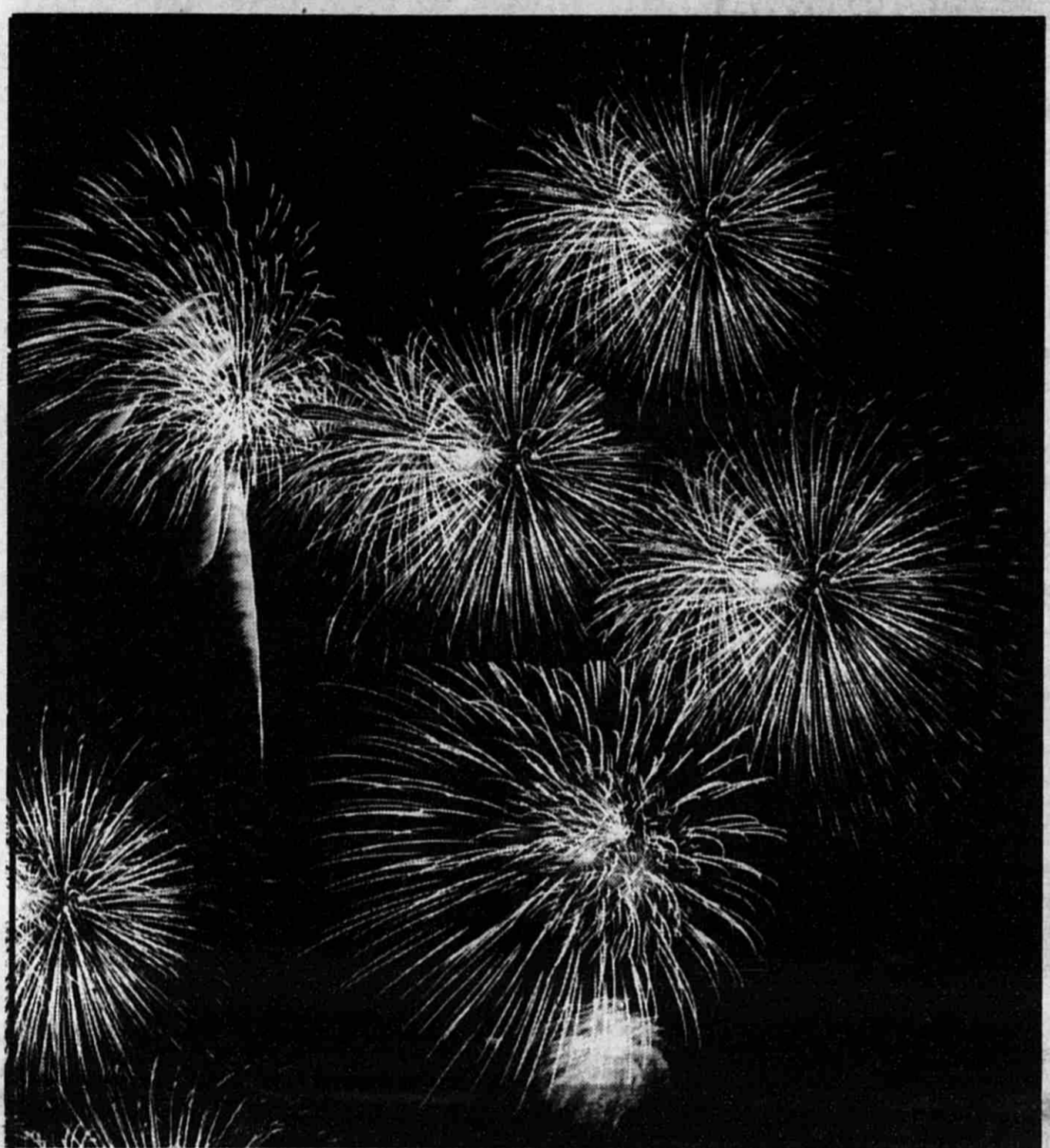


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## FIREWORKS FRIDAY

The fun is all over for the other communities, but you can catch the fireworks one more time on Friday, July 6 in Lowell. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. with a Red, White and Blue parade starting at Lowell First United Methodist Church and traveling west on Main Street to the Lowell Fairgrounds. At the fairgrounds, many family activities are planned. They include:

- Water ball Fight
- Concessions
- Monster Truck Rides
- Face Painting
- Entertainment with Saranac Area Community Players Band and Grasshoppa, Bluegrass Music
- Glow Necklaces

The evening will end at Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road with a fireworks display by Melrose Pyrotechnics, funded and sponsored by The Laurels of Kent.

## As Hudson Street project completed, DDA work begins

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

No sooner was the \$800,000 South Hudson Street reconstruction project completed, when the \$800,000 Downtown Development Authority project commenced.

South Hudson Street was opened to thru traffic for the first time in three months on Friday. What passers-through discovered was a street that had been widened to three lanes and new sidewalks. What they couldn't see was the water main which was put in south of M-21 to Grand Street.

Kamminga & Roodevoet was the project's general contractor.

The only part of the project not completed is the installation of the railroad lights and crossing bar. Mid Michigan Railroad's Bob



The newly renovated portion of South Hudson was opened to the public early Friday afternoon.

Dine said the company will have personnel flagging traffic at the crossing when a train rolls into town. "It's not a favorable situation for us," Dine said. "We expect the

gate to be in by Thursday or Friday. The delay is due to changes made by the road commission in the road's width."

The DDA project, which started on Monday, will include the reconstruction of the King Milling and Chamber of Commerce parking

## Rock'n the Walk

The Shags  
 Headhunters

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Trialism

For a dozen or so Lowell High School boys in the late '60s, early '70s, play-rock'n roll was a creative outlet from the norm.

"We all played sports (basketball and football) and then we'd walk into the dances with wet hair and ready to play our music," said Rick Seese, one of the original members of the Plague.

Playing in a high school rock 'n' roll band took up a lot of time. Members of the Plague would go down to what is now Showboat Automotive and practice a couple of times a week.

"Music was a nice outlet for us, other than sports, and it was fun," said Dave Jones, another member of the Plague which eventually changed its name to Scragg Zoster. "It was

and of a time period that evoked passion and lasting memories.

"I'm excited about the enthusiasm and passion that they have exhibited to make this night happen," said Lowell Area Arts Council executive director, Loraine Smalligan.

During the time of the Depression and the years that followed, the Showboat provided a sense of Lowell community, an arts/culture heritage from which future generations could build.

Smalligan added that Lowell can use its resources to provide the town with name recognition again.

Fallasburg Fall Festival, Riverwalk Festival, Thebes Players (theatre group), the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery, downtown's antique shops, and the local musical talent have added to that heritage.

Seese believes the progression and history of the local rock 'n' roll bands have also

Alive & Well

Lomas Brothers

Scragg Zoster/The Plague

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Members of the Scragg Zoster/The Plague Band pictured, from left to right, are: Rick Seese, Dale Kropf, Dave Jones, Mitch McMahon, Ken Gergersen, Cindy Kropf and Doug Slocum.

also out of the norm and a creative thing to be doing." The Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series (Thursday, July 5) will be the venue for a reunion of the bands and its members, and a rejuvenation of their music

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**OBITUARIES**

**PALMER** - Betty L. Palmer, aged 63, of Greenville, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, at her home. She was born July 17, 1937, in Hubbardston to Paul T. and Dorothy (O'Connor) Hainer. She worked at Attwood in Lowell for 32 years. She was a member of the Lowell Moose Lodge and the Lowell American Legion Auxiliary. She was an avid lover of gardening, all wild life, yard sales, and playing the slot machines. She is survived by sons Donald L. Mead of Greenville, Ronald and Linda Mead of Belding; daughters MaLinda Mead and Bill Taylor of Mulliken, Karina and Chris Dennis of

Deltona, Fla.; eight grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; brothers Clarence and Barb Hair of Kalamazoo, Robert and Olivia Hair of Galesburg; half sister Bertha VanCannon of Carson City. She was preceded in death by parents Paul T. and Dorothy Hainer; granddaughter Tonya Marle Mead; special friend Joseph Platjouw. Funeral services were July 3 at the Lux and Schnepf Funeral Home in Carson City with Rev. Ried Martin officiating. Interment in Westside Cemetery, Hubbardston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice.



**ALONG MAIN STREET**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES**  
 "Rockin' Reunion" will be on the Riverwalk this Thursday evening, July 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Stop by to enjoy an evening of classical favorites.

**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 uni-

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD NATURAL RESOURCE REMOVAL AS A SPECIAL LAND USE IN THE R-1 RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 12, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to Section 6.04 of the Zoning Ordinance to add natural resource removal as a special land use in the R-1 Rural Residential District.

The proposed zoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

June 15, 2001  
 Sandra Kowalczyk, clerk  
 Bowne Township

Robert Hicks of Arizona; two sisters Shirley Garlington of Colorado and June Thomas of Arizona. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. Lansing Chapel. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing. Those desiring may make contributions to Ingham Hospice, Ingham Regional Medical Center, 401 W. Greenlawn Ave., Lansing, MI 48910-9969, or to the American Cancer Society, 1755 Abbey Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823 in memory of Mrs. Thomas.

forms are provided. Contact Debi Hinton, director of Volunteers, at the Lowell Police Department, 897-7123.

**HELP PLAN A 30-YEAR CLASS REUNION**  
 If you are from the Lowell High School class of 1970, 1971 or 1972 and are interested in helping to plan a "combined" class reunion, please call Maureen Kennedy (897-8423) or Karen (Alexander) Ford (897-7700).

**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.

**YMCA SOCCER CAMP REGISTRATION**  
 Registration is still available for Lowell YMCA Soccer Camp the week of July 9-13. Age groups are from 3 years old up to 4th grade. Call 897-8445.

**LOWELL FIRE DEPT. BLOOD DRIVE**  
 The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, July 18 from 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

**STREET MARKET DAYS COMING SOON**  
 Calling flea & farm marketers, crafters, people who just want to sell their treasures. The 4th annual Street Market Days, sponsored by Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Downtown merchants, will be July 27 and 28 (Friday & Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Historic Lowell. Call Linda at 897-1140 for information and an application form to rent space.

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ATTENTION LOWELL TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS**

The Lowell Township Water Department will conduct a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will occur the weeks of July 23rd and July 30th. Some customers will experience low water pressure.

Lowell Charter Township Water Department

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**WATER BALL FIGHT** 7:30 PM Lowell Area Fire Department Fairgrounds

**CONCESSIONS** 7:30 PM-DARK Knights Of Columbus Council Fairgrounds  
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**MONSTER TRUCK RIDE** 7:30 PM "White Knight" Fairgrounds \$3 Per Rider  
**FACE PAINTING** 7:30 PM Lowell Jaycees Fairgrounds

**ENTERTAINMENT** 8:00 PM SARANAC AREA COMMUNITY PLAYERS BAND Patriotic Program

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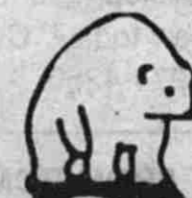
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