

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Lowell Skies to Sparkle

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in 10 years Lowell residents will be treated to a Lowell Area Fire Department water ball fight. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a slate of activities on Saturday, July 1 in celebration of the July 4th holiday.

Residents will be able to witness a flash from the past as the Lowell Fire Department and other area departments compete for prizes in a water ball fight contest.

The activities will commence with a parade on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. forming at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. It will proceed west on Main Street and turn south on Broadway before ending at the Lowell Fairgrounds.



Children are invited to participate in a parade of bikes Music Ensemble, will entertain the holiday crowd

••• Chamber, Laurels of Kent to ignite July 4th weekend

at the Reath Barn Livestock Arena at 7:30. The winner of each of four categories will win a \$25 Shop Lowell Gift Certificate.

A musical group, Lowell

with string music.

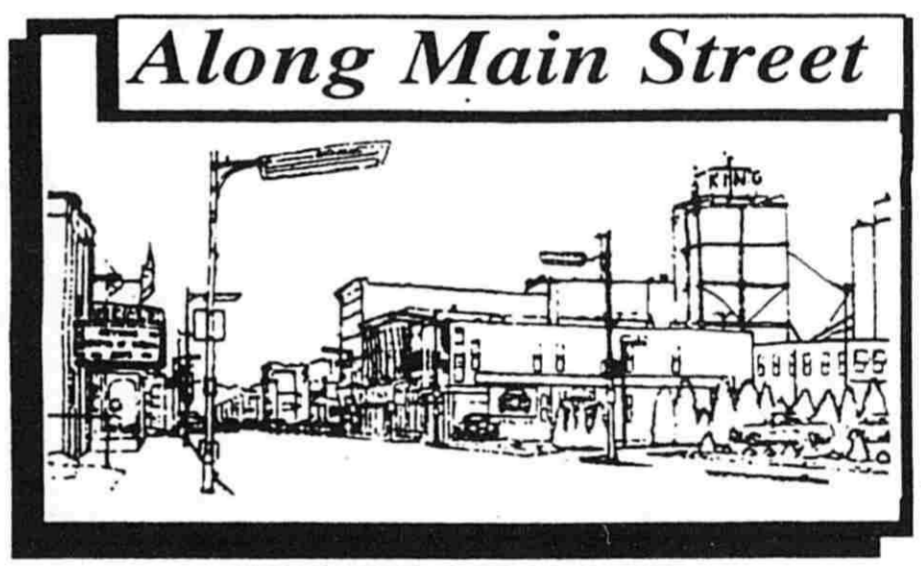
Lowell's Knights of Columbus will open a concession stand, offering Bar-BQ sandwiches, corn dogs, popcorn, snow cones and sodas.

The evening will end with a Laurels of Kent-sponsored fireworks display.

Melrose Pyrotechnics will shoot the fireworks show from Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road. Area residents are invited to view the display from the fairgrounds.

"Laurels of Kent looks forward to celebrating Independence Day with the community. We like to include our residents in community events such as this as much as possible. This is a way for us to give back to the community for their support," said Michelle Herron, director of marketing for Laurels of Kent.

Laurels of Kent provides both short- and long-term rehabilitation which includes physical, occupational and speech therapy.



Along Main Street

### CHAMBER OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce open house reception at 113 Riverwalk Plaza on Saturday, June 24 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

### GLOW NECKLACES

Support the Fourth of July celebration by buying glowing necklaces for \$2 each while supplies last at Old Kent Bank, Rupert's Drop, Springgrove Variety and Roll Away Family Fun Center.

### COMMUNITY CONCERT FUNDRAISER

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

A free car wash will be held Saturday, June 24 from noon to 3 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary by the Lowell Leaders' Club.

### 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.

### 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.

### COOKIE CONTEST

The Fallsburg Historical Society is sponsoring The Best Old-Fashioned Cookie Contest. The judged event will be held during the Covered Bridge Bike Tour. Recipes from the contest will be printed in a cookbook to be sold at the museums.

To enter call Sue at 452-5973 or a leave message for Kerry at 897-0849 on or before Monday, July 3. On Saturday, July 8, three dozen cookies will be delivered to the Fallsburg Schoolhouse along with the recipe. Entrants will be asked to sign a release form granting permission to use the recipe in the cookbook. Judging is July 9 by a panel of three judges plus popular vote of riders who will enjoy them at rest stops.

### BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Lowell Area Softball Tournament will be held at Recreational Park in Lowell, July 15 and 16 to benefit Fred Probst, a longtime umpire and player.

Registration deadline is June 30 at the Lowell YMCA branch, 323 W. Main St. The cost is \$150 per team (double elimination). Phone 897-8445 for more information.

## Peterson derived great joy in putting her students first

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Norma Peterson has taught first grade for the better part of her 32-year educational tenure.

While many students return years later to express how lucky they feel to have been in her classroom, it is Peterson

24) of the children in that 1987-88 kindergarten class graduated at the LHS commencement exercise on June 4.

"That class has kind of been a marker for my retirement, especially the last couple of years," Peterson explained.

After closing her class-

chrysalises," Peterson said. "I then tag them on their lower wing and we release them."

While some may conjure up expressions of ugh, disin-

give you a run for your money. This year that hasn't been the case."

With school out, Peterson said she and her

••• Lowell first-grade elementary teacher still pinches herself over getting paid for something she loved so much.

terest or pity about being a first-grade teacher. Peterson is clear as to what has attracted her to teaching first-graders. "Everything," she said. "They are so eager to learn and learn so much. First-graders like everything about school."

Peterson, while enjoying all of her classes over the years, says the last one has been one of her best. "Usually, you have a couple of children in each class who

husband Jim (of 39 years) plan on doing some traveling. They will take a much anticipated trip to Hawaii in February.

While she doesn't categorize it as a hobby, Peterson will fill some of her free time helping her son Brian farm. "I really enjoy raking and baling hay," said the retired first-grade teacher and hay baler.

Still the lucky one after all these years!



Norma Peterson is retiring following 32 years of teaching.

who insists she has been the lucky one.

"I feel lucky to have been paid for something I've enjoyed so much," Peterson said.

After years of juggling the raising of three children and teaching (full-time, subbing and parapro work), Peterson returned to teach kindergarten in 1987-88. The following year she graduated to first-grade where she remained through the 1999-2000 school year.

A little over half (13 of

room door for the final time on June 6. Peterson left Alto Elementary and drove to the hospital where she welcomed the birth of her grandson, Kaden Michael ... a nice way to segue into retirement.

For the past 13 years Peterson has used the monarch caterpillar to teach first-graders about the concept of change.

"Each year around the third week in August, I bring a handful of caterpillars into the classroom and the students and I watch them turn into

## Richards appointed to general manager

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Tom Richards has been named the new general manager of Lowell Light &

••• He replaces Ron Holcomb; search begins for new programming/marketing manager

Power/Lowell Cable Television.

He replaces Ron Holcomb who left the company at the end of May to take

a consulting manager position with Virchow Krause in Clarksville, TN.

Richards has served as marketing/programming

manager for LL&P and Lowell Cable Television for the past two years.

"My new position as general manager of Lowell Light & Power is exciting. I look forward to working with the staff and the community. My new position as general manager, cont'd., pg. 8

## INSIDE THE LEDGER

Beckett features Lowell supercollector, Pg. 8

Micro burst topples trees, Pg. 3

## OBITUARIES

**DICKERSON** - Walter J. Dickerson, Jr., aged 62, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, June 15, 2000. He is survived by children Duane Dickerson, Brian (Kathy) Dickerson, Kent Dickerson all of Grand Rapids, Rhonda Dickerson of Utah, Kelly Livingston of AZ; five brothers; six sisters; grandchildren Amanda, Sa-

rah, Andrea and Robert; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the W. J. Dickerson Fund.

**LATHER** - Dorothy Lather, aged 90, of Lowell, formerly of Suttons Bay, passed away June 15, 2000. She was pre-

ceded in death by her parents Minnie and Conrad Lather, brother Donald Lather; sister Leona Lather Borgerson. She is survived by a nephew Dr. Norman E. Borgerson, Jr. of Lowell, grandnephews Matt Borgerson of Grand Rapids and Conrad Belfour of Suttons Bay; grandnieces Cyndi Koetje of Whitneyville, Jana McGuire of Snohomish, WA, and Dian Belfour of Denver, CO. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at Martinson Funeral Home in Suttons Bay.

**MC QUEEN** - Ferris R. McQueen, aged 67, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2000. Preceded in death by his son, Duane Ferris. Survived by his wife of 49 years Joan; children David (Shellie) McQueen, Dawn (Frank) Dykstra, Doreen Foreback, Dennis (Sharon) McQueen, Diana (Martin) Aeder, Debra (Garry) Kadwell and Douglas (Lori) McQueen. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**RYAN** - Gregory A. Ryan, aged 50, passed away unexpectedly Friday, June 16, 2000. Born November 19, 1949, he is survived by his wife Karen; his children Sheryl and Trey Taylor, Liz and Randy DeBoer, Allison Hanks; his grandchildren Alana, Tyler, Gary Wayne, Brent, Spencer, Ryan and Katie; brothers, sisters and their spouses, Leo and Sonja Ryan, Sandy and Marvin Sharp, Venita and Jon Parent, Dan and Sharon Ryan, Eva Hulett; several nieces and nephews. Funeral and Committal Services were held Tuesday. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family via the funeral chapel or the funeral chapel website, Alt and Shawmut Hills Chapel, 2120 Lake Michigan Drive N.W. Heritage Funeral Service: www.heritagefuneralservice.com

## FedEx lands at Lowell Airport and instructs local students

Piloted by Phil Brooks and Craig Fish, former students of the Missionary Training School at Lowell airport, the newest of the Federal Express caravan of Cessna freight-hauling airplanes made a totally non-eventful landing at Lowell airport Thursday morning. The purpose was to allow the current

students to ask questions about a turbine powered airplane and to receive a tour of the plane.

The pilots used runway 24, which was necessary because of the strong southwest winds. This is the shortest grass runway. All the students were impressed by the perfect landing. The pilots talked about the short field

capabilities of the plane and its usefulness in the mission field as well as its ability to get into small airports to provide better service to their customers.

Brooks reported that FedEx has no intention of providing direct service from Lowell to Grand Rapids by air.



Current students and FedEx pilots tour Cessna freight airplane.

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  - Tuesday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Wednesday.....8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Thursday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## New home for LACC

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is holding an open house reception to highlight their new facility. The community is encouraged to drop by on Saturday, June 24 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for punch and cookies.

The Chamber is located at 113 Riverwalk Plaza, downtown Historic Lowell. Tour the offices and see what the generous underwriting of the city of Lowell, Lowell Area Community Fund, Steelcase Inc., DDA and Lowell Rotary Club has provided our community.

Also Lowell artist, Jan Johnson is displaying her watercolor works. Her work represents local landscapes painted in the late sixties

through present times. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is closed Mondays, weekends and holidays. The Chamber is open Tuesday through Friday from

### LHS reunion planned for grads between 1954 - 1960 for September

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 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. 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.

## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

### Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Lowell Board of Education Public Hearing of June 12, 2000

**PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGETS** - The Board conducted a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed 2000-2001 budgets to be adopted during the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### Regular Meeting of June 12, 2000

**MARSHA WILCOX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** - The Board presented the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award to Ray Quada for his outstanding service to students and the community of Lowell.

**STUDENT REPORT - New Math Program** - Sue Beute presented to the board an update on the new elementary math curriculum. At the conclusion of her presentation, the Board honored Beute with roses for her receipt of the Presidential Math Teacher Excellence Award.

**ACTION ITEMS** - Accepted the following gifts:  
• John Lee donation of books and software valued at \$30 to be used by Lowell Area Schools.  
• Lowell Community Fund donation of \$500 to Lowell Athletic Boosters and \$500 to Lowell Academic Boosters.  
• Adopted the General Fund Appropriation, the Food Service Fund Appropriation, the Athletic Fund Appropriation, Transfer Balance of 71 debt to 90 debt, 1990 Debt Fund Appropriation, 2000-2001 Headlee Underfunding Budget, 2000-2001 Headlee Debt Appropriation, and a Resolution to Make Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds.

#### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:

- May 8, 2000 regular meeting minutes, May 8, 2000 closed session minutes, May 22, 2000 special meeting minutes, and May 22, 2000 closed session minutes.
- The following payment of bills:
 

GENERAL FUND	\$723,342.56
1971 DEBT FUND	\$307,370.00
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$56,036.93
B. Athletic Fund	\$15,812.81
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$23,473.27
- New Hires:
  - Tammy DeBaar - Director of Outdoor Education Programs
  - Tonya Sandborn - Unity Alternative High School - Science Teacher
- Leaves:
  - Child Care: Nancy Breuker and Nancy Russell
  - Unpaid: Susan Pomper
- Superintendent Evaluation
- MHSAA Resolution for the 2000-2001 school year
- P.A.S.E. membership - Tammy Mosher and Evelyn Zalis
- Ice Hockey Cooperative Program with Caledonia

**LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND GRANT AWARDS** - Kate Democoeur, member of the Lowell Area Community Fund Advisory Committee, announced the following grants that have been awarded to Lowell Area Schools: Wireless microphones at Lowell Performing Arts Center, TOTS on Track, Character and Diversity Program, Summer School and Tutoring Program and Security Cameras at the high school.

**MEAP REPORT** - Jim White presented the results of the 4th and 7th grade reading and math MEAP scores.

**ELECTION RESULTS** - Bert Bleke announced the unofficial election results which revealed Mark Blanding and Kate Democoeur as board members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Bernard Schaefer, candidate for Probate Judge of the Family Court, introduced himself and expressed his commitment to the educational system. Pete Gustafson presented Norm Byrne with a plaque for his 14 years of service on the Lowell School Board and presented roses to Rosemary Byrne.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke commented on the success of the 1999-2000 school year. He also explained the importance of the September 26 bond issue vote in order to accommodate student growth. Bert thanked Norm for his service to the school system and the community.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Special Board Meeting - Thursday, June 29, 2000 Runciman Administration Building -Brd. Rm. - 7:00 a.m.
- Organizational Meeting - Monday, July 10, 2000 Runciman Administration Building-Brd. Rm. - 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting - Monday, July 10, 2000 Runciman Administration Building-Board Rm. - 7:30 p.m. Visit our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us

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## Windfallen

••• Trees in small area of less than 100 yards toppled by micro burst of wind.



By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kevin Brown was visiting his parents at 13975 28th St. when he heard a gust of wind.

"It lasted for maybe 30 seconds. My younger brother and I saw trees falling in the direction of the house," Brown recalls. "It was one big gust and they all (approximately 20 trees) came tumbling down."



Brown along with his friends Andy Smith and Scott West were cleaning up from the aftermath of the storm Thursday afternoon.

The storm downed trees in the path of Thomas Briggs' driveway at 14011 28th St.

Roberta Preston had two trees folded over in her backyard.

The National Weather Service identified the cause of damage as straight line

winds. TV-13 chief meteorologist Bill Steffen said straight line winds can cause damage associated with small tornadoes.

The storm which produced the winds was tracked from Bangor to Wayland and from Lowell to Shepherd.

Storms which shoot out high winds in small areas are referred to as micro burst, according to Steffen.

## Veen Observatory introduces new telescopes with 3-night open house

The Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association (GRAAA) is holding a special three-night Open House to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Observatory and the rededication of the two largest telescopes on Thursday, June 22; Friday, June 23; and Saturday, June 24 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Veen Observatory has undergone a major equipment upgrade over the last few months. Thanks to the Lowell Area Community Fund of the Grand Rapids Foundation, the West Dome has a new 16" Meade LX200 Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. The GRAAA anticipates that this state-of-the-art instrument will delight and

intrigue visitors. The telescope can be controlled by voice or by computer.

"It's not only easy to use, but allows smoother viewing of objects due to automatic tracking capabilities," said Paula Blumm, who wrote the grant proposal for the new telescope. "The excitement on a kid's face when she tells the 'scope to 'go to Saturn' - and there's Saturn - well, the enthusiasm's contagious. The LX200 can also suggest objects to look at, and can carry on a limited conversation of sorts regarding astronomical objects."

The project chairman, Ron Vander Werff, has overseen installation of the 16". In addition, Vander Werff de-

signed and built a custom wedge to support the telescope mount on its pier. The pier extends from the 2nd story dome to below the ground, to give stability to the telescope.

This 16" replaces a 12 1/2" reflector that was used for almost 30 years. The old reflector, which was built by GRAAA members and dedicated to the memory of Jeffrey Borr (a GRAAA member who was killed in Viet Nam), will be used at a new amateur observatory in Newwaygo

County. The new telescope is also dedicated to the memory of Jeffrey Borr.

The GRAAA financed the rebuilding of the 17 1/2" Newtonian telescope which is set up on the east patio on visitor's nights. The new Hawkins won three prestigious awards at the co-hosted Great Lakes Region of the Astronomical League and Northern Indiana Astronomical Group convention in Indiana

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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2000

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

Richard and Paula Averill have requested a variance to build at 2585 Gulliford Drive S.E. (PP#41-20-10-200-020), which has insufficient road frontage.

For further information, please call the Lowell Township Hall at 897-7600 during regular business hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARINGS

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

Monday, June 26, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. to consider two rezoning applications:

- 1) Whispering Hills Associates has issued a request to rezone property located at 1600 Cumberland Ave. and 16667 Fulton St. (PP#41-20-04-100-015 and 41-20-04-401-027) from R-1 (Rural low density residential) to R-3 (High density - multiple family).
- 2) Tammy Brown has issued a request to rezone property located at 11826 Fulton Street (PP#41-20-04-476-001) from AG-2 (Rural agriculture) to Commercial.

The original applications and the township zoning map may be examined at the Township Office during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

# Reflections

Of Faith

Robert W. Holmes,  
pastor of Christian  
Life Center

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10

If you asked most people how we can have a relationship with God and go to heaven, their answer would be something like, "Try to live the best life that I can in this world." That's the idea most of us have picked up somewhere in life. But how good would we have to be to live up to the standards of a perfect God? Exactly as good as God, perfect! We all fell short of that standard a long time ago.

Let me give you a picture of the problem that we all face. If I were to ask you if

you'd like to go swimming this afternoon, what might be your response? "Sure, but where?" "Oh, how about Lake Michigan, from Grand Haven to Mackinac Island and back?" Now that's a different sort of request! "That's not even in the realm of possibility," you would think. No one could swim that far. It's impossible!

What's the point? We cannot obtain salvation by how hard we try to meet God's standard of perfection. It's like trying to swim to Mackinac City. You can't do it. No matter how long you train or how deep your desire or how positive your thinking, it's outside of your human power. Oh, some of us would be able to swim further than others ... but none of us could swim all the way to Mackinac City and back.

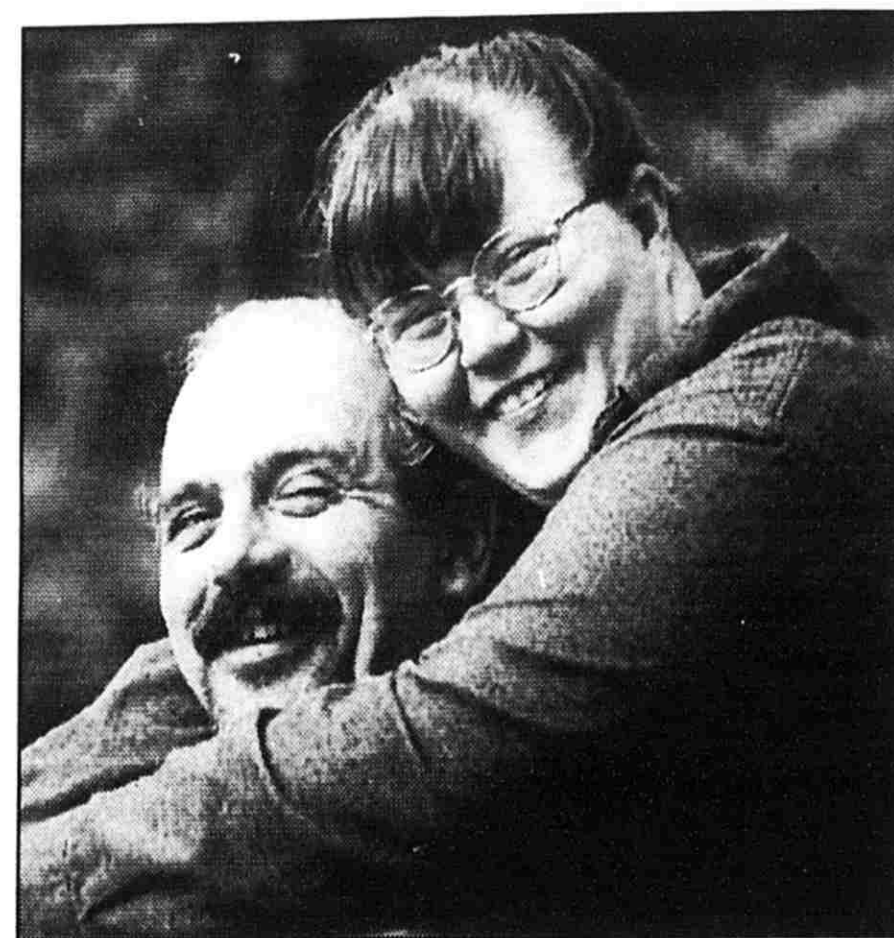
Some people are obviously morally better than others, but none of us are good enough to even start a relationship with a perfect God. So what's the option? Give

up, refuse to even try because it's impossible? That's exactly what you'll find yourself doing if you rely only on yourself. But God, because He loves us, has given us an entirely different way to come to know Him and be with Him in heaven forever. In a word, His way is GRACE. He does what we can't do! My part is to trust in what He has done. Trust Him for forgiveness through the love and cross of Christ. Trust Him for daily leadership.

What a relief! We don't have to spend all of our lives trying to achieve what is impossible, because Christ has already done what is required for us on the cross. As a result, the passage teaches us we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. We are able to please God and serve Him only because by faith we have received the gift of His son.

I know that some of you reading this desperately want to get to know God, but have never made that step of relying on His grace to save you. That step is called "faith." You can put faith in Him right now by talking to Him. Tell Him that you trust Him to forgive the wrong things you've done and that you want to follow His leadership and guidance. He will give you His grace!

## Stremler/Ballard plan wedding



Timothy Ballard and Kristi Stremler

Kristi Stremler and Timothy Ballard, both of Lowell, are announcing their engagement.

The future bride is the daughter of Cindy and Dale Bergy of Lowell and John Stremler of Holland. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Dav- enport College.

The groom-to-be is the son of Harriette and Frank Burleigh and the late Ralph Ballard. He is a graduate of Harlem High School in Rock- ford, IL.

An August 12, 2000 wed- ding is planned.

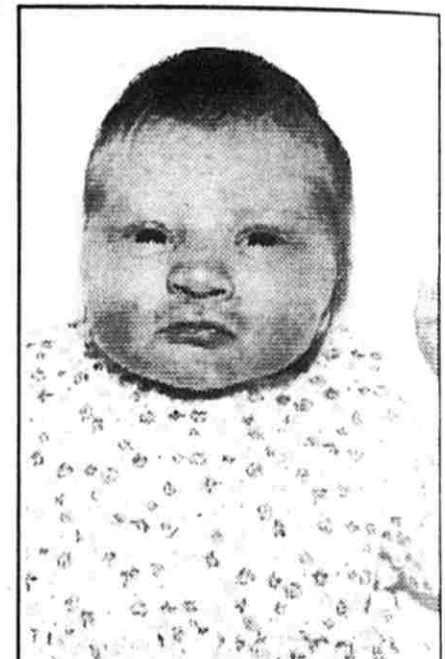
## AREA BIRTHS

Kelly and Karen Potter are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Macy Marie Potter. Macy was born Satur- day, June 3, 2000, weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 19 inches.

She is also welcomed home by her big brothers, Jordan and Kyle.

Grandparents are Mike and Char Kooistra, Steve Kelley, Rick and Connie Taylor and Kelvin and Mindy Potter.

Great-grandparents are Ruth Graham, Mildred Stauffer and Fred and Marge Zerbe.



## Be Part of Street Market Days

Save your treasures and sell them at the third annual Street Market Days sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the merchants on Main Street. It's time for you to start cleaning and digging, pricing and marking and reserv- ing your spot on the side- walks of Historic Lowell.

There's absolutely something for everyone. Street Market Days will be held Friday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call Linda at Lowell Bed & Linen for more infor- mation and an application form for registration at 897- 7447.

Happiness is beneficial for the body but it is grief that develops the powers of the mind.

—Marcel Proust

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 22: Michael Korte, Byron Pat Brenk, Jim Francis I.

JUNE 23: Jane Rogers, Brinna Manszewski, Katy Fetterhoff.

JUNE 24: Saralyn Vezino, Gaye Pfaller, Ramee Guild.

JUNE 25: Ann Wittenbach, Kim Raines, Angela Lonero.

JUNE 26: Cathy Acker, Velma Perry, Dwane Cavanaugh, Pat Roth.

JUNE 27: Dylan Schneider, Aaron Kroemer.

JUNE 28 : Brian Doyle.

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.  
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Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M.  
(Sept. - April)  
Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.  
Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418  
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Cindy Talcott.....Christan Ed Director  
Megan Culver.....Music Director  
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# Viewpoint . . .



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

Unless you ... (a.) live on the dark side of the moon, (b.) just fell off a turnip truck (whatever that means), (c.) just returned from a nuclear submarine cruise, (d.) rely on this fishwrap as your sole source of news ... you are well aware of Tiger Woods' U.S. Open win over the weekend and of his complete dismantling of the record books.

In case you do fall into one of the above categories, here is a short recap. Tiger Woods, at just 24 years of age, won the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach beating his nearest competitor by 15 strokes. That is by far the largest margin of victory in a major tournament ever! He had the most birdies, tied for the lowest score in U.S. Open history, had the longest drives, least putts, etc., etc., etc. He also flashed the Nike "swoosh" on camera more times than in any other sporting event. Nike got their \$0 million worth in one weekend.

One record I have yet to see noted anywhere is the fact Tiger had me glued to the TV Saturday night for three hours and again on Sunday for another three hours. That is easily more TV golf than I have watched in my entire life! Six hours of pure couch potato time for a butt that is already showing signs of passing the half-century mark. This had better not become a trend.

No, I am not a golfer. I kid obvious enthusiasts who ask if I golf by saying, "No, I'm saving that sport for when I get old."

They hate that. A doctor at my Rotary Club always greets me with, "Hey Browntown, how's the golf game?" He loves the game and became a doctor principally for the opportunities the profession provides for lots of golf. To his greeting I always reply, "You oughta know." This is in reference to the fact that the last time I golfed was at a Chamber of Commerce outing and he was in my foursome. That was about ten years ago.

Nor am I a golf fan. I would typically rather ask my wife if she has any odd jobs or errands for me than tune in a golf tournament. Late Saturday afternoon I had finished a list of chores that included work on our paper as well as several "honey-do" items around the house. Terese was still working when I called it a day, showered and turned on the TV. Usually I'd flip past a golf tourney faster than gas prices are rising. I don't know what happened but I sat there mesmerized until the end of play at around 10:30. Sometime during the evening Terese joined me and was equally fascinated. This was remarkable, as she is even less a golf fan than I am.

Again on Sunday I found myself hustling to get things done so I could plunk down in front of the tube for the tournament. Terese did too. There we were, two born again golf geeks, pretty much ignorant of the game, infatuated by the, for lack of a better word, drama that was unfolding around Tiger Woods' complete domination of the sport on this week- end. It really was something to behold. Of course, I'm probably not telling you anything you don't already know.

When it was all over, I was jolted back to reality when Terese said, "It makes me want to play golf." Two nightmarish thoughts flashed through my brain. The first was of me slaughtering the game and stinking up the golf course. The second thought was even worse. It was of Terese and me golfing together, slaughtering the game and stinking up the golf course. Twice as horrifying! Being a good golfer is tough.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

There is a proposed new ordinance in front of the Lowell Township Planning Commission that will affect everyone in AG2 zoning. This proposal will benefit a few and harm the rest of us. This is the new Home-based Business Ordinance.

When I think of a home business I think of one or two people, maybe a family working together making a living. It is low profile, without much traffic. These businesses are common and range from salespeople working from a home office to independent contractors to piano teachers to artists with a home studio to a mom who takes in daycare kids. These kinds of businesses, and many more, are allowed under the Home Occupation Ordinance, and so they should be.

The difference between a home occupation and a home-based business, at least as far as these ordinances go, is the difference between a residential neighborhood and a commercial or light industrial zone. Under the proposed new Home-based Business Ordinance, any business that "generally involves the providing of labor, materials and services at

locations away from such person's property," would be allowed. For instance, a taxi-cab business with 24-hour service would be allowed, or a dispatch yard for semi-trucks, or a swimming pool installation company, or any business with a lot of vehicles and employees that spend much of the business day off site.

This proposed new ordinance is so vaguely worded that it, in effect, opens any property in AG2 to many types of light industrial and commercial uses. This proposed new ordinance, if enacted, will change AG2 from a rural residential area to a business area.

No other Township in the area allows this sort of business activity in residential areas. The only other Township that even mentions Home-based Businesses is Vergennes, and its ordinance limits the number of employees to three, limits the amount of space in the dwelling on the property that can be used for business purposes, allows only one accessory building, requires all buildings to comply with the Fire Prevention Code and the Occupational Safety and Health Act, has parking and equipment storage requirements consistent with Industrial Zoning, and - well, you get the idea.

The new Home-based Business Ordinance will allow businesses to grow to any size in the AG2 zone. There is an

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## Sharing The Vision

**BERT R. BLEKE**  
Lowell Schools  
Superintendent

The Challenges

- 1) Build adequate school facilities for the increasing numbers of school children
- 2) Develop the best possible proposal for taxpayers
- 3) Develop a sound budget plan
- 4) Develop a plan that demonstrates good planning for the immediate future, the near future (3-4 years), and the long-term future of the district.

Above were the challenges facing the Board of Education when designing the September 26 school bond election. The creative solutions to the above challenges are as follows:

- 1) Adequate facilities for children. The critical issue is that all schools are currently at or near capacity. The Board's response to this challenge was to design a unique two-phase ballot. The first phase will build one elementary school immediately (two years to construct). This will alleviate the immediate, short-term facility concern. The second phase of the ballot will add an additional elementary school and additional space at the high school but only when absolutely necessary.
- 2) Protect the taxpayers' pocket book. The two-phase approach will protect the taxpayers in that it will only ask for additional tax dollars when absolutely necessary. The phased approach will maximize the use of current facilities as long as

possible, thus delaying additional taxation and building until student growth absolutely demands additional facility construction.

3) Sound budget plan. A phased-in approach takes into account sound budgetary practices. Schools, like families, are responsible to a budget. The phased approach will allow the schools to maximize budget dollars and facilities to the fullest. Through this careful planning, our budget will be protected as our student population grows. Additionally, we will maximize the use of our facilities as new buildings will not be constructed until absolutely necessary.

4) Good planning. Excellence in planning is critical to the financial and educational health of our schools and community. The Board's immediate plan will build one elementary school to alleviate the current crowded conditions. Mid-term planning (the 2nd phase) would most likely be 2-3-4 years in the future and would build new facilities only when necessary and will be dependent upon student growth. Both the immediate and 2nd phase planning will allow for additional long-term future growth.

Please examine carefully the Board's approach to the challenge of student growth. The Board believes this approach is fair both to the educational system and to our taxpayers. Your questions, challenges, concerns are most welcome and will be responded to promptly. Please let us know what you think.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

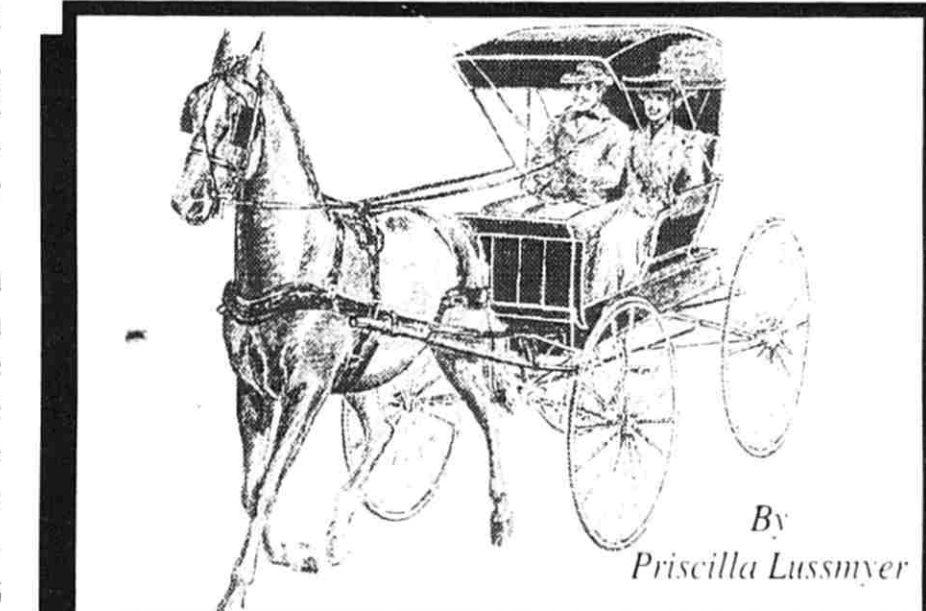
Staying married is often tough. I have to think being married and golfing together is damn near impossible!

The British Open is in a few weeks. Tiger has the opportunity to set even more records, principal among them, to become the youngest player ever to win all four of golf's major tournaments. I almost hope I have something much better to do than to sit on the couch watching.

Why do I say that? I say that precisely because I have golfed. I know how bad I am at it. I know how upset it makes me with myself. I know how far I can throw a driver, a putter or a wedge. I know I'd kill my wife if we tried golfing together. I don't want to be sucked in by the vortex of popularity Tiger is creating for the game. Help, Auntie Em! Save me, Auntie Em!

I have to admit, he sure does make the game look like fun. I almost wish I didn't know better.

Oh, and just for the record, I really hope nobody out there checked (d.) in my opening questionnaire. That would worry me. That would worry me a lot.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 23, 1875 IS MISSING; WE SUBSTITUTE JUNE 14, 1871

"John Smith" should fix his fence so his cattle don't wander the streets. John Smith lives on nearly every street in town.

The spikes in the sidewalks have worked their way up to toe-stubbing status again.

13,500 pounds of wool came into Lowell last Saturday, at up to 53 cents.

There was a slight frost one night last week, with little damage done.

The Union School needs repair and paint inside and out.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 21, 1900; THIS ISSUE IS MISSING. 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 18, 1925

Dr. Voelker, president of Olivet College, delivers the Commencement address to 50 Lowell High School seniors.

Rural eighth grade graduates need to get applications for tuition into their district board members in June if they expect to continue on to high school with tuition paid.

Supt. McVean ever-so-gently suggests that some of the smaller school districts might want to enter into dialogue with the Lowell schools about transporting their students to town. Consolidation is coming.

The field meet last week included girls for the first time. The U.S. auto industry almost doubled the value of its output in 1923, compared to 1921.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 22, 1950

There are 815 school children in the Lowell District, down slightly from last year.

Sixty persons show up for the first Showboat Chorus rehearsal, a new record.

The Kent County Bookmobile breaks all records, with 900 books out the first week and 1500 the second week.

Day Camp for Lowell children will be held three days a week with bus transportation to Townsend Park, sponsored by Bluebird and Campfire leaders.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE JUNE 19, 1975

Chamber of Commerce president Terry Raab announces the At-Home Fourth, with a softball game, parade, arts and crafts booths at Richards Park, a clown and fireworks.

A bone of contention in the forthcoming parking ban is enforcement of the two-hour limit on Main Street. It is largely unenforced; more personnel would need to be hired.

The Clark-Ellis American Legion Post gives their bus to the YMCA.

The Lowell Library discusses having a book rental section for best-sellers.

# OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



## STURGEON FOR TOMORROW

The lake sturgeon is definitely a unique member of the Michigan wildlife fraternity. Sturgeon look prehistoric—and well they might—because they have been around for over a million years and have changed very little in habits and appearance. A sturgeon can grow to be eight feet in length, weigh over 200 pounds, and live to be over 150 years old. The earliest female sturgeon can spawn in between 17 and 30 years old. Then she may reproduce only every four to seven years. A male doesn't fare much better. Not being a very prolific creature, there is some concern for the sturgeon's future. Black Lake, located in the northern Lower Peninsula, is one of the few inland lakes in Michigan that support a sturgeon population.

A chance encounter with a conservation officer—actually, we were checked for walleyes—led my wife, Gwen, and me to the banks of the Black River where the sturgeon that live in Black Lake go to spawn when the water temperature hits 55 degrees. Officer Steve Birk was on his way to patrol the Black River near Onaway and invited us to follow him to a prime

spawning area. After several miles of white knuckle 4-wheeling through deep sand and holes the size of a small car, we arrived at a high bluff overlooking the Black River. There we were introduced to Brenda Archambo, the president of an

organization called Sturgeon for Tomorrow. Brenda guided us down the steep river bank to a vantage point. **Outdoors, cont'd., pg. 16**

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unspoken assumption that a business will move to a commercial area when it gets too large for the residential area it's in. What the proposed Ordinance does not do is answer any of these questions:

What is too large? There is NO limit on the number of employees or vehicles that would be allowed.

How many and how large should any "accessory building" associated with a business be allowed?

Will there be any consideration on how a large Home-based business affects the environment? the community? the neighbors?

Can a large Home-based business just move in? How much of the business does the property owner have to own?

What if there are, say, three of these Home-based businesses next door to each other? Haven't they then effectively rezoned that entire area Commercial or Light Industrial?

If a really large concern wanted to buy one of these home-based business properties, couldn't they make a very convincing legal argument to have it formally rezoned to Commercial or Industrial? After all, the property would have already been used for such purposes.

Would you move next to a large Home-based business? How would the existence of a large business next to your home

affect your property value? How would it affect your enjoyment of your own property?

The Planning Commission did not draw up this proposed new ordinance. It was sent to them by the Township Board who is responding to a letter from an attorney, representing a large business currently operating in Lowell Township, who requested such an ordinance be passed. I have a problem with changing a law to benefit a specific business and especially when such a change would specifically violate the rights of the law-abiding neighbors of that out-of-compliance business.

The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing. They need to hear your views on this subject. Unless residents tell them otherwise, they will send this proposed new Ordinance back to the Township Board, and it will become legal in Lowell Charter Township for any sort of business of any size to do business anywhere in the AG2 Zone as long as it calls itself a Home-based business and meets the very loose description contained in the proposed ordinance.

Come to the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27 and participate in the public hearing.

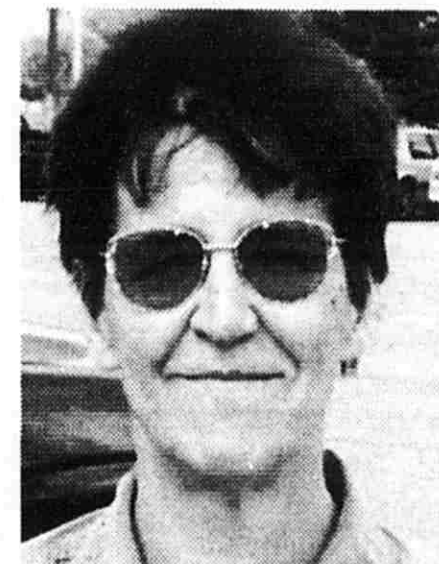
Sincerely yours, John Blumm

# TOWN TALK

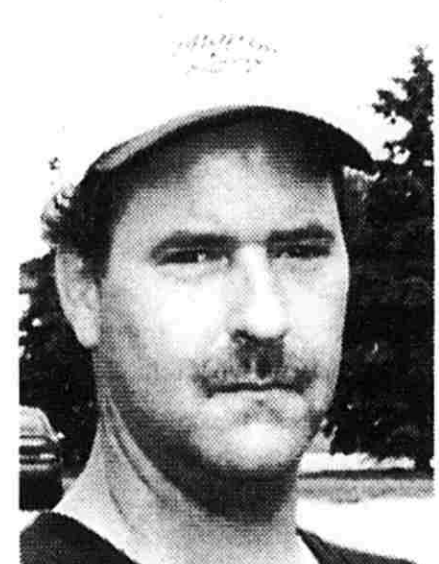
Legislation is being discussed to prohibit traveling circuses from using elephants because of animal safety and care issues, and the safety of circus workers. What do you think?



**Helen Allers**  
Leave it alone. Circuses should be able to use elephants.



**Rose Marie Benson**  
I think the legislation is a good idea, especially if there is any threat of danger.



**Jeff Rogers**  
It's hard to tell. There are probably some who are not treated well and many who are well cared for. I would oppose legislation.



**Karen DeVries**  
I think whether an animal is being hurt or not would have to be proven on an individual basis. I think circus employees are and should be trained in the transportation of the animals.

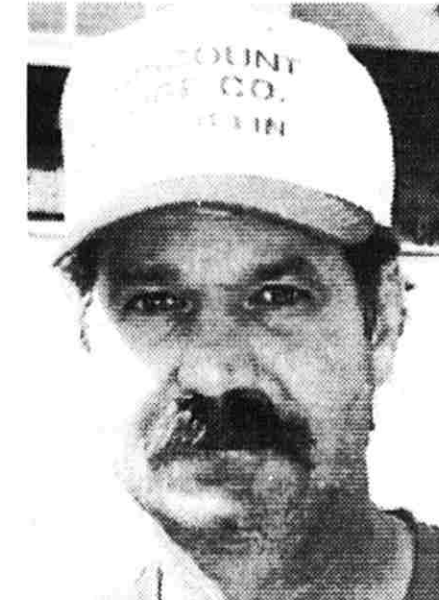


**Kathy Hackstedt**  
I think there is some legitimacy to the talk. Some of it I'm sure is not pretty. Children are involved - we can't put them in danger.



**Renee Cole**  
I love animals and I think the way they are treated is wrong.

**Val Fleet**  
I oppose the legislation. I think for the most part elephants are probably treated well. The circus is a good use and should be allowed to continue.



**Rose Mary McCaul**  
I think they ought to leave it alone and dwell on more important issues.

**John Ziegler**  
I'm sure there are legitimate gripe. I oppose legislation. It should be on a case-to-case basis.

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Bill Sanborn displays his Beckett magazine article.

## Beckett grants Lowell's Sanborn supercollector status

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Beckett magazine, the world's most trusted source in sports collecting, has something special in its monthly issues - a featured story on a supercollector of the month. June's supercollector is Lowell's Bill Sanborn. Even though Grant Hill's NBA career was just seconds old when Sanborn saw him for the first time on television, he knew it was going to be a long and illustrious career for the ex-Duke star.

Sanborn remembers the first time he saw Hill play in a Pistons uniform and slam the ball in the basket on the opening tip. "After seeing that, I knew Grant Hill was going to be a special player," Sanborn said. From day one, Sanborn's devotion to Hill has been intense, and for that reason alone he has been given the nickname "Grantman" by his family and friends. The Lowell resident's collection has expanded over the years. He has 700 cards along with Starting Lineup figures,

posters, magazines, soda cans bearing Hill's likeness, and home and away Pistons jerseys. One of Sanborn's favorite items is his SPX Finite Spectrum. "I knew it was worth about \$125 and was hoping to get it for \$60. I ended up purchasing it for \$20," Sanborn said. "I collect pretty much Grant Hill items now. I used to also collect basketball and baseball cards." Sanborn sent an article and picture about his collection to Beckett a year ago. Last week

he received a magazine in the mail with a story featuring the young collector. The only thing Sanborn is missing is the one thing he wants the most - Hill's autograph. "I have had an opportunity to buy it before, but I really want to get it in person," he said. Beckett, first published in 1984, offers monthly card collecting magazines for baseball, football, basketball, hockey and motorsports, as well as a monthly price guide for popular sports collectibles and autographs.

## Richards, continued...From Page 1

eral manager gives me an opportunity to stretch my legs and to learn a lot more and put into practice what I've already learned," Richards explained. There have been a multi-

tude of organizational changes over the last couple of years. "Ron was participative in his management. He took the heat for change, but the board, myself, Jeff Mullens and Mary Sawka also had roles in the decisions. He didn't do it all on his own," said the new general manager.

Richards sees continuing challenges in upgrading and maintaining the electrical system. Changes will focus on the long-term viability of the system. "My style will be an open participative one. I'm going

to expect input from a team of people in order to find solutions," Richards explained. The general manager hopes to hire a marketing/programming director over the next three-four weeks.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on June 12, 2000, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The regulatory effect of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- 1. Minimum Lot Area in A District.** The minimum lot area in the Agricultural District is increased to three acres from two acres.
- 2. Minimum Lot Area in R-R District.** The minimum lot area in the R-R Rural Residential District is increased to three acres from two acres. The minimum lot width in the R-R District is changed to 250 feet, from 200 feet.
- 3. Rural Preservation PUD.** The Rural Preservation Planned Unit Development is established, with a minimum area of ten acres. The current Rural Residential PUD District is deleted. The Rural Preservation PUD provides for single-family dwellings, golf courses and equestrian facilities at a density of not more than one dwelling unit for each three acres of land, and a minimum lot width of 250 feet. There are provisions for increasing building density to not more than one dwelling unit for each two acres of land, and reducing minimum lot width to 100 feet, if the Planning Commission and Township Board approve the same and if at least 30% of the PUD area in the PUD is designated and maintained as open space and if dwellings are clustered so that individual dwellings and lot areas comprise not more than 70% of the PUD land area. There are other provisions pertaining to public or community sanitary sewer system and other PUD requirements.
- 4. Other Matters.** In calculating the open space requirement in the Rural Preservation PUD, street rights of way may not be included, nor the bottomlands of a lake, stream or pond, unless the proposed development includes the land on both sides of the stream or all lands surrounding the lake or pond. The amending ordinance includes extensive findings by the Township Board with regard to protection of farmland, preservation of rural character in the Township, environmentally-sensitive areas, protection of woodlands and open space and other matters.
- 5. Effective Date.** The amending ordinance will become effective June 28, 2000. A copy of the amending ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: June 15, 2000

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## Timpson Ave. will be paved according to the township board

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Township Board is standing firm behind its decision to pave Timpson Ave. In a consensus decision made at its Monday night meeting, the board again reiterated its position on improving the safety of the road by having it paved. "It really does come down to a safety issue," said township supervisor John Timpson, who said he was asked by the Kent County Road Commission to reaffirm the board's decision about paving the road. The commission held a public hearing last week with

several residents, both for and against the project, coming out to voice their opinions. "I was not able to attend that meeting, but I have heard both the pros and the cons, and I sympathize with both. However, I haven't heard anything that would deflect us from our current course," said board member Herbert VanderBilt. The board made the decision to have Timpson Ave. repaved about a month and a half ago. Currently, it is gravel with several large trees lining the road. Residents at the time came out voicing concerns over the repaving of the road and the loss of many of

the trees. "I think one thing people don't realize is that the trees growing along the right of way are not their trees," said treasurer Jean Huver. Timpson said the board has agreed to work with residents, as it has in the past, to move or replace trees wherever possible. "The issue has left residents on the road divided, which is unfortunate," said board member Richard Huver. The board, however, has spent quite a bit of time working on the area and this became the most reasonable solution. "The board has already taken a stand on this," said board member Alyn Fletcher. With that, Timpson explained he would send a letter to the Kent County Road Commission stating the board's wish to move forward with the issue of paving Timpson Ave.

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Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter.  
—John Keats

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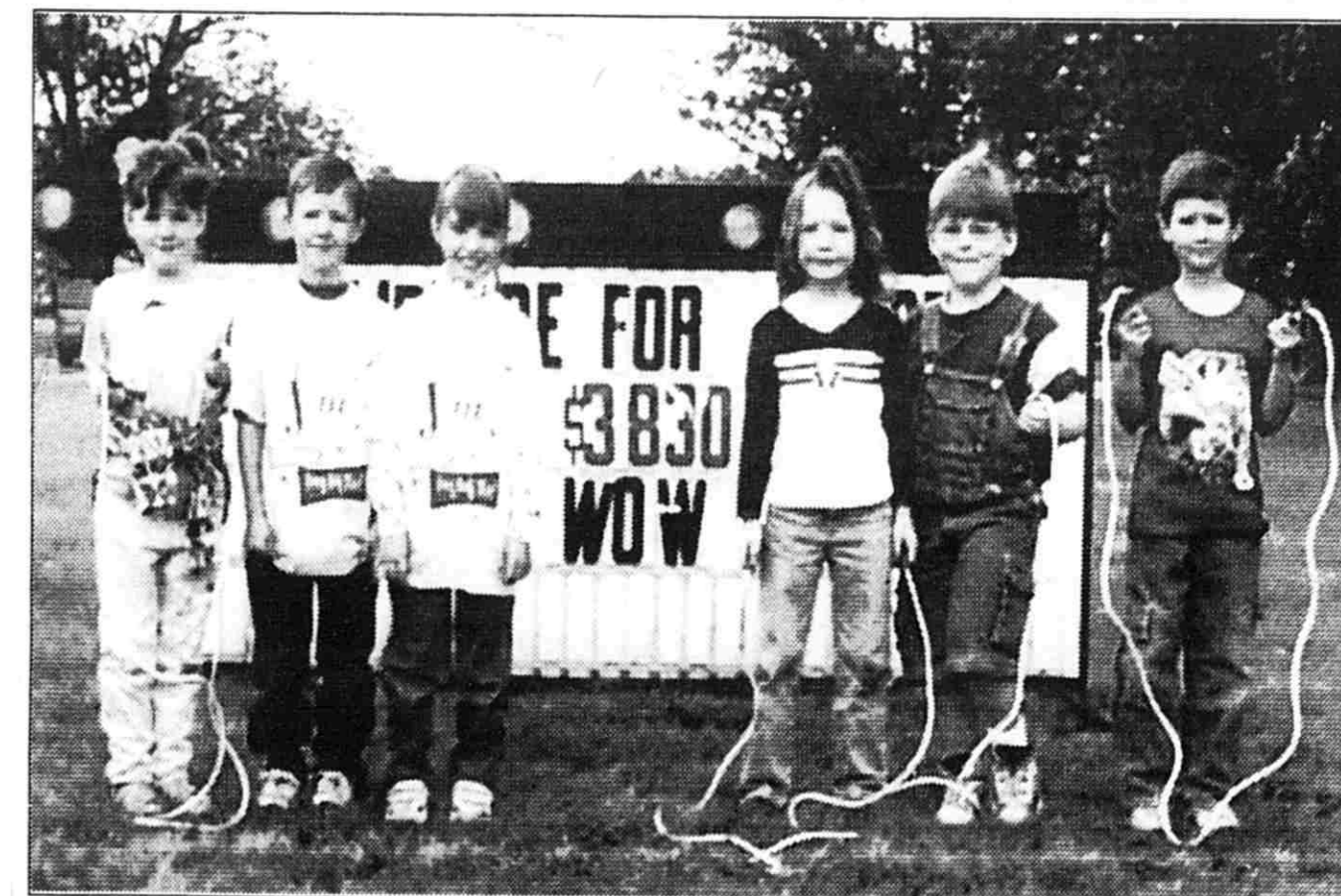
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A new Department of Public Works storage building, a new cemetery office and storage building, street improvements, and irrigation at Creekside Park are just some of the items the city of Lowell staff had on its wish list to the city council. At its Monday night meeting, City Manager David Pasquale presented the Lowell City Council with a list of five items to be considered for future city projects. "These are all higher priority projects that should be pursued and are currently not in our budget," Pasquale said. At the recommendation of council member Ray Quada, the council set a work

session meeting for 7 p.m. on July 10 at the Englehardt Library to discuss the proposed items. The list included design and engineering studies for a new DPW storage building and a new cemetery office and storage building. Pasquale said the studies would help determine floor design and costs. Items two and three on the list were the buildings for the cemetery and DPW. The DPW storage building is currently being estimated at between \$225,000 - \$300,000 and the cemetery office building is estimated at approximately \$50,000 - \$70,000. Next on the list would be funding for three streets which were determined to be of the

highest priority based on the city's new street master plan. Pasquale said. Gee and Valley Vista drives and N. Division Street all need reconstruction work and sidewalks, which would come to the tune of about \$1.2 million. Irrigation at Creekside Park, about \$40,000, made the list as well as several water distribution projects including a water reliability study, \$15,000; a general water system map, \$25,000; and various up grade and new projects, totaling \$250,000. As for funding, Pasquale said the city could move in several directions. Bonding would be an option, and city

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## Students jump at chance for healthier hearts

Alto Elementary students (80 first thru fifth-graders) raised \$3,870.21 for the American Heart Association through its semi-annual "Jump Rope for the Heart" program. Students collected pledges and then jumped rope for an entire recess period (30 minutes). Pictured front row, left to right, are: Harlei Holford, Mark Peterson and Paige Moran; back row, left to right, are: Brianna Richardson, Jacob Murray and Jonathan Bassin.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

**TUESDAY, 27 JUNE, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.**

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will consider public comment on three proposed amendments to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- 1) To add a "Home-Based Business" use -**
  - a) Article IV, Section 4.1.1 Use Table Adding and allowing the following use in the Ag-2 zoning district as a Special Use requiring Planning Commission approval:
    - Home-Based Business**
  - b) Article II, Section 2.0 Words and Terms Defined
    - Home-Based Business** - A business operation which: (a) is incidental to a person's ownership of property; (b) is clearly subordinate and secondary to the use of such property for residential or agricultural purposes; (c) generally involves the providing of labor, materials and services at locations away from such person's property; and (d) does not have a material adverse impact upon the public health, safety or welfare of the Township and neighboring properties, including, but not limited to, overuse of streets and roads, change to the character of the area, reduction in property values, blight, excessive noise, odors or electrical interference and other criteria applicable to the granting of a Special Use Permit. The home-based business may be conducted on the lot area containing the dwelling unit and on any adjacent and contiguous property to such lot owned by the owner of the dwelling unit. An accessory building meeting the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located may be used in conjunction with the home-based business and only minimal storage of vehicles, equipment or materials used in connection with the home-based business shall be allowed outside the structural confines of the residence and any accessory building.

2) To amend the Private Streets section one of two ways.

**First proposal -**

- a) Article II, Section 2.0 Words and Terms Defined
  - Delete "Private Road" and add "Private Street"
- b) Article IV, Section 4.5.5 Maintenance and Repair currently reads - Maintenance and repair and liability for private streets shall be the responsibility of property owners adjacent to the private street and not the responsibility or liability of the Township. The road must be maintained to the original construction standards. The proposed amendment would read: A. Maintenance and repair and all liability associated with the use of a private street shall be the responsibility of the property owners adjacent to the private street and not the responsibility or liability of the Township. The private street must be maintained in accordance with the original construction and design requirements for such private street. B. The private street agreement required by Section 4.5.2 of this Ordinance shall be submitted to the Township for review prior to any construction on the private street. After approval by the Township, each private street agreement shall be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds. Each private street agreement shall set forth the legal description of each parcel serviced by the private street and shall provide that the current owners, and all subsequent owners, of such parcels are legally bound by the provisions and limitations of the private street agreement. Each private street agreement shall contain the following statement: "This street is private and is not required to be maintained by the Kent County Road Commission or any governmental unit. All persons, including those who construct or own a building or structure that utilizes the private street, shall use the private street at their own risk and Lowell Charter Township shall not be responsible for any risks associated with the use of the private street."

c) Article IV, Section 4.5.6 currently addresses Design Standards; the proposed amendment would replace and amend Section 4.5.6 in its entirety to read - Design Standards; A. Private Street Layout; B. Minimum Right-of-Way Width; C. Private Street Requirements; D. Cul-de-sac Private Streets and Turnarounds; E. Private Street Grade; F. Emergency Access; and G. Exceptions or Design Modifications.

**Or - Second proposal** to amend Section 4.5 Private Streets

- a) By consistently replacing the term "private road" in Section 4.5 with the term "private street" and
- b) By adding the following under B. in Section 4.5.6 Design Standards:
  - "Notwithstanding the preceding, the Planning Commission upon recommendation of the Township Engineer may allow a maximum grade of up to eight (8.0) percent for a private street if it is reasonably determined that such increased grade meets the following standards: 1. The private street will be safe. 2. The increased grade will not hinder the ability of firefighting equipment, ambulances and other emergency vehicles and personnel to reach all portions of the development. 3. The developer demonstrates that automobile traffic will be able to easily go up and down the grade at all times of the year, including when ice and snow are present.

**3) To amend Article IV, Section 4.1.1 Use Table under Districts - Rural Agricultural (Ag-2) and Rural Low Density Residential (R-1) to determine the uses permitted by right and/or by special use.**

Copies of the proposed amendments in full and the current Township Zoning Ordinance are available for inspection at the Lowell Township Hall during regular office hours. For further information, please call 897-7600.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV employee Ron VanOverbeek, Planning Commissioner James Hall and Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by MYERS to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2000 regular meeting.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by QUADA to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2000 closed session meeting.  
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 warrants issued.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (06/05/00)

GENERAL FUND	\$160,824.76
MAJOR STREET FUND	629.50
LOCAL STREET FUND	629.47
DDA FUND	3,506.58
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	12.64
AIRPORT FUND	2,383.08
WASTEWATER FUND	3,012.86
WATER FUND	24,151.62
DATA PROCESSING FUND	610.90
EQUIPMENT FUND	17,030.38
CURRENT TAX FUND	1,252.70

### Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**A. 601 W. Main - Dolphus and Patty Slone - height variance for a fence - public hearing.** As noted at the last meeting, Dolphus and Patty Slone wished to have a 6-foot high fence constructed along Amity Street for protection of a swimming pool. Since their property is on a corner lot (northwest corner of W. Main and Amity), two front yards were considered. Under Section 4.07B., a fence or wall may not exceed three feet within any required front yard. Thus, the owners applied for a variance.

Zoning Board Chairman Myers stated the Planning Commission reviewed the variance on May 22, 2000 and recommended denial.

City Manager Pasquale noted Dolphus Slone was present during the Planning Commission meeting and was advised verbally and in writing of the public hearing held.

The Planning Commission reviewed the variance request according to the criteria provided within the Zoning Ordinance. In its review, the Commission, by consensus, did not believe the required criteria had been met.

Pasquale informed the Council the six foot high fence was already present at the time the variance application was submitted. Since then, the fence has been reduced to three feet.

Pasquale stated the applicant requested the variance for protection of the swimming pool. Because the property is located on a corner lot, there are two front yards. Thus, noting the first 35 feet of a front yard can only have a three-foot high fence.

Zoning Boardmember Shores questioned the fence height needed for a pool. Pasquale responded four feet. He noted the fence is located at the lot line. Boardmember Blough added three feet is needed at this particular location, but does not mean a four-foot high fence can not be placed 35 feet from the right of way. Pasquale stated movement of the fence has been discussed with Slone.

Zoning Boardmember Quada questioned if Slone would have to remove the water from the pool, if the variance was not passed. Pasquale responded a fence must be placed around the pool in order for it to be a functioning pool.

Quada questioned if Slone could legally place a four-foot fence around the immediate pool area. Pasquale responded yes, as long as the fence is 35 feet from the property line.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by QUADA to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and deny the variance request from Dolphus and Patty Slone at 601 W. Main to install a six foot high fence along Amity.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #2. ADOPTION OF THE 1999-2000 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.** As required by State Law, the City Council must review and approve final adjustments to the City's operating funds. There are instances and circumstances where budgeted amounts are either exceeded or under estimates.

City Treasurer Suzanne Olin has tried to identify each of the line items where such amendments have been proposed. She also has provided documentation as to why such amendments are taking place.

The following amendments to the 1999-2000 Budget are proposed:

### GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:	CURRENT	AMENDED	AMT OF CHANGE
Property Tax Real	\$873,000.	\$849,000.	(\$24,000)
In lieu of taxes	\$140,000.	\$160,000.	\$20,000
Return Inventory Tax	\$61,600.	0.	(\$61,600)
Sales Tax	\$446,000.	\$502,000.	\$59,000.
Interest	\$40,000.	\$45,000.	\$5,000
Sale Yellow Trash Bags	\$37,000.	\$44,000.	\$7,000

### EXPENDITURES:

Gen Office Temporary Salaries	0.	\$1,200.	\$1,200
Gen Office Communication	\$7,500.	\$10,000.	\$2,500.
City Hall Temp Salaries	\$9,100.	\$2,300.	(\$6,800)
City Hall Contractual	\$500.	\$4,000.	\$3,500.
Fire Dept Temp Salaries	\$74,000.	\$78,000.	\$4,000.
Library Temp Salaries	\$13,000.	\$5,000.	(\$8,000)
Library Repair & Maint.	\$8,000.	\$9,500.	\$1,500.
Unallocated Misc.	\$55,000.	\$64,000.	\$9,000.
Unallocated Insurance	\$16,000.	\$14,000.	(\$2,000)
Transfer to Local St. Fund	0.	\$8,210.	\$8,210.

- Reduction due to State Tax Tribunal settlement, lowering the taxable value.
- State of Michigan changed the formula for distribution of State Revenue Sharing payments.
- Higher than expected interest income received.
- General office temporary salaries has been increased to provide for part time office help Jennifer Bellechasses.
- Increased costs due to providing Internet service in City Hall now coming out of this account.
- Cleaning now charged to City Hall contractual instead of salaries.
- City Hall contractual increased due to our new cleaning company Clean and Sweep charged to this account instead of City Hall temporary salaries.
- The fire department temporary salaries increased due to increased time for volunteer rescue personnel than expected.
- Library cleaning now charged to repair and maintenance instead of temporary salaries.
- Increase associated with having to reimburse Kent County for taxes due to Michigan Tax Tribunal case.
- Local street administration costs cannot exceed 10% of transportation revenues received during year.

TOTAL REVENUES AS AMENDED:	\$1,935,940.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AS AMENDED:	\$2,128,345.

### STREET FUNDS

CURRENT	AMENDED	AMT OF CHG.	
MAJOR STREET REVENUES:			
Trunkline Maintenance	\$1,500.	\$3,300.	\$1,800.

CURRENT	AMENDED	AMT OF CHG.	
MAJOR STREET EXPENDITURES:			
Capital Outlay	\$102,000.	\$15,000.	(\$87,000)
Maint. Rentals	\$9,000.	\$14,000.	\$5,000
Traffic Permanent Salaries	\$1,000.	\$3,000.	\$2,000.
Winter Salaries	\$7,660.	\$4,000.	(\$3,660)
Winter Rentals	\$8,700.	\$4,500.	(\$4,200)

- Capital Outlay decrease due to the delay in the S. Hudson street project until the next budget year.

TOTAL REVENUES AS AMENDED:	\$160,200.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AS AMENDED:	\$157,224.

### LOCAL STREET FUND REVENUES:

- Transfer from General Fund 0. \$8,210. \$8,210.
- Administration cannot exceed 10% of transportation revenues

### LOCAL STREET EXPENDITURES:

Rentals	\$7,650.	\$14,000.	\$6,350.
Traffic	\$2,000.	\$2,600.	\$600.

TOTAL REVENUES AS AMENDED:	\$80,260.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AS AMENDED:	\$108,824.

### DDA FUND

CURRENT	AMENDED	AMT OF CHG.	
DDA FUND REVENUES:			
Tifa Revenue	\$282,705.	\$295,500.	\$12,795.
Interest	\$3,000.	\$15,000.	\$12,000.
Bond Proceeds	0.	\$1,100,000.	\$1,100,000.

- At the time the 1999-2000 budget was prepared, the second bond issue had not been committed to.

### DDA EXPENDITURES:

Interest on bonds	\$61,900.	\$88,404.	\$26,504.
Capital Outlay	\$123,000.	\$170,000.	\$47,000.

- Interest payment on new bond payment due in 1999-2000 budget year.
- Increased costs attributed to engineering and design fees associated with new bond issue. Also, increase in cost of retaining wall project downtown.

TOTAL REVENUES AS AMENDED:	\$1,410,500.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AS AMENDED:	\$347,954.

### CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND

CURRENT	AMENDED	AMT OF CHG.	
CITY HALL CONST. REVENUES:			
Interest	0.	\$4,000.	\$4,000.
Interest Reserves	0.	\$120.	\$120.
Bond Proceeds	0.	\$500,000.	\$500,000.

### CITY HALL CONST. FUND EXPENDITURES:

Capital Outlay	0.	\$550,000.	\$550,000.
Bonding not approved until the new budget year.			

TOTAL REVENUES AS AMENDED:	\$504,120.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$550,000.

### WASTEWATER FUND

CURRENT	AMENDED	AMT OF CHG.	
WASTEWATER FUND REVENUES:			
Distribution Repair	\$7,000.	\$11,000.	\$4,000.
& Maintenance			
• Higher than anticipated repairs to sewer mains.			

### EQUIPMENT FUND

CURRENT	AMENDED	AMT OF CHG.	
EQUIPMENT FUND REVENUES:			
City vehicle R & M charges	\$10,000.	\$14,000.	\$4,000.
Gain on sale of fixed asset	0.	\$6,000.	\$6,000.
• Higher than anticipated revenues received			
• Revenue received from sale of pick up truck			
AIRPORT FUND			
AIRPORT FUND REVENUES:			
Hangar Rental Fees	\$22,000.	\$28,470.	\$6,470.

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- Higher than anticipated rent received due to acquiring additional hangar

Councilmember Myers questioned what fund would be utilized for a new hangar at the airport. Olin responded this is an existing hangar which was built with a 20-year lease agreement with the City of Lowell. The lease has now expired and therefore the hangar is owned by the City. Pasquale explained the hangar was built by Doug Olin, Jim Serne and Roger Odell in 1979. The hangar was built on City property with an agreement stating it would revert back to the City after 20 years.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the budget amendments for 1999-2000 as presented.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2000-2001 OPERATING BUDGET, SET MILLAGE RATE AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET.** The planned expenditures and revenues for the City Budget were reviewed at the May 15, 2000 meeting. Total expenditures for the General Fund amount to \$2,124,576 (including transfers to other funds). A fund balance of \$320,074 has been provided with an adjustment of \$7,000 due to the custodial budget for the Fire Department being added twice.

A millage increase from 13.85 to 15.35 mills was proposed in order to accommodate bond payments for the library and the City Hall - Police Station project. Pasquale noted the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), at its May 18, 2000 meeting, voted to allocate \$125,000 to the General Fund for the City Hall - Police Station construction project. He explained it was initially thought these revenues would come from bond proceeds. But upon further investigation with the City Attorney and Bond Council Richard Wendt, tax increment revenues would be utilized. The DDA and City Treasurer Suzanne Olin have both stated there is sufficient revenues which can specifically be allocated to the City Hall - Police Station construction project. The DDA agreed to this only if the millage would not be raised.

In response to Council comments on the budget, the following information was given:

- Actual and budgeted fund balances (General Fund) for the past five years.
- Fire/Rescue expenses (including the townships) over the last five years.
- A letter from Claudya Muller, Director of the Kent District Library, regarding the Youth Librarian position at the Englehardt Public Library was received. The staff is very supportive of the position. However, there is concern due to a millage vote in August and is the primary reason why the position has been held at this time.

Also, the vacant KDL Board position was mentioned. It was suggested the City Council nominate two additional individuals with the understanding that Charles Myers was preferred for the appointment.

Councilmember Myers explained the KDL Board believes there should be additional individuals to choose from even though he has received recommendations from Vergennes Township, Lowell Township, Bowne Township and the City of Lowell.

Pasquale stated there were several projects mentioned during the last meeting and was reluctant to include these projects due to the impact on the budget. But the following could be considered:

(Note: 1 mill equals \$75,270.72 in added revenue)

Cemetery building	\$50,000.
Options: add to City Hall - Police Station Building Authority bond Possible Lowell Area Community Fund application (Englehardt Trust)	

Public Works Storage Building	\$200,000.
Options: add to City Hall - Police Station Building Authority Bond	

Street Improvements for Gee Drive, Valley Vista and N. Division St.	\$1,200,000.
Options: Michigan Transportation Fund Bond (maximum \$900,000) General Obligation Bond (vote of the people) Purchase of two police cruisers	\$44,000.

Lease of two vehicles (one already in budget) \$18,000.

Pasquale stated recently two cars have been completely rebuilt by Mechanic Tom Hartman. He explained it was not just the engines but also the suspension and seats.

Police Chief Valentine indicated his confidence in Hartman and the cars.

Pasquale reminded the Council the Police Department's budget includes one leased vehicle and a second lease could be considered.

Also, Valentine enclosed a memo regarding inoperable vehicle/discarded material code enforcement.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to adopt the 2000-2001 City Operating Budget as proposed.

Councilmember Shores stated she received a call from a concerned citizen regarding the safety of the Police Officers while in the cruisers. The citizen believed the millage should be raised, if there is a safety issue. Shores informed the citizen, Hartman was a very good mechanic and would not place a vehicle on the road if it was unsafe.

Shores asked if Valentine was comfortable with the rebuilt vehicles and leasing of two new vehicles. Valentine responded this is the path the department had intended. He said this is the direction many other Police Departments have taken throughout the State of Michigan. However, the City of Lowell can utilize the City Mechanic rather than send the vehicle out to a dealer. Valentine noted this costs the City approximately \$2,500 rather than \$12,000.

Shores mentioned the condition of the office at Oakwood Cemetery and stated a new building should seriously be considered. She was very surprised with the conditions Cemetery Sexton Don DeJong must undertake. Pasquale responded the City may pursue applications to both the Look and Englehardt Funds.

Shores wanted the construction of a cemetery office building and the Public Works storage building added to the budget.

Councilmember Myers said he would have some doubts seeking donation support for these buildings. He believed it was the responsibility of the City to supply such facilities.

Pasquale stated the Council could pursue funds from the Building Authority. Councilmember Quada stated he favored the construction of a facility at the cemetery. He disagreed with Myers and did not consider anything wrong with seeking such grants from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt Trust). He believed the history of the cemetery is a very delicate matter and an incredibly intense maintenance issue. Quada stated he would agree with Myers if the residents of the community were not currently subsidizing the operation significantly in terms being a privately owned and operated cemetery. He said the community has not neglected the cemetery and has done a very good job maintaining it. The City has offered substantial General Fund allocations every year, which is above and beyond what would ever be recouped from the perpetual care programs.

Quada believed a new building at the cemetery would not only benefit the sexton but also many individuals.

Quada appreciated the memo received from Valentine regarding the police cars. He thought his question at the last meeting specifically discussed some conditions set by the Planning Commission and the City Council a number of years ago regarding Sam's Service Center. Such conditions prohibited a vehicle from being outside a fenced area. This would be difficult to attain for the RSVP Officers or a Police Officer in their travels. He could see where they would address the issue of abandoned vehicles because this is the domain deserving attention. The issue brings back the need to continue to follow up on issues, which were set by the Planning Commission and the City Council as a matter of conditions with a particular property. In this case, Quada recollected very specific conditions set. It took much monitoring and following up on to keep the vehicles from the front lot. It was intended to be a repair location only. Even those vehicles being repaired, were to be behind a screening fence. This addresses exactly what Quada would consider from the point of an abandoned vehicle. Quada had a different question regarding the code enforcement, which speaks to the issue of the continuity

of enforcing direction from both the Planning Commission and the City Council to specific property holders.

Quada stated he was in favor of a storage facility for the vehicles at the DPW.

Quada also noted the other issue discussed relative to the streets. He liked the analogy made by Pasquale stating "you can not have fifteen-year bonding projects on streets that last ten years". Quada noted the community has 28 to 35 miles of streets and believed everyone accepts the normal turnaround on streets of 15 years. If the City is not repaving two to three miles of a street a year, on a constant basis, then it slowly builds up and becomes a 15-mile instead of a two to three mile project.

Pasquale stated the City will spend \$800,000 on the South Hudson Street reconstruction project, which will include curb and gutter. Also, the City has proposed to pave another section of Bowes Road, which is a major street. With both of these projects added together, there is approximately one million dollars worth of improvements. One advantage South Hudson has over other streets is the road has been classified under the Federal Urban Aid System which allows the project to be eligible for federal grants. The City will explore other streets qualifying for this aid.

It was also noted the reconstruction of Gee Drive would cost approximately \$800,000, which would be very difficult for the City to undertake at this time. Pasquale would not object to anyone having concerns regarding this street. He noted Valley Vista, North Hudson and Sibley are also in need of reconstruction. Pasquale would examine a funding strategy and perhaps some federal funds could be made available. But, the City can not depend on these monies for all of the streets. Perhaps, a bonding proposal can be reviewed for all of these roads.

Pasquale stated a goal-setting session has been held and would provide the Council with an updated inventory based on what was reviewed. He explained over the last few years, the Council and Planning Commission have reviewed the City Hall - Police Station and placed the project as high priority. A decision was made to proceed and start to purchase property for the project. A \$95,000 bond payment has been noted for the next budget year. He said this did eliminate other options the City may have pursued immediately.

Quada said he would amend the motion to include the leasing of an additional police vehicle of \$9,000. Quada also wanted the Council to receive an update on goals within the community while reviewing the cemetery, DPW garage and streets.

Green agreed with the amendment to the motion.

Shores suggested such a review be completed soon because these items have been put aside for too long.

Shores wanted these items placed in the budget.

Green questioned if the Council would be violating the spirit of the DDA motion. He said if the storage building was added to the City Hall - Police Station, it would become part of the project. Pasquale responded there would have to be a second bond.

Blough stated currently there is a motion to approve the budget by adding \$9,000 targeted for an additional vehicle lease for the police department.

Shores wanted to amend the motion to include the construction of the DPW storage building and the cemetery building. She suggested placing these projects under the Building Authority Bond and pursue grants from the Look and Englehardt Funds. Shores would then agree to the motion.

Blough questioned all those in favor of passing the recommended budget plus an additional \$9,000 toward a leased cruiser for the Police Department.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Blough stated the Council needs to discuss how the proposed General Fund balance of \$320,000 will be maintained. Pasquale responded it is a matter of accepting the DDA allocation or raising the millage.

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Quada asked if the DDA contribution was conditional on not increasing the millage. Pasquale responded yes. He also questioned if the DDA understood this would simply set aside the increase by one year. Pasquale responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to accept the DDA proposal for the City Hall Police Station construction project to allocate \$125,000.

Quada added with the understanding they fully acknowledge this is simply a one-year reprieve.

Blough confirmed there was no problem with cash flow issues. Pasquale responded no. He stated Olin did a significant amount of analysis and the DDA has a sufficient fund balance. Also, there will be a number of downtown projects, including reconstructing the parking lot across the street from City Hall. The parking lot will be adjacent to City Hall parking. There will be an extension of the Riverwalk and improvements to the King Milling parking lot.

Blough questioned if there would be any projects that would not get completed as a result of the City Hall applying for \$125,000. Pasquale responded no.

Quada questioned the amount saved by the taxpayers. Pasquale responded a significant amount of savings.

Blough placed the motion to question and asked all those in favor of accepting the DDA's allocation of the funds to be used specifically for the City Hall - Police Station construction project toward to budget.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to set the 2000-2001 millage at 13.85.

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

Blough expressed his appreciation for the DDA's cooperation.

Pasquale questioned if action on the DPW storage building and cemetery building should be held off until the goals are reviewed.

Quada agreed with Shores and did not believe these projects should be delayed.

Blough mentioned the Capital Improvements Plan and stated while different areas have priority items, there should be a composite ranking of the most important projects at this time, whether it's Gee Drive, the cemetery building or other projects.

Pasquale suggested a list be compiled of the various projects for the Council to rank and then pursue funding for the top two items.

Blough suggested the City staff prioritize these projects and report back to the City Council.

**Item #3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW WATER SYSTEM METER READINESS-TO-SERVE CHARGES.** As noted in the 2000-2001 Operating Budget, an increase in the water readiness-to-serve charges had been proposed to meet increase capital and operation costs. For the residential customer, the readiness-to-serve rate would increase from \$17.75 to \$18.25 per month. The change in the rate for the other meter sizes is reflected in the resolution submitted to Council. The commodity charge would remain the same at \$1.68 per thousand gallons per month.

Councilmember Quada mentioned the quality of the water is very good and the water department does a great job.

City Manager Pasquale added Whitehall officials had the opportunity to tour the Water Treatment Plant on Mayor Exchange Day.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to adopt a resolution to increase from \$17.75 to \$18.25 per month for the readiness-to-serve residential rate as well as the rates for other meter sizes and the commodity charge would remain the same at \$1.68 per thousand gallons per month.

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

**Item #4. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH HOPE NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN (NORTH KENT TRANSIT).** As started in 1996, the City entered into a contract with Hope Network to provide transportation services to the physically handicapped and those 60 years and older (subsidize \$7.81 for senior citizen rides and \$17.82 for handicapped) utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funds. This past fiscal year from July, 1999 to March, 2000, 176 rides were given to Lowell City residents.

Pasquale recommended the Council enter into a contract to provide transportation services for the handicapped and those 60 and over with Hope Network (North Kent Transit). Councilmember Myers noted this was a great program.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by QUADA to renew the contract with Hope Network with Hope Network West Michigan (North Kent Transit) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

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

**Item #5. PURCHASING AND MOVING 318 AVERY.** Bids were received on May 31 to purchase and move 318 Avery (Roger's house) for the purpose of clearing the property regarding the City Hall - Police station construction project. The bids were as follows:

Greg and Deb Canfield \$557.00 (based on 30 days determination if house can be moved to desired location on Kent St.).

Lonnie and Terri Collins \$13.00 (contingent on whether house can be moved and financing)

After reviewing the bids, Pasquale recommended the Council accept the Canfield bid of \$557 to purchase and move 318 Avery.

Assuming the house can be moved, it is the Canfields' intent to move the house by late summer.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to accept the Canfield bid of \$557 for the purchase and moving of the house located at 318 Avery.

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

**Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Thad Kraus noted the Cherry Creek Classic Run would be held on Saturday, June 10, 2000. He stated the proceeds would be provided to the Lowell Area Fire Department. Over the last five years, the race has given back approximately \$12,000 to the nonprofit organizations in the community.

Kraus stated the race starts at 8:00 a.m. and is 3.1 miles.

Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker presented a calendar of events. She stated on August 4 & 5, the Chamber wishes to pursue street market days. Also, included was information regarding the Fourth of July activities to be held on Saturday, July 1, 2000. There will be a parade, water ball fight by the Fire Department and bike contest. The Laurels of Kent have graciously funded the fireworks event.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to support the Chamber of Commerce request regarding the Street Market Fair to be held on August 4th and 5th.

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

**Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores thanked Ron vanOverbeek for his assistance on Mayor Exchange Day when Whitehall was in town. He did a very good job.

Shores requested the minutes from the meetings which are held by Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV.

Councilmember Green enjoyed his time in Whitehall. He said it was very constructive.

Green questioned if the Cable Advisory Committee had met yet. Kraus responded no. Green asked if a deadline of September or October should be set.

Councilmember Myers inquired regarding the anticipated date for opening the street area by Light and Power and Cable TV. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden would ask.

Councilmember Quada appreciated Shores' comments relative to receiving the meeting minutes of Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV.

Quada expressed appreciation to Lowell Light and Power for the letter received reflecting the fact the City Charter is being reviewed.

Quada noted Section 16.1 of the City Charter, which states the Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month in a meeting place designated by the Board with the approval of the Council. Special meetings may be called. The Board shall keep a journal of its meetings and its proceedings shall be filed with the Clerk as public record.

Quada said with having approved the budget and in accordance with the Charter, the Council has not yet enacted on the budget from Light and Power and should be submitted to the Council without alteration. The Council will act on the said budget in the same manners as that required by this Charter for the General Fund Budget.

Pasquale stated the budget for Light and Power would be presented on June 19, 2000.

Mayor Blough commented Mayor Exchange Day with the City of Whitehall. They were extremely gracious and Whitehall is a great city.

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

An application for display of fireworks permit was presented from Melrose Pyrotechnic. The display will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2000 at Stoney Lakeside Park at dusk. There is a five-million-dollar insurance policy. Council approval for this permit is needed. The permit would be forwarded on to the State of Michigan.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the Fireworks Display Application from Melrose Pyrotechnics.

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

The following meetings minutes were presented:

- Planning Commission meeting of April 17
- Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Division Policy Committee meeting of April 19.
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of April 20
- Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of April 27.

An update regarding Litehouse, Inc. and its wastewater management schedule was provided to the Council.

At the next meeting, Pasquale will present a second State of the City address.

**Item #9. APPOINTMENTS.**

It was noted Charles Myers had already been nominated as a representative to the Kent District Library and two additional nominees were needed for the County Commission to consider appointment.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BLOUGH to select Liz Baker and Thad Kraus as nominees for the Kent District Library.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, June 19, 2000

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

# 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 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. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) 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 meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at the Masonic Temple. Programs for July include: Pam Nation, exec. director Habitat for Humanity; Clarence Underwood, athletic director for MSU & A Michigan Outdoors program. Members plan on attending & bring a guest.

**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.

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

**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 676-1355 or Linda Johnson 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.

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

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

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

**STARTING NOW - St. Patrick School registration**

for 2000/2001 school year. Call 691-8833. For more information check our website at www.stpatrickparnell.org.

**SAT., JUNE 24:** A free car wash will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary, sponsored by the Lowell Leaders' Club.

**THURS., JULY 6:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Fallsburg Schoolhouse lawn. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, table service & a lawn chair. In lieu of the White Elephant sale, a money donation will be requested. Program by George Lessens. "How Weather Affects Us."

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

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

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

**WED., JUNE 21:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council. **WED., JUNE 28:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

**FRI., JUNE 23:** 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network. **FRI., JUNE 30:** 10:30 a.m., Picnic at Fallsburg.

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

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

# Lowell Middle School honor roll

**SIXTH GRADE (Final)**  
 Anthony Adrianse, Bradley Amidon, Danielle Anchors, Alana Anderson, Donald Anderson, Lucas Anstett, Allan Aquino, Kyle Austin, Adam Baker, Caleb Baker, Kathryn Barnes, Erin Beddows, LynnAnn Bell, Collette Benmark, Kenneth Bieri, Austin Blough, Melissa Blough, Alice Blumm, Anna Boeve, Lisa Boomers, Sarah Boomers, Holly Borth, Kelsey Brenk, Kaitlyn Browe, Lisa Brown, Zachary Burger, Philip Burton, Malley Cahoon, Alex Carpenter, Edith Chittenden, Nathaniel Clements, Samantha Collins, Ashley Colon, Bradley Corlett, Laura Crimmins, Carey Crout, Rebecca DeLiefde, Gabriel Delnick, Brittany Dietz, Elizabeth Drain, Chad Drenth, Jamie Dryer, Amanda Durkee, Maya Esparza-Siegers, Kyle Estes, Megan Fizer, Trevor Foss, Chelsea Freed, Nathan Galbreath, Julie Geelhoed, Benjamin Geldersma, Alexander Getz, William Gill, Jenna Gillan, Joshua Gilliard, Nicole Gless, Katie Goldner, Jasmine Gomez, Brock Graham, Nicole Green, Brandon Grochowalski, Benjamin Hanson, Megan Harmon, Heather Harrigan, Angela Harvey, Brandon Herring, Joshua Hettinga, Brett Hobrta, Andrew Hopkins, Nicholas Huizinga, Greg Huyser, Adam Ingraham, Kayla Irwin, Kevin Jahnke, Kristin Johnson, Cory Jones, Ryder Jones, Amy Junewick, Ryan Junglas, Abbot Kastanek, Stephen Kerr II, Jennifer Kettel, Hannah

Kinney, Andrew Kleeves, Hannah Knudstrup, Kelly Koning, Andrea Koster, Devin Kyllonen, Steven LaFave, Ryan Lane, Nicholas Larisch, Jon Latvia, Paula Lawrence, Sarah Lessens, Rachelle Levingson, Michael Long, Jennifer Lupton, Jodi Lupton, Laura Maki, Holly Masters, Seth Mayhew, Kristen McAlpine, Megan Meade, Kimberly Meeuwesen, Mary Mendez, Nikita Miles, Angela Miller, Samantha Mol, Devin Moore, Joshua Morrison, Elizabeth Mosher, Amy Mundwiler, Rachel Murray, Kyle Neubecker, Maggie Nurmikko, Amber Osborne, Gary Osborne, Raymond Phillips, Rachel Plotner, Rebecca Plummer, April Polaski, Michael Pretzel, Casey Randolph, Jonathan Riddle, Christopher Roelof, Amanda Schneider, Andrew Schultz, Leannah Seese, Roberta Sena, Nicole Shepard, Kirby Siek, Ashley Slater, Chelsea Smit, Crystal Smith, Lori Smith, Jared Spencer, Ashley Spicer, Blake Spoelman, Gregory Stevens, Joshua Tapia, Melissa Telman, Emily Timpson, Alisha Trebian, Sarah Troyer, Nicholas Truskowski, Rebecca Underwood, Andrew VanderKlok, Adam VanderPolk, Ashley VanderWal, Brook VanEck, Lauren VanEns, Joel VanVeldhuizen, Megan Vaught, Sheila Walling, Amanda Weaver, Alicia Weeber, Eva Wilcox, Cassandra Wildey, Andrew Wilterink, Janice Wisniewski, Jessica Wright, Melissa Wright, Jennifer Zoodsma,

Audrey Zook, Julie Zoulek, Katelynn Zuiderveen

**SEVENTH GRADE**  
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Bailey, Jacob Baker, Darcie Banfill, Britney Batchelor, Allison Bault, Heather Beckler, Andrew Benedict, Aaron Benmark, Andrea Black, Derek Blackall, David Blair, Mellissa Blattner, Joe Blumm, Edward Boeve Jr., Amy Bogner, Daniel Brinks, Elizabeth Brower, Elizabeth Camp, Kathryn Capps, Cody Carr, Renee Catlin, Christopher Chambers, Jamie Clark, Ashley Claypool, Christopher Corlett, Amanda Craig, Helen Crimmins, Christopher Curtis, James DeLiefde, Annie Didion, Tohny Doyle, Thomas Eldridge, Heather Essich, Claire Evans, Jared Felling, Jamie Fink, Stacy Fleet, Christopher Gallagher, Stacy Grasman, Amanda Grochowalski, Mackenzie Hacker, Julie Halbeisen, Jessica Hamp, Matthew Hansen, Brendon Harden, Sarah Harmon, Daniel Harrison, Mallarie Hiaeshutter, Zacharias Horan, Lynda Horsley, Katherine Huver, Andrew Ingraham, Taylor Jamison, Kelly Johnson, Matt Johnson, Ashley Jones, Andrew Jousma, Stephan Kansman, Ashley Kehoe, Leslie Koehn, Heidi Komejan, Andrea Kropf, Christopher Lechner, Kristen Lee, Kristen Maki, Sarah Manion, Larinda Marker, Jason Mathews,

include: Erin P. Burgess, Brandy A. Fedewa, Amanda S. Foley, Roxanne J. Gallert, Paul D. LaFond, Julie M. Postema, Jennifer A. Schanta, Bradley A. Simkins, Jennifer R. Spoor, Alana J. Valentine and Carissa L. Yunker. of Lowell; Matthew C. Bushman, Dana M. Houseman, Raymond W. King III, Amanda M. Minor, Monica A. Muuse, Joel S. Siemens and Sarah R. Voss, of Alto.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

Calvin College has announced its spring 2000 dean's list. To earn a spot on the dean's list at Calvin requires that a student maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and have a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges.

In fact, last fall Calvin was honored by U.S. News & World Report as not only one of the best regional universities in the Midwest (the only Michigan school so honored), but also as one of the top buys in the Midwest. Calvin also

was honored to play host in January to the Michigan Republican presidential debate, featuring GOP candidates Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes, Orrin Hatch and John McCain.

Students included on the list from this area included: Mark I. Bajema, Michael E. Befus, Joel W. Renkema and Helen M. Stroo of Lowell and Nathan A. Ter Beek of Alto.

A total of 1,145 students achieved placement on the spring quarter dean's list at Michigan Tech University by earning a grade point average

## IN THE SERVICE

Lucas A. Gravelyn has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class.

Gravelyn, a student, is assigned to the Student Company, Medical Center Brigade, Walter Reed Army

Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

The private is the son of Gary A. and Miava M. Gravelyn of Alto.

He is a 1996 graduate of Caledonia High School.

# Many objectives & manipulatives = more understanding - less repetition

## ••• Everyday Math will build a richer mathematics curriculum in elementary students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Everyday Mathematics, an elementary component of the University of Chicago School of Mathematics program, is designed to improve mathematics at all grade levels.

Its approach focuses more on thinking rather than on the age-old traditional drills of math skills.

"It gives us an opportunity to expand what we're

doing through the use of a broader spectrum of math," explained Lowell at-risk math teacher Sue Beute. "More manipulatives are being used to help students think about math in new ways."

Everyday Mathematics is written based on a spiral curriculum, meaning a specific concept is taught five times in two years, giving children many opportunities to grasp the idea when developmentally ready to do so.

"Multiplication concepts

are introduced already in kindergarten with skip counting, again in first grade, then in second grade through building arrays, and focused on in depth in third grade," Beute explained.

The idea of providing students with many objectives brings about understanding, not repetition.

This approach brings student involvement in activities focusing on numeration, counting, operations, relations, problem-solving, men-

tal arithmetic, data collection and analysis, geometry, measures and reference frames, money, and rules and patterns.

"For years we've heard the need for a richer mathematics curriculum. Studies show our students are learning less mathematics than students in many other countries," Beute said. "For too many years we have ignored the actual capabilities of our children. The results of much research with children and teachers led to the develop-

ment of Everyday Mathematics." The United States Department of Education endorsed 10 math programs throughout the country, of which only two were elementary programs - Everyday Mathematics was one of those.

"We have gone through it this year (first year) and have had few concerns raised about the change," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "That is a tribute to Sue and her hard work with students, teachers and parents."

All but one fourth-grade teacher and a couple of fifth-grade teachers used the new math program.

Beute sees the program changing the elementary math assessments. Students will be introduced sooner to different math concepts. "I am anxious to see how this year's kindergarten students do on the fourth-grade math MEAP test," she said.

## City projects, continued, From Pg. 9

staff is looking at grants to help fund some of the projects. For example, the city might be able to put Gee Drive on the federal urban aid program, which would pay about 80 percent of the reconstruction cost for the road, he said, adding that is what the city has done for the S. Hudson Street project.

"It is up to the council as to how quickly they may want to move forward on this," Pasquale said. "The council has just made a major bonding commitment to the City Hall/police station project."

Quada said he would like

to start investing funding for the projects, especially bonding for the roads, an issue on which he has commented before.

"I think looking at grants for Creekside Park would be justified," said council member Jeanne Shores. "A lot of people's hard work and sweat went into that park. It is the people's park."

Shores added she would be interested in looking at the cemetery building since the cemetery is a personal item for most people and should have some type of facility.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 PROBATE COURT  
 COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-169,656-DE

Estate of GERALDINE MARIE McMASTER, Deceased  
 Date of birth: 06/29/30

presented to DEBORAH MARIE GRAY, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

6/12/00

TO ALL CREDITORS:  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
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## Veen Observatory, continued...From Page 3

this April. First Place "Large Dobsonian", First Place "Most Popular", and First Place "Telescope Design."

This is the telescope that travels to public events away from the observatory, such as Astronomy Day demonstrations at the mall. A "Dobsonian" telescope is simple to operate and is designed for visual astronomy. It is unsurpassed for visual observations of galaxies, nebulas, clusters, and other deep sky objects. This telescope, dedicated to the memory of Percy Hawkins (who helped build the observatory in 1970), has been completely rebuilt by GRAAA members Craig Priebe and Dave Deremo. Optically, it is near perfect and premium eyepieces and a special coma-corrector have been

added. "The new Hawkins has been designed for portability," said Priebe. "The optics and mechanics have been greatly improved."

Other donations to the Veen this year include a Computer Controlled Device (CCD) Camera from Optec, Inc. of Lowell and a computer from Dr. Tom Haynes to be used with the new Borr Schupan Aluminum Sales donated the aluminum stock used for the wedge. Jerry Willette, a GRAAA member and master carpenter, has rebuilt the desk and laid new carpet in the West Dome. The Observatory Committee of the GRAAA has repainted the Observatory inside and out, and is building a new shed in which to store the Hawkins.

Jacob Bourjaily, a GRAAA Junior member, in-

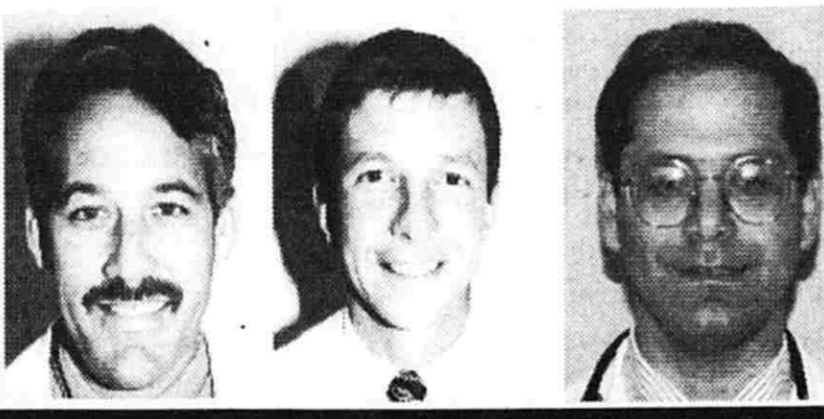
stalled a lighting system along the footpath from the lower parking lot to the Observatory proper (a distance of 1/4 mile) as his Eagle Scout project. This new lighting will be greatly appreciated by visitors on Open House nights for years to come.

Both new telescopes will be formally unveiled on June 24 at a private afternoon reception for GRAAA members. Currently there are over 300 members of the amateur astronomy group. Former members, some of whom are traveling from all over the country for this event, are also expected. Many of the senior members who helped build the Observatory 30 years ago are coming. Members of the Veen, Borr and Hawkins families will also attend. Dr. Richard Teske, professor of As-

tronomy Emeritus at the University of Michigan, who also spoke at the opening of the Veen in 1970, will deliver the keynote address.

The Veen Observatory, at 3308 Kissing Rock Ave. in Lowell Township, is owned and operated by the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association, a nonprofit group of people interested in amateur astronomy at all levels. The GRAAA opens the Veen Observatory to the public the 2nd and last Saturdays of the month if clear, April through October, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., as well as occasional announced special open houses. Call the GRAAA Starwatch number, 897-7965, for taped directions and information, or visit the GRAAA on the internet at www.graaa.org.

## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



### ENDOMETRIOSIS

Endometriosis is a female disorder involving the lining of the uterus. The lining of the uterus is called the endometrium. Endometrial tissue is usually only found within the uterus. If you have endometriosis, however, tissue from the lining of the uterus moves through the fallopian tubes and may become deposited on the ovaries, in the pelvis, on the bladder or in other areas. When menstrual flow begins, this tissue swells and bleeds, just like the lining of the uterus. This is often painful and scar tissue can develop in the pelvic area.

Endometriosis is most often diagnosed when women complain of excessively painful periods, unusual bleeding, or pain with intercourse. Infertility can also be associated with endometriosis. Your doctor will usually diagnose this syndrome by performing a laparoscopy, a procedure whereby he or she will examine inside your abdomen using a small fiber-optic scope. Endometriosis is usually very apparent under this type of direct visualization.

Treatment of endometriosis is usually medical. Numerous oral preparations and some which are injectable are available. If medication does not provide lasting benefit, surgical treatment is then advised. With surgical treatment, the doctor attempts to remove the endometrial tissue from the wrong places it has deposited. This is often done with the use of a laser.

## Library presents "Abracadabra Magic"

Magicians Renee Hudson and Johnny Jay bring their amazing array of magic tricks to Kent District Library branches this summer with the Abracadabra Magic program. This fast-paced program for the whole family will mystify and thrill spectators while it keeps them laugh-

ing. Registration is required at some KDL branches for this program so call for more information.

The program is scheduled for the Englehardt branch on Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m., phone 897-9596; also at the Alto branch on Wednesday, July 26 at 1:30 p.m., phone 868-6038.

Hudson and Jay entertain audiences with their comedy and magic shows full of laughter, fun and audience participation. They have performed for corporations and at schools and libraries throughout Michigan, and they performed in the Millennium Magic program at Kent District Library branches last winter.

This free program is part of the *Score Big with Books!* Summer Reading Club which runs through August 5; children may register at any Kent District Library branch.

For more information about the Abracadabra Magic program, please call the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

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**BIG MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE** - Fri., June 23, 9-5 p.m. Jewelry, home decor, some furniture, baby items, women's career wear, cookbooks, kitchen items & much more. Valley View office, N. M-66 in Ionia.

**MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE** - June 24, 9-4, Rolling Creek Dr. (.2 E of Keiser's Restaurant left on James St., James to Grindle, E. 1 mile to Rolling Creek).

**MULTI-FAMILY SALE** - June 23, 9-3, June 24, 9-? Pampered Chef, baby clothes & baby items, exercise equipment & household items. 1701 Faith Dr. (corner of Faith & Elizabeth Dean)

**ALTO YARD SALE** - 6/23 & 6/24, 9am - ?, 11389 Kirby. Furniture, microwave, wood crafter items, porch glider, bikes to repair.

**MOVING IN SALE** - 9590 Anderson Acres Pvt. off Snow & 60th, Alto. June 22, 23, 24; 8-5 p.m. Household items, furniture, frig, 4 wheeler, more. Follow signs. NO early shoppers.

**GARAGE SALE** - Fri. & Sat., 9-4, June 23 & 24, 10874 Grand River Dr., Lowell between Kissing Rock & Timpson Ave. Lots of quality clothing: infant - adult, household stuff, toys, outdoor gym, J.D. tractor, baby items, etc.

**GARAGE SALE** - 13940 Cascade Rd. June 22, 23 - 9:00-5:30. ATV 3 wheeler, antique rockers, wicker love seat, sewing mach., household tools, icefishing equip., clothes, much more.

**YARD SALE** - lots of toys & children's & adults clothing, misc., strollers. Fri., June 23, 9-5pm, 9725 Sayles, between Marble & Pickney, Cancel if rain.

**GARAGE SALE** - June 23, 9-4 p.m. 1286 Laurie Gail Dr. Clothing, computer w/printer, washer, double bed w/box spring and frame, misc.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE** - June 22-24, 9-4 p.m. 7900 & 7950 McCords. Clothes for all ages, furniture, weight equip. & much more.

**GARAGE SALE** - Fri., June 23, 9-5 p.m. 3230 Segwun, Lowell. 3 family sale, toys, clothes, furniture. Lots of misc.

**LARGE GARAGE SALE** - Lots of baby girls & girls clothing. 6049 Timpson Ave., Lowell, Thurs. & Fri., June 22 & 23, 9-4 pm.

**GARAGE SALE** - 820 Rolling Creek Ct. (off Grindle) Doll house, toys, clothes, lots of misc. Fri. & Sat., 9:00 -4:00.

**GARAGE SALE** - Gas range, chest freezer, hutch, crib bedding, twin bedding, name brand boys & girls clothing. Fri. & Sat., 9-4 p.m. 775 Alden Nash bet. Vergennes & M-21.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE** - June 22 & 23, 8-4 p.m. 780 Cumberland bet. Bennett & Vergennes. Toddler, children & women's clothing, misc. household items, baby items & much much more.

**YARD SALE** - Fri, 6/23, 9-7 p.m. & Sat., 6/24, 9-1 p.m. Craft items, home decor, antiques, clock parts, mens, womens, kids clothes, shoes, books, toys, games, Holiday decorations, new & used Tupperware & much more. 6518 Hastings Rd. 1/2 mile N. of Jimmy's Grill.

**GARAGE SALE** - 10645 Foreman SE bet. Cumberland & Parnell. Fri., June 23, 9-6 p.m.; Sat. June 24, 9-2 p.m. Washer/dryer, entertainment center, F250 pickup, household items, some toys & books.

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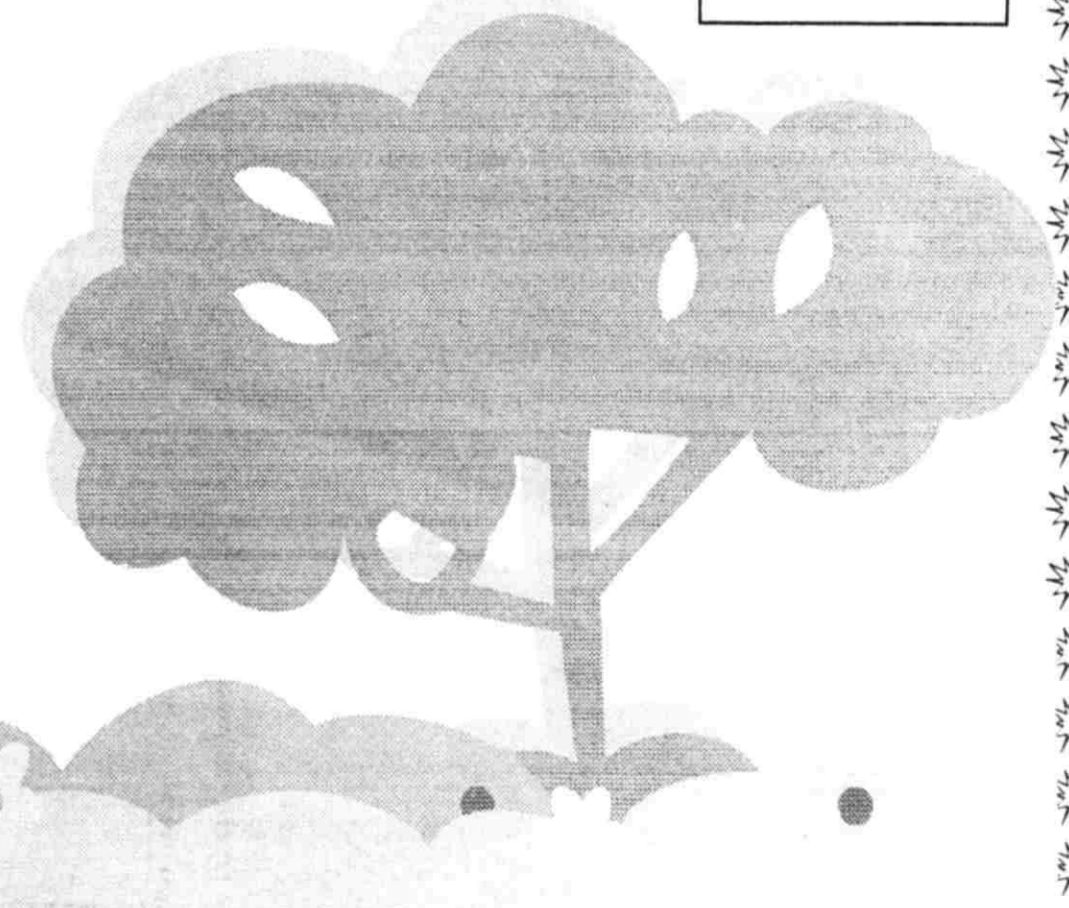
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**DRIVER** - CDLB drivers needed. Looking for dependable, customer service oriented person w/chauffeur's CDLB, or CDLA license, full time and part time. Benefits (full time), good working environment, also hiring nights and weekends. Call 248-7729

**BEAUTICIAN** - Be your own boss, for new assisted living facility in Cascade. Approx. 16 hours a week to start. Hours increase as we grow. Call Administrator at 954-2366.

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How should you go about performing this checkup? Start by setting aside a special time each year to meet with your financial professional to review your progress. And when you get together, ask questions similar to the following:

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A pint of berries (approximately 3/4 of a pound) serves two people, yielding about two cups of sliced berries. Strawberries are excellent served fresh, with ice cream or shortcake, for baking or making your own jam. Strawberries freeze easily for enjoyment long after summer's blush.

portfolio has gotten out of balance. For example, if you own a lot of stocks, and their prices have gone up substantially as part of the prolonged bull market, then more of your portfolio's value than you intended may be in stocks.

2. How have my stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other investments performed in comparison to similar investments? Ask your financial professional to compare your individual investment returns against appropriate benchmarks.

3. Are there changes in my personal circumstances that would affect my investments? If you switch jobs, get married, have a baby, receive a pension plan distribution, or retire, you may well need to change your investment goals — and your investments.

4. Am I making the right moves with my retirement plans? Are you contributing as much as you can to your 401(k)? Are you fully funding your traditional IRA or Roth IRA? If you're self-employed, are you putting enough away into your Keogh or SEP? Ask your investment professional to run some computerized projections of your retirement savings. If you're not on track toward meeting your goals, you may need to make some changes.

5. Am I adequately protecting my family and my income? Adequate insurance is a key ingredient of a comprehensive financial plan. Do you have enough life insurance to protect your family in case something happens to you? Do you have disability coverage to make up for any income that might be lost due to an accident or extended illness? Do you have

### COLLEGE NEWS

After the outstanding achievement of completing a four-year honors program and writing an original thesis, Albion College senior Melissa K. Peterson graduated magna cum laude with Albion College Honors on May 6.

Only 20 students out of a class of 313 completed the honors program. Peterson wrote a thesis titled, "The Categorization of Women in Hitler's Germany" and received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology and sociology and women's studies. Peterson was also recognized for her association as a member of the College's Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service.

Peterson also received the President Gerald R. Ford Leadership Award at the College's Honors Convocation held last month.

Peterson is the daughter of Kay E. Oligney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

The Honors Program at Albion is designed for students interested in challenges and opportunities which go beyond the traditional lecture and laboratory courses. In addition to the required seminars, Honors students must graduate with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and produce an Honors thesis.

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long-term care coverage to protect your life savings from the potentially catastrophic costs of a long stay in a nursing home?

6. Should I be doing some estate planning? It's never too early to start doing estate planning. Parents should draw up a will or a living trust to provide for their minor children. And people in or near retirement should position their estates to spare their heirs from having to pay heavy estate taxes.

As you can see, there are many issues to explore during your annual financial checkup. By staying on top of these matters from year to year, you'll continue making healthy progress toward all your goals.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell Planning Commission - Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct the following public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, June 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

1. An ordinance amendment providing for Commercial Wireless Communication Towers (regulate antennas and towers).
2. An ordinance amendment to permit Bed and Breakfast Establishments in R-2 and R-3 Zone District.

Copies of proposed ordinance amendments are available for review at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

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Proceeds to Benefit School Endowment Fund

**LIMIT 3000 TICKETS**

Need not be present to win. Raffle No. I 00139

### HUGE AUCTION

New items and Services

Saturday 5-9 pm

### CASH RAFFLE

Drawing: June 25 at 6:00

## FAMILY FUN

Antique Cars  
& Tractors

Horse  
Rides

Beer  
Tent

Live  
Music

Petting  
Zoo

Children's  
Games

Music By:

Conklin Ceili Band

Irish Music

& D-Jay's Mobile Music

Variety Music

Saturday 7:00 - 12:00

Virgil Baker

Polka Band

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00