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Litehouse, Inc., given go-ahead on new wastewater treatment tanks, but must put in sidewalks along Foreman Road

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

A local food processing company was the first to get hit with the city's new push on sidewalks.

Last week, Litehouse, Inc, 1400 Foreman Rd., approached the Lowell Planning Commission about the construction of a new wastewater pretreatment system designed to help reduce the amount of fats and oils the company is putting in the city's Council asking that in such projects, sidesanitary sewer system.

water before it is disposed into the city of Appeals and ask for an appeal on the system, met with

few questions

up a treatment plant and put in sidewalks at the same time," said John Kouba, project manager from Applied Technology, the engineering company overseeing the installation of the pretreatment plant.

For the planning commission, their hands were tied as far as the sidewalk issue was concerned, said planning commission chair Dan Brubaker. The commission is following a directive from the Lowell City walks not be waived. Brubaker said The system, which will treat the plant's Litehouse could go before the Zoning Board

> planning commission's de-

MEAP Scores Bipolar

•••• Lowell Middle School students' writing continues to excel; social studies and science scores deficient.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The charge is to do in social studies and science what has been accomplished in math and writing.

Using the researched based University of Kansas writing strategies program, Lowell eighth-graders have scored at or near the top on the eighth-grade MEAP test in each of the last five years.

The Chicago Style math approach has enabled Lowell students to fair well on the MEAP math tests.

The MEAP test has not been as kind to Lowell in the science or social studies areas.

In both science and social studies, benchmarks have been redone and reassigned across the curriculum.

"We did not do very well on our science or social studies MEAP tests," said Lowell assistant superintendent to instruction Jim White. "We need to improve learning in each area and not just improve our MEAP scores."

White attributes Lowell's success in writing and math to teachers being trained on consistent research-based approaches.

Of the eighth-graders taking the MEAP writing test, 93 percent passed. This was the highest mark in the Kent Intermediate School

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan branch's National Leagues of Post Masters first bestowed its state "Postmaster of the Year" award in the early 1900s.

"This award means a great deal to me. It's a prestigious honor to be selected by your peers," Taylor said. Because of a recent sur-

gery, Taylor was unable to attend the convention and ac-

officer in charge in Holland; acting manager of distribution operations in Grand Rapids; supervisor of mails in Lansing; and supervisor of mails in Hicksville, NY. After joining the Na-

This award means a great deal to me. It's a prestigious honor to be selected by your peers.

Sylvia Taylor **Lowell Postmaster**

Its first recipient in the new century is Lowell postmaster, Sylvia Taylor.

The Lowell postmaster first joined the Postal Service in 1976. Taylor was appointed Postmaster of Lowell in 1990.

cept the award.

Taylor is now eligible for the national honor which will be announced in August.

Prior to coming to Lowell, Taylor served as station manager in Kansas City, MO.;

tional Leagues of Postmasters (NLP), she served as vice president and treasurer for the Michigan League and was elected as the national treasurer for the league's

Taylor, cont'd. pg. 7

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer** If Lowell city residents are

Manager David Pasquale.

new parking regulation will come from the Lowell City Council. Pasquale said staff

will provide the information to the council at its next meeting, set for Wednesday. July 5 at the Englehardt Library. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m.

Lowell Charter Township Developers Get Fulton Parcels Rezoned

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planning to have overnight company during the winter months, be forewarned: they

can't park their cars on the city streets all night. The Lowell Planning Commission, after some discussion, decided to recommend to the Lowell City Council that overnight parking be prohibited between November and April. The decision was made to help with snow removal.

During the rest of the year. May, June, July, August, September and October, overnight parking would be allowed.

The planning commission felt that if snow were not a problem, then parking should be allowed, said Lowell City

A final decision on the



OBITUARIES

EMELANDER - Stanley H. Emelander, aged 69, of Saranac, passed away July 1. 2000. He was born in Berlin Township, MI on Sept. 7, 1930. He was the son of the late Harry and Frances (Crowel) Emelander. He farmed in Keene Township for 49 years and was a member of Farm Bureau. Emelander married Dorothy Phillips on May 14, 1950 in Ionia. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; five children Linda Emelander of Belding, Kenneth (Cindy) Emelander of Saranac, John Emelander of Saranac, Kathryn (Carl) Werner of Muskegon, Polly Emelander of Elkhart, IN; 11 grandchildren, three greatDouglas (Lorraine) Emelander of Saranac, Dorothy (Don) Ferguson of Ionia. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son and a daugh-Services were held ter. Wednesday, July 5, at the Galilee Baptist Church with Rev. James Frank and Rev. Brad Brillhart officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Ionia Area Hospice, Donald Sheritts Scholarship Fund, or the charity of your choice.

MOORE - Keith L. Moore, aged 38, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly June 24. 2000. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael grandchildren; one brother in 1985. He is survived by his

wife Laura; children Keith II. Brittany and Dylan; parents Charles and Evelyn Moore of Lowell; parents-in-law John and Nancy Michels of Caledonia; grandmother Evelyn Flanakin of Arkansas; several aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and coworkers. Keith worked at Amway Corp. Funeral services were held at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Harrison Walls officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Keith Moore Children's Education Fund.

19, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday, June 26, 2000. He is survived by his parents Dewey Prins Jr. and Susan Prins (Bill Marlow); sister Jen Prins; grandparents Dewey and Dorothy Prins and Rosemarie



Eric Scott Prins

Newberger; many aunts, uncles, cousins and his cats, Cookie and Katie. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Cascade Christian Church Chapel, Orange St. PRINS-Eric Scott Prins, aged S.E., Dr. Corky Klingenfus officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Project Rehab or the Second Mile House.

> YURKINAF - Joseph W. Yurkinaf, aged 65, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord on June 8, 2000. He is survived by his mother, Isabelle Yurkinaf of Lowell; sister and brother-in-law. Bonnie and

grandchildren; one great Thomas Healey of New York; grandchild; uncle, cousins six children. Greg, Cathy, nieces, nephews and friends Val. Joe, Vince and Jill; eight Cremation has taken place

•••• This year's tour to include two Lowell sites.

Two Lowell sites have been added to the July 15-16 Steve's Garden Tour. There will be a total of nine gardens for the fifth annual

The two Lowell stops are Perennial Picket Fence Garden located at 535 Front Street and A Shade Garden For Country Log Cabin, located at 14100 Spruce Forest Dr.

The locations of the seven other gardens are: A Natural Pond and Bog Garden, 1901 Lonsdale, NE; A Cluster of Charming Cottage Gardens, 61 Auburn, SE; Shirley Workman, 105 Auburn, SE; Janet Dalman, 53 Auburn, SE; Nate and Veronica Phelps, 29 Benjamin, SE; An Exotic Urban Container Garden, 129 Benjamin, NE; and A Neighborly Plantsman's Garden, 1014 Watkins, SE.

The garden tour benefits Gilda's Club, Grand Rapids, a social drop-in center for people with cancer and their families Proceeds will go toward development of a healing garden on the grounds of Gilda's Clubhouse, now under construction at 1806 Bridge St.

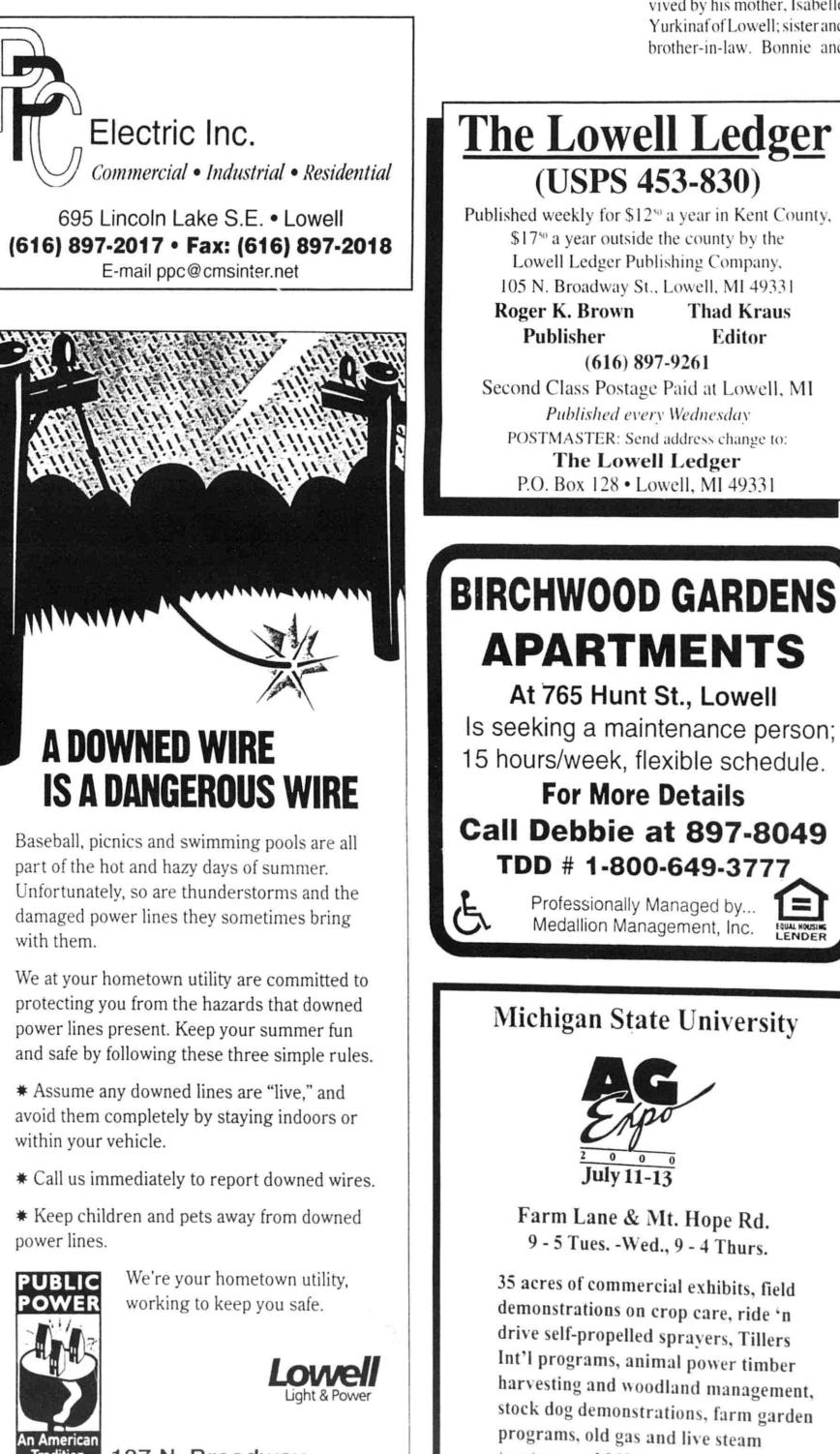
Founded by local garden designer Steve Rosseler, the tour has always featured a variety of garden styles unique to the Grand Rapids area, and will continue the trend for 2000. The lineup for this year includes, among others, the nationally-acclaimed natural pond and bog garden designed

by Rosseler himself.

The tour will take place Saturday, July 15, and Sunday July 16. Tickets are \$12.50 (\$15 at the door), and can be purchased by calling Gilda's Club at 776-7064.



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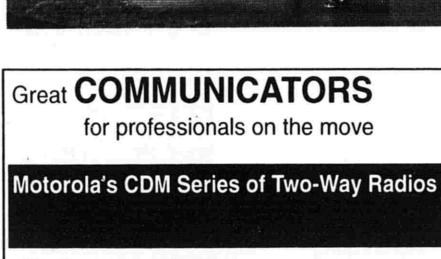
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Patrick Nugent Secretary, Board of Education Lowell Area Schools



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Water Ball Wars!







Rev. Gordie Barry 1st. United Methodist Church

How are we doing when things get tough?

There is a story about a survivor of a shipwreck being washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.

"God, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship

that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was there?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives ... even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Nowhere in our Christian faith have we been given the promise that if we believe, our lives will be pain free, suffering free, problem free, or struggle free. The promise we have been given is that God is "Immanuel" - which means - "God with us." That is, no matter what we go through, whether it be our joyful and celebrating times, as well as all the times we struggle and go through painful events in our lives.

Through these hard times, we can see the smoke signals of some part of God's grace.

We say, "We are too tired," and we hear

"Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy all your heart, and do not rely burdens, and I will give you on your own insight." (Provrest. Take my yoke upon you, erbs 3:5) and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy (or light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)

We say, "I can't figure things out," and we hear:

"Trust in the Lord with

We go through a difficult time and we say, "I feel alone," and we are reminded: "I will never leave you or fits well), and my burden is forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5b)

colleagues and I share with lives. you every week are a reminder of the reality that God who always was, and who always and in this week and in our town called Lowell. And as we journey through life some-

times together and other times

on our own, we are reminded



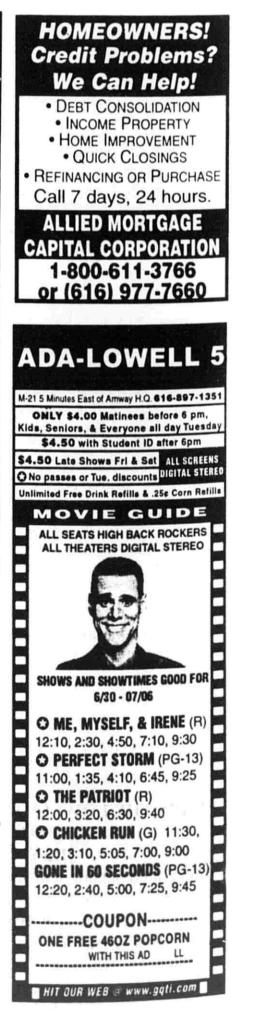
A CRACKLIN' 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY The fireworks enjoyed by the Lowell community on Saturday evening were sponsored by The Laurels of Kent. Picture courtesy Duane DeBoer.



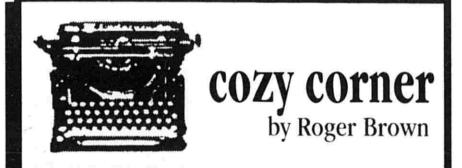
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These devotions that my God IS and seeks to be in our

Like the song says, "Not so low that we can get under God's love; not so high that will, IS right here on this day God's love can't reach that high." The joy and promise is that nothing cannot separate us from this wonderful loving awesome God! Rejoice! Have a great week. that this holy and ever present my friends.





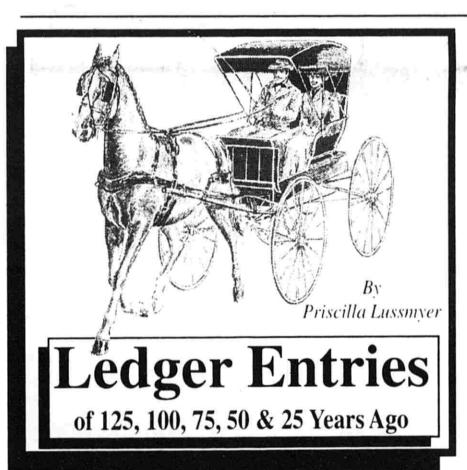


I have a new rule when writing this column. Never serialize it unless I'm going to be out of town. If I've been now 8:00. Things began to get complicated. The fish was for asked once, I've been asked a hundred times, "What happened to the fish?" Everywhere I have gone since the paper came out his freezer for the fish. I did not. Problem number one, the last Wednesday people have asked about the fish. I didn't mind telling them the rest of the story, but I did find it disturbing to find so many people actually read this stuff. Makes me think I should be more careful what I write about.

If you missed it, the first part of the story was about a cooler full of frozen fish traveling with me from Key West to Lansing. The trip involved three legs on the airlines. I had because I'm lost all over again. watched, but did not see my big white heavy duty styrofoam cooler loaded in Pittsburg. The tale picks up here at the agents the possibility of finding overnight freezer space at the baggage carousel in Lansing.

Even though the gate agent at Pittsburg had assured me all bags from the Tampa flight made the Lansing flight, I was almost certain standing there at the carousel was a waste of left the two of them to their opinions and headed home to bed. time. I was right. Our flight was full, but only about three of It had been a long day. All I knew for sure was I was happy it solid. I pack my freshly caught fillets in bags filled to overus didn't get our bags. We trudged on back to the ticket counter for the lost luggage ritual that is as much a part of airline travel as bad food. I think Wilbur left Orville's lunch at the top of the flight from Pittsburg. The airline called and woke my son up dune after his first flight. He had to walk back and get it.

Pittsburg because our smallish commuter plane was full and for weight and balance reasons they had to leave some behind. As a pilot, I know all about weight and balance. My theory is, mahi. if you can get it in and close the door, the plane should fly. The airlines look at things differently.



125 YEARS THE WEEKY JOURNAL JULY 7, 1875

The founder of the Journal, now living in Colorado, says that if he had actually received all the cordwood he was promised in payment for subscriptions, a society to protect timbered lands would have been formed

Lowell's Henry Mitchell has secured a half-interest in the Globe Flouring Mills in Grand Rapids.

The High School graduates spoke and performed to a standing-room-only crowd at Music Hall Friday evening. Declamations, orations, songs and plays were performed; receipts were \$60.

G.H. Palethrop of Greenville has started a bakery opposite Music Hall.

Two passenger trains collide at Holly, resulting in a few broken bones and minor injuries, and the mail was late.

Monday, July 5, brought ten thousand people to Lowell to experience a parade two miles long, bands, and the "best oration ever delivered."

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 5, 1900 IS MISSING

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

JULY 2, 1925 Thirty high school students are carrying on agriculture summer projects under the federal Smith-Hughes Act.

Editor Frank Johnson receives congratulations on entering his 33rd year with the Ledger.

Kent, Montcalm and Clinton county editors unite in a Tri-County Press club, entertained in Belding by Brinton Hall, farmer and owner of the Belding-Hall Refrigerator works.

giant stuffed animals, and even regular luggage instead of a large white cooler plainly marked "perishables." The cooler was also wrapped with tape the airlines use to indicate priority luggage and bore a tag that I had to sign which released the airline from responsibility for spoilage. It was obviously an article to be expedited. As I said, I did question the wisdom of leaving such an article behind, but the ticket agents in these small airports also double as baggage handlers. I tempered my comments. I'm not always as stupid as I seem in this column. Most of the time, but not always.

The next flight from Pittsburg was due in at 11:00. It was my son, who was at the airport to pick me up. He had room in name, address and phone number on the cooler were mine. If the airline were going to deliver the fish yet that night, which would probably be about 2:00 a.m., they should take it to my son's house in Belding. If they were going to deliver it the next day, they should deliver it to the Ledger office in Lowell since nobody would be home at my son's house. Got that? Good,

I further complicated things by discussing with the gate airport, then delivering it at their leisure the following day. One guy thought it would fit in the ice maker that supplies the ice to all the planes. The other guy didn't think it would fit. I wasn't me stranded in Pittsburg.

The next day at work I found out the cooler had made the about midnight to tell him they would deliver it the next day. At the ticket counter I was told a few bags had to be left in I had no way of knowing if they had found room for it in the ice maker (makes you wonder about ice in your drinks aboard airplanes, doesn't it?) or if I would be receiving mushy mahi-

Typical of the first day at work after being gone, things were hectic. About 5:00 I was getting ready to pack it in when I did question the wisdom of choosing to load golf clubs, it dawned on me that I hadn't seen a white cooler around

> Mrs. B.D. Murray, an expert in poultry culture, will make a survey of area poultry-raisers and be available for consulta-

> Miss Ryan dies after returning home to Easton Township, Ionia, from traveling with road shows. She was six and a half feet tall and weighed 630 pounds.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 6, 1950 North Korea invades South Korea the same week that

Congress removes World War II excise taxes; needless to say, the Draft Act is extended. Rep. Ford had a very busy week.

War clouds prompt appointment of civilian defense directors and steps to protect industries; the Soo locks are closed to visitors. Dredging the river, placing 2700 temporary seats in addition to the 2300 permanent seats and refurbishing the

Showboat has started. The Showboat Garden Club has planted and placed 27 petunia tubs along Main Street.

Gallstones are small stones which can form in the gallbladder. The gallbladder is a small bag-like structure located Doctors warn parents to restrict children's swimming to under the liver. It stores bile, which is made in the liver, and is short periods and not allow them to become overtired or used to aid in the digestion of food. When bile and other chilled, as a precaution against polio. digestive juices solidify, they form gallstones. Flasher signals will be installed at the Grand Trunk RR

crossing south of the upper bridge, due to recent fatalities and resident requests.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN **LIFE JULY 3, 1975**

The American Freedom Train will be in Ada July 8 and 9 for visitors. Many other trackside exhibits are planned also; this in addition to large celebrations of July 4 in Ada, Cascade and Lowell.

From June 28 to July 7, Ledger staff will be on vacation

and traffic tickets can be paid in Grand Rapids. The Fish Ladder on the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids is dedicated. Besides allowing salmon and other fish to migrate another 50 miles upriver, it is an attractive view and viewing place, designed by local artist Joseph Kinnebrew. Kropf Orchards opens a new 8,000-square-foot fruit packing building

Lowell's David Miller is the project engineer for the planned four-lane widening of M-21 from the East Beltline to

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced

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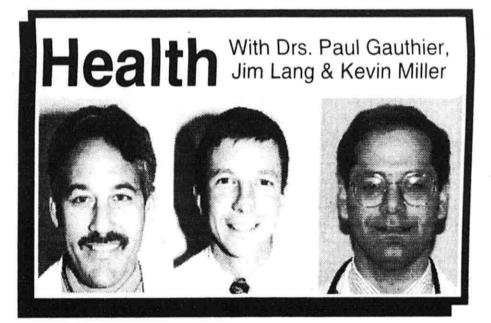
anywhere. I asked all the employees if they had signed for a delivery. They hadn't, but one said the lost fish reminded her of the time the airlines lost Thor, my big old yellow Lab. He overnighted in Cincinnati and was delivered by a cab the next day. The cab driver was also lost and drove past the Ledger several times before Thor finally convinced him to stop. We had a laugh over poor old Thor. He's been gone almost a year nowand this column hasn't been the same since his passing.

No cooler! I called the 1-800 number they had given me the night before. Busy signals and recordings. I finally called the reservations number on my "Silver Preferred" membership card. You get a real person only if they think they are selling you a seat. The real person was nice enough to get me a number for the baggage office at the Lansing airport. There I reached another real person who told me the cooler had left with their delivery service that morning. She had seen it go. Even by the high levels of lunacy that define my life, this was becoming ridiculous.

There was one thing left to do, and that was to check my son's house. I was going up there to mow anyway. Since I don't drink any more, riding a lawn mower is good therapy in these situations. I opened the door to the back porch and there was the errant cooler. My son's girlfriend was there, but she'd come in through the garage, and hadn't stumbled upon the cooler. It had now been 33 hours since the cooler was packed. I pulled out my jackknife to cut the tape.

You can believe this or not, but the ziplock bags were rock flowing with water, seal them and throw 'em in the freezer. There was no evidence the fish had thawed and been re-frozen. Amazing! The bags went into my son's freezer. Despite the best efforts of U.S. Airways to foil it, I guess there will be a big Brown family summer fish fry after all!

So, there you have it ... the rest of the fish story. I considered somehow trying to extend it into a third week, just as a tease. But after consideration, I couldn't imagine even my most devout readers (my mother, for example) staying interested in a cooler of fish that long.



GALLSTONES

Most people who have gallstones never get sick from them. In fact, many people have gallstones and don't even know it. These stones become problematic when they exit the gallbladder and lodge in the passageway between the gallbladder and the small intestine. This blockage causes the typical pain of gallstones - right upper belly pain which may radiate to the right shoulder or right upper back. Many times the stone will pass, but if it doesn't, pain persists and the gallbladder may even become enlarged and inflamed.

For those who have symptomatic gallstones with recurrent pain, surgery is usually the best option. Removal of the gallbladder has become much easier and less time consuming with the advent of "scopic surgery." That is, the entire surgery is done through a scope which is inserted into the abdomen. Hospitalization time is usually only 1 or 2 days and the recovery period is only several weeks.

Medication is available for those who don't want or who are poor candidates for surgery. This medical treatment is very expensive and stones may recur after the medication is stopped.



DEAR JONATHAN: I'm a do-it-yourselfer. I prepared my own will, power of attorneys and trust agreement. The one thing I'm not clear about is the execution formalities for each document. Can I just sign them or do I need to have witnesses and/or a notary public?

JONATHAN SAYS: I discourage anyone who attempts to draft estate planning documents on their own. There are too many areas where a person can get in trouble while attempting to draft these documents without the assistance of legal counsel. My recommendation is that you have your estate planning documents prepared by an estate planning attorney At a minimum, you should have the documents you prepared reviewed by an attorney. However, it would probably be cheaper in the long run for you to have the attorney prepare his or her own documents rather than try to fix yours.

Now, to specifically answer your question, Michigan law requires that last will and testaments be signed by the testator (the person who created the will) in front of two witnesses,

who either witnessed the testator's execution of the document or his or her acknowledgment that the signature on the document is his or her signature. Under Michigan's new law, the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC) which became effective April 1, 2000, a witness can now be an interested party, i.e., a beneficiary of the will. Under prior law, an interested party who was a witness to a will signing forfeited any gifts made to him or her under the will. My recommendation, however, is that you should not have an interested party act as a witness of the will unless there is no one else available.

You can also make the will self proved by preparing an affidavit prescribed by statute and having a notary public, in addition to the two separate witnesses, execute the affidavit. The advantage of making a will self proved is that it can streamline its admission to probate in the event any evidence of the will's execution is ever needed. By virtue of the affidavit, there will be no need to have the witnesses testify in court as to the formalities of the will's execution.

As before, the testator must be 18 years of age or older and be of sound mind.

witnesses or a notary. However, it is good practice to have your trust witnessed and notarized also, which could help in the event of a future challenge to the trust and/or in the event the trust ever needs to be recorded, although in most cases you would prepare a separate certificate of trust existence and authority for recording purposes. Also, if your will refers to your trust agreement, you should execute the trust first.

Regarding your power of attorneys, I assume you drafted a general durable power of attorney and durable power of

attorney for health care. If this is correct, then I recommend that the general durable power of attorney be witnessed and notarized by persons other than those individuals you have named as agents. As in the case of the trust, having this document witnessed and notarized will protect you in the event of any kind of challenge andlor the need to record that document in the future.

For any documents that might be recorded, there are other recording requirements that need to be met besides having two witnesses and a notary public. Those requirements include certain margin requirements that need to be satisfied in the preparation of the document, as well as including the name and address of the person who drafted the document.

Although there is no notary requirement for a durable power of attorney for health care, there are specific requirements as to how the document is witnessed. This document must be executed in front of two witnesses who are not the patient spouse, parent, child, grandchild, sibling, presumptive heir, or known devisee at the time of the witnessing. Further, a witness cannot be a physician, patient advocate, an employee The execution of a trust agreement does not require of a life or health insurance provider for the patient, an employee of a health facility that is treating the patient, or an employee of a home for the agent where the patient resides. Finally, a witness is not supposed to execute the power of attorney unless the patient appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence.

Although the execution formalities of the documents referenced herein can be somewhat confusing, it is imperative that you fully comply with each requirement. Your failure to do so could impact the viability of your documents.



Thomure, middle school teacher, retires to pursue her passion ... art

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

There is perhaps no greater honor than passing the baton of your position to one the district in various capaciof your students.

For Karen Thomure, who has served as the art teacher at Lowell Middle School for the past 23 years, such an honor helps to cap off a 31.1year teaching career. This spring, Thomure passed her artist-in-residence.' position on to former student Theresa Wasciuk (whose new married name is Stroosnyder).

gave me on my retirement was a framed critique of a take the first year off and just sketch book I used to have the try to "get caught up with kids do," Thomure said. "I myself," she said. used to always wonder if the

kids really read those things." Obviously Wasciuk did and eventually followed her teacher's footsteps into Lowell as an art teacher, serving ties before taking over Thomure's position.

"I told her if she needed me to do something with the classes that I would," Thomure said. "I might do something like serve as an

Artist-in-residence is only one of the many items Thomure has on her list of "One of the things she things to do, all of which will have to wait. She plans to

Thomure's career started

at Central Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in art and the art department chairperserved as the library artist for four years. In this position, she toured the state teaching her biggest projects was belibrarians how to come up ing in charge, directing, and with enticing bulletin boards. by using art in their pro-

She married in 1961 and moved to Kaiserslautern, then to Lowell (they used to own in West Germany, where she had three children. On the Ave.), Thomure said she deside, she produced an 800copy monthly newsletter called the Officers and Civil- tion opened up at the middle ians Wives Club.

After living in Germany, her family moved to Maryland where for a year she was school except for one semesan art helping teacher for first ter when she taught third through sixth grades.

The following year she started an eight-year stint as son and teacher for Kenowa Hills High School. One of organizing the fine arts festival every year.

Looking for a change, and with her family having moved the Lambert Farms on Bailey cided to come to the Lowell School District when a posischool. She has been here ever since, serving the Lowell district for 23 years at the middle grade and one year when she was at the high school.

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Litehouse, continued.... From Page 1

about 1,000 feet and would include the cost of putting in some type of crossing over the creek, which could be almost cost prohibitive, he said. Kouba plans to bring the issue back to Litehouse officials.

As for meeting state guidelines on construction, Pasquale said all Litehouse would have to do is get bonding for the project when it applies for the building permit. Also, if the DDA should indicate it would put in the sidewalks, that would be good enough for the city to issue the building permit to

Litehouse without a bond.

Litehouse and the city have been dealing with the company's sewer discharge on and off for a number of years. The city has been fining the company when it does surpass its legal limits. The state (the Department of Environmental Quality) said the city does need to require that the company do something about the situation. Litehouse has been working on the issue and came up with the pretreatment plant, which

company officials believe will help solve most of the problem, Kouba said.

"This is vitally important not only to Litehouse, but to the city," Pasquale said. "They have been putting fats and oils in our sanitary sewer system which, of course, is for the entire city.

"Reducing the amount Litehouse discharges will open up to capacity for the city of Lowell," Pasquale concluded.

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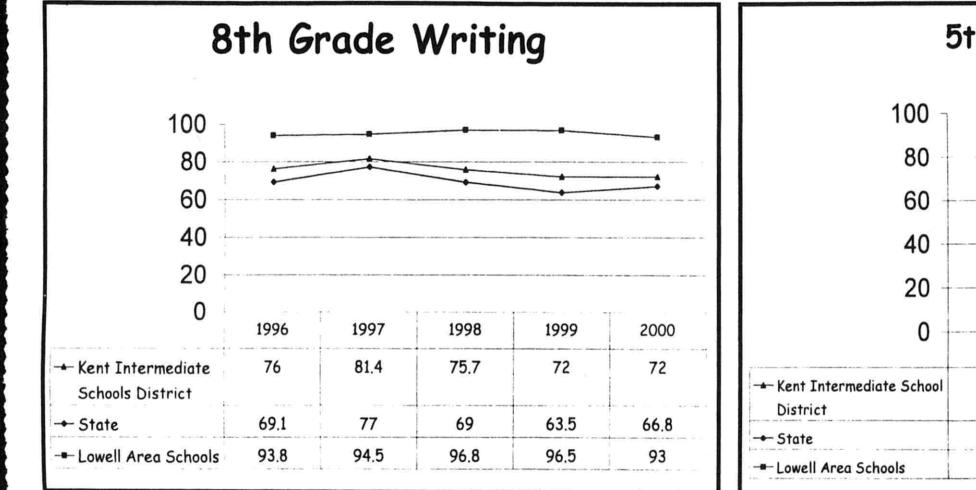
Lowell had double the number of fifth-grade students score at the highest level this year on the social studies test than a year ago. The bad news is only 15.2 percent accomplished that feat a year ago - 30.1 percent passed at the highest level this year.

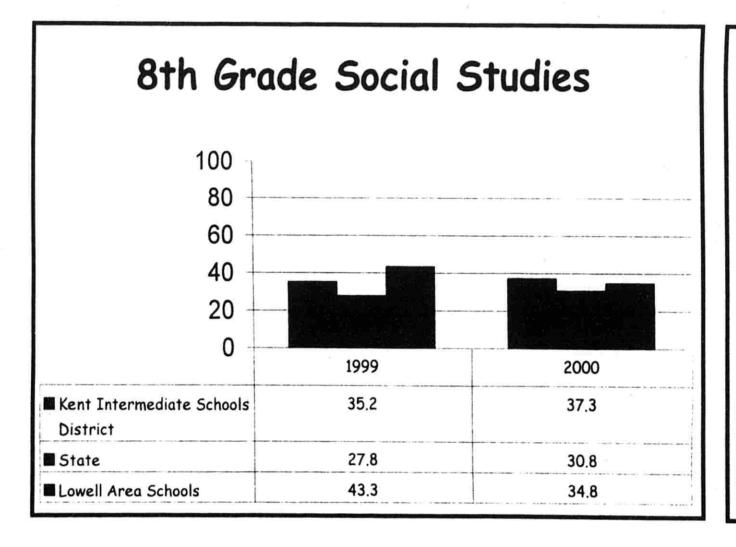
At the eighth-grade level, 34.8 percent of Lowell students passed the social studies MEAP test. The percentage is down from 43.3 percent in 1999.

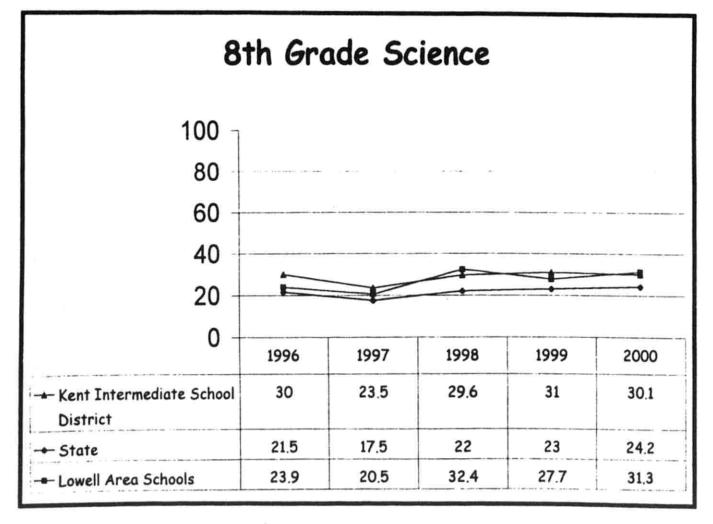
Lowell's science scores at the fifth-grade level rose by seven percent over last year. The 57.8 percent was well above the state average (43.6) and a handful of percentage points above the county mark (52.3).

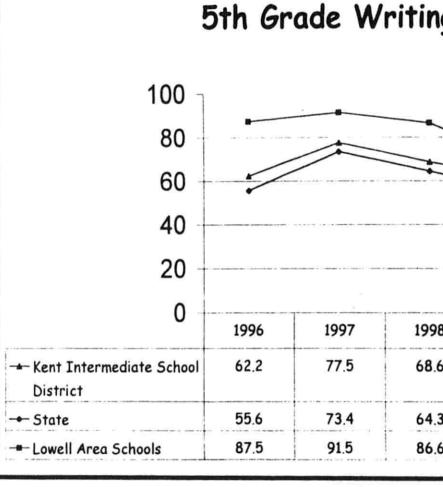
Lowell's eighth-grade science score of 31.3 percent is well above the state average (24.2) and just above the county average (30.1).

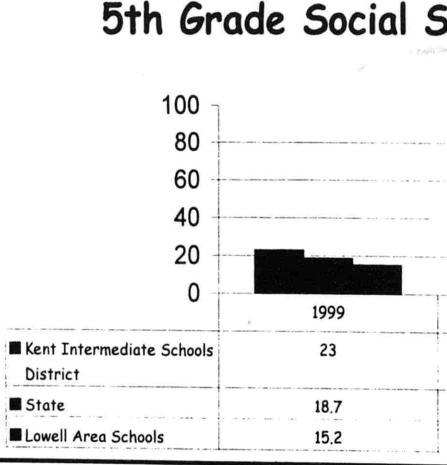
"I'm happy our eighth-grade science percentage is up roughly four points from a year ago, but we still have a long way to go," White said.

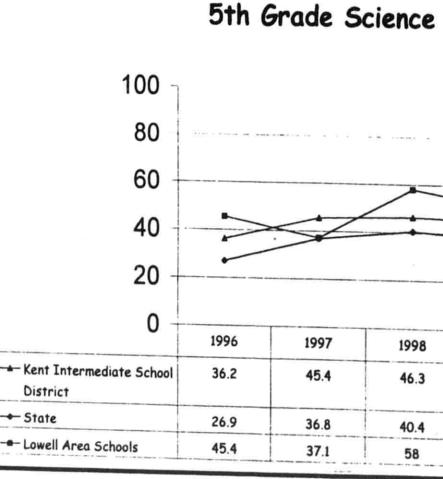












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•••• Bill Stouffer became just the second male

Arrow will also compete in the Michigan High

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football game on July 29.

Bill Stouffer will wrestle at GVSU in the fall.

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athlete in Lowell High School's history to earn the

maximum 12 athletic letters in four years. The Red

Two-time wrestling state champion chooses Mills and GVSU

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The right coach and the right reason all influenced Bill Stouffer's decision to attend Grand Valley State Univer-

Stouffer passed on an offer of a four-year scholarship to Michigan State University so he could wrestle at the club

sity.

level for GVSU

priority

Stouffer said.

gan University.

Laker coach Dave Mills made the two-time Lowell state champion a program

"I chose GVSU because of coach Mills' philosophy of keeping wrestling fun. also think it will better allow me to concentrate on school.

Other area wrestlers who will join Stouffer at Grand Valley in 2000-01 are Andy Coleman, Forest Hills Central; Rick Bolhuis, Jenison; Jeremiah Gitchell, Tri County; and John Shelton, a transfer from Central Michi-

They all join Grandville's Allen Smith who begins his second season at GVSU. "It was a pretty big decision, but the right decision for me," Stouffer said. This is only the second

year for the Laker program

and it is Mills first year as its coach.

The former Forest Hills Central wrestling coach is working to graduate the Grand Valley wrestling program from club status to the team level in one-two years. Another pretty big deci-

sion which Stouffer didn't make, but is equally proud of, is his selection onto the 19th All-Star committee select the

The purpose of the game is to promote high school football in the state of Michigan and to showcase the great high school football players. The game also generates money for the MHSFCA Scholarship Fund.

Besides two individual wrestling state champion-

I chose GVSU because of Coach Mills' philosophy of keeping wrestling fun. I also think it will better allow me to concentrate on school.

Bill Stouffer

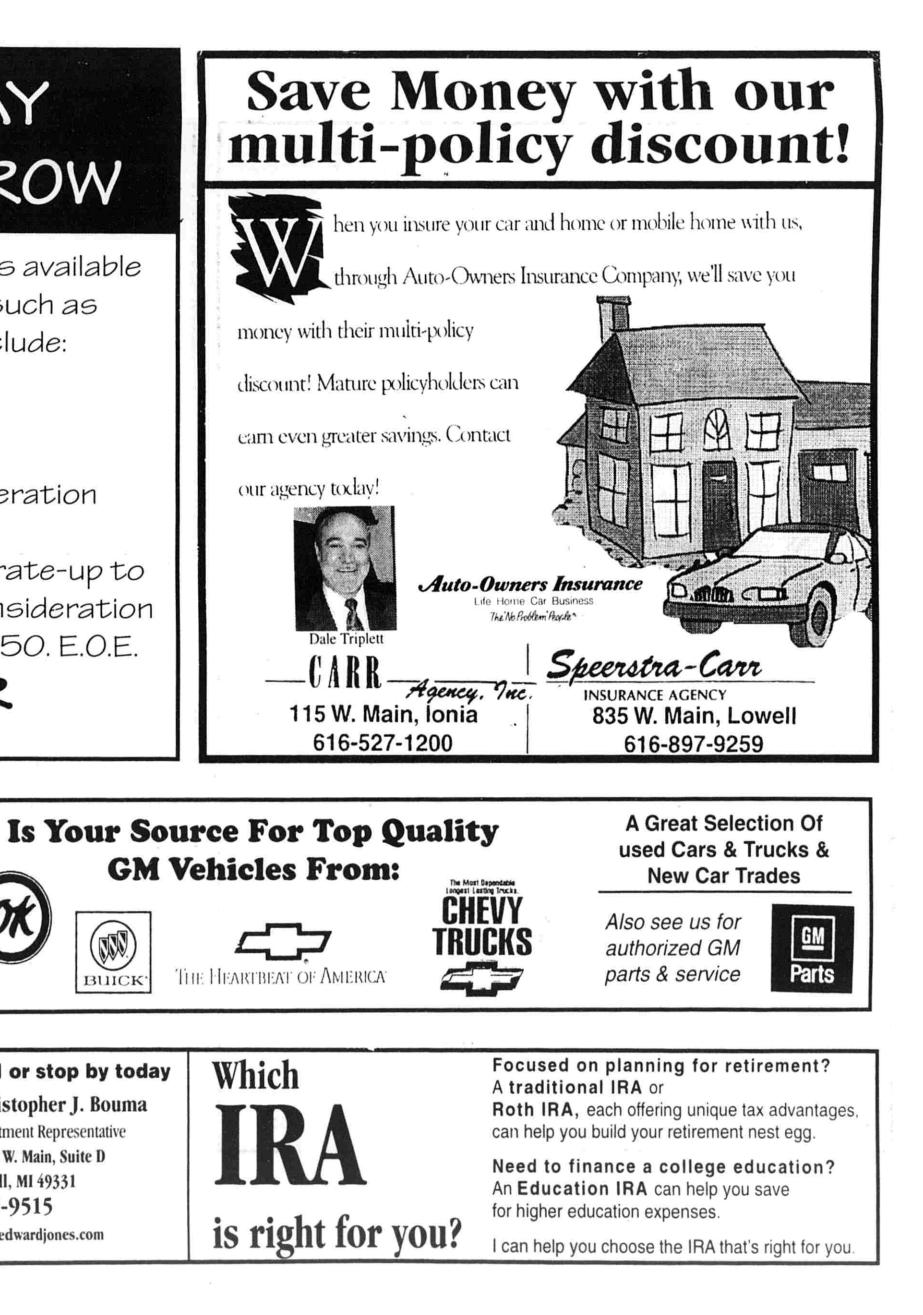
annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) All Star football game.

slated for July 29 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing with kickoff at 2 p.m.

players selected to the west All-Star team. The Lowell football player was nominated as a defensive lineman by his coach Noel Dean.

From the list of nominees, the MHSFCA board, the coaching staffs from the east and west squads, and the

ships, and league and state football honors, Stouffer packed away one other pretty big high school distinction. The All-Star game is He became just the second Lowell male athlete to letter in all 12 seasons during his four years in high school. Stouffer was one of 44 Stouffer earned four letters in football, wrestling and track





OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF **CITY COUNCIL** OF THE **CITY OF LOWELL**

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000.

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Myers.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV employee Ron vanOverbeek and Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager Director Tom Richards.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to excuse the absence of Councilmember Myers. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by SHORES to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2000 regular meeting.

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

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

YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1.

ADDIED

OTION CARRIED.	
BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (06/19/0	0)
GENERAL FUND \$76,659.6	38
MAJOR STREET FUND 717.4	40
LOCAL STREET FUND 717.1	12
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CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND 297.7	
AIRPORT FUND	95
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WATER FUND 5,845.0)1
DATA PROCESSING FUND 50.0	00
EQUIPMENT FUND 5,012.8	30

Item #1. PRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS. A State of the City address was presented by City Manager Dave Pasquale as follows:

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS **MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000**

To: Mayor Blough, Members of the Lowell City Council and citizens of Lowell

Once again, a State of the City address is provided to you as well as the community to provide an opportunity assessing our position. Where are our strengths and weaknesses? Where are our challenges? What is our vision?

Since the last address, Lowell has continued to grow. From January to the present, approximately five million dollars in building permits has been issued already. The City's taxable value has increased to 83.4 million dollars this year accounting for a 21% increase since 1995. Evidence of growth continues along the Main Street corridor and several of the industrial complexes within the City. Even six building permits for new homes have been issued this year, surpassing many yearly totals.

Also, growth is quite evident in the adjoining townships of Lowell and Vergennes. Homes in subdivisions and condominiums are providing more residents to this area. A new 157,000 square foot Meijer's near the intersection of M-21 and Alden Nash will provide an enormous impact in the near future. The Lowell Area Schools have presented voters a 30 million-dollar bond issue in September to accommodate this growth. The issue includes new elementary schools as well as a high school addition.

Thus, growth is here and appears will stay for the foreseeable future. What is the City's response? To be proactive in terms of cooperation with our adjoining iurisdictions but also diligently seek to answer the City's needs and opportunities.

To this end, the City has the following goals:

· Continue to successfully complete the City Hall renovation and Police Station expansion project. This will not only provide needed space, but serve as an impetus to As with the previous request, the Planning Commission

be made to initiate the construction process during this coming year.

 Support the continued renovation of the Central Business District through the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Historic District Commission. The DDA will undertake 1.1 million dollars of improvements for renovating two parking lots and extending the riverwalk north to include the Showboat Amphitheater. In addition, lighting on West Main Street is planned.

 The Downtown Historic District has attained National Register status. Continued support of the Commission is necessary to help finance efforts through the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt Trust) to provide restoration of these historic buildings.

 Carry out financing of a Cemetery office - storage building as well as a Public Works storage facility. This will answer needs for necessary storage of equipment to meet needs of a growing community.

 Seek cooperation with the Lowell Area Schools along with Lowell and Vergennes townships on recreation matters. A committee has been established to assist in carrying out this purpose. Also, land use preservation and coordination with the townships through the Planning commissions will be initiated.

 Promote a concerted effort to upgrade needed street improvements. A recently completed street master plan has documented needed improvements. Efforts toward Construction was \$187,900. financing these must be sought.

As mentioned last year, while projects have been mentioned in our goals, the City must never forget its service to the citizen.

> Respectfully submitted. David M. Pasquale, City Manager

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by SHORES to accept the State of the City Address. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. MICHIGAN WIRE PROCESSING CO. (2487 W. MAIN ST.) - APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - the project. SET PUBLIC HEARING (7/5). Michigan Wire Processing Co. applied for an industrial tax abatement related to the construction of a 15,000 square foot building addition and related equipment.

In reviewing the application, Michigan Wire would gualify for twelve years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council. It was noted the cost of the improvements would be \$1,018,359 in facilities and machinery. Thirty-nine (39) existing jobs will be retained and 12 new positions will be created within two years.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by QUADA to set a public hearing for July 5, 2000 to consider an industrial facilities exemption application for Michigan Wire Processing Company. (2487 W. Main Street). YEA: 4.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 931 Beech - Dale Rogers - side yard variance for an attached garage - set public hearing (7/5). Dale Rogers proposed to have an attached garage built to his home located at 931 Beech. Since the property is zoned R-1, NAY: 0. there must be a total of 20 feet for the side yards, with one being at least 8 foot. The Rogers' proposal provided a total of 15 feet - 4 inches with the attached garage. Thus, the variance involved a side yard setback of 4 feet 8 Item #5. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE CITY inches.

The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation for the variance at its June 26 meeting. A public hearing needed to be established for July 5.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to set a public hearing for July 5, 2000 to consider a side yard variance for an attached garage at 931 Beech from Dale Rogers YEA: 4.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

B. 810 High - David and Shannon Rapp - fence height variance - set public hearing (7/5). David and Shannon Rapp wished to retain a 6 foot high fence in their required front yard located at 810 High, where 3 feet is the maximum

public hearing should be held for the July 5 meeting.

height variance for 810 High Street from David and Shannon Rapp. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1.

MOTION CARRIED. Item #4. FLAT RIVER WATER MAIN CROSSING APPROVAL OF BIDS. Steve Nichols of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber was present to discuss the bids received on June 14 for the Flat River Water Main Crossing. Nichols stated two bids were received at the time of the bid opening as follows: River City Construction: Bid as a directional drill project \$187,900

Nagel Construction:

Nichols explained the low bid submitted by Nagel Construction consisted of using a directional drill alternative with a bid price of \$179,895, while the bid from River City

Nichols recommended the Council approve a contract of \$190,461 from Nagel Construction using the open cut method. He explained the reason for choosing open cut reflects upon many unknown factors if a directional drill method was used. Although soil borings were taken before the bids, it only represents six point locations within a 700-foot area. Nichols noted the project in Cascade Township where an attempt was made three times to cross the Thornapple River. Because the geological conditions are similar to the Thornapple River, any issues of this nature can be avoided by using the open cut method by simply excavating the material. However, he did state the Health Department would prefer the directional drill method because it does not strip the river bottom as much as an open cut. Nichols said an estimated cost of \$225,000 was given for

Councilmember Quada questioned if the depth was based on the channel side or the island side of the river. Nichols responded the open cut method would require a minimal burial depth of 30 inches across the entire river channel.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to approve the bid from Nagel Construction for an open cut installation method of the HDPE pipe material at a cost of \$190,461 to undertake the Flat River Water Main crossing.

Councilmember Shores asked if the City would be able to obtain permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the open cut method. Nichols responded a permit has already been obtained for either method. Mayor Blough asked if River City Construction had understood the bid could consist of both methods. Nichols responded yes.

Blough questioned the total price of the project. City Manager Pasquale responded the project would be approximately \$216,000. He noted this included both construction and engineering costs. YEA: 4.

ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

ment.

 Design/engineering for DPW/Cemetery office storage buildings. 2.DPW vehicular storage building \$225,000-\$300,000 (include Building Authority bond).

- Obligation Bond).
- a.Gee Dr.

\$1,188,056

5. Irrigation on all fields at Creekside Park \$40,000 (seek grant contributions)

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by QUADA to set a public hearing for July 5, 2000 to consider a fence

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open cutting	\$179,895
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open cut, HDPE pipe	\$ 190,461
open cut, ductile iron	\$239,461

PROJECTS PRIORITIES. As requested at the last meet-

ing, City staff has provided its recommendations for future City projects by priority. It was assumed the City Hall - Police Station project has already received commit-

3.Cemetery office/storage building \$50,000-\$70,000 (include in Building Authority; seek grant contributions)

4. Streets (Michigan Transportation Bond max. \$900,000, General

\$810,000 Sidewalk (one side 4565') \$128,880 b.Valley Vista \$165,056 S/walk (construct/replace 903') \$5,413 c.N.Division \$213,000S/walk (construct/replace1200')

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- 6. WATER DISTRIBUTION (financed through the Water Fund): 1. Water reliability study. Last study 1987 \$15,000 \$25,000
- 2. General water system Last map 1957 Water main replacement:
- a. Replace 4" with 12" on Foreman from Beech to N. Hudson. New Loop
- b. Replace 4" with 8" on N. Hudson from Foreman to 928 Up Grade N. Hudson
- c. Place 8" on Hunt from Beech to Lincoln Lake New Loop Total: \$ 100.000
- a. Place 8" on Heffron from Donna to N. Center New Loop b. Replace 4" with 8" on N. Center from Heffron to W. Main
- c. Replace 4" with 8" on W. Main from West to Amity Up Grade
- d. Replace 4" with 6" on Sibley from West to N. Center Up Grade
- e. Replace 4" with 6" on West from Heffron to Sibley Up Grade

Total: \$150,000

street projects had been considered. Pasquale responded passed under this budget procedure. the City could seek a bond through a Michigan Transportation Bond. The amount available would be equivalent to the City's Act 51 monies of approximately \$900,000. The City may also ask the voters for a General Obligation Bond of a higher amount for street improvements.

from the Federal Urban Aid System when considering Federal Grants. He noted the City and Kent County Road Commission will utilize such funds for 80% of the road improvements on South Hudson Street.

Mayor Blough explained the options available would be to solicit additional input from the community, debate the issue amongst the Councilmembers or establish a worksession meeting.

Quada suggested a worksession meeting be scheduled. He wanted information on how much the millage rate would have to increase in order to accommodate the had been followed when organizing the new accounting bonding of a particular street project.

Quada believed the reconstruction Gee Drive and Foreman Road would have a major impact on the community. Perhaps a street connecting the two roads could be part of the project. He stated this would change the traffic dynamics and would be a general improvement for the community.

Shores was also in favor of seeking such grants, especially for Creekside Park. She noted many individuals have put much time and effort into the park. Shores was also in favor of seeking funds for the cemetery, stating it is a very personal and emotional place.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by QUADA to hold a worksession meeting on July 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. relative to future projects for the City of Lowell. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LIGH AND POWER AND CABLE TV BUDGETS. Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV budgets were submitted for received review and approval. Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager Thomas Richards was present for discussion.

been held concerning the budget. Richards responded no. However, the budget has been presented to the management Light and Power/Cable TV Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing to review the budget for Lowell Light and Power on July 5, 2000. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY QUADA and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing to review the Cable Television budget on July 5, 2000. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

regarding the format of a budget. It includes prior year Lowell YMCA. Blough asked if Welsh had spoken with estimates, which allows a balance of the current fiscal, the Planning Commission concerning the development. year in terms of funds and layout for the future.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Blough questioned if the budget could be available for Welsh questioned if this would be premature until the review prior to the public hearing of July 5, 2000. Richards survey has indicated locations. Blough responded the said it would be difficult due to changes in the billing and Planning Commission has assembled a master plan to accounting system over the past year. Lowell Light and assist the City of Lowell with growth in the future. He Power and Cable TV has been established with the explained while the Commission acts as a review agency Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's schedule of over zoning ordinances, they also review larger overall accounting procedures. It includes the exact expenses, strategic growth patterns for the community. but spread out as an activity based, as opposed to an account based budgeting system. Richards noted this is Blough suggested a worksession meeting be scheduled necessary for the preparation of deregulation and unwith the Planning Commission and perhaps City Council bundling of charges, should Light and Power and Cable and the Parks and Recreation Commission. TV become a "wires only electric distribution organiza-Pasquale stated he would review the issue with the Up Grade tion" as opposed to being involved with generation trans-Planning Commission on June 26, 2000. mission and wires for final distribution. He explained it Welsh said focus groups would meet during the month of would be difficult to develop comparisons to the previous September to determine the scope of the survey. It will year's budget, which have been practically obliterated. then take place during the month of October or possibly The same expenses were taken and allocated to the November with the results in January. activities regarding how each was involved in customer service activities, maintenance and construction of over-Councilmember Green noted the South-East YMCA had head lines. This is not the method used for the same a dedication 26 years ago. No further action was taken. expenses and resources which were applied in the past Councilmember Quada questioned if any funding for Richards noted this would be difficult until a full year has Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember

> Blough questioned if this information would be available to the public. Richards responded yes.

Mayor Blough received a letter from Mayor Norman Quada believed it was extremely important that the Ullman of the City of Whitehall thanking the City of Lowell numbers be developed in some comparable fashion for for the hospitality during Mayor Exchange Day. Pasquale stated there is a possibility of seeking funds the public in order to understand what has transpired with Blough received a letter from a resident on Gee Drive respect to the funds. During the presentation of the audit expressing concern with vehicles traveling faster than Gee Drive and Foreman. The streets may be eligible for from Virchow Krause, Quada had questioned the ac- the allowed 25-mph speed limit. counting system and inquired if it was in keeping with the uniformed chart of accounts for the State of Michigan. Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Quada noted the City is obligated to operate under these Pasquale reported on the following: requirements. At that time, he had been assured the . The following meetings minutes were presented: procedure was being followed. Quada believed if Light Board of Light and Power/Cable Television meeting of and Power and Cable TV followed the uniform chart of March 27th accounts for the State of Michigan for completion of the • Chamber of Commerce meeting of May 10th 1998-1999 document, it would not be difficult to follow the • Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of May format for comparisons. He did not understand why it 17th would be difficult to follow if the uniform chart of accounts Parks and Recreation Commission meetings of April 8th and May 13th. system. Richards responded Light and Power and Cable 2. At its June 10, 2000 meeting, the Parks and Recreation TV are working through some software difficulties and Commission approved the Recreation Park fee schedcorrections, which has made it difficult to obtain full ule as proposed by the Kent County Youth Fair. The financial reports throughout the entire period. He has City would retain 10% of the proceeds for maintenance. been able to manually create and finish financial reports from several months. Richards noted Daffron Company Also, at the request of Bruce Walter, the Commission (billing system) will be spending a week correcting the agreed to have ice skating at the Fairgrounds this coming software and deficiencies, which has forced them to do winter. Under the direction of Ron Wenger, the 4-H would provide the manpower for the rink upkeep. A proposed manual corrections for the expenditures and revenues. area for the skating is the cattle arena.

Quada believed the comparisons should be made this year, especially because of the changes which have Additionally, the Parks Commission approved Stoney Lakeside Park, west of the parking lot, as a future site of occurred. Quada requested a meeting be held for discussion of the a refrigerated rink. Any further action is subject to Council review and financing.

budget format.

Richards said the Daffron Company would begin their Walter wishes to undertake this task in terms of gathering work on July 8, 2000. Therefore, assistance from the financial support. He had requested a potential site. The company would not be provided for the reports. He Parks and Recreation Commission felt this was a very explained this was why the budget was not presented to appropriate site. Council until now because they have been trying to work through the financial reports in order to build the budgets. Councilmember Green stated the refrigerated rink is an

outside rink. It would not be a hockey rink, but similar to Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were that which the YMCA held the skating party on this winter. Green noted if a rink is established, pipes would be placed under the rink throughout the winter. The area Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. YMCA Executive Direcwould be utilized as a skateboard park during the sumtor Will Welsh received an Englehardt grant (Lowell Area mer.

Mayor Blough questioned if any public hearings have Community Fund) for the process of conducting a market research to establish a full facility YMCA. This is the first 3. In observance of Independence Day, the City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. step in potentially having a YMCA with a swimming pool, gymnasium, fitness center, locker rooms and community The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesrooms. Welsh noted a survey would be taken in Septemday, July 5th. ber. Part of the survey would include identifying potential sites for a YMCA facility. He asked the City Council for Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. None. assistance in identifying sites within the City limits. IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES

> Welsh invited the City Councilmembers to be part of the process

City Manager Pasquale stated he and Welsh have spoke regarding possible locations. He said this is exciting and IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES believed it needed to be a community-based decision. to return to open session at 10:41 p.m. after discussing the City Manager's annual performance evaluation. Mayor Blough noted City Manager Pasquale would be given a Welsh provided a proposal from the Winfield Group who will perform the market research. It is very comprehen-3.7% wage increase and a rating of commendable. sive regarding what will be provided to the community. above average, good performance.

He noted a portion of the survey would identify three possible locations for the facility. IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 10:42 p.m.

Councilmember Quada stated the charter is very specific Mayor Blough stated the City Council supported the DATE APPROVED: Monday, July 3, 2000

Shores noted the Chamber of Commerce open house is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2000. Also, the Fourth of July activities will be on Saturday, July 1, 2000.

to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving personnel issues.

Michael K. Blough, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk year enterne tribile and a m

Thomure, cont'd.... From Page 7

they understood why she pushed and would encourage her to just never get it." keep doing what she did.

"It is like one teacher said, 'We sow seeds,' Thomure said. responsible, but also doing something that you enjoy. 'Some get it the next week. Some get it the next month. Some

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Thomure tried to emphasize the importance of being

"I would tell my students it didn't matter to me what they get it the next year or when they are in high school. And some became as long as they were good citizens and were happy with what they were doing," she said ... two things Thomure has demonstrated in her own work.

Besides teaching, she has been involved with the Michigan Art Education Association, a group she has served as boardmember for the past 10 years. They focus on the annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival, a festival at Western Michigan University showcasing the best talents in all of the arts from Michigan high schools. Thomure heads up the visual arts portion of the festival.

She has also worked in the adult education program for four years, started the after school program, Discover Art For Kids, worked with the Gifted and Talented committee for 10

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"We Nail Your Ideas Together" 897-7145 Lowell years, worked on the Character Diversity committee for three She plans to continue to work with some of the groups "It is bittersweet to stop working because you have a lot of fun with it and you enjoy it, but at the same time you don't

years, and was involved with the Lowell Area Arts Council along with traveling, spending time with her nine grandchildren, doing some gardening and, of course, working on her art. always want to be a teacher," she said. "You want to do your

own thing. Now, I want to be an artist."



Dear Editor:

Some maunderings and one bright shining point about last night's public hearing for a revised home business or business-in-the-home or whateverthedevil ordinance. It was well conducted and

attended. "All the dukes and earls and peers are here ... " I always enjoy hearing the words to "The Star

Spangled Banner." It goes something like: "I think evervone should have a right to support their family," (sic) nothing to do with the busi-

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TO THE EDITOR

ness before the Planning Commission. Frankly, about half of the speakers on both sides of the issue could have had Mauretania sail through their discourse without scraping any relevant point.

Supervisor Timpson properly had the last say. Since my house is infested with rodents. I know the sound of a steel trap closing down on something soft and furry, and my mind did so during his comment. He opined that the proposed ordinance would have an annual review provision, a safeguard.

Take it from this observer of the art(s) of government here-abouts and beyond: Once a business gets cranked up in AG-2, you will - never - shut it down. First, the Board will be too favorably disposed to such enterprise to crank up the scrutiny, the attitude which this year got the Township sued for the first time in the 20th century. Second, if the owner is "a property rights kind of guy" (per one of last night's speakers), he will turn around and sue the Township using its own ordinance. He will probably intimidate the Board to start, and then probably win if they find the huevos to fight it out.

These are now the views of right thinking men, for we have spoken.

G.M. Ross

KDL presents origami workshop

Try your hand at making folded paper animals, boxes and other fun items as various Kent District Library branches present an origami workshop, for ages 6 and up, this summer. Projects will be available for a wide range of skill levels and ages, and our teen volunteers will be on hand to help. Participants will make origami items such as birds, wolves, frogs, fish, houses and boats. Registration is required at most KDL branches for the program.

The Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, will host the origami workshop on Thursday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m.

This free program is part of the Score Big with Books! Summer Reading Club, which gives good sports of all ages a chance to get in the reading game. The Summer Reading Club runs through August 5.

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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 TUES .: Take Off Pounds Underwood, athletic direcmeets at the clubhouse at Sensibly Tops MI#372 tor for MSU & A Michigan FIRST AND THIRD 11841 Potters Rd. Just meets every Tuesday Outdoors program. Mem- THURS .: The Alto Lions east of Montcalm Ave. To evening at Key Heights bers plan on attending & Club meets at Bowne Cencheck meeting dates and Mobile Home Park Com- bring a guest. times please call, 897- munity Building. Weigh-ins 5015 for a recorded at 5:45 p.m. message. Guests are welcome

Schoolhouse museums come. open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallasburg Historic Village, TUES .: Summer play G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's THURS .: Lowell V.F.W. from Fallasburg Park.

SECOND SUN. EACH ings and rotate houses. MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 Also field trips. Interested p.m., Family Council for the in some summer fun with EVERY FOURTH WED .: EVERY THIRD THURS .: Laurels of Kent Nursing your little one? Call Kim Home. This is a volunteer 897-5257. Space limited group formed to enhance call soon. the quality of life for all the "C."

FIRST MON.: Fellowship Masons are welcome. of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School EVERY TUES.: Ladies Center, 897-7842. during lunch periods in the Coffee Break Bible study. mation.

Schools Board of Educa- or 897-7555. tion meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Build- EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: EVERY WED .: Overeaters ERY MONTH: The Ada ing located in the former Lowell Lions Club meets at Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Historical Society meets at Runciman Elementary, 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Forest Hills Presbyterian the Averill Historical Mu-300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par-Township Historical Soci- ents of children with AD/ THURS .: Take Off Pounds MONTH: Fellowship of ety will hold its regular HD Issues Group meeting Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Christian Athletes (FCA) meetings at the Historical at St. Lukes Lutheran Saranac, meets every meets in the high school Museum at 84th and Alden Church, 32156 4 Mile NE Thursday evening at the cafeteria during seminar Nash. The meeting is at (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) Saranac Public Library. time for planning sessions 7:30 p.m.

Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more infor- meeting at Calvin College istration is a half hour before meets at 7 a.m. in high mation.

FOURTH MONDAY OF Connie 942-6887. **EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 EVERY OTHER WED .: at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

Post 8303 meets at the come. Call 897-8694. V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m. WED .: Rollaway Ltd. Se- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on hour basis. Also there is a

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

8:30 p.m. during the school WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON FIRST THURS .: 4H drama year in the Scout Cabin at meets at Lowell Congregathe end of N. Washington tional Church basement. Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and EVERY WED .: Rotary sonal development skills. 4 p.m. learn skills that can last a meets at noon at the Ma- Meetings held once a lifetime. For more informa- sonic Temple. Programs for month at Lowell Middle ENGLEHARDT LItion call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES .: Flat River port Group meets at 6:30 EVERY 2ND THURS .: Woodcarvers are meeting p.m. at Cumberland Retire- N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. EVERY SUN .: Misner at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 ment Village. Phone at Trinity Lutheran Church, House and Fallasburg p.m. New members wel- 897-9310 for information. 2700 E. Fulton.

across the Covered Bridge group for 3-year old/pre- Club meets at noon in the Auxiliary No. 8303 meets school age children. They community room meet weekly in the morn-

residents. Interested per- EVERY SECOND TUES .: from Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. sons are welcome to meet Lowell Masonic Lodge entseasonal activities. Two in the Activity Room, Wing regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. times available: 9:45 to EVERY THIRD THURS.: at the Masonic Center, 119 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 LaLeche League of Ada,

cafeteria for updates on Freenursery and preschool EVERY OTHER WED .: breastfeeding women MONTH: The Lowell Area information call 897-6462 come. Call 897-8694 for more information.

> rial Fire Station, South Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. seum of Ada, 7144 Headley Hudson, Lowell.

at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m. at 874-5662. For teen group MON. OR TUES .: Cub info, call Sarah 281-6588.

> with AD/HD Issues Group Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg- of Christian Athletes (FCA) Rm. 206 of the Commons meetings. New members school teachers dining bldg. For information call

6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. EVERY1STMON .: V.F.W. Girls ages 8-13 are wel-

nior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 Mondays from 5:30 - 8 Simplex Frequency

COMING EVENTS

July include: Pam Nation, School choir room. For exec. director Habitat for more information call 897-Humanity; Clarence 1502 evenings after 5 p.m. Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. &

FIRST WED. EACH Nash) at 7 p.m. MONTH: Alzheimers Sup-

EVERY SECOND WED .: EVERY Schneider Manor, 725 Post, 307 W. Main Street, Bowes Rd

Elderly volunteers needed Royal Arch Masons reguparticipate in the lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at to Intergenerational Program the Lowell Masonic Cenwith school age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake,

information.

(at 36th St.) No fees, no at 7 p.m. dues, no weigh-ins.

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the FOURTH THURS. OF EVERY 1STTUES: Adults Nazarene Church, 201 N. EACHMONTH: Fellowship are invited to join at any room for a light breakfast. time. Questions? Call 1- For information concerning 800-651-6000.

> EVERY THURS. - St. at 897-4922. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non- EVERY SAT. Lowell Amadenominational-help for teur Radio Club sponsors pregnant women and ado- the 145.270 - repeater lescents at the school. From which operates on a 24p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson

147.420 PL 186.2.

Lowell.

Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Cascade & Lowell meets at Nagle, F.S.E. at the Fran- 6:30 p.m. for socializing ciscan Child Development with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant 8 coming events and infor- story hour/crafts time. Cal- 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Nursing children are welvary Christian Reformed Girls Club at Calvary Chris- come to attend. Our current Church across from Burger tian Reformed Church. All location is a church in Ada. SECOND MON. OF EACH King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For girls ages 8 to 13 are wel- Please call 752-7524 for

SECOND THURS. OF EV-

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club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and per-

ter Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden

SECOND at at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W.

THIRD THURS. OF EACH for activities.

SUN .: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley is open from 1 to

BRARY HOURS: Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & 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.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & STARTING NOW - St Patrick School registration for 2000/2001 school year Call 691-8833. For more information check our website at www.stpatrickparnell.org.

> THURS., JULY 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Fallasburg 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."



Seeking resident advocates to work in a residential program for adults with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities, located 20 minutes east of Grand Rapids. Responsibilities include intakes, discharges, development and implementation of treatment plans, medication distribution, and crisis intervention. Wages begin at \$8.65 per hour with a \$0.50 increase upon completion of orientation and training. \$0.50 shift differential on weekends. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are a must.

If you are interested in this gaining, valuable Mental Health experience, send/fax your resume to: Horizons of Michigan, West Lake location, 11652 Grand River Avenue, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-5900, ext. 27 to schedule an interview. H/V/M/F, Affiliate of Hope Network.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall. TUES .: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

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

Special Events

Dance, Westside Complex.

p.m., Shopping, Meijers.

p.m., Squire Street Square & dessert at Rosie's Diner.

WED., JULY 12: Noon, Movie "On the Avenue."

MON., JULY 17: 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network or Meijers.

TUES., JULY 18: 7:15 Rockford a.m., McDonald's, music.

THURS: 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

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

THURS., JULY 6: Noon, WED., JULY 19: 10 a.m. Advisory council.

THURS., JULY 20: Noon, FRI., JULY 7: 12:40 Dance, Westside Complex.

TUES., JULY 11: 12:40 FRI., JULY 21: 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network or Meijers.

> TUES., JULY 25: 12:40 p.m., Church tour.

WED., JULY 26: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

THURS., JULY 27: 7:15 a.m., Soaring Eagle.

AR 8.

FRI., JULY 28: 9 a.m. Senior Neighbors all centers picnic.

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

Former exchange student makes return visit to Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Nils Driessen received an honorary diploma from Lowell High School during the 1997-98 school year before ture) returning to his homeland in Lage, Germany.

"It seems like that was just a week ago," Driessen said during a return visit to Lowell which will keep him here through July 9. "I love America. There is so much

1998, Driessen graduated from high school and is now doing public service work prior to enrolling in Detmold University (to study architec-

"In Germany there are 13 grades. Following high school boys must either enroll in the military or take part in public service," Driessen explained. "I chose public service."

Driessen said the year he spent as a foreign exchange opportunity and variety here." student (with Jack and Valerie Since returning home in Briggs) in the United States explains.

changed him in subtle ways. "In the U.S. when you walk past someone on the street, you say hello to them. In Germany, people don't do

that," Driessen explained. The German student says he does now because of his stay in America.

With two years to reflect on his time in Lowell. Driessen believes American high school students enjoy their lives more. "We grow up too fast in Germany," he

Driessen brought two (Dan and Sharon Vosovic) at friends on his return visit his Katharina girlfriend Landermann and Manuela Pollmann.

Driessen and his friends don't understand all the talk about gas prices. "We pay \$4

417 High St.

Dan Vosovic and his family explained.



and Manuela Pollmann.



Re-Elect

Jean Hoffman Vergennes Township Treasurer

August 8th Primary

Working to keep Vergennes Township a great place to live

I am committed to serve all residents in a respectful and professional manner.

As our Township faces the pressure of suburban sprawl we all need to work together to keep and protect our rural environment and to preserve the Township's natural beauty. It is important that we prevent improper types of development that would destroy what we have in Vergennes Township.

Paid for by the Committee to re-elect Jean Hoffman Treasurer 345 Cumberland Lowell MI



He also doesn't understand the big cars and big engines. "Americans have cars with a lot of horsepower but can only go 70 miles per They are staying with a gallon in Lage," Driessen hour - what's the point?"

Pictured from left to right are: Dan Vosovic, Katharina Landermann, Nils Driessen

897-9555



Sam Miller



Sam Miller, son of Lloyd and Suzanne Miller of Alto, for next year include buying recently accepted a pilot posi- Boeing 717's and adding sertion with LeGend Airlines. vice to more cities. Miller is a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School and has the first groups of pilots and spent the last few years flying is excited about the airline's for an airline in Detroit.

LeGend is a new entrant airline based in Dallas, Texas, offering all first-class service

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on JULY 10, 2000 at 7:00

p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive,

Lowell, MI 49331 to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes

Township Zoning Ordinance, review an application and site plan for a

private road and review a special use permit application for construction

Marsha Wilcox, 9654 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, owner of property

on the north side of Vergennes beginning approximately 400 feet east of

Boynton and then continuing approximately 780 feet east and

approximately 940 feet to the north in the SW 1/4 of Section 30, has

submitted an application and site plan for a private road to serve 4

Michael Mastrovito, owner of property located at 13900 Clear Creek

Lowell, MI 49331, in the SW 1/4 of Section 12, is applying for a Special

Use Permit to construct a proposed accessory building in the zoning

front yard area that would project 6 feet into the front setback plus a

of an accessory building in the zoning front yard area.

PRIVATE ROAD APPLICATION:

SPECIAL USE APPLICATION:

Current definition ordinance:

when used within the Ordinance:

B. Accessory use: A use of.

Proposed definition ordinance:

Accessory use: A use of ..

Basement: That portion of ..

201.203 Definitions - A

201.204 Definitions - B

Township Offices.

A. Accessory building: Shall mean a ...

Accessory building: Shall mean a ...

201.202 Specific terms.

proposed corner porch roof overhang of 6 feet.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

an expeditious accurate review. Summary as follows:

2.02. The following terms shall have the following meanings

Bluff: The top of ... (And so forth through the entire alphabet)

the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331

parcels of land.

to cities from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. LeGend began service this spring using the proven DC-9. Plans

growth ahead

Miller was hired among

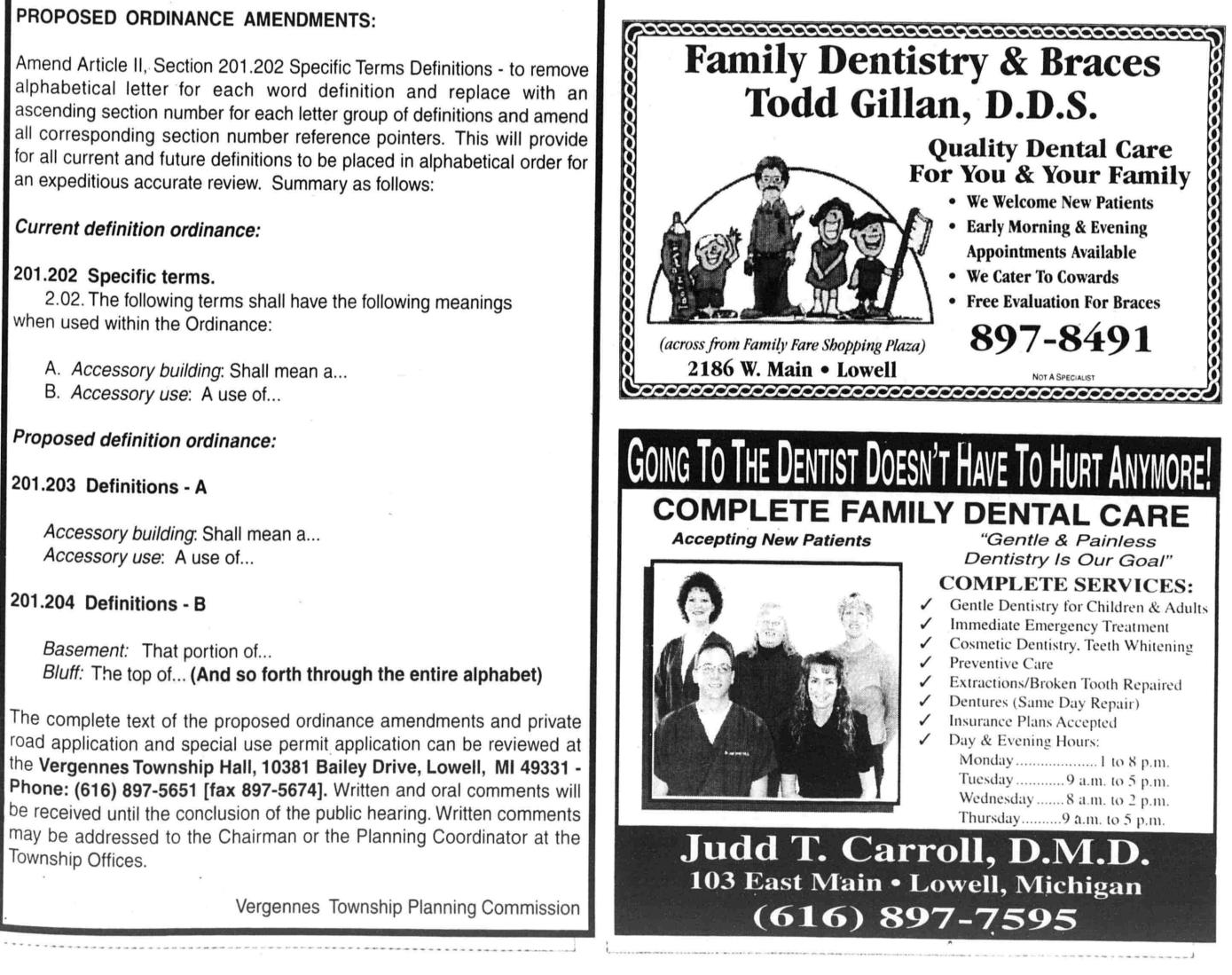
VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

> Lowell's 1999-2000 president Dave Pasquale, right, passes the gavel to incoming president (2000-01) Tony Asselta. At its annual year-end picnic, the Lowell Rotary swore in its new officers for the 2000-01 year. They are Tony Asselta, president; Betty Morlock, first vice president; Dale Triplett, second vice president; Greg Flick, secretary; Chuck Myers, treasurer; and Dave Pasquale, past president. The 2000-01 Lowell Rotary Board of Directors are Roger Chapman, Bill Renkema, Bill Lee, Bert Bleke and Jennifer Village.

COLLEGE NEWS

James Platte of Ada has been named to the dean's honor list for the fall term. 1999, at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

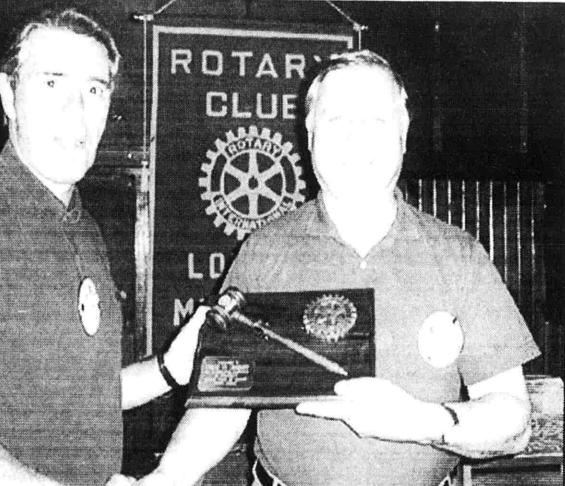
Northwood University has released the names of the students named to the dean's list for spring term. The announcement was made by Timothy G. Nash, acting academic dean of the university. Included on the list are:



Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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ROTARIAN PRESIDENTIAL GAVEL PASSED



Byars, daughter of Dale and versity Lois Byars and Jer aifer L. all of Alto.

To achieve dean's list 4.0 scale.

Lowell, has been named to enterprise fields. Northwood's president's list

Andrea N. Rickert, daugh- for spring term. The announceter of Jeffery and Julie ment was made by Dr. David Rickert of Lowell; Holly M. E. Fry, president of the uni-

To achieve president's list Reimann, daughter of recognition, students must Charles and Lynne Reimann, earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Northwood University is recognition, students must a private, accredited univerearn a 3.0 grade point in a sity specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial edu-Jeffrey S. Nethercot, cation offering two- and fourson of Sharon Nethercot of year degrees in a variety of





LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Zoning Board of Appeals has denied Richard and Paula Averill's variance request to build at 2585 Gulliford Drive S.E. (PP#41-20-10-200-020) which has insufficient road frontage.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township



Mari C. Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

TENNIS ANYONE?

Two summer camps brought 60 Lowell kids to the high school tennis courts for weeklong camps

Lowell tennis coaches Bonnie and Roger Wall coordinated the efforts.

The high school tennis camp was held the week after school was out, and the elementary camp (third through eighth-grade) was held last week.

"It was a total success. Both camps worked out perfectly," Bonnie Wall said.

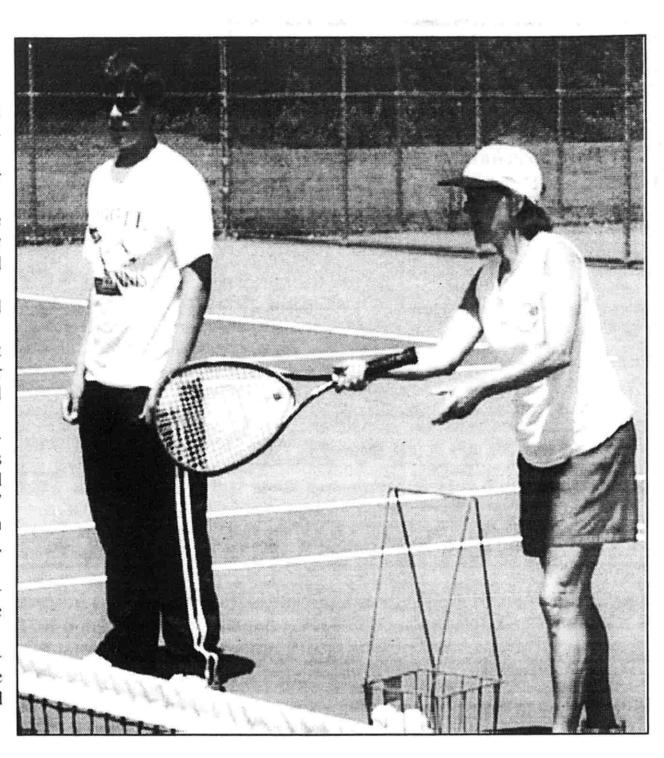
The elementary students were taught strokes and enjoyed participating in a number of tennis games (King of the Court, Baseball and Around the World).

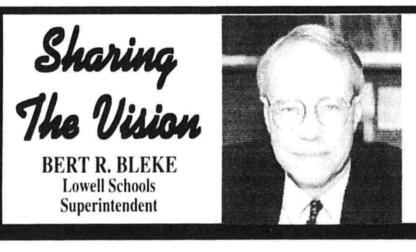
"We're hoping to conduct a bigger program next year," Wall said. "These camps enable high school players to keep playing and younger kids to become interested in tennis.' Helping Wall with the camps were high school players Gavin Vincent, Ryan Phillips,

Shaun Koning and Alan Stiver. Lowell high school players will also comete in some inner-city matches around the

rea this summer Beginning Friday, anyone who is inter-

ested can participate in supervised play at the high school courts from 10 a.m. until noon and on Monday evenings from 6 until 8 p.m.





I have been asked by several community members, "Why

bond issue that built the new high school." Well, time flies.

The high school bond issue was passed in the fall of 1990,

almost exactly 10 years ago. Perhaps a few facts and growth

Lowell YMCA

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SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Posted 7/2000

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FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S DIVISION

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PPC Electric/Larkins

Rainbow Travel

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Lowell Nazarene B

Lowell Nazarene A

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Lowell Moose

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ojections from the citizens demographics committee will demonstrate clearly both the large change that has taken place in our school population over the past 10 years as well as the projected growth that we anticipate in Lowell. Lowell Area Schools Student Enrollment

4215 4926 3762 In the 2000-2001 school year that will begin in several months, all of our schools will be filled or be very close to capacity. Over the past several years our school board and the demographics committee have studied very carefully the challenge of student growth. Their proposed solution is to another bond issue so soon? It seems as if we just passed the build additional school facilities but in a carefully planned, phased-in approach that will build only when essential. This approach will provide excellent learning facilities but only when necessary, thus spending as little of the taxpayers' money as possible

Indeed time does fly. Clearly, the Lowell community and

its schools are growing. This growth demands excellence in planning. As you review the upcoming bond information I am sure you will agree that the bond proposal will provide both for the short and long term needs of the district and community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed bond issue or student growth, please do not hesitate to call me at 897-8415. Your comments and concerns are important to us.

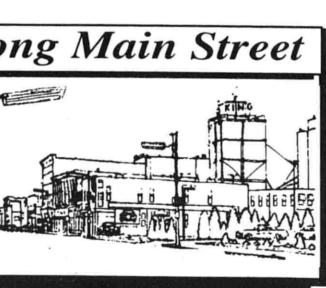
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Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood rand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, July 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

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its about this concern or any issue would ciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area gh St., Lowell, MI 49331.



CLASS OF 1930 REUNION

High School class of 1930 reunion will be aly 29 at Keiser's Kitchen. The class of 1929 vited. Call 897-5331 for reservations.

BLOOD DRIVE



TAKE A KID FISHING

The few walleyes we caught in the morning were filleted. the boat was squared away on the trailer. After lunch, it s time for a nap in the shade of the pickup camper which as set up in a campground on the west shore of Little Bay de oc in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

This peaceful scene was soon interrupted by the noisy inter of two pre-teen boys. Nothing unusual about that. The

Financial Focus With Christopher J. Bouma

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Women Now Play Key **Role in Investment** Decisions

Today, women aren't just making more money than ever before — they're investing nore, too.

Just how active are women in investing? Consider ese statistics:

• Forty-five percent of women report that they are primarily responsible for investment decisions in their households, according to one recent survey of stock inves-IOTS.

· Two-thirds of working women participate in a retirement plan, such as a 401 (k), through their employer.

Obviously, it's just as important for women to become informed, active investors as it is for men. In fact, it may even be m o r e essential for women. Why? For one thing, women still outlive men, on average, by about seven years. This helps explain the fact that, at one time or another, 90 percent of women become wholly reponsible for their own financial welfare.

Furthermore, because vomen typically earn less than men, the amount of their retirement benefits is lower. Women's pensions and retire-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 5: Dave Burdette, Jacob Hiskey, Randi Ellis. Phyllis Condon, Brennan Page, Devinne Ossewaarde, Bob Canfield.

JULY 6: Marty DeYoung, Jason Barber, Amy Stencel, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page, Ed Walling.

JULY 7: Phil VanLaan, Elizabeth Gerard, Tim Tulppo, Zach Meiste.

JULY 8: Jason White, Tony Stencel, Ryan Vashaw, Jessica Tulppo.

JULY 9: Elaine Haines, Leo Pfaller

JULY 10: Barb Rivette, Pete VanLaan, Austin Bieri.

JULY 11: Dina DeCator, Jodi Hutchinson.

JULY 12: Cole Burdette. Samantha Bellah, Jill Taylor, Hayley Fritz, Georgan Watrous.

youth's next activity, however, involved tossing rocks at trash well as most other outdoor activities, exposes us to uncontrolcans as they walked around the park. Soon tiring of that activity, they proceeded to hose each other down at the RV clean-out station. The kids, whose families were camping together that weekend, were obviously bored out of their skulls. The boys had been left behind to rely on their own imaginations for entertainment. Their choice of entertainment turned out to be nothing more than mischief.

What was really too bad about all this was that the dad and uncle were out fishing in Little Bay de Noc-one of Michigan's premier walleye holes. The parents had missed a golden opportunity to share some very memorable experiences with the boys, and to teach them some worthwhile skills.

Today, usually everyone has his or her own interests which are not necessarily shared by others-particularly family members. Parents should take full advantage of opportunities to share with their children activities that focus on common goals. Fishing is a pastime that places parents and children into a situation where there are common objectives. Fishing, as

and time to save adequately for retirement.

What can be done to overwill take care of some of them. Women now hold a larger percentage management-level jobs than tures. ever before, so their average incomes will continue to rise. And women are taking the lead in education as well; since 1982, women have earned more bachelor's degrees per year than men.

With increased income, greater job responsibilities and better education.

decisions. Forty-two percent ability to invest successfully of women worry about mak- should rise significantly. And ing a bad investment deci- women, like men, also will sion, compared to just 32 per- benefit from the virtual excent of men, according to the plosion of financial and in-National Center for Women vestment information that has and Retirement Research. become available over the past Also, a larger percentage of few years through the Internet women than men report they and other sources. Finally, an lack the money, knowledge increasing number of prominent female investment experts are now appearing in print and on the airwayes. come these hurdles? Time Hopefully, these women will serve as role models to all women interested in seizing of control of their financial fu-

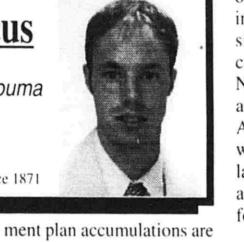
> In the final analysis, successful investing is based on attributes such as perseverance, resourcefulness, inquisitiveness and drive. And those are traits that are shared equally between men and women.



I am very concerned about the safety of our roads, and have been working with County and State officials to improve them More and more vehicles are traveling our roads. We especially need to address the engineering, speed, and traffic contro problems that exist at the intersection of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes. There have been far too many injuries and deaths at this intersection. How many more accidents or even close calls do we need?

A promising piece of legislation has been adopted that allows township input on speed limits. House Bill 4206 was signed by Governor Engler on June 20th, and County Road Commissions and the State Police are currently studying the effects of this new law. It is not clear at this time how it will be implemented, but I will continue to research this and propose improvements as opportunities arise.

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smaller than men's, and women receive lower Social Security payments. In short, with less money

and longer life spans, women run a bigger risk of outliving their resources than do men. That's why the trend toward women's increased investment activity is so encourag-

On the other hand, some evidence suggests that women are not yet as confi*dent* as men when it comes to making the right investment women's confidence in their

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lable variables like weather, insects, natural habitat, and wildlife behavior and must be dealt with by using acquired skills. These skills are often handed down from one generation to the next. If one generation fails to pass on these skills, they may be lost within that family. Sharing these skills and facing natural challenges together can strengthen the bond between family members.

Twenty years from now the boys that were in that campground won't remember tossing rocks at trash cans. If they had fished with their dad and uncle, however, they would never have forgotten the 29-inch walleye caught that day. I don't remember a lot about what I did when I was 10 or 11 years old. Yet, in my mind's eye, I can see my dad, my brother, and me fishing stretches of Upper Peninsula brook trout streams like it happened last week.

Years ago, sinkers (lead weights pinched on fishing line) came in a small tin box, and on the side of that box were printed the words: "Take a kid fishing today." That was good advice 50 years ago and is still good advice today.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-169,743-DE KOROPAS, Deceased SWOVELAND, Deceased Date of birth: 08/09/30

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: KOROPAS, who lived at The decedent, FREDA 1450 Walker N.W., Grand ROSE SWOVELAND, Rapids, Michigan died 05/ who lived at 1316 Covell 24/00. Michigan died 04/15/00. are notified that all claims against the estate will be presented to CHERYL M. forever barred unless DEBRI, 1651 VanderJagt presented to ALANA N.E., Grand Rapids, MI BOON, named personal 49525, named personal representative, or pro- representative, or proposed personal repre- posed personal repreprobate court at 320 Ot- probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand tawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, and the named/ Rapids, and the named/ proposed personal rep- proposed personal representative within 4 resentative within months after the date of months after the date of publication of this notice. publication of this notice.

SUSAN M. POTYRAJ (P46249) 410 Bridge St. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 454-4119

> ALANA BOON 725 133rd

6/8/00

STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 00-169,742-DE Estate of IRWIN S. Estate of FREDA ROSE Date of birth: 04/23/1915

> TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, IRWIN S.

N.W., Grand Rapids, Creditors of the decedent Creditors of the decedent against the estate will be are notified that all claims forever barred unless sentative or to both the sentative or to both the 6/27/00

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IN MEMORY OF LARRY "GENE" KELLY who passed away ten

> years ago on July 11,1990.

since we said good-bye. We speak of you often, and sometimes we cry. So many memories of our time spent with you ... that seems to be what aets us through. We will always remember the times that we shared. Our lives were so full of love. and when we look up, we will know you are there, BERBER CARPET - With God, in heaven above.

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Planning commission grants rezoning request to apartment developers

•••• Parcels of land at 11627 and 11729 Fulton were rezoned from R-1 to R-3. A small 600 foot area was rezoned R-2.

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A request by developers of Whispering Hills Apartments to have two parcels of land (11627 & 11729 Fulton) rezoned was met with murmurs of opposition from their neighbors, but with a cooperative spirit from the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission.

The request brought forth by Ron DeVries, of Dykema Development Group, asked that two parcels (14 acres and 31 acres) be rezoned from R-1 to R-3. The intent is to develop the parcels with single family dwellings served by public water and sewer.

Neighbors of the 14-acre parcel opposed rezoning because it would allow the possibility of multi-family dwellings and apartments, and would bring about too much density. They all felt R-2 would be a much better use.

DeVries said the intent is to develop the area with single family dwellings only.

"We requested that the parcel be rezoned to R-3 based upon a recommendation from the township's engineering company," DeVries said. "We have no major objection to the concept of rezoning a portion of the 14-acre parcel to R-2 as long as it does not adversely affect the development."

The planning commission approved rezoning all of the 31acre parcel to R-3 and all but 600 feet of the 14-acre parcel The 600 feet which runs from Cumberland Avenue to the east was rezoned R-2.

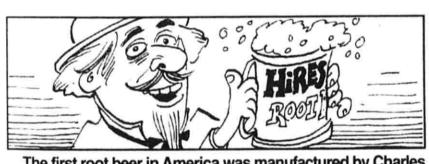
The planning commission noted that due to the dimensions of the parcel, it was determined the density in the western portion of the parcel (long and narrow) was limited.

The intent of phase I of the development is to construct two western apartment buildings of 24 units each. The development will have a detention pond and a 12-foot

fire lane on the north side and main access for each apartment ouilding from the access road on the side of the building.

The size of the detention pond will be determined as the development continues. Phase II will bring an additional two apartment buildings

(24 units each) on the eastern portion of the property.



Elmer Hires in Philadelphia, in 1866.

A future phase would include a single family housing development. It would be contiguous to the apartment com-

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING **REGISTRATION FOR** THE AUGUST **PRIMARY WILL BE:** MONDAY, JULY 10, 2000 AT 4:00 P.M.

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Grattan Township, who is not already registered to vote for the August Primary Election may register at any Secretary of State Offices; County Clerk; or Local Clerks Office on or before Monday, July 10, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

 Citizen of the United States At least 18 years of age on or before July 10, 2000

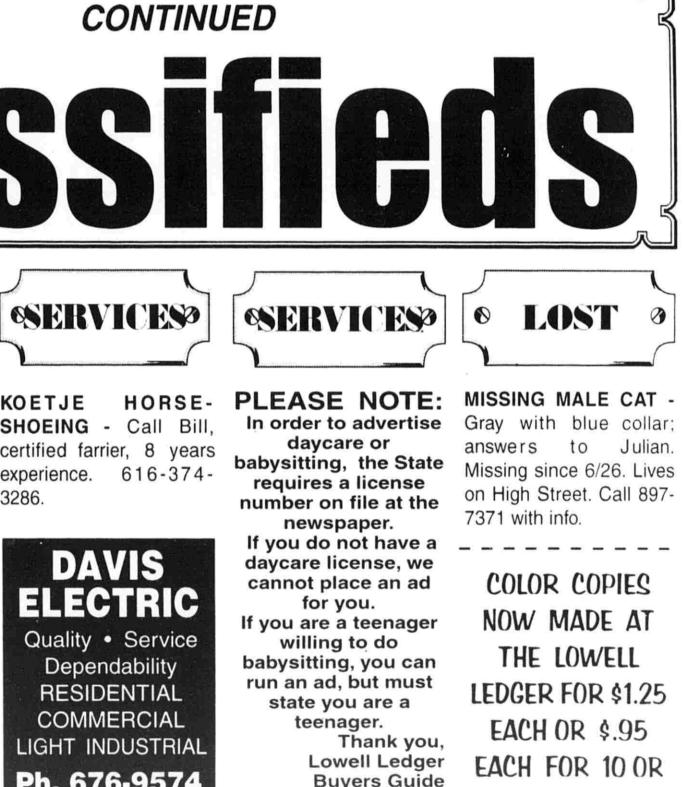
 Resident of Grattan Township You must be registered to qualify as a voter.



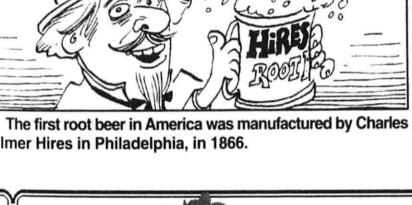
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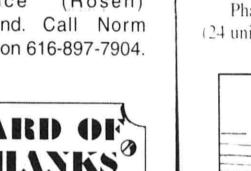
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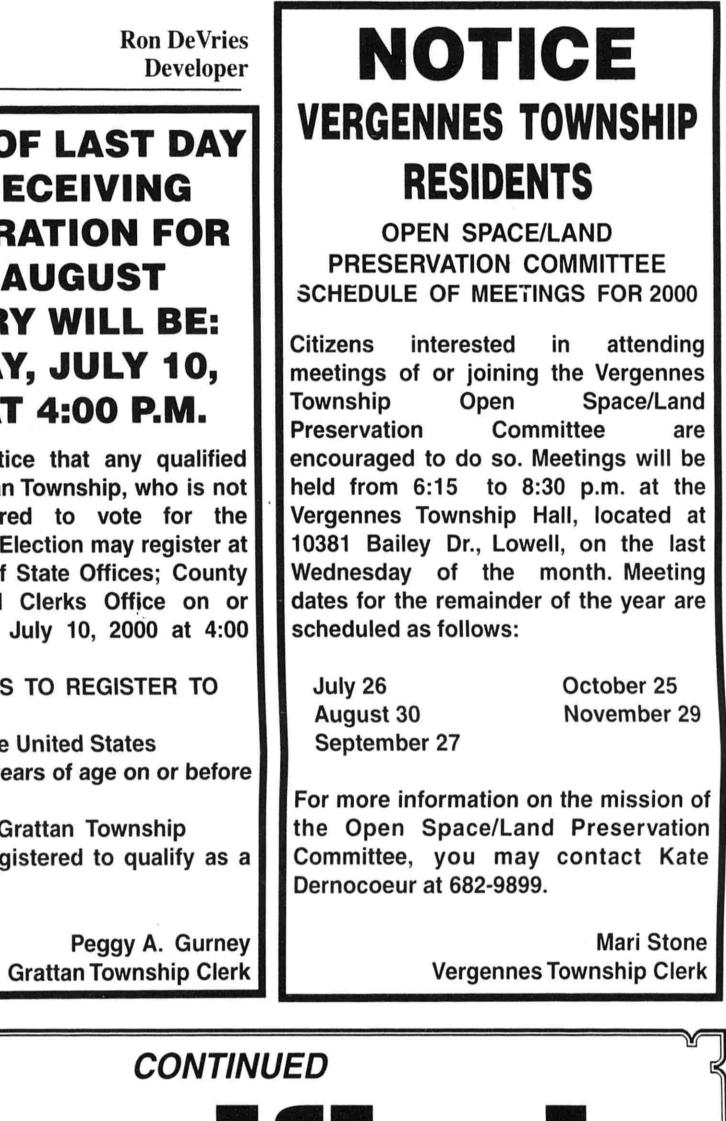
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sentatives from Veen Observatory and had reached some agreements on the lighting. Most of the lights would be on the building; they will use

DeVries said the development group had met with repre-

low pressure sodium lamps and high pressure sodium lights where necessary. All outside lighting will average 3.5 foot

PARADING ABOUT LOWELL ON INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND







