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A white elephant arrives on Main Street Friday and ducks are en route

••• Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will introduce a white elephant sale to its Street Market Days this weekend and three-foot tall little, yellow creatures will find their way on Main Street in August.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Chamber of Commerce's 4th Annual Street Market Days will have a big White Elephant Sale among its 35 vendors.

Street Market Days and a White Elephant sale will be held July 27 and 28 (Friday and Saturday) from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

While the Street Market vendors will be lined along Main Street, the White Elephant Sale will set up in the former Rupert's Drop building at 214 E. Main St.

George Mickel, Chamber of Commerce volunteer and White Elephant Sale coordinator, says the event will offer tools, yard goods, china, collectibles, tinware, glassware, quilts, pictures, keyboards, school desks, table tops, toys and more.

"We won't be selling clothes or blankets," Mickel explains. "The White Elephant Sale will raise money to enhance Lowell Chamber and Ambassador programs."

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The ducks are coming!

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

At the end of this summer, Lowell can expect to be invaded by three-foot tall yellow creatures.

The ducks are part of the Riverwalk Festival event that takes place during Labor Day weekend. After several months of discussions, the Lowell Chamber of Commerce finally received permission from the Lowell City Council to place its three-foot ducks along Main Street in Lowell. The plan is for the ducks to run from one end of the city to the other.

"The chamber has decided to go along with your suggestion and place the ducks on the flag poles," said James Hall, who was at Monday night's meeting on behalf of the chamber. "Along W. Main, they plan to use stakes."

Earlier, the chamber had asked to secure the ducks, designed as promotional and fund-raising tool, to the historic lampposts. The request was greeted coolly by the council, which has worked to discourage people from placing signs on the lampposts.

Chamber Director Liz Baker said securing the ducks to the trees was out of the question because it could damage the trees.

At the suggestion of Councilor Don Greene, the chamber looked into using the flag poles, which already have stands next to the trees. At last night's meeting, Hall said the poles would work.

Hall also made a request that the chamber be allowed to place a three- by five-foot temporary sign featuring a thermometer on the King Milling building for six weeks. The council unanimously agreed to the request since it was for a nonprofit organization.

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Application onslaught slows permit process for thousands of concealed pistol applicants

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A new concealed pistol statute which went into law on July 1, switches the burden of proof from the applicant to the state gun board.

With the old statute, the burden was on the applicant to justify why a concealed pistol was needed.

The new statute makes Michigan a "shall issue state." Translation, unless the gun board can show that the applicant has a criminal history or mental health problems a permit must be issued.

"The biggest drawback to the statute, according to Lowell Chief of Police Jim Valentine, will be verifying mental health problems. "There is no central depository for that information," he explained.

The financial burden the statute puts on county clerks and sheriff departments is the other major drawback. "It's an unfunded mandate," Valentine said.

The million dollars for the statute went to the state. None of the funds were earmarked for the county sheriff departments who are responsible for fingerprinting and processing background information on the applicant.

There are still restrictions, however, as to where a concealed pistol can be carried. Licensees are prohibited from taking a concealed pistol into a school or onto school property, a private or public day care center, a sports arena or stadium, a dining room, lounge or bar area of a premise licensed to serve liquor, any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, temple or other places of

worship, an entertainment facility that has a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, and a dorm or classroom of a college or university.

Valentine added that a private entity can post a sign claiming the establishment is a concealed pistol free.

Any violation of the above mentioned restrictions will be considered a criminal offense which could result in the suspension or revoking of the permit.

The permit to carry a concealed pistol is valid for three years. It will cost the applicant \$15 for fingerprinting and \$60 for processing. All applicants will be required to take a training course (at least eight hours, including three hours of firing range time) through an instructor certified by the state. For a list of pistol training or safety programs, applicants are asked to contact their county weapon licensing board.

All licenses shall be issued or denied within 30 days after the state gun board receives the fingerprint comparison report. The three-year renewal fee will be \$35.

Kent County has been inundated with roughly 2,000 applications. It can only process approximately 60 a day. "It will probably be September or October before things begin to smooth out. Right now there is a major glut in the system that needs to be worked through," Valentine said.

Applications are available at county clerks, sheriffs and local police agencies (at no cost). Fingerprints are taken within five business days of the applicant's request at the county sheriff's department.

Neighbors' grateful and supportive of developer's plans for less density

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Oak Hill Estate (2615 Alden Nash) developer Steve Hanson's strongest argument to have roughly 60 acres rezoned from R-1 to residential planned unit development came from his neighbors.

"This is the Rolls Royce of developments. Especially in comparison to what was previously proposed by another developer," said Lowell Charter Township resident Dave Krueger. "This will benefit the neighborhood."

What Krueger and many others like about the development is the proposal called for less density than what the developer could have done with the current R-1 zoning.

"The use they have chosen is to our advantage. They could have put in 30 units," said David Clements, 12654 Grand River Dr.

In asking for the rezoning request, project engineer

Rick Pulaski noted that it fit with the rural character of the area and the township's master plan intent for the area; as well as providing for open space and a park area.

"With two small exceptions the development follows the grade of the land," Pulaski said.

Susan Tomkins questioned the planning commission's flexibility in allowing many variations in the widths of the lots and why it's not holding firm on the recommended 165 feet of frontage along the road right of way.

Commission chairman John Cornish said a PUD gives the commission options to allow for better use of the land.

"I was hopeful because Steve (Hanson) went with a plan that called for less density than permitted that he'd be cut a break on frontage," Pulaski explained.

Planning commission secretary David Simmonds credited the support Hanson received for the project to the fact that many of the neighbors to the proposed development are aware of the prior development plans.

The township planning commission will address the request for rezoning at its next regular meeting on Aug. 13. From there, the commission's recommendation goes before the township board.

There will be no "Hyde-ing" this West Michigan talent

••• Edye Evans Hyde will bring her clear, expressive vocal style to the Showboat Summer Concert Series.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Summer concert series enthusiasts will hear a little "Girl Talk" from extraordinary jazz vocalist, Edye Evans Hyde, when she shares her distinctive jazz and blues delivery Thursday night at the Showboat.

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Edye Evans Hyde

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After 35 Years
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OBITUARIES

POTTER - Bonnie E. Potter, aged 85, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Harrisville, died Friday at Clark Retirement Home, Grand Rapids. She was born Bonnie Dewar on September 8, 1915 in Detroit. Raised in Harrisville, she married Forrest Potter there on July 15, 1939. She taught elementary school in the Alcona School system for over a 40 year period and was a member of the Harrisville United Methodist Church, The Order of the Eastern Star Lincoln Chapter and the Harrisville Lady Lions. Her husband preceded her in death on August 29, 1989; two brothers, Gerald Dewar and Owen Bickel also preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Jill (Chris)

VanAntwerp of Jenison and Judy (Lee) DuCharme of Ellison Bay, WI; two sons, James (Barbara) of Westland and Gilbert (Laurene) of Clinton Twp.; nine grandchildren, Matthew Potter, Martin Potter, Mia Potter, Juddson (Kristin) Potter, Ginger (Charles) Pollack, Leora (Arthur) Prue, Jay VanAntwerp, Bethany DuCharme and Christopher DuCharme; two great grandchildren, Amanda and Joshua Potter; four sisters-in-law, Marge Dewar, Doris Evans, Doreen Potter, Loleta, and a brother-in-law, Roy Potter. Funeral was Monday at the Harrisville United Methodist Church Rev. Edward Seward officiating. Burial at West Lawn Cemetery, Harrisville. Memorials Alcona County Library.



Truck Raffle - a "Fair" Thing

Hoping to at least match the success of its 2000 truck raffle, the Kent County Youth Fair Board is busy selling raffle tickets for a 2001 Chevy Silverado 4X4, 1/2 ton, extended cab. The drawing for the truck will be Saturday, Aug. 11 at 4 p.m. following the celebrity donkey race. Just 3,000 tickets are being sold at \$20 apiece. Tickets may be purchased at the fairground office, The Lowell Ledger office, Keiser's, Thomet Chevrolet and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

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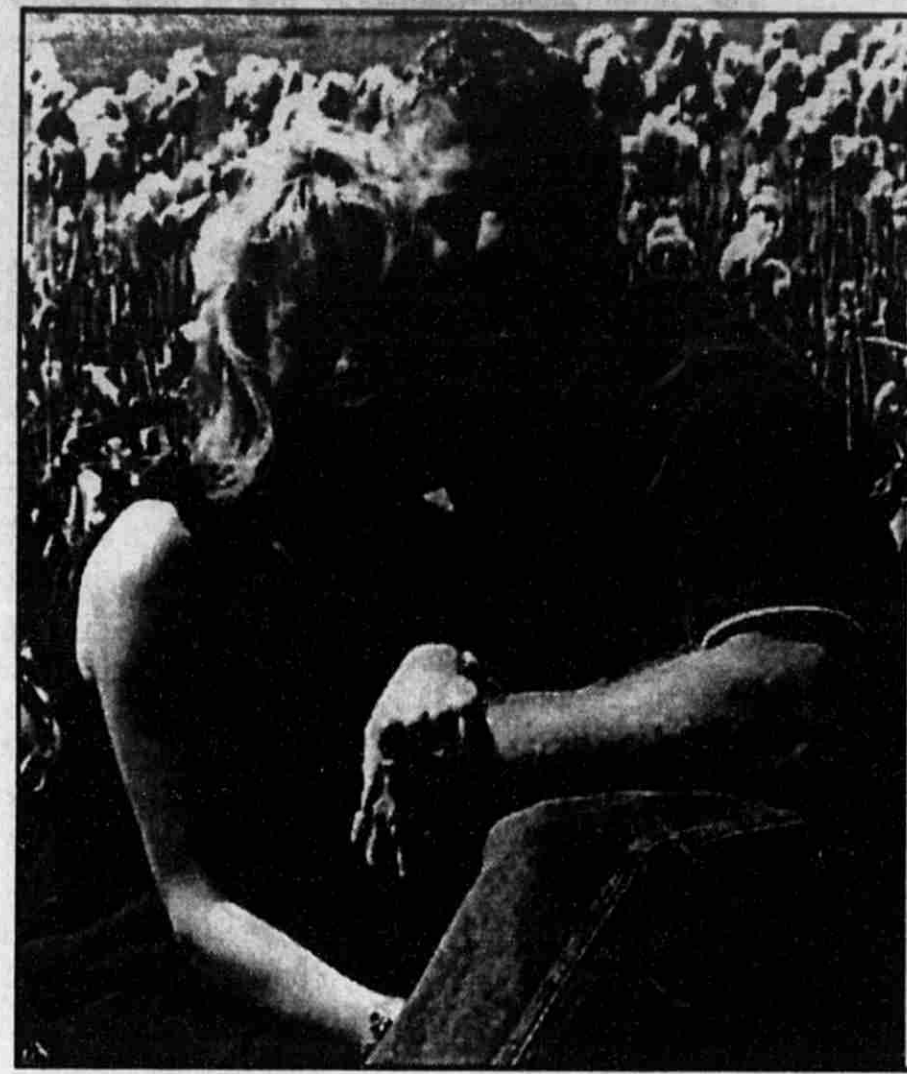
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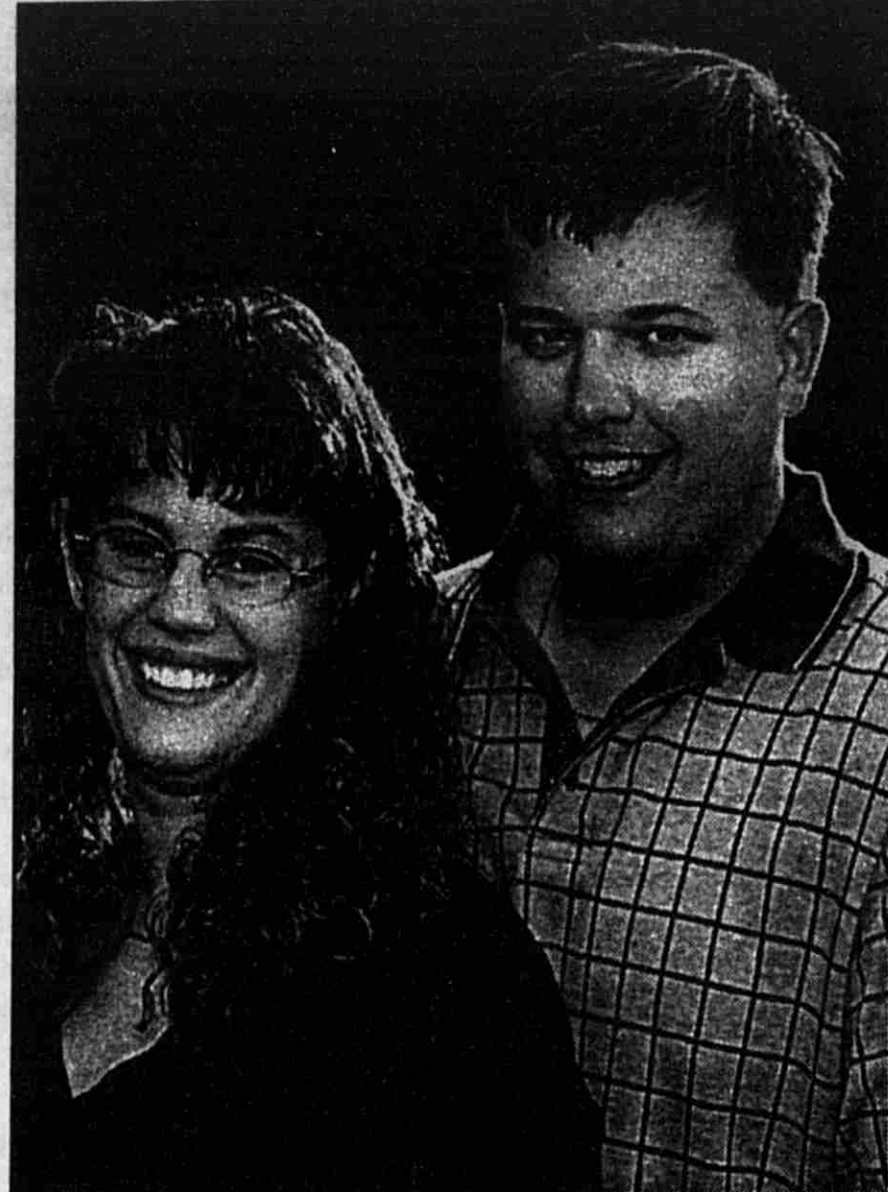


Phillips/ Ayers

Cammy Lou Phillips of Jenison and Richard Daniel Ayers of Lowell are engaged to be married. The bride-elect is the daughter of Brian and Bona Beckley of Alma. The future groom is the son of Bill and Jeri Ayers of Elkton, Maryland. The couple is planning an Aug. 17, 2001 wedding.

The biggest mistake people make in life is not trying to make a living at doing what they most enjoy.

Malcomb S. Forbes



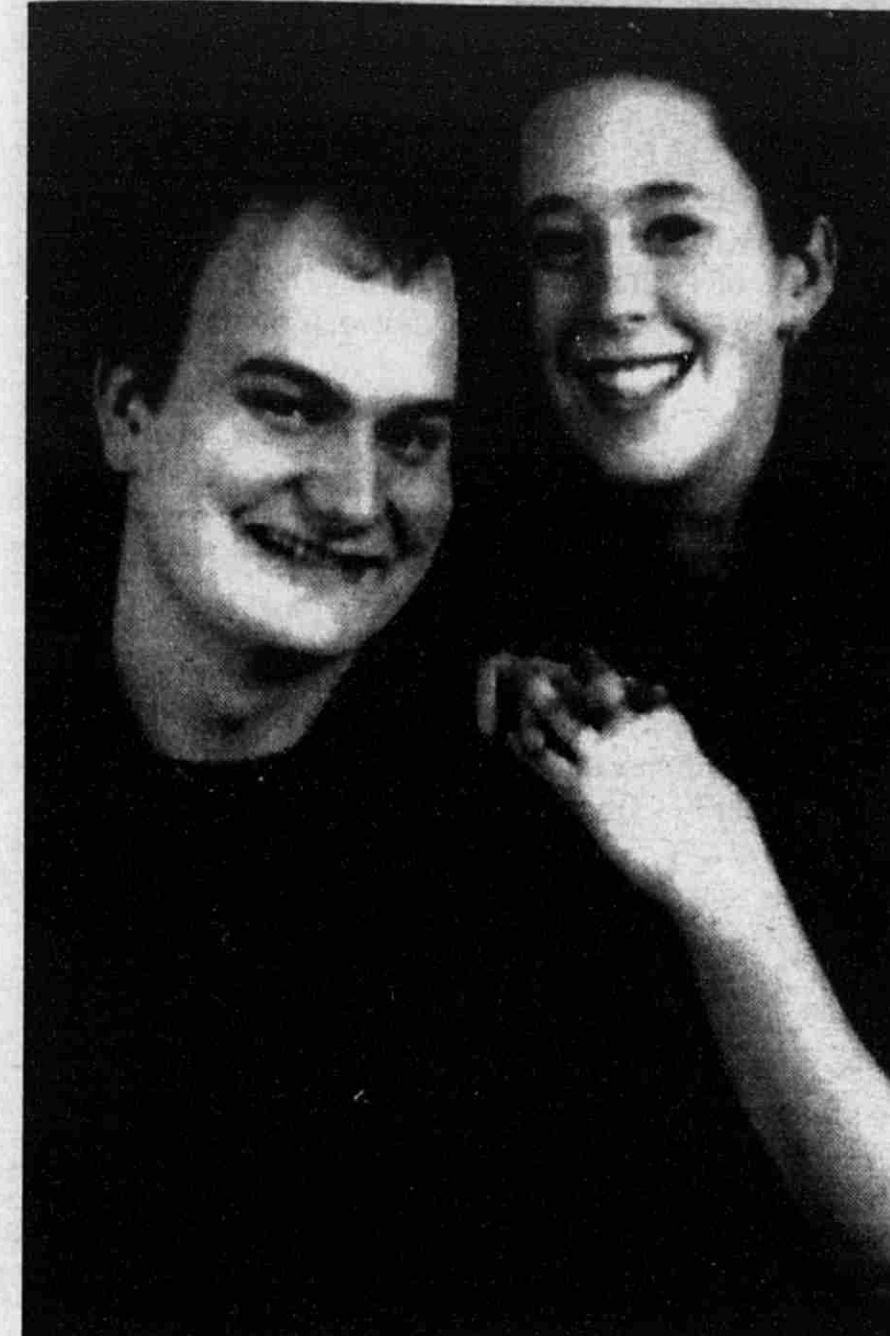
Beth Ellen Jipping and Brian Dean Johnson

Jipping/ Johnson

Beth Ellen Jipping of Wyoming and Brian Dean Johnson of Alto are engaged and planning an August 31, 2001 wedding.

The bride-elect graduated from Wyoming Park High School and has an associate's degree in culinary art from Grand Rapids Community College. Her parents are Larry and Karen Heydenburg.

The future groom is a Lowell High School graduate and has an associate's degree in business management from Davenport University. His parents are Lyle and Linda Johnson.



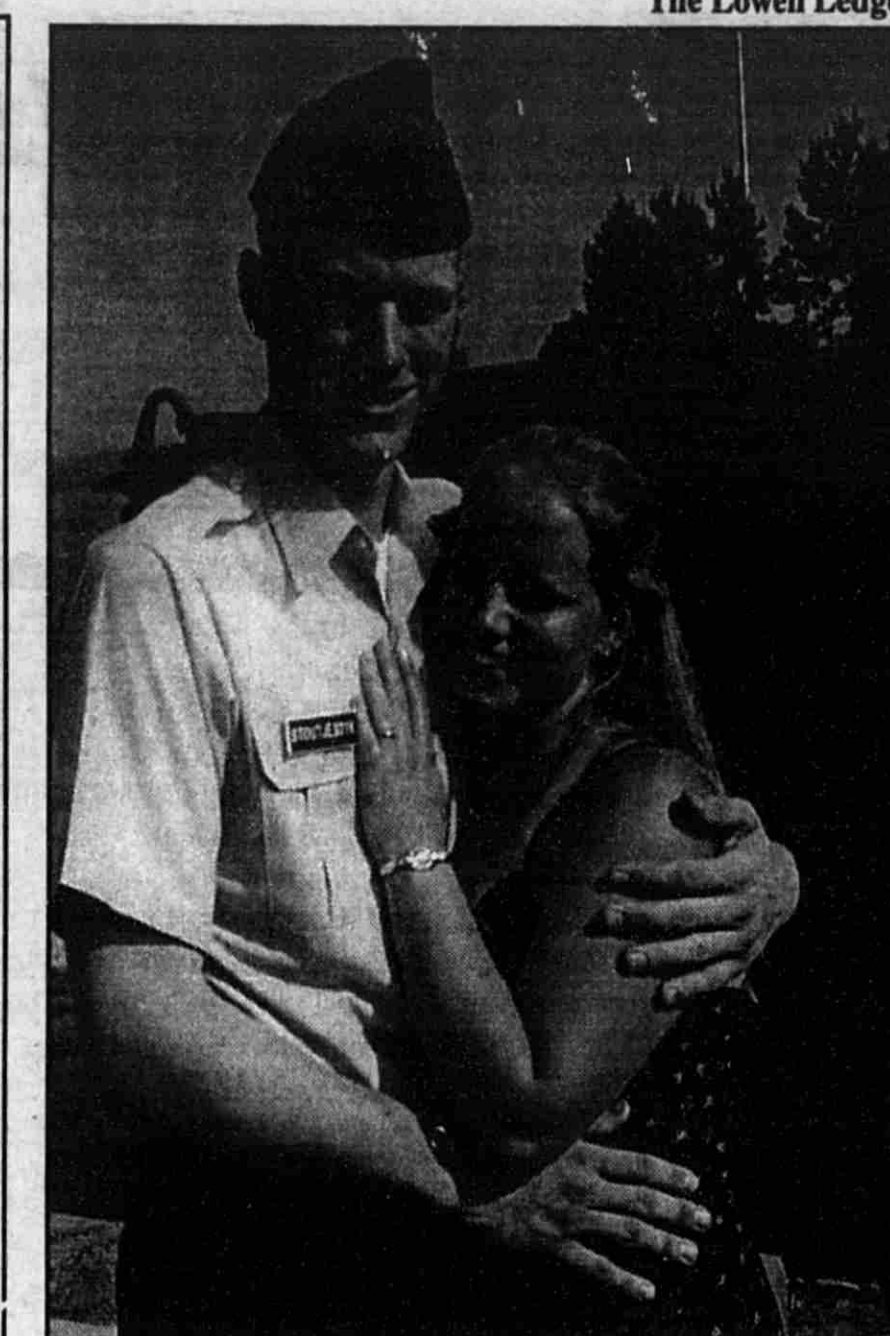
Hildenbrand/ Gray

Doug and Jane Hildebrand of Burnips wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Jenna to Saul Gray.

The future groom is the son of Mike and Linda Hopkins of Staton and Thom and Jane Gray of Lake Ode.sa.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University. Saul is a 1995 graduate of Lakewood High School and a 2000 graduate of Grand Valley State.

After an August 11 wedding in Jamestown the couple will make their home in Boulder, CO.



Shattuck/ Stoutjesdyk

Joy and Robert Shattuck of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tashia Lura to Pvt. Jason Andrew Stoutjesdyk of Lowell.

The future groom is the son of James and Debra Stoutjesdyk of Lowell and Sue and Patrick Lewis of Cedar Springs. He is a graduate of Greenville High School and employed at Lowell Area Schools. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army at Ft. Leonardwood, MO.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and currently employed at Horizon of Michigan.

A spring of 2002 wedding is being planned.

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"Lowell's on a roll. We're moving to meet the needs of the community. The Chamber serves as a conduit between business and the community," Mickel said. "We want to bring programs and products to the community - that it needs now - making Lowell a better place and environment to live in."

Of the 35 vendors participating in the Street Market Days, 18 are from out of town. "There are a lot of different vendors this year," said event coordinator, Linda Todd.

Ducks, cont'd ... From Page 1

Later, Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine said when the council approves a temporary banner for longer than the allowed 21 days that it puts the department in a difficult situation in dealing with businesses that want to exceed that limit.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Myers pointed that the chamber has a nonprofit status, part of why the extension was granted.

"I don't want to be the nay-sayer of the chamber, however when you do make those exceptions it does make it difficult for us," Valentine said, adding that businessowners see the sign up for longer than the allowed time and don't understand why they can't do it.



COMMODITY RECIPIENTS

Everyone must sign up again for commodities on Thursday, July 26. Bring your vital papers to Lowell Moose Recreation Hall on E. Fulton.

STREET MARKET DAYS COMING SOON

Calling flea and 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.

VEEN OBSERVATORY VISITORS' NIGHT

See planets and galaxies through powerful telescopes on Saturday, July 28 from 9-11:30 p.m. at the James C. Veen Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Road in Lowell, if skies are

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2001-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 6.04 OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 2000-3 AS AMENDED (ORIGINALLY ADOPTED NOVEMBER 20, 2000) TO ALLOW NATURAL RESOURCE REMOVAL AS A SPECIAL LAND USE IN THE R-1 RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 16th day of July, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Peter Siler, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Sally C. Johnson, Karen L. Hendrick, David Fuss

ABSENT: None
The following Ordinance was offered by Fuss and seconded by Hendrick.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6.04

Section 6.04 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

6.04 SPECIAL LAND USES

The following uses may be permitted by obtaining a Special Land Use in accordance with this Ordinance:

- A. Adult foster care facilities for seven persons or more.
- B. Camps and campgrounds.
- C. Day care facilities.
- D. Golf courses and country clubs.
- E. Public and institutional uses.
- F. Public utility facility.
- G. Rear lot line exceptions.
- H. Telecommunication towers.
- I. Natural resource removal.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

As amended by this Ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of seven days after publication hereof.

The Township of Bowne, Kent County, Michigan, hereby approves this Ordinance.

ADOPTED:

Ayes: Siler, Kowalczyk, Johnson, Hendrick, Fuss
Nays: None

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COUNTY OF KENT)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 16, 2001 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township office on Wednesdays and Fridays, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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1930 LHS CLASS REUNION

Keiser's Kitchen will be the location for the Lowell High School class of 1930 reunion on Saturday, July 28 at noon. The classes of 1929 and 1931 are invited. Call 897-7218 for reservations.

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"Girl Talk," Hyde's first CD, released two years ago, is a collection of some of her favorite jazz songs. "I did this CD during a 15-month stay in Los Angeles. It was my project - one that said to me, I'm in L.A."

The title of the CD is a song written by jazz composer Neil Hefti. "I met him at a nightclub in Los Angeles. He's written a lot of good jazz stuff."

Hefti an accomplished jazz composer, also authored the classic TV theme song to "Batman."

"I sent him a copy of my CD about three months ago. Two weeks later he called me at home to tell me he loved my funky version of "Girl Talk."

That has been one of many high points for Hyde so far this year. On July 4 she opened for the legendary Ray Charles and in September she leaves for China on a four month gig in Shanghai at the Ritz Carlton.

"It's a great opportunity. My family is very understanding and supportive of me. Not only that, but they are excited about the possibility of coming to China over the holidays," Hyde said.

Thursday night's visit to the Showboat will unite Hyde with a longtime friend, accompanist and Lowell native Roger MacNaughton.

"I've known Roger for a long time. We've played together many times over the last 20 years," Hyde said. "It's great to be playing with him and I'm glad the Showboat is back."

Myers appointed to Lowell advisory committee

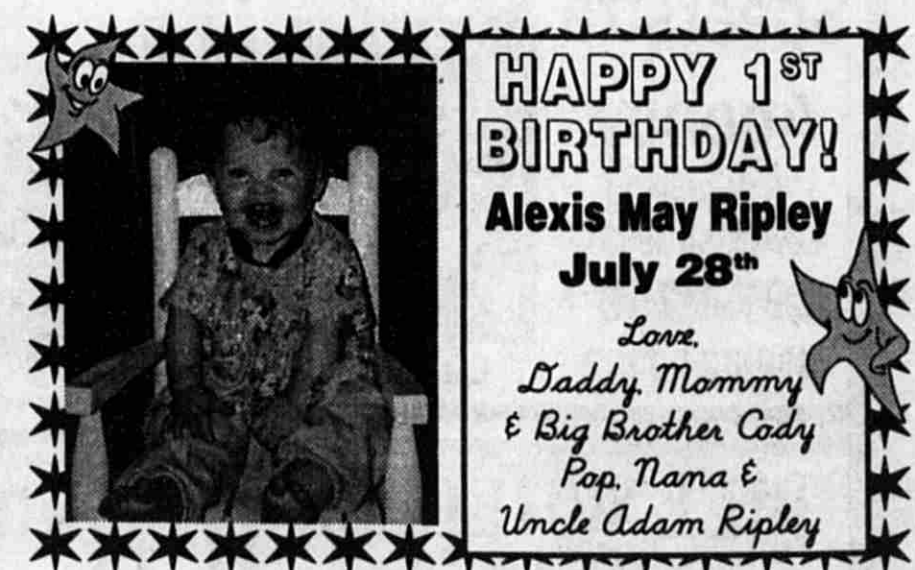
Charles R. Myers, vice president and Lowell Area Market manager for Huntington National Bank, has been named to the Advisory Committee for the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Myers, who has served for 18 years in the same banking location, is currently mayor pro tem and chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the city of Lowell. He has also been active in numerous other Lowell organizations, including the United Way, Lowell Rotary,

Lowell Historical Association, Lowell Area Arts Council, and the Lowell Showboat Corporation.

Myers joins a group of Lowell volunteers who make up the fund's advisory committee and recommend grants.

The Lowell Area Community Fund was established as a donor-advised fund at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation in 1996 with a \$12.7 million bequest from Lowell resident Harold Englehardt.



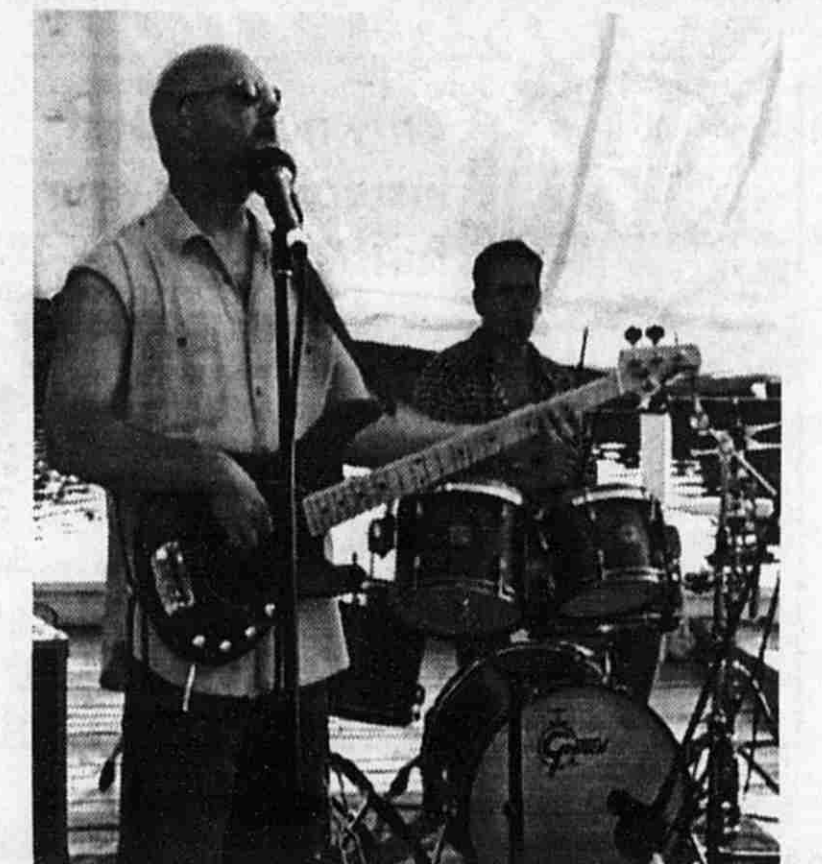
LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned Mark and Earline Velting's property located at 12000 Cascade Road, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-28-200-007, from Prime Agricultural (Ag1), to Light Industrial. This rezoning will become effective thirty days from date of publication of this notice.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Solid Ground generates cool country rock sounds in sweltering heat

... The country rock group presentation had a energetic, easy way about it, helping the many fans escape the thoughts of heat at the Showboat Summer Concert Series on Thursday.



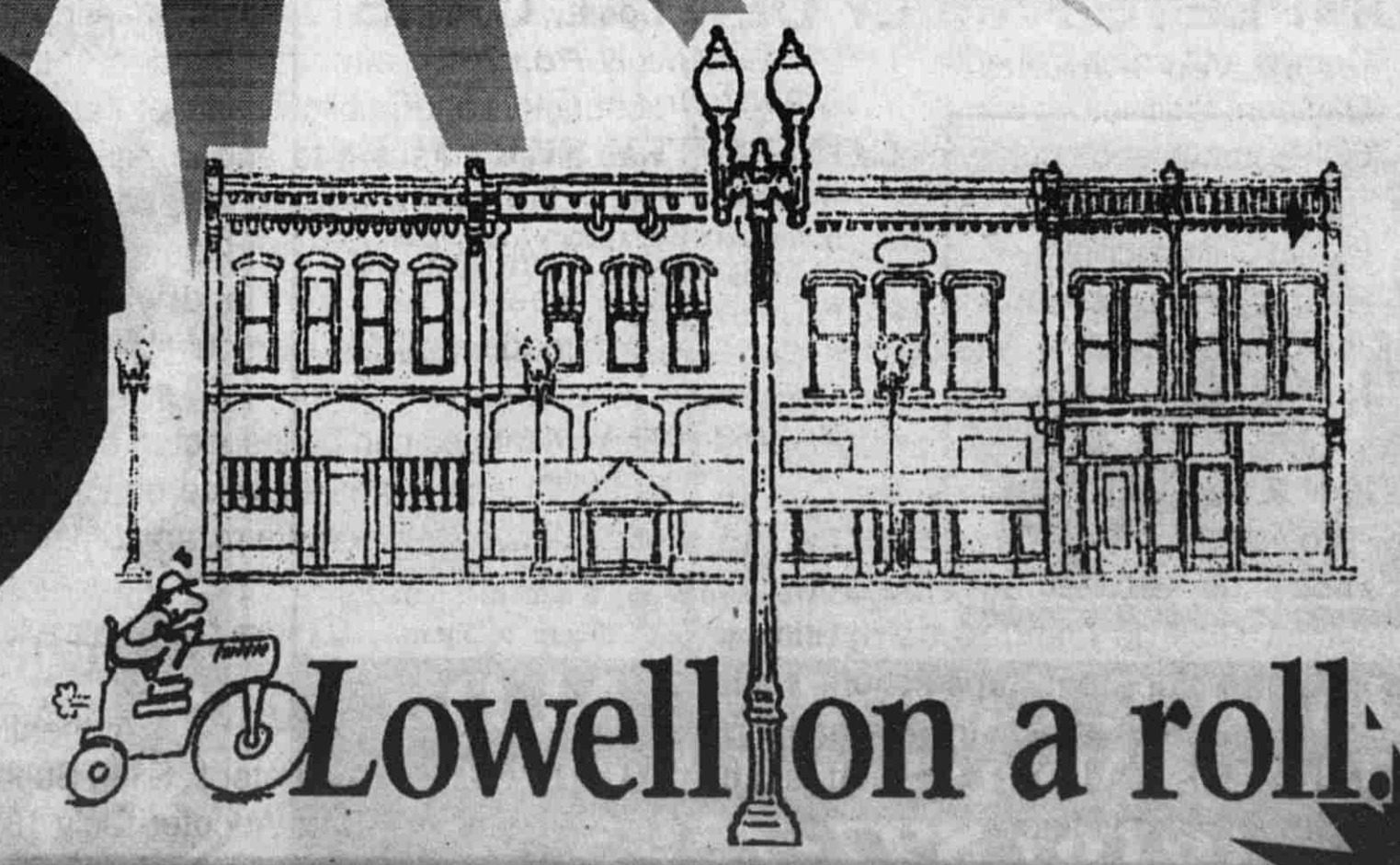
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Construction on the City Hall Parking Lot, Veteran Monument Parking Lot (Main St.), and the boat ramp relocation started on **Mon., July 2, and will run thru Sept. 25.** Downtown retailers, restaurants & merchants need your stop-in business now more than ever. **REMEMBER TO SHOP IN LOWELL!!!**



OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



JIGGIN' GILLS

When it is legal, you can catch any fish anytime, but not just anywhere. Weather patterns typical for each season have a significant influence on fish behavior. Because the weather is so unpredictable in this latitude, it's better to choose angling strategies by observing recent conditions rather than relying solely on the calendar.

A good example is when Gwen and I went bluegill fishing at a local lake. It was the end of June and experience dictated that we should find the fish in deep water. We did mark fish in deep water, but whatever they were we couldn't get a bite. In desperation, we began searching other locations and, to our surprise, stumbled across bluegills still on the beds in 4 feet of water.

We were prepared to fish only deep water, so we had left the fly-rods and rubber spiders at home. By backing off a short distance from the beds and setting our slip bobbers shallow on

our ultra-light rods, we were able to coax enough gills to pop a small jig tipped with a cricket to make a couple of meals. Several days later I went back with a fly-rod and rubber spider and got plenty of action. Apparently the cold wet weather in May had kept the water cool enough to discourage the fish from spawning earlier. The bluegills have finished spawning by now, and because of the hot weather have moved into deeper water. It is once again time to break out the jigs and live bait.

As popular as jig fishing seems to be with other fishermen, I didn't start using them until I became committed to serious walleye fishing about 7 years ago. It was just the last couple of years that it dawned on me to use jigs for bluegills.

During the summer when the fish are scattered in deep water, jigs provide a good method of getting to them. A 1/64th ounce Northland jig head in pearl or chartreuse tipped with a cricket will draw the bites if the fish are there. Four pound test

mono on a spinning rod with a fast tip to telegraph light bites will complete an effective outfit for deep water gills. My fishing partners have been using ice rods rigged with a spring bobber. It's fun to watch someone battle a big gill on such a light outfit. The bite is usually very subtle and the light rig allows one to feel the tap of a cautious gill. We fish the jig straight down off the side of the boat. Raising the rod tip up a few inches and then letting it settle imparts the action necessary to draw a bite.

Jig fishing allows the angler to conveniently fish all the way from the bottom to just below the surface. I have found that when fish are scattered at different depths, sometimes those at a specific level—like 12-14 feet over 30 feet of water for example—will be the only ones that bite. It pays to experiment. It's going to be a short summer, so get out and give jig fishing for deep water gills a try.

To achieve sufficient income for the type of retirement you want, you'll need to bolster your retirement savings. Here are a few suggestions for doing just that:

- **Maximize your retirement plan contributions** - If you have a 401 (k) or other type of tax-qualified retirement plan where you work, take full advantage of it. Your contributions grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means they'll increase much faster than they would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. If you are self-employed, you also may have a number of tax-deferred retirement account possibilities, including a SEP-IRA, a Simple IRA or a money-purchase pension plan. The details on these plans vary, but for you as an individual investor, the guiding principle is the same: Contribute as much as you can possibly afford.

- **Explore other retirement savings accounts** - Even if you contribute to a company-sponsored retirement plan, you may be able to open a traditional or Roth IRA. Like a 401 (k), your traditional IRA will provide you with tax-deferred earnings, while a Roth IRA grows totally tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. Although the annual contribution limits on these IRAs - \$2,000 per person, per year - are not large, your earnings can add up over time.

- **Consider annuities and life insurance** - If you've maxed out your contributions to your employer's retirement plan and your IRA, you may want to consider purchasing an annuity. Annuities offer tax-deferred earnings growth, plus very high contribution limits. You also can achieve tax-deferred growth through certain life insurance policies, such as universal life.

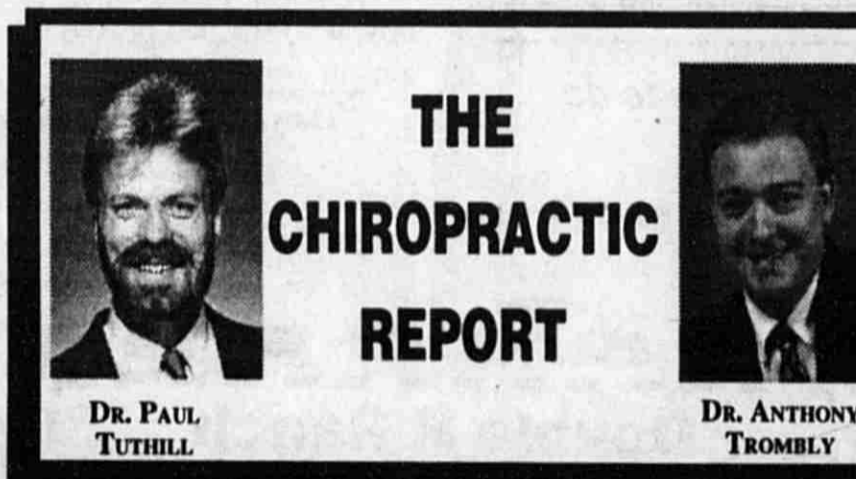
By following these suggestions, you'll go a long way toward meeting your retirement funding needs. Then, if you do return to work after your formal retirement, you'll be doing so not because you need the money, but for a much better reason - because you want to.



NEED TO BOOST RETIREMENT SAVINGS IS CLEARER THAN EVER

Do you plan on working after you're 65? If you do, you may have plenty of company. The percentage of people over 65 who still work has been rising since the mid-1900s. In 2000, 12.8 percent of the over-65 segment still worked - the highest figure since 1979, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Several factors are behind this trend, including a ban on most forced retirements, advances in medicine and favorable changes in Social Security laws.

But another reason for the influx of older workers is undoubtedly the need for money. Many of today's retirees are discovering that the combination of Social Security and income from their company's retirement plan is not enough to let them live the type of retirement life-style they had envisioned. And, according to a poll by *The New York Times*, the number of Americans who said they planned to retire later than age 65 rose to 20 percent in 2001, up from 15 percent in 1995 - and more than half of those who plan to keep working say they will do so for financial reasons.



THE CHIROPRACTIC REPORT

DOCTORS ANNOUNCE "SAME DAY" WHIPLASH TREATMENT

Neck pain from an auto accident? Whiplash from a rear-end? Conventional wisdom has says use ice for the first twenty-four hours and allow three days before any treatment.

That was until now. Chiropractic physicians at Doctors Chiropractic in Lowell have announced a new treatment protocol called "same day treatment." The treatment is based on new painless computerized intervention that, if applied within 24 hours of injury, can dramatically reduce pain and shorten suffering for auto accident victims.

According to Dr. Anthony Trombly, "we have now had enough experience with early intervention in whiplash cases to be confident in our findings." Trombly notes: "Most whiplash cases plague patients for three months to one year. Some times for life. Today, with "same day" treatment this time collapses to weeks, even just days in some cases." The secret is in the computer treatment which "unlock" the injured vertebrae. This short-circuits the usual steady progression of pain typically seen in whiplash.

"We can take a person right out of a vehicle even if it takes the 'jaws of life' to pry them out," says colleague Dr. Paul Tuthill. "If there is no bleeding and no broken bones, we can see them within an hour of impact. Then what happens is that fixation of the damaged tissue does not occur; pain receptors are quieted and the patient avoids the usual neck pains, headaches and nervousness that follow whiplash. More research is needed, but it appears that this treatment reduces or eliminates the buildup of scar tissue in the neck."

What about cases of whiplash or auto injuries that are not seen the same day? "We use the same painless protocols which avoid twisting and cracking sounds. Computerized results are far better than older methods such as cervical collars, pain killers and physical therapy. But, concludes Dr. Trombly, early intervention is still best and the earlier the better."

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance have been adopted by the Vergennes Township Board on July 16, 2001. A summary follows:

Ordinance #2001-1:

Article II Definitions, Section 201.202 Specific Terms:

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 Flat River district ordinance requirements.

Article III Zoning District, Section 201.307 "FR" Flat River District:

To clarify existing language and meanings by allowing flexibility for topography and safety issues with river access stairs and boardwalk construction, to change building permit to zoning permit, adjust lot area to follow the underlying district, to correct language procedures for special use permit for canoe rental types of businesses and other typo errors.

Ordinance #2002-2:

Article III Zoning Districts, Section 201.309 "I" Industrial District:

To add additional permitted uses of compatible industrial businesses.

Ordinance #2001-3:

Article V Section 201.502 "D" Site Plan Review Procedures:

To add a new paragraph 4 to clarify the approving body or official (review and recommendation by the Planning Commission to the Township Board) for site plan review procedures.

The complete text of the adopted ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 or on the Vergennes Web Site at www.vergennestwp.org. The ordinance amendments will become effective 8 days after publication except as provided for in Michigan Compiled Laws sections 125.281a and 125.282 of the Township Zoning Act.

Mari C. Stone - Clerk

Lowell's Debra Hinton takes seat on planning commission

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Debra Hinton first learned about the opportunities to get involved with the Lowell City government through the Lowell Leadership Excellence Program.

It was there, she learned about the different government bodies and the procedures the city has from Mayor Mike Blough. She also learned of an opening on the Planning Commission.

"Jim Pfaller took it," she said with a little laugh. That's OK. Monday night, Hinton took her seat next to Pfaller and six other commissioners as she was sworn in as the newest member of the group. She replaces Gordon Barry who resigned his seat when his term expired earlier this year.

The time between Pfaller's appointment, which took place earlier this year, and her own gave Hinton an opportunity to take a Citizen Planner course, a 10-week program hosted by Michigan State University. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce was involved in the program through the Englehardt Fund.

Hinton moved to the community about a year ago with her husband James, a police officer for the Lowell Police Department for eight years, and daughter, Alexandra, who is six and entering kindergarten this fall.

Originally from the South Haven area, Hinton moved

from Grand Rapids to the Lowell community.

"When you are in Grand Rapids, you are part of such a large community," Hinton said. "It's hard to have a voice. When I moved here and saw all the changes taking place, I wanted to be part of those changes and have a voice."

She said she also wanted to get involved in the community because of her husband's involvement through the force.

Hinton works as a secretary for an advertising agency in Grand Rapids. She was appointed by the mayor, with council approval, at the last city council meeting, July 16.

Rockford/Lowell Ambulance care plan picks up the tab where some insurance companies don't

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Rockford Ambulance Care Plan may not be for all, but it benefits most of its members.

"Very few people are fully covered by their insurance company for ambulance service fees," said Rockford Ambulance administrative

assistant, Olivia Smith. "Those who are fully covered need not be on our care plan."

Lowell's Flo Beggs is one of those lucky few. For example, Medicare pays 80 percent of an ambulance service fee and her supplemental insurance picks up the rest of the costs.

Beggs would like to see Rockford Ambulance do a better job of stipulating who

really needs their care plan. "I think there are people who pay the \$39 thinking that it's an insurance. I know, because I did it for years."

The Rockford Ambulance Care Plan cost its members \$39 a year and it insures that its members have no out-of-pocket expenses for medically necessary services. This would include advanced trauma care, emergency and non-emergency transfers, wheelchair van transportation and accredited ambulance service.

The plan pays the cost of the difference between what the insurance company covers and the total costs.

Rockford/Lowell Ambulance paramedic Kevin Ressler concurs with Beggs that it is not insurance. "A

member must have insurance to be eligible for the plan."

Insurance companies can decide what it will cover and what it won't cover. If they determine an ambulance ride is not an emergency than the

individual is left to pay the bill. The care plan is there to pick up the cost of what the insurance company does not cover - preventing out-of-pocket expense."

Smith adds that seldom

are senior citizen ambulance rides not viewed as an emergency by insurance companies.

The Care Plan covers all members of a household who reside at the same address.

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Aviation school seeks permission from city to add another building

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The issue of growth brought representatives of the School of Missionary Aviation Technology before the Lowell City Council.

The representatives sought permission, and unanimously got it, to place another building on the airport property owned by the city to help deal with increase enrollment.

"We are an independent school and we have seen contin-

A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit.

Richard Bach

ued growth," said representative Marv Tyler. That growth has included the expansion of programs such as the intern training program.

The proposed building, which will need to meet Vergennes Township building codes before being constructed, will be about 50 feet to 100 feet all steel structure. The building, which was donated by a private individual, would house a classroom and lab for Airframe and Powerplant mechanic training along with providing additional space for classrooms, labs, and offices.

"Having seen the airport over the past fourteen years, it is as in good of shape as it has ever been," Pasquale adding that the exciting part about all of this is the school wants to do more.

The School of Missionary Aviation Technology has been an asset to the Lowell

Airport in terms of upgrading and making improvements, Pasquale said.

"I feel like we are looking a gift house in the mouth," said Mayor Pro Tem Charles Myers. "You are willing to make \$100,000 worth of improvements to our property."

The building shell is worth between \$50,000 to \$70,000. The donor has offered funds for foundation and footings with the school expected to pick up construction costs and furnishings.

The school did present its proposal of the new building to the Lowell Airport Board at its July 10 meeting. The project received positive support from the board.

The general consensus of the council is the school has been an excellent tenant.

Representatives next step in the process will be to meet with Vergennes Township officials to check building code requirements.

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