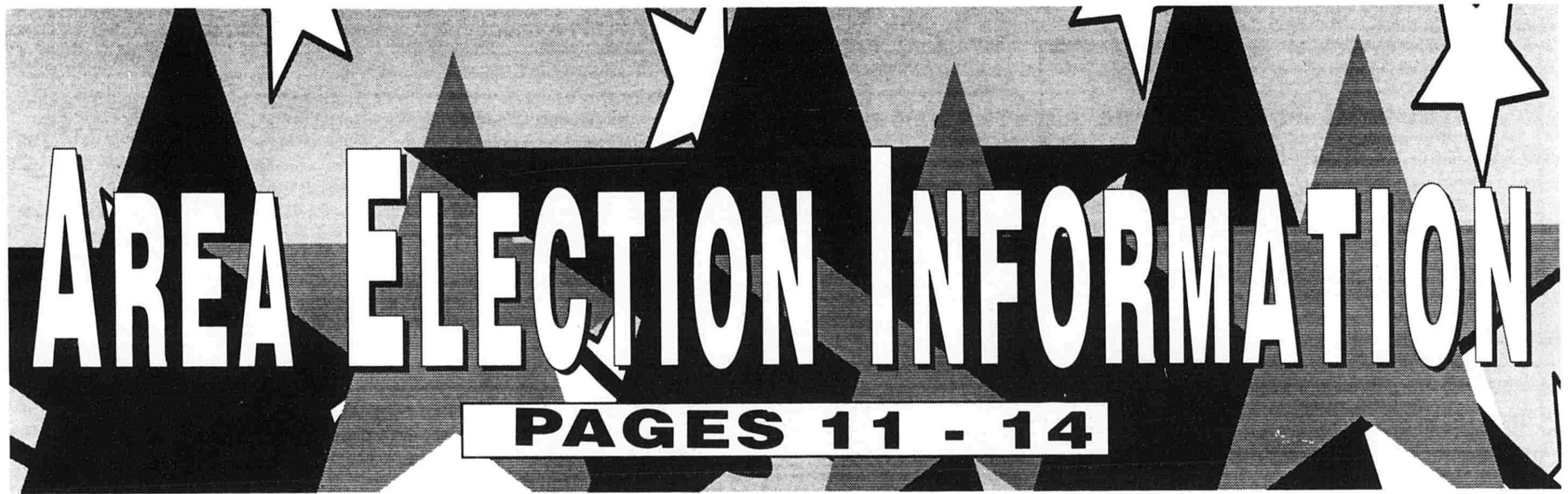


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Decision to open doors ends Family Fare's 50 years of grocer-less Sundays

•••• Lowell's Spartan owned Family Fare store and 12 others in West Michigan will be open for shopping on Aug. 13

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the bottom line being customer service, Spartan Stores, Inc. announced that beginning Aug. 13th, its Family Fare and Great Days grocery stores will be open on Sundays.

The decision will end 50 years of Sunday closings at Family Fare.

Spartan Stores, Inc. bought 13 West Michigan Family Fare stores and three Great Day stores (formerly family owned) in 1999.

The decision has received mixed reviews from employees.

"Most have been favorable," said Lowell store manager, Bob Teitsma. "I think we all realize that the decision is something that is necessary."

The decision meets the request the Family Fare chain has heard from its customers before. It is also one viewed as necessary to compete in an ever growing market.

"Our customers have more active lives and for some, Sunday is the one avail-

able day they have to grocery shop," said Family Fare spokesman Dan Spaulding. "Competition also played a role in the decision. Certainly, in the main markets, the stores we compete against are open on Sunday. In terms of chain stores, I do not know of any who are not open on Sunday."

Over the years, Family Fare stores have made adjustments to long-standing store policies. Five years ago, the then-family-owned

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The news was met with some mixed emotion from Family Fare customers. See Town Talk on page 14.

Proposed development raises questions over a new road in Lowell

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

A proposed condominium project behind Family Fare has once again raised questions about the development of a new street in Lowell along with improving Gee Drive.

At its regular meeting last week, developer Steve Hanson presented the Lowell Planning Commission with a proposal for a new townhouse development, called Conservation Woods, located behind Family Fare. Originally, Hanson was proposing to construct about 60 to 70 two- and three-bedroom townhouses, to be sold as condominiums, on the 18-acre property located south of Gee Drive and west of Sibley.

A recent wetlands study

on the property, however, indicated more wetlands than developers thought. Hanson said because the study had just come back, he didn't really have anything prepared for the July 24 meeting. Hanson was seeking a special use permit since part of the property is zoned R-2 residential. To build multi-family housing in R-2, a developer must have a special use permit.

"From the study, it looks like we might be able to fit 50 to 60 units," Hanson said, adding that his company needed to "crunch" the numbers to see how it was going to work.

Part of crunching those numbers included determining whether Hanson would be able to help extend Ridgeview Avenue from Gee Drive to Sibley. This is a

project the city has been considering for some time and which was brought up several months ago by a resident.

"We have done some cost estimates on the project, which have come in at about \$200,000 to \$250,000," said Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale. "Right now, we are in discussions with the developer (Hanson) and it would provide access to the townhouses."

Hanson said he believes he might be able to get a lower price for the city from his contractor, who will be working on the Conservation Woods projects anyway. Also, Hanson said he is willing to help kick in some money to get the road constructed.

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Local primary races providing plenty of suspense

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There will be 14 candidates vying for nine seats, representing four different positions, in the Bowne, Lowell and Vergennes Township primaries on Aug. 8.

All of the candidates come from the Republican party, therefore the voters' primary choices will likely be serving them for the next four years.

In Bowne Township, supervisor incumbent Chris Wenger, seeking his third term, will be challenged by Pete Siler and Kim Culbertson.

In Lowell Charter Township, trustee incumbents Alyn Fletcher, Herb VanderBilt, Richard Huver and Carlton Blough will seek to secure another four-year term against challenger Paula Blumm.

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone hopes to fight off the challenge of Susan Hessler.

The challenger vacated her trustee seat on the township board to seek the clerk's position. Stone has served the past six years as Vergennes' clerk.

Challenger Errolyn Weeks will attempt to remove Jean Hoffman from a treasurer's job she has held for the past six years. Hoffman

also served as clerk for 10 years prior to becoming treasurer.

Alan Baird, Vern Nauta and write-in candidate Ken Ewing are challengers in the race for two trustee seats vacated by Hessler and Mark Weber.

The 2000 primary electorate may not vote across party lines.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Pastor Bob Roush
Friendship Country Chapel

In Matthew 6:45-52 Jesus had just fed 5,000 people. He had sent the disciples away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee while he, himself,

made his way to the top of a mountain to pray. While the disciples were rowing to the other side of the lake, a violent storm arose and they were in great peril. For 11 hours they fought this storm with

no success. Perhaps they asked themselves where Jesus was. Maybe they even complained about his not being there to help them in the storm. But Jesus was seemingly oblivious or unconcerned about their condition, or so it seemed to them. However, the interesting thing about the story is that Jesus was very much aware of their situation because from his vantage point high on the mountain his eye saw their every movement, so it says, "He saw them toiling", v48.

Why is it that He waited so long before coming to their aide? Well, perhaps if he had come in the first watch when the storm wasn't so bad, they might have said, "It's OK Lord, we can handle this. Don't bother yourself. Or maybe he was showing them that they weren't strong enough to deal with this situation. Or perhaps He was waiting until they were so exhausted they would gladly welcome him into their ship.

Whatever the case Jesus waited until the fourth watch, which was some time between 3 and 6 a.m. before taking any action, and then he came to them walking on the water. As the waves heaved against the sides of the boat, the powerful wind howled as it beat against the rigging. This was a critical moment in the lives of these 12 men.

As those seasoned fishermen squinted into the night, the ocean spray beating against their faces, they saw him approaching in the dark mist of that raging sea walking on the water. They supposed him to be a spirit or something worse, and fear gripped their hearts. Jesus would have passed, as it were, directly by their ship had he not talked with them to calm their dazzled nerves. And the Bible says that when he entered their boat the winds ceased, v51.

When things get rough in my life I'm inclined to ask

the question, "Does God see me? Is He aware of my circumstance? Does He care? Can I trust Him? We are told in verse 48 that He, that is Jesus, saw them toiling. There from that vantage point high upon the mountain the eye of the Father was upon them in the midst of their struggle. So, then, I can trust that my heavenly Father sees me in my struggles of life. When the fourth watch arrived, Jesus got up from his place on the mountain and came down to them. Does Jesus care? You bet He cares. During that storm there was nothing that could possibly do to help themselves and when Jesus came he was all they needed for that moment. When He stepped into their boat, the storm rescinded and the wind ceased. Can Jesus be trusted? He is the only one who can be trusted when things get out of control in our lives.

As I read this story I am encouraged in my heart to

know that Jesus is aware of every facet of my life. And each day I learn more of what it means to wait for Him. I am 62 years old and if there is one thing I have learned it is that, as he proved himself faithful to those disciples. He has proven himself more than faithful to me. I splashed around in a turbulent sea of life for about 40 years before I finally invited Him to be my peace. And when he stepped into my life he immediately settled the storm that raged deep within my soul. And he can do the same for you if you'll let him. There is nothing on the market today that will give the peace and satisfaction that he alone offers to those who will trust him. It was once said that there is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person that cannot be filled till it is filled by God alone. May your seas be calmed by the Master.

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Kelley/Rickert




Kristine Kay Kelley and Jay Charles Rickert, both of Lowell, would like to announce their engagement.

The future bride is a Lowell High School graduate employed at Amway Corp. Her parents are Mike and Char Kooistra of Lowell and N. Steve Kelley of Newport News, VA.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University and the owner of Rickert Electric. His parents are Darle and Joan Rickert of Lowell. A September 30, 2000 wedding is planned.

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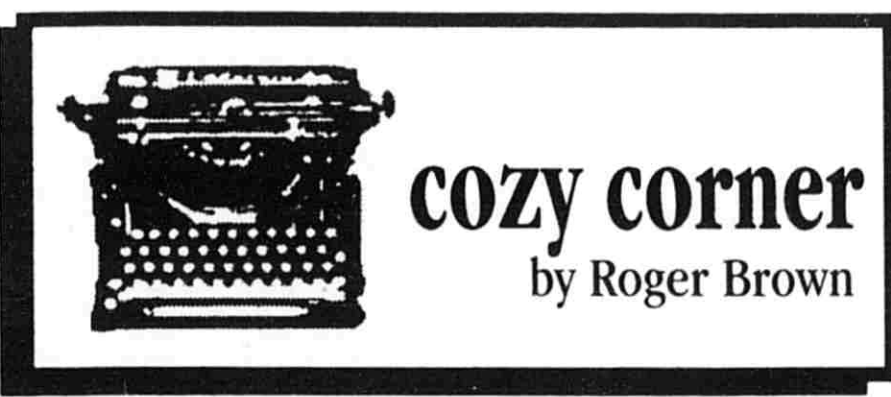
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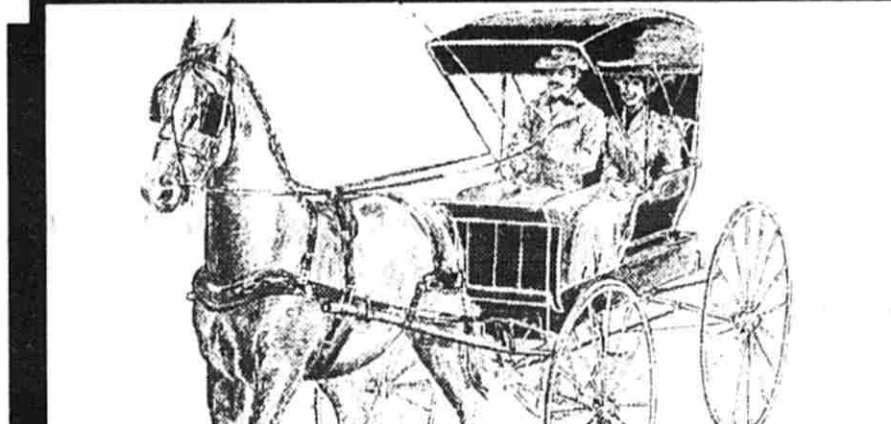
cozy corner
by Roger Brown

I finally met my new neighbor. I'm going to say some things about my new neighbor that I probably wouldn't if I thought he'd ever read this column. This neighbor purchased the house next to mine in the Florida Keys. He lives in Louisiana. I doubt he subscribes to the Ledger. Let's take a chance he won't see this.

My new neighbor purchased the house early this year. It's older (about 20 years), but well maintained. It's a typical Keys house... concrete block with stucco built up on stilts to withstand hurricane winds and flooding. It's small, only about 1,300 square feet. It's a house you could buy around here for under \$150,000, brand new. Since this house is in the Florida Keys looking out over the Atlantic Ocean, it sold for three or four times that. Location...location...location.

I know the realtor who sold it. She assured me I'd like this guy. She said he's about my age, flies his own plane, loves to fish, etc. I agreed with her. The only problem is, he isn't going to live in the house, not even for the winter months. He plans to come down for a week or so, only three or four times a year. That sent up a flag in my noggin. I deduced that anybody who can afford a half million dollar fishing camp is probably out of my league.

As time has passed my theory is evolving into fact. First a new boat showed up and was hung in the davits. Nothing too pretentious, just a 27 foot Contender with a T-top, a custom tower with a full steering station, twin 200 Yamahas and lots of electronic goodies. If he shopped around he probably picked it up for a measly \$75 or \$80K. The name on the side



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 4, 1875; THIS ISSUE IS MISSING; WE SUBSTITUTE AUGUST 2, 1871

Silver Islet on the north shore of Lake Superior has produced \$500,000 worth of silver this summer.

The editor comments that all the divorces (13) granted in Grand Rapids recently show that two many knots are tied with a "double beau."

Contractor Brazee promises repairs to the upper bridge will be finished in two weeks.

An Agricultural Society may be organized in Lowell, with an eye to establishing a Fair.

The Buchanan and Robertson saw mill, an hour's walk from Lowell, can saw 30,000 feet of lumber or 100,000 shingles a day.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 2, 1900

It appears that the five winning candidates in last week's Republican county convention pooled \$300 apiece and paid for votes wherever needed. D.G. Look and Will Chapman of Lowell were defeated.

Two men, one formerly of Lowell, are buying up oil and mineral leases on local farms. They want to lease about 1500 acres for oil exploration.

Portland fans threaten and throw stones at Lowell umpire Frank McMahon when Lowell's base ball team defeats the Portland team, 6 to 4. An officer has to be called.

Pratt Lake teacher Ida Proctor is surprised by a group of young women who sew five pounds of carpet rags for her in the afternoon, followed by an evening party with young men added. A large picture of the class is presented to Miss Proctor. Some Michigan fruit growers are losing peach trees because of the yellows. Lowell's growers fortunately have almost no yellows.

of the boat is "Betsy II". That's his wife's name, and that's a pretty good indication that he spent way more for it than his wife thought he should. The "II" indicates there's probably a "Betsy I" up in Louisiana.

Over the months it seems like any time I look over the fence there is some sort of contractor vehicle, furniture truck or appliance delivery van in the driveway. My guess is Betsy is getting even for the boat. However, I doubt there is a new sofa with the husband's name emblazoned across the back.

The last time I was down, another boat showed up in the driveway. It is a brand new kevlar hull flats boat. They are not big or gaudy, but they are very expensive. This one sat on a fancy aluminum trailer and sports a shiny new special edition Yamaha 150, a short tower with a second steering station, foot pedal controlled thrusters, etc. These babies are all the rage for getting out into the shallow water to fly fish for tarpon, permit and bonefish. It certainly wouldn't look like it to the novice, but I'm guessing that little flats boat in the driveway cost \$50K or more! I didn't see "Betsy III" painted on it... yet.

The neighbor & company showed up on the weekend before the two-day sport diver's lobster season. I counted about eight people. They arrived in a new Suburban with Louisiana plates. I certainly don't want to give the wrong impression. They seem like extra nice folks. Their college age kids come over and use my diving board and throw stuff in the water for Tito (my Labrador) to fetch. They always, always, always make a big issue of very politely asking first. Nice kids.

Finally, I spotted my neighbor fussing around his boat while I was outside spraying weeds. I poked my head around the end of the fence, stuck out my hand and said something really original like, "Howdy neighbor."

He came right over, shook my hand and introduced himself as Tron. When I gave him a quizzical look, he spelled it T-r-o-n. What can I say? It's a new one on me too.

Tron was busy with his guests and boats. I apologized for interrupting. He was very congenial and we promised to get together for dinner some time when things weren't so hectic. However, during our brief conversation I did gather the following information.

When I asked if they drove down from Louisiana, he told me that they had flown his plane and explained that he keeps the Suburban at the Marathon airport, about 25 miles away. I thought to myself, "Nice, a \$40,000 airport car." As a pilot myself, I know that you don't squeeze eight people into a Cessna 172 or even a light twin. So, the next logical question was, "What do you fly?" I was prepared for something like a turboprop twin like a King Air or even a business jet, either of

which are multi-million dollar aircraft. But Tron caught me completely off guard when he told me he flew a Caravan. No, this ain't a Dodge mini-van with wings.

A Cessna Caravan is big, kinda clunky looking, high wing, tricycle gear aircraft with a single turboprop on the nose. They are used extensively by air freight haulers like Fed-Ex. They are a no nonsense airplane. They'll fly away with anything you can close the door on. They are fairly fast. They can get in and out of very short runways. They are certified for single pilot operations. When equipped with seats they can haul eight passengers, luggage and a crew of two. Very utilitarian in design.


A good used one would set a guy back about a \$million. It wasn't the cost of his airplane that rocked me back on my heels. It was the plane itself. In my opinion a Caravan is a real man's airplane, not a sissy business jet. Now I was impressed. My new neighbor doesn't simply have money. He knows what to spend it on.

Our short conversation went on long enough for me to also find out Tron has a Cessna 206 on floats, about \$200,000 for a decent used one. He makes his money in industrial construction and works way more than he wants to.

I managed to squeeze in the fact Terese and I operate a little monthly publication in the Keys and I still have a small business in Michigan. I told him I run back and forth between the two and spend about half my time in each place. At this his eyes bugged out and he exclaimed, "Man, you're kiddin'?? You're living my dream! I'm hoping for the day I can spend half my time down here!" I don't think he heard the part about me having to work most of the time I'm there.

After Tron and I parted company, and I had a chance to think things over, I wondered if he would consider trading dreams.

Health With Drs. Paul C. Authier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



AN ADDED BENEFIT FOR REGULAR EXERCISE

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 30, 1925

Home gardeners and farmers are advised to save seed, which often is better than the commercial product.

William Jennings Bryan, orator, three-time presidential candidate, chief prosecutor of John Scopes, dies suddenly.

The army and navy are competing for appropriations for planes and ships. General Billy Mitchell's demotion has left the army in a bad position for improving the air force.

Chicago police are following orders to shoot first and ask questions afterward, in the gun battles of gang wars.

The National League heads decide to continue using the "lively ball" despite the epidemic of home-run hitting.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 3, 1950

New Jewelers is enlarged and redecorated, including a new front.

Thelma Heilman heads the "Get out the Rural Vote" campaign for the Kent Farm Bureau. Non-voters (more than half of those registered) are described as "persons between 21 and 30, women, rural and natural born citizens."

Licensed drivers will no longer have to take annual written tests which they have already passed.

The 1950 Showboat broke all records and had only standing room tickets available Saturday night. Only three young men are injured slightly in the speedboat races beforehand.

Orval I. McKay, M.D. opens his offices in Lowell at 207 West Main, sharing reception rooms with Dr. Oatley.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE JULY 31, 1975

4-H Fair Week begins next Monday, with full day and evening events until Friday.

Outbreaks of food poisoning in mid-Michigan in two separate incidents are traced to starch found in shaved ham.

A recent study appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicating further benefit from regular physical activity. This large study of nurses found that regular physical activity reduced the risk of stroke. The more active you become, the less likely you are to experience a stroke.

We have known for years that exercise reduces the risk of heart disease but this is the first large study that shows a definite reduction in stroke risk. Besides these benefits, regular exercise helps increase endurance, improves your sense of well being, improves your ability to deal with stress, improves sleep patterns, increases energy levels, and helps you maintain your ideal weight.

If you are starting a new exercise program and are over the age of 40, you may want to check with your doctor prior to beginning a strenuous program. We recommend you to exercise at moderate intensity for 30-50 minutes, 3-5 times per week. You can determine the intensity of exercise by seeing if you can talk while exercising. If you can talk easily while exercising you should probably increase the intensity to make it more strenuous.

Pick an exercise that you enjoy so that you'll stick with it. Biking, walking, running, swimming, dancing, anything that will elevate the heart rate and use large muscle groups is best. If you choose a less vigorous activity, you will need to spend more time doing that activity to achieve the same benefit that a shorter session of a more strenuous exercise would provide.

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 page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

Rivertown Artists' Guild Exhibition coming to LAAC

The Lowell Area Arts Council is proud to present art works by 29 artists from the Rivertown Artists' Guild. This exhibition will be on display from Aug. 16 - Sept. 22 at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St., Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

other. Their goal is to serve artists at all levels of development. This artist-run organization was designed to help the beginner and hobbyist, as well as the established professional.

skills and careers through group discussion, sharing technique information and networking. The group actively seeks sites for exhibitions of its members' works throughout the West Michigan area.

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AUGUST 4: Irene Willmarth, Scott VanDyke, Cody Bieri, Nick Tykocki.
AUGUST 5: Robin Abel.

AREA BIRTHS

John & April Mesler are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Caleb Michael Thomas Mesler, born July 12, 2000 at Spectrum Health East. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tom and Maria Mesler of Lowell and Mike and Sheila Demorest of Cascade. Great-grandparents are Walt and Marion VanderMeulen, Fred and Edith Mills and Juanita McDonnell.

Stephen Martin, Jr., Thomas H. Mahalic.
AUGUST 6: Jessie King.
AUGUST 7: Barbara Wright, Don Grummet, Jaimi Smith, Steve Newell.
AUGUST 8: Jennifer Kimble, Chris Goggins, John Rasch, Allen Hoekstra, Sharell Wolf, Debra Mercer.

Art exhibition at LAAC

The Lowell Area Arts Council is proud to present mixed media and watercolor paintings by four artists from West Michigan: David Davis, Loretta Sailors, Ann Trowbridge, and Matt Rose at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St. in historic downtown Lowell.

This exhibition will be on display from July 26-September 5 during regular business hours. For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at (616) 897-8545.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Taxpayers,
Just something to think about related to millage increase requests which could increase your property taxes. If you live in Vergennes Township, your property taxes have already been increased to pay for gypsy moth spraying. If you live in Lowell Township, your property taxes have already been increased to pay for gypsy moth spraying. If you live in the city of Lowell, your property taxes were almost increased in June to pay on the Englehardt Library and the new City Hall/police station. If you live in Kent County, on August 8 the library system wants to increase your property taxes for the County library system. If you live in the Lowell School District, on September 26 the school district wants to increase your property taxes to fund a \$30 million bond issue for new school buildings, expansion/repairs to existing buildings and technology, etc. Wilma Fallstrom
To the Editor,
What a shame our cable system can't see far enough to realize that we need a weekly T.V. Guide. This business of checking our local Channel 2 is for the birds. If you want to see what is going to be on in the evening, you have to wait until evening.

An hour and a half at a time is sheer nonsense. They know that there isn't a guide out there that has our cable programs. I understand that the rates went up to have it printed. But how many of us (if asked) would pay a little extra for the convenience. The only thing that is going to hurt, is the Lowell Ledger. They can't afford the increase, cable won't share the cost. There are those of us that subscribe to the paper for the guide. When the subscription runs out, why renew? Soon there won't be a local paper due to the lack of buying it. Will enough people sign up for the spice channel to make it profitable to buy the equipment? We don't know anybody that is going to get it. Does this fall under priorities for the majority? Everybody that has cable needs a guide, or will the "Spice Channel" be the only thing with a guide? We weren't notified that it was going to be discontinued. So after a few weeks we had to call and ask. Still no guide to date. Is one in the future? Let's hope that the same people that we trusted to represent the owners of our system will somehow see fit to replace our guide. Is this just one more reason to go buy a satellite dish? What does the cable board do for a guide? Clue us in so we can do the same thing or don't they watch TV? Let's see something in print with an explanation. Just because it's ignored doesn't mean it will go away.
Virginia Heydenburg
Dear Editor,
Can proposed revisions to Blackacre Township zoning ordinance for "Ag-2"

withstand an equal protection challenge on grounds of discriminatory property taxes? Which class of challengers should we use to test the constitutionality of the new ordinance? Both? Neither?
Background: Proposed changes to Agriculture-2 zoning would allow small businesses to operate there. The use expansion would not be "in home" businesses like babysitting, or self-employed accountant, but business enterprises in the commonly understood use of the word. ****Issue**** Taxes, taxes, taxes. Businesses operating in "Ag-2" would be paying property taxes at "Agriculture" rate, not the higher assessment of lands zoned "Commercial" or "Industrial."
Possible arguments by....? **Class #1** Challengers now existing in "Ag-2":
a) Small farmers with over 50 percent of family income from agriculture, i.e., truck farming or livestock for slaughter.
b) Non-farm homeowners.
Issue: Are these taxpayers carrying the businesses who are paying the same rate?
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b) Industrial operations like sheet metal fabricating or pool furniture manufacturing.
Issue: Are these taxpayers being over-taxed for operating on property zoned formally for business? Is this a competitive advantage for "Ag-2" sheltered" business?
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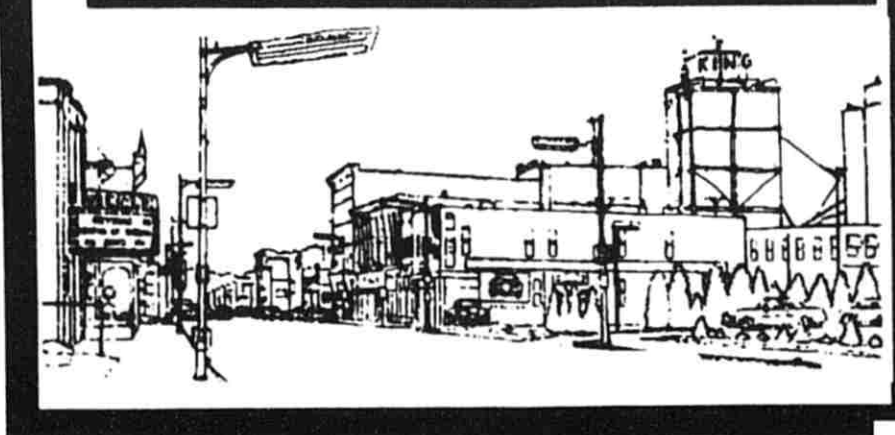
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Fri., Aug. 4 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Family Fare. Donations will be accepted.

POP CAN DRIVE

The Lowell gymnastics team will be having a pop can drive from July 31 thru Aug. 4. Drop all those empty cans and bottles you have at the YMCA office or bring them to the car wash at Family Fare on Aug. 4.

BLOOD DRIVE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Give blood - The Gift of Life - at the Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, on Monday, Aug. 7 from 4-8 p.m. The Grand Valley Blood Program Mobile Blood Bus will be located in the church parking lot, corner of Main and Jackson.

Any healthy person 17 or older who weighs 110 pounds or more may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days. The donation takes about an hour and is safe.

LAAC AUDITIONS FOR HARVEY

The Lowell Area Arts Council is accepting auditions for "Harvey," a three-act comedy by Mary Chase. The play requires six women ages 25-60 and six men ages 30-60. Auditions are at the LAAC, 149 S. Hudson St., on Aug. 8 and 9 and Aug. 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.

Performance dates for the play are Oct. 19-21 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. For more information call 897-8545.

WITTENBACH SCIENCE CENTER IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at the new Wittenbach Science Center to clear trails and hang signs on Sat., Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Please contact April Scholz at the Land Conservancy of West Michigan 451-9476.

New Road, cont'd... From Page 1

Before that happens, however, planning commissioner Trudy Cahoon said she wanted to know if any reconstruction work was planned for Gee Drive.

"Gee Drive simply can't take any more traffic on it," Cahoon said.

Pasquale said Gee Drive is a top priority for the city, which currently has a price tag of about \$800,000 to reconstruct the road.

"About every meeting, someone mentions Gee Drive and it is not about communications towers," he said.

Currently, the street is designated as a local street, preventing it from receiving outside funding. City officials are working to have Gee Drive declared a major street to receive some of that outside funding.

As for Hanson's project, concerned he would not have all of his information ready by the planning commission's next meeting in August, the commission decided to table the project and consider scheduling a public hearing on the special use permit for its September meeting.

Chance favors the prepared mind.

—Louis Pasteur

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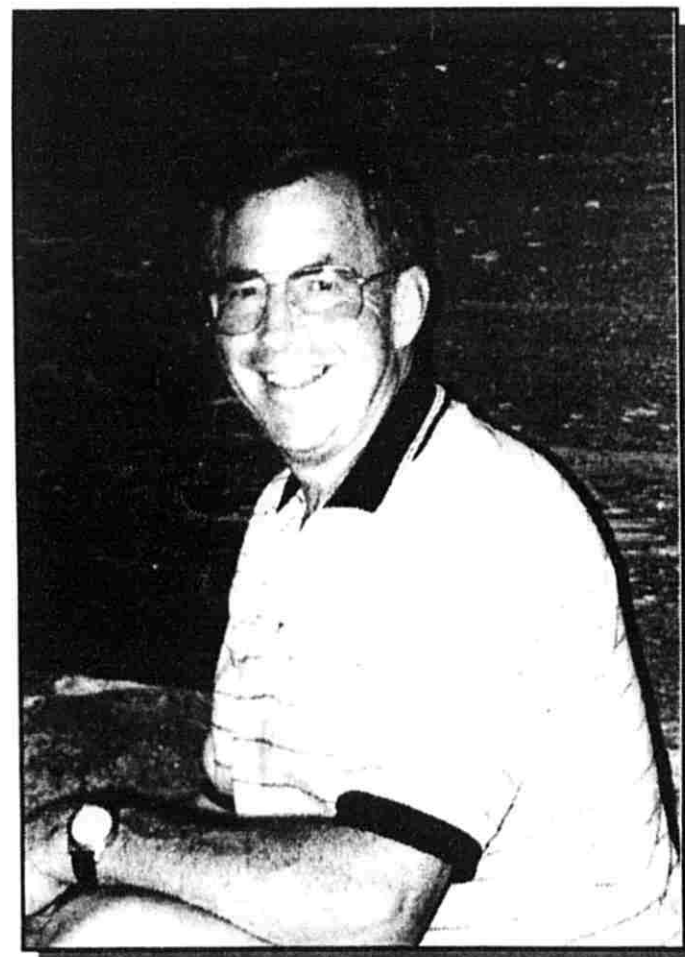
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COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUES.: Summer play group for 3-year old/preschool age children. They meet weekly in the mornings and rotate houses. Also field trips. Interested in some summer fun with your little one? Call Kim 897-5257. Space limited - call soon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congre-

gational Church basement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST THURS.: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and per-

sonal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOURTH THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

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

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

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

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

AUG. 8: Lowell Youth Football League (flag football, cheerleading, 78ers)

sign-ups will take place at Cherry Creek Cafeteria from 6-8 p.m. All sign-ups must bring a copy of Birth Certificate. Questions - call 897-7896.

THURS., AUG. 3: Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses: Marsha Wilcox, Barb Litschewski, Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickett; program: Don Taylor, Wild Birds Unlimited; sponsor: Danni Smith.

MON., AUG. 7: Grand Valley Blood Drive (on the blood bus) at 1st United Methodist Church from 4-8 p.m., corner of Jackson & E. Main, Lowell.

SAT., SEPT. 16: Lowell Athletic Boosters 5th annual Golf Outing, 8 a.m. Shotgun start. Quail Ridge Golf Club 8375 36th St., Ada.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BIG PINE ISLAND LAKE

TAKE NOTICE that the Big Pine Island Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a four-year aquatic plant control project for Big Pine Island Lake at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road NE, Belding, Michigan on Thursday, August 17, 2000 at 7 p.m.

This hearing is being held in accordance with provisions of Part 309, Inland Lake Improvements, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

Big Pine Island Lake Improvement Board

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

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

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

Special Events
WED., AUG. 2: 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast. **SAT., AUG. 5:** 10:50 a.m. Picnic St. Roberts Church

WED., AUG. 2: 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure. **MON., AUG. 7:** 12:50 p.m. Tour Lowell Schools Printing office.

THURS., AUG. 3: Noon, Dance - Westside Complex. **TUES., AUG. 8:** 8:45 a.m. Tour G.R. Ford Airport.

FRI., AUG. 4: 12:40 p.m. Shop Meijer. **WED., AUG. 9:** Noon Movie "Oh You Beautiful Doll."

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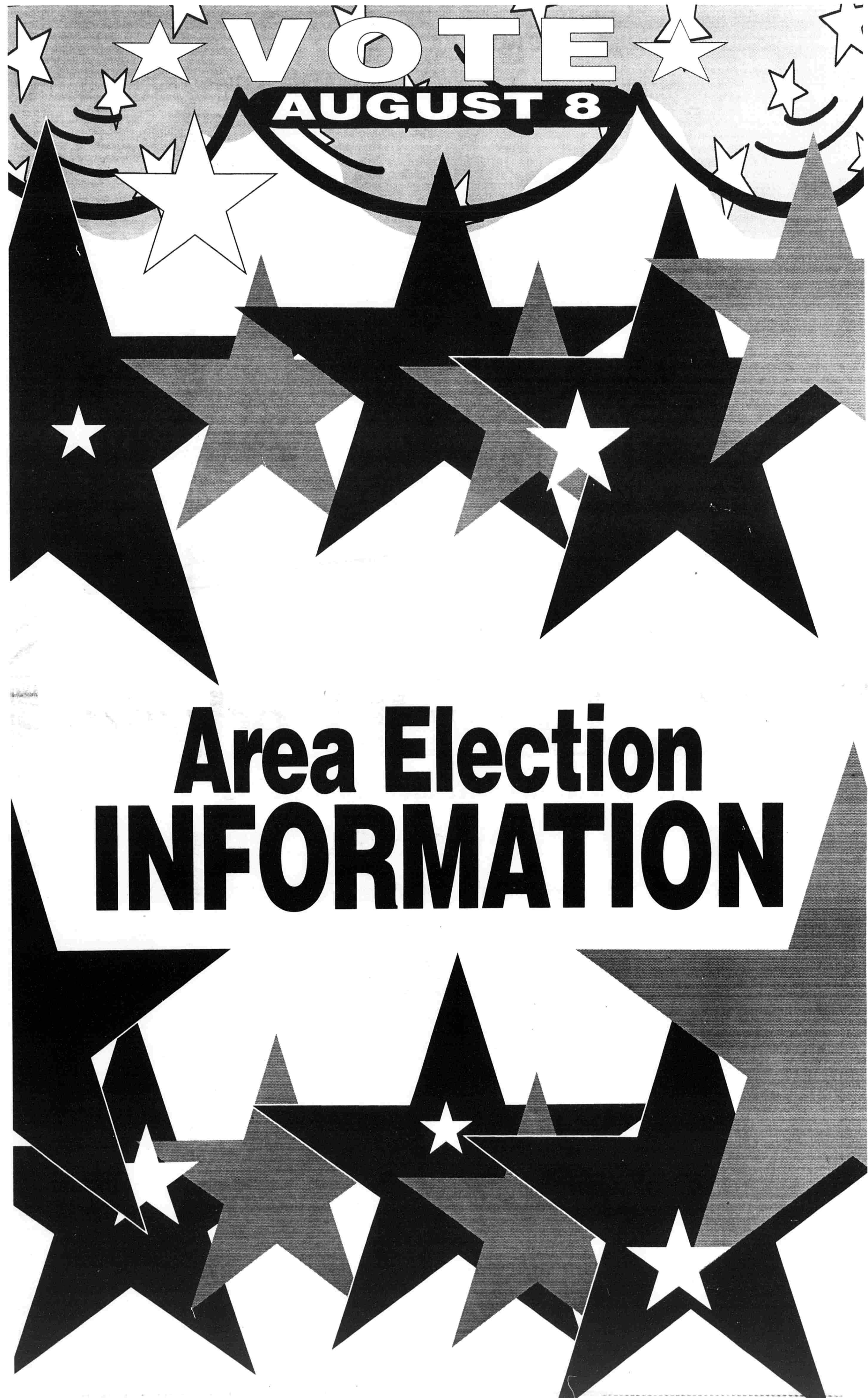
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Area Election INFORMATION

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PRIMARY 2000

CLERK - CHOOSE ONE

MARI STONE (I)

The job of Vergennes Township clerk has never been boring, according to Mari Stone.

Stone, who has served as the clerk for the past six years, is being challenged by Vergennes Township Board trustee Susan Hessler in the Aug. 8 primary.

"This is my only job," Stone said. She has been very dedicated to the role of clerk. Stone has lived in Vergennes Township for 15 years and in the Lowell area for 25 years.

Along with her job as clerk, Stone volunteers her time to serve on the Lowell Area Arts Council Board, Lowell Area Education Founda-

tion, and the land use subcommittee's Community Cooperation model.

Stone identifies managing growth, increasing traffic safety on roads, retaining permanent open space in lieu of land being purchased, and maintaining the township's rural character and integrity as issues facing the township.

"There are land use groups available which help provide townships the opportunity to do something which will help maintain the rural character," Stone said.

The township clerk added that with a new comprehensive plan in place, the township will now have to review and see how (if at all) the ordinances need to be adjusted to insure they are in line with the comprehensive plan.

"I only want what is best for Vergennes Township," Stone concluded.



SUSAN HESSLER

After serving four years as a Vergennes Township Board trustee, Susan Hessler has decided it is time for a change.

Hessler will forgo a second term as trustee to challenge incumbent Mari Stone for the clerk's position. "I just feel that I'm the person for the job," Hessler said.

Her interest in participating in and learning more about local government continues to grow.

Hessler's fascination has been nurtured through her involvement as a study team member for the comprehensive master plan, a land preservation committee member and a regular at planning commission meetings. She has worked toward the reinstatement



of an annual meeting, preservation of the township oak tree and helped survey residents' opinions regarding township financial contribution to a community funded swimming pool.

Hessler is dedicated to the preservation of nature in Vergennes Township, the integration of agriculture and homesteading, the restoration of old values in a growing community, the property rights of land owners, the control of development and preservation of farm land.

"I respect the rights of land owners to sell their property, but I think it is necessary to preserve some farm land along with green space," Hessler said.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PRIMARY 2000

TREASURER - CHOOSE ONE

JEAN HOFFMAN (I)

Jean Hoffman spent 10 years as the Vergennes Township clerk and the last six years as its treasurer, and it is clear that she loves her role as treasurer.

"I prefer working with figures," Hoffman said.

Hoffman also serves on the education committee for the Kent County Treasurers Association and is active in the Ada Bible Church.

"As treasurer, I am available to assist residents and



services are available to everyone," Hoffman said.

The pressure of development and growth as well as maintaining and improving roads are issues the township will have to deal with, according to Hoffman.

The treasurer says her vision for the future includes protecting the environment, and rural character, and preserving the natural beauty as growth continues.

"I will continue to work to assist all residents," Hoffman concluded.

Errolyn Weeks calls herself the "new bee" in the political whirlwind of Vergennes Township.

"It's my first time running for an elected office," Weeks said. "It's been exciting, I believe that I'm qualified and will do a good job."

The Vergennes Township resident is challenging incumbent Jean Hoffman for the treasurer's position.

"It's a new step in the life of the retiree from the Anway Corporation. She currently does community service work



as treasurer for the Kent County Retirees organization.

"I think the foremost concern in the township right now is the property rights of the people," Weeks said.

The political office experience in Weeks' family lies with her mother, Irene Osborne served a number of years as Vergennes Township clerk.

Weeks has experience as an election clerk for primary, general and school elections.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PRIMARY 2000

TRUSTEES - CHOOSE TWO

ALLAN BAIRD

Two years ago, while not running for an office, Allan Baird was the primary organizer in a campaign to get Tim Wittenbach elected Vergennes Township supervisor.

The Aug. 8 primary marks the second time around for Baird.

This time Baird is leading a campaign charge to garner support for Susan Hessler as clerk; Errolyn Weeks as treasurer; Tim Wittenbach as supervisor; and write-in candidate and former deputy supervisor Ken Ewing and himself as Vergennes Township trustees.

Wittenbach is not being challenged. Baird, Ewing and Vern Nauta are vying for the two trustee seats.

Hessler is giving up her trustee seat in an effort to challenge incumbent Mari Stone for the clerk position.

Trustee Mark Weber, after serving eight years on the board, has decided not to run again.

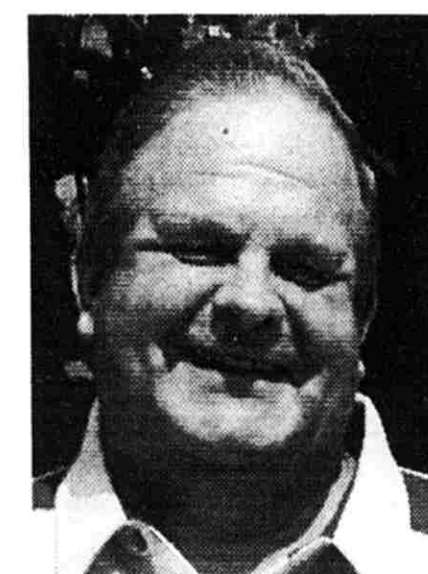
Weeks is challenging incumbent Jean Hoffman for township treasurer.

If experience and the ability to get people out to vote are keys to winning a Vergennes Township election, one must look at Baird's chances and those he supports.

Baird is a lifelong Vergennes Township resident. "I live in the house where I was born," he explains.

He would like to see land in Vergennes Township preserved much the way he's been able to preserve his home.

"The master plan lays out what type of growth should take



KEN EWING (WRITE IN)

Ken Ewing decided that the best way to deal with things he's not happy with is to become involved.

"If you're going to sit around and complain about how things are being done, then you need to be willing to get involved," Ewing said.

That's why he's decided to run for a Vergennes Township trustee seat.

"The amount of development in the township and the ordinances that encourage development scare me," Ewing explains.

The township resident, since 1986, is also leary of ordinances he defines as intrusive in people's lives. "I don't want to see the township damaged, but I want it to be friendlier to live in."

Ewing served as deputy supervisor to township supervisor Tim Wittenbach from January of 1999 until June of 2000.

"I just did not feel it was a good idea for Tim to have to deal with the issue of deputy supervisor during a re-election year," Ewing said. "When I was appointed to the position, not everyone was thrilled."

Ewing has a strong interest in the welfare of the township, its residents and maintaining a rural atmosphere.

"We cannot stop growth, but I don't feel the township needs to encourage it either," he concluded.

Ewing's decision to run for a trustee seat was a late one, thus he will have to be elected while running as a write-in candidate.



VERN NAUTA

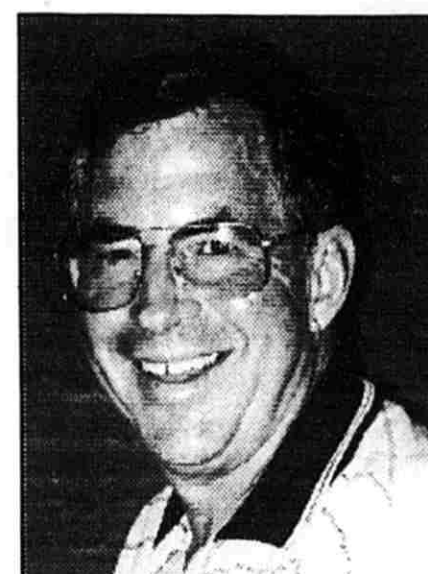
Vern Nauta not only defines growth as a key issue, and with visionary planning Vergennes Township can manage it and give it some direction.

"I think the township is going down a pretty good road. I think we have some pretty good staff and personnel working for us and the groundwork is there to continue to work on the challenges that face us," Nauta explained.

Nauta currently serves on the planning commission, is a member of both the Farm Bureau Board and the United Growth for the Kent County Project committee, and is a former member of the U.S.D.A. farm service committee.

"I feel as if I'm qualified as a result of the committees and boards I've served on," Nauta explained. "I also believe I have been involved in some valuable studies done through United Growth."

Growth and how the township handles it, roads and road safety, and the cooperation with local townships on like-projects are key future challenges, Nauta said.



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PRIMARY 2000

Trustees - CHOOSE FOUR

CARLTON BLOUGH (I)

With the number of people moving into Lowell Charter Township, changes and updates to ordinances will have to be made.

When that happens, Carlton Blough wants to be there, making sure agriculture is represented.

"I think the ordinances are in place to deal with land use and growth," Blough says. "But in time, changes and updates will be necessary."

Blough, a lifelong resident of Lowell Township, is finishing his first term on the township board. He has served on the planning commission since June, filling the vacancy left by Carol Wells.

"I've really enjoyed my time spent on the township board," Blough said. It has enabled him to get involved in the community.

Blough, seeking a second term, will work to see that open space and agricultural land is preserved.

"I will also focus on keeping the township fiscally responsible," Blough said.

He describes himself as fair, honest and friendly.

"How people are able to use their land will determine how the township develops and will play a role in the development of the whole community," Blough concluded.



PAULA BLUMM

Paula Blumm is the lone challenger for a trustee seat on the Aug. 8 primary ballot in Lowell Charter Township.

The township resident is seeking to gain one of the four incumbent seats up for election.

The four trustee incumbents are Carlton Blough, Alyn Fletcher, Herb Vanderbilt and Richard Huver.

"If a person has the time, I think it is their duty and responsibility to serve," Blumm says.

Qualities Blumm feel she can offer the township if elected are: common sense, a level of integrity and intelligence, a feeling of responsibility to ensure the township is a nice place to live in 20 years, and a commitment to service.

Blumm identifies growth as a key issue facing the township. "We're changing from a rural to a rural residential and suburban township," she explained. "The challenge is to keep the best of the rural lifestyle."

Coordinating and cooperative projects which encourages and furthers growth together among the townships, and city, is what Blumm believes will keep the best of the rural lifestyle intact.

Blumm currently serves as a board of director for the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association and is active in a number of areas within the school district.

To learn more about Blumm, voters can check out her website at www.blumm2000.com.



ALYN L. FLETCHER (I)

Agricultural townships, more than ever before, are feeling a great deal of pressure from residential and commercial districts.

"Lowell Charter Township is in the process of growth," Alyn L. Fletcher said. "I think a continuity of service is important during this time as is keeping the character of the township."

With this in mind, Fletcher is completing his eighth year on the township board and is interested in seeking a third four-year term.

Born and raised in Lowell, Fletcher has kept himself involved. He served three years on the planning commission; served on the community pool/recreation committee; is a township representative on the community recreational committee and was appointed as a representative for the Chamber of Commerce's strategic planning.

Fletcher has also served five-six years as a volunteer chairperson for ACCESS 6, and presently serves as a volunteer for the Cascade Christian Church.

"I will represent all people. When making a decision, I will take the total township and community into consideration," Fletcher said.



RICHARD HUVER (I)

Richard Huver is seeking his seventh four-year term on the Lowell Charter Township Board.

Huver has served the township at the board capacity for 26 years.

"Years ago, the trustee terms were alternated every two years," Huver explained.

His desire to continue serving remains as does his interest in the community. Huver wants to see the cooperation between governmental units (townships and city) continue to improve.

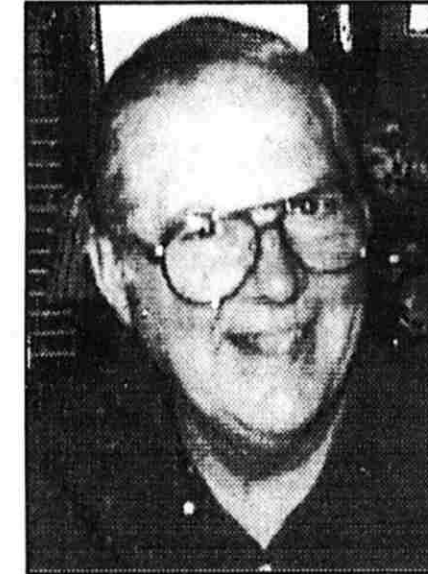
The Lowell Charter Township resident began serving on the board in 1974 when Elmer Smith was the supervisor.

Smith, and Lowell setting up a new sewer system, were reasons for Huver's interest in serving. For Huver, serving is part of being a community member.

His focus over the next four years will be the progress of Lowell Charter Township park and improving cooperation between the government entities as well as township planning, zoning and growth.

"Our zoning covers plans for growth in every area of the township," Huver explained.

The township resident also serves as chairman of the parks commission, treasurer of the Knights of Columbus, and continues to help out in the community as a volunteer.



HERB VANDERBILT (I)

Herb Vanderbilt is a strong proponent of farm land preservation. He is also understanding of the needs of township residents living in high residential areas.

The 12-year veteran of the Lowell Charter Township lived in Eastgate for 17 years prior to finding a home in the more rural area of the township.

"I may be the only trustee who can truly represent all the residents," Vanderbilt said. "I still have the interest of all township people at heart."

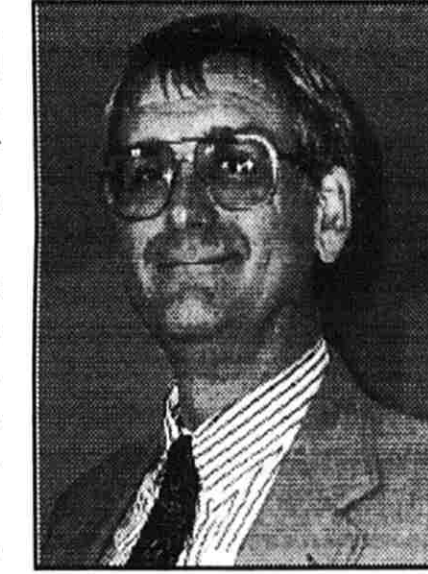
Vanderbilt seeks a fourth term at a critical juncture in the township's development.

The trustee took part in an Ultimate Farm Land Preservation Tour sponsored by Farm Bureau and the Michigan State University Extension Service.

Through this program Vanderbilt learned how builders can be given an opportunity to develop while still maintaining a rural type community.

"My mission is to provide planned growth while maintaining a rural type community," he says.

Vanderbilt compares it to building homes around a lake or around a golf course. By using the same approach in the rural areas, developments can be built around green space. "It allows for growth but still keeps the rural character," Vanderbilt



explained. He calls on the township to be vigilant of its ordinances and the ones it writes so it doesn't operate itself into unplanned growth.

The trustee points to growth and sewer and water as critical issues the township will tackle over the next two-five years.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP
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CARLTON BLOUGH

Lowell Township Trustee

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Elect Paula Blumm
 Lowell Township Trustee on August 8th

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Paid for by the Committee to elect Paula Blumm 3152 Kissing Rock Rd., Lowell, MI

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

PRIMARY 2000

SUPERVISOR - CHOOSE ONE

CHRIS WENGER (I)

Chris Wenger can only be pushed to do something for so long and then he gives in and does it.

At least that was the case in his decision to seek a third term as Bowne Township supervisor.

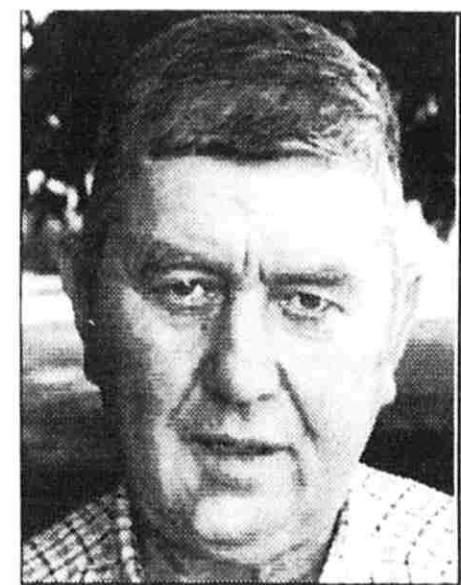
"People kept pushing me to run again," Wenger says. "That, and it's an old family tradition. My grandfather was involved in government."

Wenger identifies dealing with growth and keeping the finances going as the township's biggest challenges.

"It's not our purpose to stop growth, but we can direct it," he explains. "Three times the township has sought additional millage and each time it has failed. Now it is time to live within those means."

Prior to being elected supervisor, Wenger served 20 years on the board of review and 21 years on the planning commission. He has also served on the Kent County Youth Fair Board (15 years).

"Working with people is the thing that I enjoy," Wenger concludes.



PETE SILER

Serving the public is nothing new to Pete Siler.

For 26 years he served the Lowell School District as its agri-science teacher and FFA advisor.

In June he announced his retirement.

On Aug. 8 he will seek permission from Bowne Township residents to serve as their supervisor.

"The township is growing rapidly. We have a good master plan and ordinances in place," Siler said. "We must see that they are enforced fairly and equitably for everyone in the township."

The years Siler spent as an agri-science teacher have given him good background on issues facing the township. "It has definitely been helpful in understanding the issues facing the township (e.g., purchase of development rights).

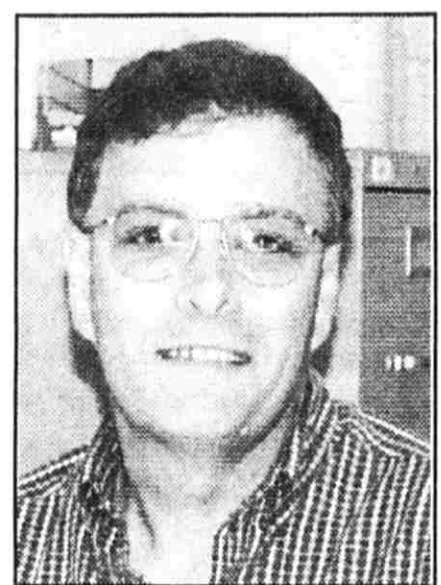
During his teaching years he also remained in touch with the township and its needs.

He served on the Bowne Planning Commission from 1975-78, Zoning Board of Appeals from 1978-81, and ZBA from 1999 to present.

Siler identifies growth and development as the biggest issues facing the township.

"The challenge is to allow it according to the master plan and the ordinances of the township. Development should be done in an orderly fashion. It is not up to the township to stop it, but we should manage it," he said.

Siler feels it is also important that the township be sensitive to the needs of the farmers. "They own most of the land and need to make a living. We must allow for agricultural interest," he concluded.



KIM CULBERTSON

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

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

The primary marks the first time Culbertson has run for a government office. "I'm interested in serving the community," she says. "I think management of growth is probably the biggest issue facing the township. I also think it is important that we maintain our rural character."

Culbertson, an employee of J.C. Penney (customer service representative) for 14



years, has served as a volunteer with the Bowne Township Historical Society and served six years as a scout leader.

"I'm interested in the job of supervisor, look forward to the challenge and know I can do a good job," concluded Culbertson.

Baird, cont'd.... From Page 12

place in what areas," Baird said. "You can't stop growth, but it can be slowed down so that it's done in a proper way."

Baird currently serves on Vergennes Planning Commission. If elected onto the board, it's a position he will probably vacate. "I don't believe people should serve on a bunch of boards."

The ex-marine is hopeful this primary will bring the same large number of voters out as in 1998. "The more voters, the truer calculation there is of what people want to see," he said.

TO THE EDITOR

In case you missed my previous communication, this was the handout for a little chalk talk I did at a local school on Saturday. We had some fun with it.

G.M. Ross

To the Editor,

Vergennes Township Nepotism?

On August 8, voters in our township will be faced with an important question, Nepotism. The following are some facts you may or may not know which may affect your vote in the upcoming election.

Jean Hoffman is the current treasurer in Vergennes Township. Jean is seeking reelection. Gay Nauta is employed at the Vergennes Township Hall. Jean Hoffman is Gay Nauta's sister. Gay Nauta is married to Vern Nauta. Vern Nauta is running for trustee.

Gay Nauta was supposedly hired on January 25, 1999 at a Budget meeting.

The vote to hire Gay Nauta was motioned by Mari Stone, township clerk, over an objection by the supervisor. Voting for the hire were Jean Hoffman, Mari Stone, Mark Weber. Voting against the hire were Tim Wittenbach, Susan Hessler.

Should Jean Hoffman have abstained from voting to hire her sister? Nepotism?

In January 1999 at a Board meeting, Mari Stone admitted to 50-75 residents of the township Gay Nauta was hired in June or July of 1998. Unfortunately Mari Stone neglected to include this in the minutes. Was Gay Nauta illegally hired behind closed doors without the Board's knowledge for approximately 6-7 months?

On August 8, if Vern Nauta and Jean Hoffman are elected, 40 percent of the township's voting will reside in one family. - Nepotism?

Tom Greenhoe
Vergennes
Township Resident

To the Editor,

This is an unsolicited letter in support of re-election of the Vergennes Township clerk and treasurer. Both Mari Stone and Jean Hoffman are excellent, trustworthy, reliable public servants. I have had the pleasure of working with both of them on various township projects, and find them consistently agreeable, capable, and professional. They have served us faithfully and pleasantly. They want to continue their jobs, so why wouldn't citizens of this township take advantage of their knowledge and experience as long as they choose to stay?

Some of the campaign literature floating around implies there is a need to "restore trust and respect" in Vergennes Township's government. What is there to restore? There has been little public dialogue that I'm aware of to teach me why I should vote to trade-in tried-and-true public servants for a lineup of apparently closet-knit people whose actual motives are hard to discern.

Every vote will matter a lot on August 8th! If you are a supporter of Mari Stone and

Jean Hoffman, please, please be sure to get out and vote! And find a neighbor or friend to go to the polls with you. May the best (most qualified) candidates win!

Kate Dernocoeur

Dear Editor,

After reading the letter written by Mr. Schreur in a past edition, I find myself compelled to write. First, I wish to set the record straight about the missing sign issue. Mr. Schreur stated that yard

signs were taken from his yard at the appearance of Hoffman and Stone campaign yard signs. Jean Hoffman and Mari Stone would never stoop to such childlike behavior. The fact of the matter is, that is exactly who did take the signs - mischievous youth who also took my signs and my neighbor's trash receptacle - for a ride.

Second, it has been said before in letters to the editor that these two women have been rude and discourteous to citizens at the township hall.

This, I must say, is outrageous. Anytime I have gone to the hall, I have been treated and greeted with respectful, polite assistance.

Third, I am astounded by the hours Mari Stone puts in and her total dedication as township clerk. Since I live close to the township hall, I must pass it frequently at assorted hours of the day, evening and weekend. There is Mari, working hard for our community.

Sincerely,
Dawn M. Fisher

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND
THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Board will hold a public hearing on: Monday, August 7, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Township Hall to consider public comment on a proposed amendment to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Section 1. SPECIAL USES IN AG-2 ZONING DISTRICT. Article III, Section 4.1 1 of the Zoning Ordinance and the Table of Use Regulations set forth therein shall be amended by adding and allowing the following use in the AG-2 zoning district as a Special Use requiring Planning Commission approval:

Home Based Business

Section 2. DEFINITION OF HOME BASED BUSINESS. As used in this ordinance, the term "Home-Based Businesses" shall be defined as follows and such definition shall be added to Article II, Section 2.0 of the Zoning Ordinance:

Home Based Business - A business operation which: (a) is incidental to a person's ownership of property; (b) is clearly subordinate and secondary to the use of such property for residential or agricultural purposes; (c) involves the providing of labor, materials and services at locations away from such person's property; (d) does not involve more than three full-time employees or independent contractors, and such seasonal employees and independent contractors, which must be dispatched from their homes, in addition to the resident(s) of the property in the conduct of the business operation as shall be reasonably necessary; and (e) does not have a material adverse impact upon the public health, safety or welfare of the Township and neighboring properties, including, but not limited to, overuse of streets and roads, change of character of the area, reduction in property values, blight, excessive noise, odors or electrical interference and other criteria applicable to the granting of a Special Use Permit. The home based business may be conducted on the lot area containing the dwelling unit and on any adjacent and contiguous property to such lot owned by the owner of the dwelling unit. An accessory building meeting the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located may be used in conjunction with the home based business and only minimal storage of vehicles, equipment or material used in connection with the home based business shall be allowed outside the structural confines of the residence and any accessory building if properly screened from public view. Any special use permit granted to a Home Based Business shall require an annual review by the Planning Commission to assure strict compliance with any conditions imposed in the special use permit. The Township Supervisor, on written notice to the owner of the home based business, shall have the authority to immediately suspend the special use permit for a period of up to (20) days pending a hearing before the Planning Commission in any case in which the Supervisor determines after personal inspection that the conditions of the special use permit are being violated.

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

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



BACK TO NATURE

In a world of cell-phones, on-line trading, and global positioning systems, you have to wonder what happened to the skills that were necessary to sustain life at an earlier time in human history. Well, these skills are still alive and well in Lowell at the beginning of a new century.

Jason Tomczak, a recent graduate of Lowell High School, has been learning about and practicing many of these

crafts. Jason recently made a trip to New Jersey to attend Tom Brown's Tracking, Nature, and Wilderness Survival School. There he studied basic living skills that have been practiced by native peoples around the world. Jason has learned to gather food, find shelter, locate water, develop tools, create fire, build traps and snares, and make clothing using only resources that are found in nature. He reads extensively on the subject and is returning to New Jersey later in the summer to take another class.

Jason makes it a priority to find time every day during his busy schedule to practice what he has learned. He has made a shirt, leggings, and moccasins from deer skin that were tanned by using the brains of the animal. This clothing is as soft and comfortable as flannel. Cordage (string and rope) is made from the milkweed plant. He can start a fire by using friction and tinder. Another project was to fashion a bow from a piece of hickory and deer sinew. The arrows were made of willow with turkey feathers for vanes.

Jason explains that most survival skill training usually prepares one for an emergency—like getting lost—when rescue could be expected within 72 hours. The skills and knowledge that he is acquiring would allow one to not only survive, but to live in harmony with nature for an indefinite period of time.

I believe that these activities would certainly make for a fascinating hobby as well as provide insight into the everyday lives of people from earlier civilizations and different cultures.

Also, in an emergency situation, many of these skills could prove to be invaluable.

For Jason, however, the experiences have far more significance in his life. Jason says that he is able to connect with the natural world and has learned to live with the earth as a child of nature. The concept is to live as part of nature and not attempt to resist or change natural systems. Jason's commendable academic record attests to the fact that he has also taken care to prepare himself to meet the complex challenges of our modern world. His plans at this time are to pursue a career in the area of wildlife biology.

Like Jason, we should all try to find ways to get closer to the earth so we can appreciate those things that are real and natural. Today, it is easy to lose sight of the joys and responsibilities that come with being stewards of this great planet.

Wood model of Noah's Ark on display at LAAC, Aug. 5-11

On display at the Lowell Area Arts Council is a carved wood model of Noah's Ark, created by the Woodland Carvers Club of West Michigan. The ark will be on display from Aug. 5 - 11 (during the Kent County 4-H Fair) at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St.

Woodland Carvers Club president, Kim Greene was looking for a project that all club members could collaborate on. For over a year the club carved the four-foot long ark with animal pairs including horses, alligators, giraffes, skunks, crows, foxes, ostriches, bears, squirrels, deer, elephants and other animals. The carvers added humorous touches to the overall project, such as a crow wearing glasses and the skunks riding in a dinghy pulled behind the ark.

The Woodland Carvers Club open to new members and meets at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month (excluding summer months and December). Meetings take place at Kelloggsville High School in Wyoming.



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Preparation work being completed right up to the time of the 66th annual Kent County Youth Fair

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ron Wenger, Kent County Youth Fair president, will work around the clock to ensure that King Memorial Youth Center's restroom/shower facilities will be completed in time for this year's fair.

"If I have to, I'll stay and work 24 hours so that they are done," Wenger explained.

When he's through, the president won't have to go home to clean up... he can take a hot shower right there.

"We have a 1.2 million BTU water heating unit. That should provide plenty of hot water for everyone," Wenger said.

The King Memorial Youth Center will also provide a large meeting room and a warming kitchen to help meet the needs of the youth organization.

The 66th annual Kent County Youth Fair officially gets under way on Monday, Aug. 7.

It will showcase over 3000 exhibits, representing over 900 exhibitors.

Upon their arrival, fair patrons will quickly notice an expanded carnival area, enabling young and old to enjoy more rides. It will include an 80-foot gondola (big ferris wheel).

Throughout fair week kids will also enjoy taking part in hands-on activities at the kids' creations station. Activities will be coordinated through Grow Grand Rapids, Blandford Nature Center, VanAndel Museum Center, Kent District Library, John Ball Zoo and the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.

The Livestock Auction which generates over \$275,000 in proceeds directly to Kent County youth will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10.

Youth fair kids selling livestock have been able to get their

money from the sale within two weeks. Without the service of a credit agency, prompt payment would not be available.

"We are asking companies and individuals who will be purchasing livestock to pay within 30 days," Wenger said.

A new entertainment feature this year will be Saturday's (Aug. 12) Celebrity Donkey Race. Other highlights will include country/rock band Grey Wolf on Tuesday, Aug. 8 and Showdown on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Both shows will take place in the stage tent.

Southern gospel recording artist Lynn McCully will perform on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. in the stage tent as part of the pre-fair activities which begin on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Opening ceremonies will follow the McCully concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday concluding with the royal court coronation.

Grey Wolf headlines Fair's entertainment

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

West Michigan band, Grey Wolf, will be kicking up a little dirt at the 66th annual Kent County Youth Fair.

Grey Wolf will perform in the stage tent on Tuesday, Aug. 8 of fair week.

Patrons of the Howlin' Moon, Bresa Del Rio and the Crazy Horse are familiar with the high-energy, country/classic rock group. Grey Wolf is also a popular sound on the casino circuit.

The five-member band has been together for three years. "The guys in the group have known one another a long time," said Grey Wolf's lead vocalist Laura Leigh. "They met me while I was up north running karaoke. They heard me sing and asked if I wanted to join their band."

The Grey Wolf band is in the process of having songs written for it. "From that, we hope to cut a CD," Leigh said.

The fair show will get underway at 7:30 and Leigh says

it will last 'til dark.

Joining the lead vocalist are Dan Cosgrove (vocals/keyboard/sound technician); Rich Heavener, drums; Gary Tuhacek, vocals and guitar; and Kevin Shepard, bass/vocals.

Southern Gospel recording artist Lynn McCully will

perform on Sunday, Aug. 6 in the stage tent from 5 until 6:30 p.m.

McCully is a member of the Singing for His Glory Ministries. Along with sharing the sounds of gospel, the Jones, MI, native will share testimony of her battle with cancer.

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—William Gladstone

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- **UNLIMITED RIDES:** Monday \$8, 5 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday \$12, Noon - 10 p.m.; Wednesday \$8, Noon - 5 p.m. & \$10 5 - 10 p.m.; Thursday \$12, noon - 10 p.m. Friday \$10, noon - 5 p.m.
- **I-96 FIELD DAYS Monday 2 p.m.**
- **LIVESTOCK AUCTION Thursday 2 p.m.**
- **SPEED HORSE SHOW Friday 7 p.m.**
- **YOUTH TALENT CONTEST Monday 7:30 p.m.**
- **ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL Monday 7 p.m.**

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WEDNESDAY:
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THURSDAY:
Dee Jay The Clown.....7 & 8 P.M.

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

"The Wonderful World of Fair"

Saturday, August 5
 8:30 a.m. Registration for Dog Show Rabbit Tent
 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Swine Check -In & Weigh-In Swine Barn
 9:00 a.m. Dog Showmanship and Obedience Rabbit Tent
 10:00-3:00 p.m. Judging of Still Exhibits Stage and Bingo Tents
 10:00-4:00 p.m. Judging of Teen Leadership Stage Tent
 Public Speaking, & Demonstrations

Exhibitors must be present when their exhibit is evaluated!
 Exhibits will be displayed in Club Booths.

Sunday, August 6
 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sheep Check In Sheep Barn
 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Final arrival and weigh-in of all swine Swine Barn
 (Carcass Class must be in by 2:00 p.m.)
 1:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Horse Vet Check Wittenbach Barn
 1:00-5:00 p.m. Rabbit & Cavy Check-In Rabbit Tent
 1:00-5:00 p.m. Goat Check-In Goat Barn
 4:30-6:30 p.m. Goat Vet Check Goat Barn
 4:30-6:30 p.m. Pork Dinner Community Tent
 5:00-6:30 p.m. Lynn McCullough Stage Tent
 Southern / Gospel Recording Artist
 FREE Admission
 6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies Stage Tent
 Followed by: Royal Court Coronation

Monday, August 7
 Sponsored by I-96 WVTI FM Radio
 8:00-9:00 a.m. Horse Vet Check Wittenbach Barn
 8:30-11:00 a.m. Swine pictures Swine Barn
 9:00 a.m. Final arrival of all Sale Beef & Sheep Project Area
 (All Other Livestock 12:00 Noon)
 9:00 a.m. Horse Judging: ABC Grouping Horse Arena
 9:30 a.m. Goat Judging: Reath Barn
 Costume Contest Follows
 10:00 a.m. Weigh & Screen of ALL Sale Livestock Barns
 Sheep & Beef
 10:00 a.m.-Noon Poultry Pullorum Testing Poultry Barn
 11:00 a.m. Horse Judging: Showmanship Horse Arena
 Explorer, Western Showmanship-Noise
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Whitcap's Autographs Community Tent
 1:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Horse Arena
 English/Western Showmanship
 1:00 p.m. Rabbit Breed Judging Rabbit Tent
 1:00 p.m. Registration for Livestock Arena
 I-96 WVTI Field Day
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Youth Talent Contest Registration Stage Tent
 2:00 p.m. "I-96 WVTI Field Day" Livestock Arena
 Live Remote: I-96 Morning Team
 4:00 p.m. Scarecrow & Banner Judging Foreman Building
 4:00-6:00 p.m. Kid's Creation Station-FREE Community Tent
Kent County 4-H Grow Grand Rapids
 Fun With Plants!
 5:00 p.m. Tractor Pull Weigh-In King Milling Scales
 5:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Open-Unlimited \$8.00

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Kid's Creation Station
 Monday 4:00- 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 Thursday 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 Friday 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 Saturday 1:00-3:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Life's A Stage 4-H Club Stage Tent
 Theater Exhibition
 6:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship Reath Barn
 6:30 p.m. Youth Fashion Extravaganza Stage Tent
 7:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull-Open Class Track Area
 Sponsored by Sparta Farm & Lawn
 & Tender Lawn Care
 Admission \$3 per Person or \$8 per Family
 7:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Horse Arena
 Down & Back Contesting
 Horsemaster Presentations-Pole Bending
 7:30 p.m. Beef Judging Contest-Open Class Beef Arena
 7:30 p.m. Youth Talent Contest Stage Tent
 Special Thanks: St. Cecilia Music Society
 Sponsored by Harold Ziegler Ford of Lowell

Tuesday, August 8
Senior Citizen Day
 Sponsored by King Milling Company
 8:00 a.m. Horse Judging: Horse Arena
 Grand & Reserve Showmanship
 9:00 a.m. Poultry Judging Poultry Barn
 9:00 a.m. Swine Judging: Market Classes Reath Barn
 & Explorer Showmanship Following

9:30 a.m. Horse Judging: Horse Arena
 Stock Seat Equitation
 9:30-11:30 a.m. Performing Arts Dance Evaluation Stage Tent
 10:00-11:00 a.m. Free Senior Citizens Coffee Community Tent
 Courtesy of **Lowell Family Farm**
 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Performing Arts Other Evaluation Stage Tent
Noon-10:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Unlimited-\$12
 Noon-4:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Check Community Tent
 Courtesy of **St. Mary's Critical Care Nurses**
 1:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Jumping Horse Arena
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kid's Creation Station-FREE Community Tent
Blenford Nature Center
Owl Exhibit & Pellet Dissection
 1:00-4:00 p.m. Performing Arts Vocal & Instrumental Stage Tent
 1:30 p.m. Horse Judging: Trail Exercise Arena
 2:00-3:00 p.m. Free Senior Citizens Coffee Community Tent
 Courtesy of **Lowell Family Farm**
 3:00-5:00 p.m. Mule Pull Weigh-In King Milling Scales
 4:00-7:00 p.m. Strolling Quartet Picnic Area
 6:00 p.m. Dog Agility Registration Softball Field
 6:00 p.m. Rabbit Showmanship Judging Rabbit Tent
 6:30 p.m. Dog Agility Judging Softball Field
 7:00 p.m. Mule Pull-Open Class Track Area
 Sponsored by **Quality Farm & Fleet**
 Admission \$3 per person or \$8 per family
 7:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Flag Race-Clover Leaf Horse Arena
 7:30 p.m. **Grey Wolf** (Free Admission) Stage Tent
 Country/Oldies Music Concert



Wednesday, August 9
Ladies Day
 Sponsored by Caledonia Auto Parts & Ed's Body Shop
 8:00 a.m. Horse Judging: English/Western Riding Horse Arena
 9:00 a.m. Storytelling & Puppetry Judging Stage Tent
 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Beef, Sheep, Other Livestock Pictures Project Area
 9:00 a.m. Beef Steer Market Classes Livestock Arena
 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Free Ladies Refreshments Community Tent
 Sponsored by **Sheryl King Tupperware**
 11:00 a.m. Home Economist Deanna House presents:
 Quick & Easy Meals-Summer Time Samplers
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Grand Rapids Hoop's**
 "Hoopie" Autograph Signing
 11:30 a.m. Theater Judging Stage Tent
Noon-5:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Unlimited-\$8
 1:00 p.m. Dairy-Beef Feeder Steers Livestock Arena
 & Beef Breed Heifer Judging
 1:00 p.m. Goat Team Fitting Contest Reath Barn
 Goat Trail-Fitting & Showing Class Follows

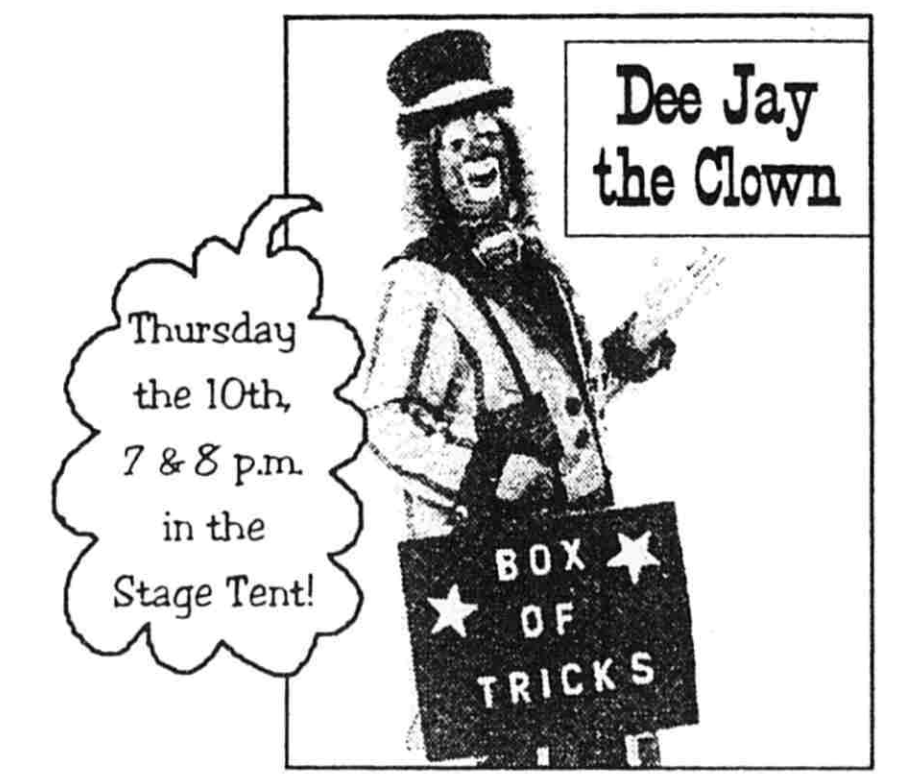
1:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Stock Seat Equitation Horse Arena
 Suitable to be Dressage Horse
 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Free Ladies Refreshments Community Tent
 Sponsored by **Sheryl King Tupperware**
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Kid's Creation Station-FREE Community Tent
Van Indel Museum Center presents
 Make It, Take It Dinosaur Hats!
 3:00-5:00 p.m. Horse Pull Weigh-In King Milling Scales
 4:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Reining Horse Arena
 5:00 p.m. Sheep Judging: Reath Barn
 Market, Showmanship, & Breeds
5:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Unlimited-\$10
 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Free Ladies Refreshments Community Tent
 Sarah Hochhuth-Pampered Chef
 7:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Versatility Horse Arena
 7:00 p.m. National Championship Track Area
 Light Weight Horse Pull-Open Class
 Admission \$3 per person or \$8 per family
 7:30 p.m. **Showdown** (Free Admission) Stage Tent
 Country/ Music Variety Concert

Thursday, August 10
Agriculture Day
 Sponsored by Kent County Farm Bureau
 8:00 a.m. Horse Judging: Dressage Tests Horse Arena
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Goat Quiz Bowl Stage Tent
 9:00 a.m. Beef Showmanship Classes Livestock Arena
 10:00 a.m. Rabbit-Cavy Explorer Showmanship Rabbit Tent
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Grand Rapids Griffin's "Gri"** Community Tent
 Autograph Signing
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Clown Judging Stage Tent

Friday, August 11
Handi-Capable Day
 Sponsored by Spartan Stores
 8:00 a.m. Horse Judging: Pleasure Horse Arena
10:00 a.m.-Noon...Carnival Activities for Special Needs Individuals
 10:00 a.m. Dairy Showmanship Classes: Reath Barn
 Dairy Type Follows
 11:00 a.m. Horse Judging: Saddleseat Pattern Horse Arena
 Gymkhana Equitation
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Grand Rapids Rampage "Blitz"** Stage Tent
 Autograph Signing
Noon-5:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Unlimited-\$10
 1:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Reining Horse Arena
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Kids Creation Station - FREE Community Tent
John Ball Zoo
 Traveling Zoo
 Live Animals & Biofacts
 2:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Versatility Horse Arena
 2:30 p.m. Tractor Driving Contest Livestock Arena
 4:00 p.m. Explorer Recognition Stage Tent
 6:00-10:00 p.m. Country Karaoke Stage Tent
 Sponsored by **B93**
Farrow's Music & Millbrook Equine
 7:00 p.m. NBHA Speed Horse Show, Open Class Horse Arena
 Sponsored by **Turn West** Horse Arena
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 7:30-11:30 p.m. Teen Dance Party Reath Barn

Saturday, August 12
Kid's Day
 Sponsored by Country Fresh
 9:00 a.m. Horse Judging: Costume Class Horse Arena
 10:00 a.m. Horse Judging: Simon Says Horse Arena
 9:30 a.m. Showmanship Sweepstakes Reath Barn
 1-3 p.m. Kid's Creation Station-FREE Community Tent
Grand Rapids Children Museum
 Fishing, Magnets, and Bubble Exhibits
Noon-5:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Unlimited-\$10
 For every arm band, get 1 free ticket
 to enter the giveaway. -2 bikes & 24 stuffed animals
 1:00 p.m. Carnival Bike and Stuffed Animal Giveaway Stage Tent
 1:00 p.m. **Celebrity Donkey Race** Horse Arena
 2:00 p.m. **Puff the Dragon Pzdel Pull** Midway Area
 Youth Classes
 4:00 p.m. Horse Combination Awards Stage Tent
 5:00 p.m. **Release of all Exhibits!**

Noon-10:00 p.m. Carnival Rides Unlimited-\$12
 1:00 p.m. Horse Judging: Contesting Horse Arena
 Keyhole-Speed & Action
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kid's Creation Station-FREE Community Tent
Kent District Library
 Score Big with Books! Carnival Games & Activities
Livestock Sale Reath Barn
Sale Order - Small Animals, Swine, Sheep, Feeder Calves, Gallon of Milk, Beef
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth Variety Show Stage Tent
 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. **Atticus Sumner and the Cottonwood Cloggers** Stage Tent
 Horse Judging: Horse Arena
 Team Performance & Judging Class
 7:00 & 8:00 p.m. **Dee Jay the Clown** Stage Tent



Thursday the 10th, 7 & 8 p.m. in the Stage Tent!

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Parade route alteration to ease difficulty; parade units asked not to throw candy due to safety concerns

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger

Lowell parades will have some alterations made to their starting and ending points due to difficulty created in the ability to control and manage increased traffic.
 With the tremendous increase in downtown traffic, the Lowell Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Police Department have mapped out a condensed parade route which will make it easier to maintain and control, and less inconvenient for the motoring public.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored parades will start at the fairgrounds and end at the First United Methodist Church or vice versa.
 Previously, many of the local parades have been staged at Richards Park or the Bushnell Elementary School parking lot.
 During parades, vehicles driving east on Main St. will follow a detour which will take them south on Hudson to Grand River Drive, east on Grand River to Division and north on Division to Main St.

"Changing that staging area will make things easier for people to drop off kids for the parade," said Liz Baker, Chamber of Commerce director. "We won't have the congestion on Amity. The fairgrounds provide much more room for staging."
 Parade units are also being asked to pay stricter adherence to not throwing candy from a float.
 "There is a real safety concern. We don't want children running out in front of parade units and trucks to pick up candy. Candy, when thrown, could also hit and injure someone's eye," said Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine. "Kids are excited about candy and don't always look to see what's coming."

Valentine and Baker are asking that people in the parades walk along and hand candy out to youngsters.
 Fliers, sent out over the last year, asking parade participants to not throw candy, have not worked.
 Police officers will go to each participating unit/float prior to a parade asking them not to throw candy.

Once warned, if candy is thrown during the parade, the unit or float will be pulled out of the parade.
 "That is something I hope we never have to do," Valentine said.

A further step would be to create an ordinance stating it is against the law to throw candy during a parade. "I think that is unnecessary," Valentine concluded.

Lowell Fire Department holds record-breaking blood drive

Lowell Fire Department rallied firefighters and community residents to give the gift of life just when it's needed most, through a record-breaking blood drive.

Eighty-nine people signed up for the drive and 73 pints of blood were collected on Wednesday, (July 19), including five pints from people donating for the first time. These results were the best ever for the fire department, which has been sponsoring community blood drives since December 1986.

The summer season always is a tough time for our local blood supply, so we're really glad this drive went so well and we thank everyone from the community who turned out to help us save lives," said Mark Mundt, a firefighter who served as chairperson and chief organizer for the July 19 drive.
 Mundt didn't have to go far to recruit some of the help the fire department needed for the drive: his wife Theresa pitched in by baking cookies for after-donation snacks. Volunteers from RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) also helped greet and serve donors at the drive.
 The July 19 drive won't

be the fire department's last, by any means.

"Currently we're sponsoring four blood drives a year with the next one scheduled for Dec. 13 this year," Mundt says. "Our fire chief Frank Martin is a strong supporter of our drives. It's a source of pride for the department that we've been able to keep this particular tradition going strong, and it's also great to know this community pulls

together the way they do to support our drives."

Mundt points out that when transfused as components, each pint of blood collected at the fire department drive can help three to four people.

"This has been the most challenging summer Grand Valley Blood Program has ever had and July has been the hardest month to keep the blood supply up," says Blood

Program recruiter Sandi McDowell. "We always appreciate the Lowell Fire Department's efforts but this particular drive came at such a crucial time that we're even more thrilled at how successful it was."

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TOWN TALK

Family Fare announced that beginning Aug. 13 it will open on Sunday. What was your reaction to that?



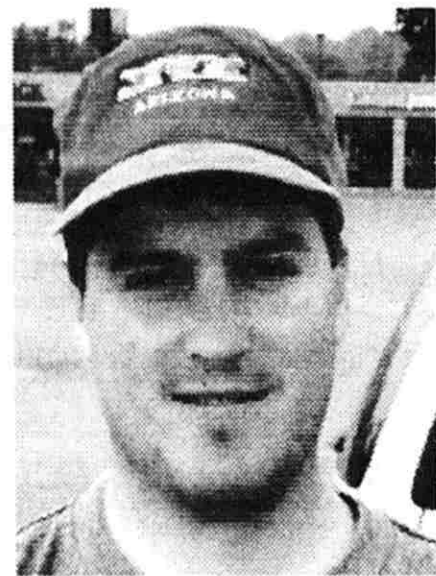
Jennifer Lyons
It's good for me. The closest other stores are in Ionia or on Knapp Street. Family Fare is a lot closer and I'll shop on Sunday.



Pete Chittenden
Great! With a busy schedule, Sunday is a good day to pick up groceries.



Elsie Lasausky
I think it's about time it opened on Sunday. Many people work six days a week.



Brock Hursley
I understand why they did. It will be more convenient to have a grocery store open on Sunday. But I thought it was neat to still have an establishment that stuck to its values of closing on Sunday.



Lillian Geelhood
I don't mind. I probably won't do any shopping on Sunday.



Dave Barbrick
It's too bad. I think they felt as if they have to compete with Meijer. I wish they didn't have to open and would take Sunday off as a day of rest.



Olga Malers
It's very good. I won't have to run out of town to another store. I'll be able to get what I need right here.

Mary Zigmont
I wish they'd would have done it sooner. Many busy people can only shop on Sunday. I will definitely shop on Sunday.

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Family Fare, cont'd... From Page 1

stores began selling beer and wine. A little more than a month ago, the Spartan owned Family Fare stores began selling liquor. "Absolutely, we have to meet what the competition is doing," Spaulding said. Family Fare will be open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Sunday, remaining consistent with its Monday-Saturday store hours. Teitsma said the extra day will provide part-time employees with more hours if desired and new hires (both full- and part-time).

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Airman Chad A. Carlson, son of Pamela S. Carlson of Alto, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, home ported in Norfolk, VA. Carlson is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deploying aboard the ships of the USS George Washington Carrier Battle Group and USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group. The groups are comprised of 11 surface combatants, two submarines, nine aircraft squadrons and one

Marine Expeditionary Unit. During the deployment, Carlson's ship will defend U.S. policy and support international interests in the Middle East and Europe. Prior to deploying, the groups participated in a 17-day Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise. This exercise was designed to prepare naval forces for contingencies they may encounter during the deployment. Sailors from Carlson's ship trained in amphibious, undersea and surface warfare operations, and maritime interception. Carriers like USS George Washington are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available. He joined the Navy in October 1999.

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MINI KICKERS - BOYS & GIRLS AGES 3-5 & KINDERGARTNERS

MINI KICKERS (3-5 year olds)
These instructional programs are held at Creekside Park and teach the fundamentals of the game and begin building teamwork skills.
Program runs Mid-September thru October

Mini Kickers #1 (ages 3 & 4): Saturday • 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. (Instructional) Sept. 9 - Oct. 14
Mini Kickers #2 (ages 4 & 5): Saturday • 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Instructional with games) Sept. 9 - Oct. 14
Mini Kickers #3 (ages 4 & 5): Mondays • 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. (Instructional with games) Sept. 11 - Oct. 16
YMCA Members: \$25 • Non-Members: \$37 • Registration Deadline: September 6

KINDERGARTEN (League Play)
Held at Creekside Park.
We'll play a total of 6, Saturday games beginning September 9. Practice begins in late August.
Coaches will notify players of dates and times of first practice.
YMCA Members: \$26 • Non-Members: \$40 • Registration Deadline: August 14

YOUTH SOCCER - BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 1-8

Games will be played at Creekside Park, Lowell Township Park or other area YMCAs and schools.

LIMITED SPACE! REGISTER NOW!
Deadline Monday, Aug. 14. After August 14, Add \$5 For Late Fee.

1st and 2nd GRADE (League Play)
3rd and 4th GRADE (League Play)
5th and 6th GRADE (League Play)
7th and 8th GRADE BOYS (League Play)
7th and 8th GRADE GIRLS (League Play)

Practices start after the Coaches Meeting on Tuesday, August 22. 7th and 8th grade league will be co-ed if not enough players sign up for separate teams. Coaches will notify players of dates and times of first practice. Games will start on Saturday, Sept. 9 and end Oct. 21 for grades 1-6. Each team will meet twice a week - once for practice and once for a game. Games for 1st-6th grades will all be played on Saturdays, except for make-ups. 7th-8th graders play on week nights and Saturdays. NOTE: We WILL have away games!

1st - 6th grade fees - YMCA Members: \$29 • Non-Members: \$43 • Registration Deadline: August 14
7th - 8th grade fees - YMCA Members: \$36 • Non-Members: \$49 • Registration Deadline: August 14

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO REGISTER...
1. IN PERSON: Stop in the Lowell YMCA Office 323 West Main Street, 49331
2. BY MAIL: to the above address.
3. BY PHONE: 897-8445 with VISA, Mastercard, American Express or Discover

Financial assistance is available for those in need. Deadline for assistance is August 3.

COACHES, we need you! YMCA Youth Sports depend on volunteer coaches. Please check the box on the registration form or call the Lowell YMCA to volunteer.
Coaches Meeting: Tuesday, August 22: Grades K-2, 6:00 p.m. & Grades 3-6, 7:00 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary School, YMCA Child Care Room
* No refunds or credits will be issued after teams are assembled without medical confirmation.

2000 Registration Form Return form to: Lowell YMCA, 323 West Main, Lowell, MI 49331 One child per form. Fee must accompany the form.

PROGRAM: Mini-Kickers #1 Mini-Kickers #2 Mini-Kickers #3 Kindergartner 1st-2nd 3rd-4th 5th-6th Boys 7th-8th Girls 7th-8th

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ Birthdate _____ Sex _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ YMCA Member? Yes No

T-shirt Size 6-8 10-12 14-16 AS AM AL AXL Seasons Played _____ School _____

I hereby certify that the above child is in normal health and capable of participating safely in this program. I also understand and agree that the Lowell YMCA may use my child's name or pictures of him/her participating in this program without compensation or liability to me or my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

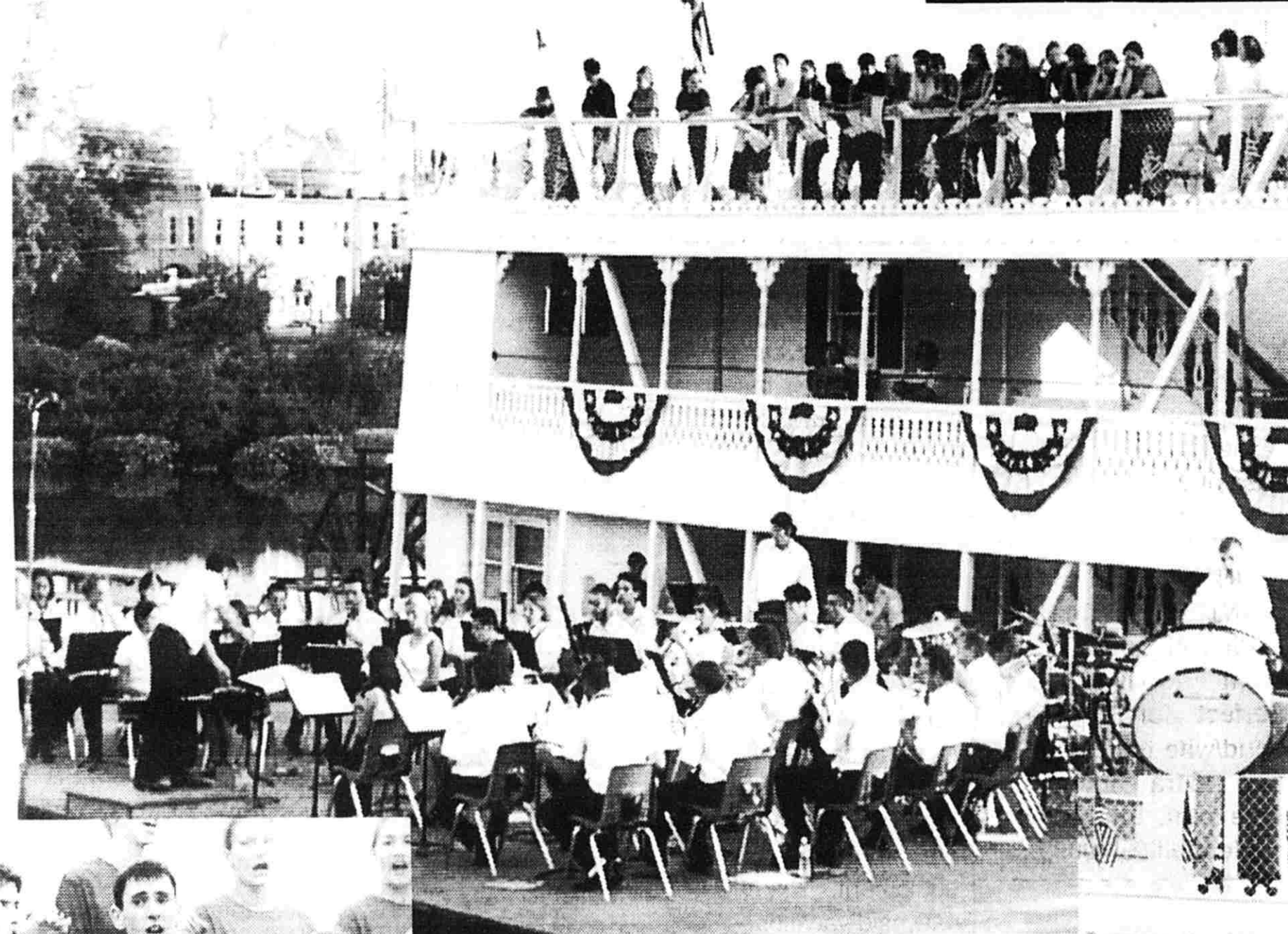
I would like to volunteer as: Coach Assistant Coach Other Coaches Preferred Practice Night _____

Amt. Paid _____ Receipt # _____

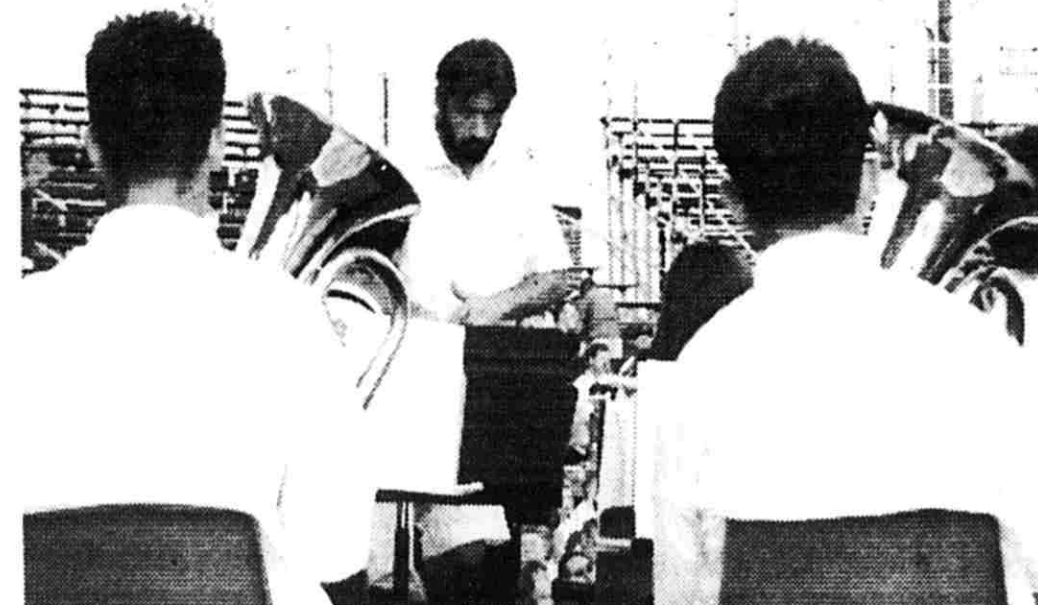
MC/Visa/AMX/Discover# _____ Exp. Date _____ Name (as it appears on the card) _____



Ecole Nationale de Musique strikes a chord in Lowell



The French band and choir is one of 12 European musical groups to visit Michigan this year. Nearly 1,000 talented young American and European musicians participated in the 31st annual Blue Lake International Exchange Program. Members of the 82-piece band and youth choir (Ecole Nationale de Musique) performed Tuesday, July 25 at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater. The concert was sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council. Underwriting was provided by the Lowell Rotary Club, Lowell Area Schools Music Boosters and the Lowell Downtown Development.



Money doesn't grow on trees - but you could find some in your closets! Place Your Ad in The... Classifieds

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- FOR SALE
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HARDING ENTERPRISES - is currently looking for full time, hard working, motivated individuals for general labor positions. We also have (1) opening for someone with a CDL license. Dependability is a must, experience preferred but not required. Wages vary depending on experience. We offer excellent benefits including insurance, paid vacations and retirement funds. If interested, please contact us for an application or send resume to: **HARDING ENTERPRISES**, 617 West Main St., Lowell, MI 49331, (616) 897-6820 or FAX (616) 897-6886.

A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE WITH THE MARKET LEADER IN WEST MICHIGAN - Imagine yourself as a professional with a new career & total control over your annual income & your work schedule. Imagine being with the market leader in West Michigan. Imagine being selected to fill a full-time position with Greenridge Realty, Inc. in a positive, high energy environment! We are interviewing now & provide complete, top quality training from licensing through career development. Call for an interview today! Call Rick Seese at 974-4250.

NOW HIRING - All shifts. Rapidly expanding local food manufacturer accepting applications for packaging & warehouse 1st, 2nd & 3rd shift. Benefit packages currently include 401 (K) & health insurance. Send resume or apply at Litehouse, 1400 Foreman, Lowell, MI 49331. EOE.

FOR SALE - 1985 blk. Pontiac Fiero GT, new clutch & wheels, runs excellent; deer damage, \$800 obo. Call 897-0242.

14 FT. FISHING BOAT - w/15 hp motor, trailer & seats. \$1,250. Call 868-0243.

'95 GRAND AM GT - Red, loaded, very clean, 103,000 miles. Call 616-447-1701.

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT IN IONIA - new kitchen & bathroom, \$400/month + deposit. No pets. 616-642-0274.

SUMMER SPECIAL - first 2 weeks FREE at Center Court Apts. Leasing 1 & 2 bedroom unfurnished apartments. Price includes heat, hot water, carport, decorator blinds, newer appliances & many fine services. Small pet & short-term lease possible. Call 897-0099 day or night.

CHILD CARE & PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS - for 3-6 year-olds at Big Steps Little Feet Christian Child Care in Ada. 682-8300.

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

NOW HIRING - responsible dependable people with good attendance history. Fully paid vacation, fully paid medical insurance and incentive plan after meeting set requirements. Apply in person, 8 am to 3 pm., Saranac Brand Foods, 60 South Bridge Street, Saranac.

MAINTENANCE MAN WANTED - for a Lowell 40-unit apartment complex. Perfect for a husband/wife team seeking extra income. Free rent, utilities & cable. Call 897-0099.

HELP WANTED - Excavation Operator. Position requires experience w/sewer & water line replacement. Must be able to operate different types of equipment. Excellent pay, paid vacation, paid holidays & 401K. Please call 897-6017.

FOR SALE - Lazy Boy sleeper sofa; Lazy Boy 2 lift chairs. Excellent condition. 897-5994.

WANTED - Used tenor saxophone in excellent condition. Call 897-9856.

TOWING - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas. Flat bed & wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 897-9040.

HELP WANTED - Sewer & drain technician for established, local service company. Experience required. Excellent pay, paid vacation, paid holidays & 401K. Please call 897-6017.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS - Needs a part-time center assistant, 8:30-12:30. This job is through AARP Foundation Senior Employment Program. If interested call 942-1181 or stop in & see Sue Simmonds at the Lowell Senior Neighbors site at 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

HELP WANTED - \$1500 Fall Bonus. Due to a large increase in business, local company must expand operations and fill 13 full-time permanent positions to start at \$540 a week. Since there are several positions to fill, company will train the inexperienced. Job descriptions, hours, pay scales, profit-sharing, benefits, etc. will be discussed at a one-on-one interview. No 3rd shift. For appt. call 616-243-9132.

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

CRAFTERS WANTED - There are still a few openings in our October 14th show at Cherry Creek Elementary. For info call Janine at 897-0835.

BACKHOE/TRENCHING - 7 in. & 18 in. buckets, affordable. No job too small. Call 616-822-8647.

NEED ADDITIONAL INCOME? - www.homebusiness.to/agape.

CHILD CARE/NANNY - We are looking for a responsible, caring, non-smoking individual to come into our Lowell home beginning Aug. 28 & care for our children ages 5,3 & newborn. Hours range from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. M-F but may vary. Responsibilities include preparing breakfast & lunch, light cleaning, playing & reading, arts & crafts, daily outside play & taking our 5-year-old to & from the bus. You must have your own transportation to & from our home. Please send resume with experience & references to 2345 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331. No phone calls will be accepted.

BLACK BEAR HUNTS - in Ontario, Sept 10-30. www.bigbrooktrout.com or call 868-0042

COCKER SPANIEL - to good home. Updated on all shots, neutered, doesn't bark, nice family dog. Call 897-1760.

QUALITY COLLISION REPAIRS - Let Bob's Body Shop repair your vehicle to factory specifications, using their new electronic measuring machine along with expert paint matching. Rental cars available while yours is being fixed. Call 897-9040 for details.

IN LOVING MEMORY of Bernice Jean Fetterhoff who left us July 30, 1999

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS MAIL COURIER POSITION AVAILABLE - Part-time, approximately two hours day (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.). This position requires delivering mail & packages within the school district & involves heavy lifting. Send application to: Lowell Area Schools, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

HOME BASED BUSINESS - 10-15 hrs. per week, around your schedule. \$500-\$7,000 PT/FT. Full training provided. www.keypeople.cjb.net. 752-8346.

LOWELL/ADA - Newer home and 3-9 acre building sites for sale by owner. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 3 year old home on 3 acres in private neighborhood. Over 2,700 square feet of living space. Year-round sunroom. Finished basement, \$239,000. Call Greg at 897-0488.

HILL'S FAMILY SHOE STORE - 8-10 a.m., Mon thru Sat/appt. 897-0290/897-8134.

BLUEBERRIES U-PICK - Sandy Bottom Berries. Lincoln Lake N. to M57, W. to Heintzelman, N 1/2 mile to Sandy Bottom, W. to farm. Mon.-Sat. 9-7; Sun. 12-4, 225-9376.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come with me." With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. And though we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us. He only takes the best. Greatly missed & loved. Your family

Our Deadline is Mon. at 5 p.m. for Wed. paper

LOWELL'S 3RD ANNUAL

STREET MARKET DAYS

GARAGE SALES

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 4 & 5
10 AM TO 6 PM**

FOOD BOOTHS

- ◆ Knights of Columbus
- ◆ Walking Tacos
- ◆ Pizza

SIDEWALK SALES

DUNK TANK ON THE RIVERWALK

12 NOON TO 2 PM & 3 PM TO 5 PM

To Include: 3 balls for \$1.00

FRIDAY

- ◆ Chuck Myers 1 to 2 pm
- ◆ Dale Triplett 3 to 4 pm
- ◆ Jim Valentine 4 to 5 pm

SATURDAY

- ◆ Dave Pasquale 12 to 1 pm

CRAFTERS

SIDEWALK HAIR CUTS

BARGAINS

Some of the Participating Merchants To Look Forward To...

- ◆ Lowell Beer Store
- ◆ Rich's Service Co.
- ◆ Springrove Variety
- ◆ Shore Bird Gallery
- ◆ Old Kent Bank
- ◆ Dream Pieces
- ◆ Cousin's Hallmark
- ◆ Ionia County National Bank
- ◆ Rare Finds
- ◆ S.O.S. Hair Salon
- ◆ Flat River Bait Shop
- ◆ Ruperts Drop
- ◆ Modern Photographics
- ◆ Independent Bank
- ◆ Lowell Bed & Linen
- ◆ Hahn Hardware
- ◆ Huntington Bank
- ◆ Turn West
- ◆ Touch of Country Book About
- ◆ Rookies
- ◆ Flat River Antique Mall
- ◆ Sandy's Shear Delight

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