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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 night1s 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 married Forrest Potter there on July 15, 1939. She taught Alcona School system for DuCharme; two great grandover a 40 year period and was United Methodist Church, The Order of the Eastern Star Lincoln Chapter and the Harrisville Lady Lions. Her Funeral was Monday at the husband preceded her in death on August 29, 1989; two brothers, Gerald Dewar and Owen Bickel also preceded her in death. She is survived Memorials Alcona County by two daughters, Jill (Chris) Library.

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 elementary school in the DuCharme and Christopher children, Amanda and Joshua a member of the Harrisville Potter; four sisters-in-law, Marge Dewar, Doris Evans, Doreen Potter, Loleta, and a brother-in-law, Roy Potter. Harrisville United Methodist Church Rev. Edward Seward officiating. Burial at West Lawn Cemetery, Harrisville.



## 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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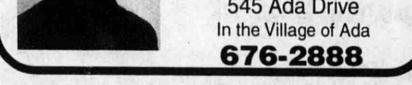
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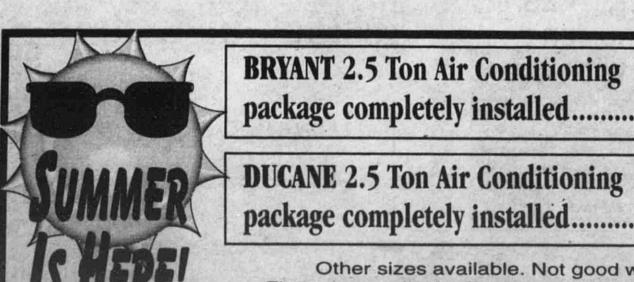


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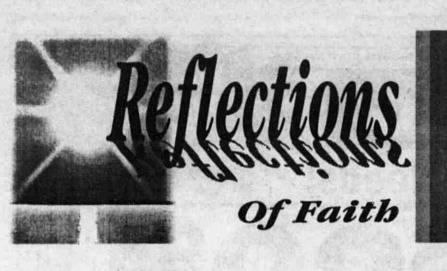
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Bob Roush, Pastor Friendship Country Chapel

Luke 8:40-46 is the story of a man with a very serious problem, his only daughter just 12 years old was dying! What a desperate situation. Now Jesus had just finished a grueling encounter and was very tired. It was at this point that a man named Jairus encountered Jesus asking Him to come and heal his dying daughter. As Jesus was walking with him towards his home the crowds actually thronged him and within that crowd was a woman who had faith enough to believe that if she could only get close says with all confidence "Do to abruptly sit upright. Jesus the air and remain with him enough to Jesus to touch the not fear, only believe and she then directs that physical forever. So comfort and enhem of His garment, shoe will be well." would be healed of her own These are words He will

disease. The interesting thing about Jesus is that He always seemed to prefer face to face encounters with people. Jesus knew who touched Him already because He was God yet he asked directly "who touched me?" I wonder what went through her mind." "Should I come forward and you believe this?" What Mary that darkened tomb bringing ginning. fess up?" Perhaps she thought was saying in so many words surely a man with such power is "it's too late, you came too could destroy me if he so late." chose. In fear and trembling she came forward and con-

fessed that it was she who

had touched Him quickly

adding that she had been

healed immediately. Perhaps Jesus exposed her as a public testimony and witness of His power to heal.

I wonder what Jairus was And as he stands looking at Lord: that we who are still thinking? What would you think in a time like this? "Come on, Jesus, don't you know my only child is dying?" And perhaps as he thinks this someone from his home breaks the news that it's too late, his only child had died, do not trouble the master fur- taking a deep breath, he pet-call of God. And the ther. The words ring a certain bitter resiliency, she is dead, it's too late. But what does and by speaking this simple Lord. Then we who are still Jesus say? Is it ever too late for the one who holds the key the life giving energy into that will be caught up with them in to death and hell? Jesus then little body causing the child the clouds to meet the Lord in

"Your brother shall rise again." The sister of Lazarus responds, "We know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day" v24.

Back in our text in Luke the next few tense moments reflect a naturally sad environment of grief and sorrow

girl, the only child of this as the quiet sobs filled the air. even softly speaks these of those who are in their rection and the life." and then, archangel and the great trumcold, lifeless hand into His be the first to rise to meet the phrase "child arise!!" imparts alive and remain on the earth

in the house of Jairus. As the

room He confidently says

"She is not dead, but only

sleeping...and they laughed

Him to scorn." There was not

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Jesus dismisses all those un-

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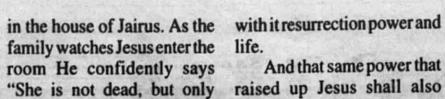
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use again in a few months as mourners and scoffers? Well, What a wonderful hope! He stands alongside the grave their mourning had been of Lazarus in John 11:23, turned to gladness, they had

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man lacks ambition.

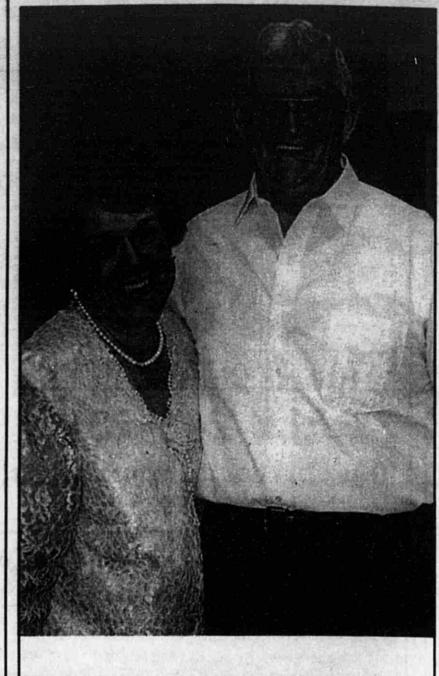
Mae Jemison, astronaut & physicist



And that same power that raised up Jesus shall also quicken, or make alive, your mortal bodies. "And now, dear much faith here. And so in the brothers, I want you to know what happens to a Christian when he dies so that when it believing mourners except for happens you will not be full Peter, John, James, the mother of sorrow, as those are who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and then came back to life again, couple, and they wait for His we can also believe that when next move. What will He do? Jesus returns, God will bring I perceive that Jesus stood for back with Him all the Christhe longest moment in history tians who have died. I can tell you this directly from the the lifeless form of innocent living when the Lord returns he thinks to himself, maybe will not rise to meet Him ahead words,... "it is for this that I graves. For the Lord Himself have come...I am come that will come down from heaven they might have life more with a mighty shout and with abundantly...I am the resur- the soul-stirring cry of the reaches down grasping that Christians who are dead will nourishment be given to her. courage each other with this What happened to the news." I Thes. 4:13-18. (LB)

Everyone has a "world view" the world view of evbecome instant believers - ery Christian is, or should be, the fact that it is never too late There was a time when in any situation for hope which another "only child" lay cold is found in Christ, and Christ and lifeless in a tomb guarded alone, because death, which Then Jesus says, "I am the by Roman soldiers. But three we all will face someday, is resurrection and the life...do days later, light shinned into not the end, but only the be-

A woman who strives to be like a



## **Burgess and Wittenbach wed**

Joan G. Wittenbach of Lowell and Orvall E. (Bud) Burgess of Grand Rapids were married May 5, 2001 at Bella Vista Church in Rockford.

The couple honeymooned in the Carolinas.

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There are no stupid questions, but there are a lot of

Dr. E.L. Kersten

# Viewpoint...



I recently attended a memorial service held for a friend of mine. He was killed while flying an old jet trainer he took around the airshow circuit. The accident happened at LaCrosse, Wisconsin in June. Story has it that a wingtip fuel tank came off while he was making a pass down the runway. The tank hit, and so extensively damaged the rear of the airplane, that aircraft went immediately out of control. My friend Roger and the ensuing crash.

Michigan Stearman owners. He also owned one of these WWII era open cockpit biplane trainers. Roger was easily the most gregarious of our group, was a born leader and was always with flying colors. (I wish I could say the same for the vision in close formation flying. All I heard was "leaving Monday" stirring the pot. He had a wonderful sense of humor and laughed easily and loud at a good story or joke. He is going to sorting conversation out of background noise, especially other here. be missed very much.

In our little group there are perhaps a dozen of us Stearman owners and pilots that get together infrequently at various flyins, cookouts and parties. There are another dozen or so and or, sorting out conversation while in that crush of people

ously owned a Stearman or are in some way connected. Throw in the spouses, kids, friends, etc. and some of our functions can group swell to a fairly large group. Most of us were at the memorial service, and we comprised only a tiny fraction of the people in attendance at the service. The huge number of people in touched so many lives.

I know this is a terrible way to kick off a column that is traditionally humorous and is usually a joke on me. Don't worry... I'm getting to that.

Following the service we filed out of the huge church sanctuary. In the lobby we milled about in smaller groups, greeting each other and introducing wives, etc. Terese was names. All in all, I did a reasonable job of muddling through, but it was like taking an algebra test. I got a passing grade in with my audio problem was a recipe for disaster. a passenger, along for a "V.I.P." ride, were killed instantly in algebra only because the teacher was also the football coach.

My wife is always complaining about my hearing. I tell I knew him through a small and informal association of her it is strictly selective hearing when it comes to her. She Monday for the formation clinic. To explain, there is a clinic agrees with that, but still thinks I don't hear well. Every two in Iowa that offers instruction in formation flying. The training test.) However, I'll be the first to admit that I have a problem and something about a clinic. You know where I'm going from conversation. My theory is, I hear everything fine, I'm just too stupid to sort it all out.

Whatever my problem is, I was having trouble hearing,

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND

THE ALTO SOLO JULY 22, 1926

ceremonies at the M.E. church in 1878. Aura Watt, Frank Hine,

Jessie Hooker, Will Clark and Kaite Terwilliger were the

graduates.

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members of our group that are re-building Stearmans, previ- gathering after the service. In the midst of this I finally got a chance to talk to an old friend who first invited me into the

During the phone call telling me about Roger's death, I was also told that this friend had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. As we shook hands I think I was subconciously trying attendance were a fitting tribute to a young man, 47, who had to come up with an appropriate way to offer my support for his battle with the disease. Look up appropriate in the thesaurus and you find synonyms like pertinent, timely, acceptable, worthy, relevant, etc. Unfotunately, none of these words apply to my "foot-in-mouth" approach to life.

This friend, Bill, is unquestionably the nicest, most sincere and impeccably mannered person I have ever met. He is with me and she had never met some of these guys. I only see a gentleman in every sense of the word. He reminds me of the some of them once every year or two, so I stumbled over a few stereotypical English butler you'd see in a movie. Consequently, Bill is a little on the soft-spoken side. That, coupled

Following our initial greeting and small talk about Roger, the beautiful memorial, etc. Bill announced that he was leaving years I have to take a flight physical and pass the audio portion culminates in an endorsement certifying you as a pilot trained

> Of course, dumb ol' me, I thought Bill was awkwardly and uncharacteristically broaching the subject of his cancer diagnosis. I hesitantly asked where the clinic was. He answered with, "Iowa". It still didn't register. I was still thinking in terms of a cancer clinic. I finally blurted out something really stupid like, "Well, geez Bill, I heard about your cancer problem from Bill Rodgers. I sure hope things work out for you". Bill looked at me like I was from Mars.

> After a few very long and awkward seconds of silence, Bill finally realized what the problem was, raised his voice and said, "No, no, the formation flying clinic in Keokuk, Iowa." My face turned red, then purple with embarassment. Bill handled it in stride, like the true gentleman that he is.

> I apologized profusely. We used my faux pas to enter into a serious discussion about prostate cancer and his prognosis. He lectured me about getting a regular p.s.a. test and tracking the results from year to year. Because I respect Bill as I do. I was glad to be able to tell him I'd recently had a p.s.a. test as part of a physical. For a guy who had been looking for a smooth way to broach a touchy subject, I certainly felt like a crash test dummy. Fortunately for me, Bill is such a great guy, the end result was rewarding.

> We have a few Stearman gatherings slated in the near future. I know the "formation cancer clinic" story will get some mileage among our hangar-flying tales. I already wish Roger Simpson were going to be there. Nobody will laugh harder than he would have at my awkward blunder.

# Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 26, 1876 A man involved in a fight is put in jail, but friends pry open

the door during the night and release him. Accidents caused by loose seats on a wagon, which dump passengers if the horses bolt, are all too common, and the editor calls on livery operators to check fastenings every time.

Prof. Steiner made the trip from Milwaukee over Lake Michigan to Van Buren County in five hours on July 4. There is much speculation as to how Colorado may have

had a tropical climate long ago, based on fossils which have been excavated. A chemistry professor at Yale University has saved farmers much money by analyzing fertilizers, many of which are

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 25, 1901

worthless.

The editor's wife will be in charge of a new weekly feature "Our Home Rulers," with a picture and story of a child living in Lowell. This week, it's 4-year-old Paul Glenn, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Towsley.

A new bridge is under way at the old ferry crossing on the Grand River at Ada.

Meanwhile the annual rebuilding of the wooden bridge over Flat River causes the editor to complain of the high cost of maintenance, while an iron and stone bridge would last - but the village hasn't the money.

The heat brings an article on keeping one's house cool with combinations of open and closed windows and shades. The editor endorses in a first-page article the round con-

crete watering tanks constructed by Stone and Mosher for farmers. If built into a slope above the farmhouse, they also make good fire protection.

#### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** JULY 26, 1951

Mike Doyle writes from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, that the flood, which has hit Manhattan the hardest, went over tops of buildings and has virtually destroyed the town.

A juggler, substituting for an amateur act that couldn't appear, is the hit of the evening at Showboat this week.

Roy Thompson brings in this year's first load of wheat. However, wet weather will delay the long lines of trucks for a few days.

Clara Brandebury is honored by the Michigan Press and given a ride on the Showboat; she has written neighborhood news for the paper for 60 years.

Forrest "Bucky" Buck notes in Whistle Toots that every night is sold out, and weather's been great.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 22, 1976

Postal rates climb to 13 cents for letters and nine cents for postcards. The post office flagpole has red, white and blue petunias around it to celebrate both Showboat and Bicenten-

Frankie Fontaine of the Jackie Gleason Show headlines this year's Showboat, next week.

Since the one-mill addition did not pass, the school board cuts deeply into extracurricular programs to balance the budget. Rising prices have caused the bind.

School naturalist Steve Harrington is running a summer nature program for kids 8-11 years old.

Last March's ice storm destruction of pines results in timber being reclaimed from the downed trees for Kent County parks, at Wabasis. The Rix Robinson sawmill on M-57 does

# Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

#### TREATING BEE STINGS

It seems as though late summer and early fall are the peak times during the year for bee stings. Bees are more agressive at these times because nectar is scarce, and, with fall raking and cleanup etc., we seem to disturb their nests more frequently. If you do get stung:

• Try to remove the stinger as quickly as you can. The longer it stays in, the longer you will have pain.

· Wash the sting area with soap and water. Bees may carry bacteria in their stingers which can lead to infection.

 Apply an ice pack for 15-20 minutes and repeat several times during the day.

· If you feel local warmth, tingling, itching, and swelling, don't be overly concerned. Theses are typical reactions to any venom, and are usually relieved with ice and taking an overthe-counter amethystine such as Benadryl.

• Be more concerned if you develop signs of a system wide reaction such as generalized hives, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, difficulty breathing, wheezing, or difficulty swallowing. This may indicate an anophylactic or life threatening reaction, and you should be seen as soon as possible by a physician. Bee sting kits, equipped with epinephrine and Benadryl are available by prescription for those with allergy or extreme sansitivity to bee venom.

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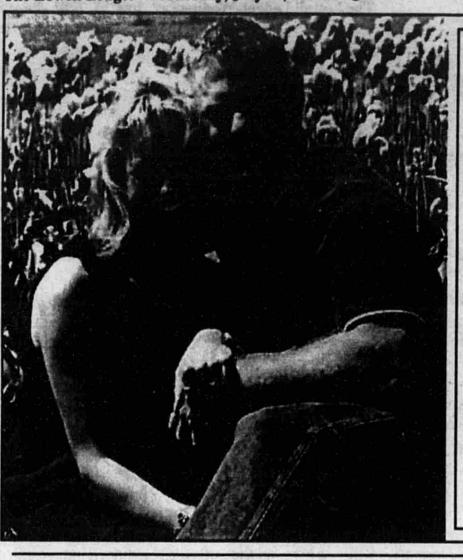
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"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



## Phillips/ Ayers

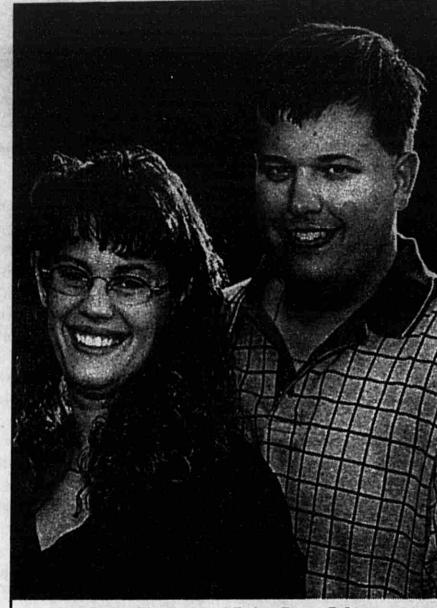
Cammy Lou Phillips of Jenison and Richard Daniel Ayers of Lowell are engaged to be married. The bride-elect is the

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



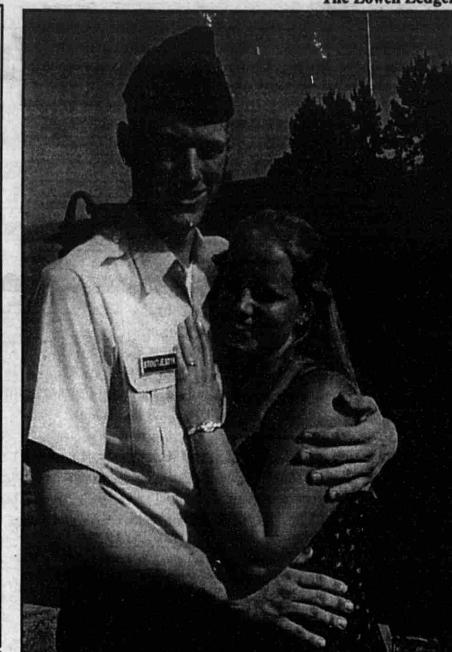
Hildenbrand/ Gray

Doug and Jane Hildebrand of Burnips wish to announce the engage ment 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 o Lake Odeusa. The bride-to-be is

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.



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## 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,

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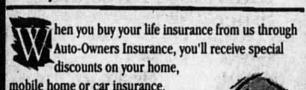
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## Street Market Days, cont.'d ... From Page 1

"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

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

#### 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

clear. \$1-\$2 admission. For more information call 897-7065 or visit the web site at www.graaa.org.

#### 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.

## Hyde, cont'd... From Page 1

"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

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

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,

Charles R. Myers, vice Lowell Historical Association, Lowell Area Arts Council, and the Lowell Showboat

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

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.

BIRTHDAY! **Alexis May Ripley** July 28th

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Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 6.04 of the Bowne Township Zoning

#### **6.04 SPECIAL LAND USES**

7:30 p.m., local time.

and seconded by Hendrick.

**ABSENT: None** 

**ORDAINS:** 

SECTION 1

**SECTION 6.04** 

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

- Adult foster care facilities for seven persons or more.
- Camps and campgrounds.
- Day care facilities.
- Golf courses and country clubs.
- Public and institutional uses.
- Public utility facility.
- Rear lot line exceptions.
- Telecommunication towers.
- 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.

AMENDMENT TO

Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the EFFECT

PRESENT: Peter Siler, Sandra L. Kowalczyk,

Sally C. Johnson, Karen L. Hendrick, David

The following Ordinance was offered by Fuss

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE

Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force

#### **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:

**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 SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND

Township Hall on the 16th day of July, 2001 at As amended by this Ordinance, the Bowne

Ayes: Siler, Kowalczyk, Johnson, Hendrick,

Nays: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

Authenticated: Peter F. Siler, Supervisor Date Adopted: July 16, 2001 Date Published: July 25, 2001

### **LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP** NOTICE

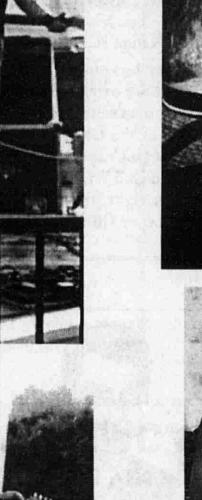
PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned Mark and Earlina Velting's property located at 12000 Cascade Road, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-28-200-007, from Prime Agricultural (Ag1), to Light Industrial. This rezoning will become effective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

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

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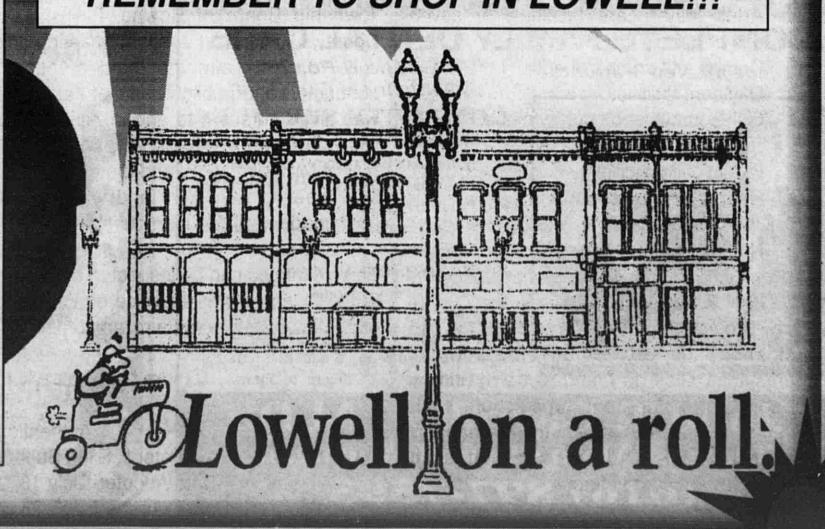
Construction on the City Hall Parking Lot, Veteran Monument

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#### **Writing Winners**

Winners in the Lowell Area Arts Council's short stories, poems and creative writing contest were recently honored at an open house at the Lowell Public Library. The work will be on display through Aug. 30. Short story winners were Shannon Boggs, first and second place; Yvonne Harmon, third place; and Leara Glinzak, honorable mention. Poetry winner were Susan Rosas, first place; Tonya Cooper, second place; Erin Doyle, third place; and Karis Prill, Dillon Hendrick and Gail Whilden all received honorable mention recognition. Pictured above, Deb Duiven, right, presents awards on behalf of the Lowell Area Arts Council to contest winners Leara Glinzak, middle, and Karis Prill.

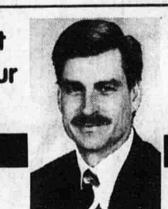


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came forward over a three-week period to help put in the fence," Wenger explained. "This included fence and 750 feet of two rail white vinyl fence. The fair board applied for a grant Lowell City Planning Commissioner Jim Pfaller. from the Lowell Area Community Fund He spent a day helping us. For people driving into Lowell from the expressway, the first impression Offering to provide the \$4,000 worth they get of Lowell comes from the fairgrounds. of labor it would take to install the new For the fair and the community it's important that fence, the board requested and received a the fairgrounds look nice. The fence helps create grant for materials in the amount of \$8,550. that positive image."

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**Bagdikian's Observation** 



## **TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN ELECTION NOTICE**

#### TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN:

Notice is hereby given that an election on two special Township proposals will be held in the Township of Grattan from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 7, 2001. The special Township proposals to be voted upon are a follows:

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

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

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

YES

#### 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.

\_\_\_\_ YES

Voting shall take place at the following polling location: Grattan Township Hall 12050 Old Belding Road Belding, MI 48809

The following is the statement of the Kent County Treasurer, given as provided by Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended:

#### STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

**COUNTY OF KENT** 

I, KENNETH D. PARRISH, Treasurer of Kent County, hereby certify that as of June 20, 2001, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, is as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	Voted Increases	Years Effective
Kent County	.84 Mills	1990 to 2009 Incl.
	.25	1998 to 2005 Incl.
Grattan Township	1.00 Mills	1999 to 2003 Incl.
	.50 Mills	1999 to 2003 Incl.
Belding Area Schools	18.00 Mills	1999 to 2018 Incl.
Lowell Area Schools	None	
Rockford Public Schools	18.00 Mills	2000 to 2004 Incl.
		Date: June 20, 2001

Kenneth D. Parrish, Treasurer - Kent County

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

Lana F. Green, Township Clerk - Township of Grattan

## **Todd Roy photograph** exhibit at LAAC gallery through Aug. 18

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will present photographs by Lowell resident and artist Todd Roy. The photographs will be on display at the Riverwalk Gallery July 14 through Aug. 18.

Roy uses the medium of photography as form of expression but more importantly, to show others the beauty that exists around them. "I photograph mostly in black and white because I feel it allows the viewer to see more depth and detail in a subject. The human eye naturally blends colors and you often lose some of the detail and definition you achieve through black and white photographs. You also get an increased sense of contrast and a more dramatic involvement of shadows. I do photograph in color as well. There are some subjects that color cannot be compromised."

Continuing to describe his interest in photography Roy says, "Most people go hurriedly through life only looking straight ahead, thus missing a lot of things around them. I like a slower approach so that I may look around me, look back to see what I may have overlooked, and to look forward to see what lies ahead. My photography is an attempt to show the beauty and detail that is all around us, even in the most simplest of subjects."

Calvin College has announced its spring 2001 graduates. The 2001 commencement ceremony featured the largest graduating class in school history, an



appropriate cap to a year's worth of 125th anniversary celebrations. Approximately 920 Calvin seniors took part in commencement this year.

Graduating students from this are include: Joel W. Renkema and Helen M. Stroo of Lowell and Adam D. Bultman and Ryan L. Wolthuis of Alto.

Grand Valley State University listed their winter 2001 semester graduates. Students from this area included on the list were: Amanda S. Foley, Kimberly J. Marvin, June M Munroe, Bradley A. Simkins, Hillary D. VanSpronsen, Mary

## **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, August 6, 2001 at 7:00 P.M., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 to consider and review the following application and accepting public

JPH Development is requesting final development plan review (Headwaters) before the Planning commission for the purpose of developing property located at 11311 Bailey Dr. in the SW 1/4 of section 21, RA zoning district, into a single family (PUD) planned unit development (18 clustered lots surrounded by large common areas and trails to remain permanently in their natural state). The public hearing is to accept comment on the proposed construction of the private road within the Headwaters development.

The complete application is available for reviewing at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 during office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Call with questions 616-897-5671, or fax to 616-897-5674. Written comments will be accepted if received by 3:00 p.m. August 6, 2001.

Comments can also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

> Planning Commission of Vergennes Township



Star East Buffet manager, Spencer Yang, left, works with Snooky Yang, middle and Kim Jzheng during Monday's lunch hour.

### Star East Buffet shines during opening week

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Spencer Yang, manager of Lowell's newest restaurant, Star East Buffet, knows it's not enough that the food served at the Chinese restaurant taste good - it must also look like its taste good.

"The key is to combine food and art," Yang explained. "We want to make food look good and taste good."

Yang and owner, Yang Jin Song offer customers more than 100 szechuan, hunan and cantonese lunch and dinner items.

"Food is number one when starting a restaurant. Environment and service are also very important," Yang explains.

With the opening of Star East Buffet, 2155 W. Main St. (next to family Fare) the Jin Song family now operates 11 family owned restaurants in the Grand Rapids

Your Party.

Seating for

up to 50

"We are very pleased with the final product," Yang said in reference to the new

Star East Buffet has been open roughly a week, and according to Yang the reviews have been good. "We've had a lot of phone calls telling us this is what Lowell has

The restaurant seats 170 people, including a party room which seats up to 50 people. It employs 10 people.

Star East Buffet hours are 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays (Monday through Thursday); 11 a.m. until 11p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on

"We came to Lowell because it is growing and there is a need for oriental food." Yang said. "Business has been fine."

BUFFET

2155 W. MAIN STREET

**LOWELL. MI 49331** 

TEL: 897-9988

FAX: 897-8833

## Planning commission gives proposed moving ordinance its stamp of approval

in the front part of the ordi-

nance and that the cash de-

expressed concern that noth-

ing was in the ordinance about

reimbursing damages to busi-

nesses. During a recent house

moving that took place June

19, several businesses were

affected because the home

was moved during prime busi-

ness hours.

Several commissioners

from \$500 to \$2,000.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

A proposed ordinance for the moving of buildings through the city of Lowell met with approval from the Planning Commission with only a few suggested changes.

"I am happy to see the city addressing this," said Planning Commissioner Clark Jahnke, after making a few recommendations for changes in the ordinance. The commission saw an

original copy of the ordinance, which did not include suggested changes from the council such as filing for a moving permit must be made at least 21 business days before the move. Pasquale said the council also wanted added that those utility users affected would be notified at least 15 days prior to the move and that the person moving the building would need to show

With those changes in

City Manager David mind, Jahnke recommended Pasquale said after talking to that the ordinance include a Councilor Dan Brubaker, total height variance instead who is an attorney, and the of just a building height. city attorney, it was deter-"When I take a permit out mined that the city could only to move heavy equipment, I address damages to the city. have to include total height," Damages to private residents said Planning Commissioner

Al Mathews. Total height and/or businesses would be a separate issue, Pasquale said, means the height of building adding that the mover or perbeing moved, along with the son contracting to move the height of the rig moving it. building would be respon-Jahnke also recommended language of the liability insurance be included

"I guess that would be a court issue," said Planning Commission Chair James posit for damages be increased

Jahnke said he wanted to give credit to the Lowell Light and Power for its quick response to the situation in June.

The Lowell City Council is expected to review all comments about the new moving a building ordinance at its next meeting set for Aug. 6 at the Englehardt Library. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m.

Writing for a newspaper is like running a revolutionary war. You go to battle not when you are ready, but when action offers itself.

Norman Mailer



## COMNGEVENTS

ing Events" are free of charge Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and TUES .: Flat Saranac areas. We prefer and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by come. phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat AD/HD at Calvin College,7-River Snowmobile Club 9p.m. No cost. All welcome. meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd: just east 897-6325 or 248-2423. of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times 1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- from Lowell in many differcall 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Two times available: 9:45

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

are welcome.

SECOND MON. OF EACH 7:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its EVERY SECOND TUES .: Rapids. Call 897-9794. monthly board meeting in hardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets istration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. EVERY WED.: Pioneer Post #8303 meets at Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- FIRSTTHURS .: 4-Hdrama MHz area radio repeate V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-

Troop 102, for boys 11 & the Scout Cabin at the end joy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For inforcall Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- Community Building.

Woodcarvers meet at such notices to be kept brief LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members wel-

> 1ST TUES .: Adults with For info. call Gary Engle at

ent Group meetings from on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested

EVERY SECOND FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School,

Lowell Masonic Lodge the meeting room of Engle- regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

> EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: dues, no weigh-ins. Lowell Lions Club meets at

SECOND MON. OF EACH HD Issues Group meeting p.m. MONTH: The Bowne at St. Luke's Lutheran info.,call Linda at 874-5662. Sarah 281-6588.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults are invited to join at any Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th with AD/HD Issues Group time. Questions? Call 1grades, in Alto or in Lowell. meeting at Calvin College 800-651-6000. Contact Terry Amidon at Rm. 206 of the Commons 897-8751 for more infor- bldg. For information call EVERY THURS. - St. night is clear. \$2 adults; \$1 Connie 942-6887.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER WED.: 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.

green Missionary Church, dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Call 897-5894 for details.

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.

of N. Washington St. En- EVERY WED .: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

pers" group (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life 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 at the Center at 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

**EVERY FOURTH WED.:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational program with school-age children ent seasonal activities. Board Room at 300 High to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to St. Business meetings are 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colvelopment 897-7842.

> Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand

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

at 7:30 p.m. in the Admin- 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- EVERYTHURS.: Take Off the Averill Historical Murial Fire Station, S. Hudson. Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, 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

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 Nazarene Church, 201 N. p.m. For teen group info., call Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg-

> Center, 402 Amity St., non- Starwatch at 897-7065. denominational help for lescents at the school. p.m. Phone 897-9393.

club examines theater-re- system. lated topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at up or completing the 5th- WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON room. For information call

> FIRST AND THIRD THURS .: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden EVERY WED .: The "Pep- Nash) at 7 p.m.

> > EVERY 2ND THURS .: WOMEN

THURS .: Lowell V.F.W. COUNCIL: Open Tues., Auxiliary #8303 meets at Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Thurs., noon-7p.m.; Sat., Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children 897-7842 for time.

EVERY THIRD THURS .: of Commerce and Main Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Lowell Masonic Cen- 897-1140 for info. or to the Franciscan Child De- ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, pick up an application Center, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. form.

EVERY FOURTH WED .: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; Kitchen at 12 p.m. 1929 meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to and 1931 classes are mother support for preg- invited. Call 897-7218 for nant & breastfeeding reservations. women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our SAT., JULY 28: James EVERY WED.: Overeaters current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-

> SECOND THURS. OF EV directions or visit the ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at seum of Ada, 7144 Headley

SECOND THURS. OF **EACH MONTH:** Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree 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 Observatory (3308 Kissing Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if the Mary's Pregnancy Crisis children to 18. For info. cal

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

EVERY FRI. & SAT. 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.

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

OF THE MOOSE: Business meet each month at 8 p.m.

SECOND LOWELL AREA ARTS

THURS., JULY 26: All **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** commodity recipients must sign up again at Lowell Moose Recreation Hall on E. Fulton. Bring your vital papers with you.

> 28: 4th annual Street Market Days, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sponsored by Chamber Street Downtown Merchants. Call Linda at

EVERY THIRD THURS .: SAT., JULY 28: 1930 Lowell High School class reunion at Keiser's

> C. Veen Observatory Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. weather permitting. \$1-\$2. Call 897-7065 for

gennes Cooperative Club

Manor at 1 p.m. Program Diana Bittrick on hearing impaired. Hostesses: Marie Rickert, Marilyn Cahoon and Shirley Rickert. Sponsor: Phyllis Bieri. Remember your items for the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food

TUES., AUG. 7: First Baptist Church of Lowell will host a community-wide baby FRI. & SAT., JULY 27 & shower for Romanian orphans at 7 p.m. A representative of R.O.C.K. (Romanian Outreach to Christ's Kid's) will be present to share the need. Donations of one unwrapped baby item. A team, including two from Lowell, will travel to Bucharest in Sept. and take the items with

> FRI. & SAT., AUG. 10 - 11: 2 Workshops on Monotype and Gem Pen Calligraphy at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9-4 p.m. \$60. Call John at 897-7842 to register and receive a materials

**BEGINNING SEPT. 17: 12** week class for parents experiencing frustration in dealing with their child's "acting out" behavior. Registration required. Call THURS., AUG. 2: Ver- Beverly or Melissa at Franciscan Life Process will meet at Schneider Center 897-7842.

#### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Armchair Exercise.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

THURS., JULY 19: Noon: Dance at West Side Complex; 6:30 p.m. Showboat Concert.

FRI., JULY 20: 9:15 a.m. Sr. Neighbors Picnic at Johnson Park.

MON., JULY 23: 12:40 p.m. Shopping, Wal Mart and Dollar Store.

TUES., JULY 24: 4:30 p.m. Noel Restaurant. \$12.04 (includes tax. beverage and tip).

WED., JULY 25: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 11 a.m. Nail Care.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at

Woodland Mall.

THURS., JULY 26: 9 a.m. Gilmore Car Museum, \$6 plus van; 6:30 p.m. Showboat Concert.

FRI., JULY 27: 12:40 p.m.

MON., JULY 30: Tipton Hidden Gardens, \$3 plus

TUES., JULY 31: 7:30

a.m. Edsel and Eleanor Ford Home Tour, \$19 (includes lunch) van, \$7.50.



Fri & Sat: 11:00am - 11:00pm

## GARAGE SALE PAGE



LOWELL'S ANNUAL RIVER BLUFF **BARGAIN BONANZA** 

Multi family garage sale, Fri. and Sat July 27 and July 28, 9-? N. on Lincoln Lake, East on Burroughs.

#### **GARAGE SALE**

712 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, close to middle school. July 27 & 28, 8-6 p.m. Boys, mens & womens clothes, childrens books, games & toys, couch, bunk beds, antique dishes & some antique furniture lots of misc.

**RETIRING & MOVING SALE** 

July 27 & 28, 9-5 p.m. 5286 Sayles Rd. Saranac. Furniture (some antiques), collectibles, household goods, clothes, pool table, wind surfer, electrical supplies, lots of stuff. Must sell!

**GARAGE SALE** 

July 27, 9-5, July 28, 9-12, leather recliner, desk, snowmobile, many like new household items, clothing & toys, 975 Flat River Dr.

**HUGE GARAGE SALE** 

All seasons twin clothing, nb - preteen, boys & girls, adult clothing, bedding, camping equine, furniture & etc. Fri. & Lowell (off paved part of Ware Rd.).

GARAGE SALE

July 26 & 27, furniture, clothing & toys, Thurs. & Friday only. 10968 Vergennes.

GARAGE SALE

Living room set, antiques, toys, collection glass/porcelain insulators, wood play center, lots of girls clothing, '65 Ford Fairmont, '89 Blazer. All must go! 2901 Gulliford, July 26 & 27, 8-6 p.m.

JULY 26, 27, 8-4 pm.

612 Lincoln Lake 3 miles north of Lowell. Furniture, toys, clothing, 50 gal. aquarium & much more.

**GARAGE SALE** 

Tons of treasures. 8551 Rickert Rd, Saranac. 1 1/2 miles N. on Hawley Hwy. 1 1/2 miles W. on Rickert. July 26 - 28 Thurs. & Fri. 8-5 & Sat., 8-12. Sewing machine, vacuum, carpet pieces, dressing table w/mirror, odds & ends of furniture, music stand, cross country skiis, teaching materials, clothing (kids-plus sizes), much more.

YARD SALE Thurs. 26 and Fri. 27 at 702 N. Washington, Lowell. 8 am - 5 pm.

SHOTGUN tools, furniture, toys, bedding & much more. Sat, July 28 only!

303 Roberta Jayne 8 - 5 pm.

**DEADLINE FOR** THIS PAGE IS **NOON SHARP ON** FRIDAYS! Call Today! 897-9555.

**BARN SALE** 

July 27 & 28. Antique cooler, other antiques, Ford series 2000 with cab & factory snowplow, Duetz 40.06 4-wheel drive with bucket, clothes, lots of guy stuff & women's stuff too. 8381 Two Mile between Honey Creek & McCabe. 676-1025.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE** Big Pine Island Lake, 7400 Hallridge, follow the arrows. Antiques, too many good things to list. Lots of free items. Thurs. & Fri., July 19 & 20, 9-?

GARAGE SALE

Fri., 27th & Sat., 28th. Clothing, furniture, toys, videos, computer games, cards & misc. 407 N. Division, 8-4 p.m.

FRIDAY 9 - 4

Men's 10 speed, men, women & children's clothing, golf balls. Lots of misc., corner Lincoln Lake/Mercer.

MOVING SALE

Sleeper sofa, dinette set, dresser, chairs, household goods, sm appliances, antiques. Thurs. & Fri., July 26 & 27, 9-5, 725 Bowes Rd., Apt. A-6.

**JULY 26 & 27** 

9-5 pm., corner of Montcalm & 28th St. SE of Lowell. Craft supplies, yarn, fabric, cassettes, movies, curtains & much more! Also 3 pc. queen bedroom set w/oak finish, complete w/mattress & box springs. May call on the bed @ 897-5579.

GARAGE/MOVING SALE

Campbell Lake, S. off 84th St., 8530 Dygert Dr., Alto. Riding mower w/attach ments, furniture, tools, bedding & dishes. Fri. and Sat., July 27 & 28, 9-6, Sun. July 29, 9-2. No early sales.

MOVING SALE

Fri., July 27 & Sat., July 28, 8 am. -? Rugs, furniture, tools, men's & womens clothes. Too much to mention. 10201 Settlewood (2nd drive on left).

**GARAGE SALE** 

July 26, 27, 28, 9 am-5 pm each day. At: Riverbend Primitive Campground on M-21. 616-642-9060

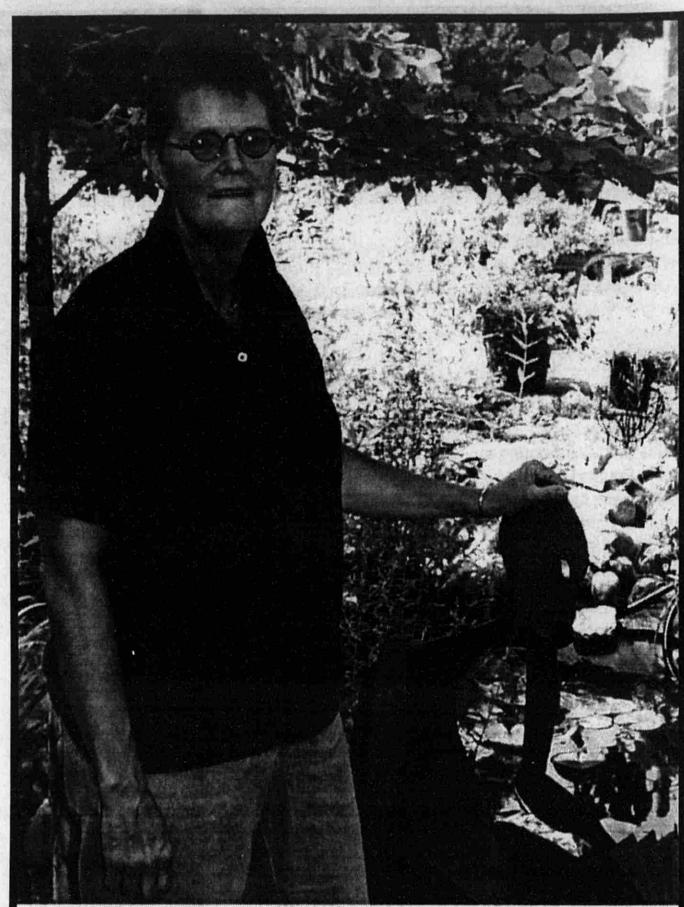
**GARAGE SALE** 

July 26 & 27, 8-5 p.m. 7950 McCords, Alto. Baby, kids & adult clothing, toys, baby furniture, sports cards, stainless steel sinks, bikes, Goodyear Eagle tire, new Cherokee master cylinder, brake pads, spreader & lots more.

**GARAGE SALE** 

July 24 - 28, 8-5 p.m. Lots of kids clothes (girls & boys, sizes infant - 8), Winter jackets & snowpants sets, all in excellent condition, no stains, boys suit sets, sizes 4-7, 2 baby walkers, women & men's clothes & lots, lots more. 1975 Maplewood Square Ct., across from Family Fare in new duplexes.

**BIG MULTI-FAMILY SALE** girls clothes (6 mos. - 16); boys (4-16); womens (2-22); mens (sm. - 2XL). Children's books, toys, misc. household. Everything \$1 or under 1124 McCabe, off Bailey. Thurs. & Fri., 9-6 p.m.



Lowell's Margarite Hoats retired from education after spending 35 years in the owell School District.

## Hoats leaves after 35 years; but her love for teaching remains

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

> Margarite Hoats has lived the belief that eaching was her calling.

The Lowell teacher did so with a professionalism that garners admiration and respect from her peers.

"Margarite is as thorough a education professional as I've seen," said Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke. "She has always shown the ability and willingness to change and improve. She has done so to the betterment of her profession, colleagues and most importantly the kids."

Hoats finished her 35th and final year, all in Lowell, in June. "I wanted to retire while I still loved what I was doing," Hoats explained. "I'm sure I am going to miss it a great deal."

Hoats taught at grade levels one, three, four and five. She liked fourth grade the most which explains why she taught at that level for 27 years. "It's a great age because the kids are still adoring of their teacher and it's an important grade because you're preparing kids for the next step - middle school.'

The Lowell teacher prepared for her education tenure at Olivet College. "I was interviewed by Steve Nisbet on campus in 1966," Hoats recalls. "I started teaching in what is now Unity High School. From there, I moved to Runciman, Bushnell, and my last stop was Cherry Creek."

She served the last two years as a media teacher in the libraries of Bushnell and Cherry Creek elementary schools.

Over her 35 years of service in education, Hoats has observed many changes, however none larger than that of the ever changing technology. "Technology is the biggest change, but I don't think it has had the biggest impact," Hoats explains. "I believe people have a greater impact. Lowell is blessed with excellent staff, administrators and the current central administration is outstanding."

If Hoats could implement one change in education it would be putting a stronger emphasis on the fist five years of a child's education. "We tend to put more emphasis on a student's last four years. We know now that the first five years are so vital for kids."

One key element in education that hasn't changed according to Hoats are the children. "Society has changed, expectations of kids and even parents have changed, but the kids remain kids," she says. "Kids, today, are smarter in the area of book learning due to the accessibility of the internet and televi-

For aspiring teachers who are interviewing for their first jobs, Hoats leaves them with advice which served her well - "If you truly believe it, then do it."

## Drive draws 68 pints of blood

The Lowell Area Fire Department's July blood drive drew 68 pints of blood from the 80 registered donors.

Six people gave blood for the first time, they were Ron Brunsink, Laura Capps, Jerry Kropf, Elizabeth Tickfer, Brian VandenAkker and Ben Vaught.

Donors recognized for reaching new gallon levels were Jeff Altoft, two gallons; Bonnie Brunsink, five gallons; Lawrence Dyer, four gallons; Barbara Haggai, five gallons; James Hodges, one gallon; Tim Osburn, six gallons; Karen Rose, two gallons; Carol Sprague, two gallons; David Steghuis, five gallons; Patricia Story, seven gallons; and James Zywicki, five

## Prayer and belief lead Green family in decision to bring Romanian orphans home

**By Joanne Boorsma** Contributing Writer

Ritchie serves on the advisory board for ROCK, Romanian Outreach to Christ's Kids, a nonprofit organization with the sole purpose of reaching out to abandoned children of Romania. ROCK works in state run hospitals and orphanages with children between the ages of newborn to 15. The organization works to reunite families when possible or to place children in a caring home.

Part of that work includes raising supplies as well awareness about what ROCK does, which is why Lynn Green along with the First Baptist Church of Lowell, ""75 W. Main. St., is hosting a community wide baby shower, called a ROCK Shower, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. To attend the program, participants need only bring an unwrapped baby item such as diaper rash cream, onsies, Q-tips, socks, crib sheets, wet ones, or children's clothing size birth to " years. Disposable diapers will not be accepted, however cash donations are welcomed

A video of ROCK's work presentation from Ritchie will be part of the program. Ritchie has been bringing teams from Cornerstone Col-

lege to Romania to help take the cost of a home study along care of the children for two and half years. It was during one of those

trips, Ritchie met Vironel (Vio) and Alexandru (Alex), the twin boys she felt would be perfect for Green. "When she told me about

it, my heart just immediately opened up and I knew it was God calling me," Green said. "I said the Lord, what do you want me to do?"

One night, while reading her Bible with her daughter Kim, Green came across a passage from Matthew "And everything you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive." (Math. 21:22) This same passage, she would later discover, has served as the strength for doing others looking to adopt over-

"I told Kim we needed to pray that this is what God wants us to do," Green said. "That he wants us to bring these boys home." Then Green got busy. She

tion stateside to help with the adoption, which she did, New Hope based in the state of Washington. She began emailing the missionary nurse, Alison Grutterud, working in the hospital where

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Green said. That he wants us to bring these boys home.

GRATTAN

**TOWNSHIP** 

**NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTEC** 

**COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR** 

**AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION** 

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC

Program Testing for the August 7, 2001

Special Election will be conducted on

Monday, July 30, 2001 at the Grattan

Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road,

Lana F. Green, Clerk

Belding, MI at 9:30 a.m.

with transportation and adoption in Romania. Green also asked Ritchie

if she could go to Romania on the next available trip in part to see the boys first hand, but also to offer her support to the program. She will go to Romania through ROCK September 15-19. "It's been seven months

and it maybe another year." Green said about the process of adopting the boys. The birth mother has yet to give up all legal rights and place the boys up for adoption, which Green said from her talks with those in contact with the mother, it is something the mother is moving closer and closer to In the meantime, Green

said she felt like she needed to do something. Ritchie suggested organizing the ROCK Shower. Green said the response to the shower has been wonderful with other local churches also stepping up to needed to find an organizahave collection spots and busi-

> nesses putting up flyers. "I hope our church has enough room for everybody," she said, adding that the support is sign that she is following "God's path."

There was another sign the boys stayed. She also earlier this year. The mother needed to raise \$"0,000 for of the twins discovered she the adoption which included was pregnant and gave birth

Lynn Green

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a name for.

Lynn Green (seated) holds a picture of the twin boys Vironel and Alexandru. Seated with her is her daughter Jenni. Her other daughters include (from the left) Becky, Robin, Kim, and Hannah.

it clear she would put the child picked," Green said, adding up for adoption, which she that it just seems destined to Green said "only God can did after the birth. Green de- be. cided she was being called to keep the family together and decided to try and adopt the boy, who she had picked out

"They called and told us

to a boy in May. During the she had named him Joseph, Joseph or just the twins or pregnancy, the mother made which was the name we had both.

> will end," Green said. "Maybe before her." will are meant to just have

As to what will happen, determine, but she is grateful "We don't know how this for the journey has laid out

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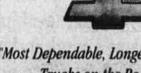
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#### JIGGIN' GILLS

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

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

## **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

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

a small jig tipped with a cricket to make a couple of meals. 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

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.

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

our ultra-light rods, we were able to coax enough gills to pop mono on a spinning rod with a fast tip to telegraph light bites will complete an effective outfit for deep water gills. My Several days later I went back with a fly-rod and rubber spider 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 deeper water. It is once again time to break out the jigs and live few inches and then letting it settle imparts the action necessary

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 During the summer when the fish are scattered in deep 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.

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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 do so for financial reasons.

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• 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 rose to 20 percent in 2001, up from 15 percent in 1995 - and return to work after your formal retirement, you'll be doing so more than half of those who plan to keep working say they will not because you need the money, but for a much better reason

> 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 typi-Neck pain from an auto accident? Whiplash from a rear-cally 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 eliminated 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 that 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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## 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

"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

Hinton moved to the community about a year ago with her husband James, a police office 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.

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Olivia really needs their care plan. member must have insurance individual is left to pay the are senior citizen ambulance Smith."Those who are fully "I think there are people who an insurance. I know, because

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

and accredited ambulance ser-The plan pays the cost of the difference between what

the insurance company covers and the total costs. Rockford/Lowell Ambulance paramedic Kevin

Ressler concurrs with Beggs

that it is not insurance. "A

to be elegible 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 emergecy than the

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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

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 trainingalong 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 allof 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 furnish-

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





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