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Paul Sikkenga had a dream that his four children, born July 6, were walking around in dirty diapers.

For some, that may seem more like a nightmare, but for Paul and his wife, Teri, it will be a welcomed sight.

The Lowell couple be-

came parents of quadruplets (14 weeks premature) back in July, exactly one year after they lost twins who were born at 17 weeks.

The premature quadruplets, now all well over two pounds, are expected to remain in the neonatal unit at Spectrum Health until at least Oct. 10, their original due date.

"They are still critical, but stable - they're doing well

for 26 week-old babies," said Teri Sikkenga.

Katelynn, born at 2 pounds, 1 ounce, is now able to breathe on her own. She needed surgery (July 28th) to help close a vessel in her heart.

Ryan, born at 1 pound, 14 ounces, breathes with the help of a ventilator.

Tyler, born at 1 pound, 15 ounces, needs Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

(CPAP) to assist his breathing.

Megan, born at 1 pound, 12 ounces, has the most obstacles to overcome. The infant has had to deal with bowel, kidney and breathing difficulties while also being treated for brain bleed. Doctors have told the Sikkengas that they expect her bowel and kidney problems will resolve themselves. "They are watching the brain bleed

closely, but so far things are going well," Teri Sikkenga said. "Megan is the only infant who is not yet being fed breast milk by tube."

As for mom, "I am tired all the time. It's going to take a while to get going again after such a long labor," Sikkenga said. Doctors ordered complete bed rest for Sikkenga on April 27; on May 26th she entered the hospital. Sikkenga had been in labor four hours on July 6 when her doctor determined that a C-section was necessary.

"Paul and I have wanted children for six years. Since we're not getting any younger, there has been a new sense of priority. Some take having children for granted, but after losing twins a little over a year ago, that changes things," Sikkenga explained.

As with becoming pregnant with twins, Teri Sikkenga needed the aid of fertility pills.

According to the Sikkengas, the perception is that if a couple uses fertility pills, they are going to have six or seven children. While it increases couples' chances of having multiple births, Sikkengas say most of the time it's not that way.

"My sister used fertility pills and she has two children, both single births," Teri Sikkenga said.

When the Lowell couple heard they were going to have quadruplets, cont'd. pg. 8



Ryan



Megan

## To Have, But Not Hold

Paul and Teri Sikkenga spend all of their free time at the neonatal unit at Spectrum Health watching and helping to nurture their little ones, who were born 14 weeks premature on July 6. The Lowell parents are hopeful that their children's improving health will enable them to take Tyler, Megan, Ryan and Katelynn home some time in October.



Katelynn



Tyler

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

### Weekend accident claims life of Lowell man

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

An accident in Ionia County took away a college buddy, an employee and best friend from Lowell's Jay Rickert.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Potters Road and Whites Bridge Road Saturday afternoon (Aug. 11) at 3:36 p.m.

Lowell resident Gerald E. Laveque was pronounced dead at the scene after a 1997 Chevrolet, driven by a 17-year-old male from Allegan, stopped for a stop sign at Potters Road and then proceeded into the intersection. Upon entering the intersection, the Chevrolet struck the eastbound GMC pickup driven by Laveque, 40. The pickup left the south portion of the roadway and rolled over.

"Jerry was everybody's friend. He'd do anything for you," Rickert said. "He always had fun."

Rickert and Laveque went to Central Michigan University together in the early '80s. Eight years ago, Laveque returned

from Houston, Texas, where he had been working for Pontiac Motors.

"He came back here looking for work. Jerry was going to open his own business," Rickert said. Instead Rickert hired him as an estimator for Rickert Electric.

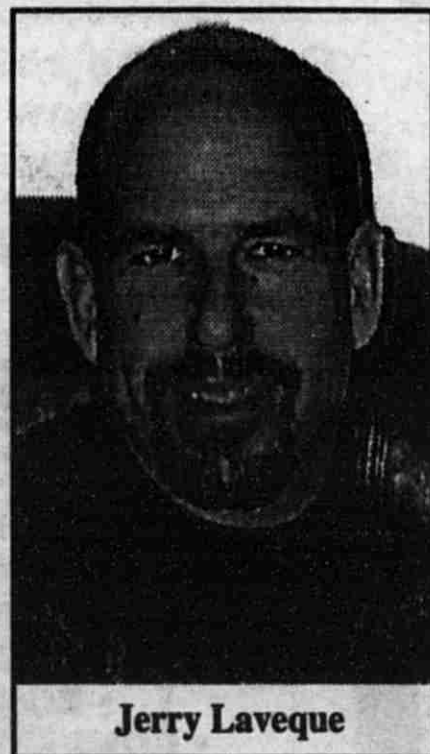
"He took care of billing and stuff I didn't want to do," Rickert explained. "It freed me up so that I could work in the field."

Shirley Kloosterman, a friend of the Laveque family, said the Rickerts were like a second family to Jerry. "He was an up front kind of guy. If he said something - it was like written in stone. He also had a great sense of humor. There's a big empty space in all of our lives. He was liked and respected so

much." Laveque and his close and trusted friend, Marta Rozema were on their way back to his home to host a picnic when the accident occurred.

"Jerry and Marta met about a year ago.

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Jerry Laveque

### Proposed ordinance would enable city to negotiate construction management agreement for City Hall/police station project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It will take the adoption of an ordinance if the city is to enter into a negotiated construction management agreement with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber (FTC&H) for the City Hall/police department facilities.

The request made by FTC&H would have the architectural firm serve as construction manager and subcontract with various subcontractors for services required to complete the project.

The city's charter, however, contains language which prohibits the city from entering into such an agreement.

Chapter 13, Section 13.1 (c) provides in pertinent part: Except as provided by or-

dinance authorized by section 13.3 of this chapter, each contract for construction of public improvements ... shall be let after opportunity for competitive bidding.

"The applicable provision of the city charter does permit

the city council to adopt an ordinance providing for an exception to this provision," said city attorney, Richard Wendt. "If such an ordinance were adopted, there would be no legal impediment for entering

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## OBITUARIES

**LAVEQUE - Gerald (Jerry)** E. Laveque, aged 40, of Lowell, formerly of Waterford, died August 11, 2001; cherished son of Joseph and the late Jean Laveque of Waterford; beloved brother of Denise (Brian) Stevens and Joe (Tracy), loving uncle of Hannah and Cooper; and friends to many, especially to Marta Rozema and her children David, Kyle, Matt and Anna. Jerry was a fun-loving person and an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed

hunting, fishing, golfing and skiing with his family and his many friends. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Mr. Laveque was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church where he will lie in state Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, 10:30 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m., Rev. Lawrence Delonay officiating. Rite of Committal to follow at All Saints Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Donelson, Johns

and Evans Funeral Home, 5391 Highland Rd., Waterford on Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.; Rosary Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Envelopes available at the funeral home.

**SNYDER - Millicent Snyder**, aged 103, of Saranac, died Wed., Aug. 8, 2001. She is survived by her daughter Winnie (Karl) Fry of Lowell; son Clair (Kathleen) Snyder of Reed City; eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren. As per her request, private burial has taken place.

**SPECKIN - Madeline L. Speckin**, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away August 7, 2001 at Cumberland Manor in Lowell. She was born July 26, 1918, in Lowell, the daughter of Myron and Gladys (Callier) Kyser. She lived all her life in Boston Twp. She was a graduate of Lowell High School in 1936. She was an avid gardener and active environmentalist. She loved to travel, listen to music, dance and read. She was a member of Galilee Baptist

Church in Saranac. Surviving are her children Sandra Jeanne and Mike Hawkins of California, Loretta "Lorrie" JeRue of Lowell, Vaughn and Sonia Vickery of Saranac, Valerie Lordly of Arkansas; stepchildren Ronald and Susan Speckin of Ionia, Robert and Debra Speckin of Greenville, Dennis Speckin of Ionia, Brian Speckin of Ionia; sisters Joyce Lyn and Dick Chase of Lowell, Toni Haller of Lowell; sister-in-law Jane and Bill Wiczorek

of Sheridan; 12 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband Kenyon Vickery and her second husband Clair Speckin. Funeral services were held Friday at the Galilee Baptist Church in Saranac with Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Ionia Commission on Aging.

## Riverwalk Festival offers a healthy fair

Spend Saturday, Sept. 1 of your Labor Day weekend at the First annual Lowell Area Health Fair. Event activities run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Unity High School parking lot and gym, just north of the Englehardt Library.

More than 30 health care providers and businesses associated with health care will show you and your family ways to stay healthy. The Lowell Police Dept. will offer a free car seat safety check and a bicycle safety area. Blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol checks are available as well as free information sessions on many health care topics.

Ann Mulder, parish nurse at First United Methodist Church in Lowell, said, "In working with members of our congregation, I have found a

need for more information regarding health care. Our mission with this event is to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of those who attend. The church, along with the Lowell YMCA Wellness Center,

present the Health Fair to the community and invite all to attend. There is something for everyone."

Grant monies from the Lowell Area Community Fund make this event possible.

## Englehardt book discussion, Sept. 11

Adult readers are invited to get together at the Englehardt Library on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. for a friendly, informal discussion of *The Blue Bottle Club* by Penelope Stokes.

Copies are available at the library's checkout desk or call 897-9596.

For times and locations of other book discussions, contact the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

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Anonymous

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### BOWNE TOWNSHIP

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

#### PROPOSED REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SECTION 4 FROM R-3 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-5 MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the proposed rezoning of the following property from R-3 Urban Residential District to R5 Mobile Home Park District.

11720 - 64th Street

Parcel 1: The NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 4, T5N, R9W, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, except the West 240 feet of the East 690 feet of the North 545 feet thereof.

Parcel 2: The North 1519.32 feet of the SE 1/4 of Section 4, T5N, R9W, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, except the East 1256.64 feet thereof. Also, except the West 230 feet of the North 370 feet of the East 1486.64 feet thereof.

Parcel 3: The North 1519.32 feet of the East 1256.64 feet of the SE 1/4 of Section 4, T5N, R9W, except a parcel of land described as beginning at the East 1/4 post of Section 4, thence West 1256.64 feet; thence South 560 feet, more or less, to the center of the ditch (running in a Northwesterly-Southeasterly direction); thence Southeasterly along the center of the ditch to the center of the County

drain; thence Southeasterly along the center of the County drain to the East line of Section 4; thence North along the East line of Section 4, to the place of beginning. Except also that part of the SE 1/4, Section 4, T5N, R9W, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 4; which is S00°00'W 1126.32 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 4; thence S00°00'W 393.0 feet along said East line; thence N89°03'20"W 660.0 feet along the South line of the North 1519.32 feet of said SE 1/4; thence N00°00'E 703 feet more or less to the centerline of a County drain; thence Northeasterly 68 feet more or less along said centerline to the centerline of Pratt Lake Creek; thence meandering Southeasterly along the centerline of Pratt Lake Creek to the place of beginning.

(P.P. #41-24-04-300-009, 41-24-04-400-016, and 41-24-04-400-029)

The proposed rezoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

August 10, 2001  
Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

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# Reflections Of Faith

## THIS OLD HOUSE

By Bob Roush, pastor  
Friendship Country Chapel

Not far from where I live is a house that I really admire. As a matter of fact, if I am going anywhere in that direction I will purposely drive by there just because I love to look at it. One of the reasons I fancy this house so much is because I watched it being transformed from a simple old farm house into one of the most exquisite and beautiful homes I have ever seen. When I first took note of it, the owner was attempting to build a sort of tower on the front of it. I remember thinking to myself that he had probably bitten

off far more than he was able to chew.

But as the months progressed, I developed a high regard for the ability of this person, and it didn't take me long to discover that he was not just a novice builder, but a craftsman par-excellence, and much more, a master. I have watched the progression closely for these, I don't know, five or six years. For the most part it is finished now, and it is breathtakingly beautiful. Yet as I look closely I notice there are still things left to do before it can be called "completed," but oh, what a transformation. I was telling a friend about it the other day and he said, "Take me over there so I can see it," so we got

in the car and drove past it. I remember telling him that he couldn't appreciate it like I could because he hadn't watched the progress as I had.

As I look at my life I think about that illustration. When I came to Christ there wasn't much to work with but when I gave my life over to Jesus, the master builder, he began construction to make something beautiful out of it. I should like to think that, like that house, people can see the amazing changes that have taken place in my life since I first believed in Christ. Yet, I'm afraid that far too often what they see doesn't impress them very much. The reason is simple. In the house of our illustration, beautiful as it is, if you were to pry back some floor boards or wall coverings you would find some of the old original construction still there, all camouflaged by the beauty of the outward which the master builder created. It is like that in my life too. Although there is the outer work that Christ has done which has so changed my thinking and lifestyle, yet still buried deep inside is the sin nature that rises up frequently. It will show when something sets me off or makes me respond inappropriately. It's as if someone has pruned back a floor covering to expose these old boards which lie beneath the surface.

The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new." Although we have been created new in Christ, we are, in a sense, still under construction. I'm hoping that, like this house, when people see me, they will see the new creation Christ has made possible, and yet will

understand that when I mess up, I'm still under construction.

Looking at my favorite house I am still moved by its beauty and splendor, yet I see that it, too, has some unfinished things, yet those seem to fade into the background as I am overwhelmed at the work already accomplished by the master builder.

Every Christian is under construction, and every life is a construction zone. The reason many people "turned off"

to Christianity is simply because we don't "show" well. Many Christians have never allowed Christ to do much more than begin the project and so they look like some of those other projects we've all seen where the person began with great expectations but either ran out of money, or lost their motivation to continue so it is a disgusting heap of half finished dreams; for that I am profoundly embarrassed and sorry. Fellow believers, the monkey is on our

back to be all we can be through Christ so that when others look at us they will see the real stuff of Christ's power. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." What does your personal construction zone look like? Is it a show piece or a pitiful unfilled project? Happy building.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**AUGUST 16:** Helen Vezino, Don Gasper, Trent Raab, Mike Mooney, Ryan Aksamitowski.  
**AUGUST 17:** Brittany Essich, Jordan Harding.  
**AUGUST 18:** Matthew D'Agostino, Sandy Dykhuizen, Sean Pawloski, Paul Reggie Owen, Paul R. Owen II.  
**AUGUST 19:** Peggy Idema, Joseph Thaler, Lois Boonstra, Braydon Brown, Brian

DeBold, Daryl Chamberlain.  
**AUGUST 20:** Emily Boss, Mattie Dalziel, B. J. Rittersdorf, Alexis Holloway, Andrea Bryant.  
**AUGUST 21:** Madelyn Pfaller, Charlene DeShane-Dalga, Tim Aksamitowski, Joshua Hobra, Tom Barnes.  
**AUGUST 22:** Mike Blough, Shane Teelander, Austin Goos.

## AREA BIRTHS

Bob Stiles and Kim Doyle are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Alexander

2 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

Alex is welcomed home by his big sister, Mackenzie. Proud grandparents are Ralph and Fran Clouser and Jean Stiles of Lowell.

## Program helps get new high school students off to "Smart Start"

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PLANET OF THE APES (PG-13)  
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# Viewpoint

  
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by Roger Brown

When it comes to things mechanical, I'm really not as dumb as I make myself out to be in this column. I'll bet. Here in the Florida Keys a majority of the homes are on the water, usually a boat canal. Most of these homes are equipped with boat hoisting davits at the dock. These davits can not only lift a three- or four-ton boat, but they swivel so you can swing the boat in over the dock and set it down in a cradle or on big styrofoam blocks. Even with the average Joe Schmuck homeowner entrusted with such formidable equipment, you hear of surprisingly few smashed boats and squished pets.

Having lived down here for nearly ten years spread out in three different homes, I've dealt with a like number of davits for the same period of time. I've found that these davits are relatively simple in design, easy to use and quite dependable. No smashed boats. No squished pets. Still, to witness a 25-foot boat dangling over a concrete slab suspended from two 5/16ths cables is a sight on a par with most circus acts.

Two or three days ago I tore into a long put-off project of rebuilding the hydraulic steering on my boat. After a sweaty battle with the helm unit, I was ready to attack the piston at the stern that actually steers the motors. The boat was on the dock, resting on big foam blocks. Thinking it would be easier to get at things if the outboards were tilted down, I decided to lift the stern with the davit. This would allow me to swing the outboards down.

It always seems to be this "thinking" thing that gets me into trouble. I hooked the cable to the stern and hit the button. Things came taught as I kept a watchful eye on the boat and the workings of the davit. Just as the boat was about to lift, the electric motor powering the davit seemed to bog down a bit and the cable snapped. Nothing much happened, as the boat hadn't moved yet. No smashed boat. No squished pets. A quick inspection revealed that the cable had jumped the pulley at the tip of the davit's boom. It had pinched between the pulley and the housing, shearing itself. My immediate reaction was, "Damn, I'm glad that thing wasn't three feet off the concrete!" My second reaction was, "That just ain't right." There shouldn't

be such loose-goosey tolerances around that cable pulley allowing this to happen. I paid good money for those davits just a few months ago.

Monday morning came and I called the guy who sold and installed them. His business is nearby and his secretary said he'd stop by for a look. I took off for Key West with my helm unit and steering cylinder. I had conceded that rebuilding them was way, way beyond my mechanical aptitude, training and tool availability. I couldn't even get the steering cylinder apart. I had found a repair facility in the yellow pages and quit while I was ahead of the game. No smashed parts. No squished fingers.

The davit guy showed up while I was gone, looked at things, told my wife what it would take to fix it and added that it was my fault for not keeping the cable taught. The last caveat didn't sound like this was going to be a warranty job. I gave him a call. I was told straight up that it would be a minimum \$100 service call plus parts. He wouldn't buy into my theory of a design flaw. I later decided he couldn't agree with me because he'd be admitting that all those davits he's sold over the years are flawed. There are probably a lot of smashed boats and squished pets because of the loose tolerances around that cable pulley.

Even when I reminded him that these davits were purchased just last fall and I had also bought pilings for the seawall from him, about \$4,000, there was no offer of accommodation. There was no offer to meet me halfway ... nothing. I might as well have bought the things on the internet and installed them myself for all the good shopping locally had done me. He not only wouldn't agree with my argument that the davit was poorly designed, he insulted my intelligence by using some stupid analogy about backing a new car into a pole, then blaming the manufacturer and dealer. I wanted to tell him we could test his theory with him standing in my driveway while I backed out of the garage. I bit my tongue and remained civil. I pulled up short of a lost temper and foul language. I told the guy we were at an impasse and there was no sense arguing any longer. "I'll fix it myself, and the next time I need anything for the dock or davits, I definitely know where NOT to go," I said.

I went to a competitor for a \$39.00 cable and had it installed in less than an hour. I figure I bought the guy pretty darned cheap. I'm no engineer, but I already have two very simple designs in mind for modifications that would prevent the cable from jumping the pulley. Either modification would work, even if, heaven forbid, some stupid jerk like me should let the cable go slack while making a hook-up. I'm going to settle on one of them and get it installed soon. Remember the two rules of davit operation ... No smashed boats! No squished pets!



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

**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL, AUG. 16, 1876**  
Zadoc Howe is building a new residence at the corner of Bridge and Jefferson.

The editor comments that burdock makes a pretty hedge along Lowell sidewalks, and that if you have lost any thistles, they can be found on several streets.

J. A. Duga's orchard in Grattan has very fine red Astrachan apples, says the editor.

The Journal offers a Special of nine weeks for 25 cents. John Wingler's grocery averaged sales of \$435 a day during July. He also shipped out nine tons of butter and 4000 dozen eggs.

**100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 15, 1901**  
The Lowell Canning Co. elects directors, hires an expert canner from Frazeyburg, Ohio, has Pere Marquette lay 400 feet of track to the factory and builds a sewer to the river.

The post office gets two desks and some sorting cases, government issue.

With the light and power company at full capacity, the editor calls for electric meters instead of the flat rate system.

F.J. Ford's hardware store in Alton also takes in wagon and blacksmith work.

A Chicago shoe manufacturer's sales have indicated that women of Kansas City have larger feet than the women of any other city.

**75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUG. 19, 1926**

W. W. Gumser succeeds R. J. McVean as school superintendent. He announces that several teachers are looking for places to board, and that the four courses of study will be College Preparatory, Home Economics, Agriculture and Commercial.

Runciman Co. contracts to hand-pick 2 million pounds of pea and other seeds for a Grand Rapids company. There will be 60 women hired to do the work at the Thomas elevator and the Chase factory buildings.

The Mammoth Historical Pageant will be presented at the West Michigan Fair in Grand Rapids, starting Aug. 30. 1500 singing and dancing young people will be involved.

Six barns and a church burned in last Thursday's electrical storm in Ionia County.

**50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 16, 1951**

Highland Hill Dairy and Lowell Creamery merge. 1000 quarts of milk are delivered daily around Lowell by three trucks.

The new workman's compensation act also applies to schoolteachers.

C.H. Runciman Co. is building a new 80 by 100 foot warehouse and a fourth silo for beans.

Eight houses are under construction in town. Separate articles state price supports for wheat at \$2.25 a bushel this year, and a goal of almost 25,000 acres of wheat for Kent County next year.

**25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUG. 19, 1976**

The school board holds a special session about the \$250,000 still in the Building and Site fund; it ranges over paying off bonds, tennis courts, a greenhouse and administrative space.

Harold Zeigler pays a record-breaking \$1,166 for a 4-H champion lamb, which he donates to the Franciscan Sisters House of Bread, a day care center.


Cook's Covered Bridge, ca. 1875-80, where the concrete 1931 bridge now stands at 48th Street SE of Cascade, parallel to a wooden railroad bridge, is pictured.

Lowell native Dr. Howard Peckham retires from his position as director of the Clement Library at the University of Michigan.

Sky Hi React, a group of volunteer CB'ers who monitor emergency channel 9, has assisted many motorists with emergencies already. It was founded July 11.

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**BERT R. BLEKE**  
Lowell Schools Superintendent



that we continue to find ways to reach out to our parents and our community to fully engage all in the education of children.

The school lives of our children pass quickly. It is important that we, as parents, take time to help our children grow and mature. Likewise, it is the school's responsibility to partner with parents to improve the learning of each child.

We know that our schools in Lowell are good. Many individuals have worked very hard over many years to create an open school system that can benefit all children. Our pledge is to continue to work in the future to improve all aspects of our school system.

Thank you for caring and helping in the past and we encourage you to join us in the future as we work together to make every child's life special.

*Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or bbleke@remc.k12.mi.us. (check out our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)*

Soon we will begin a new school year. It will be a year in which parents will hope that their sons and daughters find both academic success as well as happiness in their classrooms and other school activities. For many, particularly parents whose children will be entering their senior year, it will be bitter sweet as they anticipate the closing of a long chapter in their and their student's lives. For parents with kindergarten students, it is the beginning of a long journey that holds many unknowns and perhaps many fears. But for all it is a time of anticipation, hope, and perhaps relief as students leave summer vacations to enter the routine of school life.

Increasingly our Lowell staff has come to understand that we cannot provide the best education for each of our children without the full and active support of our parents and community. It is critical to the success of our school and our children

**Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...**

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page and must be signed.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: [ledgerb1@aol.com](mailto:ledgerb1@aol.com). Include daytime phone number for verification.

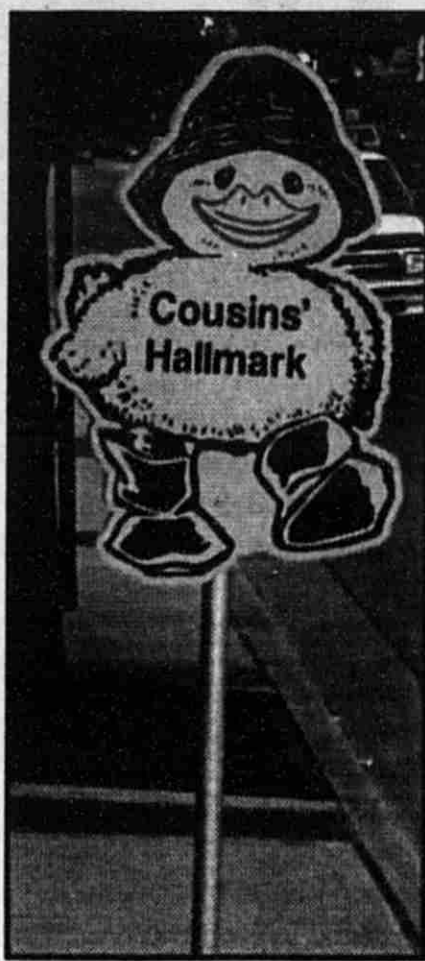
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# Sales has the "Dean" of ducks warming up to Riverwalk parade

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker. Last year's total duck ticket sales were \$5,320. This year's sales have been enhanced by a corporate duck program. The Chamber has sold 70 corporate ducks, all of which can be viewed via a drive along Main Street. "Individuals can buy the ducks too; it's not limited to just businesses and corporations," Baker said. The corporate ducks are sold for \$100. With the purchase, the business receives five duck race tickets and its name displayed on the duck. "It's a marketing program which is going to help raise more money toward the operation of the chamber - mak-



ing it more self sufficient," Baker explained. The Riverwalk parade will start at 11 a.m. Registration begins at 10. Parade participants are asked to enter the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds at the drive south of Bows Road on Hudson Street. Traffic will not be allowed to enter the fairgrounds from Broadway Street or Bows Road; Drop off points will be marked with big orange signs. The parade will line up on Broadway near Ottawa Street, travel on Broadway north to Main Street, east on Main Street to Jackson, north on Jackson to where the parade ends. Baker asks that parade participants get their applica-

tions in as early as possible. If there are questions or concerns, call her at 897-9161. Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine noted that candy should not be thrown from moving entries. Participants may walk along the parade route and hand out candy. Individuals must be 16 and have a valid driver's li-

*A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.*

Carl Reiner

# COLLEGE NEWS

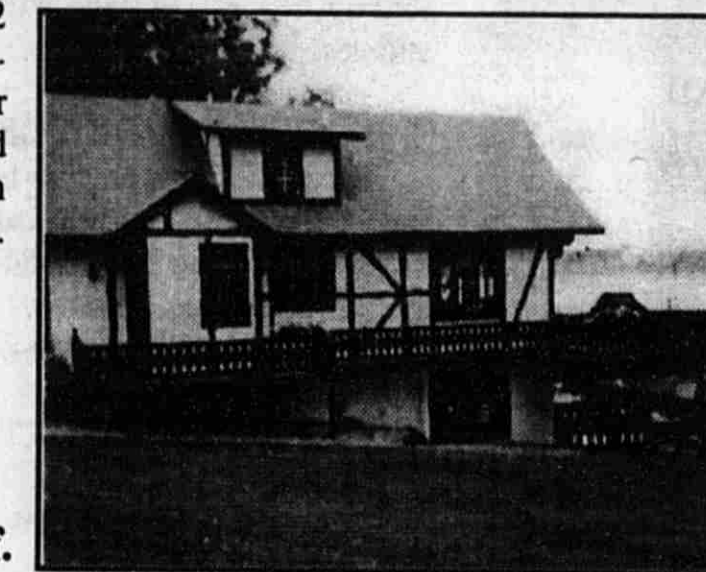
Calvin College has announced its 2001-2002 scholarships for new and transfer students. Students from the Lowell area include Daniel J. Huffman. He received the Calvin Presidential Scholarship and is the son of Eric and Susan Huffman; Andrea M. Renkema received the Calvin Dean's Scholarship and is the daughter of Rev. William and Riepma Renkema; Laura A. Befus received the Calvin Faculty Honors Scholarship. She is the daughter of Raymond and Carol Befus.

Calvin Presidential Scholarship. He is the son of Randall and Jean Boot; and Russell H. Spees, receiving the Calvin Faculty Honors Scholarship. He is the son of Russell and Holly Spees. Calvin is considered one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges and will have an enrollment of over 4,300 students this year. Over 90 percent of the student body receives financial assistance from Calvin, making it one of the country's more affordable private colleges. From the Alto area are Adam G. Boot, receiving the

awarded scholarships by the Food Marketing Program in the Haworth College of Business at Western Michigan University. LaHaye, a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School, received a Dorothy J. and Clinton J. Christoff Endowed Scholarship. A junior, she is a food marketing major and the daughter of Michael and Marsha LaHaye of Lowell. Awarded for the 2001-02 academic year, the scholarships recognize students for their academic excellence and extracurricular participation in the department's activities. Hard work without talent is a shame, but talent without hard work is a tragedy. Robert Half.

# RIVERWALK FESTIVAL NEEDS CRAFTSPERSONS

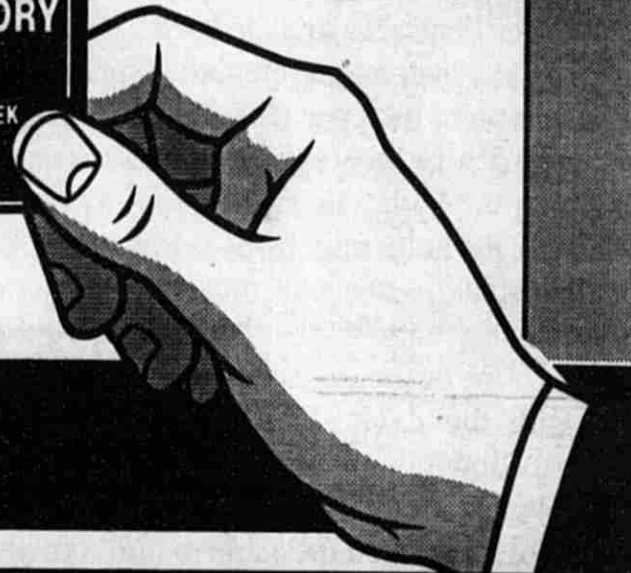
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking artists, craftsmen and herbalists who have choice inventory to showcase. These people are invited to share their wares at the 7th annual Riverwalk Festival 2001. Limited space is available. The city of Lowell has undergone extensive renovation in the downtown district with streetscapes and a Riverwalk Plaza located on the beautiful Flat River. Riverwalk Festival is always Saturday, Labor Day weekend. This year it will be held Sept. 1. The artists will open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. To add to the festivities there will also be a parade, an antique tractor show, live entertainment, food booths, a duck race and a health fair. For more information or an application, call Liz Baker at 897-9161.



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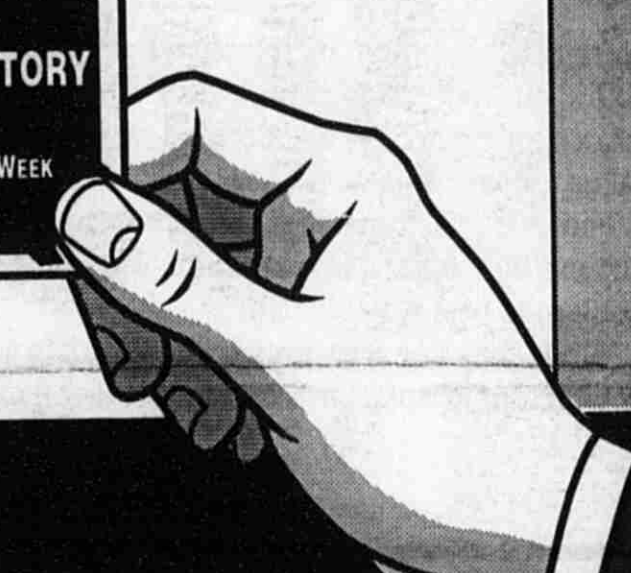
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**CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED**  
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is closed the week of Aug. 13 and will reopen on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

**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.

**TAKING FALL SOCCER SIGN-UPS AT YMCA**  
Soccer sign-ups are now being offered for ages 3-5 years and from kindergarten-8th grade at the Lowell branch YMCA. To register call the Y at 897-8445 or come to the Lowell office at 323 W. Main. Practices begin the week of Aug. 27. Registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 20.

**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 Neme 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.

**SMART START PROGRAM FOR NEW STUDENTS**  
Lowell High School will offer Smart Start program on Monday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. for new students and their parents. Important information will be shared and students will be able to familiarize themselves with the school. For information call 897-4125.

**WOODLAND CARVERS - NOAH'S ARK MODEL**  
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 thru Saturday, Aug. 18. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

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

quadruplets, the topic of selective reduction was discussed. "Both Paul and I decided that wasn't for us. We have a lot of faith, a strong marriage and decided we were going to do what it takes to make this work," Sikkenga explained.  
Paul adds, "The house will be crowded and we're going to be changing a lot of diapers, but we're going to deal with it together the best way we can."  
While they can only anticipate what life at home will be like with four infants, the Sikkengas know it has been a tiring

process. "I go to work in the morning, come home, take a shower and go to the hospital. We come home about 10 o'clock each night. Right now it doesn't really feel like we have four babies because they're all in their own incubator."  
The process has also been difficult, as it is a reminder of the emotional trauma they went through a year ago when they lost twins, Paul and Renee. Renee was a still birth and Paul died four hours after being born.  
"It's been scary because of what happened with our

twins," Teri Sikkenga said. "It's been an emotional roller coaster."  
The mother is now allowed to take her children's temperatures, change their diapers and give them sponge baths.  
Because their skin is so sensitive, the babies do not enjoy cuddling or the touch of their parents. "Right now it's skin-to-skin care. A baby is laid on my chest or Paul's - so they can feel my heartbeat and get a sense of touch and smell. The hospital calls this to have and not to hold."

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

into a negotiated construction management agreement."  
The type of agreement is looked upon favorably by city officials because of the size of the project where costs, timing and coordination are important.  
"Because of the size, complexity and cost (\$4 million) of the project, I am pleased with the approach presented by FTC&H," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale. "The renovation of a historic building makes it out of the ordinary

and another reason I support the concept."  
In addition, the proposed ordinance permits the council to authorize the exemption of public improvements from the competitive bidding process if such contracts are in the amount of \$10,000 or less. In such an event, the city council would still be required to approve the contract as finally negotiated.

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

He was very happy. It's the happiest he'd been in years. He was like a role model for her four children," Kloosterman explained.  
Rozema incurred non life-threatening injuries and was transported to Spectrum Hospital by Lowell/Rockford Ambulance.  
The driver of the Chevrolet and his two passengers sustained minor injuries.  
The name of the driver was not released pending further investigation of the accident.  
Ionia County Sheriff Department Sgt. Michael D. Seinen said preliminary investigation indicates that neither alcohol nor speed were a factor in the traffic crash.  
Laveque was the son of Joseph and the late Jean Laveque of Waterford, MI;

beloved brother of Denise (Brian) Stevens; Joe (Tracy); a loving uncle to Cooper and Hannah; and a dear and trusted friend to many, especially Marta Rozema and her children, David, Kyle, Matt and Anna. Jerry was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing with his special friends. Visitation is Wednesday (Aug. 15) at Donelson, Johns and Evans Funeral Home, 5391 Highland Rd. in Waterford. Funeral services are Thursday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Dixie Highway, in Waterford.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.  
A date for a memorial service has not yet been set.

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**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held on **Monday, August 20, 2001 at 7:00 PM**, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 to consider the following application and accepting public comment:

JPH Development is requesting final development plan approval for "Headwaters" before the Township Board for the purpose of developing property located at 11311 Bailey Dr. in the SW 1/4 of section 21, RA zoning district, into a single family (PUD) planned unit development (18 clustered lots surrounded by large common areas and trails to remain permanently in their natural state).

The public hearing is to accept comment on the final development plan for lots and open space and construction of the private road within the Headwaters development.

The complete application is available for reviewing at the Township Offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 during office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Call with questions 616-897-5671, or fax to 616-897-5674.

Written comments will be accepted if received by 3:00 pm August 20, 2001. Comments can also be emailed to [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org).

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## Bosserd recipient of FFA national scholarship award

James Bosserd, a 2001 Lowell High School graduate, was awarded a \$1,500 Monsanto Company/American Farm Bureau scholarship by the National FFA Organization. The scholarship is sponsored by Monsanto Company/American Farm Bureau as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Bosserd plans to use the funds to pursue a degree in ag engineering at Michigan State University. His parents are Jim and Jane Bosserd of Lowell.

The Monsanto Company/American Farm Bureau scholarship is one of 1480 awarded through the National FFA Scholarship Program this year. Over 200 corporate sponsors generously contribute nearly \$2 million to support this program. This is the 18th year that scholarships have been made available through the National FFA Foundation by business and industry sponsors to reward and encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

Scholarship recipients were selected from more than 11,500 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on the applicant's academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural experience program in agricultural education, career plans and financial need.

FFA is a national organization of 455,306 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. It strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

## Nausieda and Brinks win GR 2-man volleyball league

Ed Nausieda and Ryan Brinks, of Lowell, won the Grand Rapids' open 2-man beach volleyball league. Their overall record was 43-7, and they went 2-0 in the semifinals (11-5, 11-8) and 2-0 in the finals (11-4, 11-8).

Nausieda, a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School, received a BA from Aquinas College and an MA from Northern Illinois University. He currently teaches communications courses at Lansing Community College.

Brinks is also a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School. He received a BS from Davenport College and is currently the Director of Operations at JHP in Sparta.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 10 (R-5 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT)

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the proposed amendment to Article 10 (R-5 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT) of the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended).

The proposed amendment would modify the procedures for review and approval of preliminary plans for manufactured housing communities in the R-5 Manufactured Housing Community District and would amend the general requirements for manufactured housing communities to provide for the following: average site size of 5,500 square feet (subject to reduction to 4,400 square feet if an equal amount of open space is provided); allowance of on-site model homes for sale while prohibiting street sales centers; layout of a community in accordance with acceptable planning and engineering practices; allowance of a maximum of one sign not to exceed 32 square feet; the inclusion of a circulation plan with access to all playgrounds or recreation areas from internal roads with not less than two access points; regulation of resident vehicle parking with two parking spaces for each home site; regulation of visitor parking facilities with one parking space for visitors for every three home sites; sidewalk requirements if the community density is five (5) or more units per gross acre; requirements for utilities including connection to public sewer, if available, and public water, if available and underground installation of electric, telephone, cable television, and natural gas; illumination of vehicular and sidewalk systems; minimum separation distances between homes and minimum setbacks for accessory structures; skirting requirements; minimum setbacks of homes and other structures from property boundary lines and public rights-of-way; interior landscaping requirements; screening and buffering when a community is adjacent to a non-vacant parcel of land; regulation of speed limits (not to exceed 15 mph) and traffic signs; and designated open space requirements of not less than 2% of the community's gross acreage if the community contains 50 or more home sites.

The proposed amendment would also amend the definitions of "mobile home" and "mobile home park" in Sections 2.53 and 2.54 of the Zoning Ordinance to refer to "manufactured homes" and "manufactured housing communities," respectively.  
The proposed zoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, and Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

August 10, 2001  
Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

## Lowell Leadership committee seeking applicants

Would you like to sharpen your leadership skills, learn more about the Lowell area, expand understanding of community issues, organizations and volunteer opportunities?

If the answer is yes, Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence has openings in the leadership program that begins on Sept. 22. For more information and an application, call Liz Baker at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161.

**Lowell Football PUNT PASS & KICK**

**SATURDAY: AUGUST 25, 2001**  
Lowell High School "Field C"

**REGISTRATION - 9:30 A.M.**  
**COMPETITION - 10:00 A.M.**

**BOYS & GIRLS AGES 8-15**  
8-9; 10-11; 12-13 & 14-15  
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## Quilt Fix

Members of the Bowne Township Historical Association are busy putting together a quilt which will be raffled off at the Dec. 22 Christmas open house at the Bowne Township Historical Museum. The queen-size quilt pattern is titled "Broken Dishes." Tickets for the quilt are six for \$5 or \$1 apiece and are available at the township office, the Riverwalk Festival and the Alto Festival; also from Bowne Township Historical Association members. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kim Culbertson, Janet VanWyck and Sally Johnson.

*There is never a better measure of what a person is than what he does when he's absolutely free to choose.*

William M. Bulger

## GARAGE SALE SECTION



### GARAGE SALE

Boys clothes/jeans, computer games, bikes & misc. household items. Fri., 8/17 & Sat., 8/18, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 407 N. Division.

### GARAGE SALE

Wood stove, Chevy tailgate & tool box, 5 gal. pails, hunting hats, towel sets, crafts. Aug. 16, 17 & 18, 901 Flat River Ct.

### GARAGE SALE

Aug. 24, 25, 26; 9-6 p.m. 1463 Parnell SE, 1 mile north of M-21. Furniture, games, clothes size 7 & up; other items too numerous to list.

### "TREASURES FOR SALE"

One day only: Fri., Aug. 17, 9-5 p.m. 11748 Five Mile Rd., Murray Lake. Round table & 4 chairs, collectibles, Christmas decorations, misc. household goodies, puzzles, books, post cards, something for everyone! NEW STUFF!!!

### ADA

Baby items galore, maternity clothes, household items, computer, and much more. Thurs. & Fri. 9-4 p.m. 935 Pine Valley (M-21 to Bennett).

### AUGUST 16, 17, 9-5 P.M.

819 Lincoln Lake. Clothes, books, games, toys, Diablo skates, water heater, snowmobiles, home deco., Jan Hagara, Gnomes, Precious Moment figurines.

### GARAGE SALE

1487 Hawley Hwy., Saranac, located 2 miles N. of M-21 on the corner of Hawley Hwy. & Sayles Rd. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Aug. 16 - 18 from 8 a.m. - ? Surround Sound System w/receiver, antique dresser w/mirror, complete Avon nativity collection, craft items & supplies, treadmill, clothing & misc. items.

### GARAGE SALE

Saturday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Girls day bed, little girls clothes, lots of miscellaneous items. 10455 Settlewood.

### GARAGE SALE

Aug. 18, from 9-4 p.m. 2450 Gee Dr. (Alden Nash by Harold Zeigler Ford), follow the signs. Furniture, clothes & lots of good stuff priced to sell.

### BARN SALE

Collectibles/antiques. Sat., Aug. 18, 12-6 p.m. 843 Montcalm NE, Fallasburg Park area. View items at www.iserv.net/~agharris. 897-6998.

### GARAGE SALE

Thurs., Aug. 16, 9-5 p.m. Mech. drafting table, gas stove, small desk, women's clothes, Barbie's clothes and more. 946 Lincoln Lake, corner of Hunt.

### GARAGE SALE

Thurs., Fri., & Sat., Aug. 16, 17, 18. Lots of stuff 417 Hunt St. corner of Lincoln Lake & Hunt St.

### GARAGE SALE

Aug. 17 & 18, 9-5 p.m. 10655 Grand River Ave. (1/8 mile east of Jimmy's Grill). Infant thru adult clothes, (men, women, girls and boys), household items, toys, roller blades, ice skates and much, much more.

### GARAGE SALE

800 Bowes Rd, Aug. 16 & 17, 9-3 p.m. Stereo, clothes, toys & other misc. items.

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## Thank You

*I would like to thank the following people and businesses for donating items for the Moose 809 Golf Outing that was held July 28th at Arrowhead Golf course.*

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*To everyone who helped make this a successful outing... thank you! Mom, Randy, Dad, Cliff, Sally and Deb, thank you for all your hard work! Grandma Rosie, you did an excellent job cooking. Thanks. Looking forward to same time next year, sign up early!*

Angie Carlson,  
Publicity chairperson

*The Lowell Moose Lodge would like to thank all the parents & kids who joined us in the Fishing Derby.*

*A BIG THANKS to Back Alley Bait & the Women of the Moose for supplying the kids with worms! Everyone who just came down to help & watch the kids fish - THANK YOU! We could not have done it without you. Remember the last Derby is Saturday, August 18th!*

Roger Miller  
Jodi Reynolds

## Kaeb brothers capture spirit of youth fair in action and words

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The senior dairy showmanship contest was the final event for two brothers whose Kent County Youth Fair combined tenure covers nearly 22 years.

Aaron and Ben Kaeb did not compete; instead they relished in the opportunity to maneuver their dairy cows around the Reath Barn floor one final time.

"We watched our older siblings grow and do well and then it was our turn to follow them," said Aaron Kaeb. "It was just fun to be out there. Most of the people out there were cousins,

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Aaron Kaeb, left, and Ben Kaeb participated in their final Kent County Youth Fair. The two competed in the Senior Dairy Showmanship event.

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, AT 7:00 P.M.

at which time and place the following subject will be heard.

Jeff Schafer has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.13[C] and 9.03 [A] for an accessory building 24' in height exceeding the height requirement of 18' for the RR Zoning district. Said parcel is located at 9796 Tiffany Creek, Rockford, MI permanent parcel #41-12-16-300-031.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE MOBILE HOME PARKS AS A USE ALLOWED BY RIGHT IN THE R-3 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to Section 8.02 of the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate mobile home parks as a use allowed by right in the R-3 Urban Residential District.

The proposed zoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

August 10, 2001  
Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

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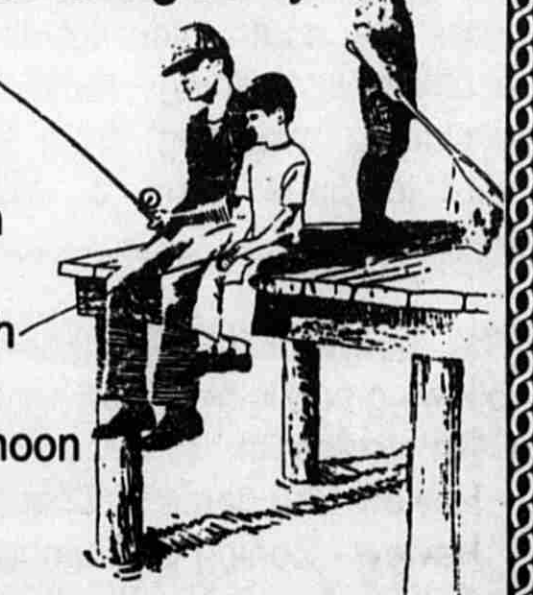
## Here We Go Again!

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# Heat doubled the electricity output required by Lowell Light & Power

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

On an average summer/spring day, Lowell Light and Power operates at between 7-9 mega watts of electricity. Last week's record-breaking heat indexes were not your average summer days. LL&P was running at all-time peak loads - 15 mega watts.

"Every circuit was loaded to the max and our transformers were running within a hair of their rated capacity," said Lowell Light & Power general manager, Tom Richards. "I'm sure the amount of energy used over those days peaked as well."

Lowell is a member of a power pool which serves 13 cities. Last week (Monday through Thursday) the pool set a new peak every day. The pool was using over 800 mega watts of electricity. "Every city in the pool was running every generator to full capacity," Richards said. "Electricity has to be created at the moment it's being used."

Lowell was running its peaking generators from 9 a.m. until 9-10 p.m.

There were no outages during this time with the exception of the Lowell Fairgrounds, where a circuit burned up. "It was

overloaded. The system being used there is not adequate for the number of people and electricity being used," Richards said. "It just wasn't designed for what they are doing now."

## Kaeb Brothers, cont'd ... From Page 11

distant cousins or friends. It was probably the most laid back dairy showmanship you'll see."

On this day, for the second year, the Michigan State students were beaten out by Byron Center's Bobbi Myer. Aaron Kaeb finished second and Ben Kaeb placed third.

"I knew early on that Bobbi would probably win. On this day, her cow was setting up better than mine," Aaron said. "I'm usually a little ahead of Ben in showing dairy, but Ben has finished ahead of me showing beef."

4-H and showing exhibits and animals at the fair have been a Kaeb family thing. Now that the last of the Kaeb children have finished years of participation, one might assume that the Kaeb factor will fade away.

Not so fast! "As long as their mother (Luanne) remains a leader of the Alto Active Achievers 4-H Club, we'll probably all remain involved," Ben Kaeb said. "I already help teach her kids how to show poultry, cows and beef. That's exciting as well as seeing them do well."

The Kaeb brothers agree that attitude is 70 percent of showing an animal at the fair.

"No matter what happens or how the animal acts, you

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 20, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following variance request:

- 145 S. Center Street - Steven and Perry Cook wish to construct a 24' x 30' detached garage within two feet (with roof overhang) from the south side lot line. A detached accessory building must be three feet (including overhang) from the side or rear yard lot lines. Thus, a variance has been petitioned.

The Lowell City Council will conduct the following public hearings:

- An ordinance to amend Section 18.06 Review Standards of Chapter 18 Site Plan Review - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.
- An ordinance to add Article V, "Moving of Buildings and Structures," to Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.
- An ordinance to amend Article II of Chapter 2, "Administration," of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell by Adding Division 3 "Construction Management Contract."

Copies of the above ordinances amendments are available for inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

Interested persons may submit comments To Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk  
616-897-8457



## KEENE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.

Keene Township Hall  
8505 Potters Rd.  
Saranac, MI 48881

Keene Township Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing and accepting comments from the public for the following requests for amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Property owned by Verne Lettinga and Michigan Agri Systems of Lake Odessa Inc. is applying for a rezoning of land approximately 118 acres located at the SW corner of Whites Bridge Rd. and Sayles Rd. in the SE quarter of section 30, parcel numbers 34-070-030-000-055-00 and 34-070-030-000-050-01. The application is requesting rezoning from Agricultural-Residential to Low Density Residential for the purpose of discontinuing farming and constructing a manufactured home development.

A text amendment to the zoning ordinance is proposed by the Planning Commission. The proposed amendment is for Article II, Section 2.02 Definitions of "Lot" to remove the word "not" from the following sentence: A lot shall not include road easements or road right-of-ways. This amendment will allow new lots to include right of ways as part of the lot area.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the zoning map and text ordinance amendments. Written comments will be considered if mailed and received at the Keene Township Hall before September 4, 2001. Comments may be emailed to zoningadmin@msn.com. A map of the land location and the text amendment will be available for viewing displayed in the window next to the Township Hall front door.

Planning Commission of Keene Township

## must remain positive and keep a smile on your face. If you don't, you haven't got a prayer," Ben Kaeb said.

With the fair behind them, the Kaeb brothers prepare for another year at MSU. Aaron is studying crop and soil sciences and Ben is studying entomology.

"We've been quite competitive over the years, but it's been fun," Ben Kaeb said.

## Showboat to feature local church performers

The Lowell Area Ministerium will be sponsoring *Sunday Night Alive* on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Lowell Showboat.

*Sunday Night Alive* will feature a variety of performers from local churches, with Rev. Tim Deshaw, pastor of Lowell Church of the Nazarene, as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The community is invited to join in to celebrate the good things of God at the close of the summer season.

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A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.  
—Henrik Ibsen  
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## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, September 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township zoning Ordinance. A summary follows:

**Article III Zoning Districts, Section 201.308 "C" Commercial District:**

The proposed amendments are to modify the current "C" Commercial section to rename as "GC" General Commercial District and provide for permitted uses and special exception uses and clarifications for the current commercial districts. A new district and section 201.3085 "CC" Community Commercial District is proposed to be added. This section is to provide for a village atmosphere of small-scale commercial, office and residential land uses and includes permitted and special exception uses, dimensional and design standards, open space and landscaping standards, lot size and use restrictions.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5651 [fax 897-5674]**. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

**TUES.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building, Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**EVERY MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

**EVERY SUN. THRU OCT. 21:** Free admission to the Fallsburg one-room schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Rd. between Fallsburg Park Drive and McPherson/Potters Road. From 2 to 6 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallsburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

**MON. OR TUES.:** Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

**EVERY 1ST MON.:** V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills

that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

**TUES.:** Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

**TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

**1ST TUES.:** WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

**EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY 1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons Bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

**EVERY WED.:** Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

**WED.:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

**EVERY WED.:** The "Peppers" group (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week to cover expenses. Transportation is available. For more information, call Pat at the Center at 897-7842.

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

**EVERY FOURTH WED.:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**EVERY FOURTH WED.:** Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

**EVERY WED.:** Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

**EVERY THURS.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY THURS.:** - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

**FIRST THURS.:** 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir room. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

**SECOND SAT.:** Lowell 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 system.

**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.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURS.:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner

of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY SECOND THURS.:** Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

**SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

**SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH:** Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**EVERY SECOND & LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH:** James C. Vein Observatory (3308 Kissing Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if the night is clear. \$2 adults; \$1 children to 18. For info. call Starwatch at 897-7065.

**SECOND SAT.:** Lowell 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 system.

**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.

**EVERY FRI. & SAT.:** Kellogg Bird Sanctuary at Gull Lake and "Christ the King" Cathedral in Kalamazoo.

**ENGLERHARDT 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.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting is held the third Mon. of each month at 8 p.m.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

**MON., AUG. 20:** The Lowell Athletic Boosters Club will hold their regular business meeting at 7 p.m. at the Red Arrow stadium concession stand. Come and support our athletes.

**MON., AUG. 20:** The Clark-Ellis American Legion & Auxiliary will hold their family picnic at Creekside Park at 6 p.m. Meat and beverage furnished; bring dish to pass & own table service.

**SAT., AUG. 25:** James C. Vein Observatory Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. weather permitting. \$1 children, \$2 adults. Call 897-7065 for directions or

visit their website at www.graaa.org.

**SAT., AUG. 25:** Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES invites family and friends to their Friendship Potluck Picnic at Creekside Park from 3-5 p.m. Bratwurst, chicken breast & beverages furnished; bring a dish to pass & own table service. RSVP by Aug. 24 to Nancy Domanski (897-1310) & leave message.

**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, shingle mill, blacksmith, spark show, etc.

**SUN., AUG. 26:** *Sunday Night Alive* at 6 p.m. at Lowell Showboat; a variety of performers from local churches to celebrate the good things of God at the close of the summer season.

**MON., AUG. 27:** Smart Start program at Lowell High School at 7 p.m. for new students and parents; to familiarize them with the school, block scheduling, classes, etc. Call 897-4125 for more information.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**WED., AUG. 15:** Adv. Council. **THURS., AUG. 23:** 12:40 p.m. Shop at Family Fare

**THURS., AUG. 16:** Noon: Dance. **FRI., AUG. 24:** 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

**FRI., AUG. 17:** 12:40 p.m. Visit "Clever Cook" & Fabianni Ice Cream Store. **MON., AUG. 27:** 12:40 p.m. Shop at Wal-Mart and Dollar Store.

**MON., AUG. 20:** 12:40 p.m. Cribbage. **TUES., AUG. 28:** 12:40 p.m. Shop at Sam's Club.

**TUES., AUG. 21:** 7:15 Gambling. **WED., AUG. 29:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

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

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

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!



# Lowell area residents earn planner program certificates

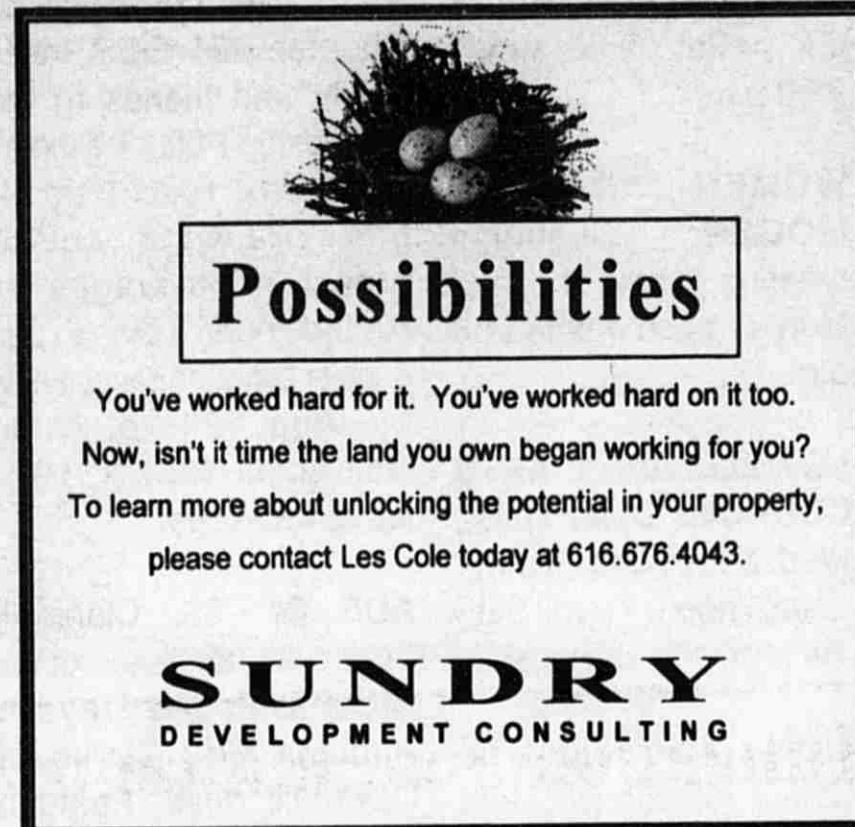
Michigan State University Extension Citizen Planner Program will award 12 Lowell area citizens and planning officials certificates for successfully completing the program. Recipients of the citizen planner certificates must attend six, two-hour training sessions on planning and zoning techniques and complete 30 hours of land use related community service. The community service requirement, however, is waived for participants holding an elected or appointed position with a municipality.

The following Lowell individuals have received or will receive certificates: Nancy Benner, planning commissioner, Grattan Township; Paula Blumm, trustee, Lowell Charter Township; Tim Clements, Lowell Charter Township resident; Mark Fleet, Vergennes Township resident; Philip Fye, Vergennes Township resident; Donielle Harloff, Lowell Charter Township resident; Paul Harloff, Lowell Charter Township resident; Alicia Harris, Vergennes Township

resident; Debra Hinton, Lowell City Planning Commissioner; James Pfaller, Lowell City Planning Commissioner and Zoning Board of Appeals member; Steve Platt, Vergennes Township resident; Dave Simmonds, Lowell Charter Township Planning Commissioner and Zoning Board of Appeals member.

Citizen planner is a non-credit course series developed by Michigan State University Extension to address the basic ongoing training needs of citizens appointed to serve on local land use planning bodies.

For more information about the Citizen Planner Program, contact Kendra Gunter at (616) 458-6805.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 01-01334-DM

v.  
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TO: MARIO OROZCO  
IT IS ORDERED:  
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July 25, 2001

Patricia D. Gardner,  
Judge

mitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days after publication of this matter for 3 consecutive weeks. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331 three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.



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**ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE** from 7-8pm with a dessert fellowship.

**REGULAR AWANA Club Night** will begin August 29 from 6:15-8:00pm The bus will be running.



**REGISTRATION FORM:**

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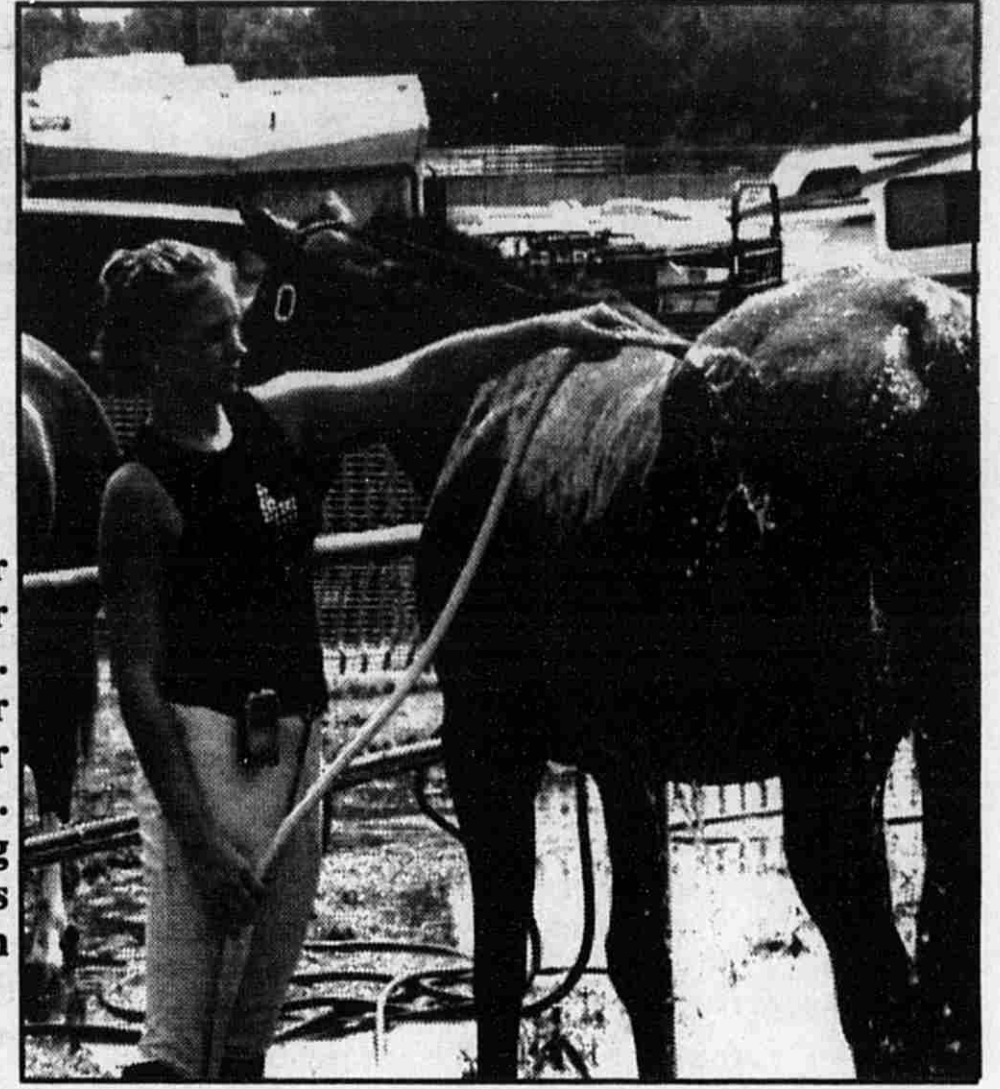
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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

# Dealing with the Heat

The stifling heat during fair week required extra water for animals and exhibitors alike. Pictured to the left with her horse Missy in the sprinkler is Rockford's Lindsay Huber. Pictured to the right, hosing down her horse "Toes" is Rachael Morrison of Byron Center.



# School lunch prices will increase for 2001-02 school year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in eight years there will be a lunch price increase at Lowell Area Schools.

The meal prices in 2001-02 are as follows:

Elementary lunch \$1.45; Middle and High School lunch \$1.60; Adult lunch \$2.35; Elementary breakfast 90 cents; Middle and High School breakfast \$1.10; and Adult breakfast \$1.65

Assistance is available for families who may need it. Applications are available in all

building offices and kitchens. Reduced price lunches remain at 40 cents, breakfast at 30 cents; free meals are available to those who qualify.

"We strive for continued improvement and hope to continue to serve the students with the finest program that we can provide," said Lowell food service director, Lynne Kotarski.

For questions, comments or suggestions, call 897-4443. Last year there was a 1.8 percent increase in total student lunches and a 7.7 per-

cent increase in total lunch program revenues. However, the lunch program operated at a deficit of \$36,010. In 1999-00 it operated at a deficit of \$105,249.

Kotarski told the school board Monday night that it was realistic to think the program will operate in the black for the 2001-02 school year based on the price increases.


Even with the price increase there are only three schools in the county with lower lunch costs, according to Kotarski.

Information is golden. I want everyone to get as much information as possible - you cannot have a democracy without an informed people.

Helen Thomas

**Shhhhhh.....**

Don't tell anyone but it's Sharon McFall's 60th Birthday August 19...She told us not to tell, but if you happen to bump into her in the bank wish her a happy 60th!



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# Lowell Area Education Foundation to mail out school calendars this week

Lowell residents with children in the Lowell School District will be receiving their free copy of Lowell Area Education Foundation's annual "Partners in Education" calendar.

The calendar keeps parents and students abreast of all the school and sporting events throughout the year.

The calendar was mailed out on Wednesday. A limited number of copies will be available at a multitude of Lowell businesses.

"The calendar is a valuable aid to parents during the school year," said Marsha Wilcox, a member of the Lowell Area Education Foundation. "The December portion of the calendar will have an envelope attached to it so if people choose to, they can make a

donation to the Foundation.

The businesses which will carry extra copies of the calendar are Meijer, Mass Mutual Life Insurance (Mac McPherson), First Baptist Church of Lowell, McGee Homestead Bed & Breakfast, Curtis Cleaners, Roger Chapman, agent, State Farm Insurance, Roll Away Family Fun Center, Speerstra Insurance Agency, BJ Roark & Co., Inc., Lowell YMCA, Litehouse, Root-Lowell, Lowell Amoco, Reedy Realty, Ward Electric Inc., Huntington Banks, Friendly Lowell Dentists, Ionia County National Bank, Gerst Funeral Homes, Lowell Showboat Garden Club and Overbeck Construction Co. Inc.

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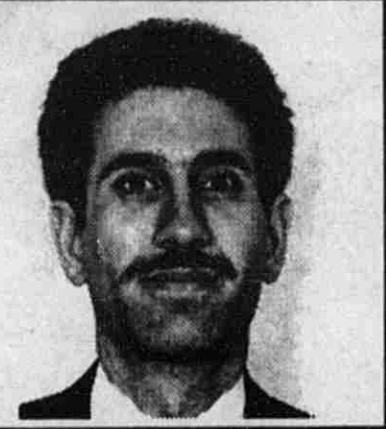
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# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** You have an interesting and informative column. In one of your prior articles you gave some information on what a homeowner should do when selling their home without the use of a realtor. It seems like I saved the article, but I can't find it. Can you give me some information on this subject? Thank you.

**JONATHAN SAYS:** There are two important points to keep in mind when selling a home without a realtor. First of all, you want to make sure that you properly document all of the terms and conditions regarding the sale of the home. You will also want to make sure that you comply with certain disclosure requirements required of sellers under Michigan law.

As to the agreement itself, several key points to keep in mind:

1. It must be in writing to be enforceable.
2. If you as the seller are married, then your wife must sign the agreement to make it enforceable against the buyer.
3. You want to properly identify the property being sold. Also, if there is any personal property being sold with the home, the agreement should so indicate.
4. The agreement should include the purchase price, the time and method of payment and the amount of the earnest money deposit being made by the buyer.
5. As for buyer's method of payment, will he be paying cash at closing or will he be purchasing the property from you on land contract. This needs to be documented.
- Also, if buyer plans to get financing through a bank or financial institution, there should be language included that dictates when the buyer is required to apply for the loan and the date that loan needs to be secured in order for the transaction to be consummated.
6. Provisions relating to buyer's right to inspect the property at his cost should be spelled out, as well as what rights the buyer has if he does not like the inspection reports, i.e., can he

terminate the contract, can he require you as seller to contribute toward the cost of repairs, etc.

7. There should be a provision dealing with real estate taxes and assessments. Are the taxes to be prorated and if so, how, or instead of prorating taxes, is buyer simply going to be responsible for those taxes and assessments which become due subsequent to the closing date?

8. Is there going to be a survey (a lending institution will require one) and who shall pay for the cost of same. This is typically buyer's responsibility.

9. There should be a provision requiring you as seller to provide evidence of your title to the property. This is done by the issuance of a title insurance policy which is typically at seller's cost. This provision should also include what happens if any defects in title show up on the title work.

10. Will there be any contingencies that need to be met before buyer is required to consummate the transaction? If so, those contingencies need to be spelled out. For instance, if buyer's obligation to close is subject to his ability to get financing, then the agreement needs to say that. There are other types of contingencies that a buyer may want to include in the agreement. As seller, you will want to allow buyer as few contingencies as possible.

11. A provision should be included indicating when and where the closing is to take place, as well as under what conditions that closing date can be extended. There should also be language included as to who is responsible for the various fees associated with the closing. Typically, the buyer is responsible for the costs of recording the deed and the mortgage and the seller is responsible for the cost of recording any discharge of mortgage, as well as the transfer taxes (both county and state) which will be imposed upon the sale of the property.

12. You might want to include a provision that sets forth certain remedies in the event either party to the agreement defaults.

13. A provision should be included indicating when possession is to be turned over to the buyer. Is this to take place at closing, or are you, as seller, going to have the right to retain possession of the property for a period of time after closing? If you are going to retain possession of the property after the closing, then language should be included spelling out your rights and obligations as tenant and the buyer's rights and obligations as landlord while you are in control of the property. For instance, there should be language how much rent, if any, is to be paid by you, when the property needs to be vacated and what happens if you fail to vacate in a timely fashion, whether the buyer has the right to come onto the property while you are still in possession, etc.

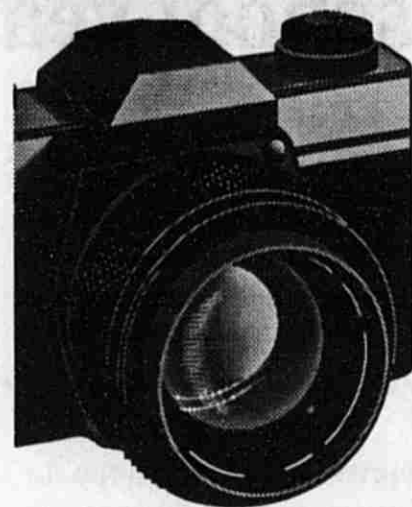
14. There are several standard provisions that are typically included in these types of agreements, such as a time is of the essence clause, a binding effect clause, a severability clause, an amendment clause and a governing law clause.

15. All parties to the agreement should execute and date the agreement.

There are certain disclosures that a seller is required to make to a buyer under Michigan law. For instance, the seller is required to provide to buyer a seller disclosure statement which provides the buyer with certain information regarding the condition of the property. Further, if the home was constructed prior to 1978, then under federal law the seller is required to provide buyer with a lead based paint disclosure statement. Since the form of the disclosure statements are governed by Michigan and federal law, respectively, you will want to make sure that you use those mandated forms for providing those disclosures to the buyer.

This is a very general answer to what is involved in putting together a real estate purchase agreement. I recommend that before you finalize any such purchase agreement, that you have it reviewed (if not prepared by) an attorney knowledgeable in residential real estate transactions.

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There are three rules for writing well. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

Somerset Maugham

# Dunn crowned 2001 Kent County Youth Fair Queen

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

4-H has been very, very good to Jeanie Dunn. Last year she was the grand champion in the hunt seat and over fences competition in the state horse show at Michigan State University; she was selected by the state to compete in the Mid South Team Challenge at the Kentucky Horse Park; and she was a member of Lowell's state champion equestrian team.

The Lowell senior has been showing horses for 10 years. This year marked the fourth year she has competed with "Buddy," her appendix quarter horse.

In a last-minute decision, Dunn decided to run for Kent County Youth Fair Queen. The same success she's enjoyed showing horses followed her through the queen competition. Dunn was crowned queen on Sunday (Aug. 5) following the Kent County Youth Fair's opening ceremonies.

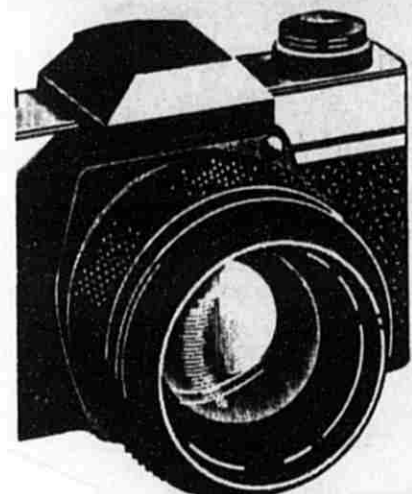
"It's the first time I've ever run for queen. I'm very proud of the honor. The role of queen gives me an opportunity to represent the Kent County Youth Fair and to give something back," Dunn said. "As queen I will attend events, parades and set up community service projects."

The fair marked the last time Dunn will show "Buddy." The senior will head off to college next September and will sell her horse. Dunn's current plans are to study politics and/or education (elementary teaching).



Members of the 2001 Kent County Youth Fair Court, left to right, are: Clint Steketee, Caledonia, junior king; Morgan Olin, Lowell, junior queen; Shannon Conson, Walker, Kent County Youth Fair first runner-up; Jeanie Dunn, Ada, Kent County Youth Fair Queen; and Stephanie Peavey, Lowell, Kent County Youth Fair second runner-up.

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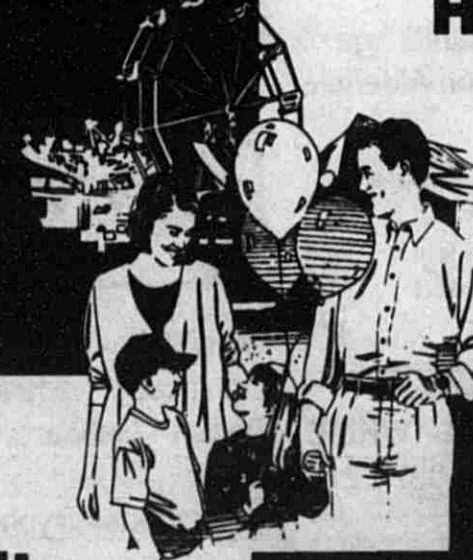
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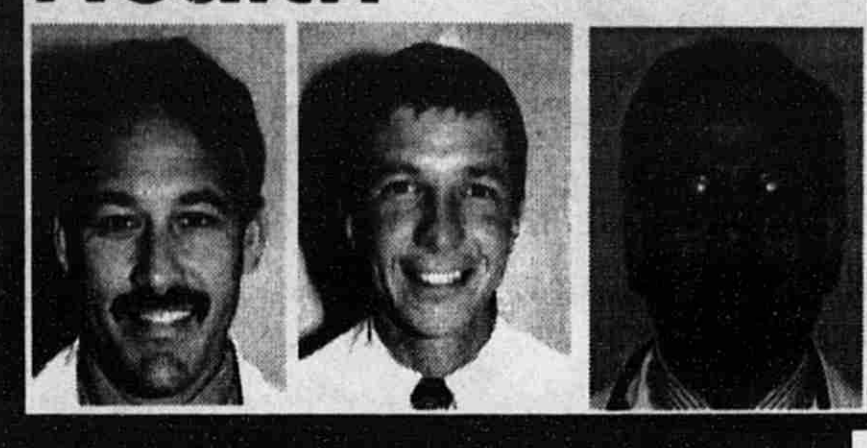
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Calcaneal exostosis (heel spur) is a common problem. It is characterized by heel pain that causes pain and difficulty

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The pain is located usually at the inner weight-bearing area of the calcaneus (heel bone). The spur results from strain, injuring the attachment of the plantar fascia (tissue) to the calcaneus. Any activity that increases weight-bearing or pressure such as running or jogging or excessive foot pronation (turning in of the foot) or a sudden change to flat shoes after wearing high heels can cause inflammation to the plantar fascia.

X-rays frequently demonstrate the spur at the point of

tenderness. Spurs can be found incidentally on X-rays in individuals without pain.

Treatment is aimed at decreasing the inflammatory process and treating any underlying mechanical problems. Avoid any activities that put constant strain on the foot. A heel cup or felt can be inserted in the shoe to relieve pressure on the heel. Anti-inflammatory medication may be prescribed. An injection of corticosteroid and anesthetic into the tender area of the heel usually brings dramatic relief from pain. Orthotic devices may be prescribed to alleviate mechanical pronation. If conservative treatment fails, a painful heel may require surgical treatment.

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long-term care policy to meet your individual needs. But here are some general guidelines to keep in mind as you consider long-term coverage:

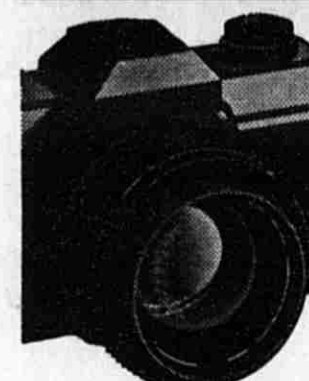
- **Look for a stable company** - You may not actually need to use your long-term care coverage for several decades - so you'll want to go with a company that will be around. To make sure your potential long-term care provider is financially stable and secure, consult research from reputable independent rating agencies, such as A.M. Best Company, Standard & Poor's, Duff & Phelps and Moody's Investors Services.

- **Don't wait too long for coverage** - Consider buying a policy before you turn 60 or, at the latest, 65. Long-term care premiums typically increase sharply between ages 60 and 70.

- **Look for the best features** - Not all long-term policies contain the same elements. The best policies pay for care in a nursing home assisted living facility or a private home. You'll also want to find a policy that offers inflation protection, especially if you're under 65 when you purchase coverage. And you'll want a policy that offers a waiver of premium, so that you won't have to pay additional premiums once you start receiving benefits.

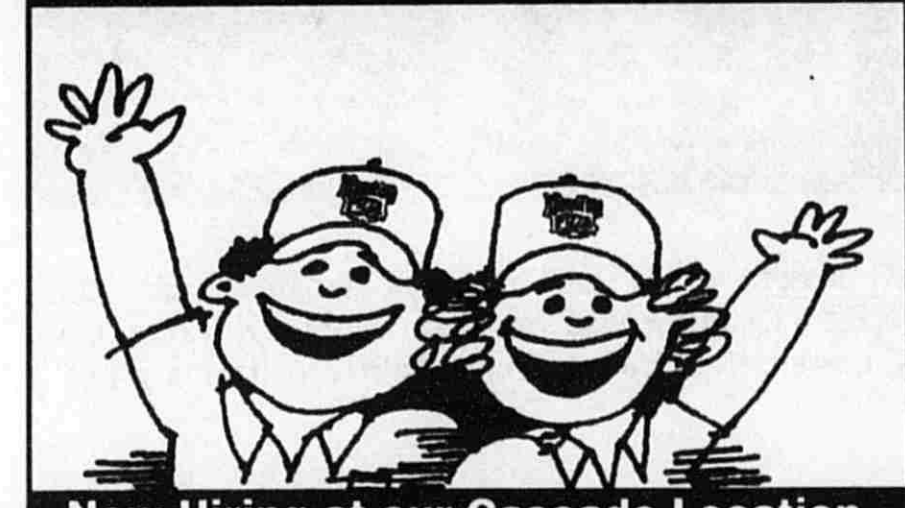
By starting early, taking your time and shopping around, you can find a good, solid long-term care policy that fits into your overall financial picture. And once you've got this coverage in place, you should be able to enjoy your retirement years much more fully. You'll have gone a long way toward protecting yourself and your family from an unforeseen - but potentially catastrophic - event.

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**Long-term care policy can protect you and your family**

All of us hope to grow old gracefully, enjoying good health, living independently and never burdening our families. And many of us will be able to do just that, thanks to advances in medicine and a greater awareness of the lifelong importance of healthy lifestyles.

Nonetheless, the possibility exists that any of us could some day need some type of long-term care, such as that provided by a nursing home. Consider these facts:

- The odds are one in three that a man over 65 will need long-term care; for women over 65, the odds are one in two.
- The average cost for one year in a nursing home is approximately \$50,000 - but it can be close to \$100,000 in some major metropolitan areas.
- Medicare will pay only a small portion of long-term care costs.

If you ever have to come up with this type of money, you may end up jeopardizing the financial security in retirement that you've worked so hard to achieve. Even worse, you could lose your financial independence - and force your family to step in.

You can avoid these scenarios by transferring the risk of long-term care to an insurance company. Many insurers now offer long-term care policies that cover the costs of extended nursing home stays, home health care providers and other types of long-term care.

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- CARD OF THANKS**
- FOR RENT**
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