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Outage cuts power and income of many east side merchants

••• Approximately 34 businesses had their electricity shut off for nearly three hours while a house was moved from Avery Street to Marble Road.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

How much of an expense should local businesses have to endure so a house can be moved?

Planning commissioner Trudy Cahoon thought \$3,000 was a little steep.

Cahoon, owner of Keiser's Kitchen, said the electricity to her family-style restaurant was shut off at 9:15 Tuesday (June 19) morning and was not turned back on until 12:45 p.m.

"We can bite it being without electricity for 30 minutes, but three-and-a-half hours," Cahoon explained. "This is the third or fourth time we've been closed for someone else. I'm not sure how you do it, but I think there needs to be some sort of compensation."

Lowell Light & Power general manager, Tom Richards, in a letter to the merchants affected by the power outage, wrote that reliability is one of the company's primary goals and responsibilities. "Last Tuesday morning, we fell short of that goal. Lowell Light & Power apologizes for the hardship that this interruption may have caused. LL&P will revise its requirements and procedures for requests that involve moving houses or equipment."

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said the state issues the permit that allows an allotted period of time for the house to be on a state road (M-21). Lowell gives permission for a house to be moved down city streets.

Cahoon pointed out that a salon customer had her hair fried because electric was cutoff while her hair was going through a heat color process.

"L.A. Trim had to cancel pre-arranged appointments and Gary's Country Meats lost a half day of business," Cahoon explained.

Most of the Lowell businesses including City Hall were not told power was going to be shut off until 10-15 minutes before it occurred.

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Chamber requests to put chicks up along Main Street

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

These ducks certainly don't dirty up the sidewalk, however, they are causing a stir with the city council.

Liz Baker, director of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, again approached the council Monday night about placing three-foot ducks along Main Street as part of a promotional/ fundraising campaign for the Riverwalk Fest which takes place on the Saturday before Labor Day, this year being Sept.

Four weeks ago, Baker asked if the ducks could be temporarily placed on the downtown area's lampposts. Her request received a cool reception, with the council suggesting the trees.

After discussing with several people, including a botanist from the Frederik Meijer Gardens, about hanging the ducks on

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Evergreen Missionary Church pastor, Rev. Glenn Marks gives Bible School students a ride in the covered wagon.

Vacation Bible School children grow in fellowship and understanding of Bible's teachings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

There was gayety and energy in the young voices who shared in song at the weeklong Evergreen Missionary Church Vacation Bible School.

The singing celebrated the fellowship, and their learning and understanding of the Bible's teachings.

"The Bible School focuses on teaching the Bible and helping the children grow in the Lord," said Evergreen Missionary Church pastor. Glenn Marks.

There were 35 children who joined in the annual week-long event. "The chil-

dren enjoy the singing, crafts, the simulated one-room schoolhouse and the play (Son Creek Junction) which is performed for the parents on Sunday evening," Marks

This year there was added reason for celebration. It is the church's 20th anniversary. With the celebration, it will open up a new sanctuary and recreation/fellowship facility in the fall.

"The church we're in right now was built in one day through an old-fashioned building bee," Marks explained. "The new 300-seat multipurpose ministry center will take longer than that.

We've made progress over the last 20 years."

The summer vacation Bible school is a five-day

event, running daily from 9 a.m. until noon. The Bible school is taught by Marks and roughly 20 volunteer parents.

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OBITUARIES

Michael (Elizabeth) Lambert PULLEN - Mrs. Iva I. Pullen. and Betsy (Jon) Gundry; five aged 89, passed away June great-grandchildren; sister 20, 2001 at Oxford Manor. Viola Blasen of Grand Rap-She was preceded in death by ids; sister-in-law Trudy her husband Russell Leland Turnquist also of Grand Rap-Pullen. Surviving are her ids; one niece and several three daughters Barbara nephews. Iva was a lifetime (James) Lambert of North member of Trinity Lutheran Carolina, Marilyn (Robert) Church and was active in Masten of Arcadia, and Sumany family and church acsan Pullen Kamel of Grand tivities. Memorial services Rapids; three grandchildren were held Saturday at Trinity Thomas (Alane) Lambert, Lutheran Church with Pastor

Paul Krupinski officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Iva's memory may be made to one's favorite charity. ROLLINS - B. Irene Rollins, Lowell. The family will meet

aged 70, of Dayton, Ohio, passed away April 10, 2001. She was preceded in death by son Clark on April 7, 2001. She is survived by husband Roger of 52 years; daughter Julie (David) Orenstein and grandson Philip; daughter-inlaw Cindy, all of Dayton; sister Darlene (Jack) Burnett of Walker, Mich. Cremation has taken place. A service in

Thanksgiving for the lives of Irene and Clark was celebrated in Dayton. Interment for both Irene and Clark's cremains will take place on Saturday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery in relatives and friends at this

WOODMAN - Mary J Woodman, aged 91, of Spring Hill, Florida, formerly of Lowell, passed away June 19. 2001. Graveside services were held Monday at Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN:

Any qualified resident of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, who is not already registered to vote may register to vote in a special election to be held on the 7th day of August, 2001, in the Township.

The last day to register for the August 7, 2001 special election will be:

Monday, July 9, 2001

The special Township ballot proposals to be considered at said election are as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 1 .2818 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES RESTORATION OF PAST HEADLEE REDUCTIONS

Shall the Township of Grattan property tax rate limitation be increased, and shall said increase be levied on taxable property in the Township. in the amount of .2818 mill (\$.2818 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, for the years 2001-2004, both inclusive?

This proposal is for new millage levy, the purpose of which is to offset decreases in the Township's allocated millage levy as a result of the Headlee Amendment. Property tax revenues generated by this millage levy will be used for general Township operations so that Township residents may continue to receive the benefits of Township government. It is estimated that a levy of .2818 mill would provide revenue of \$27,989 in the first calendar year. Revenues from the millage would be distributed to the Township of Grattan.

PROPOSAL NO. 2 0.85 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shall the Township of Grattan property tax rate limitation be increased, and shall said increase be levied on taxable property in the Township, in the amount of .85 mill (\$.85 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, for the years 2001-2004, both inclusive?

This proposal is for new millage levy, the purpose of which is solely to provide community services in the Township such as cemetery maintenance, public street improvements, and enforcement and legal defense of the Township Zoning Ordinance. It is estimated that a levy of .85 mill would provide revenue of \$84,425 in the first calendar year. Revenues from the millage would be distributed to the Township of Grattan.

In addition to the regular hours of the Township office, the Township clerk will be at the Township Hall, located at 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2001, to take registrations.

This Notice is given by authority of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

> Lana F. Green, Township Clerk Township of Grattan

Seventh annual Covered Bridge Tour, July 8

Fallasburg Historical Society will once again host the Covered Bridge Bike Tour on Sunday, July 8. This annual event helps raise money to maintain and restore the historic village of Fallasburg that is on the National Historic Register.

Kerry Schubach, of the Fallasburg Historical Society, indicates the tour this year will have 12, 28, 50, and 100 mile routes and a complete meal for all who register. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Fallasburg Schoolhouse. The tour boasts wonderful homemade cookies at the rest stops and some of the most scenic routes in Michigan.

For more information contact Schubach at 897-7161 or CBBT01@aol.com. Website information is available at Fallasburg.org.

Local NARFE member attends state convention

attended the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) state convention from June 7-9 in Romulus. They and other delegates heard from a number of speakers, including Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congressman John Convers.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees supports those who now and in the past have served

Charles and Dee Doyle the nation through their federal employment. NARFE is the only association dedicated to protecting the earned retirement benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors. NARFE is committed to securing the future that

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Doyle has served as president of the Grand Rapids Chapter and also a vice president of the State Federation. He is presently serving as state federation public relations

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I Chronicles 4:9.10. Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez saying, "I gave birth to him in pain. Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his

Tucked away in the midst of the tombstones of perhaps one of the oldest obituaries in the world is a very brief snip pet of a man named Jabez. Two verses in the entirety of the Bible are given to this man named Jabez - a name that was given to him because he brought pain to his mother. How would you like to be named because you reminded your mother of pain? If you take a casual glance through the first nine chapters of l Chronicles, you'll stumble over names that you have never heard, let alone be able to pronounce. Then all of a yond us, that failure is guarsudden you come to the ninth verse of the fourth chapter. and God lingers over one

man for two verses. Why? It is significant that Jabez is remembered not for the armies he led into battle, or for some great architectural masterpiece that he erected.

Of all the people listed in the first nine chapters of First Chronicles, he alone is remembered for a prayer he prayed. There are four things for which he prayed:

1. "Oh, that you would bless me..." Jabez simply sought God's blessing on his life. He was not worried about being selfish, rather he wanted God's best in his life and he believed that God wanted to give it to him. There is nothing wrong with praying for God to bless you, if it is for the purpose of being a bless-

2. "... And enlarge my territory!" Another way of putting that: "Make significant the ministry and effectiveness of my life, my home, my church!" That is not spiritual pride — that is ambition in the Lord that ought to stir every one of us, in order for Jesus to be glorified through

3. "Let your hand be with me..." I believe God wants you and me to attempt something so monumental, so beanteed unless God steps in.

4. "...And keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain..." I like the way the NKJV puts it: "Keep me from evil that I may not cause pain." Bruce Wilkinson in his little book on Jabez makes this statement: "Blessedness

is the greatest of perils because it tends to dull our keen sense of dependence upon God and make us prone to presumption." The more God blesses you, the more that God begins to enlarge the borders of your life and ministry the more we need to pray this final plea of Jabez, "God, keep me from harm or evil."

Note what the final statement that is made, "And God granted his request!" That's the best part, God granted him what he requested. That's what distinguished Jabez from all the others - He dared to pray a big prayer - and God answered.

What are you asking of God? Are you afraid of asking? Have you asked too small? Jabez stands out because he asked big things! What happened to the hundreds of others that are named there alongside Jabez? You never hear from them again. God honors those who ask! Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it shall be given to you..." James 4:2 declares, "You don't have because you don't

The logical conclusion that we can draw from this is the only thing that limits God's blessings in our life is that we don't ask Him.





Coviak/ **Alderink**

Jennifer Alderink (Madan) and Thomas Coviak were united in marriage on January 13, 2001 at Lowell Wesleyan Church.

Maid of honor was Amy Pearson. Bridesmaid was Wendy Alderink and flower girl was Jenna Kropf.

The best man was Dan Coviak with groomsman James Coviak. Usher was Toby Alderink and ringbearer was Anthony Alderink.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Cathy and Jim Slagenwhite.

The couple lives in Low-



Tart/ Madison

The Lowell Showboat was the site of a wedding reception for Betsy Madison and Jason Tart. They exchanged vows at the Lowell First United Methodis Church with Rev. Gordie Barry officiating on June 9.

The couple will reside in Caledonia.

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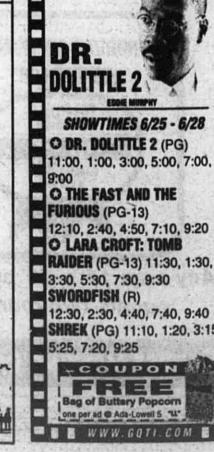
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Viewpoint...



In previous columns I have alluded to the fact my daughter and her family are moving to China. Her husband's job is taking them to Shanghai for two to three years. The overseas posting is a wonderful opportunity for them and I have outwardly kept a positive attitude about the move. Of course, my superficial attitude is only a form of denial. I'm gonna miss my grandkids! To heck with my daughter and son-in-law. In fact, I've formulated an option that the very best reason for having kids is, they will hopefully produce some grandkids.

My denial-clouded thinking is kinda like an alcoholic who thinks he's just a social drinker or a fat person that talks about big bones. I keep trying to convince myself two years isn't that long and Shanghai is just a plane ride away.

over 30 years ago when Uncle Sam sent me to Korea for a year. I was just across the Yellow Sea from Shanghai. I know how far away they are and I know how time works when you can't wait to see somebody. I'm already counting the days until my first visit. I'll let you know when I'm, "short."

I put them on a plane yesterday. My denial has already begun to wane and depression is kicking in. There ought to be a law against moving somebody's grandkids halfway around the world. And I thought Arizona was a long way to go visit the war. His trip home took 28 days on a transport ship and

Of course, things have changed in 30 years. When I was in Korea I called home once. Soldiers could get on a waiting list to make a call through a radio operator who would tune in a



FISHING MEMORIES

Those of us who fish have lasting memories of angling experiences with friends and family as well as when we have been alone. The title of this column might lead one to believe this story will be about a nostalgic recollection of a fishing trip that left the angler with pleasant memories. Well, relax, that isn't it at all.

What we are talking about here has to do with facing up to some hard facts in order to catch more fish more often. Fishing memories, in this case, refers to the act of going back to the same place and fishing the same way one did when he or she caught fish the last time.

It's not a bad idea to check out the "regular" spots, because the fish could still be there and biting. The problem arises when dogged determination sets in and the angler spends all the time in the old location using the same methods. If nothing happens, it is assumed that they just aren't biting.

I am guilty as anyone of fishing memories. Being a creature of habit, I tend to follow routine patterns. I was, however, jarred out of my comfort zone on a trip this spring to

the Upper Peninsula to fish walleye. tered cold rain which was usually driven by high winds on the open water. The rain hit your face hard enough so that it sometimes felt more like hail. The extreme weather forced us to the skin. Swelling and pain are also usually present in to fish where it was possible to fish, which often wasn't where cellulitis. These symptoms can advance quickly in just a few we wanted to fish. For example, at times the wind and waves hours but more commonly it takes days for all the elements to made controlling the boat with the outboard or electric motor extremely difficult. We solved the problem by finding a location where the wind direction allowed us to drift (we used a drift sock for boat control) over structure that might hold fish. Also, the overcast sky and waves probably helped the midday walleye bite. The idea was to use the adverse weather conditions to our advantage.

On this trip, we continually adjusted our location and presentation to accommodate prevailing conditions. This plan forced us out of our usual routine and we caught fish in places we had never tried before.

Fishing other people's memories can also be a problem. One location on the bay had been very productive the week before. Every morning a cluster of boats would fruitlessly ply the same water and then eventually disperse as it became apparent that no one was catching fish.

One doesn't have to wait for extreme weather or other outside influences to be motivated to try something new. The concept of exploration and experimentation can work anytime, anywhere, and under any conditions. It's OK to have fishing problem is identified, because the tissue undergoes many memories, but don't let them inhibit your creativity.

volunteer HAM operator in the states. The stateside volunteer would then patch you through on a collect phone call to your family. The calls were limited to three minutes, you had to say "over" at the end of each sentence, and the connections were horrible. Old Alex Bell and his man Watson had a better hook-

My phone call succeeded only in alarming and confusing my parents who immediately thought something was wrong. The call was over before we cleared things up and I had to send them a letter to calm them down. They probably got it two

By contrast, my daughter and grandkids were on her cell phone to my wife in the Florida Keys as we were zipping along on our way to the airport yesterday. Angie's call-waiting feature beeped and it was her husband calling from Shanghai. Angie put my wife on hold and took the call. So, here we are. zooming along at 80 miles per hour with a crystal clear connection to the other side of the world and somebody else on hold 1,600 miles away. I still hate cell phones, but even I was

When the dust settles on this move, we're going to investigate our options using the internet. With web-cams and other goodies that are continually coming online, we'll at least have I know better. As they say, been there... done that. It was virtual grandkids through digital imagery. I won't be able to give Boog a "Dutch Rub" and Jim won't be able to pull my finger, but we'll make do.

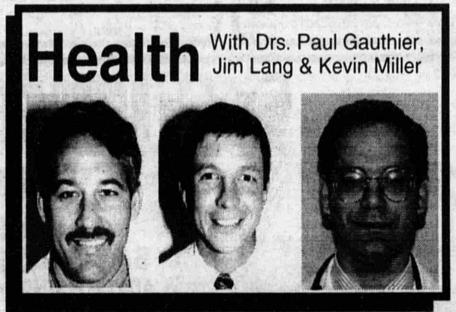
> When I went to Korea I traveled from Grand Rapids to Chicago to Seattle to Anchorage to Tokyo and finally to Seoul. With all that flying, various lay overs and ground transport on both ends, the trip took about two days and a quart of Old Crow (my flying whiskey at the time).

My father was a Marine in WWII and served in China after another several days by train from the west coast to Michigan.

My daughter and grandkids' flight was non-stop on a Boeing 747 from Detroit to Shanghai with a flying time of 14 hours. As far as I'm concerned, and I'm sure my dad would more than agree, 14 hours is almost "Beam me up, Scotty."

My wife is already working on passports, visas, shots and tickets for a trip to Shanghai in the fall. She's finding prices in the \$800.00 range, which seems quite reasonable considering the distance, not to mention the frequent flyer miles we'll rack up. It has been awhile since I spent that much time on an airplane, and since I don't drink any more, Old Crow isn't a sedative option. I may be singing a different tune after I've made the trip.

So, here I go again. I'm putting a positive spin on this move with plans for good communications and visits as often as possible. It's all denial. There's no getting around the fact my grandkids are now ten or twelve thousand miles away and that's just plain depressing.



CELLULITIS

Cellulitis is a term, which refers to infection involving the soft tissues of the body. There are many causes for cellulitis The weather was nasty. For ten days in a row we encoun-ranging from an infected mosquito bite to trauma to immunocompromised states such as diabetes. Whatever the cause, this condition is characterized by a reddened warm feel manifest themselves. The redness begins, and over time, this grows to include a larger and larger area, until the swelling and pain alert the person to the problem. These infections do not typically drain unless the swelling gets bad enough to break down the skin surface. The condition can also drain if ignored or left untreated long enough to allow the tissues to completely disintegrate, but this rarely happens in the face of intact pain

Treatment is directed in three areas. First is to control the infection with antibiotic therapy. Oral medication is most often used and can quickly stop the progression of the infection, eventually eliminating it. But in some situations the medication does not adequately saturate the involved tissue requiring intravenous antibiotics in the hospital

The second goal to treatment is to apply moist heat to the affected area while elevating the part to allow the swelling to subside. Lastly, medication is usually given for pain control, as this infection is painful until the swelling and advancing infection are stopped. Recovery takes several weeks after the changes and must heal from the deepest layers to the surface.



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 28, 1876 This issue is missing. We substitute June 28, 1871.

Shaw and Burdick are operating a nice new Omnibus here

The Western Med. Manufacturing Company is building toward a three-story brick building. The front will be white

The First Spiritual Society of Lowell will hold their regular quarterly meeting at Union Hall Saturday and Sunday

The Phrenological Journal has a good variety of articles this month, including "Is Medicine a Science?" and "The Last of the Tasmanians, Illustrated." Only \$3 a year.

Crops are doing very well with the recent rains, and Lowell escaped the hail which fell west of here, especially at Grand Haven.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 27, 1901

The oil company that made surface explorations here last summer is back, chasing down investors for sinking a test well The route for the proposed electric railway from Ionia

through Lowell is inspected by the developer and the Michigan rust man who manages the Lowell Water & Light Co. A five-barrel cement watering tank has been placed on the

other side of the road diagonally from the Hotel Brace. replacing the old wooden one.

Picnics, band music, an oration and two balloon ascensions are on the Fourth of July program plans for Island Park A severe hailstorm last Monday destroyed crops in Ada

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 24, 1926

A Dodge coupe goes off the edge of Riverside Drive. performs a somersault and a roll, takes out a fence and tree in the 72-foot plunge, and lands upright with minor damage to passengers and repairable damage to car.

Articles are coming every week about the Lowell reunion for August 1-3. The very popular former Methodist pastor. Russell Bready will be here. Letters from former residents planning to visit are published.

The annual notice to all landowners to kill all noxious weeds on their land and roadsides by July 1 is published. A \$10

fine plus paying for weed removal is the penalty. The Grange Theatre in Alto will have a racing movie

Saturday, plus short and serial. Mrs. Jay Ellis of Lowell is the lucky winner of a superpower six tube radio set.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 28, 1951

From now on, yellow curbs mean No Parking. The top 15 Future Farmers of America took the annual trip to the Upper Peninsula last week, enjoying Tahquamenon Falls and the state agricultural experiment station.

The annual Lake Odessa Fair will hold forth on July 3 and 4 Other comments on next week's July 4 include cautions about traffic (66 deaths last year in Michigan) and a suggestion that this be a national religious observance, celebrating "One nation under God."

The Robert E. Lee has made 64 voyages down the Flat River in the past 19 years without an accident. It is in drydock being prepared for this year's trips.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 24, 1976

Mitch McNeal, Jim Doyle and Jim Pfaller are the first Lowell high school students to win statewide positions in the American Legion-sponsored Wolverine Boys State on the MSU campus

The swimming pool is very popular in this hot dry summer.

The Alto Library has its second display of Old Alto in the

The fountains have been set up for the season in the parks. The city hopes they won't be vandalized this year.

it must be summer: Buckie's Showboat Whistle Toots column makes its appearance.

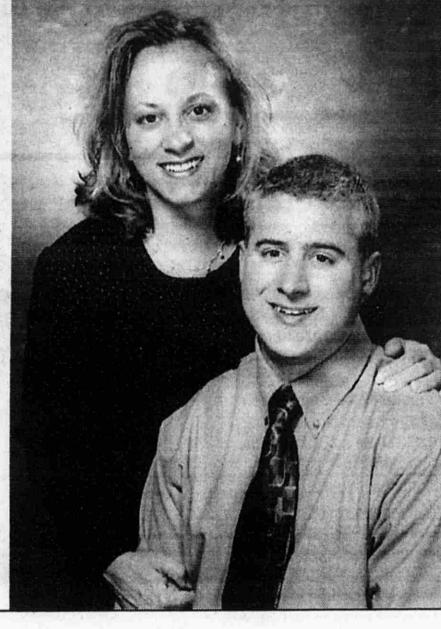
Osika/ Snyder

Richard and Mary Osika of Colorado Springs, CO announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Marian Denyse Osika to Garth Allen Snyder.

The future groom is the son of Garth and Peggy Snyder of Ada.

The bride-to-be is employed by Celestica Corp. The groom-to-be is employed by IBM Corp.

A July wedding is planned in Rochester, Minn., where the couple resides.



COLLEGE NEWS

Art Institute of Chicago with

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on May 19, 2001 at the Chi-

design artist in Chicago.

ognition, students must earn

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Dara Anchors and Samantha Jean Ripley have achieved recognition as members of the dean's list for the 2001 winter semester at Grand Rapids Community ell. College.

To attain academic excellence, a student must have earned a place among the top 10 percent of approximately 13,000 students enrolled at the college. Anchors is the daughter

of Dennis and Deb Anchors of Lowell. Jeffery and Julie Rickert of Ripley is the daughter of Robert and Michelle Ripley

Nicholas J. Staal graduated from The School of the

of Lowell.

Jeffrey S. Nethercot of Lowell has been named to the president's list for spring term at Northwood University.

Nethercot is the son of cago Theater. He is the son of Sharon Nethercot of Lowell.

Ken and Janice Staal of Low-To achieve president's list recognition, students must Staal is employed at R. earn a 3.85 grade point on a Shanks Design as a graphic 4.0 scale.

Nick W. Bergy, of Alto, Andrea N. Rickert of has been named to the dean's Lowell has been named to list for the May 2001 session the dean's list for spring term for the College of Technoloat Northwood University in gies at the University of Northwestern Ohio, located She is the daughter of in Lima.

Bergy, a full-time student. received a grade point aver-To achieve dean's list recage of 3.5 or better.

a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

Jason Conant and Beats Settin' Home - extraordinary folk music that "beats settin' home!" will be on the Riverwalk this Thursday evening, June 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Come on down and enjoy an evening of music at this free concert.

LPD LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to enjoy the summer weather, meet people and help keep your community safe? Lowell Police Dept.'s Retired and Senior Volunteer Patrol is looking for volunteers for crime prevention, home security checks, special events, neighborhood watch, and friendly visiting. Training and uniforms are provided. Contact Debi Hinton, director of Volunteers, at the Lowell Police Department, 897-7123.

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Visit June 30 between 9 and 11:30 p.m. if the sky is clear. Adults \$2; children to 18, \$1. Call Starwatch at 897-7065 for additional information.

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COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR

The Fallasburg Historical Society will host the 7th annual Covered Bridge bike tour on Sunday, July 8. Registrations begin at 7:30 a.m. at the historic Fallasburg Schoolhouse for the 12-, 28-, 50-, and 100 mile routes. The event benefits the society and its efforts to restore the village of Fallasburg.

Stegehuis' work published in anthology

In front of the beautiful yacht harbor on Mackinac Island interior of the book, and Thomas Lynch of Petoskey wrote a on the lawn of the Island House Hotel, approximately 400 powerful foreword to introduce the authors' poems, short people gathered in June to honor and obtain autographs of the stories and essays. 50 new authors recently published in Voices of Michigan, An Anthology of Michigan Authors, volumn III. Among the many authors honored that day was Dave Stegehuis of Lowell whose writings appear in the anthology.

Volumn III of Voices was recently selected by Secretary of State Candice Miller, the chairwoman of this year's 2001 Michigan Literary Initiative and her committee, as one of 14 books representative of this year's theme, "Michigan Lead- Base, San Antonio, Texas. ing the Way."

The cover painting of volumn III was done by Mary training, the airman studied the Hramiec-Hoffman of Harbor Springs. Charlene Oestman of Air Force mission, organiza-Traverse City provided the pen and ink sketches used in the tion and customs, and received

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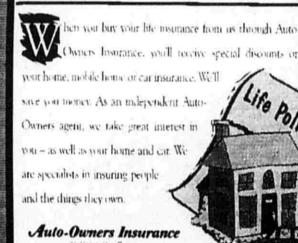
In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air

Hollinshead is the son of Rosemary Hollinshead of Alto and a 1999 graduate of Caledonia High School.

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Power Outage, cont'd... From Page 1

Lowell city clerk, Betty Morlock said she learned of it at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Planning commissioner John Vander Wilp questioned why power couldn't be shut off one block at a time instead of shutting down the whole east side.

Unforeseen complications arose after the move was underway, according to Lowell Light and Power operations

manager, Jeff Mullins. "Shortly before 9 a.m. we determined that there was not enough room under the primary lines to move the house safely. At that point the decision to deenergize the neighborhood circuit was made and electric service was interrupted. Our crew did its best to notify and coordinate with the customers who would be inconvenienced."

The electric outage affected 34 local businesses Mullins said the house was dangerously close to the high voltage primary lines. Phase to phase primary voltage poduces 4,160 volts. Phase to ground produces 2,400 volts.

The operations manager concluded by saving that this situation would not happen again.

Duck Request, cont'd... From Page 1

the trees. Baker said she learned this could hurt the trees. Another "no no" was to stick anything in the grates, because of the tree roots.

"I don't see any other way to keep them up securely without using the trees or the lights," Baker said.

The council suggested using the flag poles which already have a spot for placement. Baker said her only concern is that it not create a public safety issue; it would need to be checked out further with Lowell Police Chief, Jim Valentine.

Another issue about the flag poles is that the flags are usually put up for Labor Day, which means the ducks would have to be removed in time for that tradition. Baker explained her plan was to remove the ducks the Tuesday after Labor Day, Sept. 4, when the banners for the Riverwalk would also be

Mayor Mike Blough suggested the council approve a motion having Baker look into the flag poles and if that fails, giving the Chamber permission to put the ducks on the lampposts.

However, councilmember Jeanne Shores said she wasn't willing to go the route of the lampposts until she was certain all other options had been exhausted.

"I am just afraid we are going to receive a lot of feedback if you put them on the lampposts," Shores said.

What the Chamber is proposing is for three-foot ducks to be on the ground and secured to a pole. A person or organization could sponsor a duck for \$100 with the name of the group being placed on the duck. Baker said the Chamber's goal is to sell 100 ducks, placed throughout the city from the east end to shortfall kept us from a fourth All-State title this year. I am the west end . . . not just in the downtown area.

None of the councilmembers objected to the ducks or the publicly say, "Thank you, comrades." concept; however, the council has maintained a strict policy about anything hung on the historic lampposts located in the

downtown central business district. The only item which has been allowed on the poles is a small blue triangle to aid in marking the North Country Trail in the downtown area and it took the council about three weeks to agree to that, noted councilmember Don Green.

Green said if the council decided to go with the ducks on the lampposts, he would like it to be a one-year agreement on

Change of command at VFW

Jannes "John" VanderWilp will become the 32nd commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Flat River Post 8303 on July 1. Immediately following the installation of the new V.F.W. Michigan State Commander for 2001-2002, the official change of officers at the post level becomes effective and seven-term commander, Gordon Marshall then becomes a "past commander" of Post 8303.

During those seven years, Commander Marshall (the longest serving commander of Post 8303 to date) lists among the post's accomplishments, being declared an "All State Post" three years in a row. "I am very grateful to the members for all their support and work for the post and their support of me personally," said Marshall. "We are a small post, only 117 members, but we have stood right up there with posts of 1,000 plus members and have been recognized by three different state commanders as among the 'best of the best.' We even finished second place in points twice. Only a membership very proud to be from Post 8303 and from Lowell and want to

In addition to being a three- time All-State Commander,

placement. Baker was concerned about this because the cost of the ducks requires the Chamber to have the program for three years to make it beneficial. Blough said this move would not prevent the ducks from being placed in the city, but just allow the council to review where they are placed.

Baker said she would look into the flag poles first to see whether that would be a good option.

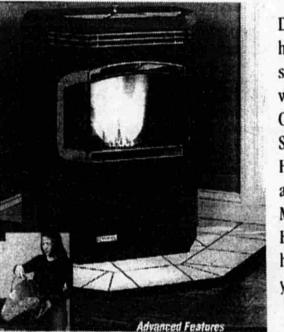


V.F.W. Post 8303 Commander Gordon Marshall, left turns over the gavel to Commander-elect John Vander Wilp.

Marshall has been personally recognized by two state commanders for his work in the V.F.W., and they have nominated him for the titles of National Deputy Chief of Staff (1999-2000) and National Aide-de-Camp (2000-2001)

Marshall concluded, "All those awards are wonderful and am grateful, but our attention is, as always, drawn to the future, and I am now going to be, 'just one of the troops' in Post

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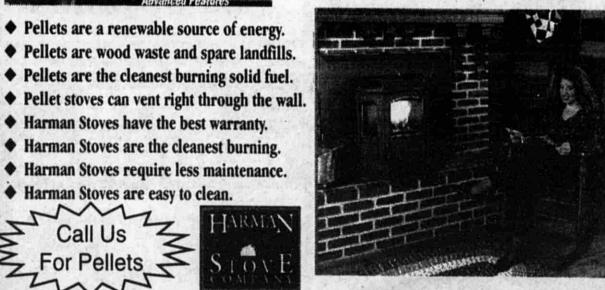
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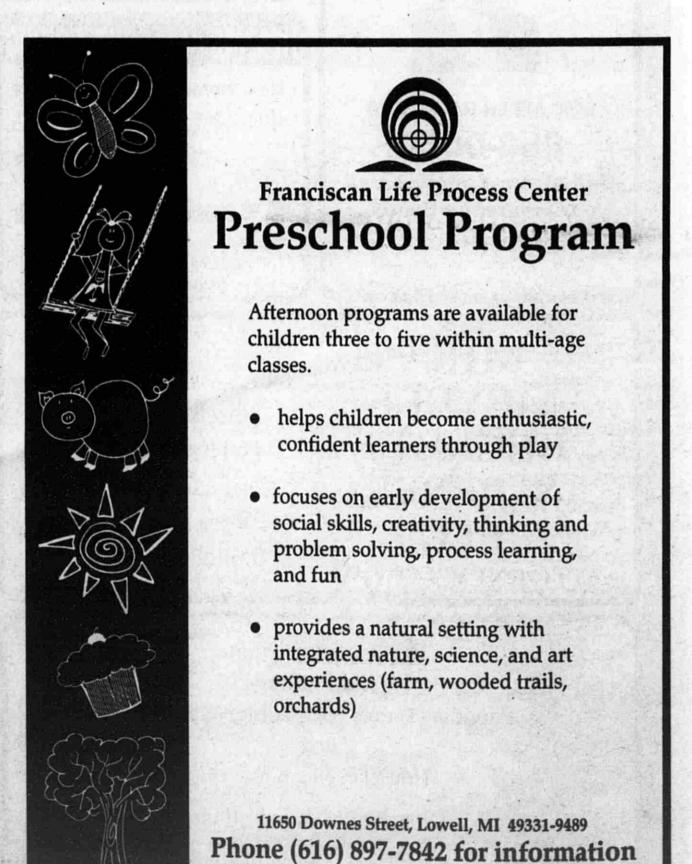


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Amendment to water agreement designed to clarify how rate is set

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

In an effort to make the water agreement between the city of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township a little clearer, the city approved a second amendment to the agreement.

The second amendment, which was to give approval contingent with Lowell Charter Township Board's consent, is designed to clarify the implementation of the rates set by the city, said city manager, David Pasquale. This new amendment does not change how the city calculates what it charges to the township, nor does it violate the original integrity of that methodology, Pasquale added.

city residents," Pasquale said at the June 18 city council meeting, adding that it provides that everyone is paying their fair share of the costs.

The city and Lowell Township signed an agreement in 1992 whereby the city would provide water to the township and its residents. A first amendment to the agreement was approved in 1997.

According to a letter from city attorney, Richard Wendt, the second amendment was the result of the township hiring a new engineering firm, Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc., which raised questions on the method of calculating water rates charged by the city to the township. After spending two years reviewing the process with the engineering firm, it was decided that a second amendment was needed to help clarify the process of determining the rates.

The amendment specifies the new rates will be effective January 1, rather than July 1 of each year, starting with 2001. Pasquale said the new rates for the township were calculated and the township started paying \$2.97 per thousand on Janu-"It does not subsidize either the township residents or the ary 1. New rates will be calculated and presented to the township by November 1.

The rest of the amendment describes how certain costs are to be treated as integrated and shared by all users, and how other costs are to be treated as non-integrated and only shared by either city users or township users. Such is the case with personnel costs. It was determined that 20 percent of person-

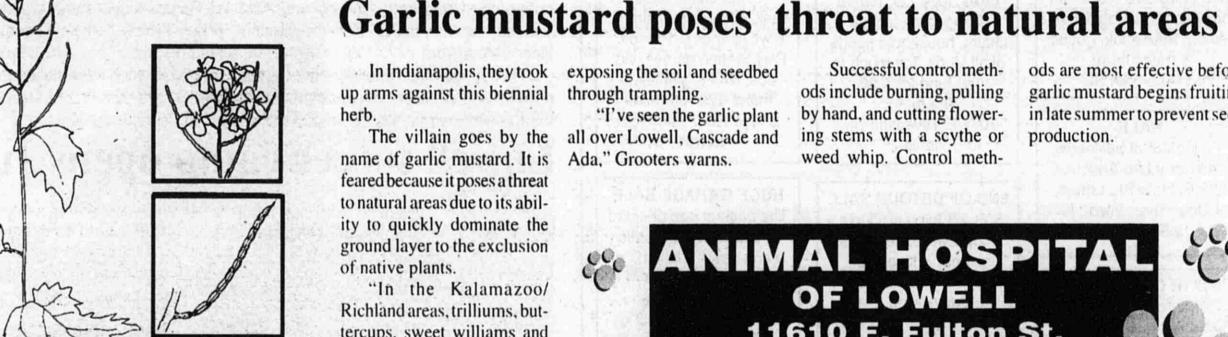
nel costs in the water distribution division of the water department would be treated as integrated system costs. shared by all users, and 80 percent be treated as nonntegrated system costs.

Pasquale requested the committee which looked at the new amendment consider every part and process in the plan and decide whether it would be integrated or non-integrated.

"We are hopeful that this second amendment brings to an end the differences the city and township have had related to this matter," said Wendt in his letter.

The council decided the amendment sounded fair to both sides and approved it unanimously at its June 18 meeting based on the fact that the township board also approve the

On Friday, Lowell Township supervisor, John Timpson said the township was waiting to see if the city approved the new amendment before discussing it. He said he plans to present it at the township's next meeting.



tercups, sweet williams and many other wild flowers are being crowded out and replaced by the garlic mustard plants," said Lowell's Bonnie Grooters. "They shade out tree seeds and morel mushroom spores, and are a serious threat to woodlands and wildlife."

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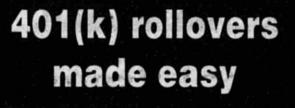
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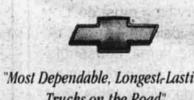
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ELECTRIC HEATERS Refrigerator, wood stoves, horse tack, outboard boat & trailer, bikes, toys, car, formal dining room table & chairs, household goods of all kinds. Too much to list. June 29 & 30,

9 a.m. - ? 1071 E. Riverside Dr.,

HUGE GARAGE SALE END OF DETOUR SALE The packrat has decided 50% off Avon products Tupperware, new sofa brand new - a little bit of sleeper & love seat, bikes, car seat, exersauc er, baby swing, Little Tikes, cradle, 2 cribs, 6 strollers, socks w/beads oak table, toaster oven. lots more. Tues. - Fri., TWO FAMILY GARAGE

GRATTAN BIG 3 FAMILY

June 26 - 29, 8 a.m. - ? S.

Jackson 1 block S. of

YARD SALE Items big and small, too numerous to mention. June 28 - 30, 8:30 - 5:30 pm. 5867 Lincoln Lake.

YARD SALE

June 29 - July 1, 9 a.m.

dark, 9639 W. Riverside

between Lowell &

west of McCords. Lots of kids clothing (size NB -4 T); women's dresses, suits, etc. size 2 -4; maternity, baby items household items.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

12520 Bailey Dr. June

28, 29 & 30, 9-2 p.m.

& clothes, etc.

SALE

Thurs., June 28, 8-6.

Remodeling, antiques &

baby, air conditioners,

Andersen window, misc.

doors & windows, tub, toi-

let & sink, carpet, wood

fireplace, bricks, trees u-

dig, tent, ping pong table,

settee, china, ladies

desk, silver items, lamps,

boys clothes 0-12 mos.

Play Station games, vid-

eos, N64 & games, &

more! 470 N. Whites

Bridge Rd. 7 min. from

Lowell.

to unpack. Antiques to

everything, too

numerous to mention

June 25, 26 & 27, 9-6

p.m. 660 Whites Bridge.

June 28, 29 & 30. 2479

Murray Lake Ave.

GARAGE SALE

June 28, 29 & 30, 9-5,

8927 66th St. Alto, just

Furniture, children's toys

YARD SALE Saranac. Clothes, toys 3 family. Household books, dishwasher, tread goods, furniture, dishes, mill, bike & some stuff etc. Fri. & Sat., June 29 & 30, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 760 Grindle.

S. SIDE OF MORRISON

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Hwy. to Clarksville, L. at

light to Elm Rd., L. onto

Brooks, Rt. on Ash Lane.

Fri. & Sat.,

June 29 & 30, 9-?

HUGE MOVING SALE

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

June 28 - 30, 9-5 p.m. Lots of nice clothes. household items, loveseat, bike, rototiller knick-knacks & more. 7900 McCords.

ONE DAY ONLY!! Huge Garage/Yard Sale. 9280 Wingeier Ave. SE, Alto. 765-3061.Fri., June 29. Children's clothing from size 3T to size 10 very clean, various furni ture, sofas, loveseats, numerous household items, including small appliances, 2 boat lifts, electric.

GARAGE SALE Collectibles, steins, Brever horses, clothing misc., etc. June 28 - 30 8 a.m. - ? 8685 Peddle Lake Rd.

AUCTION rn West Western Store 4150 32nd Ave. Hudsonville, MI, Thurs. July 12 at 6 p.m. Tack, store fixtures & shelving.

State rescinds mandate in response to funding issue

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

When Michigan legislators mandated that all school districts provide free summer school programs for third graders who need help in reading, the collective response from school districts was, "There they go again," . . . in reference to the ongoing court battle between the state and school districts over funding for mandated special education programs. "If it's mandated, the state

is supposed to fund it," said Lowell superintendent, Bert miliar cries, legislators re- Lowell Area Arts Council and

latter part of April. Having already communicated its intention to offer a third grade program for stu-

scinded the mandate in the

dents deficient in reading skills. Lowell School District decided to go ahead with plans to offer the free program

"LEAP into MEAP was put into place three years ago to accomplish what the state was going to try and mandate," said Marlene Heemstra, director of alternative education programs. "The difference was we were charging for a program which provided one teacher for every seven

Lowell's summer school program is reaching out to 182 students (elementary and high school). Through a col-Hearing these all too fa- laborative effort with the the Franciscan Life Process Center, the school district is able to provide more oppor- by the district. tunity for students.

High school summer

classes began June 13 and continue through July 26. The elementary classes started June 19 and run through July

Also, being offered through the summer school program is WOW (K-1), a reading/writing program for at-risk readers. It focuses on development of strategies to make meaning from print. The district provides

transportation to all class sites

It will cost the district \$40,000 to operate this year's summer school program Some of that cost is covered through a \$22,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt). A percentage of grant money is also used to help with tutoring done

Lowell soccer camp opens July 30

Soccer SPOT/Great Lakes Soccer Academy will offer a week long soccer day camp at the Lowell Township Park the week of July 30 - Aug. 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This soccer camp is open to any child 6 to 14 years old and is sponsored by Lowell YMCA The week of training and fun is run by coaches who teach soccer all year long. Soccer SPOT/ GLSA summer camps offer a complete soccer day camp experience for recreational, select and premier players.

For more information stop in the Kentwood Soccer Spot or call the Soccer Spot at (616) 464-1000. Further information can also be found at www.soccerspot.net.

Community fireworks, Friday, July 6

The Laurels of Kent and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will present the holiday fireworks display for the Lowell community

On the evening of July 6, a parade will start at the east end of town at RollAway Family Fun Center at 7 p.m. and proceed to the Kent County fairgrounds. Lowell's fire department will entertain patrons with water ball fights, and the Knights of

Columbus will sell snacks during the evening. The Saranac Area Community Music Makers will perform patriotic music, along with

Grasshoppah, a folk and bluegrass acoustical sound band. Patrons will also be able to hop a ride aboard the White Knight monster truck. Rides will

cost \$3 per person. The truck can haul up to 11 people at a time. Fireworks will be shot from Stoney Lakeside at dark.

The Chamber and Lowell Jaycees will sell glow necklaces. Funds from the sale will be used to help offset the expenses for the activities and to further the promotion of the newly formed Lowell Jaycees.



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Elzingas volunteer to teach Russian salon owners

Elzinga and Heidi Christine O'Connor (Heidi Christine Salon, Spa & Wellness Center, with two locations) recently spent three weeks in Khabarovsk, Russia, near the border of China almost to the Sea of Japan, teaching salon owners not only the latest

American haircutting skills but helping them implement business systems as well.

Patty Elzinga and Heidi Christine O'Connor taught a few nail repair tricks and other

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salon tips during their stay in Russia.

agency Winrock (funded by USAID) contacted The Salon Association (TSA) with the idea for the venture, TSA issued a call for volunteers, and Elzinga, a longtime TSA lifetime opportunity."

member and TSA ambassador, stepped forward. "When I saw the message from TSA, she explained, "my immediate reaction was, 'You've got to be kidding!' But after thought about it awhile and mentioned it to my family, I realized it was a once-in-a-

The pair boarded a plane for Russia in February and landed 25 hours later. When their host, Nina, owner of Nioka Salon in Khabarovsk, met them at their hotel, says Elzinga, "We laughed and hugged and I knew every-

thing would be fine.' The next day they got to work, with O'Connor teaching technical skills (such as razor cutting and hair color applications) and Elzinga teaching business systems (employee training, customer service, teamwork, direct mail, publicity and more)

cover how educated, stylish and hip they were," Elzinga says, "and thrilled with their eagerness to soak up all the information we had. Little by little, day by day, their excitement grew until it eventually just exploded. They demonstrated a joy for creativity and their craft, and they work very well together as a team. We were also pleased to discover that they use many highquality American profes-

sional salon products." Elzinga even incorporated a tems.

"We were surprised to dis- class based on the bestselling book "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson. "They loved it." she said, "and asked me to repeat the parts that mentioned outof-the-box thinking."

The experience. Elzinga concluded, "will be with us always. The Russian people are beautiful. They're excited, they're ready and we believe they're better than when we got there. They have the talent and enthusiasm. All they needed were the sys-

Peppers, senior adults meet at Franciscan Center

'Pepper," he's a "Pepper." wouldn't you like to be a "Pepper" too? We are an easy-going group of senior adults who meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Franciscan Life Process Center. Some interesting things

I'm a "Pepper," she's a we have done together include making clay pots, copper tooling, cooking, woodworking, making Indian crafts, and music/song twice a month. We have gone on field trips, color tours, walked nature trails and enjoyed life on the farm and each other.

If you would like to join

the "Peppers," we would love to have you! We consider your "abilities," not your "disabilities!" Transportation can be arranged if needed for a small fee and we ask for \$10 /week to help with expenses. Please call Pat McClellan at the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

both the probate court at

323 Ottawa N.W., Grand

Rapids, Michigan 49503

and the named/proposed

personal representative

within 4 months after the

date of publication of this

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDI-Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-171, 675-

Estate of CAROL G. WILLMARTH Date of Birth: 07/11/

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent, CAROL G. WILLMARTH, who lived a 901 Endover Court, Kentwood, Michigan, died April 21, 2001.

dent are notified that all will be forever barred

unless presented to ROBERT WILLMARTH, named personal representative or proposed personal

June 20, 2001 TERRY E. HEISS

Creditors of the dece-(P36687) 6440 E. Fulton, Suite 2 claims against the estate Ada, MI 49301

ROBERT N. WILLMARTH 261 Naylor Drive West Melbourne, Florida 32904

STATE OF MICHIGAN FRANCES INGERSOLL, who lived at 725 Bowes Rd., Low-

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 01-171, 696-

PROBATE COURT

Estate of FRANCES L. **INGERSOLL** Date of Birth: 04/5/1917

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 01-171, 694-

TORS

Estate of NORABELLE

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDI-

decedent.

representative, or to

COUNTY OF KENT ell. Michigan died May 24, 2001.

> are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to IRIS CLARK, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rap-

ids. Michigan and the

Creditors of the decedent

named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 20, 2001

MARY L. BENEDICT (P45285) 4519 Cascade Road, S.E. Ste. 14 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

> IRIS CLARK 4724 Morse Lake Lowell, MI 49331

NORABELLE NOTICE TO CREDI-

BECKMAN Date of Birth: 05/8/1906

TORS: The decedent,

BECKMAN, who lived at Pilgrim Manor, 200 Leonard N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 2/23/01.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to THOMAS H. WOOD, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

KAREN S. McFADDEN

June 21, 2001

(P-57043) 403 W. Main Belding, MI 48809 (616) 794-1220

THOMAS H. WOOD 2509 Santiago Ave., Grand Rapids, MI (616) 940-3666

in barn, 11310 Bailey Dr., Fri., June 29, 9-5; Sat., June 30, 9-? Everything must go. Lots of kids clothes, tons of misc. items, household things, child's kitchen set, slide, picnic table and

many more toys, Beanies, game boy pocket & carrying case, red, yellow, blue & trading card Pokemon games, sectional couch w/ hideabed & other furniture, 6 person hot tub, firewood, boom-pole for tractor, 2 Ski-Doo snowmobiles; 2000 MXZ 700 Millennium edition & '99

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Members of the Kent County 4-H Royal Court stand at attention during wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Pictured from left to right: Unidentified Soldier from the Army's Third Infantry, Junior Queen April Hendrix of Lowell, Junior King Grady Drown of Cedar Springs, and Senior King Ross Sandelius of Cedar Springs.



Members of the Kent County 4-H Royal Court prepare to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Pictured, from left to right, are: Senior King Ross Sandelius of Cedar Springs, Junior King Grady Drown of Cedar Springs, Junior Queen April Hendrix of Lowell, and an unidentified member of the Army's Third Infantry.

Although he is regularly asked to do so, God does not take sides in American politics.

-Sen. George Mitchell

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARING

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

Monday, July 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

The following changes of zoning will be considered:

Steven Hanson has requested rezoning of properties located at 2615 Alden Nash Avenue S.E. (PP# 40-20-11-376-008) and 12874 Grand River Drive S.E. (PP# 41-20-11-301-001) from the current zoning classification of Rural Low Density Residential (R-1) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the purpose of development as single family homesites.

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

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Kent County 4-H Royal Court takes part in wreath laying ceremony at Tomb of Unknown Soldier

knowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., is also known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and has never been officially named. The Tomb of the Unknowns stands atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. On March 4, 1921, Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I in the plaza of the new Memorial Amphitheater.

The white marble sarcophagus has a flat-faced form and is relieved at the corners and along the sides by neo-classic pilasters, or columns, set into the surface. Sculpted into the east panel which faces Washington, hour D.C. are three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and Valor. Inscribed on the back of the Tomb are the

Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.

The Tomb is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in any weather by Tomb Guard sentinels, Sentinels, all volunteers, are considered to be the best of the elite 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), headquartered at Fort tinels will be tested to earn night, and every half-hour in

After members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry become ceremonially qualified, they are eligible to volunteer for duty as sentinels at the Tomb. If accepted, they are assigned to Company E of The Old Guard. Each soldier must be in superb physical condition.

possess an unblemished military record and be between 5 feet, 10 inches and 6 feet, 4 inches tall, with a proportionate weight and build. An interview and a two-week trial to determine a volunteer's capability to train as a tomb guard is required.

During the trial phase. would-be sentinels memorize seven pages of Arlington National Cemetery history. This information must be recited verbatim in order to earn a "walk." A walk occurs between guard changes. A daytime walk is one-half hour in the summer and one hour in

If a soldier passes the first

training phase, "new-soldier" training begins. New sentinels learn the history of Arlington National Cemetery and the grave locations of nearly 300 veterans. They learn the guard-change ceremony and the manual of arms that takes place during the inspection portion of the Changing of the Guard. Sentinels learn to keep their uniforms and weapons in immaculate condition. The senthe privilege of wearing the the day during the summer. silver Tomb Guard Identification Badge after several months of serving. First, they are tested on their manual of arms, uniform preparation

and their walks. Then, the Badge Test is given. The test is 100 randomly selected questions of

the 300 items memorized during training on the history of Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns. The would-be badge holder must get more than 95 percent correct to succeed Only 400 Tomb Guard Badges have been awarded since it was created in February 1958.

The Tomb Guard Identi-

fication Badge is a temporary award until the badge-holding sentinel has honorably served at the Tomb of the Unknowns for nine months. At that time, the award can be made a permanent badge. which may then be worn for the rest of a military career. All night walks are one The silver badge is an upsidedown, laurel-leaf wreath surrounding a depiction of the front face of the Tomb. Peace. Victory and Valor are portrayed as Greek figures.

The words "Honor Guard" are shown below the Tomb on the badge. There are three reliefs, each having one relief commander and about six sentinels. The three reliefs are divided by height so that those in each guard change ceremony look similar. The sentinels rotate walks every

The Tomb Guard Quarters is staffed using a rotating Kelly system. Each relief has the following schedule: first day on, one day off, second day on, one day off, third day on, four days off. Then, their schedule repeats.



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PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following

meeting dates are scheduled for the second

Monday of the month instead of the normal

first Monday of the month. These meetings

will be on July 9 (from July 2) and September

10 (from September 3) due to conflicting

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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COMNGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by come. 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 call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

EVERY MON.: Lowell Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH 7:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more infor-

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. V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout

Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5thgrade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. En- EVERY WED .: Rotary joy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills Masonic Temple. that can last a lifetime. For infor call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo- Bowes Rd. bile Home Park

Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River Intergenerational program Woodcarvers meet LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members wel-

1ST TUES .: Adults with 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Col-AD/HD at Calvin College,7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

ent Group meetings from Support group for Periphon odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested

EVERY SECOND & Forest Hills Presbyterian FOURTH TUES.: Knights Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. of Columbus #7719 meet- (at 36th St.) No fees, no in Ada. Please call 752ings at St. Mary School, dues, no weigh-ins.

EVERY SECOND TUES .: Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, Lowell Masonic Lodge No. 333, Saranac, meets regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Saranac Public Li- the Averill Historical Muat the Masonic Center, 119 brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45 seum of Ada, 7144 Headley Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All p.m. Masons are welcome

rial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

SECOND MON. OF EACH HD Issues Group meeting 800-651-6000. at St. Luke's Lutheran Sarah 281-6588.

> meeting at Calvin College p.m. Phone 897-9393. Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call FIRSTTHURS.: 4-Hdrama High School. 9 AM social Connie 942-6887.

Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

Call 897-5894 for details.

meets at noon at Lowell

Club meets at 12 p.m. in ell. the community room at Schneider Manor, 725

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the with school-age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities, geared to parents of chil-

leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development 897-7842. 1ST TUES.: WINGS Par- EVERY FOURTH WED.:

7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in eral neuropathy meets at 4 Board Room at 300 High p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican St. Business meetings are Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

> **EVERY WED.:** Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at

ers meets at Lowell Lowell Lions Club meets at Nazarene Church, 201 N. ogy - The Alto Family Tree 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 meetings. New members p.m. EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- are invited to join at any ents of children with AD/ time. Questions? Call 1-

Church, 32156 4 Mile NE EVERY THURS. - St. (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For Mary's Pregnancy Crisis info., call Linda at 874-5662. Center, 402 Amity St., non-For teen group info., call denominational help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. MON. OR TUES .: Cub EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on with AD/HD Issues Group Mondays from 5:30 - 8

club examines theater-related topics, creative and FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER WED.: personal development EACH MONTH: American 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. skills. Meetings held at Girls Club - Calvary Chris- Lowell Middle School choir tian Reformed Church. room. For information call

> EVERY WED.: Pioneer FIRST AND THIRD Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- THURS .: The Alto Lions green Missionary Church, Club meets at Bowne Cen-ment. Call 676-9346. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil- ter Fellowship Hall, corner dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON EVERY 2ND THURS.: meets at Lowell Congre- N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. gational Church basement. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

SECOND EVERY THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at EVERY SECOND WED .: 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Post, 307 W. Main St., Low-

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion Two times available: 9:45 dren all ages. Call to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 897-7842 for time.

> **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. 7:30 a.m. at Fallasburg

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada. Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing: 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

EVERYTHURS.: Take Off SECOND THURS. OF EV ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at at 7 p.m.

7524 for more information.

THURS.: Weight Watch- SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Geneal Club meets at Alto Public

> **EVERY SECOND & LAST** SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH: James C. Veen Observatory (3308 Kissing Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if the night is clear. \$2 adults; \$1 children to 18. For info, call Starwatch at 897-7065.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell gathering; 10 AM meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater

EVERY FRI. & SAT. : Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appoint-

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. - Wed. Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Mon. 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.

SAT., JUNE 30: James C. Veen Observatory (3308 Kissing Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if weather permits. \$2 adults; \$1 children to 18. For info., call Starwatch at 897-7065.

Bridge Bike Tour, sponsored by Fallasburg Historical Society to benthe society. Registration begins at Schoolhouse

TUES. & WED., JULY 10 & 11: Artist-in-Resi-Sandra Jackoboice will teach a at 315 S. Hudson. workshop in pastel at

Franciscan Life Process Center from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: \$55/both days; \$35/1 day.Contact John at 897-7842 to register.

BEGINNING THURS.. JULY 12: Franciscan Life Process Center will offer SUN., JULY 8: Covered "Parenting with Love and Logic" from 1 - 3 p.m. or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Contact Beverly or Melissa at 897-7842 to register.

> WED., JULY 18: The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station located

CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

 514 S. Hudson - Senior Neighbors Center variance to allow a 32 square foot (4'x8') ground sign in the R-3 Residential District where a ground sign can be no greater than 20 square feet.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person a Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk 616-897-8457

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall: 10:30

Shop at the Malls: 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre. FRI .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at a.m. Armchair Exercise. Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JUNE 27: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Nails.

FRI., JUNE 29: 12:40 p.m. Farmers' Market, Grand Rapids and ice cream.

THURS., JUNE 28: 7 a.m. Trufant Flea Mar-

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ORDINANCE NO. 2001-7

NATURAL RESOURCE REMOVAL LICENSING ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to establish operational, maintenance, performance and reclamation standards for natural resource removal operations, provide for the licensing, regulation, inspection, and monitoring of all natural resource removal operations in the Township, and to provide for sanctions for violations, including suspension or revocation of licenses, pursuant to the provisions of Public Act No. 246 of 1945, as amended.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE. KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - TITLE AND INTENT

A. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bowne Town ship Natural Resources Removal Ordinance" and may elsewhere be referred to as "this Ordinance".

B. Because of the noise, dirt and dust emitted in the extraction of sand, gravel and other minerals, and because of the permanent changes in the topographical and geological characteristics of the Township as a result of resource removal activities, and because of the dangers inherent in resource removal activities and said changes by virtue of steep hillsides, shifting earth, standing water and other like considerations, and for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Bowne Township, and further protecting the property of said residents, this Ordinance is enacted

It is the intention of this Ordinance to protect the air, water, and natural resources (and the public trust therein) and the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Bowne Township. It is the further intention of the Township to regulate, inspect, and monitor natural resource removal operations. These regulations are intended to minimize the existence of dangerously steep slopes, shifting earth, impairments, or pollution of groundwater, the water table, surface water, and the watershed. To meet these objectives, such natural resource removal operations shall be licensed and the fees required for licensure shall be utilized to offset costs and expenses of monitoring, inspection, and administration.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the terms defined in subsections A through H will have the meanings ascribed to them in those subsections

A. Excavation Area: That part of the natural resource removal operation where extraction activities are to take place. This includes all areas of excavation, locations of buildings or machinery, and all areas of mechanical processing, stockpiling, parking, roadways, etc.

B. Natural Resource Removal: The excavation, extraction and/or removal of sand, gravel, topsoil, clay, earth, marl, peat, or other soils, including overburden, or the storage, processing, or transporting of such items on a natural resource removal site, or the reclamation of the site after removal or excavation of such items, or any other nonrenewable earth material not regulated in the Mine Reclamation Act, Act 92 of the Public Acts of 1970, as amended, in a regular commercial operation. Natural resource removal includes resources lying exposed in their natural state or by removing any overburden lying above such resources. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following excavation activities are not included within the definition of natural resource removal and are exempt from the licensing requirements of this Ordinance:

1. Excavation approved by a governmental body of competent jurisdiction in conjunction with the installation or maintenance of publicly owned or operated utilities, drainage facilities, roads, or other publicly owned or operated improvements, where the excavation is limited to the site of the public utility or improvement.

2. Excavation which by its nature is of limited scope and duration undertaken primarily for the immediate use and development of the land excavated, such as for excavation or grading preliminary to a building construction project, septic tanks, swimming pools, graves, etc.

3. Excavation in conjunction with farming operations conducted according to generally accepted agricultural management practices, including agricultural drainage work incidental to farming operations and irrigation or stock watering ponds, if no material is removed from the

4. Sod farms and tree nurseries

5. Natural resource removal operations that remove less than 5,000 yards of material in a 12-month period and that have no stationary (temporary or permanent) structures on site.

Other excavations where the Township Board determines, in its sole discretion, that the proposed excavation is unlikely to unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property and will not expose any person or property to the types of dangers inherent in natural resource removal sought to be prevented by this Ordinance. The Township Board's determination may be based on a review of the purpose, location, extent or duration of the proposed excavation and other factors that may bear on the potential of any excavation activity to adversely affect the public health, safety, or general welfare of the community.

C. Natural Resource Removal Enforcement Officer: The person so designated by the Township Board.

D. Operator: The landowner or operator of a natural resource removal site

E. Site: A parcel or unit of land.

F. Township: Bowne Township.

G. Township Board: Bowne Township Board.

H. Township Clerk: Bowne Township Clerk.

SECTION 3 - LICENSE REQUIRED

From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, no person shall commence or expand any natural resource removal operation in Bowne Township without a license issued by the Township Board pursuant to this Ordinance and without compliance with all applicable ordinances. All natural resource removal operations existing as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall obtain a license and comply with requirements of this Ordinance not later than 180 days after the effective date of this Ordinance and in compliance with Section 12 of this Ordinance. A license issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be nontransferable.

SECTION 4 - APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR LI-CENSE

All applicants for a license shall use forms provided by the Township. The application shall be submitted to the Township Clerk, accompanied by the documents enumerated on the application form. The Township Clerk will refer the application to the Township Board. The Town ship Board may consult with any experts deemed appropriate. The Township Board will either grant the license or deny the same and will state the reasons for denial.

A. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Application submitted for a license must contain the

1. The names and addresses of the applicant and all owners or parties of interest in the proposed excavation site, including their legal or equitable interest in the

2. The name and address of the person, firm, or the corporation that will be conducting the actual natural resource removal activities.

3. The name of the operator's insurance carrier for public liability and property damage.

4. The location, size, and legal description of the proposed excavation area and the total site and all adjoining land owned by the applicant and/or any persons or entities affiliated with the applicant.

5. The name(s) and address(es) of the banking or savings and loan entity(ies) that are to issue any financial guarantee to be posted by the applicant.

6. The quality and quantity of each type of materials or resources to be excavated, stockpiled, or hauled away.

7. Identification of the watershed reasonably affected and the anticipated area of impact

8. An opinion by a hydrologist, geologist or similar quali fied professional as to the effect on the quality of the surface water, groundwater, water table and the private wells of the property owners within the watershed before. during and after natural resource removal activities.

9. An opinion by a hydrologist, geologist or similar qualified professional as to whether the exposure of subterranean waters and/or the impoundment of surface waters, where proposed, will establish a stable water level at the level or levels proposed as part of the operation and that the same will not interfere with existing subterranean water or cause any harm or impairment to the public.

10. The proposed financial guarantee as required in this

11. Application fees for a new or renewal license as established by resolution of the Township Board. Such fees may include a basic application fee plus an amount equal to the Township's actual expenses for reviewing the application including, but not limited to, review by the Township Attorney, Township Planner, Township Engineer, and other professional consultants as deemed necessary by the Township. The resolution may provide for an escrow account to cover the Township's expected

The application shall be accompanied by operational, reclamation and site plans as required by this Ordinance. These plans shall be prepared to clearly depict and describe the sequence of natural resource removal operations including existing conditions, extraction underway, extraction completed, reclamation underway, reclamation completed, extraction proposed, reclamation proposed, stockpiles, roadways, and similar land use elements.

B. SITE PLAN

A site plan shall be submitted with the application showing the following:

1. The area to be actively excavated (excavation area), and, if the same shall be in phases, a designation of such

2. The area for any settling ponds, mechanical processing facilities, and loading and unloading areas.

The level of the water table throughout the planned excavation area for which a license is sought.

4. An area for treatment facilities and resource storage and stockpile

An area for overburdened storage.

An area for production facilities for resource-related

7. An area for the location of permanent or temporary buildings and/or other improvements.

8. A detailed engineering and drainage plan prepared following the Kent County Drain Commission's specifications and application for a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Permit prepared by a Geologist, Landscape Architect, or Civil Engineer licensed by the State of Michigan.

A detailed plan for the disposition by controlled flow or controlled drainage of any excess water into existing drains or watercourses or any drains or watercourses that are to be established prepared by a Geologist, Landscape Architect, or Civil Engineer licensed by the State of Michigan.

10. A vertical properly scaled aerial photograph showing all land anticipated to be excavated, including the location of all machinery, operations, and buildings, with adjoining land owned by the applicant and all areas intended for reclamation.

11. A sectional map at an appropriate scale to cover the areas within 1 mile of the boundaries of the land included in the license application showing the existing land use classification and zoning of all land, and the names of all roads and streets appearing on the map.

12. A topographic survey of the existing parcel taken from aerial photographs or field surveys drawn to a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet and prepared by a registered civil engineer or registered land surveyor with contour intervals not to exceed 4-foot contour Intervals based upon U.S.G.S. datum. The drawing shall also clearly show the excavation area including existing areas and roads within 100 feet of all property lines, and each area to be utilized for stockpiling, processing, maintenance and storage areas, berms, fencing, and similar use areas

C. OPERATIONAL PLAN

As a part of the application, the applicant must submit a plan of operation and will be expected to comply with

such a plan during the year for which the license is issued. An Operational Plan must be submitted to include the following:

. The plan of operation shall be accompanied by a projected schedule of operations, including the following specific dates:

a. Commencement and completion of natural resource removal operations as provided by the plan of operation;

age control measures to be instituted during natural tion plan. resource removal operations; and,

c. Commencement and completion of fencing, roads, utilities, or any other structures or improvements to be located on the site as provided by the plan of operation.

2. A topographic survey of the existing parcel drawn to a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet and prepared by a civil engineer or land surveyor with contour intervals not to exceed 10 feet based upon U.S.G.S. datum. The drawing shall clearly show the excavation area, including existing areas and roads within 100 feet of all property lines, areas for stockpiling, maintenance areas, berms, fences, and similar features and uses.

3. Copies of all known local, county, state, or federal permits required for the operation.

4. A description of the operation, including a description of all of the mobile and stationary machinery and equipment utilized or to be utilized, the method or methods of treatment of water utilized in the operation before discharge into the ground or into the surface water system, and the provisions for sanitary sewage facilities on the

5. The location and type of proposed processing.

6. The proposed method of removal and extraction; processing, and/or other procedures undertaken before transporting the resources from the site.

7. The hours of operation for each day of the week.

8. The proposed vehicular access to and from the opera-follows: One copy to the Township Engineer, one copy to tion and the generally anticipated haul route within the the Township Attorney, one copy to the Township Plan-Township.

9. The types and amounts of explosives proposed to be used and the area to be blasted if specifically approved in the license.

1 0. The estimated time to complete the operations with the number, duration, and description of each phase or phases where appropriate.

11. The amount and source of water to be utilized in processing and the anticipated means and location of the treatment and disposal of such water following use.

D. RECLAMATION PLAN

The applicant must also prepare and submit a plan of reclamation with the application. A plan for the reclamation of the site shall include the following:

1. A recent aerial photograph with a general plan of reclamation as an overlay or as a separate drawing.

2. The general plan of reclamation shall be presented at the same scale as the aerial photograph and shall provide the following information:

The general area of completely reclaimed land.

The general area of reclamation under way.

c. The general area currently used for topsoil and overburden storage. d. The general area proposed for reclamation during the

one-year period of the license. e. The general area proposed for topsoil and overburden storage.

f. The acreage for each item shown on the overlay or separate drawing

3. Each phase of reclamation, reflecting the sequence of each phase in relation to all others.

4. A reclamation contour map with contour intervals not to exceed two feet indicating the grade and slopes to and slope designations shall also include areas proposed to be beneath the surface of permanent water areas. Where surface water is proposed, the contour map must identify the location and boundaries of all permanent water areas and the distance of all reclamation areas and water areas from the property boundaries

in the reclamation process shall include the amount and type of topsoil and plantings for the replacement of topsoil and replanting, including the date by which all SECTION 6 - FEES reclamation will be completed. The reclamation schedule will indicate the time sequence within which each excavation area will be reclaimed as excavation operations progress.

6. A description of the methods and materials proposed for restoration of topsoil to the required fertility and the b. Commencement and completion of erosion and drain- amount of any type of planting as a part of the reclama-

> 7. The projected schedule of reclamation operations including the following specific dates:

a. Commencement and completion of reclamation operations as provided by the reclamation plan;

 b. Commencement and completion of erosion and drainage control measures to be instituted under the reclamation plan; and

c. Commencement and completion of final grading, topsoil replacement, and replanting or landscaping as provided by the reclamation plan.

8. The Plan must be prepared by a Geologist, Landscape Architect, or Civil Engineer licensed by the State of Michigan.

SECTION 5 - LICENSING PROCEDURE

Except as permitted in Section 12, compliance with the following application procedure shall occur before the commencement or continuation of any natural resource removal operation that exists or is proposed as of or after the effective date of this Ordinance:

A. To be considered for a license, eight (8) copies of the proper application with required attachments must be submitted to the Township. Upon receipt of the eight (8) copies of the fully and properly completed application form with the required documents attached, the Township Clerk shall retain an official copy in the Clerk's office and shall forthwith distribute the remaining copies as ner and four copies to the Township Board.

B. Upon receipt of an application, the Township Engineer shall review the application and attachments. The engineer shall physically inspect the premises to determine compliance with the prior reclamation plans and opera- A. A review of the operation under the previous license tional plans, and report to the Township Board on such compliance. The Township Engineer shall also estimate the cost of reclamation upon abandonment for bond B. Updated operational and reclamation plans in compliamount purposes, and make such additional comments regarding general safety, drainage, equipment removal and other engineering considerations concerning the license application as appropriate. The report by the Township Engineer to the Township Board shall be rendered no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of a complete application.

C. Upon receipt of a complete application and required materials, the Township Board shall review the application and make a final determination within ninety (90) days of its receipt of the original application. Failure of the Township Board to act within such time frames shall not result in an automatic license issuance or renewal, but such failure shall result in an extension of any existing license for an additional period up to the time of final determination by the Township Board.

D. Upon finding the applicant has complied with all standards, requirements, or conditions of this Ordinance and with the terms and conditions of prior licenses and approved plans, if any, the Township Board shall approve the license. If the Board determines that the application fails to meet any such standard, requirement or condition, the Board may deny the license.

this chapter, upon the issuance of a license, the Township Board may impose reasonable conditions on the issuance or renewal of a license. Conditions of the J. All fees according to the Township's fee schedule. license may include any reasonable restrictions or requirements related to the location, design, or operation of a natural resource removal site, as required to secure the public health, safety, and general welfare of the commuwhich excavated areas are to be reclaimed. Such grades nity or to ensure that the natural resource removal operations will not create a nuisance or unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property. Such license application. license conditions may be in addition to the express requirements of this Ordinance.

5. A description of the methods and materials proposed F. Licenses shall have a term of one (1) year from the

In addition to the application fee in Section 3.A.11, an applicant for a license shall, prior to issuance of the license, pay an inspection fee. The amount of the initial inspection fee shall be determined by the Township Board based on the size, scope, and timing of natural resource removal operations and conditions as are relevant. The inspection fee shall approximate the anticipated reasonable costs and expenses of the Township for regular and/or extraordinary inspections, monitoring, administration, and enforcement of this Ordinance, as required for the licensee's site, including reasonable fees for the Township Attorneys, Township Planner, Natural Resource Removal Enforcement Officer, Township Engineer, and other professional consultants as deemed necessary by the Township, and/or other expense, to ensure compliance with this Ordinance.

Upon receipt, the payment shall be deposited into an account established for that purpose. The payment shall be credited to the licensee. The account with the Township shall be maintained at a minimum amount determined by the Township. The licensee shall be invoiced immediately for any deficiency and such amount shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days. The balance of any inspection fees deposited with the Township with accumulated earned interest shall be returned to the licensee after reclamation is completed and approved by the Township Board.

SECTION 7 - LICENSE RENEWAL

Every year, the operator shall renew the natural resource removal license. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Ordinance, the procedures and requirements for renewal of a license and the powers of the Township Board shall be the same as for the initial application for a license. An operator may apply for renewal of the license in order to promote uninterrupted operations. The application for renewal shall be made on the form provided by the Township Board. To be considered for renewal before the expiration of the existing license, the applicant must submit eight (8) copies of a complete application form along with all required accompanying documents to the Township Board at least ninety (90) days before the expiration date of the existing license.

The application for renewal of a license shall contain the

and the reclamation plan

ance with sections 4.C. through 4.D. of this Ordinance.

C. The period, for which the license shall be valid. including its expiration date

D. The number of feet from all the property lines and the rights-of-way within which no cuts or excavations have been made in the past year or will be made in the following year

E. The steepest horizontal-to-vertical grade on finished slopes where excavations have been made in the past year or will be made in the following year.

F. Any additional, reasonable information deemed appropriate by the Township Board.

G. A statement of the condition that in no event shall the area being excavated and not reclaimed exceed the lesser of 20 acres or 20 percent of the land constituting the subject of the license.

H. A statement of the location and description of the machinery, equipment and methods used in the operation and intended to be used in the following year.

E. In addition to the specific requirements provided by I. The amount and type of material removed during the past 12 months of operation.

To determine the extent of compliance with prior natural resource removal approvals or conditions of approval at the site, the Township Board may require the applicant to submit some or all of the information, documents, plans, maps or other materials as required for an original

Upon receipt of a complete application, the Township Board shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application for renewal. The Township Board may Section 5.E. of this Ordinance and such conditions may be different from the conditions imposed on prior licenses. If the Township Board determines that the natural resource removal operation continues (and will continue) to meet all applicable standards, requirements and conditions, the Board shall approve, or approve with conditions, the request for renewal. If the Township Board determines that the natural resource removal operation fails to meet any applicable standard, requirement or condition, the Board may deny the request for renewal.

No natural resource removal operations shall occur after the expiration of a license. However, if an application for renewal of an existing license is filed at least ninety (90) days before expiration of the existing license and is thereafter diligently pursued by the applicant and is not granted for reasons not related to the actions of the operator, the excavation operation may continue in compliance with the terms and conditions of the license beyond the expiration of the license until either:

- The Township Board approves the renewal of the license, in which case the natural resource removal operations shall thereafter proceed only as permitted by the terms and conditions of the renewed license; or
- The Township Board denies the application for renewal, in which case all natural resource removal operations shall cease unless and until a new license is issued as provided by this Ordinance.

SECTION 8 - INSPECTIONS

The Township Supervisor and/or the Natural Resource Removal Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for inspections under this Ordinance and shall, at all reasonable times, have the right (together with other officers, agents, or employees of the Township as deemed appropriate by the Township) to peaceably enter upon the licensed operator to remove such material immediately. property for the purpose of conducting reasonable inspections to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. Any E. ROAD MAINTENANCE: Access roads within the refusal to allow such inspections shall be a violation of licensed site shall be maintained by the operator so as to this Ordinance and shall be cause for license suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 14.

Supervisor and/or the Natural Resource Removal Enforcement Officer shall make regular inspections during operations and reclamation with such frequency as shall be necessary to ensure and monitor compliance under all of the circumstances and, further, shall utilize the services of such experts as deemed appropriate

Should the Township Supervisor and/or the Natural Resource Removal Enforcement Officer discover any noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this maintained, and operated in such manner as to eliminate Ordinance, licenses issued, or other applicable Township Ordinances, they shall prepare a notice detailing the violations and shall send copies of the same to the operator and to the Township Board.

SECTION 9 - DESIGN AND OPERATION STANDARDS

The Following Design and Operation Standards shall be required for all natural resource removal operations:

- shall be fenced prior to the commencement of natural resource removal operations and prior to the placement of machinery or buildings on the site. The fence shall be at least 4 feet in height and shall be posted so as to any condition, shall not be operated so as to result in indicate the danger of trespassing in the area. The noise exceeding the following levels for specified adjaminimum specifications for said fencing shall be as cent land uses when measured at the common property follows: #9 gauge top wire; #12 gauge bottom wire with spacing of 6 inches by 12 inches. All stays shall be of 14-gauge wire with spacing of support posts to be no greater than 16 feet apart.
- All active natural resource removal excavations shall be visually screened from view from all adjacent public highways and residentially used parcels. The berm shall be sufficient in length and height to screen the natural resource removal area to a person standing on the paved portion of the public highway or from the lot line of States Bureau of Standards. adjacent residentially used parcels. The screen shall consist of a berm and/or vegetative buffer as approved in the site plan. The following methods are acceptable for screening of natural resource removal areas:
- a. Construction of a raised earth berm area on the natural resource removal site along the boundary lines thereof where such lines abut a public highway or abut privately owned property, which is improved and occupied for

to initiating natural resource removal activities and as by the Township. often as may be necessary to assure the existence of a the berm. Seeding and planting shall be done in a provide vegetation to check erosion and to provide a visible ground cover substantially similar to the vegetation cover growing in adjacent fields. Where the topography of the area acts as a screen, the Township Board may waive the berm requirement. The berm shall have slopes not in excess of one foot vertical to two feet J. DRAINAGE: Stormwater shall be diverted to the

- b. Planting of coniferous trees along the boundaries of the property with sufficient rows and depth to permit effective screening of the natural resource removal area.
- c. The amount and extent of required screening should be reasonable and practical as determined by the Township Board. To the extent that the foregoing is not practical, the proposed licensee may submit alternate

C. HOURS OF OPERATION: Maximum hours of operation of the natural resource removal operation shall be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No hours of operation shall be permitted on Sundays and legal holidays. In emergency situations this time period may be modified by the Township Supervisor provided such emergency order should not be effective for more than 72 hours.

- D. ROAD ACCESS: All sites licensed under the provisions of this Ordinance shall have direct access to a County all-weather road having a minimum right-of-way width of 66 feet and improved to the specifications of the Kent County Road Commission. When the operation of a licensed area results in the mined material, overburden and/or similar material being deposited or spilled upon the public roadway, it shall be the responsibility of the
- Such maintenance shall be accomplished through the sioner (if applicable). application of chloride, water and/or similar dust retar-In addition to discretionary inspections, the Township dant material. Application of oil shall be prohibited. A paved road from the entrance and exit, a distance of not less than three hundred (300) feet from the right-of-way line into the area of operation shall be provided in order to minimize the deposit of dirt and gravel from trucks onto the public highway. Entrances and exits shall be securely locked during hours the site is not in operation.
 - F. OPERATION OF USE: All equipment and facilities used in the natural resource removal shall be conducted. insofar as practicable, noises, vibrations, or dust which interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of surrounding property. Mechanical processing equipment other than that used for crushing, screening, sorting, loading, unloading, drying, and washing shall not be
- G. NOISE STANDARDS: Natural resource removal sites shall be operated such that the noise of operation or equipment vibration cannot reasonably be considered A. FENCING AND SCREENING: All excavation areas disturbing to neighboring uses of land. Objectionable noises due to intermittence, beat, frequency, or shrillness shall be muffled so as not to become a nuisance to adjacent uses. Equipment on site at any time or under

Maximum Sound Level Adjacent Use 75 dBA Residential Dwellings 85 dBA Commercial Industrial and Other 90 dBA

- The Township shall monitor noise levels using weighted decibel measurements (referenced to 20 micropascals) with a type of audio output meter approved by the United
- H. TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE STANDARDS: All vehicles used to transport excavated material shall be required to be loaded in such manner that the material may not unintentionally be discharged from the vehicle. Vehicles shall be cleaned of all material not in the load-bed prior to entering the public streets. Proper measures shall be taken to remove dirt, sand, and gravel from the tires of vehicles leaving the site. Such measures

residential purposes. This provision with regard to lands may include a tire bath, wheel-washing device, or manual improved and occupied for residential purposes shall be spraying of tires and truck undersides. All roads and applicable to any land upon which dwellings are built and unpaved areas shall be regularly maintained in a dust impose conditions on renewal of the license pursuant to occupied subsequent to the date of this Ordinance. Prior free condition. Trucks shall travel only on roads approved

- vegetative ground cover, the applicant shall seed or plant I. LIGHTING: All lighting shall be directed away from surrounding property. Shielding shall be required where manner suitable for the area and soil conditions so as to lighting would otherwise be directed toward a residential use and/or county road. All lighting used to illuminate the natural resource removal area, access roads, stockpile area, and similar use areas shall be directed away from all surrounding property.
 - existing drainage systems in a manner approved by the Township and County Drain Commissioner. Property drainage shall be provided at all times to prevent the collection and stagnation of water, and surface water shall at all times be directed in such a manner so as not to interfere with the adjoining property owners; provided, however, that the maintenance of the natural flow of surface water shall not be deemed an interference. There shall be no interference with the water table in the area. Any water areas, retention ponds, settling ponds, or similar water areas shall be fenced in accordance with the fencing requirements of this Ordinance. Erosion control measures shall be instituted to comply with Part 91 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.
 - K. AIR POLLUTION. Air pollution in the form of dust and dirt shall be kept to a minimum by the use of modern equipment and methods of operation designed to avoid any excessive dust, dirt, or other air pollution injurious or potentially annoying to adjoining property owners.
 - L. SURFACE WATER: The creation, alteration, or enlargement of a water body shall only be allowed when the following are presented:
 - 1. Engineering and geological studies indicating that such water will not become stagnant or polluted.
 - 2. Approval, by the Township Board, of a plan for the future use of the water body.
- Approval of the proposed operation by the Department minimize the dust arising from the use of said roads. of Natural Resources and the County Drain Commis-
 - M. SETBACKS: No excavation shall be made within 200 feet of an off-site residence or within 100 feet of a property line, floodplain, high water mark, wetland, or a road right-of-way. No storage, structure, drive, or loading shall be closer than 100 feet from a dwelling or principal structure on adjoining property
 - N. SIGNS: The perimeter of any excavation area shall be conspicuously and adequately posted with signs sufficient to indicate the danger of trespassing in the area. In no event shall such signs be more than 200 feet apart, and the same shall be constructed of a rigid and sturdy material and shall be maintained and replaced as needed.
 - O. CRUSHERS: Crushers may be used, provided they are not located within 1,000 feet of an off-site residence and that the hours of operation shall be only during 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays). Noise levels must comply with the standards as stated
 - P. The area being excavated, and not reclaimed, shall not exceed the lesser of 20 acres or 20 percent of the site for which the license is issued.
 - Q. OTHER REGULATIONS: All local, county, federal, or state laws and regulations shall also be met. The operator shall comply with all applicable Township ordinances (including, but not limited to, the Township Zoning Ordi-

SECTION 10 - STANDARDS FOR RECLAMATION

A.SLOPES AND FINAL GRADES: The final grades shall be harmonious with the surrounding adjacent property grades. The banks of all excavations shall be sloped to a degree not less than that required to prevent accelerated erosion and to a degree sufficient to maintain vegetation. The excavated area shall not collect stagnant water, or permit stagnant water to remain therein. Slopes shall be reclaimed with vegetation in a manner set forth herein. Slopes shall be graded to permanent water areas, if any, and to the pit floor in connection with an operation without permanent water areas and shall not be graded to the exterior areas of the property so as to create the potential of flooding on adjoining properties and roads. Reclaimed slopes shall have a grade not to exceed a ratio of 1 foot vertical to 4 feet horizontal, unless

necessary for the ultimate proposed use of the land. No struction of improvements, reclamation, final grades, topsoil shall be removed unless necessary for the ulti- and all other conditions required for approval of any mate proposed use. All topsoil shall be evenly and license issued under this Ordinance. properly redistributed. The surface area of all land which is not to be permanently submerged shall be graded and The applicant shall post a financial guarantee naming the backfilled as necessary so as to reduce the peaks and depressions thereof. Grading of all areas will be carried out in such a manner that will produce a gently rolling sary to insure compliance hereunder; provided, howsurface to minimize erosion due to rainfall and produce ever, that in no case will the sum of the financial guarana natural appearance in relation to the property, as it tee be less than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for existed prior to the commencement of excavation operations. Final grades shall be in substantial conformity to of an applicant's activities on the parcel described in the the adjoining land area. Permanent water features should be graded to a water-producing depth of at least 10 feet below the low water mark over at least 80 percent of the be voided; otherwise, the Township shall have the right water area to a distance of not less than 10 feet away to use the proceeds to the extent necessary to reclaim from the water's edge. The submerged slopes water features shall not be graded in excess of a minimum ratio of 1 foot vertical to 7 feet horizontal.

- B. VEGETATION: Vegetation shall be reclaimed by the use of appropriate seeding of perennial grasses, and ground cover, or by planting shrubs or trees in all parts of the reclaimed excavation area not to be submerged or within 25 feet of the shoreline of a permanent water area. Reclamation with appropriate turf, vegetation, soil, overburden, shrubs, and trees shall be implemented in a manner so as to prevent washout and erosion.
- C. EXCAVATION/FILL: If filling of the excavated area is necessary during reclamation, fill material shall be inert material as defined by Part 115 of Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended. In no event shall the area being excavated and left unreclaimed exceed the lesser of 20 acres or 20 percent of the subject property. All reclaimed areas shall be back-filled with noxious-free, noninflammable, nonradioactive, non-hazardous, and noncombustible materials. Fill material shall not consist of and/or contain any organic waste, hazardous waste, industrial waste, or sludge and sewage residues. Moreover, fill material shall not contain any other material that will or is likely to impair or harm the air, water, and natural resources (and public trust therein) and/or the public health and safety. Any SECTION 12 - EXISTING OPERATIONS solid waste regulated by Part 115 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended, and any hazardous waste regu- All natural resource removal operations lawfully in existlated by Part 111 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as ence at the time of effective date of this Ordinance shall amended, shall not be used for fill and/or reclamation material of a mined area.
- D. CESSATION OF ACTIVITIES: Upon cessation of excavation operations, the operator, within the dates stated in the license or within 180 days after the termination of the operation shall complete reclamation of the property. Moreover, within a reasonable period of time not to exceed the time stated in the license or within 180 days after termination, whichever period is shorter, the operator shall remove all machinery, equipment, vehicles, and stockpiles. Materials that have been excavated, processed, and stockpiled during the excavation period may be sold during the reclamation period if and to the extent that such activity does not interfere with reclamation.
- E. BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: Upon cessation of all natural resource removal operations, and within a reasonable period of time not exceeding twelve (12) months thereafter, all buildings and structures shall be removed unless such building or structures can be lawfully used in the zoning district in which the same are located. The Township Board may permit storage and stockpiling of materials after cessation of natural resource removal activities by license for that purpose only. In no event shall any additional materials be added to these stockpiles and such a license shall not interfere with or excuse reclamation as provided by this Ordi-

The standards set forth in this Ordinance shall be considered minimum standards, and stricter standards may be required by the Township Board if and to the extent such stricter standards are demonstrated to be necessary to protect the environment and/or the public health, safety, and/or welfare.

SECTION 11 - FINANCIAL GUARANTEE

A. The Township Board may require a financial guarantee. The guarantee must be a cash deposit, an irrevocable bank letter of credit issued by a banking or savings and loan institution licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, or other financial security acceptable to the Township, in its sole discretion to guarantee the con-

Township as the beneficiary thereof in an amount determined by the Township Board to be reasonably neceseach acre or fraction thereof of land. If upon completion compliance with this Ordinance. application, the land has been reclaimed to the satisfac- SECTION 14 - SUSPENSION/REVOCATION OF LItion of the Township Board, the financial guarantee shall the parcel. This financial guarantee or surety shall be Officer notifies the operator of any violation of the license kept current at all times by the applicant until the parcel or of this Ordinance and upon failure of the licensee to or parcels have been restored as required by this Ordiabate said violation within fifteen (15) days after mailing the applicant's premises to fulfill the financial guarantee or revoked, and resort made to the financial guarantee requirements. In fixing the amount of the financial guar- for restoration antee, the Township Board shall take into account the size and scope of the proposed operation, current pre- Any licensee aggrieved by any notice sent pursuant to vailing cost of reclaiming the premises upon default of the operator, and other such conditions and factors as might the Township Board. The request shall set forth why the be relevant in determining the sum reasonable in light of natural resource removal site should not be summarily all facts and circumstances surrounding each application. For each acre restored and reclaimed in accordance herewith, the Township Board may reduce said financial guarantee on a pro-rata basis. The amount of the financial guarantee will apply to all lands occupied by natural resource removal areas, roadways, storage areas, equipment, stockpiles, and similar elements

B. In cases where the county road weight limits are exceeded during times of frost, the operator shall post a financial guarantee in an amount and form that is satisfactory to the Kent County Road Commission to cover damage to the road.

submit an application for a license to the Township pursuant to this Ordinance within 90 days after the effective date of this Ordinance. All such operations shall obtain a license and fully comply with all requirements of this Ordinance within 180 days after the effective date of this Ordinance. If an operator of a natural resource SECTION 16 - INTERPRETATION removal operation fails to comply with these requirements, all natural resource removal operations shall cease unless and until a license is issued pursuant to this

SECTION 13 - VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS

A. Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity who SECTION 17 - EFFECTIVE DATE violates any provision of this Ordinance or who uses or nance, is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, and is subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$250, in the township. plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation, as authorized by Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2000-2 STATE OF MICHIGAN) (as may be amended from time to time) and other applicable laws.

B. Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased civil I Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk of the Township of Bowne fines. For purposes of this Ordinance, "repeat offenses" of said County of Kent do hereby certify that the above is means a second (or subsequent) violation of this Ordi- a true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township nance committed by a person within any six (6) month Ordinance No. 7 as approved and adopted by the Bowne period and for which the person admits responsibility or Township Board on the 18th day of June, 2001 and is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for a becoming effective 30 days as of the 26th day of July repeat offense under this Ordinance shall be as follows: 2001. The Ordinance in its entirety was published in the

shall be not less than \$500, plus costs.

- (2) The civil fine for a violation that is a second repeat offense or a subsequent repeat offense shall not be less than \$1,000, plus costs.
- C. Each day on which a violation of this Ordinance continues constitutes a separate offense and shall be subject to civil fines and sanctions as a separate viola-
- D. The Township Supervisor and the Natural Resource Removal Enforcement Officer are each designated as an

"authorized township official" pursuant to Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2000-2 and are authorized to enforce this Ordinance and to issue municipal civil infraction citations for any violations of this Ordinance.

E. The rights and remedies provided in this article are cumulative and are in addition to such other remedies as provided in this Ordinance and/or by law and/or in equity The Township shall not be prohibited from pursuing any other lawful remedy it may have in order to bring about

If the Township supervisor or Natural Resource Removal nance, or until such time that the Township, and its of said notice, said natural resource removal site may be agents and contractors determine it necessary to go on summarily closed, and the license therefor, suspended

> this section may file a written request for a hearing before closed, the license suspended or revoked, or resort made to the financial guarantee. If a request for a hearing is received by the Township Board, the Township Board shall provide to the licensee notice of the time and place of the hearing, an opportunity to be heard, and shall make an impartial determination of whether a violation of the Ordinance has occurred and whether the health and safety of persons or property require the suspension or revocation of said license. Upon receipt of a request for a hearing, the Township Board may summarily close the site pending the hearing, if it is determined that imminent danger to the public health and safety of persons or property requires such action.

SECTION 15 - SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance and each article, section, subsection paragraph, subparagraph, or work shall be deemed severable; and, if any portion or provision is adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

It is not the intention of this Ordinance to repeal, annul, or in any way repeal any existing law or Ordinance unless expressly so stated in this Ordinance. To the extent that any restrictions or standards imposed by this Ordinance are more stringent and restrictive than existing restrictions or standards, this Ordinance shall control

permits the use of any property in violation of this Ordi- This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication hereof in a newspaper of general circulation

COUNTY OF KENT

issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 27th day of June (1) The civil fine for a violation that is a first repeat offense 2001. Said Ordinance was recorded in the office of the Clerk of Bowne Township on the 22nd day of June, 2001

> In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand for the Township of Bowne, in said county, this 22nd day of June

> > Sandra L. Kowalczyk

Peter F. Siler, Bowne Township Supervisor

Bowne Township Natural Resource Removal Ordinance

travelers to their destinations safety and tourism bulletins

throughout the Fourth of July airing on radio stations state-

Myers awarded for role on KDL board

The Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) recently selected Charles Myers as the recipient of the 2001 GALE Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant in recognition for his new role as a Kent District Library Board trustee.

The grant allowed Myers to attend the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco, Calif. where ALTA officials presented him a check for \$750 on Saturday, June 16.

Myers represents the city of Lowell, and Vergennes, Lowell and Bowne townships. His term expires Dec. the community and has ties to the Englehardt Library in Lowell, serving as chair for the Library Building Campaign that raised \$1.2 mil-

Bruursema, who represents brary Cooperative Board, was

Association, today's Association for Library Trustees and



Chuck Myers

Advocates is the only division of the American Library 31, 2001. Myers is active in Association dedicated to providing resources, programs, publications and services to America's public library trustees and advocates.

The eight members of the Kent District Library Board On a related note, Shirley of Trustees represent 26 com-American Library Trustee trict Library for times and locations.

munities throughout Kent Kent District Library as a County (not including Grand member of the Lakeland Li- Rapids, Sparta and Cedar Springs) and govern Kent recently elected to the ALTA District Library. Board meet-Board of Trustees as 2nd vice ings are held the third Thursday of every month. Check Founded in 1890 as the www.kdl.orgorcallKentDis-

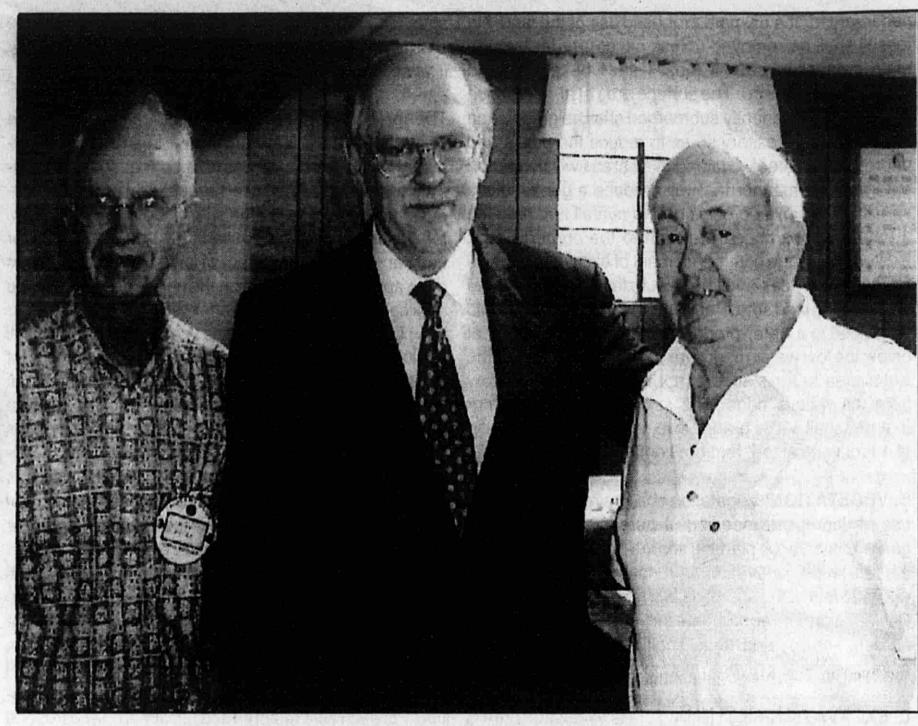
Skull collector visits KDL's Alto branch July 11

Skull collector Diane Pletcher brings her collection of mammal, bird and reptile skulls and bones to Kent District Library this summer for a fascinating program that will teach kids about wildlife and nature.

Pletcher involves children, ages six and up, in guessing which animal (bear, piranha, bison, monkey, ram, to name a few) each skull came from, talks about the animals and their traits, and explains how she finds and cleans the skulls.

The Alto branch at 6071 Linfield Ave. will offer the program on Wednesday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information about Skulls and Bones, please contact the KDL at 784-2007.



MSU President Speaks at Rotary

cash and personal items

Those assets which

Michigan State University president Peter McPherson recently spoke at a Lowell Rotary luncheon. The 1958 Lowell High School graduate's talk focused on how MSU has helped shape the state of Michigan via training and extension. Pictured above, left to right, with the MSU president are King Doyle (left) and Leonard Jackson (right).

LEGAL **EASE**

Jonathan David

know you have answered this question in your column be- ter. I believe that in the event fore but, alas, I didn't read I am creamed on the highway wasn't important at the time. everything I have. Is this true? Now, I have a job that has me Since there is no one else, if driving many more miles a they don't get it, who does? week. My mortality seems to ride on the hood of the car a der Michigan law, if you die little more often. I am 43, single with no offspring. My no last will and testament, named beneficiaries. I own descendants surviving you,

DEAR JONATHAN: I no will. I'm close with my mom, dad, brothers and siscarefully because the subject of life, they would inherit

would be considered JONATHAN SAYS: Un-"non-probate" assets because there is a beneficiary named. intestate, meaning you have would pass directly to the named beneficiary without accounts, funds, IRA all have and you leave no spouse or having to go through probate first. If the primary benefitwo houses, car, personal then your parents, or survivciary does not survive and items and some cash. I have ing parent, would inherit all there is no contingent benefi-

of those assets which are ciary named, then that asset would pass to your estate, be deemed to be "probatable" probated, and upon the assets. These are the assets completion of probate, would which are titled in your name alone and for which there is pass to your parents or surno contractual beneficiary Even if you are satisfied named to receive those assets

sets would include, based on distribution, you would be the information you provided. well served to prepare a last your car, your two houses, will and testament, which sets forth your primary and con-In the event neither of tingent beneficiaries, as well your parents survive you, then as who you want to serve as your siblings would divide the personal representative of your probate estate in equal your estate in the event your estate is required to be pro-

> Besides a last will and testament, you also may want to consider implementing both a financial durable power of attorney and a health care durable power of attorney which allows you to ap-

> > Legal Ease, cont'd. pg. 19

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Public Hearing of June 11, 2001

PROPOSED 2001-2002 BUDGETS - The Board conducted a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed 2001-2002 budgets to be adopted during the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of June 11, 2001

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:

education and health class.

C&M Coatings, Inc. donation of 750# Liquid Plastisol Resin valued at \$780 to be used by sixth grade students in plastics technology class.

• Pat Thomet donation of \$100 to be used for library books in the Alto Elementary School library.

Nicholas Pietrangelo donation of \$500 to be used by the Wittenbach-Wege Center. · Ionia County National Bank donation of \$1,410 to be

used by the Alto, Bushnell, Cherry Creek and Middle School Accelerated Reader Program. Bob Moyer donation of ski machine and punching bag valued at \$350 to be used by the high school physical

Adopted the Technology Education Curriculum beginning

with the 2001-2002 school year. Adopted the General Fund Appropriation, the Food Service WITTENBACH-WEGE YEAR END REVIEW - Tammy Fund Appropriation, the Athletic Fund Appropriation, 1990 DeBaar gave an update on the tremendous amount of

Headlee Underfunding Fund Appropriation, Headlee Debt Fund Appropriation and the 2000 Construction Fund

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:

 The minutes for the May 14, 2001 Regular Meeting and the May 4, 2001 Closed Session.

• The following payment of bills: General Fund

\$796,903.64 School Services Fund A. Food Service Fund \$53,651.14 B. Athletic Fund 2000 Construction Fund \$521,497.87

\$41,207.62 Trust and Agency Fund · Cherry Creek 5th Grade Overnight Trip Request for Sept.

17 & 18, 2001 and Sept. 19 & 20, 2001 • Superintendent Evaluation

• MHSAA Resolution for the 2001-2002 school year

BOND FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the Alto, Middle School and Unity School projects are running smoothly. The land for the new elementary school has been purchased and school officials are working with township officials in meeting zoning ordinances.

Debt Fund Appropriation, 2000 Debt Fund Appropriation, activities taking place at the Wittenbach Agriscience

Center and Wege Natural Area. Home schools, students, adults and other community groups and schools have utilized this new program during the 2000-2001 school

K-12 READING CURRICULUM UPDATE - Jeff Larsen, Mark Weber, Jean Seman and Rochell Cummings updated the Board regarding the progress of the K-12 Reading Curriculum review and explained the work that wil continue into next school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke reported that Lowell received an excellent rating from the Standard & Poor's evaluation (this report can be viewed on the Internet by going to www.ses.standardandpoors.com. Bert also expressed his appreciation to Mark Weber for his 33 years of service to the district, congratulated John Schut for receiving young educator of the year, Pete Siler for receiving state teacher of the year, and Sue Beute for being selected as the 2000 Michigan Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Special Board Meeting - Thursday, June 28, 2001 • 7:30 a.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room Organizational Board Meeting - Monday, July 2, 2001 • 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room Please visit our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us We Value: Responsibility • Integrity · Compassion · Honesty · Respect

1.9 million residents will go forth this Independence Day

state residents will travel during the Independence Day holiday, according to a recent AAA Michigan survey of 500 state residents. Based on the available data, the Auto Club predicts that the state will remain on track for a projected three-percent increase in tourism volumes and spending for the summer.

Many motorists will travel this summer despite high gas prices - AAA's Regional Routing Center in Milwaukee reports a four-percent overall increase in May TripTik routings requested for at least 20 states, including Michigan. As of June 11, motorists paid \$1.77 for a gallon of self-serve, regular unleaded gas - about 24 cents less than last year.

Only 37 percent of those surveyed in late May said higher gas prices would affect their summer travel plans in some way. Of this group, 46 percent said they would reduce the number of miles traveled and 14 percent said they would cancel the trip

travelers will be staying in Mackinaw City, 2) Traverse in 15 fatal crashes on roads Michigan this year- 59 percent versus 70 percent in 2000 - but the average trip duration has increased, from six days in 2000 to between seven and

eight for 2001. According to the Auto Club survey, conducted in late May, most of the Michigan travel destinations will be in the lower peninsula (84 per-

Of those planning to leave the state over the Independence Day holiday, 16 percent will visit Pennsylvania and 13 percent Ohio. The majority, 82 percent, will travel by car, truck or van, while nine percent will travel by air and two percent will travel by boat, RV, motorcycle or bicycle.

Nearly three in 10 work ers plan on taking the whole week off. Almost one in 10 (nine percent) plan to take Wed., July 4 through Friday, July 6 off. Five percent plan to take Monday, July 2 through Wed., July 4 off. Based on requests re-

ceived for AAA TourBook guides, TripTik routings and maps, the top five summer des-Fewer Independence Day tinations in Michigan are: 1

Legal Ease, cont'd... From Page 18

point individuals to act on your behalf in the event you are unable to do so. If you were to become incapacitated and not have these documents in place, someone would have to petition the probate court for the purpose of having a guardian and/ or conservator appointed on your behalf. By having these documents in place, you avoid having to have this hearing.

Finally, if you have any desire to have your estate avoid probate upon your death, you can consider implementing a revocable living trust and transferring those otherwise probatable assets to the trust during your lifetime. If you do this, then upon your death, since those assets are already owned by your trust, no probate will be necessary and those assets will pass to those beneficiaries named in the trust in the manner directed by you in that trust instrument.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney who can elaborate on the issues discussed herein.

DEAR JONATHAN: What is the difference between a revocable trust and an irrevocable trust?

JONATHAN SAYS: First of all, there are many different types of revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts. Generally speaking, however, a revocable trust is a trust which you can modify, amend or revoke at any time while you are alive and have legal capacity.

An irrevocable trust, on the other hand, is a trust which cannot be modified, amended or revoked once it is established. I hope that answers your question.

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Tourism in Michigan is a \$10-billion-a-year industry, and the state remains one of the best travel values. This year, says AAA, the average family of four will spend \$208 daily for food and lodging in Michigan -\$15 less than the national

> This year, the official 30-hour Independence Day holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday (July 3) and ends at 11:59 p.m. Wed. (July extended holiday safe.

day period, 22 people died vice will help steer holiday

NOW LEASING...

across the state. That's an increase from the 78-hour holiday in 1999, when 15 people died in 15 fatal crashes. Two (13.3 percent) of last year's

safety belts. AAA Michigan urges motorists to keep their mind on the drive, buckle up, maintain a safe following distance, avoid alcohol and be well-rested to help keep the

percent) did not wear their

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The bonds shall be issued for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs of reconstructing, resurfacing and improving (including in some cases curbs, gutters and sidewalks) various major and minor streets, including, but not limited to Valley Vista Drive between West Main Street and Donna Drive and North Division Street between East Main Street and Grindle Drive all within the boundaries of the City of Lowell (the "Improvements"); and

The bonds to be issued shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued by the City pursuant to Act 175 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1952, as amended ("Act 175").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable from the State of Michigan collected taxes returned to the City for street purposes pursuant to Act 175, Act 51 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1963, as amended, and other applicable law. AS ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE BONDS, THE CITY WILL PLEDGE ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER LIMITATIONS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the City limits of the City of Lowell shall have been filed with the City Clerk, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of said bonds with the full faith and credit pledge of the City as additional security, then the bonds secured by a full faith and credit pledge of the City shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g) of Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk City of Lowell

Summer sport camps on target with students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

School has been out for nearly a month, but the activity in and out of high school continues at a feverish pace for Lowell

Eight youth team sport summer camps filled the gyms and playing venues during the month of June. Basketball camps were held for players in grades four

There were 107 girls and 140 boys who took part in the August, we're fine-tuning." basketball camps

Summer sport camp participation levels continue to rise. Lowell athletic director, Barry Hobrla attributes the increasing numbers to better promotion of the camps and coaches going down into the lower levels to push participation.

"Numbers are steadily increasing," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley about camp participation "Kids want to be a part of a program. They want to belong to

Lowell's new varsity boys basketball coach, Jeff McDonald believes students enjoy interacting with their peers. "Lowell also has a great facility and it has coaches who have done a great job of making it fun for the students. They are motivated and want to provide kids with opportunities."

Crowley, along with other coaches and varsity players. held week-long basketball camps for seventh- and eighthgraders and for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders.

The freshman and junior varsity players worked on basic conditioning, agility, and plays.

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mer league in Portland where they will play against teams like Ionia and Grand Ledge," Crowley said. "It's a very competitive summer league. These type of leagues give us time to get in plays so that come

This summer the Lowell varsity girls will play close to 40 games. They have July off.

"The charge of the fourth- fifthand sixth-grade camp is to teach basic fundamentals and to show players that basketball is hard work and fun," Crowley explained. "With the seventh- and eighth-graders, we drill fundamentals, there's more team play and we do some full-court

There's not just basketball Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall had 90 participants in her week-long tennis camps (elementary, middle school and high school).

Lowell football coach, Noel Dean and varsity coaches and players worked with 185 kindergartners through sixth graders at the Red Arrow Youth football camp. "We're trying to show them that football is fun," Dean said. "The toddlers play flag football. The third-, fourth- and

blocking work stations."

Dean and members of the eighth-grade and high school

Spot/Great Lakes Soccer Academy

Volleyball.

Cheerleading..

Varsity camp focused on agility, learning plays, breaking coaching staffs hosted a team camp in Lowell which also included players and coaches from Kent City, Martin, "From here, the varsity players will participate in a sum- Comstock, Dewitt and Burton Bendle. The camp had repre-

sentatives from every level of the football programs. "This is a good camp that we've been running since I started it five years ago," Dean explained. "We had 70 coaches working the camp; 40 of them were our eighth-grade coaching staff, our high school coaching staff and some former players."

Dean uses the camp to get the offense and defense put in place and to implement whatever changes need to be made for next year.

McDonald held a youth camp for boys (90) in grades four through eight last week.

Fot two weeks, freshman, junior varsity and varsity basketball players (50) participated in a weeklong basketball camp.

"We wanted to create a spark for the boys in the youth basketball camp. I wanted their experience to be fun, upbeat and enthusiastic. They learned pivots, jump starts, dribbling techniques and the school fight song," McDonald said.

At the high school camp (two weeks ago), players worked on spacing, squaring up to the basket when they shoot, offensive movement and concepts and defensive

fifth- graders take part in throwing, passing, catching and concepts. "We focused more on skills than fun at this camp." McDonald said.

Numbers are steadily increasing. Kids want to be a part of a program. They want to belong to something.

Soccer camp being run through Soccer

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Boys Basketball......4-12......140

Girls Basketball......4-12......107

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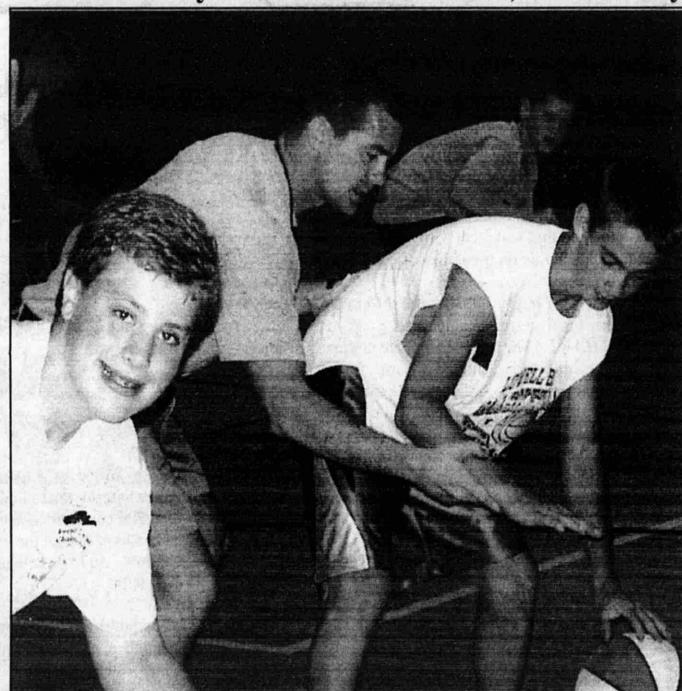
1 TO 4 P.M.



Red Arrow varsity basketball coach, Jeff McDonald opened his first basketball summer camp for Lowell youth

on Monday. The basketball summer camp was for boys in grPatty and Heidi Christine O'Connor taught a few nail repair tricks and other salon tips during their stay in Russia.ades four through eight.

Lowell Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Dee Crowley



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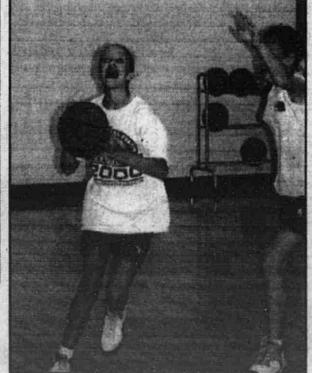
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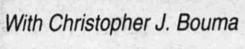
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NEW IRA RULES MAKE IT EASIER TO STRETCH **OUT WITHDRAWALS**

When it's time to start withdrawing money from your IRA, you'll have some important choices to make. Now, thanks to some new rules from the IRS, your options are more attractive - and you and your family could save a lot of money in taxes.

Before we get to the new rules, though, let's review the basics about IRA withdrawals. First, you can begin making penalty-free withdrawals at age 59-1/2. In fact, you can make withdrawals even earlier, without incurring any penalties, by

taking "substantially equal periodic payments." You must take these payments for at least five years or until you turn 59-1/2, whichever is longer. After that, you can take out any amount without penalty. Or, you can stop payments completely until you begin taking mandatory minimum withdrawals on April 1 of the year after you turn 70 1/2,

Once you reach 70 1/2, of course, you may want to take out amounts larger than the mandatory minimum withdrawals. But if your other sources of retirement income are sufficient to meet your living expenses, you may want to withdraw only the minimum. After all, the less you take out each year, the less in taxes you'll have to pay. (This issue is only applicable to the traditional IRA; a Roth IRA grows totally tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.) Furthermore, the less you withdraw, the more money you have growing tax-deferred — and tax-deferred vehicles grow much faster than those investments on which you pay taxes every year.

Under the old guidelines, you had to follow some complex formulas to calculate your minimum IRA withdrawal. If you picked the wrong method, you could end up taking out much larger sums than you wanted— and paying an unwanted tax

But the new rules are fairly straightforward and may allow you to reduce your taxes and preserve a larger percentage of

your IRA for your heirs.

The new rules provide for two distribution methods: · Joint life expectancy—If your spouse is more than 10 years younger than you are, you can choose a joint life expectancy calculation. Spreading out the life expectancy in this way also can result in smaller minimum distributions.

· Uniform table—Unless you qualify for the joint life expectancy calculation, you'll use a uniform table that assumes your beneficiary is 10 years younger than you are. This results in a smaller minimum distribution for married couples who are just a few years apart in age and who name each other

Another change in the minimum distribution rules can provide a tax break for your family. Under the old regulations, children who inherited IRAs were sometimes forced to make very large, taxable withdrawals just a year after a parent's death. But under the new guidelines, children or grandchildren who inherit IRAs can take withdrawals based on their own life expectancies. This can result in lower distributions and lower taxes.

Although the new minimum distribution rules are simpler, you'll still need to consult with your tax adviser before making any moves. But at least you know your choices are

Pasquale's state of the city address offers no surprises

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

There were no surprises in Lowell City Manager, David Pasquale's State of the City address, which he presented to the Lowell City Council Monday night.

The council accepted the address which covered growth issues that the city needed to address along with future development and improvements for the city. This was Pasquale's third State of the City address.

Pasquale noted in his address that while the city has remained about the same, growing by less than one percent in the years to 4,013 according to the 2000 Census, the surrounding communities of Vergennes and Lowell townships have seen tremendous growth - especially Lowell Township which grew by 44.9 percent to 3.911 residents – which has an impact

With that growth, coupled with several housing develop-

ments and the opening of the new Meijer, the city has seen an increase in traffic, the need to upgrade roads, more usage at city parks, and increased responsibilities to public safety.

"As mentioned before, growth appears to be in the Lowell community for the coming years," Pasquale read from his address. "But, what should the city be doing? What is our

"Obviously, much has been in the works over these past years. We need to be proactive regarding growth concerns, seeking cooperation with our neighboring jurisdictions but not forgetting the city's needs," added Pasquale.

goals are to continue to work with the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Historic District Commission; to carry out the plans for the City Hall renovation and police station expansion project; to provide a new cemetery office-storage space and Public Works storage facility through

a building authority bond; to promote a concerted effort to upgrade city streets; to continue to recognize and support the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Lowell Area Arts Council and the YMCA as vital resources to upgrade the community's cultural and economic climate; to cooperate with Lowell Area Schools and Lowell and Vergennes townships on recreation matters; and to plan for future improvements and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and discuss these issues with Lowell Charter Township.

All of these projects are ones that have been mentioned With that in mind, the city manager said his following over the past year and with Pasquale leading the way on many

> "As mentioned in previous years, while projects have been mentioned in our goals, the city must never forget its prime responsibility of service to the citizens of Lowell," Pasquale concluded.

Multiple items make Gillette's job of budgeting for the 2001-02 school year a difficult one

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

how one might describe Lowell school district's business office.

nance and personnel, Connie Gillette was projecting deficit spending (\$400,000) for has Gillette feeling a little unthe 2001-02 school year.

smiling about the prospects be reduced, foundation al-

of a balanced budget. "It looks as though we're going to be Happy but nervous is right around zero," she said. "It's taken a lot of hard work. We've watched and been very careful on how we spend Last June, Lowell's as- money. I'm happy the district, unlike other districts, has

comes to a close, Gillette is are down, categoricals may

not had to make any cuts." The 2001-02 and beyond easy. "I'm nervous about the future," she says. "Tax sales

and heating and energy costs and fuel and heating.

The district will incur increases in insurance premiums (33.8%) and in cost of insurance (47.9 %). It costs the district \$8,400 per appli-

Lowell was helped this year in the area of early retirement with the district budgeting \$160,000. Because it did not have any, that money could be used in other areas,

JUNE 28: Brian Dovle.

JULY 1: Brandon Hewitt.

Trevor Wernet.

lowance could be reduced, e.g., special education tuition an 8.81 percent increase in

deficit budget for the 2001-02 school year of \$240,185. "It's a conservative budget. but we hope as the school year progresses, we can improve upon it," she explained.

The district fund balance, which stands at \$2.9 million. is expected to drop to \$2.6 million by June 30, 2002.

taxable value over last year. Gillette has projected a This will go toward relieving the debt millage burden. Its state aid foundation

grant is projected to rise to \$6,500 per student for the new school year. All of this is just the foun-

dation for the ongoing contract negotiation with the Lowell Education Association (LEA). It marks the third Lowell will be aided by consecutive year that the dis- Gillette said.

trict and the union have entered into negotiations on a one-year contract. "It's extremely time con-

suming negotiating a new

Senior Neighbors gets sign variance recommendation; McDonalds asked to quit scrolling

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's planning commission didn't even blink in taking unanimous action to halt the scrolling food marquee being displayed at McDonald's.

Doug Hopkins, the city building inspector, noted McDonald's reason for the sign was so that it did not have to manually change it.

provisions, states that no sign shall employ any flashing, moving, oscillating, blinking, or variable intensity light, provided variable time, temperature signs may be permitted.

The planning commission stipulated that the message on the marquee could not change more often than every two minutes.

In other discussion items:

The planning commission recommended that a sign variance be permitted at the Senior Neighbor Center (514 S.

The center wishes to install a 4 by 8 foot ground sign in its front yard. Since the center is located in the R-3 residential district, a ground sign may be no greater than 20 square feet., thus a variance was requested

"The sign's design will be much like the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop," said Lowell Senior Neighbor director, Marcia Roth, "We're asking for extra height so that we can better promote the center. The sign will enable us to provide more detail for drivers-by.

Lowell city manager. Dave Pasquale noted that if the

center were located in a public facilities designation, the sign being requested would be allowed. "Actually, if the Senior Neighbors were located across the street, a variance would not be necessary," he explained.

Planning commissioner John VanderWilp expressed that the variance was the correct thing to do. "I feel this is the right thing and a good thing to do. I have a good feeling about it and Section 20.04 in the city zoning book, under general signs I think the planning commission should do what it can to

> The recommendation will now go before the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 2.

JUNE 29: Ben Zoodsma, Stephanie Yonker, Jackson Simmons,

JULY 2: Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Lee, Logan

JUNE 30: Sheila Yeiter, Kayleigh Page.

Brenk, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne Roth.

JULY 3: Alice Ryder, Jamie Capen, Maxin Ligman.

O.E.Bieri & Sons nine-year gravel mining operation on the

When asked about the life of the operation, a representative from O.E. Bieri & Sons said the company explained back 1992 it thought the life of the operation would last 10-12

Pasquale said the city has not received any complaints

When finished with its operation, it will add fill to bring it above the flood plain so it can be built on.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Tara Sherman, Peter Timinski.



The cubit was a standard measure of length among the 17.5 inches, the royal cubit about 20.5 inches.

contract every year," Gillette said. "What would be worse

is committing to a multiple year contract that the district can't fund. The district is not willing to commit to a contract if it is not sure the funds will be there to pay for it,"

The planning commission reviewed the progress of

north side of Grand River Drive.

about the mining being done by Bieri & Sons. The company will leave the property's frontage alone.

JULY 4: Anne Armstrong, Barb Austin, Zachary Rhodes,

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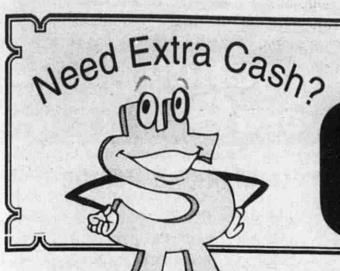
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