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CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be closed the week of Aug. 13 and will reopen on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR RIVERWALK PARADE

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking Riverwalk Parade applicants. Please call 897-9161 for more information.

LHS CLASS OF 1961 LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

The LHS Class of 1961 is looking for addresses for the following: Elsie Backstrom Harrington, Carol Beckett Worden, James Bax, Maribeth Debakey Stapley, Sheran Flynn, Thomas Frieling, John Haraburda, Kay Hawk, Raymond Kelly, William Smith, Sherrie VanderWarf Onstwedder, Kenneth Witherall, Dennis Howe, Sandra Mosher Kroll, Rick Rickner, Tom Evans.

Please call Linda at 897-9924 after 5 p.m.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS BUSINESS MEETING

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting on Monday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Red Arrow stadium concession stand. Please come and help support our athletes.

FALLASBURG ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

Free admission to the Fallasburg one-room schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Rd. between Fallasburg Park Drive and McPherson/Potters Road. Open Sundays 2 to 6 p.m. through Oct. 21.

DROP-IN ART SAMPLERS & CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

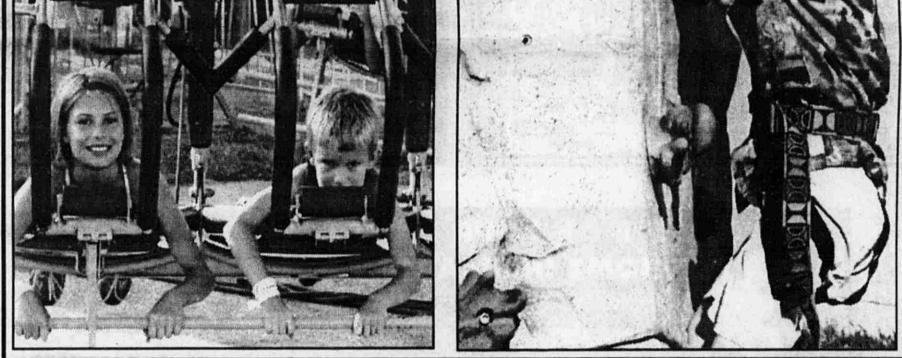
Visit the Lowell Area Arts Council and check out the arts with hands-on workshops in watercolor, drawing, and creative writing:

• Watercolor Art Sampler with David Davis, Sunday, Aug. 12, 1-4 p.m.

 Creative Writing Workshop with Linda Nemec Foster, Sat., Aug. 25, 1-3 p.m.

• Drawing Art Sampler with Sandy Bartlett, Sunday, Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m.

The workshops are free and open to all ages. For more information, call the arts council at 897-8545.



Building and structure moving ordinance takes shape, public hearing next

By Thaddeus J. KrausLowell Ledger Editor

In July, the Lowell City Council had an opportunity to review a draft ordinance regulating the moving of buildings and structures.

Monday night, Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale shared with the council additional changes which would be reflected in the proposed ordinance regulating the moving of buildings and structures within the city.

The ordinance as proposed requires a moving permit, outlining necessary elements of the application.

Since the July meeting, the proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the council, the Lowell Planning Commission, and Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light and Power.

The following issues and comments were provided by the three entities.

The planning commission recommended amending Section 7.62 so that the description of the building and structure being moved include vertical, horizontal and total height with rigged dimensions. The commission also recommended the mover provide a \$2,000 cash deposit to the city for damages.

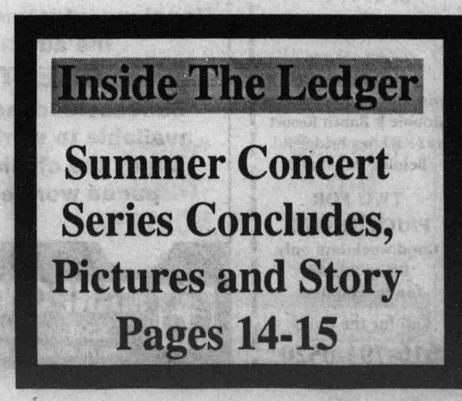
The council addressed the need for the mover to provide a 21 business day (rather than seven) notice of the move and that a 15 business day (rather than 24 hours) notice to utility users be given regarding interruption of power.

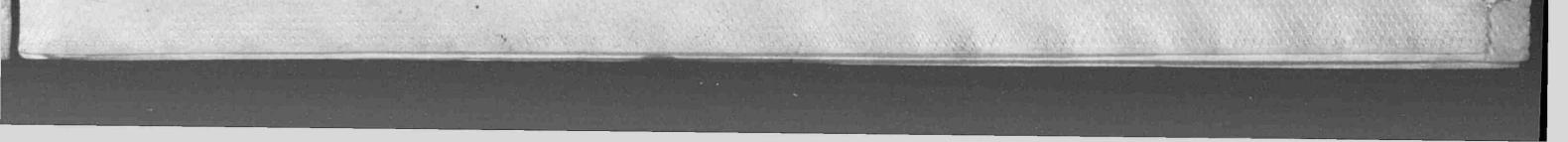
Richards suggested that Section 7.61 state "no person

shall move any building or structure... a height of greater than 14 feet ... without first obtaining a moving permit. He added that a submission of application shall be filed 21 business days rather than seven business days before the proposed moving date.

The ordinance, to be presented to the council at the Aug. 20 public hearing, will reflect these comments, according to Pasquale.

Following the public hearing on Aug. 20, the council will vote on its approval.





OBITUARIES

Phillip Williams. Dustin is Harmon, niece Mattelyn Oakwood Cemetery.

HARMON - Dustin Ward survived by his mother Debra Harmon, aged 18, of Lowell, G. Saganek; brothers Anpassed away unexpectedly thony S. Saganek, Dade R. August 4, 2001. He was pre- Harmon, Derrick and Audra ceded in death by his father (Jastifer) Harmon; sisters Charles Saganek: grandfa- Danielle R. Harmon, Desirae thers DaVere Pfishner and A. Harmon; nephew Cameron

Pfishner, Janet Williams, Fred (Velma) Russell: also Budd Harmon and Freddi Russell: aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Dustin was a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School. Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Gordie Barry and Rev. Thurlan Meredith officiating. Interment

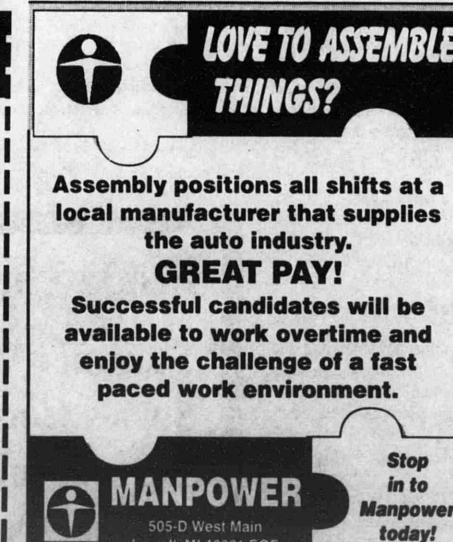
Harmon; grandparents Lila E. WIGFIELD - Thaddeus E. Wigfield, aged 89, of Saranac, passed away August 5, 2001 at his home. He was born October 23, 1911, in Pennsylvania, the son of Albert and May (Studt) Wigfield. He was a graduate of Clarksville and farmed all his life. He ws a member of the Farm Bureau and a member of Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Alto. He is survived by his children Marie and Michael McNeal of

Binghamton, New York, Richard and Lynn Wigfield of Saranac, Norma and David Cooley of Blytheville, Arkansas, Owen and Mary Wigfield of Saranac; grandchildren Sean and Jamie McNeal, Bruce and Lindy Wigfield, Dawn and Perry Moore, Craig and Melissa Fosburg, David Cooley Jr., Adam Wigfield, Amy Wigfield and Nick Wigfield; brother Wade "Bill" Wigfield of Battle Creek; sister Veneta Terrell

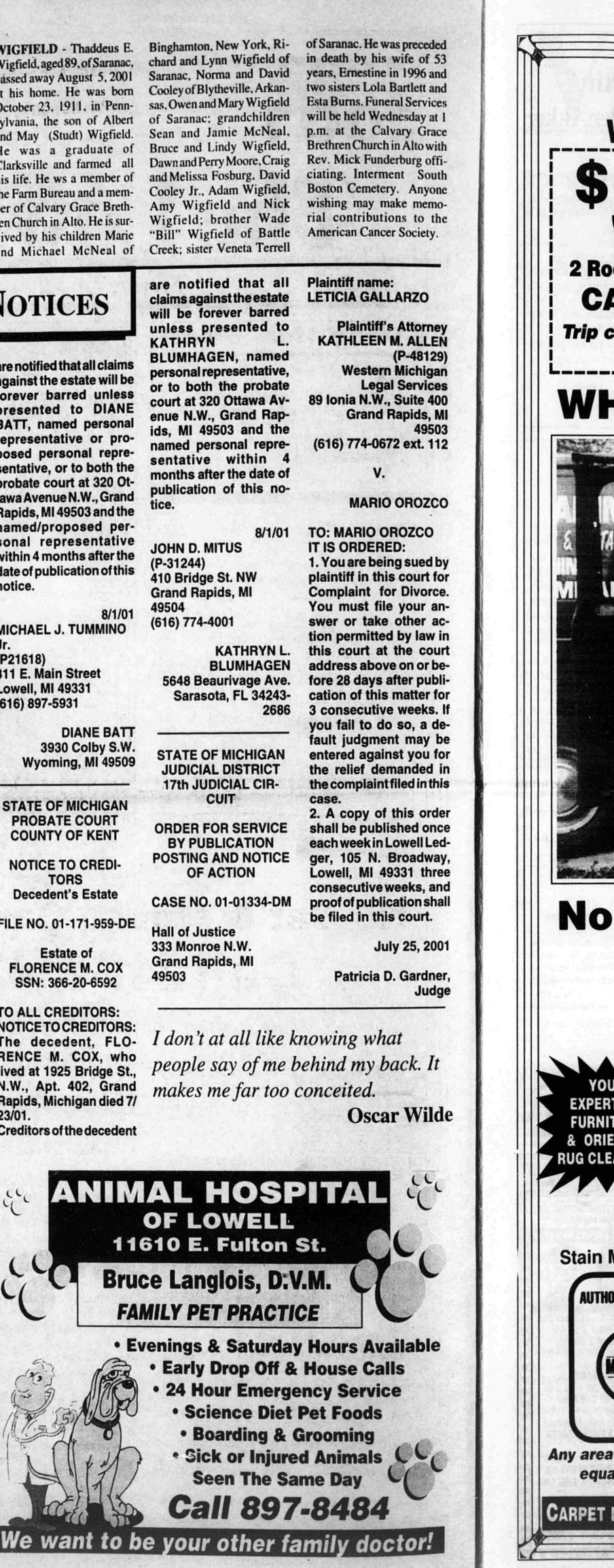
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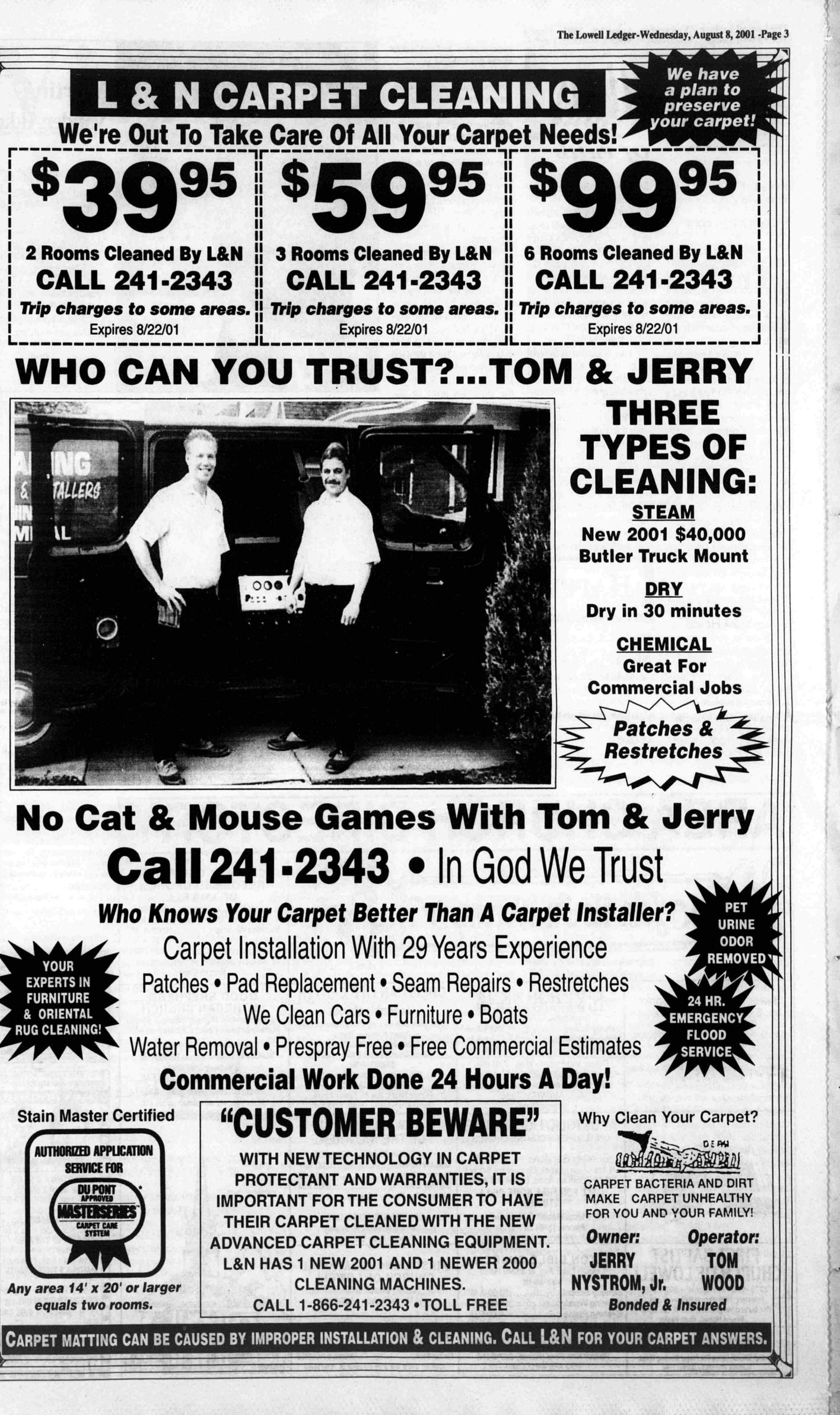
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THE PAWN SHOP

I first became acquainted with the pawn shop while serving in the Navy. The pawn shop was the place I would go if I needed some quick cash. I would take something of value such as a watch or ring and turn it in for cash. Usually it went like this: if the item was worth \$50, the pawn broker would give me about \$15 cash and a ticket which I could use to redeem the item when things got better financially. In doing this, the item was referred to as being in hock; getting it out of hock was called redeeming it.

When I reflect on this thought I think of what God has done for the human race through His Son, Jesus Christ. We are told in the Bible that man became separated from God through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, and through that act "all became sinners." that is, separated from God, Romans 3:23.

In the original creation God gave dominion of all His creation over to Adam and Eve. When they disobeved Him they not only put their own relationship towards God in jeopardy, they put the whole of creation in "hock," so to speak. That explains why there is so much

sickness, sin and death in the

world today. For about 4,000 years the world laid in the pawn shop, as it were, until Jesus Christ came. His death on the cross for all mankind paid the ranson price God demanded which was death. The Bible says the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our

Lord, Romans 6:23. This is known as inheritance - in other words, we received by inheritance the same relationship to God as our parents before them and so on, now through Him I am free back to Adam and Eve. Now since the wages of sin is death everyone pays the ultimate who place their trust in Him price which is their own personal separation from God for with God in heaven some day. eternity; that is, unless some- Trusting Christ as savior seone could be born without sin cures for me, and all who and would be willing to die in believe, a place in His kingour place. Jesus was such a dom for eternity. Hope to see one, and his death on the cross you all in the kingdom some was sufficient payment, the day.

ransom price, and so He died in my place that day.

The question always comes around in the conversation, "How do I receive this gift of eternal life?" To that question there are many answers, but the Bible is very clear concerning that fact ... that the only way to receive the gift is to believe in the fact that Jesus paid the price to redeem the human race out of

the pawn shop of sin; according to scripture there is no other way.

While I was looking for answers to many of the serious questions I had about life, this seemed the most logical to me, and so by total faith in the Bible, and a simple trust in the finished work of Christ I acknowledged the fact that I was separated from the God who loved me enough to give His only begotten Son to pay the ransomed price so that from the penalty of sin.

This is good news for all and contemplate their future

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

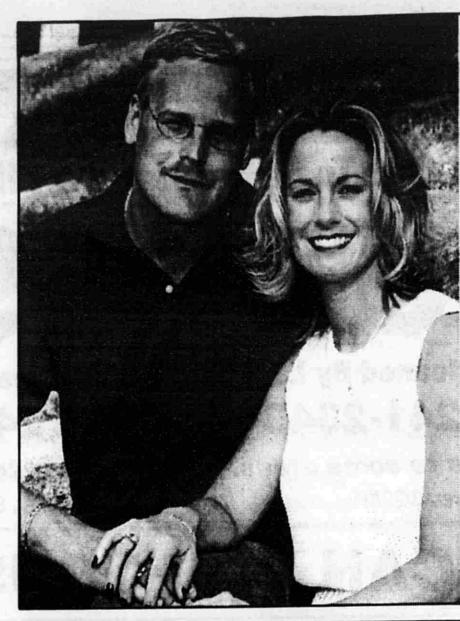
AUGUST 9: Pamela Esparza, Steven Burrows.

AUGUST 11: Mike Wilzcewski, Jordan Warren. AUGUST 12: Robin Briggs, Linda Uzarski, Betty Powell, Steve Martin, Sr., Gaylord Heaston.

AUGUST 13: Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Robert Hewitt, Ryan Christenson, Ryan Roe, Mike Roth.

AUGUST 14: Adam Billingsley, Aaron Christenson, Betsey Brenk, Bob Wilzcewski.

AUGUST 15: Ben Raymor, Lila Thaler, Vada Kline, Bill Barber, Dena Baylis, Vivian Johnson, Donnie Shaffer, Barb Callihan, Kim Tubergen.





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Martin/ VandenAkker

Stacy Kaye Martin and Brian Henry VandenAkker of Lowell are engaged to be married.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Frank and Norene Martin of Lowell.

The future groom is the son of Hank and May VandenAkker and Robert and Sandi Pagel. The couple is planning

an October wedding.

Conant/ Pollert

Clare Louise Pollert and Jason Joseph McComb Conant were married on March 3, 2001 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids. Parents of the couple are Daniel J. and Deborah M.B. Pollert of Ada and Donald and Carol Conant of Lowell.

Maid of honor was Gace M. Pollert. Bridesmaids were Selena House, Angela Buys, Elizabeth Carson and Julianne Hostein.

Groomsmen were Josh Ennis, Jesse Gleason, Craig Lett and Daniel J. Pollert Jr. Ushers were Robert Saylor, Chad McComb, Ryan Richmond and Abdala Saghir.

Mistresses of ceremonies were Cynthia G. Brown and Rebecca A. Boas, aunts of the bride.

The couple now reside in Grand Rapids.





I was recently nominated to sell ads for the Buyers Guide while the regular sales guy took a few days off. (You may have noticed the Buyers Guide has been thinner than usual.) Being the sport that I am, I let this employee take my Jeep on his vacation. He was towing a trailer and I have more miles left on my lease than I'll use. A good deal all around, or so I thought. Of course I thought Yahoo was a good deal at \$75.00 a share.

He wanted to know if I needed to use the company sales car. I declined, opting instead to drive "The Burb." The "Burb" is cool. It's a 1993 GMC Suburban that I picked up used, three years ago, for my grandkids. I didn't like the idea of them braving Phoenix traffic in my daughter's old two-door be fooling myself. All of this brings me back to my decision to Dodge Shadow.

I happened along just as a local dealer was taking the "Burb" in on trade. The dealer wasn't too keen on the vehicle because it was two wheel drive. I saw Phoenix written all over it. The "Burb" is white (reflects the sun), had rear air, a light interior, tinted windows and since Phoenix hasn't seen snow since the last ice age, who needs a 4x4? An added bonus was



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 9, 1876

The Lowell Quadrille Club has reorganized and will have its first party at Train's Hall. The best lady waltzer will receive a handsome prize. The worst gentleman waltzer will receive a prize too.

Dr. McDannell is nominated at the local convention of the fledgling National Party for Register of Deeds. He declines, as he was neither at the convention nor a member of that party.

Dr. Stolz has branch offices in Lowell, Ionia, Jackson, East Saginaw, and Bay City in addition to the main office in plays. Grand Rapids. He also lectures on health evenings.

Ionia will sponsor the second annual base ball tournament next week, with over a thousand dollars in prizes. Teams are expected from all over the state.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Ask any teacher about what they did during the summer, and you'll likely hear about some activities that will allow for even better leadership in the classroom.

For me, finding a 2001 summer standout that also will enrich the students in my classroom is easy. I've just completed a week-long outdoor learning experience in the wilds of Wyoming near Jackson Hole, that also will be enjoyed by hundreds of educators from coast to coast.

Talk about fun! From dawn to dusk you're on the go at the American Wilderness Leadership School. I consider it to be the ultimate camping experience. We observed wildlife everyday with Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife officials. Rock climbing, white water rafting, sport shooting, archery, fly fishing, and tracking were just a few of the highlights of our experience. We also learned wilderness survival skills, and reinforced these hands-on activities with daily classroom work at this wonderful camp maintained by

that a retired fellow owned it and the "Burb" had wintered in wouldn't start. It wouldn't even try to start. It wouldn't even Florida. No rust. The dealer basically added a safety check, click its solenoid at me when I turned the key. I had already clean-up and a nominal sales commission to the trade-in begun to wilt and I wasn't even out of the garage. The problem was with an aftermarket security/keyless allowance. Off to Arizona it went. Sweet!

My grandkids put about 60,000 miles on the "Burb" in the three years they had it. My daughter had to put a few bucks into it here and there, but that is to be expected given the age and miles. The big hit was a failed emissions test in Arizona, which required a new catalytic converter, whatever to heck that is.

Viewpoint...

Other than that, it has been a great vehicle. What else can you load up with two parents, two kids in car seats, a big dog, two grandparents and bags for a weekend trip? I think you have

to go to something with a little bulldog statuette on the hood. As you regular readers know, my grandkids were absconded and moved halfway around the world to Shanghai, China. My son inherited their dog; I got the "Burb."

My daughter took excellent care of the vehicle, and like I keys to a neighbor's car and took it to work. I was two hours said, it has never been through a Michigan winter. It looks great. When the lease is up on my Jeep in a few months, my late, grubby, wilted and driving a stolen car. intent is to save myself a big monthly payment and drive the The repairman, with my blessing, did what I should have "Burb" when I'm in Michigan. That's a great idea on paper, but done. He ripped out the entire security system. I just got the the reality is, with over 140,000 miles on the odometer, I might invoice for all the work, to include an air conditioning system check and re-charge. With the tow charge added, I'm well past a monthly lease payment on a brand new vehicle. drive the "Burb" making sales calls.

The day before my appointed rounds, the air conditioner decided it was simply exhausted from running full chew year round in Phoenix. It started blowing luke warm. Of course the do. That is, start, run and haul my butt down the road without weather here was unusually hot and humid.

The second day into my rounds I went out the door, fresh bucks a share. from the shower and wearing good clothes. The "Burb"

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 8,

A full evening of discussion about state and local liquor task about granting of licenses when they were caught between state law and local opinion) results in a list of names sent to dealers, to whom they may not furnish liquor.

The high school literary contest goes on despite Prof. and 50 cents. Thomas' illness and the orchestra canceling out. Soloists fill The police report for the past two weeks includes 52 in, the speeches go on, and the piano fund is richer by \$30. speeding and 89 parking violations. C. E. Hackett opens a shop in the Denny building, where C.H. Runciman Co. reminds readers to order coal now so

he will paint carriages and signs. Collar's Bazaar has scrub brushes, shelf paper and carpet

tacks for spring cleaning. Editor Johnson accuses Editor Davidson of the Journal of badmouthing the Council because he hasn't gotten their business, adding that he (Johnson) does the Council printing at cost.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 12, 1926

Lowell Specialty Company distributes bonuses equal to 5 percent of employees' wages, says Pres. Dexter G. Look. Editor Johnson offers advertisers an expanded advertising

area (Ada to Clarksville; Bowne to Smyrna). The recent Homecoming inspires more articles from past and present residents about the old days.

weeks, with afternoon and evening concerts, lectures and

article explaining how every possible part of a junked car is success, with 211 persons in 70 "camping units." saved for reuse, including upholstery stuffing.

the Safari Club International Foundation.

make these concerts fun, safe and successful. A scholarship generously underwritten by the Mid-Michi-We also thank Dick Graham and his LAS students for gan Chapter of Safari Club International made this a summer providing sound, and Gordon Gould for contracting musihighlight that will benefit my students for years to come. You cians and being our MC. A special thank you to Ivan and Jane should know that most of the educators and high school Blough who faithfully decorated the Showboat, and helped students attending the American Wilderness Leadership School with setup and breakdown. Finally special thanks to Ron receive scholarships. As a result, there's often no cost to school Wenger who supplied bleachers and came every week to districts or parents for this valuable experience. Call 877-877position them. 3265 or visit httQ:/www.safariclubfoundation.org/edu.htm to These concerts were made possible with grants obtained apply.

Sincerely, Carol Webb, 6th grade science teacher Harker Middle School

Dear Editor.

The Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell Area Chamber City of Lowell. Did we achieve these goals? You can help us of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to thank our by taking a moment to write or e-mail either organization with community for its cverwhelming support during the Lowell your comments. We close this season as we look back and reflect on the Showboat Summer Concert Series. We would like to begin by thanking Lowell Lions, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, LAS wonderful music, shared experiences, children playing, the Music Boosters, Retired & Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP), Lowell Police Dept., Thad at the Lowell Ledger, and the many Letters, cont'd. page 9

entry system. It had given my daughter some trouble recently. The problems with the system were compounded by the fact the dog chewed up one of the remotes and just before my daughter left for China, she lost the other one. Somehow, the system had armed itself and without a remote, I couldn't get it disarmed.

I crawled up under the dashboard with a flashlight. There were loose wires hanging down. Someone had been there before, and it was pretty obvious that I was in deep doo-doo. I fiddled and fiddled. I called China. No help. I fiddled some more. I did pull up short of losing my temper and ripping out wires ... must be mellowing with age. I called a repairman who agreed to have it towed and get me going. I found the hidden

I do love the "Burb," but the honeymoon is over. It had better get down to the business of doing what it is supposed to costing an arm and a leg. Yeh, and Yahoo is going to hit \$100

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An entertainer for the USO reminds people that both laws by Village Council (Council members have been taken to entertainment and letters from home are necessary for the morale of our soldiers in Korea.

> The Lowell Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring a donkey ball game at Recreation Park next Wednesday. Tickets will be 25

> they won't be caught short when the weather turns cold. The Ionia Free Fair is on and doing very well. Order your evening grandstand tickets ahead.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AU-GUST 12, 1976

The Automobile Club of Michigan puts out a brochure about recreational features along the Grand and Flat rivers. A new feaure, "Looking Back" is initiated by editor Roger Brown. This one contains news of 100 years ago, and an article and picture about the 1853 covered bridge at Ada. King

Milling helps sponsor the page. National Safe Drivers awards go to Lowell post office employees: John DeHaan, 1 year; Rex Collins, 3 years; area for the next few weeks: distributing Ledgers over a large Bernard Kropf, 10 years; Bill Dawson, 14 years; and Jack Fonger, 15 years.

The School Board restores recently-cut extracurricular programs in view of a firestorm of criticism. The difference is Watch for the four-day free Chautauqua coming in two made up through teacher help, slightly higher state aid, and dipping into the fund equity.

The First Annual National Campers and Hikers Associa-A large and elegant Fisher body ad on the right side of the tion, Michigan Chapter Claim-Stakers and Claim-Jumpers, page contrasts with larger pictures of auto graveyards and an camp out at the 4-H fairgrounds during Showboat week was a

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members of both of our organizations who took time out to

from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Lowell Area Community Fund, Lowell Downtown Development Authority, and Look Committee. Thank You!

Both of our organizations had goals for this concert series that we needed to achieve. We strive to bring diverse music and culture to our community, bring visitors to Lowell. revitalize the Showboat and make an economic impact on the Terry 13 ACTUAL MARKAU DALLAN BALAN BA



Johnson/ Davidson

Dianna Lynn Johnson and Jesse Andrew Davidson. both of Lowell, are planning a September 15, 2001 wed-

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University, currently works for Ethridge Corp. in Grand Rapids. She is the daughter of Phillip and Charlene Johnson of Lowell.

The future groom is also a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University. He is attending Franklin University for hi MBA and presently works for Ashland Chemical in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Steve and Nancy



I enjoy convalescence. It is the part that makes illness worthwhile.



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Gregersen/ Fetterhoff Ken and Elaine Gregersen of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly to Jason Fetterhoff. The future groom is the son of Roger and Sandy Fetterhoff, also of Lowell.

Holly and Jason are both graduates of Lowell High School. The future bride attended Grand Rapids Community College. A September 1, 2001 wedding is being planned.



Olsen and Abel exchange vows

Tanesha Lee Abel, daughter of Douglas and Terrie Abel of Saranac, and Jonathan Leonard Olsen, son of James and Marsha Olsen of Ionia, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Saranac Community Church. Pastor Ed Noren performed the afternoon ceremony.

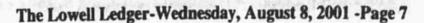
The bride wore a strapless two-piece gown of white organza with rhinestone accents on the bodice and carried a bouquet of white calla lilies and white roses.

Matron of honor was Heather Gribble, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kristy Thomas, Phaedra DesJarden, Andrea Wood and Tara Rasmus, all friends of the bride. They each wore a strapless dress of black and champagne color along with a shawl cascading their shoulders. The girls

carried a bouquet of fuchsia roses. Jeffrey Olsen, brother of the groom, along with William Thomas, friend of the groom, served as the best men. Groomsmen were Travis Gribble, brother-in-law of the bride, Wayne Piercefield, Micheal Wood and Randy Schmid, all friends of the groom.

Proud grandparents are Ray and Gail Brandt of Lowell The couple spent their honeymoon in Kauai and presand Dave and Elaine Hogan of Jenison. Great-grandparents are ently reside in Ionia. Vance and Ardene Lackey of Lake Odessa and Pat and Ruth Hogan of Jenison.







Starry, starry nights await visitors at the James C. Veen Observatory on visitors' night, Aug. 11th and 25th from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

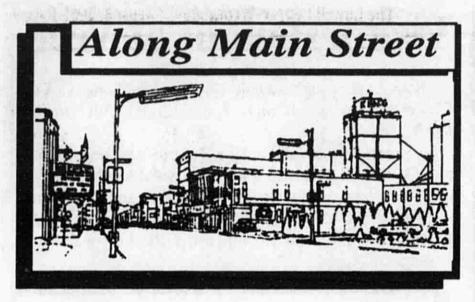
Visitors' night at Veen

Viewers will be able to see star clusters, nebulae, and planets through powerful telescopes while local astronomy experts explain. Admission is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. Call 897-7065 for directions to the observatory at 3308 Kissing Rock Rd. in Lowell, or visit the website at www.graaa.org.

AREA BIRTHS

Terry and Katie Brandt of Ada are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Justin Michael, born July 10, 2001 at Zeeland Community Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Welcoming him home is big sister, Samantha.

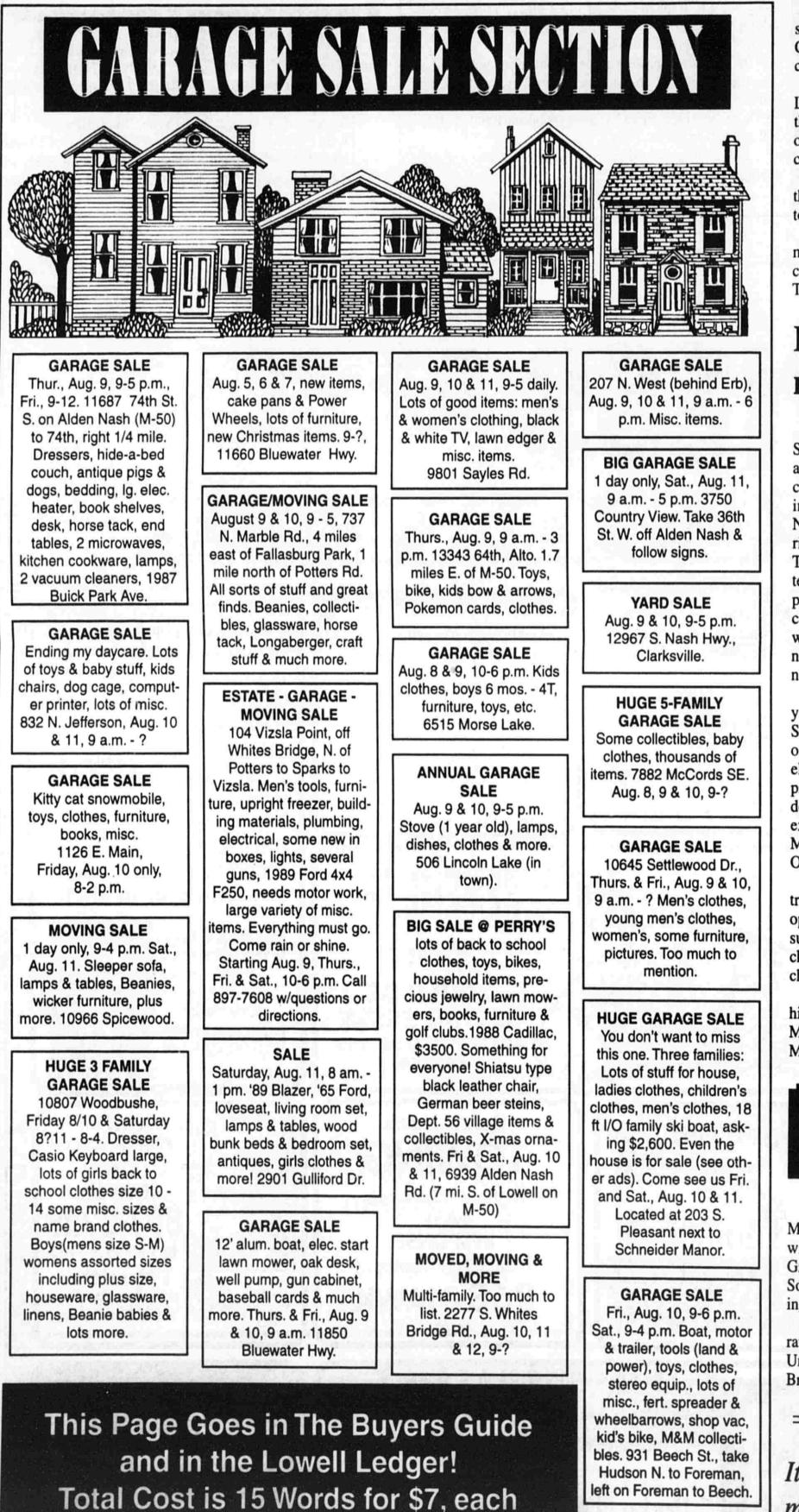


WOODLAND CARVERS -NOAH'S ARK MODEL

A carved wood model of Noah's Ark, created by the Woodland Carvers Club of West Michigan, will be on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council from Aug. 4-11 (during the Kent County Youth Fair). Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

TEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

The Lowell YMCA Teen Center will host a teen scavenger hunt for people ages 12 to 18. Sign up in teams of five or less on Thursday night from 6 until 8 p.m. or Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The scavenger hunt will be held on Friday from 3 until 5 p.m. The Teen Center is located on Main Street behind Rite Aid



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Deane shares challenges and successes with cable television peers

Lowell Cable Television's marketing and programming manager Debbie Deane was a featured speaker at the National Cable Television Cooperative's 17th annual members' meeting in Monterey, CA, Aug. 5-8.

Deane spoke to other small rural cable systems' personnel on developing successful strategies for dealing with competition through employee training, marketing, customer service and other tactics as well as to the challenges and successes of Lowell Cable Television. Lowell Cable Televison submitted a proposal to share its

story at the convention. The proposal talked about how Lowell Cable has been able to incorporate services that the larger companies provide.

"It's an honor that they picked us as an example," said Lowell Cable Television general manager, Tom Richards. "I think they were impressed by the amount of programming we offer and the sophistication of the services that many cable companies our size don't or can't justify doing."

The meeting was for vendors and programming networks that have current deals with the co-op and serve cable operators' best interests.

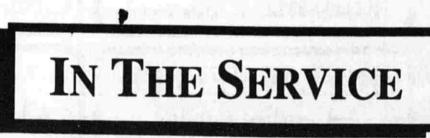
"Lowell Cable has reaped the benefits from being a member of the NCTC. We're able to get better rates on most channels and supplies," said Chris Simmons, Lowell Cable Television administrative/accounting assistant.

Lowell's Schut earns national educators'award

John Schut, Lowell High School Agriscience Teacher and FFA Advisor, was recently named as the Outstanding Young Member of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). This award is given to a teacher with 3-5 years of experience in agricultural education. Schut's application was selected as the state winner and was forwarded to the national level for competition.

Schut taught for three 27 years at Montague High School and will begin his sec-John Schut ond year at Lowell. The Lowell High School Agriscience program serves over 150 students by developing leadership, personal growth and career exploration. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan and will be recognized at the national level this October at the National FFA Convention.

Schut credits his family, students, fellow staff, administrators, and a supportive community for offering him the opportunity to serve as the agriscience teacher. New activities such as the Wittenbach Agriscience Center and an FFA chapter at Lowell Middle School will offer more students chances to learn about the food and fiber system.



Lowell native Donald J. Braam has enlisted in the Michigan National Guard as an aircraft electrician. Braam will serve with Detachment 2 Company E 106th Aviation in Grand Ledge. He will attend basic training at Fort Jackson South Carolina and Electrician School immediately following basic training at For Eustis, VA in April 2002. Braam is a 2001 graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist Prepa-

ratory School and is planning on attending Grand Valley State University in the fall. He is the son of Pamela and Robert Braam of Lowell.

It is not enough to succeed. Others must fail.



Schut plans to reside near Smyrna with his wife, Kara, and his daughter, Alexandria. He served as state president of the

Michigan FFA and is currently the president-elect of the Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators.

Gore Vidal





SOMEWHERE

While walking quietly through our woods the other day, I became aware that I

was accompanied by a persistent level of background noise. I could hear the wail of an emergency vehicle siren, the distant beep-beep of a backup warning signal from a bulldozer as it tore up yet another

piece of habitat, and the drone of car tires turning too fast on pavement that not long ago was dirt. Finally, the roar of jet engines as a plane struggled for altitude drowned out everything including the bird chirps and squirrel chat-

All this noise is so common and so pervasive that it eventually becomes lost to our consciousness. The convenience of our modern lifestyle does have drawbacks. There are tradeoffs.

The extent of how accustomed I have become to all of these distractions became evi-

all to see. I know I have dent during a trip to the cenobserved that before, but I tral Upper Peninsula. I was can't remember when and had fishing with friends on a reforgotten what a spectacular mote and private slice of wilderness that includes three sight it is. The last day in camp, pristine lakes surrounded by my partner and I ventured out rugged timberland-two of on one of the lakes for a final the lakes are accessible only attempt to catch anything that on foot. The Canadian Shield would hit a lure. It was early landscape features prominent morning. Light fog hung in rock formations, stands of scattered patches over the hardwoods on the high calm water creating a kind of ground, and cedar swamps in mystical ambiance. The the low-wet areas. songs and calls of birds and The realization of what I chattering red squirrels prohave been missing became clear when we were fishing vided the background noise on this morning as our craft for rainbow trout on a nearby drifted silently along the lake. It was about two in the rocky shore.

morning when I looked up at the sky and couldn't believe how many stars were visible. The cold clear night reveled a panorama of jillions (I'm not exactly sure how many that is) of bright specks covering the sky to an infinite depth. The absence of the intense glow of city lights and atmospheric pollution allowed the stars and planets to shine for

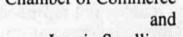
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big shade tree that so many people sought refuge from the sun and heat, and oh yes those great performers that "Rocked the Lowell Showboat!" We know that we absolutely could not have done it without all of you! We look

forward to next year's Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series and we hope that each of you do too. Sincerely.

Liz Baker **Executive Director** Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

Lorain Smalligan **Executive Director** Lowell Area Arts Council



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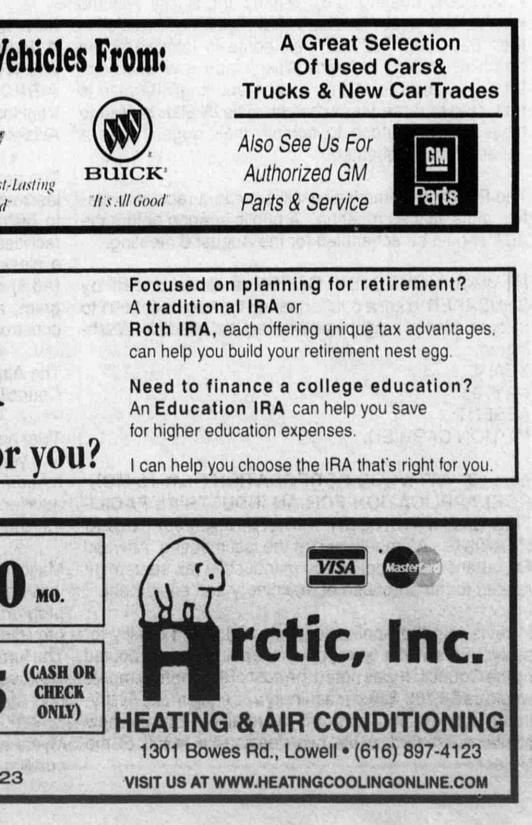
Class of '36 Celebrates 65

Lowell High School Class of 1936 met July 6 at Schneider Manor for their 65th reunion. Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Robert Schneider, Irene Speerstra Osborne, Marian Monks Rutherford, Michael Hoover, Lucy Paulinkas Bartels, Alfred Roth; in the front row are: Pauline Kyser LaDue, Barbara Fletcher Rivette, **Evelyn Hotchkiss Briggs, Catherine Hoover Powers and Madeline Kyser** Speckin. Also attending were Doris Ellis, Joan Roth, Robert and Pauline Estes, Katherine Weaver, Loretta JeRue, Sandra Hawkins and Bruce Walter.

Suddenly the screech of a bald eagle drew our attention to two large birds flying in tight circles along the far shoreline. The adult eagles with their bright white heads and tails were easy to spot against the dark background of dense conifers. A drab juvenile perched in the branches of a tall white pine

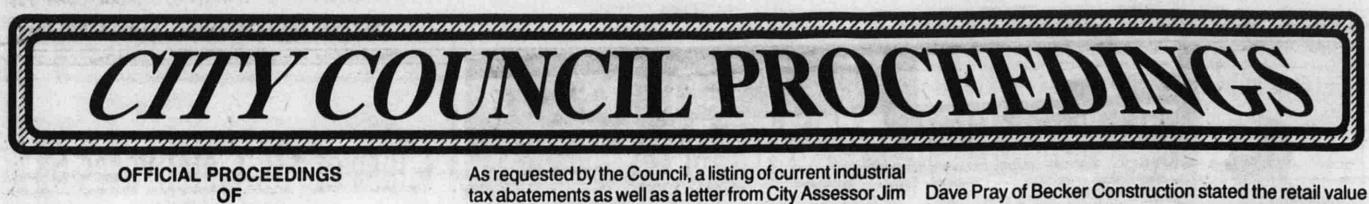
while his elders negotiated a dispute over hunting territory. In a nearby cove, a loon called to her mate as she escorted her youngster around partially submerged granite boulders in the shallow water. The mournful call of a loon across a remote northern lake symbolizes to me all that is wild and free.

It's hard to believe that there are still places in our state where the lives of wild creatures go on undisturbed and unobserved as if nothing has changed on our crowded planet. When the distraction of noise, bright lights, and constant activity seems overwhelming, I pause and remember that somewhere eagles fly, somewhere loons call, somewhere fish swim in unspoiled lakes surrounded by forests disturbed only by natural events. And at times somewhere there is only silence under a bright star-lit sky.



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OF **CITY COUNCIL** OF THE **CITY OF LOWELL**

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JULY 16, 2001.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Myers and the City Clerk called Roll. Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Shores and Mayor Pro Tem Myers.

Absent: Mayor Blough. Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Chief of Police James Valentine, Lowell Light and Power/ Cable TV General Manager Tom Richards, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Planning Commissioner Jim Pfaller and Police Officer James Hinton.

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

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2001 regular meeting as written. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BRUBAKER that the bills and accounts payable be to approve the application for an Industrial Facilities allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

> BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/16/01) GENERAL FUND \$323,910.78 MAJOR STREET FUND 1,318.50 LOCAL STREET FUND 1,386.50 DDA FUND 7,211.08 AIRPORT FUND 350.25 WASTEWATER FUND 169.40 WATER FUND 5,083.76 DATA PROCESSING FUND 4,000.00 6.555.97 EQUIPMENT FUND

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

906 N. Washington - Randy and Becky Wieland - variance to allow a four foot high fence along front yard lot line - set public hearing (8/6). Randy and Becky Wieland wish to have a four-foot high chain link fence installed in their back yard. Since their home is located at the northwest corner of North Washington and Sherman, two front yards exist. Any fence abutting Sherman is restricted to three feet in height. The Wielands wish to have a higher fence to contain their dogs. Thus a variance was requested.

The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation at its July 23 meeting. A public hearing before the ZBA should be scheduled for the August 6 meeting.

BRUBAKER to set a public hearing for August 6, 2001 to discuss a fence height variance request at 906 N. Washington.

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

Item #2. ATTWOOD CORPORATION (1016 N. MON-**ROE) APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILI-TIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) PUBLIC** HEARING. As mentioned at the last meeting, Attwood Corporation has applied for an industrial tax abatement related to the purchase of machinery and equipment.

In reviewing the application, Attwood would gualify for twelve years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council. It was noted the cost of the improvements would be \$4,783,329 in machinery and equipment. Thirtythree (33) existing jobs will be retained and six new positions created within two years as a result of the project.

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Marfia explaining the financial benefit to Attwood Corporation for the abatement (calculated at an estimated \$103,200 over 12 years) was provided.

After conducting a public hearing, the Council may consider the application. If approved, the abatement proposal will be forwarded to the State Tax Commission.

Fred Brenner, Vice President of taxes for Steelcase, stated the company has owned Attwood Corporation for approximately 40 years. He thanked the City Council for considering their request.

It was noted Senior Tax Accountant Jack Mikulich and Pete Zimmer, Vice President of Finance for Attwood Corporation, were also present.

Zimmer stated Attwood has been in the City of Lowell for a number of years and is one of the major employers in town with over 400 employees at this location. The company is asking for the request in order to remain competitive. Their hope is to invest in new plastic injection molding technology.

Councilmember Shores clarified the abatement would be for 12 years. City Manager Pasquale responded yes. According to the City of Lowell's policies, a company investing one or more million dollars in improvements would qualify for a 12-year abatement. In this case, there will be nearly five million dollars worth of improvements.

Councilmember Green stated the City is very pleased to have Attwood Corporation located in Lowell.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198).

Councilmember Brubaker referred to the letter from the City Assessor Jim Marfia, which indicated a net loss and revenue to the City over 12 years would be approximately \$103,000. However, if the P.A. 198 abatement was not allowed and the project did not commence, the City would lose even more.

Mayor Pro Tem Myers inquired regarding the machinery. Mikulich responded the multiple machines would assist Attwood in making large and smaller pieces. With the new technology, the plastic will look matted.

Myers noted a 5 million-dollar investment represents a significant amount and shows their confidence of staying in the community. YEA:

NAY: ABSENT: MOTION CARRIED

Item #3. PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING BY THE SCHOOL OF MISSIONARY AVIATION TECHNOLOGY AT THE LOWELL CITY AIRPORT. City Manager Pasquale noted Howard VanHorn and Marv Tyler of the School of Missionary Aviation Technology were present.

The proposal was presented to the Airport Board at its last meeting on July 10, 2001. The school has proposed to build a 50' X 100' all steel structure next to their facilities at the Lowell City Airport. The building will house a classroom and lab for the airframe and powerplant IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by (A&P) mechanic training. With SMAT's growing program, additional space is needed. The building and construction will be donor funded.

> The Airport Board unanimously recommended the City Council allow this building to be utilized at the City Airport

Tyler noted the School has been independent for the last four years. There has been continuous growth, causing a need to expand the facility in order to accommodate additional students and programs, such as the intern training and new flight programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Myers questioned if the source of funding was from revenue received from the participants of the program. Tyler responded no, an outside donor is providing funds for the construction and the facility itself. The furnishings and outfitting will be their responsibility. However, considering SMAT is a charitable organization, there will probably be funds.

Myers requested a cost estimate before and after the building is completed.

of the building would be approximately \$50,000 to \$70,000. This particular building was disassembled at one point and has been in storage.

Myers referred to the layout of the building. Pray stated the building would not be attached to any other structure. The closest proximity is two feet from an existing thangar.

Myers inquired if there were any fire concerns with one building being so close to another. Pasquale responded if approval is given, SMAT must seek a building permit through Vergennes Township. If there are any particular problems, such issues will be resolved during that time.

Pray noted the building would be made of completely noncombustible material with a steel exterior and a pitched roof.

Pasquale said the School has done a terrific job upgrading and improving the facility. SMAT has worked extremely well with the Airport Board and Manager. Pasquale was very pleased with the activity, noting the airport is in the best shape ever.

Myers stated the minutes from the last airport meeting indicated there were 40 planes on the ground.

Councilmember Green was thankful to have SMAT involved in the Airport. He believed a great improvement has been made.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to allow the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT) to construct a 50' X 100' all steel structure on City property at the Lowell Airport. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MOVING OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY - REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. With the discussion of the movement of buildings, City Manager Pasquale contacted the Michigan Municipal League and requested copies of ordinances, which refer to buildings being moved. Thirty-eight pages of ordinances were received.

A draft ordinance was prepared and submitted to City Attorney Richard Wendt for review.

Pasquale asked the City Council to review and adopt the ordinance as well as for feedback from Lowell Light and Power and the Planning Commission.

Pasquale noted one issue in the proposed ordinance would require a moving permit stating what information is necessary within the permit, such as conditions for approval, appropriate fees and compliance statutes, obtaining necessary utility clearances and other permits. Written approvals from electrical, telephone, cable, fiber optics, water, sanitary sewer and other affected utilities would be needed. It should ensure there is proper filling of excavations in cleaning up of the site, reimbursement of City cost and a cash deposit for damages of reimbursement for City expenses.

Councilmember Green inquired if insurance could be purchased by a business for such a loss.

Councilmember Brubaker did not believe the City had the authority to charge an individual with a private property owner's or business owner's loss. It is just the City's costs.

Richards believed it would be dangerous to reimburse for loss of power because of unforeseen circumstances.

Brubaker asked if Pasquale found any provisions requiring insurance. Pasquale responded a liability insurance provision could be included.

Myers questioned if a performance bond would be better than a cash deposit. Brubaker believed there would be more control with a cash deposit.

Myers referred to the stipulation in Section 7.76 of the ordinance concerning cash deposits. It states the work must be completed within 6 months of the date of the moving permit. He asked if this could be shortened.

Myers also questioned Section 7.69 concerning the

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notice of move. He suggested it state a notice of seven business days rather than seven calendar days.

Brubaker commented on Section 7.68 (2). He felt notice should be given to residents and business owners if planning is needed. Brubaker did not believe 24 hours was enough time and suggested five business days.

Myers inquired if any of the ordinances referred to specific times throughout the day when a home could be moved. He thought other moves in the City of Lowell had been done on a Sunday. Pasquale responded the Public concerning the corner near his house. Much damage has Works Department has the authority to approve the date been done due to truck and bus traffic. After a few visits and time of such a move. DesJarden reminded the and five phone calls, he finally was able to get Public Council that M-21 is a State highway and as such the State has jurisdiction over when such a home can be DesJarden indicated there would be a project starting the moved.

Pasquale reviewed Council suggestions stating their a phone call back and has since had to call City Hall once wish of a provision to provide liability insurance, a mini- again. He did not believe this was the correct way to do mum of seven business days prior to the move and then business. to allow at least five business days for notification of the affected area.

Brubaker asked if this was consistent with what the vehicle, owned by a company within the City limits, Board of Light and Power adopted. Richards responded in most cases their procedure is to give one-week notice. However, if they do not find out about the move until repair costs. seven-business days prior, it would make it almost impossible to investigate the move and then provide notification. Pasquale suggested a 14-day notice. Richards felt a 3-week notice would be more appropriate with a seven-day notice to the customers.

Councilmember Shores asked for a copy of Light and Power's policy.

Brubaker questioned Section 7.68 (1), which states "the applicant needs to provide the public works department and clearances from all applicable electric, telephone, gas, cable, fiber optics, water, sanitary sewer, and other affected utilities stating that the applicable connections have been properly shut off."

He asked if this also referred to a home simply being moved through Lowell. Pasquale responded yes.

Brubaker noted a permit fee should be set. Pasquale 2001. responded this would need to be adopted by resolution, allowing the Council to amend fees on a simpler basis than an ordinance.

Pasquale stated the City Council could instruct the Planning Commission to provide recommendations for the August 6, 2001 meeting at which time changes could be incorporated with possible further review. By general consensus, the Council agreed. No further information was reviewed

Item #5. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WALKER. The Lowell Police Department has had an agreement with the City of Walker to dispatch nights, weekends and holidays since March 1, 1992.

The Department is requesting the Council to allow the City of Walker to continue the dispatching services. The agreement would be for one year.

A slight increase of \$500 per year is projected for dispatching services rising from \$15,500 to \$16,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Myers questioned how long this has been in effect. Valentine responded since 1992.

Myers inquired if the City provided their own dispatching service prior to 1992. Valentine responded the City was dispatched through Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Myers asked if the City has considered dispatching its own service. Valentine had not reviewed such costs. However, he believed the service through the City of holes. Ducks placed on W. Main Street would be placed Walker was just under half of what it would cost for the on stakes. Lowell Police Department to dispatch with just one individual. Valentine believed it would take a minimum of six people to dispatch its own 24-hour service.

Myers inquired if the City of Walker dispatched for other communities. Valentine responded no.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the extension of the Police Dispatch Service Agreement with the City of Walker for one year to February 28, 2002, including the increase from \$15,500 approximately six weeks until Tuesday, September 4, to \$16,000.

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

Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

type signs. Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Garland Berry of 407 Foreman stated he spoke with City Manager Pasquale Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores stated the Chamber of Commerce concert series has been fantastic and is drawing great crowds from all Works Director Dan DesJarden out to his house in April. over. end of April beginning of May on Foreman and the corner Councilmember Green wanted to insure that the problem of having spectators on the Cable TV building roof had could be taken care of at that time. Berry never received been addressed. Shores responded ves. Councilmember Brubaker received a comment from a

Berry also commented on the truck traffic. He stated at one time he had a semi truck in his front vard. The damaged his property and refused to pay for the destruc- place. tion. After coming to an agreement, Berry paid for half the

Over the years, there have been several petitions brought A. City Manager Pasquale apologized to Mr. Berry for before the Council concerning this truck traffic. The issue has never been addressed. At some point, there was lack of immediate response to his problems. He did not some question about the possibility of a truck line being believe Public Works Director DesJarden should take full installed connecting Foreman to M-21. Berry guestioned responsibility, as Pasquale is the administrator and City if it would do any good to bring forth yet another petition. Manager. He wanted someone to take responsibility and provide B.The following meetings minutes were provided: information in writing.

DesJarden stated Berry was correct as far as not com- . Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of for the day of the move the following: written approvals municating with him the way he should have. He had met April 18, 2001. with Berry and indicated there would be a project starting Board of Light and Power meeting of May 21, 2001 Board of Cable Television meeting of May 21, 2001 at Litehouse, Chadalee Farms. At that time, he would Chamber of Commerce meetings of June 13 and 20, have the contractor fix the area. DesJarden stated he made a mistake and apologized for not calling Berry. 2001

> C.It was noted the Lowell Charter Township Board ap-DesJarden noted there are several other areas throughproved the Amendments to the Water Supply Agreement out the City which need to be repaired. The contractor at its July 2nd meeting. Also, the Board approved its twohas indicated these areas would be repaired by July 20, thirds share toward a portable generator for the lift stations

> Pasquale explained the problem with the truck route A delegate and alternate need to be selected for the traveling west is the need of Gee Drive and Foreman annual business meeting of the Michigan Municipal Road requiring upgrades. Foreman should be in the League held in Battle Creek on Wednesday, September process of having reconstruction. The road has Major Street and Federal Aid status, which could upgrade the 12 during the League Convention. road. Gee Drive is another possible route. However, the It was noted Councilmember Shores would be the delroad needs a significant upgrade. At this time, the City has an estimate of \$800,000 to reconstruct the road. egate and City Clerk Betty Morlock the alternate Some problems with trucks traveling down the road deal with the curve and also because of the growing residen- Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. The following appointment tial population along the road. Pasquale noted the Kent was made: County Road Commission has no desire to upgrade the Lowell Township portion of Foreman. IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN

> to reappoint Norm Borgerson of 219 N. Washington to the Board of Light and Power and Cable Television to a Berry believed Ridgeview Drive near Family Fare could three-year term expiring June 30, 2004. be extended north and connected to Gee Drive. YEA: 4. Pasquale stated plans for Gee Drive involved the road NAY: 0.

> ABSENT: 1 improved for school buses rather than truck traffic. MOTION CARRIED.

> Mayor Pro Tem Myers stated the Council appreciated Berry's comments and at this point would take it under IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to appoint Debra Hinton of 605 Hunt to the Planning advisement. City staff would review possible resolutions. Commission for a three-year term expiring June 30, Pasquale stated the City might have to hire a traffic 2004.

> YEA: 4. engineer in order to give a recommendation.

NAY: 0. Myers suggested such a cost be provided at the next ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED. meeting.

Jim Hall of 724 N. Monroe stated the Chamber of Com-Pasquale congratulated the Council on every Board and merce has decided to place the ducks in the flag pole Commission position being filled.

Permission was also requested to place a 3' X 8' sales thermometer on the King Milling office building until Tuesday, September 4, 2001 for approximately six weeks.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to give permission to place the ducks in the flag pole DATE APPROVED: Monday, August 6, 2001 holes. Permission was also granted to waive the sign requirements and allow a sales thermometer on the King Michael K. Blough, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk Milling office building for a non profit organization for 2001. 26 212 6245

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

Chief Valentine reminded the Council the problem of granting extension of temporary signs. There have already been discussions held with some businesses concerning the 21-day limitation (in one year) of banner

concerned citizen regarding the noise ordinance. He asked if the only recourse was to call the police each time there was a problem. Police Chief Valentine responded it is best to call the police while such activities are taking

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

Airport Board meeting of June 5, 2001

Mayor Pro Tem Myers noted Deb Hinton has been involved in the Lowell Leadership Program. This process really gets people involved in Lowell. Her interest in serving is appreciated.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

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TOWNSHIP

Public Hearing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charte

Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a

WED., AUGUST 15, 2001

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910

Alan Craig has requested a variance to construct a

pole barn on property located at 2665 Montcalr

Avenue (PP# 41-20-12-400-016) which would allow

insufficient property line setbacks.

Lowell's Lessens, WZZM's new chief meteorologist

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

George Lessens wasn't even a year removed from Penn State University when he joined two young meteorologists at WZZM-TV-13.

"I was hired by Jack Hogan in 1980 and I worked under Craig James and Bill Steffen." Lessens recalls.

James left WZZM for WOTV (Channel 8) in 1985. leaving Steffen and Lessens. The two would work over the

public hearing on

Alden Nash, SE

next 20 years to make WZZM's weather presentation one of the best in West Michigan.

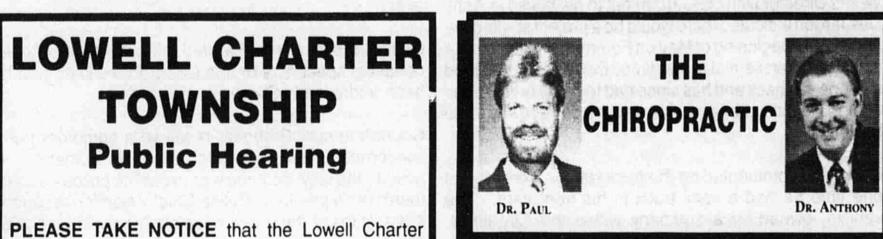
After nearly 21 years, to the surprise of even Lessens, Steffen announced that he would be making the switch from WZZM to WOTV, rejoining Craig James.

"I was surprised quite a bit by Bill's move." Lessens explained.

for Lessens' appointment as

WZZM'shead meteorologist. "I had settled into a comfortable routine, gradually taking on more responsibility over the years. Now, I will get the title and pay that goes with the responsibility. The fingers will also be pointed at me when things don't go right in the office," said Lessens.

Lessens is a 1975 graduate of Lowell High School From there, he earned his His departure made way associate's degree in science from Grand Rapids Commu-



SWIMMING SAFETY

Are you searching for a cool, comfortable way to exercise this summer? Paul Tuthill, D.C. and Anthony Trombly, D.C. of Doctors Chiropractic in Lowell, both members of the Michigan Chiropractic Society, suggest that swimming can be an excellent way to beat the heat

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk

616-897-7600.

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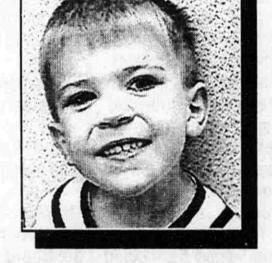
.Jacob Polsgrove NAME:.

AGE:... .4 years old

for his great checkup.

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HOBBIES Likes to read, play football and swim. He receives a prize



July "No Cavities" Club Members Kristina Boyer Jessica Vezino Alaina Vezino

Christina Davis Sarah Mosher Charlotte Hayden Heather Jousma Adam Jones Travis Snyder Jacob Sweet Rebecca Crutten Kelsey Mark

Allison Roth Rebecca Loser Kelsey Wold Kelsey Cruttenden Kyleigh Newman Rachel Wold Lena Churches Mattie Newman Cody Snyder

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ming does not involve pounding on hard surfaces, so you do not run the risk of joint injuries associated with running or other weight bearing exercises. Swimming utilizes the gravity-free force of the water to strengthen and tone muscles and bones."

Dr. Tuthill states, "Swim-

loskeletal system.

George Lessens

Despite these and other while enhancing the develop- benefits, such as improved ment of your body's muscu- cardiovascular fitness, swimming may still cause pain and injury. Improper swimming techniques and lack of adequate instruction may lead to shoulder and neck problems as well as low back and knee conditions.

> According to Dr. Trombly, th best preparation for a successful swimming workout is to warm up by stretching the muscles in your

nity College (then a junior college) and his bachelor's degree in meteorology from Penn State University. "There's some pressure.

Bill built this into one of the best in the area. I want to keep it there," Lessens said.

Lessens says things will not change at TV-13. "Things will remain the same. Why fix what's not broken." he savs.

the end of the pool with your neck, shoulders, legs and low extended hand, slowly swingback. Stretching increases ing your trunk around and flexibility in the muscles and gently pushing off the wall lessens the chance of injury with your feet. Using the flip from strenuous contraction turn to change directions induring swimming. Dr. Tuthill offers the folvolves twisting motions that may cause back strain.

lowing tips for a safe swimming workout:

ally and build up to a steady pace.

• Vary the strokes you use to help ensure proper muscle balance and to prevent injury. Using a single stroke repeatedly can overwork one group of muscles and cause inflamed tendons, or tendonitis.

 Alternate your breathing between the right and left side of the body to minimize strain to the neck, shoulders, and arms. Breathing to one side can cause misalignment of the neck vertebrae, resulting in neck pain.

ahead as you swim. If you only look forward, you can strain your neck muscles and compress the nerves. · Reverse directions when ropractic.

swimming laps by touching



· Start your swim gradu-

For the Lowell grad it will mean weekends off, a few more community appearances and a little more pull when it comes to Friday night's TV-13 weather on your sidelines. "Maybe I will be able to

get to a few more Lowell football games," Lessens concludes.

 Keep your pelvis down and your back flat, especially during the breaststroke. If you swim with a curve in your low back, you can compress the lumbosacral nerves, caus-

ing pain. Listen to your body for signs of overuse. If you feel dizziness, chest pain, difficulty breathing or catching your breath, or joint or muscle pain, stop immediately.

 Slow your pace to cool the body when nearing the end of your swimming workout. Stretching again after the swim will make it easier to stretch the next time. · Be consistent with regu-

 Look down instead of lar exercise to reduce your chance of injury. If you do experience back

or neck pain, do not hesitate to contact your doctor of chi-

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and TUES .: Saranac areas. We prefer Woodcarvers meet at such notices to be kept brief LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 and to be submitted by mail, p.m. New members welbut will accept notices by come. phone at 897-9261.

River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east 897-6325 or 248-2423. of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times call 897-5015 for a reare welcome.

Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH 7:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Hismonthly board meeting in Lowell Masonic Lodge Public invited.

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

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

mation.

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

Post #8303 meets at

Troop 102, for boys 11 & during the school year in gational Church basement. the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. En- EVERY WED .: Rotary joy activities like hiking and meets at noon at Lowell camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For 868-6481.

bile Home

Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

Flat

1ST TUES .: Adults with 9p.m. No cost. All welcome.

ent Group meetings from ent seasonal activities. corded message. Guests 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Two times available: 9:45 EVERY THIRD THURS .: Board Room at 300 High to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to Royal Arch Masons regu-St. Business meetings are 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Col- lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at EVERY MON .: Lowell on odd months & program leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Lowell Masonic Cen-High School Fellowship of meetings on even months. the Franciscan Child De- ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, Christian Athletes and Open to any interested velopment parents.

homes. See poster in high EVERY SECOND & school cafeteria or call FOURTH TUES .: Knights of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School,

torical Society holds its EVERY SECOND TUES.: the meeting room of Engle- regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. EVERY WED .: Overeaters current location is a church hardt Library at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: dues, no weigh-ins. Board of Education meets Lowell Lions Club meets at at 7:30 p.m. in the Admin- 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- EVERY THURS .: Take Off the Averill Historical Murial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- at the Saranac Public Lients of children with AD/ brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45 SECOND THURS. OF SECOND MON. OF EACH HD Issues Group meeting p.m. MONTH: The Bowne at St. Luke's Lutheran Township Historical Soci- Church, 32156 4 Mile NE THURS .: Weight Watch- Club meets at Alto Public ety holds its regular (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For ers meets at Lowell Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call 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 Connie 942-6887.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER WED .: denominational help for EACHMONTH: 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. Mondays from 5:30 - 8

EVERY1STMON .: V.F.W. EVERY WED .: Pioneer 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.

Masonic Temple.

infor call Terry Cavanaugh, EVERY WED .: The "Pep- Nash) at 7 p.m. pers" group (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life EVERY 2ND THURS .: 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

at the Center at 897-7842. THURS.: Lowell V.F.W.

Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat AD/HD at Calvin College, 7- EVERY FOURTH WED .: Franciscan Life Process Lowell Masonic Center. Elderly volunteers needed Center offering a variety of Intergenerational program geared to parents of chilwith school-age children dren all ages. Call tory Visitors Night from 1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- from Lowell in many differ- 897-7842 for time. 897-7842.

> EVERY FOURTH WED.: LaLeche League of Ada, Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 6:30 p.m. for socializing; p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand nant & breastfeeding Rapids. Call 897-9794.

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

Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets at 7 p.m.

Nazarene Church, 201 N. p.m. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before

Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., nonpregnant women and ado- SECOND SAT .: Lowell lescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on p.m. Phone 897-9393.

Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- FIRSTTHURS.: 4-Hdrama V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. green Missionary Church, club examines theater-re- system. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil- lated topics, creative and dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir 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

Auxiliary #8303 meets at River EVERY SECOND WED .: 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Thurs., noon-7p.m.; Sat., G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. ell.

> EVERY THIRD THURS .: meeting of Cyclamen Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at be held at 7:30 p.m. in the

Center, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Cascade & Lowell meets at meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregwomen. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our in Ada. Please call 752-

SECOND THURS. OF EV ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at seum of Ada, 7144 Headlev

EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree

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 EVERY THURS. - St. night is clear. \$2 adults: \$1 children to 18. For info. call Starwatch at 897-7065.

> Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 AM social gathering; 10 AM meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater

EVERY FRI. & SAT. : Averill Historical Museum 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 WOMEN **MOOSE:** Business meeteach month at 8 p.m.

Community Building. more information, call Pat EVERY



SECOND LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues ... Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.;

> FRI., AUG. 10: Regular Chapter #094 O.E.S. will

James C. Veen Observa-

9-11:30 p.m. weather permitting. \$1-\$2. Call 897-7065 for directions or visit the website at www.graaa.org.

AUG. 24 - 26: Clarksville Steam & Gas Association's Old Fashioned Days on Robbins Rd., Clarksville. Dawn till dusk. Featuring steam & gas engines, antique tractors, sawmill For info. call Gary Engle at to participate in the topics and discussion SAT., AUG. 11 & 25: shingle mill, blacksmith, spark show, etc.

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ED & NORA **BELL RASH'S** 60th Wedding Anniversary & Ed Rash's 80th **Birthday Party** from 2 to 5 P.M. Sunday, August 12 at Schneider Manor



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., AUG. 8: Noon, Movie.

THURS., AUG. 9: 8:30 a.m. Battle Creek Binder Park Zoo and Fort Custer Nat. Cemetery.

FRI., AUG. 10: Noon: Birthday/anniv. Party, Bingo.

MON., AUG. 13: 12:40 p.m. G.R. Meijer's and Panera Deli and Bak-

TUES., AUG. 14: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

WED., AUG. 15: Adv. Council.

THURS., AUG. 16: Noon: Dance.

FRI., AUG. 17: 12:40 p.m. Visit "Clever Cook" & Fabianni Ice Cream Store.

MON., AUG. 20: 12:40 p.m. Cribbage.

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.

TUES., AUG. 21: 7:15 Gambling.

WED., AUG. 22: 8:30 a.m Kellogg Bird Sanctuary at Gull Lake and "Christ the King" Cathedral in Kalamazoo.

THURS., AUG. 23: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Family Fare

FRI., AUG. 24: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

MON., AUG. 27: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Wal-Mart and Dollar Store.

TUES., AUG. 28: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Sam's Club.

WED., AUG. 29: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

THURS., AUG. 30: Noon, Dance.

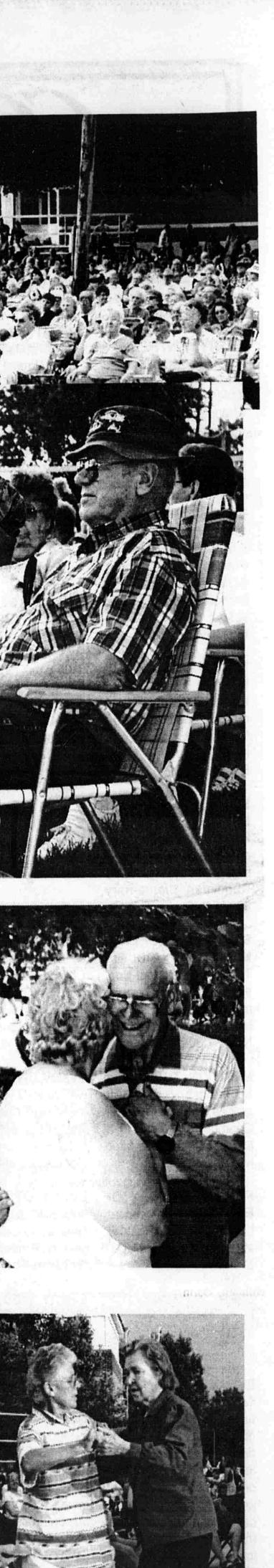
FRI., AUG. 31: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND !!!!!!!!! BIG BAND, BIG CROWD **CELEBRATE LOWELL** SHOWBOAT SUMMER **CONCERT SERIES** SEASON CLOSEOUT









Concert series spawns enthusiasm and ideas for future

Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Those who took in one or all 10 weeks of the Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series displayed an unquenchable thirst for music and felt a connection to tradition past.

"People are so pumped up about keeping the concert series going. Their enthusiasm is more than I anticipated," said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "The comments have been so positive. The reaction to this first year has far exceeded our expectations."

The cost of the first-year series was roughly \$17,000, all of which was covered through grants and donations. The cooperative organizational effort of the Lowell Cham-

ber of Commerce and Lowell Area Arts Council drew on an average of 400-500 people a week, according to Baker.

Sampling polls taken throughout the 10 weeks indicate that 40-50 percent of those who attended were from the Lowell area; 15 percent from the Alto, Ada and Saranac communities; and 35-45 percent from other areas.

Along with wanting the series to continue, many have strongly encouraged Loraine Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council, and Baker to not only bring

back the calliope, but have it open each night (with a rendition of "Here Comes the Showboat." "The community's nostalgic ties to the past are strong,"

Baker said. the summer concert series can contact Liz at the Chamber Other suggestions for year two include moving the starting time to 7 p.m. and waiting until school is out before starting the office 897-9161 or Loraine at the LAAC 897-8545.

Landscaping amendment may not find books without enforcement strategy

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A proposed amendment ing which is allowed to wither to a city zoning ordinance away and then never be rewould call for "continuously placed. maintained" landscaping.

Lowell city manager, term "continuously main-Dave Pasquale noted that the tained," shrubs and other

Syrjala, CMU grad, appointed principal of Grattan Academy

Darin Syrjala is the new principal of Grattan Academy, effective August 1, 2001. Syrjala comes to Grattan Academy from the Moreley-Stanwood School District where he was a middle school teacher and coach. Syrjala is completing his master's degree at Central Michigan University.

Syrjala is married with four children. The Syrjala family are members of Calvary Church in Greenville. They will relocate to the Grattan Academy attendance area.

Sidney L. Faucette, chief executive officer of Choice Schools Associates, said: "Darin Syrjala is an impressive, experienced educator who will lead Grattan Academy to achieve distinguished academic and citizenship results for all children. Darin joins an excellent faculty and staff and is blessed with great students and parents. I look forward to his eadership at the Academy."

Grattan Academy is a public school academy chartered by Saginaw Valley State University and is located in the Township of Grattan at 12047 Old Belding Road. The Academy offers kindergarten through eighth grade. Choice Schools Associates L.L.C. is the management company employed by the Grattan Academy Board of Directors to operate the Academy.

Cancer society event raises funds for breast cancer research

The American Cancer Society, the largest public health organization in the country, is hosting the largest community event benefiting breast cancer research in the country.

The fourth annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is being held at the Calder Plaza in Grand Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Community members from West Michigan will create teams of family members, friends and co-workers, raise funds and walk the 3.5 mile route through downtown Grand Rapids. For more information please call (616) 364-6121.

SYNOPSIS **Regular Meeting of the** VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

JULY 16, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of June 18, 2001 Regular Meeting were accepted as Read

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Motion to Accept Treasurers Report/Invoices as presented
- Motion to Refund Special Use Permit Fee to Curt Warren of All Phase Exterior
- Motion to Accept Minor Amendments to Headwaters PUD, and Set Public Hearing for Final Development Plan Approval for August 20, 2001
- Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2001-1, Amending FR District & Definitions; Ordinance 2001-2, Amending Industrial District; and Ordinance 2001-3, Amending Site Plan Review Provisions.
- Motion to Appoint Tom Medendorp to fill Vacancy on Planning Commission with a Term Ending in December, 2002.
- Motion to Adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting August 20, 2001.

Vergennes Township Clerk

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series; improvements to the sound system; many musical requests (reggae, rhythm and blues, country/western and southern gospel); and provide a larger area for dancing. Community members interested in becoming involved in

Lowell Planning Commission is concerned over landscap-

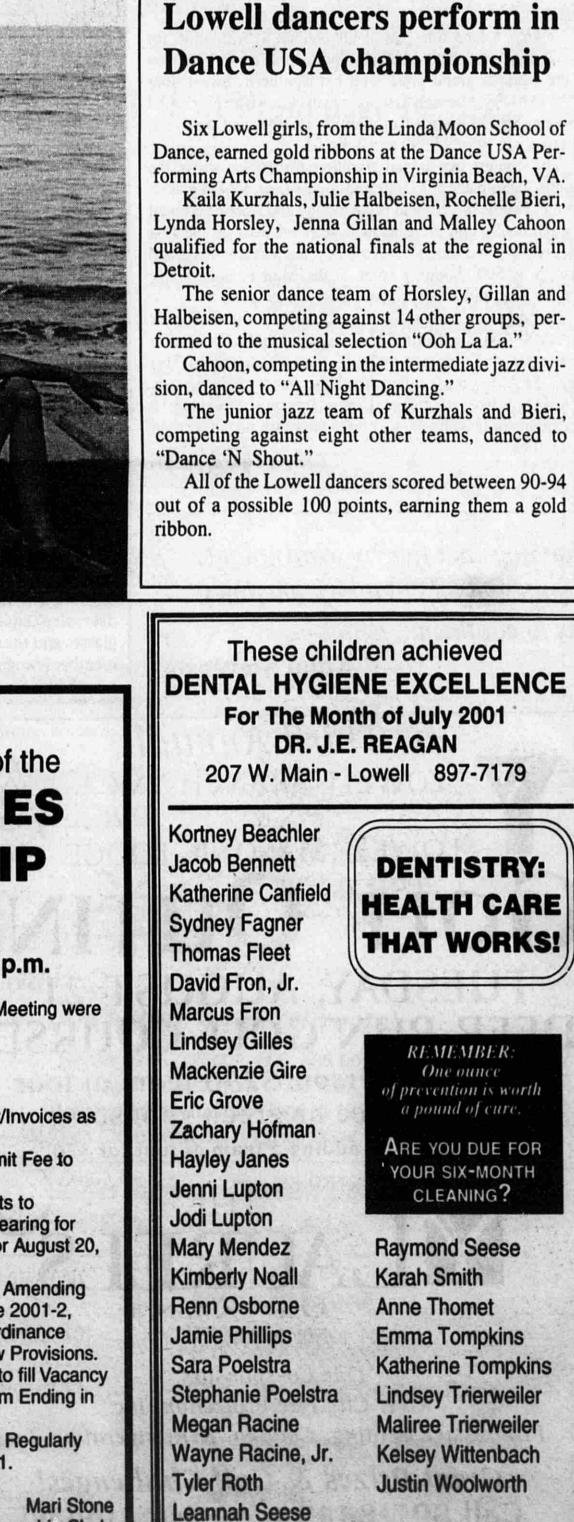
With the addition of the

plantings would have to be replanted.

The proposed amended ordinance reads that the planning commission requires approved landscaping, buffers, and/or greenbelts be continuously maintained to ensure

that proposed uses will be adequately buffered from one another and from surrounding public and private property.

Landscaping has been a point of emphasis on city site Landscaping, cont'd. pg. 16



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Kate Dernocoeur, Vergennes Township representative to the Lowell Area Community Fund's advisory committee, will present a round-table discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall.

The meeting is for any group or individual who would be interested in learning more about the fund, especially those who are involved with a nonprofit group. For more information and grant application forms, contact the township offices at 897-5671.

Jelsma wins 5th fair recipe competition

Returning champion Karin Jelsma of Lowell has won the SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey Recipe Competition at the Ionia Free Fair.

Jelsma, a long-time fan of the canned SPAM, short for spiced ham, earned her \$150 cash prize, blue ribbon and shot at the national grand prize with her Southern Sweet-Sour SPAM Stir Fry. She won first place at the Ionia Free Fair's first National SPAM Recipe Competition in 1993 and won consecutively in '95, '97, '99 and now '01.

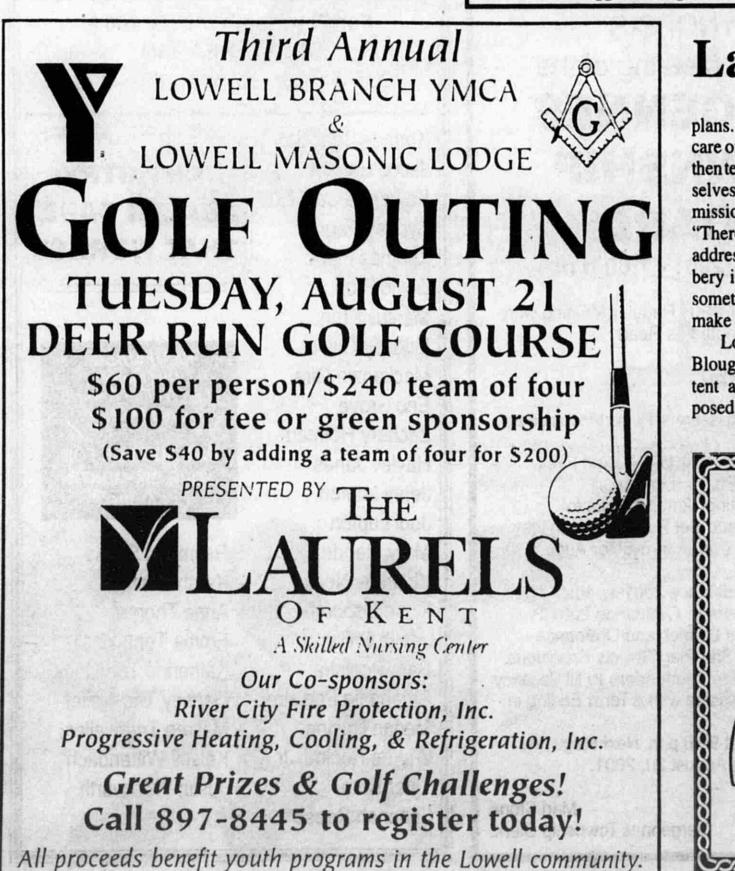
The contest, an annual tradition for cooks across the country, takes place at 77 state and county fairs. SPAM maker, Hormel Foods, offers local prize money and ribbons, as well as a national grand prize winner, selected from all the first place recipes (in January). Jelsma now has a shot at this grand prize, a \$2,500 shopping spree at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, and an all-expense paid trip to spend it!

Second place went to Sue Averill of Lake Odessa for her Turkey SPAM Egg Rolls. Third went to Juanita Sprague of Saranac (Jelsma's mother) for her Turkey Almond Salad. This year's SPAM contest called for dishes made with the new SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey. Contestants must enter with 10 ingredients or less and cook or bake their dish no longer than 30 minutes

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Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that he sometimes has to eat them.

Adlai Stevenson



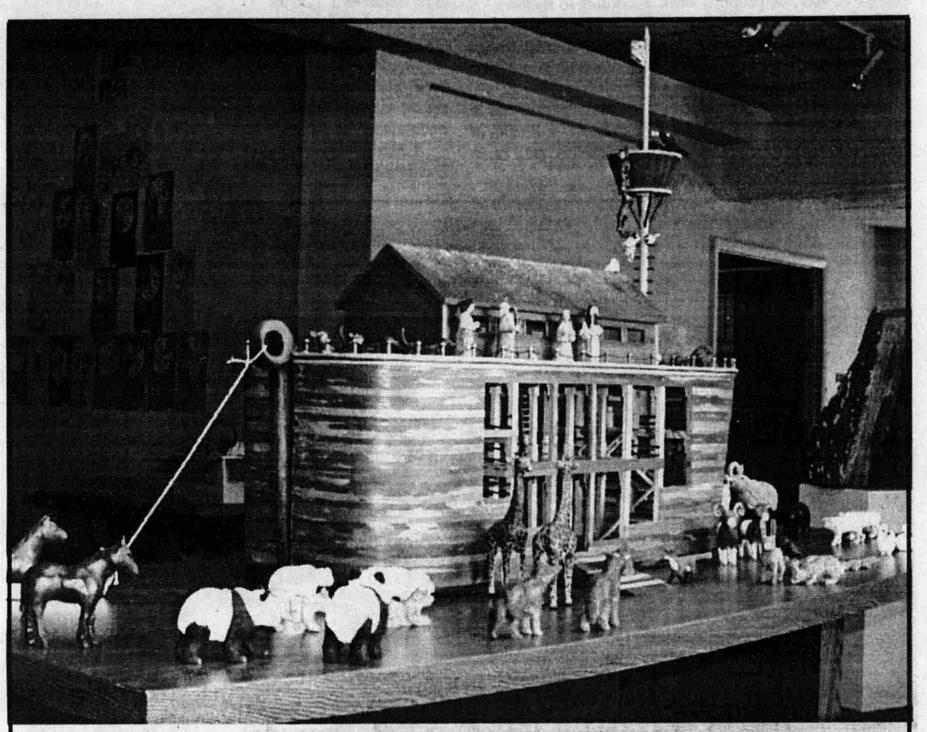
An open space citizens community educational session will be held on Oct. 17 from 7 until 9 p.m. at the Wittenbach

Speakers and topics which will be covered are: Elizabeth Katt Reinders, Groundwater Stewardship Program, ground water; Chris Grobbel, groundwater & wetland protection instructor, wetland protection; Vergennes Township's Jeanne VanderSloot, ordinance regulations relating to the Flat River and other open surface water; and a natural river administrator with the Department of Environmental Quality is tentatively scheduled to speak.

The website is a vehicle for township information, but also serves as a link to the Lowell community, Lowell Schools, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Environmental Quality and other state and local links.

When area residents link up to the Vergennes Township website, they will be able to locate information on zoning and planning, ordinances, elections, cemetery, public notices, neighborhood associations, the open space committee, officials and staff, assessing, fees, meeting information, millage rates, township history, meeting minutes, agendas and more. Bob Rogers was hired to design the website and a \$4,300

With the funding, development and testing complete, the covered the cost of development and software. Vergennes Township website has been up and running for a little over a month now.



LAAC Showcases Wooden Model Noah's Ark

A carved wood model of Noah's Ark, created by the Woodland Carvers Club of West Michigan, is on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council. Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon until 5 p.m. and Saturday from 1 until 4 p.m. For over a year the Woodland Carvers Club members carved the fourfoot long ark with animal pairs including horses, alligators, giraffes, skunks, crows, foxes, ostriches, bears, squirrels, deer, elephants and other animals. The carvers added humorous touches to the project, such as a crow wearing glasses and the skunks riding in a dingy pulled behind the ark. The Woodland Carvers Club is 25 years old with 110 members ranging in age from 20-90. The club is open to new members. It meets at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month at Kelloggsville High School in Wyoming (excluding summer months and December).

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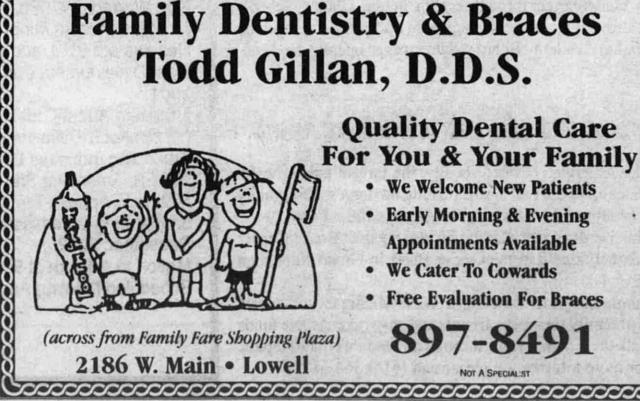
mission chairman, Jim Hall. "There is no rule in place addressing the dead shrubbery issue. I believe having something in writing would make a huge difference."

Lowell mayor, Michael Blough agreed with the intent and spirit of the pro-

care of in that first year, they nance should be put on the ordinances. The planning then tend to take care of them- books if the city does not have selves," said planning com- a plan as to how it will enforce

> would be addressed on a complaint basis, creating an uneven enforcement, which is why Blough said he could not

support the amendment without an enforcement strategy. A public hearing on the Hall agreed, "There is issue will go before the counposed amendment, but ques- nothing more important than cil on Aug. 20.



grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt)

"The response the township has received thus far has been positive," said Vergennes Town ship clerk, Mari Stone.

plans. "If plantings are taken tioned whether another ordi- the effective enforcement of commission has been complaining about no rule being in place to deal with dead The landscaping issue shrubbery for quite a while."

At its July 23 meeting, the planning commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended the ordinance amendment adoption.



Nancy Underwood, above, takes time to read and relax in the warm temperatures while her daughters, Rebecca and Stacey and other Lowell youth participate in the soccer camp at Lowell High School.



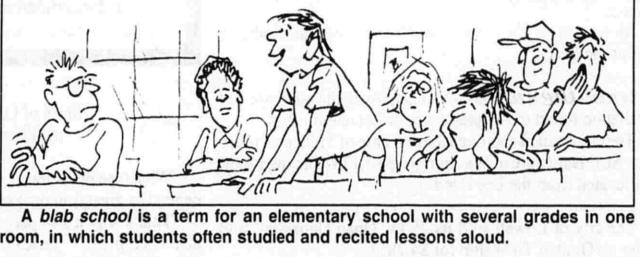
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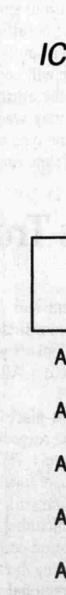
1 cup broccoli (1) 10 oz. jar sweet & sour sauce (I use homemade orange marmalade mixed w/1/4 cup of strawberry vinegar) 3/4 cup cashews Hot cooked rice



Restoration Work Begins

Renovation work at 413 E. Main (formerly Rite Aid) got under way on Wednesday (Aug. 1). The work, which is being done by Innovative Construction Services, in expected to be completed by Oct. 1. Dollar General will lease a 6,800 square foot portion of the retail building. The old, two-story hotel portion is being purchased by Greg Canfield. Owners Joe Nawrocki and Benjamin Khuu said a 2,000 square foot space is still available for leasing. For more information on this space, call Todd Hennink, Jade Pig Ventures, a local developer and real estate company, at 224-8272.





LHS youth soccer camps a kick for kids and coaches alike

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

There were a whole lot of teaching points as well as technical and tactical training that went on during Paul Legge's week-long soccer

The camp was split into wo sessions. The morning session (9 a.m. until noon) featured kids ages nine to 12, and the afternoon session was (14,000 feet). for players ages 10-14.

"The camp gives me a chance to get to know and work with kids who are excited about soccer and who I a few years," said Legge, Lowell's varsity boys soccer coach and the director of coaching and player development for LASSO.

camps in and out of the state. On Sunday, Legge left with members of the varsity soccer team for the Great Sand **Dunes National Monument** in Alamosa, CO.

One of the featured activities will be backpacking to the top of Mt. Herard

week. Along with the daily 15 in the morning session. activities, there will be group assignments and soccerbased, night-time lectures," ers. will see at the varsity level in Legge explained.

Prior to that trip, though, Legge focused on the lower level players.

olds, it was a week of fun and practicing make a difference.'

The Lowell soccer coach enjoyable soccer. Along the kept busy this summer work- way, teaching points (e.g. ing at a number of soccer proper passing and shooting techniques) were implemented

> The 10-14 year old players participated in station activities and technical training "We also taught some tactical elements such as when to make a run and creating space on the field," Legge said.

There were 45 participants "It's a team-building in the afternoon session and

> Helping Legge with the camp were varsity soccer play-

"Camps like this help to get kids playing soccer at the ages of 6-7-8 as opposed to 13," Legge explained. "Those For the six-nine year extra years of playing and

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SOUTHERN SWEET-SOUR SPAM STIR-FRY

(1) 12 oz. SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey,

1 can (1 lb. 4 oz.) pineapple chunks 1 med. green or red pepper, cut in strips

1 cup small carrots

Brown strips of SPAM slowly, add onion; brown 1 minute longer and add drained pineapple juice.

Remove from heat. Add your choice of sweet & sour sauce to the SPAM mixture. Stir in broccoli, carrots, peppers, pineapple and cashews. Cook over low heat 2-3 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp. Serve over rice.

Note: 1 package (16 oz.) frozen vegetables may be used in place of fresh vegetables for a quick stir-fry. Yield: 6 servings.



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LYF's flag football program a model for others to follow

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It was apparent to the Lowell Youth Football organizers that something needed to be done.

"We were turning away too many kids, something had to be done." said Lowell Youth Football president, Mike Meppelink.

The organization needed something for kids under the age of eight . "They were coming to sign-up and we didn't have anything for them to do," Meppelink explained.

So Meppelink, his wife Lois and Rick Zimmerman, declining trend. director of 78er football, put a plan into action two years ago. seven.

In year one, 47 youngsters signed up to play in a threegame season. Last year that number rose to 56. This year 38 have signed up and there are still two sign-up dates left. "We think we will exceed last year's number," Meppelink said.

"Our numbers are growing at the lower levels because of the three consecutive Tuesdays at Burch Field. high school success."

Before starting flag football, Meppelink needed the blessing of the Northern Rocket Football League director.

The success Lowell has enjoyed has inspired the league to require that all programs offer flag football in 2001. With the exception of Lowell, the number of rocket

football participants has been dwindling. Flag football is viewed as a good feeder program which can help reverse that

Northern Rocket Football League practice begins Aug. They created a flag football league for young kids ages five to 27. The first slate of games starts Sept. 15 and play continues through Oct. 27. Games will be played on Saturday at Burch Field. "Games will start at 8:30 and we don't finish until 9-10 p.m." Meppelink said. "Last year we were playing eight games on Saturday.

Flag football play begins Sept. 18. Teams will play on

(Wednesday).

that will happen." It is Meppelinks' fourth year as directors of Lowell's rocket football league. Their kids have moved on to 78ers and the high school, but they remain involved.

"We just love it. Our working relationship with the city, Ron Wenger (Kent County Youth Fair president) and with the high school football staff has been tremendous," Meppelink concluded.

Without consensus, city will leave James St. zoning alone

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Planning commissioner. Clark Jahnke sought the opinion of the city council on his proposal to change the zoning on James Street.

He proposed decreasing the minimum usable square footage in the R-1 district from 1,500 to 1,000 with 700 on the ground floor. In the R-2 and R-3 zones, Jahnke was recommending the minimum requirement be reduced from 1,000 to 850 with 700 of that being ground floor in R-2 and 500 in R-3.

Jahnke's plan would assist in minimizing variances

City News & Notes:

In the weeks leading up to the Kent County Youth Fair, it became apparent a new door would be needed at the Foreman Building.

The city of Lowell paid \$1,995 toward the replacement of the door with the Kent County Youth Fair covering the \$500 balance.

Monday night, the Lowell City Council voted to reimburse the fair the \$500.

In other city news, the council approved the purchase and installation for an out of play fence at Recreation Park.

The city council approved the purchase of 315 feet of fence from ACE Hardware in Wyoming for \$3,125. The funds will be allocated from the Lee Fund.

The city of Lowell sold its 25 kw Onan Generator and trailer to Grattan Township for \$4,785.

The proceeds from the sale will be split with two-thirds going to Lowell Township and one-third to the city of Lowell. With the city's purchase of a new portable generator for the lift stations, advertisement for the sale of the old unit was

undertaken by Wastewater Treatment Plant superintendent, Mark Mundt.

Lowell's Wilterink honored by USAA

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Andrew Wilterink of Lowell has been named a United States National Award Winner in For eign Language (Spanish).

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, attitude and cooperative spirit, and recommenda tion from a teacher or director.

Wilterink, who attends Lowell Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Sara Guile, teacher at the school. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which published nationally.

Wilterink is the son of John and Sue Wilterink of Lowell

recognizing the need for smaller homes.

Back in July, the planning commission voted 4-2 not to change the zoning. Instead, the majority felt the issue could be dealt with such devices as variances.

The council was clear in that it would not consider change without a consensus from the planning commission. The issue arose when the planning commission discov-

ered it appeared that it was approving a number of variances for houses that didn't quite fit the current minimum usable floor area.

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What type of insurance should you purchase? The answer depends a great deal on where you're at in life.

That's why it's important to look for more than just "an stage in life, your need for insurance generally diminishes. insurance policy." Instead, you need to first identify your financial needs and objectives - and then find the appropriate insurance products.

Here's a general timetable of what your needs and goals may be at various life stages, and what types of insurance you have to go through the time-consuming and expensive legal may need during these periods.

Ages 21-35: Career Beginnings - When you're single and just starting out in your career, you may only need enough life insurance to cover any debts you have accumulated, such as to a charity, but you don't want to deprive your heirs of these student loans. And your employer may even offer a group term resources, you may want to establish an irrevocable life insurance plan that is sufficient for this need.

Once you start a family, you'll have to focus on how much money one spouse will need to raise the children and pay off the house should the other spouse die prematurely. To meet these needs, you may want to consider either an individual term policy or some type of permanent insurance.

Ages 36-65: Prime earning years - At this long stage of fit the policy to your needs - not the other way around.

Lowell's Troms shines in McDonald's crew competition

Lowell resident and a Lowell McDonald's employee, Cindy Troms demonstrated her talents to a panel of judges and a crowd of onlookers when she competed successfully in the local McDonald's All-American Crew Competition in Indianapolis on Saturday, Sept. 22. Columbia, Mich.

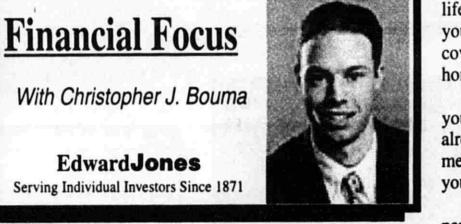
Troms took first-place honors in the Olympics-style event by competing in her respective position (drive-thru presenter) against approximately 750 crew members from the Grand Rapids area. Competitors were judged on speed, accuracy, personality and teamwork as they performed in a variety of work situations, including the grill area, drive-thru, front counter and fry station competitions.

Troms was among the top 102 restaurant employees who competed in the regional finals in Birch Run on Aug. 2. Competitors in the regional finals were trying for one of 17 positions on the Grand Rapids Region team that will then work practices and, most of all, have fun."

compete against teams from the Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh area in McDonald's Great Lakes Division All-American Crew Competition finals in

Individual winners at the division finals will represent McDonald's and work in the Olympic Village McDonald's restaurants at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. The region that is judged as having the best team overall wins an all-expense paid trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando.

"The All-American Crew Competition is an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent in McDonald's restaurants across the state," said Kris Malenich, McDonald's Corp. training consultant. "It's also a chance for crew members throughout the area to meet each other, share their excellent



State of Life Determines Type of Insurance You'll Need

life, you'll likely have established your career and watched your children grow up. You will need to review your insurance coverage to make sure it meets your changing needs: a second home, children approaching college, etc.

"Smaller homes are needed for retirees and as starter homes," Shores explained.

The 78er football program begins playing on Sept. 5 The success of Lowell Youth Football was also the genesis for a cheerleading program at that level. Over the last three years there has been an average of 100

cheerleaders. They range in age from eight to 14. "There has been talk of forming some cheerleading squads for the flag football teams," Meppelink said. "I'm not sure if

Jahnke was appointed to look into the issue and he studied primarily the area of James and High streets. On those streets, there are two Habitat for Humanity homes and one HUD home, all of which had made variance requests to reduce the amount of usable square footage.

Councilmember Jeanne Shores agreed that smaller homes are needed and that the issue of rezoning the areas in question should be further looked at.

You'll also want to see how insurance can help you fund your retirement plans. This is especially important if you are already "maxing out" on contributions to your qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k), or if your income is so high that you run into IRA contribution limits.

To meet any of these goals, you may want to consider a permanent insurance plan, such as whole life, universal life or variable universal life. These policies allow tax-deferred growth of earnings, which means your money will grow much faster than it would in an account on which you paid taxes every year. An investment representative can help you choose the life insurance plan that's most appropriate for your needs. Ages 66-85: Retirement and wealth transfer - At this

Yet, you can still find valid uses for insurance, such as the transfer of wealth to your heirs. If you've set the policy up properly, your beneficiaries won't have to pay income or estate taxes on the proceeds. Furthermore, the money won't process of probate.

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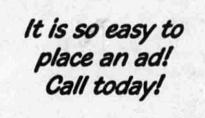
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