trophy for being the top woman runner in Saturday's race. Above, Peter Persson relaxes after the race.

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well, but my competition (Yealin and Liversedge) helped motivate me." The top female walkers were LaDene Lyon 35:47; Marcia Rickert 37:42; and Joanne Strobel 38:22. The top men walkers were Edward Zimmerman 31:07; Doug Lyon 32:42; and Joshua Drake 34:49. Proceeds from this year's race will be donated to the Lowell Area Fire Department (night-vision binoculars and training equipment for CPR).



MALE RUNNERS

- 14 & Under**
Daniel Cramer 19:23
Drew Hargett 22:54
Carl Berasi III 24:14
Patrick Doyle 26:28
Steven Berasi 30:05
- 15-19 Years Old**
Travis Clement 16:43
Nick Liversedge 18:08
Matt Plaska 18:40
Lance Jones 18:40
Bradley Myers 18:49
Mike Armstrong II 19:10
Kevin Huisman 19:29
David Cramer 19:34
Andrew Oetman 20:51
Bill Beer 21:43
- 20-24 Years Old**
Jim Minnema 16:22
Ryan Wittenbach 18:53
Douglas Kitchen 20:36
- 25-29 Years Old**
Michael Mull 19:44
Joel Poel 20:00
Andy Pridgeon 22:11
Kris Fox 28:31
- 30-34 Years Old**
Scott Taylor 19:14
Pete Persson 23:13
Rick Zimmerman 21:48
Jeff Sweet 22:29
Bill Elvey 23:12
Tim Wetherbee 23:44
Paul LaFond 25:14
- 35-39 Years Old**
Steve Peabody 17:38
Paul Pitsch 18:59
Tim Baranoski 20:23
Lee Jones 21:23
Rick Pahl 22:56
Robert McVey 26:07
Robert Mendez 26:57
- 40-44 Years Old**
Ed Spier 20:02
William Melmis 20:24
Timothy Lunger 21:30
Rick Rolf 22:26
Bruce Langlois 22:29
Fred Hargett 22:54
Richard Courter 24:01
Dennis Gender 25:41
David Durkee 27:04
Dan Wood 27:45
John Bloem 30:02
Thomas Wareck
Jean-Claude Parme
- 45-49 years Old**
Chip King 18:21
Irwin Greenbaum 22:33
Donald Hall 22:58
Michael Billiet 23:03
Peter Persson 23:13
Mike Blough 23:15
David Vail 23:54
Michael Roush 24:42
Steve Stowe 24:52

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Rick Szczepanski 28:52
Carl Berasi II 30:06

50-54 Years Old
Don Huizinga 20:10
Bud Elve 20:55
Rick Hutchinson 25:46
Paul Matson 26:19
Patrick Purgiel

55-59 Years Old
Kent Drnyesteyn 25:32
Gary Gust 26:32

60-65 Years Old
Rod Smith 21:44
William Gonzalez

MALE WALKERS

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND SUMMARY OF ITS REGULATORY EFFECT MHC Manufactured Housing Community District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 12, 2000, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance which amends the provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance relating to manufactured housing communities. A summary of the regulatory effect of the amending Ordinance is as follows:

DEFINITION. The Definition of "Mobile Home" in Section 2.32 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to make reference to the terms "Manufactured Home" and "Manufactured Housing Community."

MHC DISTRICT. The amendment adds Chapter 9-A to the Zoning Ordinance, the "MHC" Manufactured Housing Community District regulations. According to Section 9-A.01, the purpose of the district is to provide for manufactured housing communities and related uses. Pursuant to Section 9-A.02, lands in the district may be used for manufactured housing communities, single-family dwellings as regulated in the "R-R" District, uses permitted by right and as regulated in the "A" District, and, with special land use approval, institutional or public uses and outdoor recreation areas.

COMMUNITY DESIGN STANDARDS. Section 9-A.03 provides standards for manufactured housing communities. The standards which are higher than or in addition to the rules of the Manufactured Housing Commission (the "Commission") have been reviewed and approved by the Commission, as required by law. In summary, the standards are as follows:

State Law/Commission Rules. Subsection A requires compliance with the standards of the Mobile Home Commission Act and Rules, and the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health, mobile home parks and seasonal mobile home park health standards.

Skirting/Installation. Subsections B and C require that mobile homes be skirted within 90 days after installation, and be installed in accordance with the rules of the Manufactured Housing Commission.

Community Size. Subsection D requires that manufactured housing communities be located on a parcel of not less than 15 acres in size.

Spacing/Screening. Subsection E requires that manufactured homes, permanent buildings, and other structures be located not less than 10 feet from the property boundary line, or 50 feet from a public rights-of-way. Landscaping is required around boundaries that abut existing residential developments, and along the boundaries abutting a public right-of-way. Standards for landscaping are provided.

Site Size. Subsection F requires a minimum average site size of 5,500 square feet. This may be reduced by up to 20%, to an individual minimum site size of 4,400 square feet, if each square foot of land gained through the reduction of a site below 5,500 square feet is dedicated to open space, in addition to that required by the rules of the Manufactured Housing Commission.

Floor Area. Subsection G requires a minimum floor area of 500 square feet for manufactured homes.

Sales. Subsection H permits the sales of new or used manufactured homes on sites approved for permanent occupancy and accessory to the use of the park for dwelling purposes.

Utilities. Subsection I requires that all utilities be installed underground.

TOWNSHIP REVIEW AND APPROVAL. Section 9-A.04 provides for review and approval of manufactured housing communities by a procedure which is consistent with the Mobile Home Commission Act and the rules of the Commission. Section 9-A.04 provides standards for applications and review. If a manufactured housing community is located in the MHC District and complies with the Zoning Ordinance and the rules of the Commission, it shall be approved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The Ordinance amendments will become effective seven days after this publication.

A true and complete copy of the Ordinance may be inspected, obtained, or purchased at the office of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, N.E., Belding, Michigan. The business hours of the Township office are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday (closed Fridays), or you may call (616) 691-8450 to make arrangements.

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REAL ESTATE SALES - We have a limited number of opportunities for new Business Partners. We provide complete training, from licensing thru career development & are certified trainers & distributors for Top Producer real estate management software to ensure your future success. Business partners enjoy the finest technology & management support. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty at 974-4250.

SANITATION - Litehouse, manufacturer of salad dressings, is in need of an individual for our 3rd shift Sanitation crew. Responsibilities include cleaning and sanitizing high speed processing equipment and surrounding environment. Strong mechanical ability a plus. Benefit package currently includes 401(k) and health insurance. Please apply or send resume to 1400 Foreman, Lowell, MI 49331. EOE

HOMESITES AVAILABLE - 2 - 26 acres, walkout sites. Perked. Go East on M-21, East of Ionia to Muir, to Hayes & Hayden Roads. Turn North to sign. Call D & P Holdings, LLC 897-0373. Land Contracts available.

'85 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN - Solid body, looks sharp, runs good. \$2,400. Call 897-5562.

'89 FORD TAURUS PARTS CAR - Brand new tires, good engine, bad transmission. \$500 obo. Call 868-0446.

IMMEDIATE HIRE - Summer help, \$1,500 summer bonus. Company take-over by publicly traded company has created openings for dependable/energetic people. Several positions available: delivery, set up, customer service. No experience, company training provided, over \$500 a week to start. We have very flexible hours. Benefits, bonuses, and paid vacations are a part of this attractive package. For interview call (616) 243-9132.

RN FULL-TIME DAY SHIFT - Immediate need for RN for our day shift. Come work in our elegant private pay facility. NO MEDICARE CHARTING! We offer a competitive pay & benefit package. Benefits available after 30 days! Give us a call at 974-5342 for more information or send your resume or apply in person to: Heather Hills Care Center, 1157 Medical Park SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

LOOKING FOR 2 TEAM PLAYERS - Will train. Flexible hours. Write your own paycheck! Call Craig Sanborn 942-2300.

SEIZED CARS - From \$500. Sport, luxury & economy cars. Trucks, 4x4's, utility & more. For current listings, call 1-800-311-5048 ext. 8029.

FOR SALE - Tippmann Prolite paintball gun w/accessories. Like new. Asking \$300. Call 897-1723.

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

DRIVER - CDLB drivers needed. Looking for dependable, customer service oriented person w/chaufer's CDLB, or CDLA license, full time and part time. Benefits (full time), good working environment, also hiring nights and weekends. Call 248-7729

CLEANERS - Act now to earn extra \$\$\$ working part-time \$7.50/hr. cleaning bank branches. Opportunities in Lowell, Ionia, Ovid & more! Call collect for a local interview 451-2064. EOE.

WANTED - Temporary rural carriers. Must have own car. Must work every Saturday. Contact Lowell Post Office, 897-9949.

1992 JAYCO PICKUP CAMPER - 14 ft., gas or electric conversion, toilet, shower, queen size bed, \$3,700. Call 897-8321.

DIRECTV - mini-satellite dish. \$59 - lowest price ever! This week only! 1-800-459-7357, K-20.

UTILITY TRACTOR SERVICE - \$30 an hour. Mowing, seed bed prep, loader. Call 897-8512.

LPN OR RN CHARGE NURSE (11-7) - Immediate need for 11-7 LPN or RN charge nurse. We are Grand Rapids only private pay nursing facility. No Medicare charting! Come work where your skills & experience are appreciated. Please send resume or apply to: Heather Hills Care Center, 1157 Medical Park Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or call 974-5342 for more information.

METROPOLITAN BUILDING MAINTENANCE - a commercial cleaning company, has immediate full & part-time cleaning operation positions. Must have own transportation. We offer competitive wages, health insurance, 401K, paid holidays, paid vacation, life insurance & a great work environment. If you are a dependable & motivated individual looking for an employment opportunity, stop in to fill out an application soon! Metropolitan Building Maintenance 868 Barnum SW, Wyoming, MI 49509.

HOUSE FOR SALE - Brand new, 2-story w/walkout & attached garage on 2+ acres, w/additional 7 acre conservancy area. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths & master w/whirlpool. Breakfast nook, fireplace, media room, custom oak cabinets, central air & terrific covered porch are just a few of the amenities. Paved, private road, great location, Lowell Schools. \$224,900. 897-6615 or 897-6820.

1999 GMC EXT. CAB SIERRA - loaded! 3 door w/topper. Call 693-3339.

FOUND - Older female German Shepherd on Kyser Rd. Call 616-642-6206. Misses her home.

PRESSER WANTED - Days. Apply in person Curtis Cleaners, 1410 W. Main Lowell.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION - summer. Available immediately. Including general & detailed cleaning & light lifting. Apply in person at Cascade Hills Country Club, 3725 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids.

HOMES FROM \$5,000 - Foreclosed & repossessed. No or low down payment. Credit trouble O.K. For current listings call 1-800-311-5048 ext. 7004.

1996 CHRYSLER SEBRING JX - Convertible, dark green, black top, 76,000 miles, many extras. \$10,900 or best. Call 897-5426.

FREE TO GOOD HOME - 1 1/2 year old male retriever, neutered, had shots & is housebroken. Loves kids, needs room to play. Call 987-9079 anytime.

FREE KITTENS - Various colors. Ready to go. 897-3110.

FOR SALE - 1995 GMC SIERRA - 3/4 ton, extended cab, 35,000 miles, \$12,500. Call 897-8321.

ACREAGE LOTS - Ranging in size from 3.81 acres to 18 acres. Several wooded lots. W. of Ionia. For further information, please call evenings, 616-367-4900, ask for Phil.

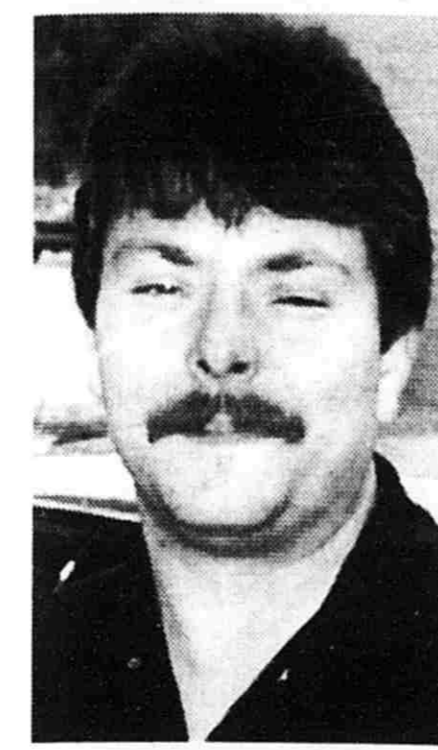
1994 EBTIDE FISH & SKI 182 SE - 135 HP Mercruiser, low hours. Call 693-3339.

1985 BLACK PONTIAC FIERO GT - new tires & clutch. Runs excellent. Deer damage. Call 897-0242.

1971 MOBILE HOME - 2 or 3 bedroom, garbage disposal, central air, newer hot water heater. Must sell. \$5,000 firm. Call 897-3113.

TOWN TALK

How has the cost of gas affected your driving habits and cost to fill up? Do you believe drivers are being taken advantage of?



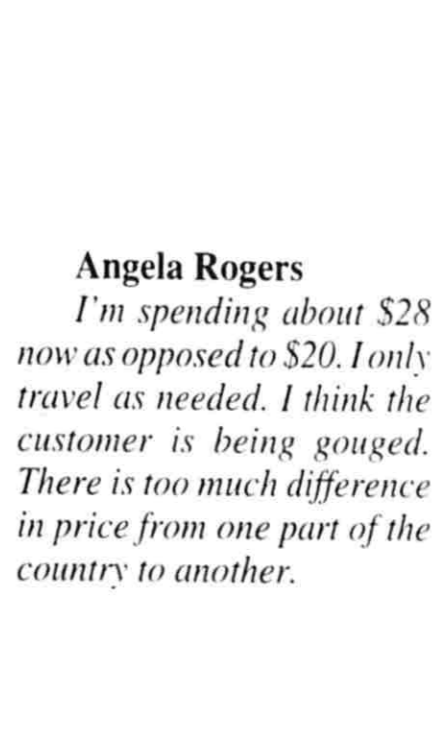
Don Kermeen
It used to cost me \$15 to fill up my car. Now I'm paying \$30. I think we're being raked over the coals.



John DeJong
It appears to have doubled. It's terrible. We're going through the same nonsense as we did once before.



Angela Rogers
I'm spending about \$28 now as opposed to \$20. I only travel as needed. I think the customer is being gouged. There is too much difference in price from one part of the country to another.



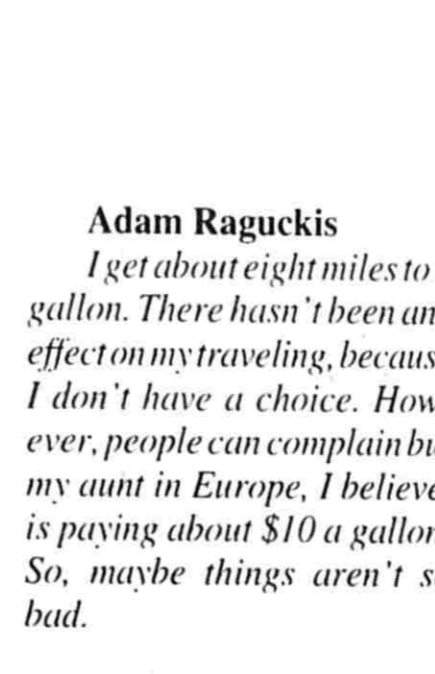
James Phelps
I drive a company vehicle so it hasn't really affected me. I am from Jackson, where the leak is. I'll tell you this, I think they are taking advantage of the situation. Instead of working together to solve the problem, I think people are getting greedy.



Shani Watson
I'm paying over \$20 now when before I was paying \$12-\$13. I just don't drive as much now. The gas prices are ridiculous.



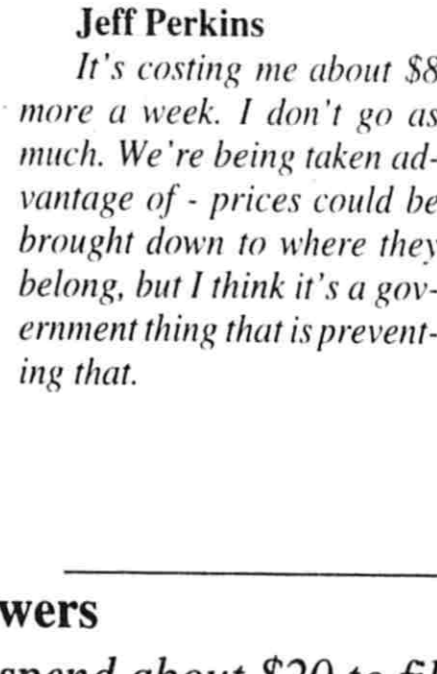
Adam Raguckis
I get about eight miles to a gallon. There hasn't been any effect on my traveling, because I don't have a choice. However, people can complain but my aunt in Europe, I believe, is paying about \$10 a gallon. So, maybe things aren't so bad.



Terry Powers
I used to spend about \$20 to fill up my tank, now I spend \$40.



Jeff Perkins
It's costing me about \$8 more a week. I don't go as much. We're being taken advantage of - prices could be brought down to where they belong, but I think it's a government thing that is preventing that.



Shani Watson
I'm paying over \$20 now when before I was paying \$12-\$13. I just don't drive as much now. The gas prices are ridiculous.

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TO THE YOUNG WOMAN - that bought the Necchi sewing machine in Key Heights at the Grand Slam Sale. Please call 897-9924.

PLUMBING REPAIR & SERVICE - Water heaters, toilets, etc. installed. Licensed & insured master plumber. 897-7292.

CHRISTOPHER'S TREE & SHRUB SERVICE - Removals, pruning, yard clean - ups. Prompt, professional, reasonable rates, since 1975. 868-1614.

MURRAY LAKE GREENHOUSE - welcomes you to our water gardening seminar Sat., June 17, 1-2:30 p.m. Guest speaker is John Symczak, 20 yr. horticulturalist, Michigan certified nurseryman, expert in landscaping & water gardening. Everyone is guaranteed a prize. Door prizes totaling over \$700. Free pond products including 2 complete pond kits (Must be present to win). John will stay to answer all questions you have. Sign up at our greenhouse (Big Red Barn on NW corner) at 4 Mile & Lincoln Lake, 6 mi. N. of Lowell or 3 mi. S. of Belding Rd. Limited seating; sign up ASAP. Call Chris or Jody 897-2628 or 897-7347.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to advertise daycare or babysitting, the State requires a license number on file at the newspaper. If you do not have a daycare license, we cannot place an ad for you. If you are a teenager willing to do babysitting, you can run an ad, but must state you are a teenager. Thank you, Lowell Ledger Buyers Guide

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ALL-PHASE CONCRETE - construction & excavating, poured walls & flat work. Licensed & bonded, 28 years experience. Owner operated, commercial/residential; guaranteed response in 24 hours. Call 616-696-3880.

NEW DAY CARE OPENING - all ages available. Loving Christian family home. Call 897-8508.

KOETJE HORSE-SHOEING - Call Bill, certified farrier, 8 years experience. 616-374-3286.

PIANO LESSONS - Professional, experienced teacher. \$11. 897-9693.

THE FLOWER LADY HAS HEARD - it's going to be a long hot summer. Keeping your loved ones' flowers and plants watered and fertilized at the cemetery is not always easy. The Flower Lady will do it all summer for \$35 in the Saranac area. Call between 10am and 2pm. 616-642-9533.

CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL OPENINGS - infant thru preschool at Big Step Little Feet Christian Child Care in Ada. 682-8300.

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WORKED WANTED - Handyman wants jobs. Tree trimming & removal, power wash & deck seal, junk & brush removal. I do whatever the customer wants. Free estimates. Call 517-637-8322, leave message is not in.

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