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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

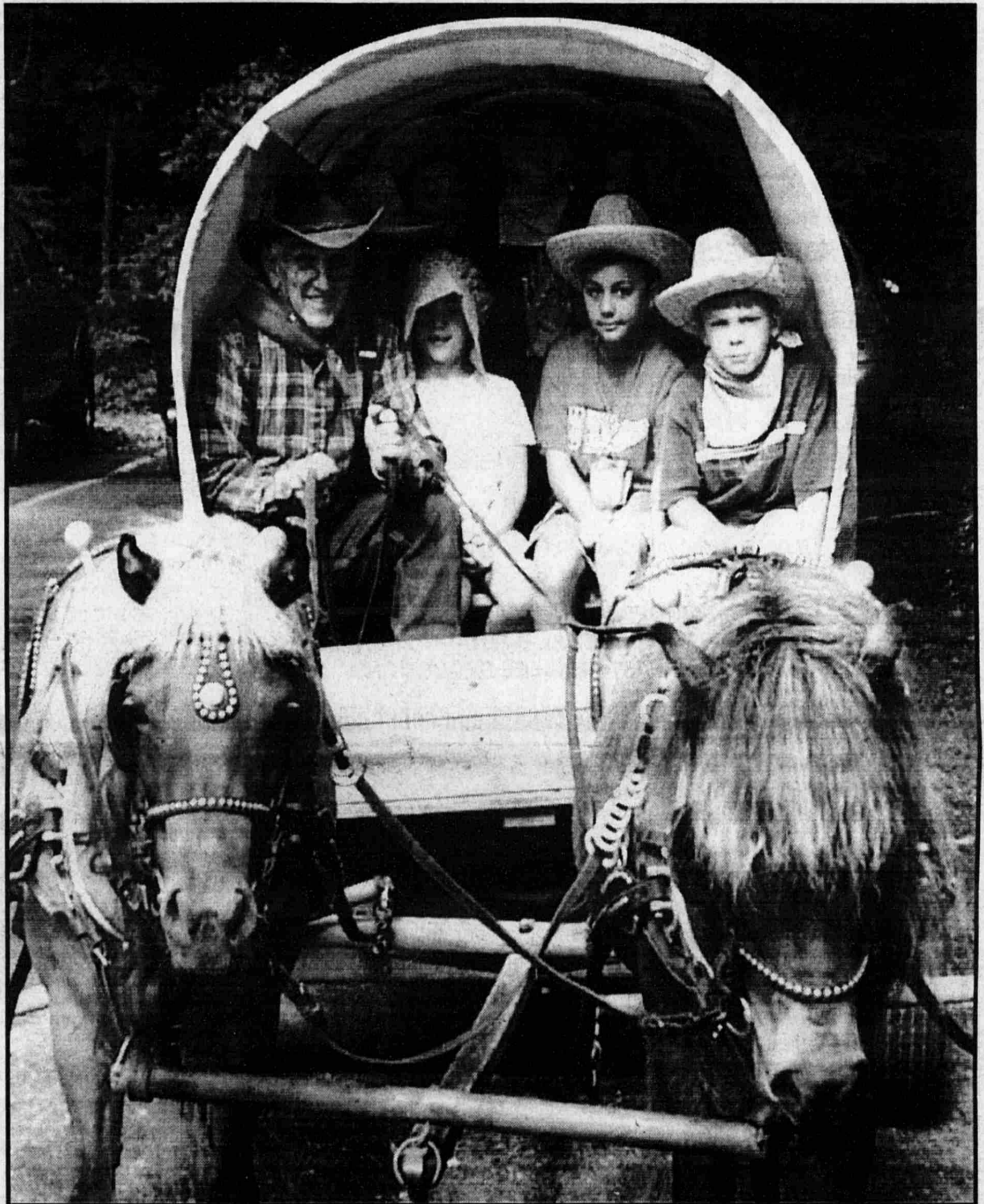
These ducks certainly don't dirty up the sidewalk, however, they are causing a stir with the city council.

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. 1.

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 week-long 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 said.

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

PULLEN - Mrs. Iva I. Pullen, aged 89, passed away June 20, 2001 at Oxford Manor. She was preceded in death by her husband Russell Leland Pullen. Surviving are her three daughters Barbara (James) Lambert of North Carolina, Marilyn (Robert) Masten of Arcadia, and Susan Pullen Kamel of Grand Rapids; three grandchildren Thomas (Alane) Lambert,

Michael (Elizabeth) Lambert and Betsy (Jon) Gundry; five great-grandchildren; sister Viola Blasen of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law Trudy Turnquist also of Grand Rapids; one niece and several nephews. Iva was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was active in many family and church activities. Memorial services were held Saturday at Trinity 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, 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-in-law 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 remains will take place on Saturday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. The family will meet relatives and friends at this time.

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.

Seventh annual Covered Bridge Tour, July 8

Fallsburg 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 Fallsburg that is on the National Historic Register.

Kerry Schubach, of the Fallsburg 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 Fallsburg 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 Fallsburg.org.

Local NARFE member attends state convention

Charles and Dee Doyle 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 Conyers. The National Association of Retired Federal Employees supports those who now and in the past have served

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 federal employees have worked to achieve for themselves and their families.

NARFE has more than 400,000 federal workers, retirees, spouses and survivors

united to preserve the economic security and well-being of federal employees on the job and in retirement.

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 officer.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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 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?

___ YES
 ___ NO

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?

___ YES
 ___ NO

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.

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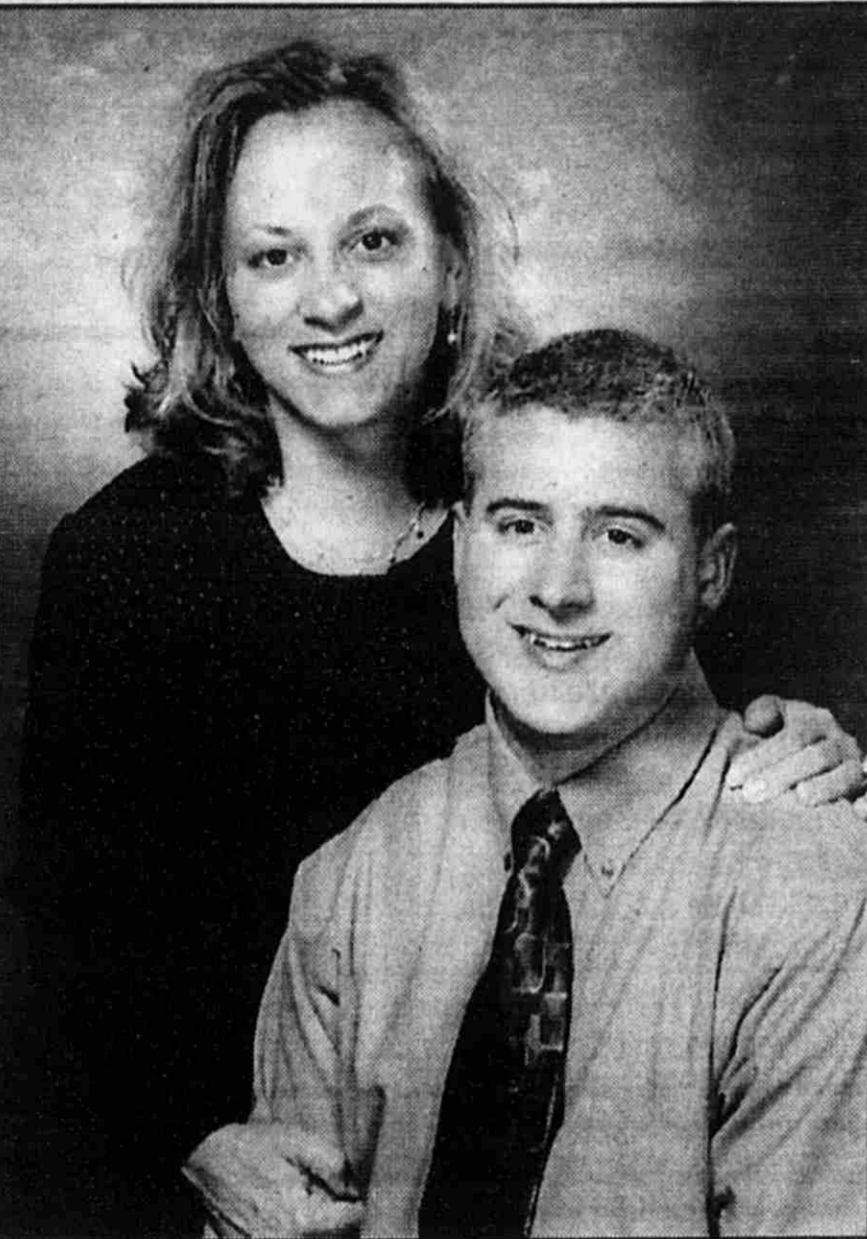
Richard and Mary Osika of Colorado Springs, CO announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Marian Denyse Osika to Garth Allen Snyder.

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

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 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.

Ripley is the daughter of Robert and Michelle Ripley of Lowell.

Nicholas J. Staal graduated from The School of the

Art Institute of Chicago with a bachelor of fine arts degree on May 19, 2001 at the Chicago Theater. He is the son of Ken and Janice Staal of Lowell.

Staal is employed at R. Shanks Design as a graphic design artist in Chicago.

Andrea N. Rickert of Lowell has been named to the dean's list for spring term at Northwood University in Midland.

She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Julie Rickert of Lowell.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn

a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

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

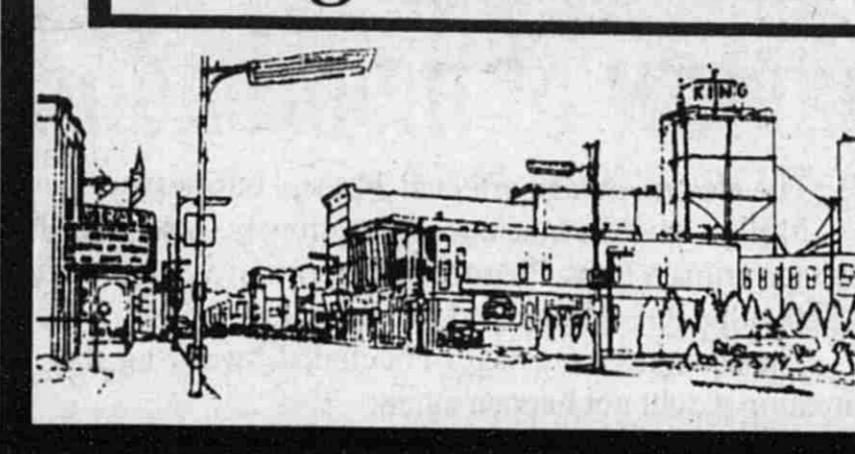
Nethercot is the son of Sharon Nethercot of Lowell.

To achieve president's list recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Nick W. Bergy, of Alto, has been named to the dean's list for the May 2001 session for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio, located in Lima.

Bergy, a full-time student, received a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Along Main Street



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.

VISITORS NIGHT AT VEEN OBSERVATORY

Tour the James C. Veen Observatory, located at 3308 Kissing Rock Rd., every 2nd and last Saturday through October and visit the moon, planets, galaxies and other celestial objects through powerful telescopes with local astronomy experts.

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.

Stegehuis' work published in anthology

In front of the beautiful yacht harbor on Mackinac Island on the lawn of the Island House Hotel, approximately 400 people gathered in June to honor and obtain autographs of the 50 new authors recently published in *Voices of Michigan, An Anthology of Michigan Authors*, volume III. Among the many authors honored that day was **Dave Stegehuis** of Lowell whose writings appear in the anthology.

Volume 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 Leading the Way."

The cover painting of volume III was done by Mary Hramiec-Hoffman of Harbor Springs. Charlene Oestman of Traverse City provided the pen and ink sketches used in the

COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR

The Fallsburg 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 Fallsburg Schoolhouse for the 12-, 28-, 50-, and 100 mile routes. The event benefits the society and its efforts to restore the village of Fallsburg.

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman **Zachary C. Hollinshead** has graduated from basic military training at Lakeland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received

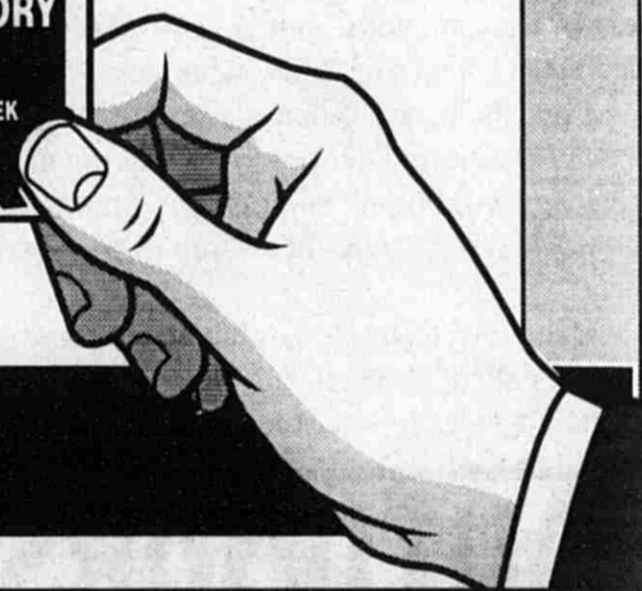
special training in human relations.

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

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 VanderWilp 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 de-energize 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 produces 4,160 volts. Phase to ground produces 2,400 volts. The operations manager concluded by saying that this situation would not happen again.

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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 taken down.

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 the west end... not just in the downtown area.

None of the councilmembers objected to the ducks or the 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 shortfall kept us from a fourth All-State title this year. I am very proud to be from Post 8303 and from Lowell and want to publicly say, "Thank you, comrades."

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 VanderWilp.

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 I 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 8303."

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.

"It does not subsidize either the township residents or the 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 January 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 non-integrated 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 amendment.

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.

Garlic mustard poses threat to natural areas

In Indianapolis, they took up arms against this biennial herb.

The villain goes by the name of garlic mustard. It is feared because it poses a threat to natural areas due to its ability to quickly dominate the ground layer to the exclusion of native plants.

"In the Kalamazoo/Richland areas, trilliums, buttercups, sweet williams and many other wild flowers are being crowded out and replaced by the garlic mustard plants," said Lowell's Bonnie Groeters. "They shade out tree seeds and more mushroom spores, and are a serious threat to woodlands and wildlife."

A single garlic mustard plant can produce thousands of seeds, which scatter as much as several meters from the parent plant.

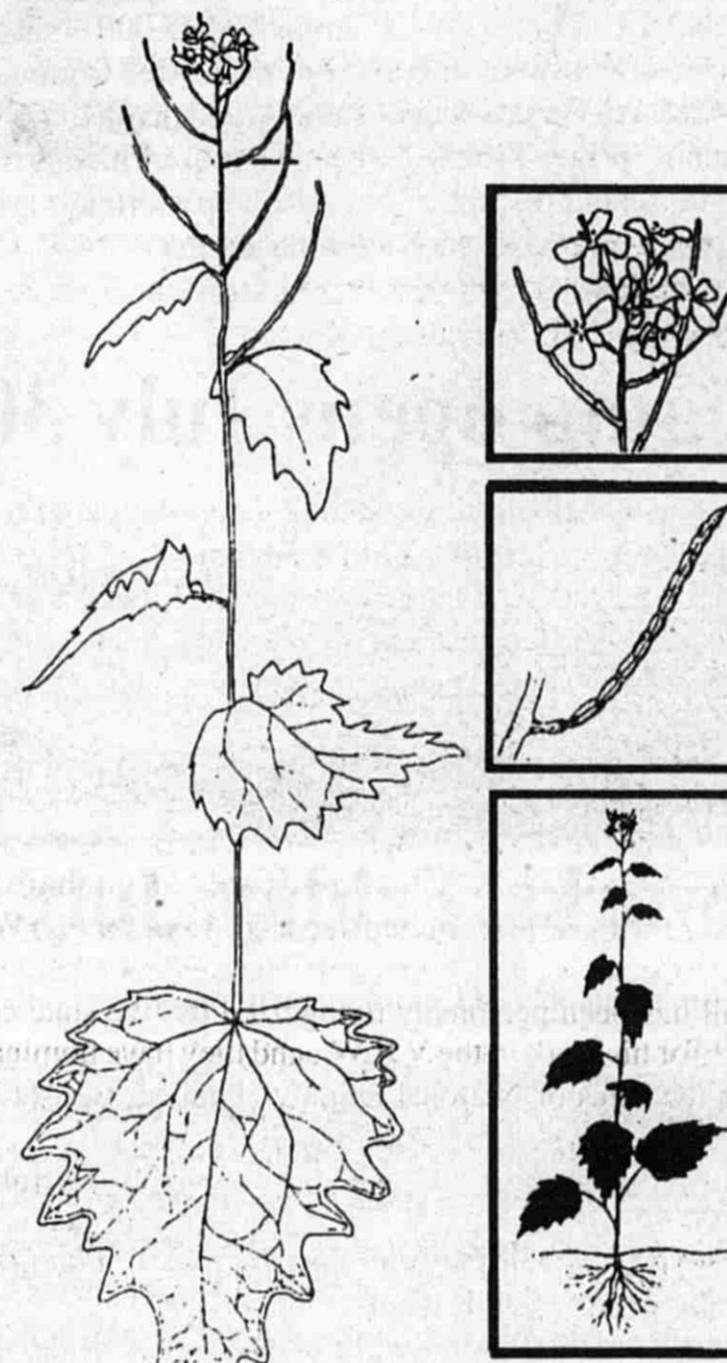
Additionally, because white-tailed deer prefer native plants to garlic mustard, large deer populations may help expand it by removing competing native plants and

exposing the soil and seedbed through trampling.

"I've seen the garlic plant all over Lowell, Cascade and Ada," Groeters warns.

Successful control methods include burning, pulling by hand, and cutting flowering stems with a scythe or weed whip. Control meth-

ods are most effective before garlic mustard begins fruiting in late summer to prevent seed production.



Insets show flower (top), silique (middle) and overall plant form (bottom).

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Upon receipt of a complete application, the Township Board shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application for renewal. The Township Board may impose conditions on renewal of the license pursuant to 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 peacefully enter upon the property for the purpose of conducting reasonable inspections to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. Any refusal to allow such inspections shall be a violation of this Ordinance and shall be cause for license suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 14.

In addition to discretionary inspections, the Township 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 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:

A. FENCING AND SCREENING: All excavation areas 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 indicate the danger of trespassing in the area. The minimum specifications for said fencing shall be as 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.

1. 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 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:

- 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

residential purposes. This provision with regard to lands improved and occupied for residential purposes shall be applicable to any land upon which dwellings are built and occupied subsequent to the date of this Ordinance. Prior to initiating natural resource removal activities and as often as may be necessary to assure the existence of a vegetative ground cover, the applicant shall seed or plant the berm. Seeding and planting shall be done in a manner suitable for the area and soil conditions so as to 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 horizontal.

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 proposals.

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 licensed operator to remove such material immediately.

E. ROAD MAINTENANCE: Access roads within the licensed site shall be maintained by the operator so as to minimize the dust arising from the use of said roads. Such maintenance shall be accomplished through the application of chloride, water and/or similar dust retardant 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, maintained, and operated in such manner as to eliminate 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 used.

G. NOISE STANDARDS: Natural resource removal sites shall be operated such that the noise of operation or equipment vibration cannot reasonably be considered 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 any condition, shall not be operated so as to result in noise exceeding the following levels for specified adjacent land uses when measured at the common property line nearest the active work area:

Table with 2 columns: Adjacent Use, Maximum Sound Level. Rows include Residential Dwellings (75 dBA), Commercial (85 dBA), 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 States Bureau of Standards.

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

may include a tire bath, wheel-washing device, or manual spraying of tires and truck undersides. All roads and unpaved areas shall be regularly maintained in a dust free condition. Trucks shall travel only on roads approved by the Township.

I. LIGHTING: All lighting shall be directed away from surrounding property. Shielding shall be required where 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.

J. DRAINAGE: Stormwater shall be diverted to the 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:

- Engineering and geological studies indicating that such water will not become stagnant or polluted.
Approval, by the Township Board, of a plan for the future use of the water body.
Approval of the proposed operation by the Department of Natural Resources and the County Drain Commissioner (if applicable).

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 above.

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 Ordinance).

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 topsoil shall be removed unless necessary for the ultimate proposed use. All topsoil shall be evenly and properly redistributed. The surface area of all land which is not to be permanently submerged shall be graded and 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 surface to minimize erosion due to rainfall and produce a natural appearance in relation to the property, as it existed prior to the commencement of excavation operations. Final grades shall be in substantial conformity to 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 water area to a distance of not less than 10 feet away 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, non-radioactive, 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 solid waste regulated by Part 115 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended, and any hazardous waste regulated by Part 111 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as 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 Ordinance.

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 construction of improvements, reclamation, final grades, and all other conditions required for approval of any license issued under this Ordinance.

The applicant shall post a financial guarantee naming the Township as the beneficiary thereof in an amount determined by the Township Board to be reasonably necessary to insure compliance hereunder; provided, however, that in no case will the sum of the financial guarantee be less than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for each acre or fraction thereof of land. If upon completion of an applicant's activities on the parcel described in the application, the land has been reclaimed to the satisfaction of the Township Board, the financial guarantee shall be voided; otherwise, the Township shall have the right to use the proceeds to the extent necessary to reclaim the parcel. This financial guarantee or surety shall be kept current at all times by the applicant until the parcel or parcels have been restored as required by this Ordinance, or until such time that the Township, and its agents and contractors determine it necessary to go on the applicant's premises to fulfill the financial guarantee requirements. In fixing the amount of the financial guarantee, the Township Board shall take into account the size and scope of the proposed operation, current prevailing cost of reclaiming the premises upon default of the operator, and other such conditions and factors as might be relevant in determining the sum reasonable in light of 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.

SECTION 12 - EXISTING OPERATIONS

All natural resource removal operations lawfully in existence at the time of effective date of this Ordinance shall 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 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 Ordinance.

SECTION 13 - VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS

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

B. Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased civil fines. For purposes of this Ordinance, "repeat offenses" means a second (or subsequent) violation of this Ordinance committed by a person within any six (6) month period and for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for a repeat offense under this Ordinance shall be as follows:

(1) The civil fine for a violation that is a first repeat offense 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 violation.

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 compliance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 14 - SUSPENSION/REVOICATION OF LICENSE

If the Township supervisor or Natural Resource Removal Officer notifies the operator of any violation of the license or of this Ordinance and upon failure of the licensee to abate said violation within fifteen (15) days after mailing of said notice, said natural resource removal site may be summarily closed, and the license therefor, suspended or revoked, and resort made to the financial guarantee for restoration.

Any licensee aggrieved by any notice sent pursuant to this section may file a written request for a hearing before the Township Board. The request shall set forth why the natural resource removal site should not be summarily 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.

SECTION 16 - INTERPRETATION

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.

SECTION 17 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication hereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the township.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS
COUNTY OF KENT)

I Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk of the Township of Bowne of said County of Kent do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township Ordinance No. 7 as approved and adopted by the Bowne Township Board on the 18th day of June, 2001 and becoming effective 30 days as of the 26th day of July, 2001. The Ordinance in its entirety was published in the issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 27th day of June, 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 2001.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Peter F. Siler, Bowne Township Supervisor
Bowne Township
Natural Resource Removal Ordinance

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. 31, 2001. Myers is active in the community and has ties to the Englehardt Library in Lowell, serving as chair for the Library Building Campaign that raised \$1.2 million.

On a related note, Shirley Bruursema, who represents Kent District Library as a member of the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board, was recently elected to the ALTA Board of Trustees as 2nd vice president.

Founded in 1890 as the American Library Trustee Association, today's Association for Library Trustees and



Chuck Myers

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The eight members of the Kent District Library Board of Trustees represent 26 communities throughout Kent County (not including Grand Rapids, Sparta and Cedar Springs) and govern Kent District Library. Board meetings are held the third Thursday of every month. Check www.kdl.org or call Kent District Library for times and locations.

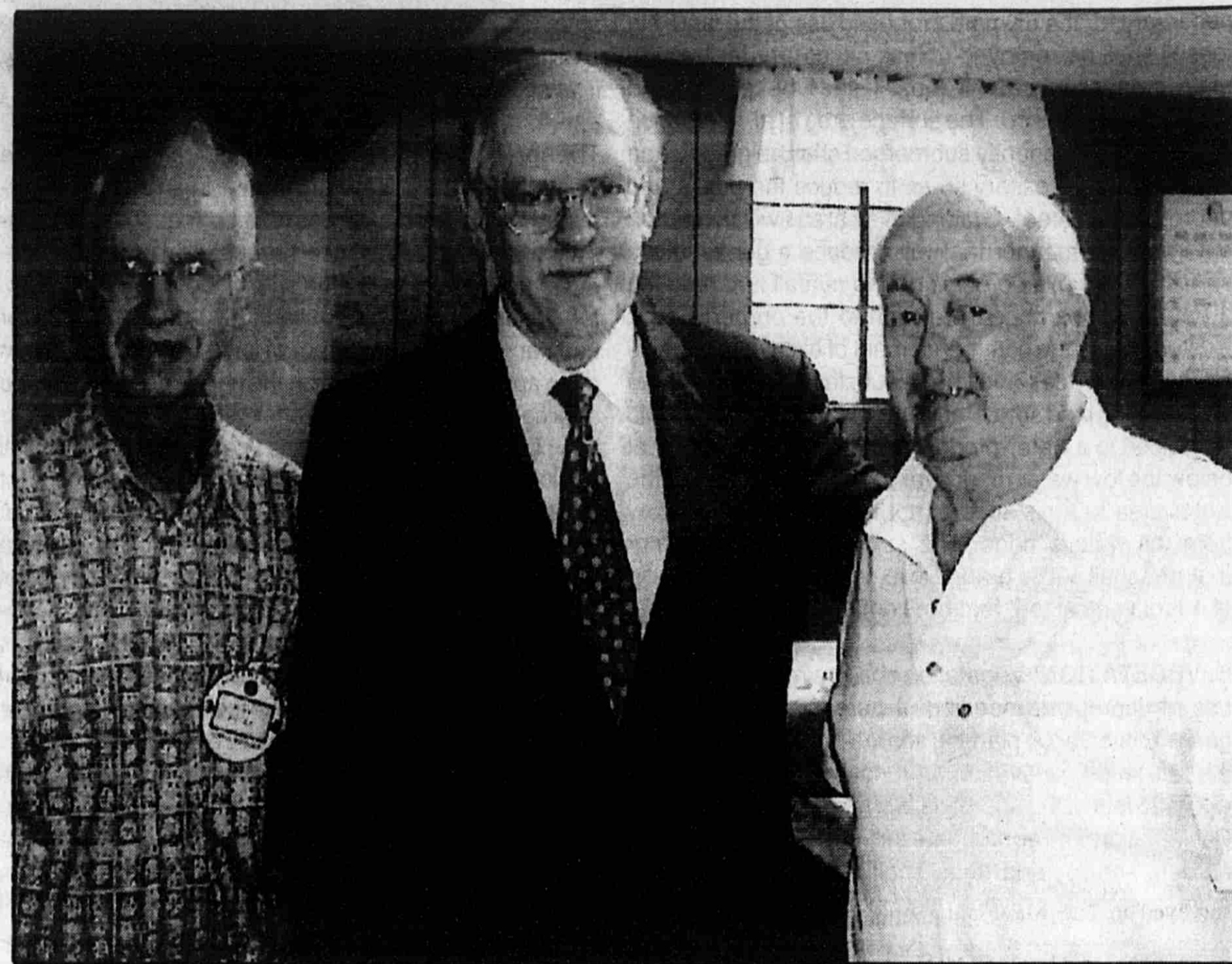
Skull collector visits KDL's Alto branch July 11

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

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

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I know you have answered this question in your column before but, alas, I didn't read carefully because the subject wasn't important at the time. Now, I have a job that has me driving many more miles a week. My mortality seems to ride on the hood of the car a little more often. I am 43, single with no offspring. My accounts, funds, IRA all have named beneficiaries. I own two houses, car, personal items and some cash. I have

no will. I'm close with my mom, dad, brothers and sister. I believe that in the event I am creamed on the highway of life, they would inherit everything I have. Is this true? Since there is no one else, if they don't get it, who does? JONATHAN SAYS: Under Michigan law, if you die intestate, meaning you have no last will and testament, and you leave no spouse or descendants surviving you, then your parents, or surviving parent, would inherit all

of those assets which are deemed to be "probateable" assets. These are the assets which are titled in your name alone and for which there is no contractual beneficiary named to receive those assets upon your death. These assets would include, based on the information you provided, your car, your two houses, cash and personal items.

In the event neither of your parents survive you, then your siblings would divide your probate estate in equal shares.

Those assets which would be considered "non-probate" assets because there is a beneficiary named, would pass directly to the named beneficiary without having to go through probate first. If the primary beneficiary does not survive and there is no contingent benefi-

ciary named, then that asset would pass to your estate, be probated, and upon the completion of probate, would pass to your parents or surviving parent.

Even if you are satisfied with the statutory scheme of distribution, you would be well served to prepare a last will and testament, which sets forth your primary and contingent beneficiaries, as well as who you want to serve as the personal representative of your estate in the event your estate is required to be probated.

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-

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1.9 million residents will go forth this Independence Day

An estimated 1.9 million 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 entirely.

Fewer Independence Day

travelers will be staying in 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 percent).

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 workers 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 received for AAA TourBook guides, TripTik routings and maps, the top five summer destinations in Michigan are: 1)

Mackinaw City, 2) Traverse City, 3) Sault Ste. Marie, 4) Detroit and 5) St. Ignace.

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 average.

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 4).

During last year's 102-hour July Fourth holiday period, 22 people died

in 15 fatal crashes on roads 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 fatal crashes were alcohol-related. Of the 20 occupants killed, nine (45 percent) did not wear their 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 extended holiday safe.

For the 37th year, AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" Holiday News Service will help steer holiday

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CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, SECURED BY THE CITY'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT

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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").

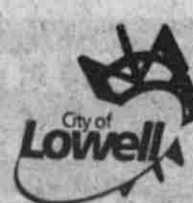
SOURCE OF PAYMENT

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.

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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 probateable 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?

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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 year.

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 will 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.
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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:

- 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 education and health class.

Adopted the Technology Education Curriculum beginning with the 2001-2002 school year.

Adopted the General Fund Appropriation, the Food Service Fund Appropriation, the Athletic Fund Appropriation, 1990 Debt Fund Appropriation, 2000 Debt Fund Appropriation,

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

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	\$13,730.86
2000 Construction Fund	\$521,497.87
Trust and Agency Fund	\$41,207.62
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.

WITTENBACH-WEGE YEAR END REVIEW - Tammy DeBaar gave an update on the tremendous amount of activities taking place at the Wittenbach Agriscience

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 sports teams.

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 through 12.

There were 107 girls and 140 boys who took part in the basketball camps.

Summer sport camp participation levels continue to rise. Lowell athletic director, Barry Hobra, 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 something."

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 eighth-graders and for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders.

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

Varsity camp focused on agility, learning plays, breaking the press, shooting and team defense.

"From here, the varsity players will participate in a summer 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 August, we're fine-tuning."

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

"The charge of the fourth- fifth- and 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 drills."

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 fifth- graders take part in throwing, passing, catching and blocking work stations."

Dean and members of the eighth-grade and high school

coaching staffs hosted a team camp in Lowell which also included players and coaches from Kent City, Martin, Comstock, Dewitt and Burton Bendle. The camp had representatives 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.

For two weeks, freshman, junior varsity and varsity basketball players (50) participated in a week-long 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 blocking work stations."

McDonald said. "We focused more on skills than fun at this camp."

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP ENROLLMENT GROWING



SPORT CAMP	GRADE	NUMBER ENROLLED
Football	K-6	185
Boys Basketball	4-12	140
Girls Basketball	4-12	107
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Volleyball		40
Golf		25
Cheerleading		20
Soccer	40-50	

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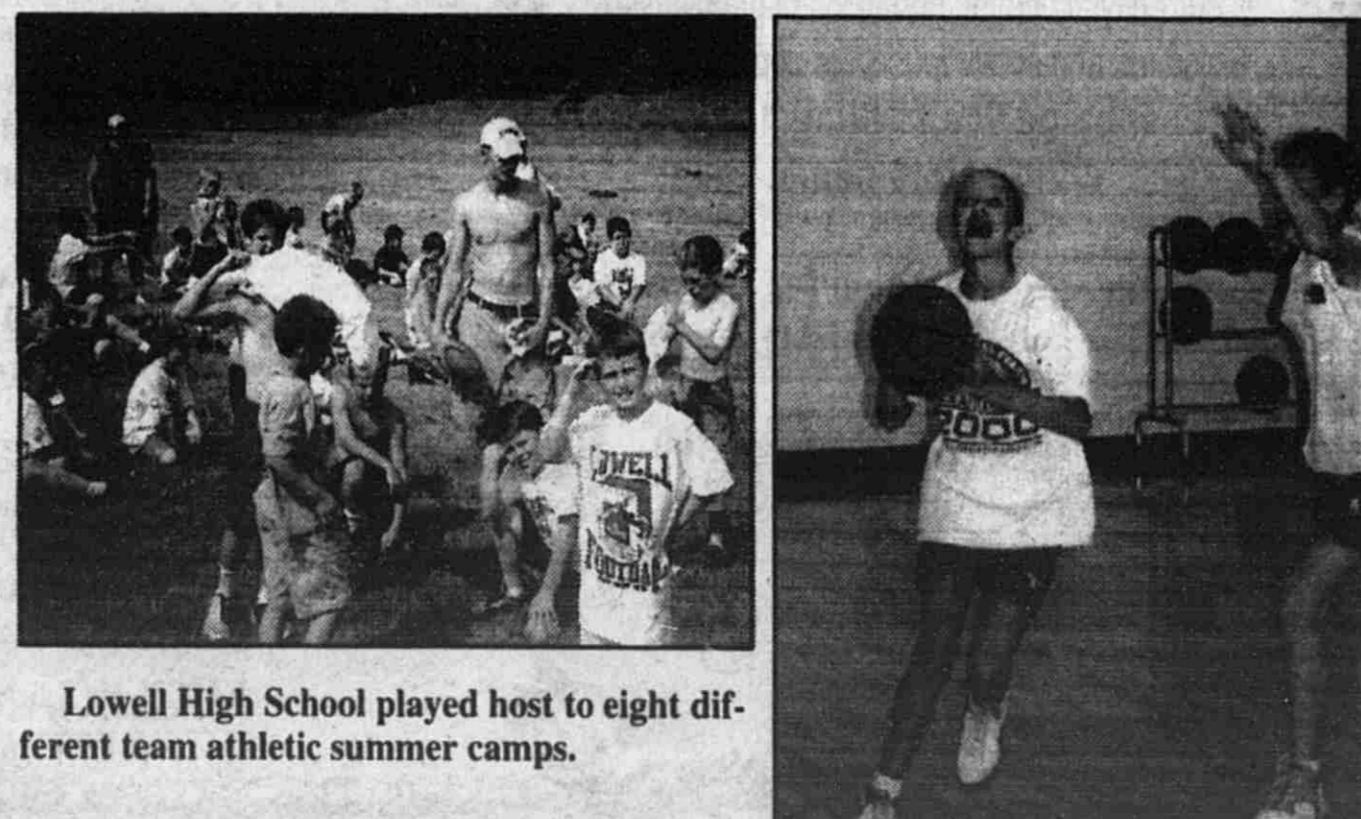
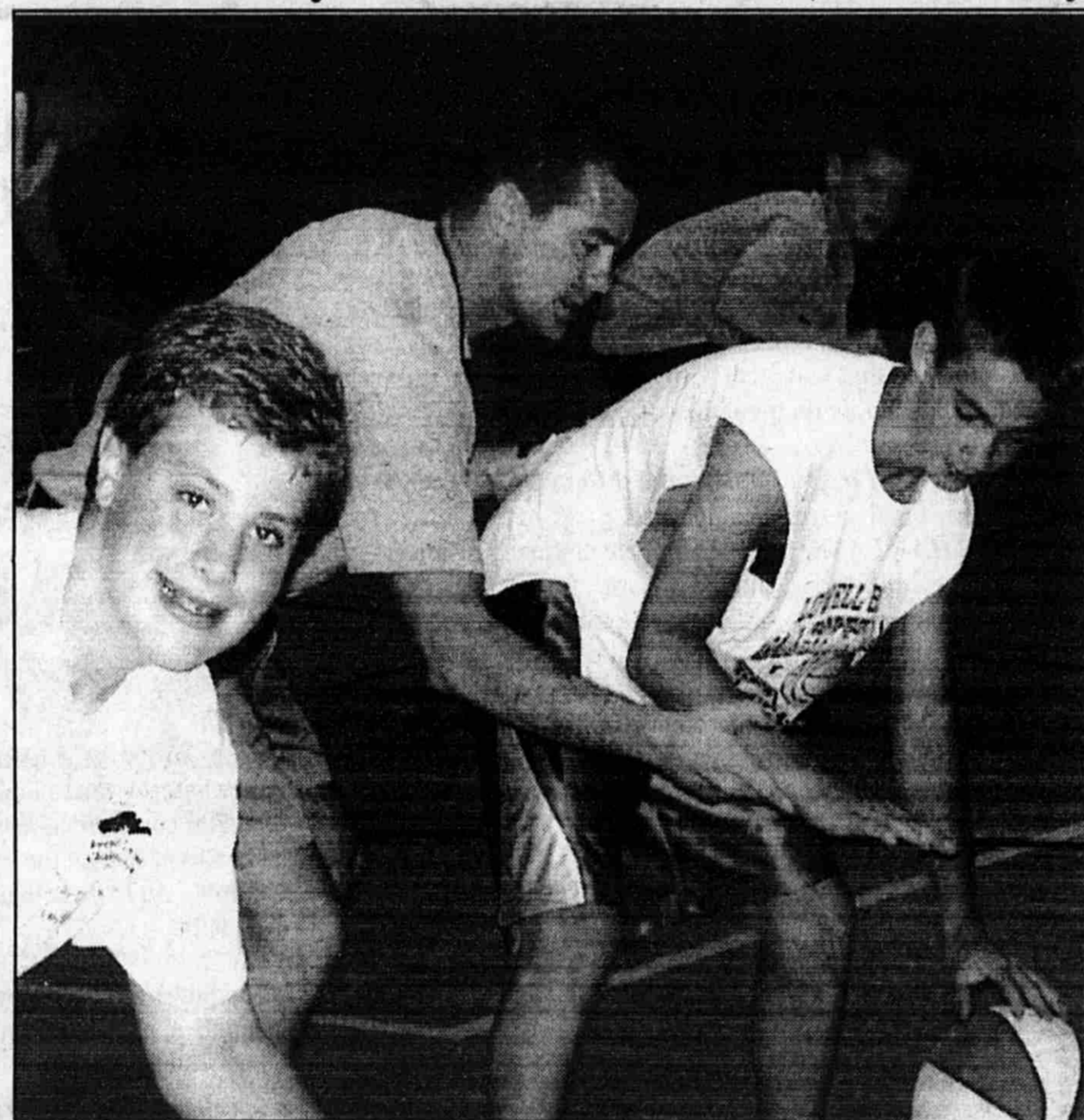
Friends & family are invited to celebrate at an open house on **SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2001** at **Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th St. & Alden Nash 1 to 4 P.M.**

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

Lowell Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Dee Crowley

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 grades four through eight. Heidi Christine O'Connor taught a few nail repair tricks and other salon tips during their stay in Russia. ades four through eight.



Lowell High School played host to eight different team athletic summer camps.

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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 bill.

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 as beneficiaries.

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 better than ever.

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 on the city.

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 response?"

"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.

With that in mind, the city manager said his following 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 over the past year and with Pasquale leading the way on many of these issues.

"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

Happy but nervous is how one might describe Lowell school district's business office.

Last June, Lowell's assistant superintendent to finance and personnel, Connie Gillette was projecting deficit spending (\$400,000) for the 2001-02 school year.

As this fiscal school year comes to a close, Gillette is smiling about the prospects

of a balanced budget. "It looks as though we're going to be right around zero," she said. "It's taken a lot of hard work. We've watched and been very careful on how we spend money. I'm happy the district, unlike other districts, has not had to make any cuts."

The 2001-02 and beyond has Gillette feeling a little uneasy. "I'm nervous about the future," she says. "Tax sales are down, categorical aid will be reduced, foundation al-

lowance could be reduced, and heating and energy costs are up."

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

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,

e.g., special education tuition and fuel and heating.

Gillette has projected a 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.

Lowell will be aided by

an 8.81 percent increase in taxable value over last year. 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 foundation for the ongoing contract negotiation with the Lowell Education Association (LEA). It marks the third consecutive year that the dis-

trict and the union have entered into negotiations on a one-year contract.

"It's extremely time consuming negotiating a new 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," Gillette said.

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.

Section 20.04 in the city zoning book, under general signs 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. Hudson).

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 VanderWilt 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 I think the planning commission should do what it can to expedite it."

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

The planning commission reviewed the progress of O.E. Bieri & Sons nine-year gravel mining operation on the north side of Grand River Drive.

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

Pasquale said the city has not received any complaints about the mining being done by Bieri & Sons.

The company will leave the property's frontage alone. When finished with its operation, it will add fill to bring it above the flood plain so it can be built on.

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DOG & CAT GROOMING - Located in Fallsburg Park. Full service, small or large dogs & cats. Evening appointments available. Call anytime. Pickup available for shut ins. Senior discount 15%. Call 794-9614.

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FIBERGLASS TECHNICIAN NEEDED - Starting wage depends on experience. Will train reliable people. Wage increases based on skill & dependability. Paid vacation, insurance, retirement plan & uniforms. Call 897-7719.

1 BEDROOM FOR RENT IN LOWELL - large rooms, electric, water & sewer included. \$525 per mo. Call Steve 897-0486.

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'88 GMC 3/4 TON - new engine by GM, new tires, exhaust, brakes, metal work cap. \$5,200. Call 642-0099.

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

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HELP WANTED - Mature person needed to help in adult foster home in Ionia. Can be full time. Must drive. Call Pat 616-527-2606 only after 7 pm.

FOR LEASE - Downtown Lowell Area. 1200 square feet of storage space with 16 ft. ceiling and dock access. 132 S. Hudson Street. 897-8789.

1990 CAMARO - \$2,000 obo. Runs great. 897-8978.

THIS 90 LB. GERMAN SHEPHERD NEEDS A HOME - in the country where he can run & romp. He's a healthy dog, all caught up on shots, heartworm prevention, etc. Price is negotiable...expectations for a good home are high. Call 897-0964.

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DRIVERS - Are you ready for a career change? 364 student drivers needed. Make 36-42K in 14-16 days. No up front money required. Call 1-877-83TRAIN.

'97 POP-UP CAMPER - fits Dodge Dakota pickup, 8 ft. bed. 897-2982.

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FOUND - 2 dogs near 5 Mile & Murray Lake. Call 691-7322.

TUTORING IN MATH & READING - for your 1st thru 6th graders, by certified elementary teacher. \$15 per hour. Sessions held at Lowell Library. Call 897-0197.

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QUICKBOOKS BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - and advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

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LPN - Sentinel Pointe an elegant retirement community in Cascade, is looking for caring, compassionate nurses to fill position. 7 a.m - 3 p.m. & 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Pay range \$14-\$16 an hour, vacation accrual, free meal & retirement plan. Some weekends included. If interested apply at 2900 Thornhills SE or fax 957-2950.

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FOR SALE BY OWNER - 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch, Lowell Schools, 3 acres, 1 stall garage, 28x36 outbuilding. Lots of wildlife, must see to appreciate. 10290 Cascade Rd. \$129,900. Call 868-6215.

FOR SALE - Gas dryer, Maytag, heavy duty, extra capacity, works great! 897-5938.

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Lindsay Aiken
Kayli Arnett
Brandie Barnes
Tiffany Barrett
Scott Beatson
James Bell
Marissa Bergy
Corrine Bieber
Michelle Blanchard
Jacob Bottomley
Adam Bowers
Haley Briggs
Rachel Brinks
Sean Burrows
Matthew Burton
Danielle Calkins
Kimberly Carrier
Michael Crain
Hannah Dalton
Austin DeClercq
Scott Devroy
Edward Dickerman
Renee Dryer
CiJi Eickhoff
Shane Elliott
Kellie Faulkner
Robin Figley
Alexander Fleet
Michael Ford
Austyn Foster
Garrison Fredline
Nichole Freed
David Gallagher
Marissa Garza
Aaron Geer
Hannah Gerig
Hayley Getzen
Mary Gillhespy
Rebecca Green
Michael Griffioen
Hollie Gunderson
Matthew Gurd
Shay Hacker
Brandon Hall
Kassandra Hanrahan
Justin Harden
Charlie Hathaway
Troy Heimer
Mallory Hines
Travis Hippey
Laurinda Horsley
Allen Huber
David Huffman
Stacey Janeschek
Julie Johnson
Lisa Johnson
Lindsey Jousma
Karen Judd
Jordan Kadwell
Bailey Keeler
Stephanie Kempker
Genevieve Kendall
Tyler Kent
Joshua Kettel
Kelsey Koewers
Christian Koning
Kaylyn Koza
Gwyndd Lammas
Samantha Lancaster
Anna Lane
Vincent Larkin
Donald LeVault
Kelsey Ligman
Larz Lindstrom
Brittany Lyman
Andrew Manion
Jessica Maughan
Tylor Meppelink
Kalyn Merrifield
Marek Mikesell
Leslie Morrison

Eric Mundt
Tasha Nauta
Jessica Nelson
Keith Nichol
Michael Nichols
Bradley Nordman
Andrew Nozal
Andrew Oesch
Morgan Olin
Karri Ort
Richard Owens
Ryan Padgett
Zabrina Peck
Bethany Penninga
Lance Perkins
Cassandra Phillips
Jamie Phillips
Margaret Pratt
Adam Rash
Culver Redd
Megan Risner
Kathleen Rissi
Christopher Ritz
Ashley Rodriguez
Michael Roth
Justin Rottier
Kathryn Rottier
Kara Schloop
Allison Schneider
Taryn Schumacher
Jacob Seaman
Raymond Seese
Brittney Shellenbarger
Timothy Sinen
Caitlin Sirowatka
Ashleigh Smit
Luke Smith
Erin Soules
Heather Spratt
Kory Stevens
Terrah Tawney
Lindsey Trierweiler
Stacey Underwood
Austin VandenHout
Michael VanderHart
Kirsten VanderJagt
Lauren VanderMark
Ashley VanSpronsen
Bailey VanVeldhuizen
Holly Vaught
Amanda Vezino
Kevin Vuong
Kelly Walker
Ryan Watikunas
William Watikunas
Trevor Wernet
Danielle White
Tiffany Whittington
Nathan Willemstein
Sara Williamson
Sarah Willits
Kristen Wolfe
Kaylee Yonker
Edward Zandbergen
Megan Zinke

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Danielle Anchors
Alana Anderson
Donald Anderson
Allan Aquino
Kyle Austin
Adam Baker
Caleb Baker
Kathryn Barnes
Erin Beddows
LynnAnn Bell
Collette Benmark
Kenneth Bieri
Austin Blough
Melissa Blough
Alice Blumm

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Lisa Boomers
Sarah Boomers
Holly Borth
Kelsey Brenk
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Amanda Ezinga
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Julie Geelhoed
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Ashley Slater
Chelsea Smit
Crystal Smith
Lori Smith
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Rebecca Batt
Laura Baum
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Jennifer Blattner
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