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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

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 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

The DDA project, which started on Monday, will include the reconstruction of the King Milling and Chamber of Commerce parking Construction, cont'd. pg. 8

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Rock'n the

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For a dozen or so Lowell High School boys in the late '60s, early '70s, playrock'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 now Showboat Automotive and practice a couple of times a week. "Music was a nice outlet for us, other sports, than and it was another member of Dave Jones,

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 Showprovided

Lowell a sense of community, an arts/culture heritage fromwhich 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

Rock'n, cont'd. pg. 8



Members of the Scraggs 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 **Inside The Ledger** Sudanese Students a Story of Strength, Page 18

OBITUARIES

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 vears. 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

PALMER-Betty L. Palmer. 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 Schnepp Funeral Home in Carson City with Rev. Ried Martin officiating. Interment in Westside Cemetery, Hubbardston. Memorials may be made to the Ameri-

can Cancer Society or to Hos-

THOMAS - Betty L. Tho-28, 2001 at the age of 76. She was born February 28, 1925, loved putt-putt golf and

eras. Surviving are three sons: William "Bill" (Alice) Thomas of Lowell, Gary Coldwater, and Bob (Dorcia) Thomas of Lansing; six grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; one brother

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

> forms are provided. Contact Debi Hinton, director of Volum teers, 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.

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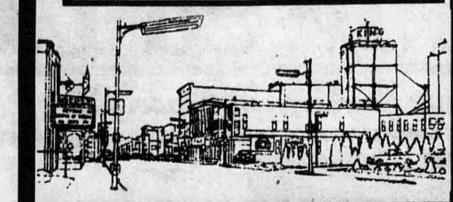
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day evening, July 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Stop by to enjoy an evening of classical favorites.

LPD LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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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 or Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

> June 15, 2001 Sandra Kowalczyk, clerk **Bowne Township**

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

> **Lowell Charter Township Water Department**

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Rev. Gordie Barry First United Methodist Church

I am in the middle of a sermon series using the Letter to the Galatian people. In this letter. Paul is speaking to this group of new Christians on who they are to be as individual believers and who they are to be as a community of faith. Paul gets very specific as to the do's and don'ts what they will do and what they will not do if they say they are followers of Jesus Christ.

As I share these words, I believe more and more how experiences have a crucial impact on us and how these experiences shape our viewpoint, beliefs and even behavioral pattern.

One experience that al-

ways impacts me and is always before me is the reality of our CROP Walks for Hunger. This past year was no exception. In preparing for such a walk, I receive lots of information and materials to use. One of the pieces I received this year was a page of poems. One of those poems is "A candlelight is a protest at midnight. It is a non-conformist. It says to the darkness, I beg to differ." (from

speaks of my potential and our lives in this way!

of us whether we are in Paul's church in Galatia or a part of this town called Lowell: the reality is still the same. We are part of this light of Jesus Christ. We share this light. Our lives are this light. I am one who feels

love as Jesus loves. Our lives are a protest

against the darkness of the world around us. Our lives are a statement

to this darkness, "I beg to

Steve Hamilton, the three mysteries set in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, will be Live at the Library for a presentation and book signing at several Kent District Library branches July 24 through 26. Hamilton's books will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the Kent District Library Alliance of Friends for adult programs.

Hamilton's latest book, The Hunting Wind, just came

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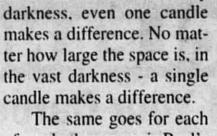
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future. In the midst of any

The same goes for each

strongly about living out who we say we are as Christians. If we are, then we act like it! If we are, then we see as Jesus sees. If we are, then we act as Jesus acts. If we are, then we

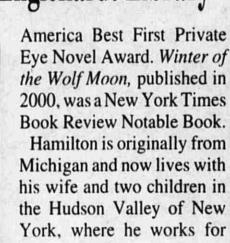
Our lives are a statement This image speaks to me to this darkness that says there and reminds me of who I am, is another way - the Jesus and who I can be. Thinking of Way. May all of us in this the candle and what it does community of Lowell live

Mystery writer, Steve Hamilton, to visit Englehardt Library

award-winning author of June. His first book, A Day in

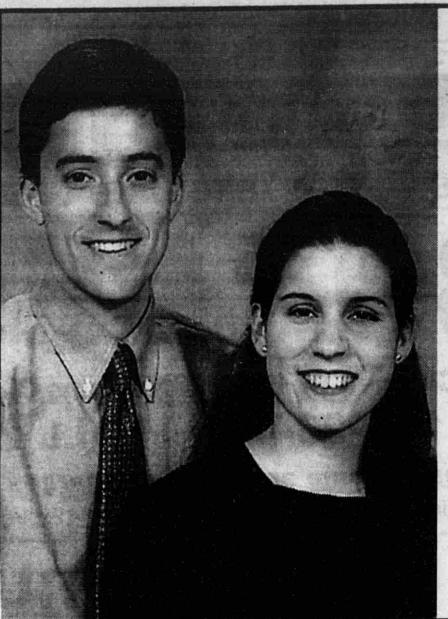
the Edgar Award for Best

First Novel by an American Author, the Shamus Award for Best First Private Eye Novel and the St. Martin's Press/Private Eye Writers of



To learn more about the author and his books, visit his

www.authorstevehamilton.com. This event is scheduled for the Englehardt branch on Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m.

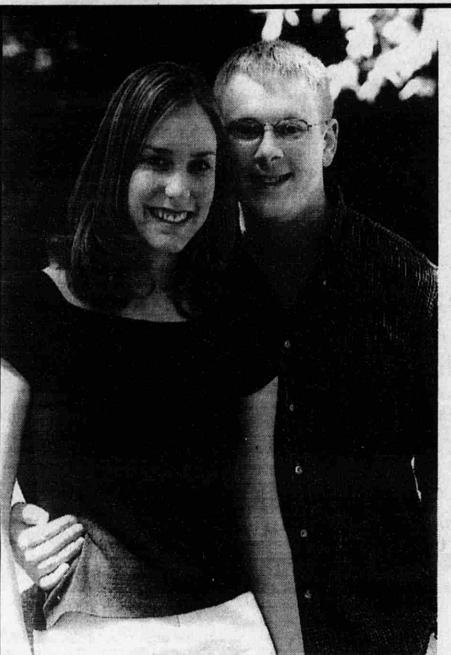


Gunter/ Wills

The marriage of Kendra Gunter and Peter Wills will be celebrated on October 27, 2001.

The future groom, of Lansing, is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University. His parents are Roger and Nancy Wills of Belding.

The bride-to-be, of Grand Rapids, is also a graduate of Michigan State University. Her parents are James and Judith Gunter of Alma.



Rogers/ Pelon

The ceremony which will unite Karvn Marie Rogers and Paul Arthur Pelon IV in marriage will be performed on September 15, 2001.

The Kentwood couple are the children of Bud and Jan Rogers and Paul III and Bette Pelon, all of Lowell

Both Paul and Karyn are graduates of Lowell High School and Western Michigan University.

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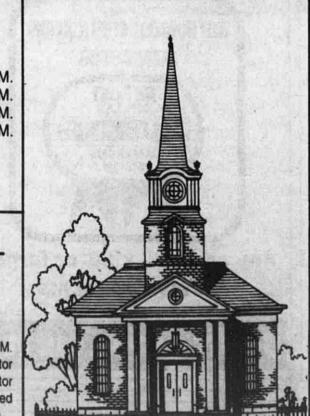
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of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

JULY 5, 1876

This issue is missing. We substitute July 5, 1871

There are 75 sewing silk mills in the United States.

This issue starts the seventh year of publication.

and Jefferson, was raised last Friday.

The frame of R. Marshall's new residence, corner of High

CHIROPRACTIC

REPORT

ANOTHER REASON TO TAKE YOUR

MIGRAINE TO THE CHIROPRACTOR

headaches? If so, you've probably tried all sorts of treatments:

various prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications,

home remedies (lots of coffee, maybe even coffee enemas),

3. with a combination of both the drug therapy and chiropractic

significant improvement, on a par with those given the power-

ful prescription drug. The headache index, from a diary kept by

each patient, showed SMT to have reduced the severity and

DEAR JONATHAN: I am in business for myself. Every-

IONATHAN SAYS: Actually, the initials LLC are the

one keeps telling me that I should set up an LLC, which

believe are the initials for a limited liability corporation. Can

initials for limited liability company. Since you did not give me

specifics about your business, other than that you are in

business for yourself (which I assume to mean is a sole

proprietorship), I can only speak in generalities and not give

As a single person conducting a business, you could

continue to conduct the business as a sole proprietor or you can

set up a corporation or a single member limited liability

company. Since your question concerns limited liability com-

A limited liability company is a cross between a partner-

ship and a corporation—it gives you the most favorable

attributes of both types of entities. Like a partnership, an LLC

panies, I will limit my response to those types of entities.

you any specific direction regarding your business.

relaxation techniques, and perhaps chiropractic care.

ness of treating migraines three ways:

known under the brand name Elavil);

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Jonathan David

you explain how this might benefit me?

1. with chiropractic spinal manipulation alone;

TROMBLY

will be a free bridge.

DR. PAUL

TUTHILL.

Besides the usual picnic and oration, today's festivities by way of Detroit. will include races (including a fat man's race) and ball game with cash prizes, tub races, a 50-foot high dive and 600-foot underwater swim demonstration.

The King Milling Company office is being painted. Miss Mattie Thompson is the new principal of the West be underway soon.

Ward School. Publisher Johnson asks those who have business with

Probate Court please ask the judge to send ads to the Ledger. You can take the Pere Marquette to Ottawa Beach for an afternoon for a dollar, and a two-hour excursion on the Pere Marquette Steamer for 15 cents.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 1, 1926

Ramona Park at Reeds Lake promises fireworks, balloon ascension with double parachute drop, amusement park, dancing at Ramona Gardens, and protected parking for the Fourth. Lynn Perry has cleaned and painted his Studebaker Sales

& Service in Ionia, and will celebrate with a free dance there July 3, with Warner's Orchestra of Lowell. Carbon tetrachloride is advised for removing grease spots

on clothing. (Note: Don't!) A new invention is a nickel-in-the-slot radio.

The toll bridge at Ada has been purchased by the town and The recipe of the week is for mock duck made from flank steak. The new sidewalk across Flat River is nearly completed.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 5, 1951

A Mexican truck arrives in Lowell and takes on a load of \$12,000 worth of Newell Airfired guns for toy shoppers south

frequency of headaches as well or better than the combined therapy or amitriptyline alone at each stage of the study.

Chiropractic treatment doesn't pose the risk of literally dozens of unwanted side effects or interactions with other drugs that with this medication can range from mild through annoying to very serious and even deadly. You owe it to yourself to consider chiropractic treatment as a viable (even preferable) treatment option for those miserable migraines. Basic Biological Evidence That Spinal Manipulation Works

If you see your chiropractor regularly, you know how much better you feel after and between visits. You also know that your chiropractor is not only providing relief from such Are you one of the millions who suffer from migraine symptoms as aches and pains, but also contributing to your overall well-being.

But is there objective, measurable, scientific evidence that spinal manipulation affects the way your body feels and functions? Some fascinating research offers proof that the Research now shows that the gentle spinal manipulation body responds at a very basic level to what chiropractors do for therapy (SMT) provided by your chiropractor may be as

effective as and safer than widely used drug therapy prescribed Men and women employed by a large Australian corporation volunteered to undergo chiropractic spinal manipulation by medical doctors. A study compared the relative effectiveand have their reactions measured. To assess the impact of chiropractic, the researchers measured the cortisol (hydrocortisone) levels in the saliva of the subjects - before, during and 2. with the antidepressant/antianxiety drug amitriptyline (best

after treatments over several weeks. Cortisol is released by the adrenal glands when the body is under stress or injured. In many research subjects, their Patients who received only spinal manipulation showed cortisol level was reduced or not increased while they experienced spinal manipulation therapy. This observation suggests that chiropractic treatment has a measurably, entirely real teristics to look for: calming and physically soothing and restorative effect.

> be subject to income tax and all income and losses pass through directly to the member of the LLC. A single member LLC, in fact, is considered to be a sole proprietorship for federal income tax purposes, so from an income tax perspective, you would be treated the same whether you are a sole proprietor or a single member LLC.

> As with corporations, the LLC provides its members with a certain measure of limited liability, which would be the main advantage for you in setting up the LLC. As a sole proprietor, you are personally responsible for the business' debts, liabilities and obligations. As a member of an LLC, you would not be personally liable for the LLC's debts, liabilities and obligations. However, there are exceptions to the applicability of the limited liability aspect of an LLC. For instance, if you were to personally guarantee an obligation of the LLC or sign a contract in your name individually rather than signing such contract on behalf of the LLC, then you would remain personally liable for those obligations. Also, you would not be protected from liability for your own tortious conduct, negligence or fraud, or for the debts and obligations of the business prior to converting it into an LLC. Even so, the limited liability aspect of an LLC is very attractive for many business owners.

You should consult with a business attorney who is familiar with limited liability companies, as well as other types of business entities, to determine what makes the most sense for you and your business based on all relevant facts and

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of the border. Speaking no English, the driver finally gets here

The school census for May shows 901 children between birth and 19 years. 318, more than a third, are four and under. The baby boom is on.

Building of the new, large 4-H exhibition building should

Newell Mfg., Lowell Mfg. and Superior Furniture are all taking the week off. So does the Lowell Cafe.

Tickets are selling like hotcakes for the Showboat; \$1.20 and \$1.60, tax included.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 1, 1976

The Lions' Club chef's hats will be sent in Richards Park over July 3 and 4 as they produce a chicken barbecue for the

The Ada Historical Society receives a collection of dry plates taken by Ada's first photographer and would like to have

portraits identified. This Bicentennial year celebration here will have parade, sidewalk sale, booth at Richards Park, ball game and dance at the Moose Lodge. All other towns also plan for fun and

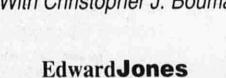
This year "Uncle" Carl Behnke has produced a fancy, luxurious doll-size hen house for the benefit of the Crippled and Retarded Children home at Coldwater.

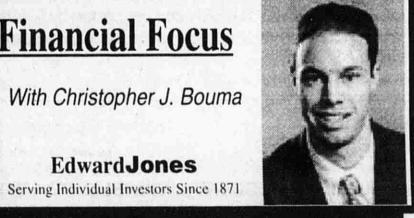
Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass appear on the Showboat in a Bicentennial one-nighter. The Showboat has been refloored for the coming performance, but Bucky says somebody stole the eagle.

Financial Focus

patriotism.

With Christopher J. Bouma





VALUE STOCKS - NOT STYLISH, BUT NEVER OUT OF STYLE

During the long bull market of the 1990s, many growth stocks soared to unheard-of heights and, in the process, captured the public imagination. At the same time, a lot of people paid far less attention to "value" stocks. But in 2000, when the bubble burst for a lot of the high-flying growth stocks, many value stocks did quite well-which came as no surprise to

Over the years, value investments have outperformed growth investments many times. But smart investors don't buy value stocks because they anticipate superior short-term performance. They like the other benefits that value stocks can give them: reasonable prices, less volatility and more predict-

What, exactly, is a "value" stock? Here are a few charac-

• Long history of earnings—You might think that profits are a basic prerequisite for any investor considering a stock. But many of the new technology companies, particularly the dot-coms, had no earnings-even while their stock prices were taking off. By contrast, value stocks typically have long track records of profitability. And the best value stocks have several years of continuously improving earnings.

· Low price for each dollar of earnings—When you invest in a stock, you're hoping that it earns money—if not today, then tomorrow, and for a long time to come. You're willing to pay a certain price for each dollar of earnings. If you're investing in an aggressive growth stock, you'll have to pay a high price; in other words, you'll be investing in stocks with high price-to-earnings ratios (P/E). Some of the dot-coms had P/Es of 80 or higher. But a value stock, by definition, has a relatively low P/E—possibly 15 or less.

· Lower volatility-Like all stocks, value stocks will fluctuate in price. But they generally don't move up and down as much-or as fast-as growth stocks. If you're statistically minded, you can compare the "beta co-efficients" of value stocks with those of growth stocks. A beta co-efficient is a measure of a stock's relative volatility. The Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index has a beta co-efficient of 1. Stocks with a beta higher than I are considered more volatile than the market as a whole. Conversely, stocks with betas less than 1 are less volatile and will rise and fall more slowly than the market.

In short, if you like favorable valuations, but not a lot of surprises, you may be interested in value stocks. At the same time, don't forget the benefits of diversification. Your portfolio doesn't have to be strictly "value" or solely "growth"-it can easily be value and growth. In fact, you'll find that owning both types of stocks will give you more opportunities for success. And that's real value.

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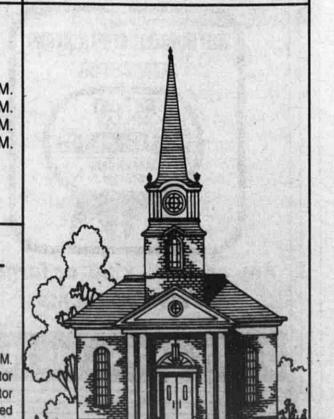
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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2001.

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Myers

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Chief of Police James Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall.

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

NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the minutes of the June 4,2001 regular meeting as amended and corrected. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

> **BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (06/18/01)** GENERAL FUND. \$94,529.49 MAJOR STREET FUND \$1,421.68 LOCAL STREET FUND \$230.99 . 23.67 DDA FUND. AIRPORT FUND 11,310.62 WASTEWATER FUND 4,742.87 . 27,231.55 WATER FUND EQUIPMENT FUND. 3,834.55 7.840.00 LOOK FUND

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

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS **MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2001**

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

Again, at this time of the year, a State of the City Address BRUBAKER to accept the State of the City Address. provides to the community the opportunity to view our YEA: 4. sense of direction. What have we accomplished? What NAY: 0. are our strengths and weaknesses? Where are the ABSENT: challenges and opportunities? Ultimately, where is the MOTION CARRIED.

The Lowell area has continued to grow. While the City has increased modestly in its population of less than one THE CITY AND LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP. Over percent in ten years to 4,013 as reflected in the 2000 the past two years the City of Lowell has had the Census, Lowell Charter Township grew by 9.3 percent to opportunity to speak with representatives from Lowell 5,219 and Vergennes Township has increased an astounding 44.9% to 3,611. The recently opened Meijer's located near the intersection of M-21 and Alden Nash provides an enormous impact on the community. The growth presents challenges to the City, even though most is outside the corporate boundaries.

The increase in traffic volume to our streets and the needed upgrading to these roads, more usage of our parks and added responsibilities to public safety, are the major concerns. The Lowell Area Schools, in order to meet rising enrollments, had a bond passed last September, which includes new elementary schools and a high school addition.

As mentioned before, growth appears to be in the Lowell community for the coming years. 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 jurisdic-

tions but not forgetting the City's needs.

The following goals are provided:

 Continue to support the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Historic District Commission. The DDA is embarking on projects costing over \$800,000 involving parking lots and river walk improvements. These along with prior work enhance the Central Business District. The Downtown Historic District Commission has provided a financial source through the Lowell Area Community Fund for restoration efforts. A prime example is the restoration of 219 East Main Street, which now is the national headquarters of the North Country Trail Association.

• Carry out the City Hall renovation and Police Station Agreement dated December 18,1997. expansion project. This will provide 10,400 square feet of renovated space for the City Hall, while 12,100 The proposed Second Amendment provides additional square feet will be given to the Police Station and a new building entrance area. This answers long term City department needs and adds another significant improvement to the downtown historic district.

 Also, provide a new Cemetery office-storage building as well as a Public Works storage facility through a Building Authority bond. With preliminary design initiated, these will answer necessary public facilities

 Promote a concerted effort to upgrade City streets as outlined in the recently completed streets master plan. A proposed Transportation Bond will give funding to reconstruct Valley Vista Drive and North Division Street. Efforts will be continued to gather federal grants for Gee Drive and Foreman Road.

Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Historical Muand economic climate.

 Cooperate with the Lowell Area Schools along with Lowell and Vergennes Townships on recreation matters. As part of this cooperative venture, a community wide recreational committee has stated its first project as a walking trail linking the jurisdictions involved.

 Plan for future improvements and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and discuss these issues with Lowell Charter Township.

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.

Respectfully submitted.

David M. Pasquale

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by had related to this matter.

Item #2. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AMEND-MENT TO WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN Township in reviewing the current system of the wholesale water agreement.

City Manager Pasquale noted he appreciates the work done by Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson. An effort was made to determine such an agreement brought to conclusion.

Pasquale stated Timpson is also presenting the amended agreement to the township board for consideration.

Pasquale read the following letter from City Attorney Richard Wendt into record:

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers.

After almost two years of discussion, City staff and representatives of Lowell Charter Township have come to an agreement regarding a Second Amendment to the Water Supply Agreement (the "Second Amendment") between the City and the Township. The original Water Supply Agreement was entered into on October 19, 1992

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(the "Agreement"). Enclosed is a resolution for your consideration approving the Second Amendment and authorizing its execution by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City.

As you will recall, the township in July 1999 engaged the services of a new engineering firm, Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. which raised questions as to the method of calculating water rates to be charged by the City to the Township. Considerable time has been spent by City staff educating the new engineering firm and further refining the rate setting methodology and response to the questions raised. The City went through a similar exercise with the township in 1996-97 with another engineering firm representing the Township which resulted in approval and execution of a First Amendment to the

clarification regarding implementation of a rate setting methodology contained in the original Agreement and First Amendment. It does not, however, violate the integrity of that rate setting methodology nor does it result in the Township and its users paying other than its fair share of costs for the provision of public water.

Significantly, the Second Amendment provides the new rates to the township will be effective on January 1 rather than July 1 of each year commencing January 1, 2001 (the January 1, 2001, rates are already in place and the Township has been paying them). This will enable the City to have audited costs with the prior fiscal year available at the time the rate setting methodology is applied. The City will use these audited costs adjusted for known increases and decreases in costs to calculate the Township rate. In addition, the Second Amendment provides that rates will be determined on the basis of • Continue to recognize and support the Lowell Area actual City and Township flows with a 12-month period ending September 30 immediately proceeding the Januseum, the Lowell Area Arts Council and the YMCA as ary 1 effective date for the new rates. New rates are to be vital resources to upgrade the community's cultural calculated and presented to the Township on or before November 1 of each year.

> Much of the Second Amendment describes how certain costs of the water supply system are to be treated for the purpose of calculating rates. It describes how certain costs are to be treated as integrated and shared by all users and how certain other costs are to be treated as non-integrated and only shared by the City users or Township users, respectively, as appropriate. For example, it is agreed that 20% of personal costs in the water distribution division of the water department be treated as integrated system costs and 80% be treated as non-integrated system costs.

Township Supervisor, John Timpson, has indicated he is in agreement and will recommend the Second Amendment in the form presented to you to the Township Board for approval on Monday, June 18, 2001. I and other City staff recommend this Second Amendment to you for City Manager approval. We are hopeful this Second Amendment brings to an end the differences that the City and Township have

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to give me

Very truly yours, Richard A. Wendt

Pasquale noted that the township is paying \$2.97 per thousand gallons per month under the Agreement

Mayor Blough explained the inventories of the installed equipment are analyzed by each piece and then categorized whether it should be integrated or non-integrated.

The Councilmembers briefly reviewed the document and asked questions.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the second amendment to the water supply agreement between the City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township contingent upon the passage of the document by Lowell Charter Township.

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

Pasquale applauded the finance department, water distribution and water treatment plant personnel. All were involved and it was a team effort.

Item #3. TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS - CON-SIDER AUTHORIZATION OF A NOTICE OF INTENT.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

notice of intent to issue Transportation Fund Bonds. The City and runs the job just as if there was a General bond would finance the reconstruction of Valley Vista Drive from West Main to Donna and North Division Street from East Main to Grindle. As mentioned previously, the amount is estimated to be slightly less than \$500,000. In order to proceed with the process, there needs to be a notice of intent to undertake these projects issued to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Additionally, City Attorney Richard Wendt included a notice not to exceed \$600,000, which allows for greater expenditures, if needed without going through republica-

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to authorize the notice of intent to issue Transportation Fund Bonds not to exceed \$600,000. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. REPLACEMENT OF FURNACES AT THE **FIRE STATION.** An electrical short in one of the furnaces at the Fire Station caused a fire on Saturday, June 9, 2001. Because of this, both furnaces need to be replaced. Fire Chief Frank Martin obtained the following quotes:

\$4,200 Arctic, Inc. (Lowell)

Canfield Plumbing and Heating, Inc. (Lowell) \$4,295

In consultation with Martin, Pasquale recommended the Council award a contract to Arctic, Inc. to install two Bryant furnaces and related work as quoted at a cost of \$4,200.

The staff is filing an insurance claim as reimbursement for the furnace replacement.

Commissioner Brubaker asked if there was any interest in Canfield's bid which includes an option to upgrade to remodulating furnaces saving approximately \$500 per year. Pasquale responded there is no interest at this time. It was felt the system provided by Arctic, Inc. would meet the current needs.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN There was no further discussion. to accept the bid from Arctic, Inc. for \$4,200 for the installation of two furnaces at the Look Memorial Fire Station. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1

Item #5. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

MOTION CARRIED

A. 314 S. Hudson - Senior Neighbors Center- variance to allow a 32 square foot ground sign - set public hearing (7/2). The Senior Neighbors Center Friday, July 6, 2001 at dusk. wishes to install a 4' x 8' 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 had been requested. It was noted if the Senior Neighbors Center had been in the Public Facilities District, the proposed sign would be allowed.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to set a public hearing on July 2, 2001 to consider a variance allowing a 32 square foot ground sign at 314 S. Hudson. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Shores questioned the square footage in relation to the City signs. City Manager Pasquale was unsure. He stated the property is zoned R3. A total of 20 square feet is allowed.

Mayor Blough stated the Planning Commission would review the issue on June 25, 2001.

Item #6. PRESENTATION OF CONSTRUCTION DE-LIVERY APPROACHES - CITY HALL RENOVATION AND POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDITION. Dan Durkee, Tom Smith and Doug Crowley with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber were present to discuss the renovation of the City Hall/Police Station project.

2001-2002, a resolution initiates the publication of a Crowley explained a Construction Manager works for the Contractor. The approach on both types of construction Councilmember Green suggested approval be granted management would be the entire bid process is broken down into the various trades such as electrical, mechani-Manager places a superintendent on the job site. The difference between the two approaches is the Construction Manager works directly for the City and does not hold onto the contracts. The City holds all the separate con- NAY: 0. tracts and all warranties are given to the City.

> Another approach would be to have the Construction Manager hold all contracts and be at risk for all the warranties. Crowley recommended one of the two approaches due to the complexity of the job. This job site is very tight and close together with both renovation and new construction. The largest obstacle would be the coordination of the moves.

It was noted the City would see all the bills run through and pay the exact amount of the bids and there will be no mark up fee.

General Contractor responsible for the coordination and election to the City Council in 2002. Thank you for management of the other contracts. The benefit of this is allowing me the privilege to serve you for these ten years. the entity becomes involved much earlier in the project and can provide input. Another benefit would have one source of responsibility for not only design, but also construction.

Blough inquired if FTC&H had provided construction management for other businesses or municipalities Crowley responded the firm is currently working with a

Crowley also noted Wyoming City Hall is currently using a Construction Manager through an agency. Using an When I started on Council we had three children, we are agency is less expensive because as a construction up to six and Lord willing, we will be adopting three more there is no taxation. The downside is the City has a number of contracts rather than just one, which creates running to help build my children's future. more paperwork.

A worksession meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the library if available to review and consider the construction management option.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker asked for permission from the Council to have fireworks for Independence Day at Stoney Lakeside Park.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to grant the Chamber of Commerce permission to have the fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park on

Baker also presented a plastic duck to the Council. She wished to place such ducks along Main Street before the Riverwalk Festival (September 1). Maintenance Worker Don DeJong did not believe the ducks should be placed on the trees or near the roots.

The Chamber's goal is to have 100 ducks placed along Main Street from east to west.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned when the ducks would be placed along Main Street. Baker wanted these up to three weeks prior to the festival and down no later than Tuesday, September 4, 2001.

Councilmember Shores inquired if the ducks could be placed on a metal post. Baker responded this would not be allowed.

Blough questioned if the holes for the flagpoles could be used. Baker feared the ducks may end up being too close to the sidewalk.

Shores did not agree with the ducks being placed on the

Blough suggested a multi-based approach. He asked Baker to investigate using the flag pole fixtures in the cement provided that public safety is not impeded. Blough asked the Council to consider, as an alternative, an appropriate fixture to the existing lightpoles.

As directed by the newly adopted City Budget for Manager of the Construction Division Department Doug Shores was concerned that negative feedback would be received, if the ducks were placed on the lightpoles.

for one year only with a review the following year.

cal, etc. and are then competitively bid. The Construction IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to investigate the placement of the ducks in the flag pole holes in relation to the Riverwalk Festival YEA: 4.

> ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

Baker noted the next Lowell Showboat Concert series is on Thursday, June 21, 2001.

Shores has heard comments from individuals who are enjoying the concerts.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Green read a statement into record:

My fellow Citizens of Lowell.

Durkee explained this is not too different than having a Tonight I am publicly announcing that I will not seek re-

As you know, I've made no secret of the fact that I believe this to be a ministry. The Bible says that God establishes all governmental authority. The Lord leads some into government. He leads some back out again. We believe our next ministry to be in missions. Lynn and I feel led of God to begin training for full time ministry. I have begun course work through Moody Bible Institute and am also serving as a deacon in our church as we prepare for the next stage in our journey.

entity, the dollars will not pass through their business, so from Romania. You do the math! I said first that I was running to help build my children's future, now I'm not

> Hove the City of Lowell and I am proud of the accomplish ments that we as a Council have achieved during my tenure. I have served along side many great people, Jack Fonger, Mayor Jim Maatman, Jim Hodges, Mayor Bill Thompson, Ray Quada, and the current Council, Jeanne Shores, Chuck Myers, Mayor Mike Blough and Dan Brubaker. They have all had different points of views but one thing in common: their love of Lowell and a desire for what is best for her. I trust and know that the Lord will continue to provide the City with quality leadership Regardless of how the election turns out this fall, all authority is given of God and I look forward to submitting to and praying for the new Council.

> Dave Pasquale is an exceptional City Manager. He has built a staff that is second to none and that fact is proven each Mayor Exchange Day. From Police and Fire to the DPW, from the Finance Department to Light and Power, we have an awesome group of employees that take an incredible pride in this City and with the work ethic that should be emulated. They truly embody our community

I also have been blessed to serve with many good people on different boards and commissions. Lowell has plenty of fine volunteers and we can be proud of each one.

To conclude, let me say that I feel privileged that God has allowed me to serve you for so long. While there is a tinge of sadness, there is also a comforting sense of peace that we are making the right decision for our family. I served with Jack Fonger, who came back to City government at least twice, so I won't rule out anything for the future, but for now I will end my Council term on December 31, 2001, grateful to you and thankful before God.

Sincerely

Donald L. Green Councilmember City of Lowell

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale stated he would miss Councilmember Green. He has been an excellent City Councilmember. Pasquale noted wife Lynn and son Brian were present.

The following meetings minutes were provided:

• Board of Light and Power meeting of April 16, 2001

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Rock'n, cont'd... From Page 1

contributed. "There is good tracted the talent for the 10reason to revive performing arts. It gives us an image with meaning which can also be tied in with education.

For Seese, the intent of the band rivival on Thursday dances. night is what Showboat used to be.

Jones, whose father, Bill. was involved in the Show- kids and their bands perform boat from the early '50s until the mid-'60s was influenced by his father's trumpet-play- then live high school rock Showboat mother's (Ruth) singing.

"Look at the cities that arts is a huge component of hear and listen to them again. that," Smalligan explained. Some of the band members I Gordon Gould, who con- haven't seen in years."

week summer series, was a high school counselor (chaperone) back when Seese. Jones and others played their rock'n' roll at high school

"I was assigned as an advisor to their class. I remember it as a fun time watching the and make music in a cooperative effort," Gould said. "Back bands were more prevalent than now. While many moved on, there are some who went on and pursued a music cahave a draw and oftentimes, reer. It is going to be fun to

Mitch McMahon, who MacNaughton, Carl Andrews played guitar for Plague and later for the Great Lakes Band, remembers it as something fun to do other than sports with the guys.

The inspiration for playing music came from the four lads from England. "It was an innocent time which provided us with a lot of fun," said McMahon, whose father Bruce was an original endman. "My father died in 1999. He was the last surviving original endman. My dad played in a band with Dave's

Groups who will perform Thursday night are:

Headhunters - Tom Roger Speerstra,

will be a section from West

Lowell Public Works di-

rector, Dan DesJarden said

and Dale Kropf. The Shags - John Lomas,

Doug Slocum, Carl Andrews, Chris Collins and Dan Lomas. Lomas Brothers - John Lomas, Dan Lomas, Roger

MacNaughton, Dale Kropf and Carl Andrews. Scragg Zoster - Rick Seese, Mitch McMahon, Dave Jones, Cindy Kropf,

Dale Kropf, Doug Slocum and

Ken Gregersen.

Cindy Kropf, Roger MacNaughton, Carl Andrews, Dan Lomas and Jerry Adams "Rock'n Reunion will be a rekindling of the whole thing

Barber and Greg Alchin.

Trialism - Carl Andrews,

in which fun was the driving Dan Lomas, Dale Kropf, motivation," said Dan Lomas, a member of Trialism Roger MacNaughton, Jerry Adams and John Lomas. and later Alive & Well. "We (Alive & Well) opened for a Original members of Trialism country music act at the who will not be there Thursday night are Joe Ellis, Gary Showboat. I remember as a boy (living on Washington Alive & Well - Dale Kropf, Street) I'd go to bed and could hear the Showboat out my bedroom window."

> The Rock'n Reunion begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday on the Riverwalk.



Mitch McMahon, left, rehearses hard Sunday in preparation for Scragg Zoster/The Plague's reunion Thursday night at the Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series. Below, Dave Jones, Cindy Kropf and Ken Gregersen get a workout on the brass.



Construction, cont'd... From Page 1

nition of city needs.

place over the last five years

is in response to area growth

lots, construction of a new parking lot just north of the City Hall parking lot at Monroe and Avery, and the extension of the Riverwalk to the Showboat amphitheater.

The project's general contractor will be Cylcone Enterprise, Inc.

The new lot will be completed first. Lowell city manager, David Pasquale said the done followed by the Cham- Valley Vista where it currently ber lot. "The Riverwalk ex- does not exist. tension will be started in August after the rest of the projects have been com-

you lived.

Pasquale explained that Street, on the north side, to

and the community's recog- there will be communication

with the staff on a weekly Other construction sched- basis to update the progress uled for July includes the reof the construction, and Lowell residents can receive construction of Bowes Road monthly updates at DDA between West and Pleasant streets, and sidewalk placed A time schedule for the in between Hudson Street and projects is available at City

The only part of these projects funded by the DDA

the construction that has taken Valley Vista.

Hall for residents. The work which began on Monday is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 30.

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BRUBAKER to adjourn to closed session at 8:31 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

- Board of Cable Television meeting of April 16, 2001
- Airport Board meeting of May 1, 2001
- Parks and Recreation Commission meetings of April 21 and May 12, 2001
- Chamber of Commerce meeting of May 9,2001
- 2. A letter from Earth Tech providing a Superior Performance Award to the Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant was submitted to Council. Congratulations to Mark Mundt, Frank Martin and staff.

On July 2, 2001 a presentation will be given regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant study which the were made: Council had commissioned.

- 3. A letter of thanks from the Lowell Area Historical Museum for the \$20,000 City allocation was pro-
- 4. The Light and Power and Cable TV budgets will be presented at the July 2, 2001 meeting.

Additionally, the Downtown Development Authority has

approved a low bid from Cycon Enterprises of Grand IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by Rapids to undertake the downtown improvements which include the parking lots and the Riverwalk extension for pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. an amount of \$857,229.50. In talking with the engineer, • Downtown Development Authority meeting of May the work should commence on July 9, 2001 and finish by the end of September. The DDA reviewed the bid last Thursday (June 14) and the engineer will present some additional information to the DDA at its June 28, 2001 meeting. There are some opportunities for cost savings IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by which will be presented to the DDA along with the opportunity for the DDA to meet the contractor represen-

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. The following appointments

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to reappoint Clarke Jahnke and John VanderWilp to the Planning Commission to three year terms expiring June 30, 2004. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

BRUBAKER to return to open session at 9:45 p.m YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

After discussing the City Manager's annual performance evaluation Mayor Blough noted City Manager Pasquale would be given a 3.9% wage increase and a rating of commendable, above average, good performance.

ABSENT: 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.

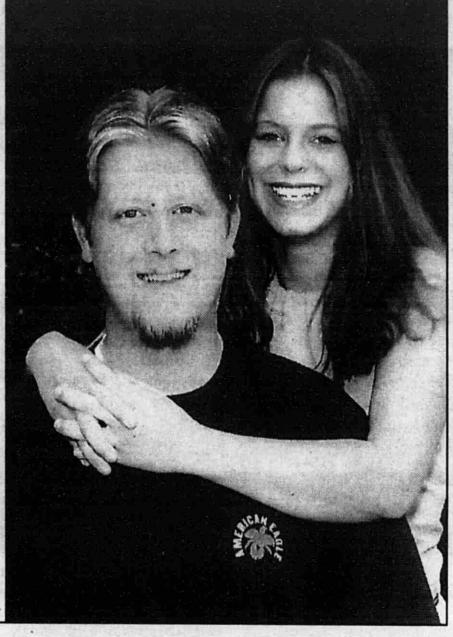
DATE APPROVED: Monday, July 2, 2001

Michael K. Blough, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

Wickerham/ **Sparks**

Randy Wickerham and Robin Mason are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Candice Wickerham to Daniel Sparks, son of Dan Sparks and Elizabeth Sparks.

The wedding will take place at Fallasburg Park on Saturday, July 21, 2001.



Thebes Players seek actors for Arsenic and Old Lace

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players are seeking actors for Arsenic and Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring. Public performance of this production will be in the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School from Thursday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct.

This three-act play requires 11 males and three females. Auditions will take place at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St., on July 16, 17, 23 and 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Callbacks are on Wednesday, July 25.

For more information and to borrow a script for review, call the LAAC at 897-8545.

YMCA Leader's Club holding pop-can drive

The Lowell YMCA Leader's Club will have a pop-can drive on Tuesday, July 10 from 5-7 p.m. throughout the Lowell community

The funds will be used to help pay for their training school this summer. Any extra bottles or cans would be appreciated and may be dropped off any time at one of the YMCA offices. If you have any questions, contact the YMCA at 897-8445.

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Courtnay Perkins, Megan Nyson, Holly Plattner of Lowell FFA Chapter attended the 2001 Washington Leadership Conference June 26 - 30 in the nation's capital. The conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Educa-

helps FFA members improve their leadership skills and prepare for leadership roles in their chapters, communities and their future careers. They attend workshop sessions on persuasive communication, character leadership and building relationships and

ingly competitive world," says Dr. Larry Case, National FFA Advisor and Coordinator, Agricultural and Rural Education with the U.S. Department of Education "Tomorrow's leaders must develop skills in these areas to effectively compete. Ev-The week-long program ery student leaves the Washington Leadership Conference with and advantage because it gives those young people cutting-edge leadership skills NAD valuable insight for productive citizen-

The National FFA Organization coordinates the

Bryan Posthumus, participated in discussions on Washington Leadership Conference, which attracts participants from across the "We live in an increascountry. This summer, more than 2,300 FFA members will attend one of the conference's seven week-long sessions.

Students also increase their understanding of the nation's heritage with visits to Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt Memorials and other historic sights in Washington, D.C. The trip to the confer-

ence was sponsored by FFA



Pictured with Kem Priest, far left, are Lowell FFA members (left to right): Holly

Plattner, Megan Nyson, Courtnay Perkins and Bryan Posthumus.

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••• Blazo's widow, Clara, recently donated her husband's collection. The memorabilia will be one of many portable displays at the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Morris Blazo liked the railroad so much that he worked at it for 34 years and

purchased a caboose for his backyard. Over that period of time, he also gathered together quite a collection of memorabilia and artifacts which tell the story of the railroad, more specifically the Lowell Depot which served the Pere

The Morse code senders, stamps, lanterns, signs, old paper work, and other artifacts will all be a part of Lowell Area Historical Museum, Blazo's widow, Clara Blazo.

Marquette railroad.

"Morris died in 1999, but the railroad and to share it 1981

Revenue

Interest

Bond Reserve

Expenditures

Rental Income

Community Development

Outstanding bonded indebtedness

Ad Valorem homestead

Ad Valorem homestead

Tax Increment Revenues Received

From Kent District Library

From Grand Rapids Community College

The DDA is committed to the following

Community projects in the final planning stage

10% of cost of fire truck for Bowne Fire Dept.

Modernizing present Village Playground

Restoration of or new Township Office

From Bowne Township

From Kent County

Number of Jobs Created

Additional Information

Ad Valorem non-homestead

Ad Valorem Non-homestead

Obligations or Debts

Initial Assessed Value

Captured Value

with people for their enjoy-

"This will become one of the many exhibits we plan to display in the changing exhibit area. It's another way we can demonstrate what something was like," said Judy Straub, Lowell Area Historical Museum board member. "We also plan on continuing with our portable exhibits. This enables us to take exhibits like the railroad out into the community and show it to students and organizations, giving them a feel

his father who worked as an Morris Blazo got his start agent at the Mosley Depot, at 4 Mile and Lincoln Lake Road, just north of Lowell.

for what the railroad was."

on the railroad in Sunfield. From there he went on to Vestaburg, Elmdale, Clarksville, Alto and Grand he would have approved of Ledge before arriving in donating the artifacts to the Lowell in 1963 where he museum," Blazo said. "It's a stayed and worked as a staway to preserve the history of tion agent until retiring in

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

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DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR

APRIL 1, 2001 TO MARCH 31, 2001

PLAN 1

Property taxes captured Summer 2000

Property taxes captured Winter 2000



The late Morris Blazo collected these railroad items during his years of service as a station agent with the Lowell depot (serving the Pere Marquette Railroad).

Family Dentistry & Braces Todd Gillan, D.D.S.

"Morris made less money, but it was steady pay, he liked the work and he enjoyed his job," Blazo ex-Railroad, cont'd., pg. 12

Blazo's connection with

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Total \$80,654.41

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GARAGE SALE PAGE



SUPER YARD & GARAGE SALE! July 5 and 6, 8 a.m. - ? 3 chests of draw ers, baby beds, high chairs, car seats, strollers, play pens, baby clothes, guns, knives, bows, fishing tackle & poles, sporting goods, oak round table & 4 chairs, rocking chairs, shelves, color TV's, radios, camping stoves, 3 air conditioners, 6x8 utility trailer, riding & push lawn mowers, weed eaters, dehumidifiers, tools, red wagons, bikes, tricycles, Tonka toys, office chairs, desks, wheelbarrows, over 20 pieces of furniture.

MUCHOMISC!!! 6 1/2 miles east of Belding on M-44 or 1 mile west of M-66 on M-44.

MOVING SALE Lots of household items, TV, outdoor swing, microwave, lots of misc. items. July 5, 6 & 7, 9-5 p.m. 13544 64th St., Alto.

GARAGE SALE/ESTATE SALE Household, vintage & kitchen items, furniture, clothing & more from parents estate also tools, truck cap, kids clothes, toys, video games, office/school/computer sup plies & much more. Fri. & Sat., July 6 & 7 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 7410 McCords SE.

GARAGE SALE 5594 Darby Rd, Saranac, between Peck Lake & McArthur Rd. Lots of craft books & patterns, cross stitch & other various crafts, baby stroller, odds & ends, a few clothes. July 5, 6 & 7, 9-6 p.m.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Antiques, old & used books, perennials, clothing, toys, much more. 10128 Bennett(2.2 mi. N off M-21), July 6 & 7, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

CHATEAU VALLEY VISTA 1800 W. Main, Lowell, will be having community yard sales, Sat., July 7, starting at 9 a.m.

AUCTION

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

July 4, 5, 6, 7, 9-5 p.m. 3433 Causeway, Murray Lake area. Items big and small, too much to mention.

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE

July 12 & 13, 8 a.m. - ? Older furniture to be refinished, (3) 10 spd. bikes & much more. 8954 Sandtree Dr. off of McCords between 60th & 66th.

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meeting of Cyclamen Chap-

distribution by Flat River

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E. Main St. (parking lot of

1st United Methodist

WED., JULY 18: The

Lowell Area Fire Dept. is

sponsoring a blood drive for

the Grand Valley Blood pro-

Memorial Fire Station lo-

sonic Center.

Survey says wastewater treatment plant capacity could be increased; Earth Tech advises against it

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

study of the Wastewater Treatment Plant indicates capacity could be increased.

Earth Tech, who carried out the evaluation study, however, recommended to the per day. Lowell City Council Monday night against such an action since more stringent discharge standards could oc-

Township.

are as follows:

inclusive?

Lucy Pugh, of Earth Tech, noted that the plant The re-rating evaluation rated capacity can be increased in hydraulic from 1.42 to 1.56 million gallons per day (10 percent) and in organic from 2.570 to 3.360 pounds (30 percent) of BODs

> The objective of the prepared report for the Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was to "evaluate the capacity of the existing fa-

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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

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

This proposal is for new millage levy, the purpose of which is to offset

decreases in the Township's allocated millage levy as a result of the

Headlee Amendment. Property tax revenues generated by this millage

levy will be used for general Township operations so that Township

residents may continue to receive the benefits of Township government.

It is estimated that a levy of .2818 mill would provide revenue of

\$27,989 in the first calendar year. Revenues from the millage would be

distributed to the Township of Grattan.

cilities and determine an appropriate rating for the WWTP based on historical

While the study shows the plant capable of treating more organic materials and receiving higher flows, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requires reopening the NPDES to attain formal approval.

Pugh suggested that the city inform Lowell Township

of the results as well as begin consideration of plant expansion with the township.

Lowell mayor, Mike Blough indicated that eventually there would be a need for additional capacity and proposed the commencement of a planning and discussion committee meeting with the township. Both Blough and mayor pro-tem, Chuck Myers agreed to represent the city at those discussions.

the township's long range goals and the kind of usage it is looking at," Blough said. Councilman Don Green added that this would be a

good time to give Vergennes Township another chance. "Vergennes might want to be involved in this expansion," A third party would also

"It's important to find out

help to spread the cost. In a related item, the

council approved the purchase of a 1,000 watt new portable generator to serve the new lift station being installed near Cumberland Manor. The cost of the generator is \$22,750.

Due to Lowell Township having two lift stations where the generator could be used as opposed to the city having only one, the township agreed to pay two-thirds

Railroad, cont'd... From Page 11 Railroads came to Lowell in July of 1858 in the form of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway

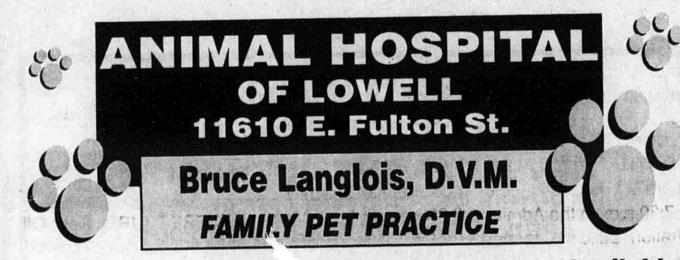
Company. At the turn of the century and throughout the '20s, business flourished. Three passenger trains gave travelers daily opportunity to go as they pleased.

Traveling salesmen used trains to reach the small towns for orders and deliveries of their wares. Between three and five freight trains through Lowell brought in life's necessities on a daily basis.

"The railroad artifacts will make an awesome exhibit," Straub concluded. People interested in making a donation to the museum can call Straub at 897-7688

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PROPOSAL NO. 2 0.85 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

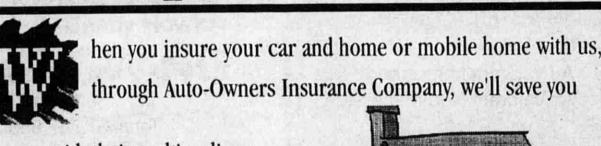
This proposal is for new millage levy, the purpose of which is solely to provide community services in the Township such as cemetery maintenance, public street improvements, and enforcement and legal defense of the Township Zoning Ordinance. It is estimated that a levy of .85 mill would provide revenue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

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

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meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east 897-6325 or 248-2423. of Montcalm Ave. To check call 897-5015 for a reare welcome.

High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7- parents. 8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high EVERY SECOND & school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH 7:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its EVERY SECOND TUES .: hardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell EVERY1ST&3RDTUES .: dues, no weigh-ins. istration Building, former Runciman Elementary. 300 High Street.

meetings at the Historical Nash, 7:30 p.m.

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

at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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

p.m. New members wel-

1ST TUES .: Adults with EVERY MONTH: The Flat AD/HD at Calvin College,7-River Snowmobile Club 9p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at

ent Group meetings from Open to any interested

of Columbus #7719 meet-

monthly board meeting in Lowell Masonic Lodge the meeting room of Engle- regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. EVERY WED.: Overeaters current location is a church at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

Board of Education meets Lowell Lions Club meets at at 7:30 p.m. in the Admin- 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo-

SECOND MON. OF EACH HD Issues Group meeting p.m. MONTH: The Bowne at St. Luke's Lutheran info.,call Linda at 874-5662. Museum at 84th and Alden For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

meeting at Calvin College 800-651-6000. Contact Terry Amidon at Rm. 206 of the Commons Connie 942-6887

EACH MONTH: American 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. EVERY WED .: Pioneer Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade.

grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. meets at Lowell Congre- 897-1502 after 5 p.m. during the school year in gational Church basement.

pers" group (senior adults) TUES.: Take Off Pounds Process Center from 1- N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. Sensibly Tops MI#372 3:30 p.m. \$10 per week to at Trinity Lutheran Church, ing is held the third Mon. of meets at Key Heights Mo- cover expenses. Transpor- 2700 E. Fulton. Park tation is available. For

more information, call Pat

Woodcarvers meet at G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. such notices to be kept brief LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 Club meets at 12 p.m. in ell. the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 EVERY THIRD THURS .: Bridge Bike Tour, spon- 7842 to register. Bowes Rd.

meeting dates and times 1ST TUES.: WINGS Par- from Lowell in many differ- 897-7842 for time. ent seasonal activities. velopment 897-7842.

> EVERY FOURTH WED .: LaLeche League of Ada, FOURTH TUES.: Knights Support group for Periph- Cascade & Lowell meets at eral neuropathy meets at 4 6:30 p.m. for socializing; ings at St. Mary School, p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to Church, 2560 Lake Michi- mother support for preggan Dr. N.W., Grand nant & breastfeeding Rapids. Call 897-9794.

> > Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at in Ada. Please call 752-Forest Hills Presbyterian 7524 for more information Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no

No. 333, Saranac, meets at 7 p.m. EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- at the Saranac Public Lients of children with AD/ brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45

Nazarene Church, 201 N. p.m. Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg-MON. OR TUES .: Cub EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults are invited to join at any with AD/HD Issues Group time. Questions? Call 1- Observatory (3308 Kissing

Center, 402 Amity St., non- Starwatch at 897-7065. FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER WED .: denominational help for lescents at the school. p.m. Phone 897-9393.

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FIRST AND THIRD of N. Washington St. En- EVERY WED.: Rotary THURS.: The Alto Lions ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY joy activities like hiking and meets at noon at Lowell Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner

EVERY 2ND THURS .: WOMEN

EVERY at the Center at 897-7842. THURS .: Lowell V.F.W. COUNCIL: Open Tues., JULY 12: Franciscan Life Auxiliary #8303 meets at in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and TUES .: Flat River EVERY SECOND WED .: 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Thurs., noon-7 p.m.; Sat.,

> Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at EVERY FOURTH WED.: Franciscan Life Process Elderly volunteers needed Center offering a variety of to participate in the topics and discussion 7:30 a.m. at Fallasburg 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Ma-Intergenerational program geared to parents of chilwith school-age children dren all ages. Call

corded message. Guests 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Two times available: 9:45 EVERY THIRD THURS.: Board Room at 300 High to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to Royal Arch Masons regu-St. Business meetings are 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Collar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at EVERY MON.: Lowell on odd months & program leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Lowell Masonic Cen- Franciscan Life Process Church). Free to everyone. meetings on even months. the Franciscan Child De- ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, Center, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. p.m. Cost: \$55/both days;

> EVERY THIRD THURS.: at 897-7842 to register. women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our

SECOND THURS, OF EV ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at EVERYTHURS .: Take Off the Averill Historical Murial Fire Station, S. Hudson. Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, seum of Ada, 7144 Headley

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Township Historical Soci- Church, 32156 4 Mile NE THURS .: Weight Watch- Club meets at Alto Public ety holds its regular (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For ers meets at Lowell Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8

> istration is 1/2 hour before EVERY SECOND & LAST meetings. New members SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH: James C. Veen Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if the bldg. For information call EVERY THURS. - St. night is clear. \$2 adults; \$1 Mary's Pregnancy Crisis children to 18. For info. call

> > pregnant women and ado- SECOND SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on at the west end of Lowell Mondays from 5:30 - 8 High School. 9 AM social gathering; 10 AM meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27

Averill Historical Museum Lowell Middle School choir of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appointment. Call 676-9346.

HOURS: Mon. - Wed., Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & of 84th & M-50 (Alden Fri., 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

> OF THE MOOSE: Business meeteach month at 8 p.m.

SECOND LOWELL AREA ARTS BEGINNING THURS. Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.;

> SUN., JULY 8: Covered Beverly or Melissa at 897sored by Fallasburg Historical Society to ben- FRI., JULY 13: The regular efit the society. Registration begins at ter #94 OES will be held at Schoolhouse.

> TUES. & WED., JULY SAT., JULY 14: Free food 10 & 11: Artist-in-Resident Sandra Jackoboice will teach a workshop in pastel at Center from 9 a.m. - 4 \$35/1 day. Contact John

THURS., JULY 12: gram from 3-7 p.m. at Look Vergennes Cooperative Club: Picnic at Fallasburg cated at 315 S. Hudson. Schoolhouse lawn. Bring a dish to pass; see notice

People should think things out fresh and not just accept conventional terms and the conventional way of doing things.

-Buckminster Fuller.



MICHELLE & BILLY THOMPSON caught this catfish at **Crooked Lake** fishing with their **Uncle Roger.**

It weighed 7.5 lbs

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/ Shop at the Malls: 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre. at Woodland Mall; 10:30 FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at a.m. Armchair Exercise.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS., JULY 5: 12 p.m. Dance at West Side Complex; 6:30 p.m. Showboat concert at Riverwalk.

FRI., JULY 6: 12:40 p.m. Traveloque: Alaska w/ Treva Johnson; 7 p.m. Lowell 4th of July parade begins at 1st Methodist Church.

TUES., JULY 10: 7:15

9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure; 11 a.m. Nail Care By Reservation.

THURS.. JULY 12: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Aldi's: 6:30 p.m. Showboat Con-

Woodland Mall.

FRI., JULY 13: Noon, Birthday Party, Bingo.

MON., JULY 16: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at G.R. Meijer's: cribbage.

TUES., JULY 17: 12:40 p.m. Lowell History Tour with Charlie Doyle.

WED., JULY 18: 10 a.m. Advisory Council: 11 a.m. Nail Care; Noon Movie: " Brides for 7 Brothers."

Thursday.

Folk music sound of Beats Settin' Home draws crowd to Riverwalk

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series reached its midway point as it welcomed Lowell's Jason Conant and folk music trio, Beats Settin' Home Thursday night.

Conant, a Lowell graduate, is an accomplished trumpet and guitar player who also dabbles in piano and drums.

The expressive vocalist performed from a wide variety of his self-written songs that ranged from serious social commentary to acappella vocal improvisation. He also sang songs from his CD "Marred."

Conant is currently studying music at Grand Rapids Community College. He plays trumpet under the direction of Lynn Asper. The 24 year old takes part in the instrumental ensemble and the jazz orchestra in addition to studying music theatre and history.

Beats Settin' Home has been entertaining with its interactive music since 1981.

Its diverse set of musicians Jim Foerch, Bear Berends and Al Exoo, combine vocal and instrumental work as well as songs of humor and enthusiasm. The trio performed a number of songs from their CD titled "Good Morning Sunshine."

Beats Settin' Home was first formed in the early '80s. The current lineup has been together, playing folk music, since

Foerch, a Lowell resident, got started playing music in the '60s. He was inspired by folk musician, Pete Seeger. Berends garnered inspiration from the legendary Peter,

Paul & Mary. Exoo said his musical influences came from Ron

Clausmuier and DeCappa 5. "We're touring this summer all over Michigan," said Foerch. "Next April we'll leave Michigan to do a gig in

"It was great to be at the Showboat and perform in front

of people I know," Foerch explained.

Event coordinators, Liz Baker, director of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, and Loraine Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council, noted that the fifth concert in the 10-week series drew approximately 500 people.

"There has been a steady increase in attendance over the first five weeks," Baker explained. "500 was our goal. We thought if we could bring 500 people here every Thursday, we could meet our expectations.

The budget for the first Showboat Summer Concert Series is \$16,550. "We think we will meet the numbers."

Baker and Smalligan were able to capture \$5,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt); \$5,000 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Culture; \$3,250 from the Downtown Development Authority; and \$1,300 from the Look Committee. They also budgeted for \$2,000 in revenues from the concession stands (Lowell Lions Club and St. Mary's). Smalligan and Baker do not believe they will meet their budgeted amount in concession, but some of that will be offset by cuts in marketing.

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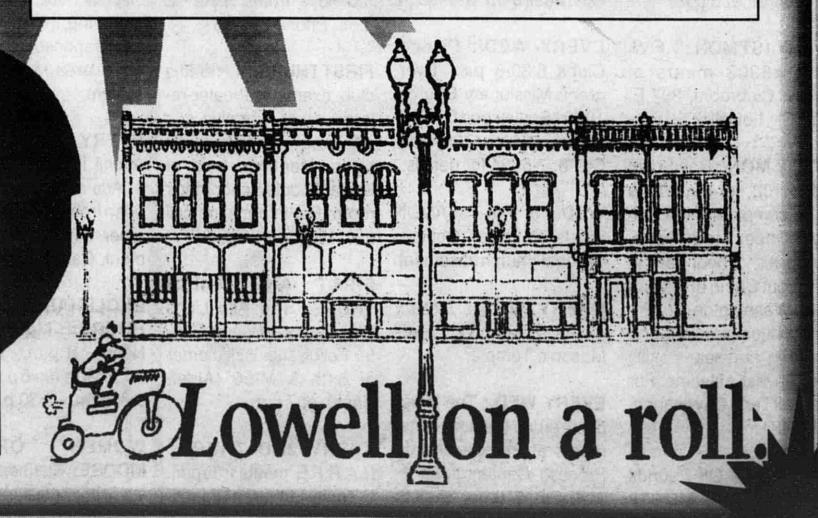
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COLLEGE NEWS

Cameron University has conferred nearly 900 degrees on students completing graduation requirements at the end of the Spring 2001 semester. Among the graduates was Daniel Mark Pipe II of Lowell.

More than 500 Cameron graduates received bachelors degrees in the disciplines of arts, music, fine arts, science, accounting and business administration. Approximately 180 more received associate degrees in applied science and science, and more than 160 students received masters degrees in education, teaching, business administration and

the behavioral sciences. Fall and summer graduates were eligible to particiment ceremony at the end of the spring semester, since CU ant. does not traditionally hold one

at the end of either of those semesters. University of Oklahoma/Cameron University Regent Steven F. Bentley delivered the 2001 Commencement address May 5 in Cameron Stadium.

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students from the area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages.

Included on the list were Jessica A. Garber and Elizabeth A. Krebill of Lowell and Kimberly J. Fish, Lillian R. Hawkins and Trisha M. Swanberg of Alto.

In all, 3,656 CMU students were named to the honors list and 434 earned straight pate in a formal commence- "A"s. About 17,800 students attend CMU in Mount Pleas-

Passport Rules Change

••• Parents' signatures now required for children 14 and under

A new law, effective July 2, 2001, will require both parents be present when applying for a passport for a child under 14 years of age, or that one parent provide evidence that they have sole authority for the child. Previously, only one parent was required to sign and be present during the applica

The Grand Rapids' locations to obtain passports are the downtown Main Post Office at 225 Michigan Street and at the Rogers Plaza Postal Store.

For local information about the passport application process, customers may call the Post Office Passport information phone line at 776-1483. Passport information from the Department of State can be found through a link at the U.S. Postal Service web site at www.usps.com or at http://travel.state.gov/ children's issues.html.

SYNOPSIS **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWNE** TOWNSHIP BOARD

6/18/01 7:30 P.M.

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: Siler, Kowalczyk, Johnson, Hendrick and Fuss. 20

Motions approved: Minutes of May meeting. Treasurer's report and invoices. Fire Department report. P.C.I. Report 9 bldg. Permits Issued. Approval of revised MHP preliminary plan. Options for future township offices. Natural Resources Removal Ordinance closing of streets for Alto 5-K Sept. 22, 2001. LP Gas pre-purchase agreement. Dog license renewal for Cope. Clerk appointed as liaison between board and professional services. QVF computer authorization to clerk. Supervisor explained letter of credit with manufactured housing development. Adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk - Clerk Bowne Township

mores, 798 juniors and 1,320 seniors were named to the honors list.

The spring semester ended in May.

Alma College has named over 400 students including Shannon Finnegan of Lowell to the dean's list for outmance during the 2001 winter term which ended April 20, 2001

rying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the dean's list.

follows:

Specific Terms:

O'Connor and Shane S. Risner of Alto. standing academic perfor-Jason Tomczak and Rochelle Krueger, both of Students who achieve a Lowell, have achieved recognition as members of the 3.5 or better grade point averdean's list at Grand Rapids age during a term, while car-Community College in the

> To attain academic excellence, a student must have

2000/2001 school year.

VERGENNES

TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public

hearing before the Vergennes Township

Planning Commission will be held on July 9,

2001 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes

Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey

Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 to consider

proposed amendments to the Vergennes

Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary

Article II Definitions, Section 201.202

To modify the current definitions of "bluff"

"river access dock", "river access stairs" and

to add a new definition of "river stairs

transitional landing." The amendments are

for clarification and flexibility of the existing

Article III Zoning Districts, Section

To clarify existing language and meanings by

Article III Zoning Districts, Section

To add additional permitted uses of

Article V, Section 201.502 "D" Site Plan

To add a new paragraph 4 to clarify the

approving body or official (review and

the Planning

by

Commission to the Township Board) for site

The complete text of the proposed ordinance

amendments can be reviewed at the

Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey

Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone (616) 897-

5651 (fax 897-5674). Written and ora

conclusion of the public hearing. Written

comments may be addressed to the

Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

be received until the

201.309 "I" Industrial District:

compatible industrial businesses.

Review Procedures:

recommendation

Township offices.

plan review procedures.

Flat River District ordinance requirements.

201.307 "FR" Flat River District:

in April at the end of the win-

ter session of the 2000-01 aca-

demic year. Among them are:

Laurie B. Ayres and Terresa

A. Kenney of Lowell and Lisa

Ann Beach, David Randall

Knowles, Rachel D.

A total of 2,054 people earned a place among the top who received degrees from 13,000 students enrolled at of Lowell. Western Michigan University

the college. nition for the winter semester. Krueger achieved recognition for the fall and winter

Tomczak is the son of 771 freshmen, 767 sopho- are on the official list of those 10 percent of approximately Roger and Kathy Tomczak

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Krueger is the daughter Tomczak achieved recog- of Ron and Connie Krueger

LEGAL NOTICES

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

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-171,750-DE

Estate of ROBERT CYRIL DeNOLF. Deceased Date of birth: 08/12/30

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROBERT CYRIL DeNOLF, who lived at 11305 Sara S.E., Lot #109 Lowell, Michi-

gan died 03/15/01. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to STEVEN A.

DeNOLF, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of

this notice.

6/28/01

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

> STEVEN A. DeNOLF 811 Crahen Ave. N.E. Grand Rapids, MI

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ATWOOD, named per-

sonal representative or

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resentative, or to both

the probate court at 7626

Lamplight, Jenison, MI

49428 and the named/

proposed personal rep-

resentative within 4

months after the date of

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6/28/01

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

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

FILE NO. 01-171,737-DE

Estate of **GENEVIEVE MINION a/** k/a GENE MINION. Decedent

SSN: 362-07-6129 TO ALL CREDITORS:

allowing flexibility for topography and safety NOTICE TO CREDITORS: issues with river access stairs and boardwalk decedent construction, to change building permit to GENEVIEVE MINION a/k/ zoning permit, adjust lot area to follow the a GENE MINION, who underlying district, to correct language lived at 7179 Belding procedures for special use permit for canoe Road N.E., Rockford, Michigan died 5/22/01. rental types of businesses and other typo Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims

CRAIG AVERY (P10311) 3875 West River Drive Comstock Park, MI

> SUSAN ATWOOD 7626 Lamplight Jenison, MI 49428 457-7323

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

against the estate will be

NOTICE TO CREDI-Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-171,705-DE

Estate of LESLIE HUDNELL a/k/a LESSIE HUDNELL. Decedent Date of birth: 8/11/20

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent, LESLIE HUDNELL a/k/a LESSIE HUDNELL, who lived at 940 Ballard S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died February 13, 2001. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to CALVIN HUDNELL, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa N. W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

6/25/01

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK P.L.C. 429 Turner N.W. Grand Rapids, MI (616) 456-5048

> **CALVIN HUDNELL** 940 Ballard S.E Grand Rapids, MI

Two McPherson Farms certified as centennial farms

Secretary of State, farms join the roster of more Candice S. Miller announced than 5,500 Michigan cententhat the Michigan Historical nial farms," said Secretary Commission recently certified Miller, the state's official his 36 farms as centennial farms, torian. "Centennial farmownincluding two farms in Kent ers can be proud of their ef-

centennial farms in Kent reminding us of the important County are:

by W.G. and Maureen McPherson, and D. Alec and Karen McPherson, Jr., located Lowell. This farm has been in farm produces corn and hay.

• A 43-acre farm owned by Michigan State University groups. After 51 years, the president. M. Peter Centennial Farm Program McPherson and his wife, Joanne, located at 1053 Parnell Avenue NE, Lowell. This family for generations and farm has been in the family highlights the family farm's since 1878. The farm produces contributions to Michigan's hay and honey.

The Michigan Centennial Farm certificates were presented to MSU president, McPherson and his brothers, W.G. and D. Alec McPherson, on June 15, by John G. Russell, Consumer Energy's senior Michigan electrical utility vice president of Electric companies supply the Transmission and Distribu- green-and-yellow markers to

forts to preserve Michigan's The newly designated rich farming heritage, and for economic and social role fam-• An 82-acre farm owned ily farms have played in our

The Centennial Farm Program was begun by the Michiat 1276 Parnell Avenue NE, gan Historical Commission in 1948 with support from the the family since 1892. The Detroit Edison Company, Consumers Energy, local electrical cooperatives and farm continues to recognize farms that have remained in the same development. Farm owners receive a

Michigan Centennial Farm Certificate from the Department of State's Michigan Historical Center and a metal display marker for the farm. commemorate the dramatic McPherson families as their farm operation and family life. established in 1955.

OWNED BY THE SAME FAMILY OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION Consumers Energy

Michigan State University president, M. Peter McPherson, center, receives a Centennial Farm Marker recently to commemorate his 43-acre Kent County farm, which has been in the family since 1878. Joining McPherson was his son, Bruce, second from left, and his brothers William and D. Alec, second from right, right, who co-own another farm that has been in the family since 1892. John Russell of Consumers Energy, left, presented the plaque.

Centennial farm families are eligible for membership in the Michigan Centennial "I congratulate the change electricity brought to Farm Association (MCFA),

A centennial farm is classified as "a working farm of 10 or more acres that has been continuously owned by the same family for at least 100 years." The Michigan Historical Commission also has established a Sesquicentennial 150 years or longer.

ported by the Michigan De-

The Commission is sup-

For more information state agency charged with pre- about the Centennial Farm serving, protecting and inter- Program, contact the Michipreting Michigan history. The gan Department of State, department's Michigan His- Michigan Historical Center, torical Center administers the State Historic Preservation Michigan Historical Museum Office, 717 W. Allegan St., system, the State Archives of Lansing, Michigan, Farm Program to recognize Michigan, archaeological and 48918-1800; or telephone certified farms that have been historic preservation pro- (517) 373-1667 or visit the owned by the same family for grams, and publications, in-department's web site at: cluding Michigan History www.sos.state.mi.us

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Parishioner wins St. Patrick truck; Blundy hears of her good fortune while standing in line at car rental place

partment of State, the official

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Carol Blundy was in line extra car here." at a car rental following her flight to California, when her cell phone.

the car rental place and had to

he called her back. When she answered a second time, Dan price on this one."

Blundy noted, "You don't

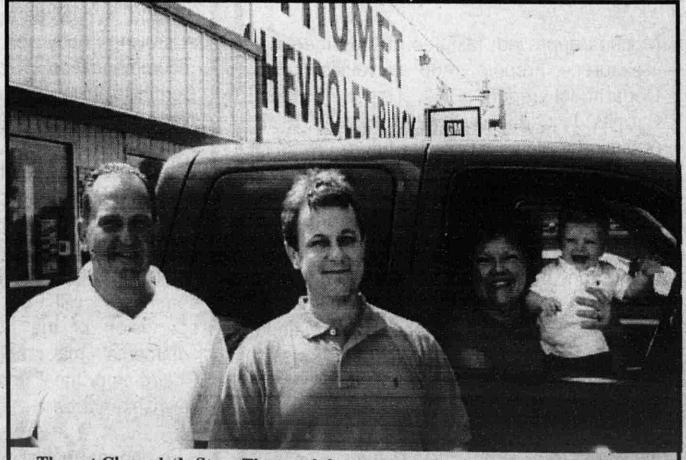
He was referring to the husband Dan rang her on her the grand prize: a 200 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 Extended Cab, in the St. Patrick's

"I've won a raffle before, Carol Blundy. "My father (Ferris Dickinson) has always wanted a brand new truck. I'm going to give him a good

St. Patrick's Church combined the car and cash raffle this year - selling tickets at \$5 apiece. It sold approximately 14,000 tickets and garnered roughly \$39,000 in revenue.

"There was a huge difference in sales," said raffle chairperson, Wendy Jeffrey. "The proceeds will benefit several different church organiza-

Other winners in the raffle were Dave Nelson, \$2,500; Bud Herrington, \$1,000; and Michael Kelly, \$500.



Thomet Chevrolet's Steve Thomet, left, presented the keys of the new Silverado truck to Carol Blundy. Seated with Blundy is her son Nic and standing to her right is

Lowell City Council approves \$3 hike in basic cable rate

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The 2001-02 Lowell Cable Television budget carried ood news and bad news for its cable customers.

The bad news is that a \$3 increase in the basic cable rate was approved by the Lowell City Council.

The good news is even with the increase, Lowell Cable are expected to increase by an estimated 25 percent. elevision continues to offer programming at a much lower ost than any of its neighbors.

It (rate increase) will generate an additional \$110,000 in venue over the next year.

The increase would push Lowell basic cable rates to \$26.80. In comparison to area cable services providing equal service, Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable Television general manager, Tom Richards stated the cable company maintained roughly a \$10 advantage.

AT&T-Ada charges \$37.45; Charter-Ionia charges \$36.75 and Millennium-Saranac bills its customers \$40.18.

Lowell charges \$39.75 digital while AT&T charges \$51.86. Lowell Cable's rate increase cannot go into effect until a 30-day notice has been given to its customers.

"Without an increase, the cable company will operate at \$100,000 in the red for the current fiscal year," Richards explained. "With the increase, the company will enjoy a

KDL offers Yoga workshop for teens

Young adults, ages 11 and up, are invited to learn about yoga with a workshop coming to many KDL branches this summer. Carolyn Heines and instructors from The Yoga Studio in Grand Rapids will teach the basic of hatha yoga, breathing and relaxation.

The Alto branch, at 6071 Linfield Ave., will offer this program on Monday, July 9 at 1:30 p.m. Participation is limited to 20. To register, please call 868-6038.

For other locations and times, contact the KDL at 784-

I don't mind what Congress does, as long as they don't do it in the streets and frighten the

When a thing has been said and well, have no scruple. Take it and copy it.

Anatole France

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modest positive net income of \$16,000. Currently we are not charging enough to provide the services we're providing right

Programming fees for basic cable are expected to increase by 6.5 percent over the next year. Digital programming costs

In explaining the reasons for the increase, Richards stated, "Growth is due to the number of premium channel subscribers and modest increases in license fees for cable networks."

The increase in costs does not reflect any additional staff scheduled into the 2001-02 budget.

The Lowell Light & Power budget projects expenses to increase by approximately six percent while the amount and cost of purchased power is projected to increase by roughly nine percent.

"The increase in purchased power is due to increased usage," Richards said.

Both LL&P and cable televison are expecting a seven percent increase in the cost of medical and dental employee health coverage.

On the revenue side, a 13 percent growth in electric sales

Richards noted there is a projected increase of \$276,000 in positive net income over the previous year.

The budget calls for \$562,828 in total revenues compared to \$286,181 in total expenses.

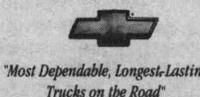
Councilman Don Green commended Richards on the budget's readability factor. "It is much easier to read than in the past," Green said.





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Sudanese students share story of survival using inner strength to live lives of resilience and determination

Their story of persecution is extraordinary. They fell prey to the destruction wreaked by government troops and their allies, the Murahaleen, an Arab tribal militia

They were also fair game for recruitment into the ranks of the rebel army where they were used as cannon fodder in attacks on army garrisons. They have seen their playmates shot to death or, perhaps worse, captured by hostile tribesmen and condemned to a life of slavery.

As Mary Anne Fitzgerald, Refugees International wrote, the first stage of their journey began by hiding in the swamps of the Nile until night fell and it was possible to proceed undetected. Then, as they headed east, they entered an arid wasteland where their playmates - teenagers and toddlers alike - succumbed to hunger, thirst and malaria. Many fell prey to wild animals, trampled by buffalos or eaten by lions and crocodiles. The survivors still suffer guilt that they were unable to save their friends.

By 1990, there were an estimated 17,000 unaccompanied youngsters living in three refugee camps in southwestern Ethiopia – Fugnido, Dimma and Itang. The boys were separated from the rest of the camp population and lived apart from the adults. The rebel army, Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) wanted them under their aegis so

that when they grew bigger, they could be put under arms. Camp conditions at the outset were pitiful. A relief worker who visited Fugnido in 1987 reported finding "... only naked

bodies, very thin, as far as the eye could see. They did not even

Circumstances improved somewhat after UNHCR and NGOs appeared. The boys built mud and grass huts that slept about 30. These were clustered together to form units of about 150 children; Dinka and Nuer men and women supervised their schooling and welfare. The ration was one adult for 50

Then in 1991, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front seized power from the former Ethiopian ruler, Mengistu Haile Mariam. The new government expelled the Sudanese refugees from Ethiopia.

Once again, the boys were launched on a journey into the unknown. It was a trip that ended at Kakuma Camp in Northern Kenya, where they have been since 1992.

There is no end in sight to the war in southern Sudan and as those who do return are extremely vulnerable to forced conscription into the SPLA ranks, resettlement is considered the best-interest solution for most of the boys.

When others relate the experiences of the Kakuma youth

- surviving on berries, leaves and rotten flesh from the carcasses of wild animals - skeptics voice their doubts that any human is capable of enduring such hardships.

The Kakuma youth are being resettled under the designated P2 program from the Dinka and Nuer tribes. They are exceptionally tall - 6'3" to 6'6" is common - and stork-like in build. They have round faces, black skin and a tendency to protruding teeth. Their appearance is strikingly different to that of African Americans.

Their strong sense of community bonding and male

When speaking of their resettlement in the United States, the young men voice fears that are borne of the war they escaped when children.

and be a welcome addition to their new communities.

Sudan brother and sisters find warmth and comfort in Lowell home

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

When Ray and Beth Wolfe heard and read about the lost children of Sudan, they were reminded of the desperate situation they witnessed in Laos during the Vietnam War.

The story of lost hope and the desperate situation in which the young boys and girls of Sudan were being forced to live in made it clear to the Wolfes that they needed to - no, they wanted to - do something to help.

So when Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids first asked that the Wolfes open their home to two boys and later upped the plea to a family unit, Wolfes concurred.

"It was Beth's idea initially and then I too agreed," Ray Wolfe explained. The Wolfes have two children of their own: Katrina, a sophomore at Western Michigan University, and Tony, a junior at Lowell High School.

In mid-December, the Wolfes welcomed three new children - Akur, 12; Adeng (Martha), 18; and Malual (Gabriel) 18.

Their parents were killed in the violence over in Sudan and they survived eight years in a refugee camp - which had one small house, no light, no chairs, one meal a day and a water tap shared by thousands

Despite the relief in being out of his wartorn country, they are forever scarred with the images they brought with them..shaking the images impossible. Akur was in her mother's arms when a soldier shot her mom. Adeng grabbed her younger sister and fled.

"Coming to America is like heaven," Gabriel explains. "It's a good place, a good life, education, and we're free. In refugee camp we ate one meal a day, now I eat all the time (pizza). "Gabriel would like to return someday when the war

Martha wants to be a pilot someday, and Akur, a middle chool student, hadn't convinced herself that she was ready



Ray and Beth Wolfe are one of three Lowell families who have welcomed Sudanese students into their home. Pictured above, front row, from left to right, are: Akur, Martha, Beth Wolfe; back row, left to right, are: Ray Wolfe, Gabriel and Tony Wolfe.

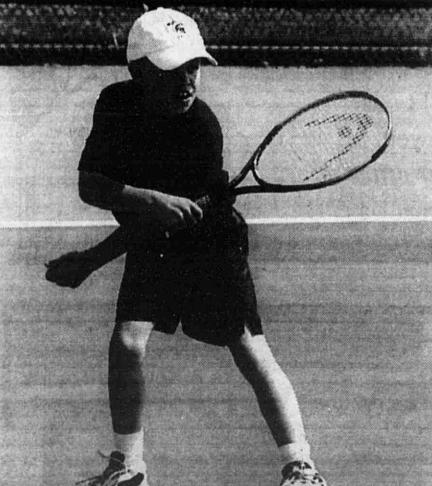
to speak to an American reporter.

They have a sister who is married and lives in Canada, a brother who lives in Wyoming, MI, and another brother who is still in a refugee camp.

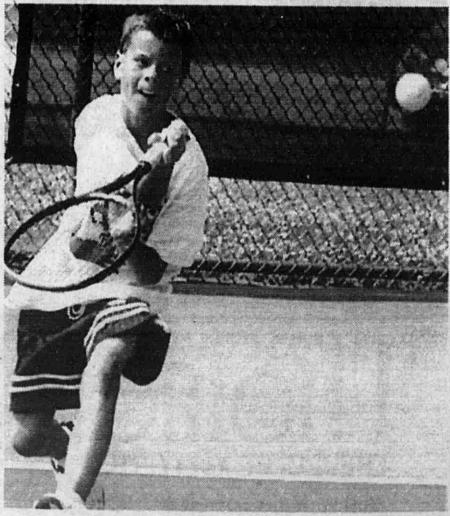
Wolfes are not the only family to open their homes to the youth of Sudan. Jim and Connie Gillette, Dan and Sharon Vosovic and Steve and Linda Uzarski have all opened their homes and hearts to the Sudanese.

them feel comfortable.'

"They are with us indefinitely. The older children may eventually live independently," Wolfe said. "At that time, Akur may also decide to go live with them."



Tennis was the flavor of the day for Lowell youth. Bonnie and Roger Wall's youth tennis camp drew 99 kids to the courts last week. Pictured to the left is nine-year-old Josh Moore and keeping the ball in play on the right is Josh Hobrla (10).



authority will be an important aspect of successful integration into American communities.

The young men from Kakuma have much to learn and much to give. Their ignorance of the Western culture is offset by resilience, diligence and determination. Given the thorough and thoughtful orientation received before leaving Kakuma, it is believed they will prosper in the United States

Gillette, Lowell's assistant su-

Abraham and brothers Jacob and

perintendent to finance and personnel, and her husband Jim (superintendent of Kenowa Hills) have taken in three boys from Sudan:

> They came to the United States not knowing or understanding some basic living skills: that you sleep between the sheets, cook with electricity, and what a sweeper is used

All of the Sudanese children, however, who are here have a strong desire for an education.

"They are respectful, loving and charismatic," Gillette explains, "They are very clean and meticu-

Wolfe says Gabriel is adjusting well. "He's in the process of getting his driver's license. It's been an easier adjustment for him because he could speak English when he arrived," Ray Wolfe said. "The girls have had a harder time because they did not speak the language and culturally it's been a tougher adjustment for them."

Their difficulties have translated into harder times for the Wolfes. "It's been tougher than we

But we've been helped a great deal by the generosity of the people in the community, and the school district went out of its way to help work the kids into the system and make

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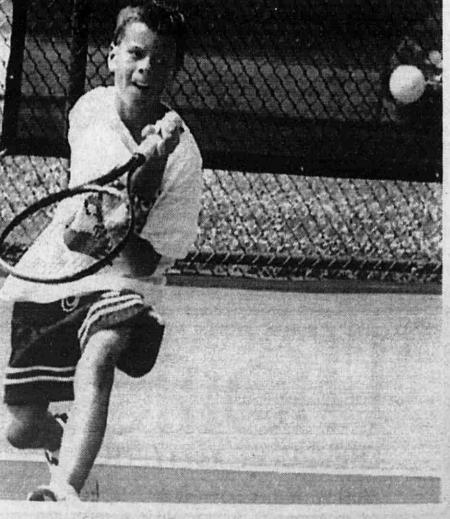
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