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Drizzle does little to dampen spirits at first sizzlin' concert



Photos courtesy of Bruce E. Doll

The first concert of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts of 2002 was held Thursday. Above, members of the group Fonnimhor played in spite of less than perfect weather.

The newly laid-out stage and concert area on the Riverwalk seemed to be a spring garden of multi-colored umbrellas.

The six members of the band produced beautiful "two part Celtic, one part rock" music. Many songs from their CD were played and they even played a "Julie Clifford's" polka as an encore.

The concerts are sponsored by Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and will continue each Thursday through Aug. 15. See story on this week's concert, page 9.

Waivers give Sundry some headway on development

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

After almost two hours of discussion, Sundry Development Co. got a few of the waivers it was seeking to develop one of the city's last areas of suburban residential.

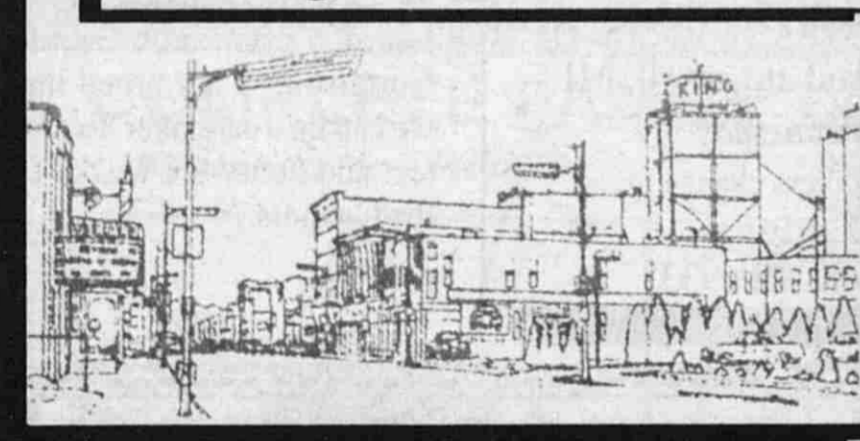
Since December, Sundry has been working to develop property at 751 Grindle, known as the Phillips and Leeman properties. Currently, the company is working on the northern section of the property (the Phillips property) to build eight homes—one is already existing, making it a total of nine—on the flag-shaped piece of land.

The group received approval for four out of five waivers and a variance request from the Lowell Planning Commission at the commission's June 10 meeting; then proceeded on to the Lowell City Council and Zoning Board of Appeals Monday night for final approval of all its requests. The council, however, only granted three waivers and the variance request.

Sundry was seeking waivers to connect to public water and sanitary sewer; to reduce the maximum dead-end road

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Along Main Street



ROLLER HOCKEY CLINIC

YMCA Roller Hockey clinic starts Monday, June 24. Sign-ups are being taken until Friday, June 21 at the YMCA or by calling 897-8445. Limited enrollment. Clinic includes a camp shirt and camp photo.

HELP US FIND GRADUATES OF 1972

LHS class of 1972 will be having a reunion on Aug. 3 and are trying to locate the following graduates: Pam Erdman, Gordon Desotell, Elaine Haywood, Deb DeVries, Steve McKewin, Warren Judson, Cheryl VonEhr, Bob Yalacki and Brian Whittemore. Call Karen Ford at 897-7700 for information or to sign up.

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YMCA HOOPS

The 15th annual Lowell YMCA HOOPS Tournament is scheduled for June 28, 29 and 30. It has extended its registration deadline to Wednesday, June 26. Forms may be picked up at the YMCA Wellness Center at 1335 W. Main Street or by calling 897-8445. NO WALK-ON registration.

ROCKIN' REUNION FOR CLASSES OF '70, '71 & '72

The reunion will be held Aug. 3, 02 at English Hills Golf Club from 6 p.m. until midnight. If you did not receive an invitation but would like to attend or you would like more information, please call Maureen (Kennedy) Kissinger at 897-8423. Graduates of classes other than those listed above are also welcome to attend. Registration and payment (\$30

per person) are due by Friday, June 21 and may be sent to Maureen Kissinger at 210 Valley Vista Dr., Lowell 49331.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT AT HUNTINGTON

The Lowell Area Arts Council is pleased to present an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Doris Larson on display at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main St., Lowell, through July 9 during regular business hours.

A COMMUNITY FAREWELL TO BLEKE

Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Education Foundation hosts a community farewell for Bert Bleke on Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m. at LHS. Tickets are \$3 to attend the dessert and program are available at all school buildings, at central office and at the door. Call Pinky McPherson at 897-7203 to reserve your spot.

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First-class letter rate to increase

The price of mailing a First-Class Mail letter will increase 3 cents on June 30 from 34 to 37 cents—about 45 cents a month for the average household.

"And while we're talking cents," said Lowell postmaster, Gil Brown, "it makes good sense for customers to purchase stamps before the new rate takes effect."

Brown advises people to pick up some new rate stamps when they're at the

post office. New 37-cent First-Class Mail stamps are now available; as well as a new 3-cent Star stamp to add to 34-cent stamps to make up the First-Class letter rate.

Buy stamps as early as possible. There are many convenient options to purchasing stamps—by mail, by phone at 1-800-STAMP24, at the post office, through retail lobby vending equipment or over the Internet at www.usps.com.



OBITUARIES

KEIM - Eunice M. (Courter) aged 96, of Lowell, went to be with Jesus Thursday morning, June 13, 2002. She had been a teacher, telephone operator and for many years the post mistress in Alto. Eunice was a longtime active member of the Alto Baptist Church. She is survived by her son William (Evelyn) Courter; her daughter-in-law Eloise

Courter; all of the special grandchildren in the Courter and Keim families; and her special friend Eleanor Dintaman. Eunice was preceded in death by her husbands James Courter and Wesley Keim; her sons James and Alan Courter; her stepson Vern Keim. The funeral service was held on Monday at the Alto Baptist Church.

Burial was in Clarksville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Bible Society or the Alto Baptist Church.

TAYLOR - Evelyn J. Taylor, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away June 13, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Rufus E. Taylor and nine brothers and sisters. She will be forever loved and cherished by her children Jim W. and Pat Taylor of Rockford, Bud D. Taylor of Jenison, Bill W. and Sandy Taylor of Grandville, Lynda J. and Marty Reynolds of Cascade, Rick L. and Connie Taylor of Lowell, Brenda K. and Bob Cilley of Lowell, Carol R. and Bill Devereaux of Rockford, and George E. Taylor and his companion Jamie of Wyoming; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; her sister Ruth Duskey of Howard City and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Monday at Metcalf and Jonkhoff Funeral Home with the Rev. William Wagner officiating. Interment in Blytheheld Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

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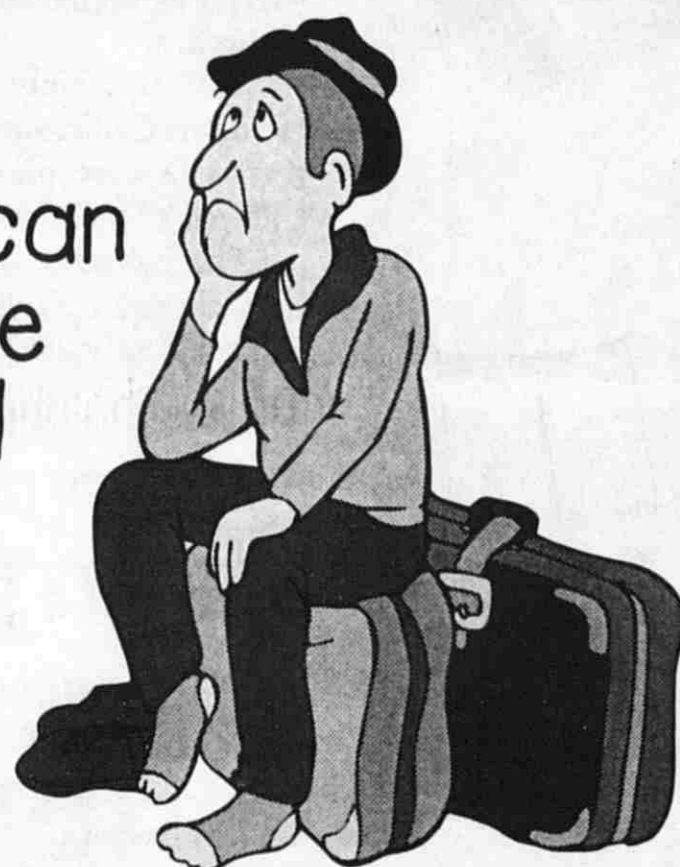
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Birds sing with approval at Cooper Preserve ribbon-cutting ceremony



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Cooper Woodland Preserve, in its natural form, is where future children and children's children will congregate for learning, training and nature walks.

"This natural preserve will provide wonderful opportunities for the community of Lowell," said Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke as birds sang in the background, almost as if celebrating their protected and honored home.

The 34.7 acres, at the northeast corner of Alden Nash and Foreman, were donated to Lowell Area Education Association by Dick and Shirley Cooper.

Nearly a year ago, an attempt to get their property rezoned for development purposes was met with stiff op-

position by Vergennes Township residents.

"At the end of that meeting, Peter Wege stepped forward and asked if I'd be interested in making a park out of it. The idea was met with applause and I thought it was a great idea," Dick Cooper explained. "Wege's idea for the property, 129 acres in all, improves the economy and does not hurt the ecology."

While 34.7 acres are for the preserve, 95 acres will be used to develop an "econology" village which will include the ultimate environmentally friendly house (platinum house) and environmentally friendly condominiums and town houses.

"The platinum house will be only the second in the U.S.," Wege explained. "The first was built in Santa Bar-

bara, Calif." This house will be equipped with solar panels, nontoxic and environmentally sensitive materials, and will be both energy- and water-saving efficient.

The land will also be used to help connect a multi-use trail.

It will link the Wege Natural Area to the high school property, through the Cooper Preserve, to the city park system and new YMCA facility (Stoney Lakeside Park), along the Grand River and across foot bridges to Lowell Township Grand River Riverfront Park.

Vergennes Township clerk, Mari Stone noted that Cooper's dream has caught the community's imagination. "Dick Cooper has been instrumental in getting much of the groundwork accomplished. It really was his dream that caught all of our imaginations."

Stone, a supporter of a local recreational trail system, noted that the Lowell Community Trails committee is not far from attaining its goal of establishing a community trail.

"Natural areas are not created by man, but can be lost by man," said Lowell school board president, Pete Gustafson. "I am proud that we can be a caretaker to protect and honor the wishes of the Coopers."

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Planning Commission holds public hearing on recreational vehicle ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Following months of discussion, debates and rewrites concerning the storage of recreational vehicles, the Lowell Planning Commission feels it finally has come up with an ordinance that everyone can live with.

This Monday, at its regular planning commission

meeting, the commission will have a public hearing for the new recreational vehicle ordinance. The proposed ordinance is fairly simple stating that recreational vehicles may be stored or parked to the rear of the front building line of the primary structure or within or on a driveway no closer than 10 feet to the property line or public sidewalk, and

that recreational vehicles may be used for temporary occupancy for one 9-day period every six months as long as they are in compliance with this ordinance.

Zoning inspector, Doug Hopkins, of IMS, raised questions about how the last part of the ordinance would be enforced. This is an issue that plagued the planning commis-

sion and city with the last recreational vehicle ordinance. The commission decided the primary enforcement would be through a complaint basis unless it is obvious someone is disregarding the ordinance.

"We are trying to make this as palatable to as many people as we can," said planning commission chair, James Hall.

And so far, the public has indicated it is much better than the current ordinance, by applauding when the planning

commission set the public hearing at its June meeting.

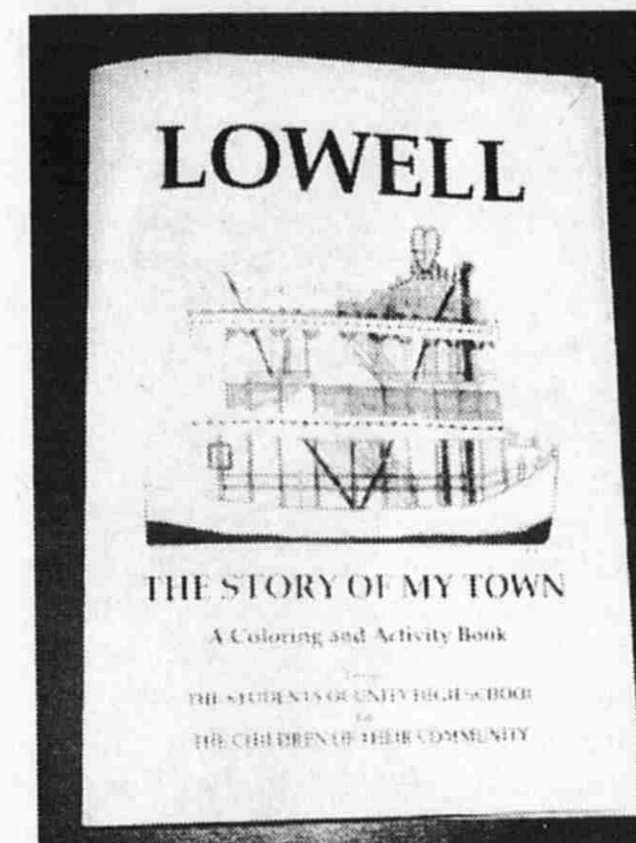
If the proposed ordinance is accepted, it would end months of controversy over the recreational vehicle ordinance, which currently does not allow such vehicles to be parked in a person's driveway. Area residents started to complain when last year the city decided to try a new enforcement policy by hiring someone to look for violators and send notices to them. The program was started after the city council questioned how

the city planned to enforce certain regulations.

An outcry over the recreational vehicle ordinance, with many residents claiming they didn't even know it was on the books, caused the city to review the current ordinance.

Those who would like to review the ordinance and express an opinion may attend the planning commission meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall. The commission will send it on to the city council for final approval.

Unity High School students present elementary children with story of Lowell



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Carrie Wilson spent 40 days with Unity High School students working on storytelling and literature.

The students then took that knowledge and used it in producing a coloring and activity book telling the story of Lowell.

Tom Woodruff, artist in

residence, provided guidance for students throughout the project.

"Tom taught them drawing techniques and worked on the script with students," Unity High School principal, Marlene Heemstra said.

Students started the project in November of last year and completed the book two weeks ago. They were distributed to Lowell fourth-graders at Cherry Creek and Alto elementary schools. The books are also being sold at the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Half of the proceeds will go to those two organizations with the other half being returned to Unity High School.

"I really appreciated the technical skills I learned about drawing," said junior, Crystal Spino. "I also enjoyed the museum. It's pretty cool and has a lot of interesting stuff in it."

Freshman, Keely Wolf said the experience was fun and that she was proud of the drawings she provided for the book. "I didn't like my bridge picture at first, but now it's my favorite."

The drawings provided by the students are from the downtown area and the museum.

An anthology on the history of Lowell is also available in the museum.

Wilson and Woodruff's time, along with the project, were funded through an \$18,600 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs grant.

"Through the grant, we were able to reach students not ordinarily reached by the arts. This program was a challenge to students of all levels of academic talent," Heemstra concluded.

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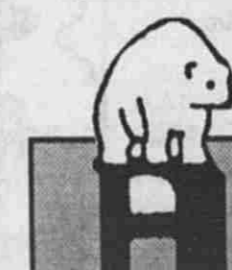
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Reflections Of Faith

Pastor David J. Noonon
Christian Life Center

It seems that many Christians are bent toward focusing on the differences between the various churches throughout our world, country, state and even our community.

Paul, through the first four chapters in his first letter to the Corinthians, addressed the problem of following a man or an idea rather than Christ. For example, "Now this I say, that every one of you say, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? (1 Corinthians 1:12,13)

As Christians, we all share in the rich heritage of those who have prepared a path of unity before us. Therefore, let us remember the many men of God who endeavored to carve out that path to guide us on our way. Some of these honored notables are St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley and D. L. Moody. Remember that all these patriarchs demonstrated a heart for the lost and the salvation of souls as they pointed to Jesus Christ.

As the parade of witnesses continues into the post-modern era, the names change but their direction stays the same. It has been said that "history repeats itself." In the light of history we can clearly view our local shepherds as they have joined the march along with the early church fathers. They, too, in humility are concerned with bringing the lost to a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 20: Fritz Ball, Gladys Mettermick, Aleacia Kunard Owen.
JUNE 21: Thad Kraus, Dennis McClure, Bill Burt, Heather Brown, Jimmy Brown, Sean Briggs.
JUNE 22: Michael Korte, Byron Pat Brenk, Jim Francis I, Ken Stager III.
JUNE 23: Jane Rogers, Brinna Manszewski, Katy Fetterhoff.
JUNE 24: Saralyn Vezino, Gaye Pfaller, Ramee Guild.
JUNE 25: Ann Wittenbach, Kim Raines, Angela Lonero.
JUNE 26: Cathy Acker, Velma Perry, Dwane Cavanaugh, Pat Roth, Hunter Jamieson.

Are we willing to join the march together to seek and save the lost? Are we willing to take up the cross together and to only follow Christ? Are we willing to work together and follow after the command of Jesus known as the "Great Commission?" Or are we going to focus on petty differences of theological, hermeneutical, rhetoric and dogma forcing the "Great Commission" to become the Great Omission?

Unity of vision and mission does not take away our freedom to worship as we are accustomed and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded believers. Unity is an enhancement as we learn to accept, to understand, and to appreciate what God is doing in the lives of others. Unity allows us to both love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. It was once said by an old saint, "We would do well to practice the art of living

together here on this planet or eternity may prove to be a long process." There is a wisdom to that statement, because none of us have a corner on the heavenly real estate market. If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have made Him the Lord and Savior of your life, you are my brother or sister in Christ. That follows the theme of the song which states, "I am glad to be a part of the family of God."

If you have read this and have not yet invited Jesus Christ into a personal relationship in your heart and life, please ask Him. His will is that none should perish, but that all should have eternal life. There is nothing you have done that is so great that it can separate you from the love of God. Therefore, you know you are loved - God Loves You and So Do I.

VOWS SPOKEN

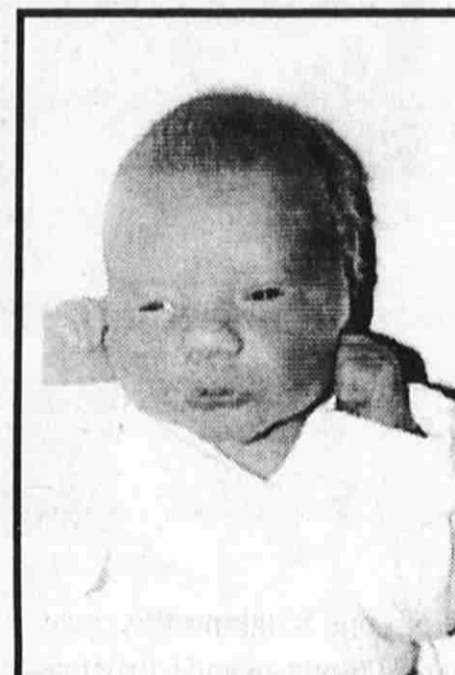
Jennifer Lynn Village and Bruce Allen Meyers were united in the blessed event of marriage on September 15, 2002 at the Belding Bible Church.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise to the Mediterranean and the Greek Islands.



Jennifer Lynn and Bruce Allen Meyers

AREA BIRTH



Tanner Bryce Cross

John and Robin Cross of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Tanner Bryce Cross. He was born May 24, 2002 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus at 1:24 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 18 inches.

He is welcomed home by big brother, Tyler Blake Cross.

Proud grandparents are Dennis and Janet Burns of Lowell and John and Tina Cross of Odessa, Fla.

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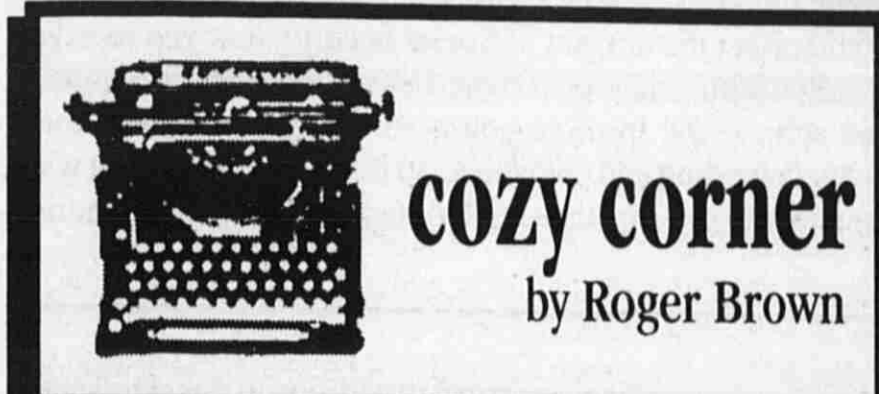
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cozy corner by Roger Brown

I was channel-surfing on the car radio the other day. I caught the tail end of a list the announcer was reading. It was a list of things not to get your father as a Father's Day gift. The items included a skimpy Speedo swimsuit, a Michael Bolton box set, anything pink, etc. Pretty funny stuff.

I was immediately upset that I hadn't caught the entire list. Why? I could have used it as a column. As I've stated many times in the past, I'm not above a little plagiarism. Now I'll have to create a Father's Day "Don't ever never" gift list. Yes, I realize I'm a few days late, but it is never too early, or late, to be thinking about a gift for us dads.

Let's start with the card. Those really sentimental, mushy, drippy jobs that go on and on about inspiration, wisdom, respect, devotion, blah, blah, blah. No way! We might accidentally show some emotion over one of those. Get us something from the Hallmark Shoebox collection. Get us a card that will make us chuckle, not cry. Besides, they're cheaper.

I saw one in there while picking out a card for my dad. The front had a drawing of a girl working under the hood of her car. The caption said, "Dad ... checked my oil the other day." Inside, the message continued with, "still black and icky." Now that's funny, and that's a good Father's Day card. (Told you I'm not above a little plagiarism.)

Tools. Everybody thinks that we dads are just a bunch of underpaid handymen who like nothing more than adding to their collection of tools. This is basically true, but that doesn't mean any old tool will do as a gift. Here are some basic guidelines in selecting tools for dear old dad next year.

If the tool was featured on an infomercial, don't even think about it. The next time you see it will be at the yard sale

your mother has when the old man kicks the bucket. It'll still be in the box.

If the tool is advertised to perform the work of an entire toolbox, forget it. You remember what your old man always told you, "If it sounds too good to be true ..." Basically, if Bob Villas is pushing it, your dad doesn't want it.

Made in the U.S.A. is always a good thing when gifting us dad's with tools. I know that 397-piece socket set from Pakistan looks like a good buy. You need a forklift to get it out of the store and it's less money than a U.S. made quarter inch drive set you can stuff in your shirt pocket. Trust me on this ... buy the made in the U.S.A.

Clothes. Socks and ties, especially ties, have been sufficiently ridiculed as bad gifts for dad. We don't have to go there. Here are a few tips on other clothing. Your dad is not, and doesn't care to become "trendy." In other words, just because you shop at the Gap or Old Navy for yourself doesn't mean that's where you shop for dad. Some nice heavy cotton pocket T-shirts from Penney's will do just fine. No logo is a good thing. Oh, and don't go with any loud or pastel colors. Green, navy or khaki ... that's pretty much it.

Music. The previous list mentioned the Michael Bolton box set. I'd have to agree. That is the ultimate bad gift idea for dad. Of course there are others. Anything in dance, rap, classical, show tunes or pop is taboo. Be careful of the statement you might make with oldies or classics. That narrows it down to the fact that he probably already has all the CDs he really cares to listen to.

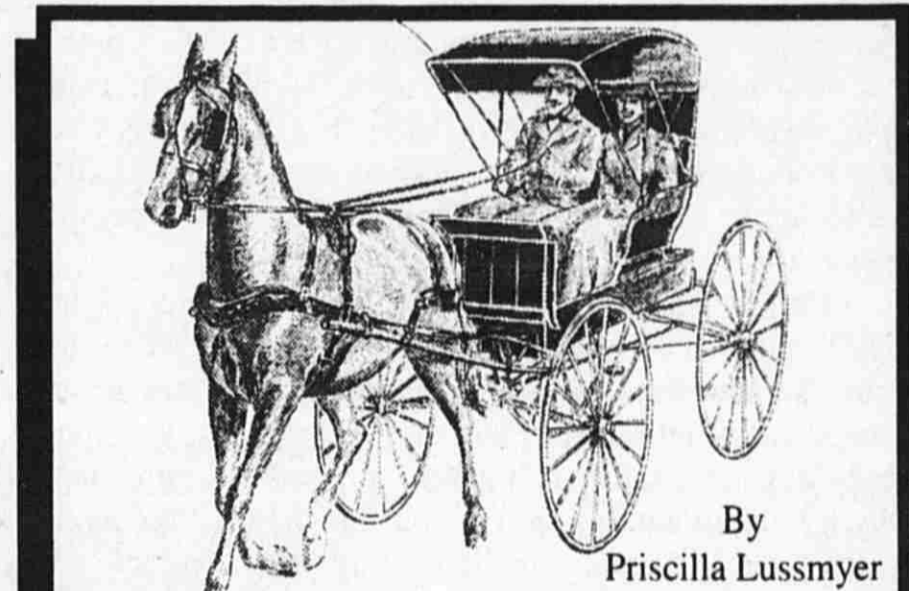
Music for dad is a tough area, but it's worth a try. My daughter scored a big hit last year when she gave me the Johnny Cash box set. I keep it in my car and listen to it all the time. If you hear some awful sound at a red light someday, it will just be me, singing along to "Folsom City Blues."

Videos. Your old man has probably watched "The Jerk" hundreds of times and has it in his meager collection of tapes. That doesn't mean he likes Steve Martin movies. A "chick flick" like "Father of the Bride" one or two, "Housesitter" and nearly every other Steve Martin movie I can think of would be a bad choice for dad. Go with a Three Stooges collection or something along those lines.

Cologne, Watches and Jewelry. That's easy, buy him Aqua-Velva after shave lotion, a Timex Expedition with day-glo and date or a U.S. flag lapel-pin. You don't even have to look at the other stuff out there.

I could go on forever but this sampling should have been educational for you Father's Day gift shoppers out there. If you really, really want to impress dear old dad next year, I'll let you in on the ultimate gift ... a professionally restored 1979 Toyota Land Cruiser. A nice one will set you back up to \$75,000. Hey ... you only have one dad.

If you should get him the Land Cruiser, make sure you let me know when you have that garage sale someday down the road. If I'm still around I want to be there with my checkbook.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 20, 1877: THIS ISSUE IS MISSING.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 19, 1902; THIS ISSUE IS MISSING; WE SUBSTITUTE WITH JUNE 23, 1888.

Lowell has the fire equipment but no Hook and Ladder Company to go with it.

The Bengal tiger with Robbins' Circus dies in Lowell.

The temperature soared to 98 degrees in the shade Sunday, and hasn't been much lower since.

The steamer "Grand Island," with draft of only 2 1/2 feet and capacity of 250 passengers, is 35 by 174 feet, a sidewheeler, and plying the Grand River this side of the Rapids.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 23, 1927

The McGrath filling station in Boston Township was robbed Saturday night of gas, oil, money, candy and even the crank for the gasoline pump.

Kent County has options on about a mile of Flat River frontage starting at Fallasburg and west of the river for a proposed county park.

Howard White has a new Hudson and Essex salesroom in the Yeiter block, across from City State Bank.

A South Boston woman seeks a divorce because her husband won't farm their 100 acres and she has to run a cafe and keep boarders to make ends meet.

It's again time to cut all noxious weeds on all land before July 15, or pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 19, 1952

The new Lowell street figures according to the Michigan State Highway Dept. are major streets, 3.79 miles and local, 9.86.

C.H. Runciman turns down the chance to run for Lieutenant Governor; he would rather retain his seat on the Welfare Commission. He also receives the honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti.

Letters may now be enclosed in Air Mail packages at no extra cost.

Sheep owners work on solutions to losses by dogs, and in another article, Howard Krum reports the dogs have been killing his young turkeys.

Michigan State College tuition goes from \$47 to \$55 per quarter, the first raise since 1946.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 23, 1977

Gow Ramjet is granted a zoning variance by Lowell Township to construct a Senior Citizen's village. "Citizens for Extracurricular Activities" is formed to raise funds to continue the extracurricular program wiped out in the recent vote. The 34 new Birchwood Garden apartments are complete and being rented. The new water treatment plant will go into action on Tuesday, July 5, says City Council. Concrete barriers are replacing aluminum guardrails on freeway bridges in Kent County.

TO THE EDITOR

To whom it may concern:
I am writing in reference to the letter published in the Ledger dated 6/5/02 about changes in parties at Cherry Creek Elementary. Even though there have been issues I may not agree with, I have never written a letter like this. This time, I felt I had to respond.

The gentleman who wrote the letter was rather quick to state accusations and get others involved in responding in a negative way. However, he had very few facts on this matter.

If you have an issue or questions about school policies, wouldn't it be better to call and talk with one of the administrators and get the background and facts on these policies before getting false information out to the public. I really believe that the individual who sent this letter, and also sent out an e-mail with this information, has made himself look very foolish along with others that have jumped on the band wagon.

The changes in the parties and safety issues at Cherry Creek Elementary did not happen overnight. Nor was the first time this information was sent home to parents done on the Friday before Memorial weekend. It was published in two Cherry Connections (purple newsletter that goes home in Friday folders) twice. It was discussed many times at Family Links meetings that are held regularly. These meetings are open to the public, and all parents and staff are encouraged to attend. Perhaps if this parent had gone to the meetings or read the Family Link meeting minutes, which are also sent home, he would have had a better understanding about the decisions that were made.

I have lived in Lowell for 43 years. I graduated from this school system 25 years ago. Yes, we do live in a small community, but it is a different world today than we have ever lived in. If you feel things that you may not want to think about happen only in other towns, you are hiding from the truth. It can happen in Lowell just as easy as any other small town. I applaud Mrs. Dorough and the school for making the school a safer, happier and more nurturing environment for our children.

When there are so many people in the school with masks walking to and from classrooms and cafeterias for the Halloween parade, how can you be sure your child is safe? Why take that chance? I, for one, am not willing to take that chance.

As for the holidays that you feel should be celebrated in school, our community is growing more diverse each day. Why shouldn't we be conscious of others' traditions and feelings? Why can't you make these special holidays more of a family time and enjoy each other and make new memories

and make your own traditions? No one is taking this away from you. I enjoy Valentine's Day, Halloween and Christmas as much as you do with my children, but I am willing to honor others' views on this, and make this more of a family celebration.

Mrs. Dorough and involved parents are only trying to make our schools safer and comfortable to all students and families. As a parent of a current 2nd and 3rd grader, I thank them for that. You are to be commended rather than criticized.

Sincerely,
Beth Ball

Sharing The Vision

BERT BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

As I leave my position as the superintendent of Lowell Area Schools, I want to thank you for your kindness to me during the past seven years.

One of the highlights of my professional and personal life has been my time in the Lowell community. The school system has great kids, parents and staff members, and the community has caring and giving citizens.

I can only hope that my work with you has made the Lowell Area Schools and the community a better place to live and work.

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@remc8.k12.mi.us. (check out our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)

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FINANCIAL PLANNING STILL IMPORTANT AFTER RETIREMENT

Throughout your working years, you save and invest so that you can create a comfortable lifestyle in retirement. After you're retired, though, you still need to do some financial planning if you're going to maintain that lifestyle. To keep your retirement plans on track, you can take a number of steps. Here are a few of the most important ones:

- Determine your income level. Before you retired, you knew the source of your income - your paychecks. But in retirement, you may have multiple sources of income - investments, Social Security, pensions and retirement plans, such as your 401(k). Once you know how much money you have coming in, you'll know how much you can afford to withdraw, so that you won't run the risk of outliving your resources.

- Protect tax-deferred vehicles. Many people think that they'll automatically enter a lower tax bracket when they retire. But that's not the case. If you have significant income from savings, retirement plans and investments, you could easily stay in the same tax bracket - or even move up. That's why it's important to preserve your tax-deferred accounts - such as your IRAs and your 401(k) - as long as possible. Try to withdraw as little as you can from these vehicles, especially during your early retirement years. Look instead to other sources of income including Social Security, personal savings, tax-exempt municipal bonds and, if you have one, a traditional pension.

- Don't sell all your stocks. Today's healthier lifestyles have enabled many people to live two or three decades in retirement. That's a lot of years to pay for - so you may still

need some growth-oriented investments, such as stocks. A qualified financial professional can help you choose those stocks that meet your individual risk tolerance and that fit within your diversified portfolio. Also, when you sell stocks, especially those with a substantial gain, you could change your tax situation. So, before you sell, consult with your tax advisor, in addition to your investment professional.

- Don't rush into an expensive new lifestyle. Many people have big plans for retirement. They'll buy a recreational vehicle (RV) and travel around the country. Or they'll buy a condominium by a golf course and hit the links every day. Or they'll purchase a home by the lake and stay there six months of the year. There's nothing wrong with any of these goals, but they can be dauntingly expensive. Before you plunge into a costly new lifestyle, try it out first. Instead of buying an RV

or a condo or a cottage, rent one. You'll be under no long-term obligation... and you'll learn whether your "dream" lifestyle is really what you expected.

- Consider part-time work. Don't close the door to work just because you're formally "retired." If you enjoyed what you did in the working world, consider doing it on a part-time basis, or as a consultant. You'll be doing something you like, while you bring in income that can help preserve your retirement funds. Be aware, however, that your earned income could affect the amount of Social Security that you receive.

By making the right financial and investment moves, you can achieve the freedom you need to make your retirement years rewarding and enjoyable. So think carefully about what you need to do - and then do it. A happy retirement is waiting.

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



LOW BACK PAIN

Now that the weather is warm, we are (or should be) becoming more active. Inevitably, injuries will occur. The most common problem is low back pain. In fact, almost 90 percent of the population will experience this in their lifetime. Back pain usually starts after a bend and twist-type motion. This isolates the weakest muscle in the back. If the load on this muscle is too much, a spasm will occur. This spasm is what typically causes a severe sharp pain and makes one unable to stand straight.

Treatment is simple but takes time. An anti-inflammatory like ibuprofen should be started and taken for a week. Some-

times a muscle relaxer is needed in addition to this. Moist heat should be applied to the area, no longer than 20 minutes at a time. This should be continued for at least 48 hours. Slowly resume normal activities, but do not bend and twist until the pain is gone. Spinal manipulation is also helpful, but should be avoided if an acute spasm is present, as it may flare up muscle inflammation.

The best way to avoid low back pain is to always stretch prior to exercise or lifting. Avoid developing a large abdomen! The abdominal muscles are key to stabilizing the back. Always know your limit when you are engaged in lifting. A moment's overexertion can result in a week or more of recovery!

Summer reading club offers teen theater workshop

Young adults, ages 11 and up, are invited to sign up for a hands-on workshop featuring puppetry, reader's theater and beginning acting skills.

The Englehardt branch will present the program on Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m. and the Alto branch will offer the workshop on Monday, June 24 at 11:15 a.m.

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



BOAT LAUNCH BASICS

Fishermen and recreational boaters will undoubtedly encounter congestion at public boat launches on popular lakes and rivers. If everyone practices common courtesy and uses common sense when launching or retrieving their boat, the task can be easy and stress-free.

Remember that the boat launch is for launching a boat... it is not a dry-dock for making repairs. Check the mechanical condition of your craft at home or have it serviced at a repair facility. If you must work on the boat when it is in the water, make sure to move it away from the ramp. Also, if it is necessary to spend more than a few minutes to get ready to launch, then find an area to park which is out of the way of other boaters.

Sometimes it may be necessary to wait in line at a busy ramp. Use the time to tend to tasks necessary for a smooth launch: Remove the hold downs and tilt the outboard or outdrive if there is any chance that it will contact the ramp.

Install the drain plug. This is the most often overlooked detail and will have dire consequences if forgotten. Attach a bow line that is at least the length of the boat. A dock line secured near the stern will help to maintain control of the boat after launch.

If you have an assistant to hold the attached lines, back the trailer down the ramp until the boat begins to float and then tap the brake to slide the boat off the trailer. Push the craft off the trailer if you are alone. If the trailer has rollers, don't release the winch strap until it's time to float the boat. I once saw a boat roll off a trailer and crash onto a cement ramp severely damaging the lower unit and hull. Finally, start the engine or row clear of the ramp.

It is easy to forget something, especially when launching in a hurry or in the dark. Write the procedure on a card and post it on your rig for reference.

To retrieve the boat: Back the trailer in until about half of

the bunks or rollers are submerged. If the trailer is out of the water too far, it will be difficult to crank the boat to the winch stand, or if the trailer is backed in too far, the boat will float around and be difficult to center on the trailer. Pay attention and find the correct trailer position for your rig. Loading the boat under power is prohibited at many ramps because of possible damage to the ramp. Standing in the water and using a bow line to start small- and medium-sized boats onto the trailer is safe and effective. Get an inexpensive pair of knee-high boots and leave them in the boat. Dancing around on a slippery trailer tongue is inviting disaster.

Once the boat is on the trailer, pull the rig to an area away from the ramp and finish securing the boat and stowing gear in preparation for traveling. If we wait our turn, practice patience and work deliberately, we can all get out on the water to pursue our favorite activities.

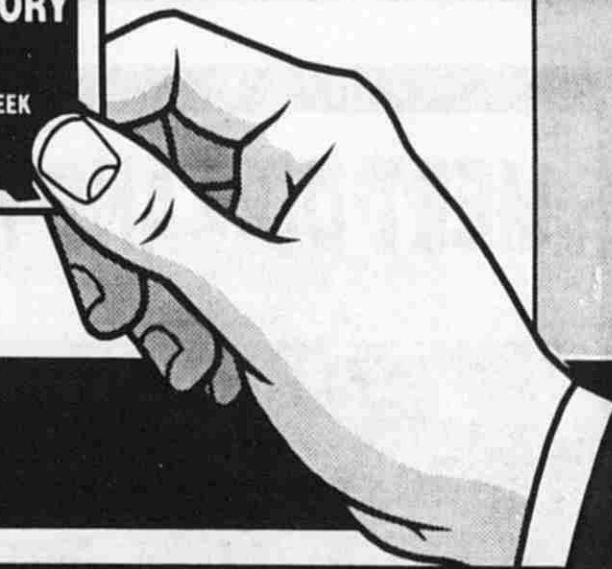
Create a Manga mask at your local library

Teens can create their own 21st century alter egos at a manga mask workshop through Summer Reading Club at the library. This program delves into the world of Japanese animation. Participants will make a plaster cast of their own face and use manga design techniques to develop and decorate the mask. Registration is required and participation is limited to 25.

The Englehardt branch will present the program on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920) and the Alto branch will offer the workshop on Wednesday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m. (647-3820).

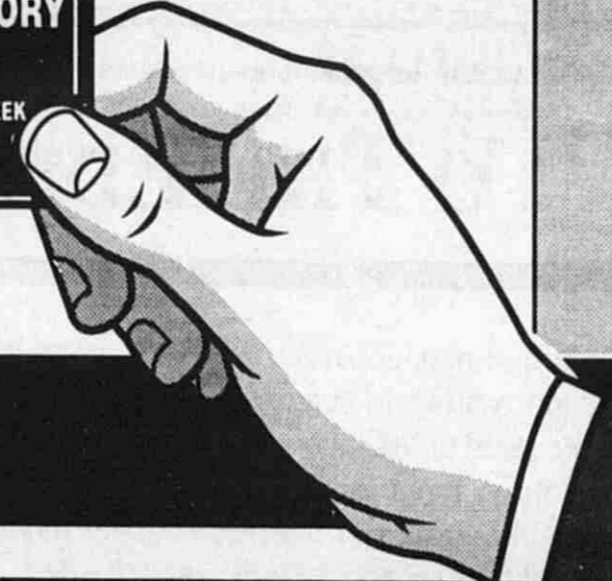
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Museum supporters seek more secure funding in form of millage

By J. N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Last week the Lowell Area Historical Museum received an unusual gift from a former Lowell resident — a daguerreotype of one of the area's first residents, Seth Robinson and his wife.

It was part of a donation from Carol Kropf Burchfield who, along with the photo,

gave the museum some historical clothing and other items related to Lowell's history.

"Without a place like this [the museum], things like this wouldn't happen," said museum executive director, Judy Straub. "We will start losing this stuff."

Straub and museum supporters were faced with losing the museum a few weeks ago—or at the very least shortening its hours and staffing—because the Lowell City Council was considering deferring its contribution of \$20,000 toward operational costs due to a very tight 2002-2003 city budget.

After receiving numerous calls and letters in support of the museum funding, the council opted to take the operations money out of its fund balance for next year, giving the museum room to breathe... for now.

Realizing that the operational funds are not guaranteed, museum officials are considering requesting a .25 mill levy on city of Lowell residents to assure that the museum will continue to receive the needed \$20,000 for operational costs.

"Like I have said in the past, for a museum to be truly integrated into the community, the museum must receive some funding from the municipality whether it be in the form of a property tax, a line item or, in some cases, private bequests," Straub said.

The museum does receive financial donations from individuals and such funds as the Englehardt. Museum officials have made presentations to the townships of Lowell and Vergennes, since the museum is designed to represent the entire area, not just the city.

Straub said the Lowell Area Historical Museum's fund development group has been meeting to discuss the options of a millage and what exactly needs to take place. Included in that ratio is what can be done for the city residents if the millage is approved.

Such a millage would first have to go before a vote of the people, said city manager, David Pasquale. The operating mill for the museum would be above what the city currently levies which is 15.83 mills, that includes the 1.98 mills for the City Hall/police station bond issue.

As to when the proposal for the mill would be presented, Straub said she wasn't certain. At this time, the group will continue to look at its options and weigh everything carefully before making any presentation, she said.

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TAKE AN ART CLASS THIS SUMMER

The Lowell Area Arts Council will be offering a variety of art classes (woodcarving, creative writing, watercolor workshops, etc.) for children and adults during the summer. Call 897-8545 for a listing or to register.

BOTANIKA '02 PHASE II LOOKING FOR ARTISTS

The Lowell Area Arts Council will be presenting a visual

exploration of the natural world from July 9 - Aug. 3. Images for consideration will include floral botany and entomology in all media. Interested artists should call 897-8545 for more information.

TOTS ON TRACK - JOIN THE PARADE

Tots on Track families are invited to decorate strollers, wagons and bikes for the 4th of July parade. Meet in the back parking lot of the First United Methodist Church at 5:15 p.m. Call Rhonda at 897-8786 with any questions.

Horns of Power assures a toe-tapping time for second summer concert

By J. N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

For those who are interested, chairs will be available at the upcoming Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer concert... just in case anyone might want to take a break from all the toe-tapping, dancin' - in-the-aisles fun.

Because that is what Thursday night's concert is going to be like, assured Chris Hansen, director of music at Fair Haven Ministries and conductor of the organization's Horns of Power. The concert, featuring the group, starts at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the program will be moved to the Lowell fairgrounds in the livestock barn.

"There is a lot of energy, a lot of audience participation," Hansen said. "We want to give a concert of great music and make it a pretty fun night for everyone."

And with a repertoire of everything from Glenn Miller to Tommy Dorsey to gospel to contemporary Christian, there will certainly be a lot for people to enjoy. Greater Grand Rapids' own Corey Emerson, who has received national recognition, will make a cameo appearance with the group.

"We had them here last year," said Lorain Smalligan, director of the Lowell Area Arts Council who, with Liz Baker, director of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, are sponsors again this year. "They got everybody off their feet."

Baker added that the group even had songs sheets they passed out.

Last year, Hansen said the Dixieland Praise Group performed at the Lowell Showboat as part of the concert program. The Dixieland group is smaller than the



Horns of Power, an ensemble which includes three trumpets, three trombones, four saxes, bass, guitar, drums and keyboard. Hansen said Horns of Power has more of a big band sound featuring a number of different styles, all

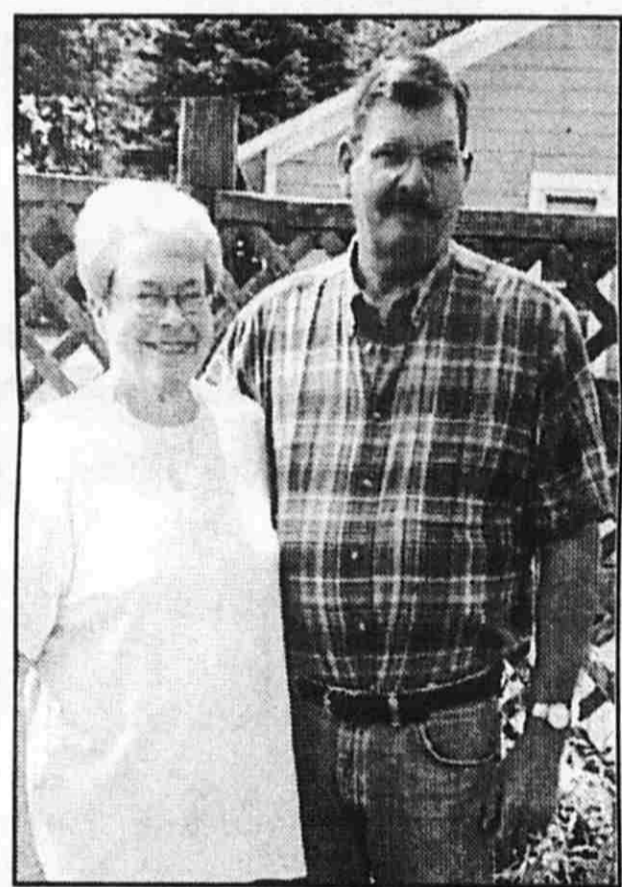
designed to keep everyone dancing — whether in their seats or in the aisles.

The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts takes place in historic downtown Lowell along the Flat

River. Admission and parking are free. The concert venue is wheelchair accessible with handicap/senior parking available. There is bleacher seating along with room for folding chairs.

For more information on the concerts, which run Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m., call the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161.

MEET DON AND KARLEY KERMEEN!



Don has lived in the Lowell community for 17 years. The last eight years Don has been a third shift custodian at our high school.

He is a hard worker and has excellent mechanical skills. He gives to our schools and community - from little things like giving kids phone money to coming in on Sunday to stay with a girls basketball team when the coach was delayed. No charge! His mechanical skills allow him to do electrical, plumbing and welding tasks for our school. Even though they

aren't his assignment and he doesn't receive extra pay. Don just likes to do it.

Don's giving to the community and his neighbors are ongoing. He used his tractor and time to assist with the building of Creekside Kingdom along with many community members. When a coworker's son was seriously injured, Don and some friends built a ramp and deck for the young man. Don is here to help roof a neighbor's house or do some welding for a friend.

Karley Kermeen is not a custodian. She is Don's wife and a Special Education Paraprofessional. Karley has completed six years with the District and also works at Lowell High School. She helps our special kids get placed in community businesses and she stays with them to help them succeed.

The Kermeens have kids who have attended the Lowell Schools. Don and Karley anticipate their grandchildren will also attend our schools.

Our community will be hurt if Don and the other custodians are fired. Assistant Superintendent Connie Gillette is taking bids to bring in an outside company to replace them. Will the kids still get the money for phone calls? Will the outside company be there with your kids on a Sunday because the coach is detained? Will the outside company help build a ramp for a wheelchair-bound young man or help roof a Lowell neighbor's house?

Let's keep Lowell a real community and let's keep the Kermeens.

For more information about Lowell Educational Support Personnel, call Vicki Fredline at 897-6287.

Sundry development, continued...From pg. 1

length from 800 to approximately 1,200 lineal feet; to allow a 24-foot wide private road with valley gutter; to suspend sidewalks; and to suspend the street lighting requirement allowing for each homeowner to put in his own street light.

"The main reason for all of these requests is due to the long flag-shaped configuration of the property," said Aaron Catlin, of Fleis and VandenBrink, Inc., the engineering firm hired by Sundry to help with the development of the project.

For council members, their concerns centered more on safety issues with council member, Mike Blough stating he felt the developers were just flipping the costs of sewer and water on to the residents.

"I feel what they are doing is taking upfront capital costs and switching them with operational costs that the homeowner is going to have to bear the burden of," Blough said, adding that incorporated cities get water and sewer extended throughout the city by requiring that they be put

in by the developers. Something, he added, that the city has been enforcing with developers since the early 1980s.

"I don't see why we should waive the requirements because of an odd-shaped lot," said council member, Jim Pfaller, adding that it wasn't the city's fault the lot was shaped that way. Catlin said it wasn't the developer's decision to shape the lot that way either, but rather a pre-existing condition for that piece of land.

Mayor Jeanne Shores said she was concerned about safety issues and felt water and sewer should be available to all city residents.

The connection to the city's water line is about 125 feet from the southern property line, with the sewer connection approximately 1,230 feet from the property line, according to city staff. Catlin explained what makes it expensive to put it on the property is that both lines would have to run another 1,000 feet down the road to the development. Council members, Dan Brubaker and Pfaller both

said they could support requiring water because the line is close to the property, but would waive the sewer. In the end, Pfaller's motion to do just that failed 3-2.

With the installation of water and sewer, the council had no problem granting the extended road length from 800 feet to 1,200 feet. Also passed were the 24-foot wide road way with valley gutter and the waiver from putting in sidewalks.

Again for safety reasons, the council unanimously denied the request for allowing the homeowners to put in street lights rather than the developer.

Sundry and the city did work out the variance for three of the nine proposed lots. It was determined that if Sundry marked a future connective road to its other property as utility easement, the company would only need variances on two of the proposed lots. The city council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, granted the variances.

Merrimans Join American Angus Association

Dee Anne and Kendra Merriman, of Alto, are new members of the American Angus Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dee Anne, age 9, will enter the fourth grade and Kendra, age 8, will be a third grader; both attend Alto Elementary. The two sisters are also members of the Michigan Junior Angus Association and 4-H South Kent. They will be showing their

steer and heifer at the Kent County 4-H Fair this summer.

Junior members are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with more than 35,000

active adult and junior members.

Dee Anne and Kendra are the daughters of Joseph and Susan Merriman of Merriman Farm in Alto.

Imagination is more important than knowledge, for knowledge is limited while imagination embraces the whole world.
—Albert Einstein

District receives several donations from individuals/Lowell Community Fund

At its last meeting for the 2001-2002 school year, the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education accepted several gifts including \$1,500 in donations from the Lowell Community Fund.

Among its grants to the community, the Lowell Community Fund gave \$400 to the Lowell Third Grade Program; \$200 to the Lowell High School World Studies; \$300 to Lowell Alternative Education; \$300 to Lowell Athletic Boosters; and \$300 to Lowell Academic Boosters.

Other donations accepted by the board included a vaulting pole from Jean Woods to the women's pole vault in the

athletic department, valued at \$242; an amount of \$500 from David and Mari Beswick, owners of Jersey Junction Ice Cream Parlor, to be used by the Alto Elementary School; a Yamaha clarinet, valued at \$100, from Andrew and Maribeth Culver-Lammas, to be used by the Lowell Area Schools music department; and \$100 from Michael Stephens to the Alternative Education Program.

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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Public Hearing of June 10, 2002

PROPOSED 2002-2003 BUDGETS - The Board conducted a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed 2002-2003 budgets to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing.

Regular Meeting of June 10, 2002

REPORT - Paraeducator Program Update - Pam Thomas, Director of Educational Support Services, gave a brief update on the Paraeducator Program and presented certificates to those paraeducators who completed their training.

REPORT - Cherry Creek Elementary Changes for 2002-2003 - Moe Dorrough updated the Board on some of the changes going on at Cherry Creek Elementary School for next school year.

REPORT - Reading Curriculum Update - The board received a report on the K-12 Language Arts (Reading) curriculum. The elementary committee presented their curriculum and materials selection. The secondary committees reported that they are still working on their drafts, but wanted to report on their progress to date.

REPORT - Foreign Language Curriculum Update - Ingrid Baird and Tammy Dent presented the high school foreign language curriculum.

REPORT - Reproductive Health Curriculum Update - Barry Hobrta, Mike Fillman, and Kathy Talus presented an overview of the work this committee has been doing for

the past two years and the recommendations for updates for next school year.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:

- Lowell Community Fund donation as follows: Lowell 3rd grade program \$400, Lowell High School World Studies \$200, Lowell Alternative Education \$300, Lowell Athletic Boosters \$300 and Lowell Academic Boosters \$300.
- Jean Woods donation of a vaulting pole valued at \$242 to be used by the Women's Pole Vault in the athletic department.
- David and Mari Beswick of Jersey Junction Ice Cream Parlor donation of \$500 to be used by the Alto Elementary School.
- Andrew and Maribeth Culver-Lammas donation of a Yamaha clarinet valued at \$100 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools Music Department.
- Michael Stephens donation of \$100 to be used by the Alternative Education Program.

Adopted the General Fund Appropriation, the Food Service Fund Appropriation, 1990 Debt Fund Appropriation, 2000 Debt Fund Appropriation, Headlee Debt Fund Appropriation, and the 2000 Construction Fund Appropriation for the 2002-2003 school year.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:

- The minutes for the May 8, 2002 special meeting, the May 13, 2002 regular meeting, the May 17, 2002 special meeting, the May 20, 2002 special meeting and the May 24, 2002 special meeting.

The following payment of bills for May 2002:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$939,490.42
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$50,132.04
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$11,119.14
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....	\$5,085.25
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$91,380.59
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$30,660.90

- OK Conference Realignment and Expansion
- MHSAA Membership Resolution
- Personnel - Leave request for Pam Kinnucan - Cherry Creek 5th grade - beginning on or about September 20, 2002 and returning May 27, 2003.

ELECTION RESULTS -

Pete Gustafson announced that Pat Nugent and Peter Haefner won the board election.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Bert Bleke read a thank you note from Tammy Beatson who received the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award. Bert thanked Pete Gustafson for serving on the Lowell Board of Education for 8 years and for his leadership as Board President for 5 years. Bert then read his letter of resignation effective June 30, 2002 from the Lowell Area Schools.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Organizational Board Meeting followed by a Special Board Meeting Monday, July 15, 2002
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 7:00 p.m.
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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2002.**

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

Shores welcomed Heather Blough to the meeting. Blough is working on a high school government class project.

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commissioner Alan Mathews, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Police Officer James Hinton, City Treasurer Sue Olin, and Financial Services Officer Char McNab.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the MAY 20, 2002 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by BRUBAKER that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (06/03/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$86,776.42
MAJOR STREET FUND	206.16
LOCAL STREET FUND	32,837.16
DDA FUND	24,576.35
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION	86,192.19
FUND	
AIRPORT FUND	9,327.85
WASTEWATER FUND	28,197.99
WATER FUND	14,406.27
EQUIPMENT FUND	644.64
CURRENT TAX FUND	887.02

Item #1. PARCELS ADDRESSED AT 1115, 1381, 1225, 1155, 1395, 1325 AND 1335 EAST MAIN STREET - ZONING FROM SR (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - CONSIDER ACTION OR SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (6/17). Representative of Sundry Development Kevin Rude noted the company is formally withdrawing its request. Sundry will work with City staff regarding cluster housing within the current Suburban Residential zoning guidelines.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to accept the withdrawal of the rezoning request from Sundry Corporation involving the above described properties.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. A. 751 Grindle - Sundry Development Corporation, Inc. - development of nine residential lots - variances involved with lot width and private road construction - set public hearing date (6/17). City Manager Pasquale noted the Planning Commission would have an opportunity to review the issue on June 10, 2002 and provide a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the City Council involving housing development within what is commonly known as the Phillip's property.

The following variances and waivers have been requested:
• request waiver of public water main and sanitary sewer (refer to Section 4.20 Private Streets E.5)
• request waiver of maximum dead end road length from 800 to approximately 1140 lineal feet (f.2.b)
• allow a 22-foot wide bituminous surface with valley gutter
• request waiver from sidewalks
• allow each homeowner a street light rather than the

developer installing
• lot width variance for Lots 2, 3 and 7 (165 feet required.)

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing for June 17, 2002 regarding variances and waivers involving development of nine residential lots at 751 Grindle.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENCE FOR SUNDRY CORPORATION TO SEEK REDEFINITION OF FLOODWAY BOUNDARY EAST OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE ALONG NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS OF RIVER. Michael Weaver of Fleis and VandenBrink explained the firm will be doing a reanalysis of the flood insurance study to the area identified involving the Oxy site near the intersection of Grand River Avenue at the Division Street bridge. Sundry Corporation wishes to develop the property, which is currently designated as floodway, meaning this can not be developed. Weaver believed the floodway boundary was incorrectly platted.

City Manager Pasquale noted Sundry Development would be responsible for any financial costs.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned the difference between a floodway and a floodplain designation. Weaver responded the entire area is considered floodplain, while floodway is the active moving portion of the river.

Councilmember Myers inquired if residents living in the proposed homes would be required to carry flood insurance. Weaver responded yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to concur with Sundry Corporation's seeking of a redefinition redesignation of a floodway boundary east of Grand River Avenue along the north and south banks of the river, with the understanding there will be no financial obligation on the part of the City.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. ADOPTION OF THE 2001 - 2002 BUDGET AMENDMENTS. As required by State Law, the City Council must review and approve final adjustments to the City's operating funds. City Treasurer Sue Olin reviews each of the revenue and expenditure items from all City funds. Through actions of Council, items are reviewed to determine if a fund has been under or over spent.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the adoption of the 2001 - 2002 budget amendments as proposed.

Blough wanted to confirm in the General Fund, the revenues amended, there is an excess of \$71,000 in revenue. Expenditures have exceeded by \$227,000. Olin explained part of the difference is \$70,000, from police vacation and accrued sick time, which will come from a reserved fund balance.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. POLICE CONTRACT - WAGE RE-OPENER. The City is entering the second year of a three-year agreement with the Lowell Police Officers Association. Through negotiations with City Manager Pasquale and the Lowell Police Officers Association, a 3% increase in wages has been agreed to subject to City Council approval.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to approve a 3% wage increase for the Police Officer (at each pay step) and the Sergeant positions, amending the labor contract with the Lowell Police Officers Association for fiscal year 2002-2003 including the authorization for Mayor Shores to sign.

Councilmember Blough noted the public safety service in the City is extremely good. The department provides many services to its residents such as helping others or simply a reminder to buckle up, while not always issuing tickets. He noted service extends beyond the City borders, assisting the school district and surrounding townships.
YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. CITY HALL - POLICE STATION PROJECT: REVIEW BIDS, CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION OPTIONS AND FINANCING. Architect Tom Smith of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber reviewed the City Hall - Police Station bid process with the Council.

He noted bids were sought approximately one month ago and received on May 22, 2002 for the project. The goal was to be under the initial budget set by the City Council of \$4,372,000 for the base bid. This was achieved through much effort from the Fishbeck construction department and City staff.

There were many good bids received and it was very competitive. The following bid options had been outlined:

Option 1 - Construct the entire Police Station, common lobby, the first floor of the City Hall, and the entire City Hall exterior. Cost - \$3,992,655

Option 2 - Add to Option 1 the cost of Alternate No. 1, which is building out the second floor of City Hall minus the audio/visual system in the Council Chambers. Cost - \$4,260,706

Option 3 - Add to Option 1 Alternate No. 2, replacing the roof of the existing City Hall. Cost - \$4,005,900

Option 4 - Add to Option 1 both Alternate No. 1 and Alternate No. 2, which would be building out the second floor of City Hall minus the audio/visual system, and replacing the roof of City Hall. Cost \$4,273,951

Option 5 - Construct the Police Station only and delete any work at City Hall and the common Lobby. Estimated cost: \$2,300,000 (This would require some redesign and rebutting the project).

The City is ready to enter into contracts, contingent upon the sale of the bonds.

City Manager Pasquale explained the financing part of the project and noted several different bonding scenarios. These bonding scenarios provide some conservatism adding 20 basis points (0.2%) to each estimate.

Pasquale assumed it would be prudent to undertake the roofing for City Hall, which is a minor amount. Therefore, two scenarios were considered: one with a finished second floor and one without.

The first bond scenario, considers the City Hall - Police Station with the second floor included. The first year bond payment requires 3.59 mills. As mentioned, the DDA has provided 1 mill equivalent or \$82,893 toward the first year's bond payment. The Lowell Area Community Fund has contributed \$30,000 toward the clock tower while the Look Memorial Fund has allocated \$20,000. The levy would be reduced to 1.98 mills.

When reviewing the total amount, which would be borrowed, not only were the construction costs included but all expenditures to date including acquisition and architecture. Pasquale stated he delineated every cost the City Council has approved. The City undertook a Building Authority Bond, which was sold in September 1999. It provided nearly \$500,000 of proceeds toward the work. An additional \$281,000 was needed, which was provided through a loan from the General Fund. The total construction cost plus this \$281,000 totals the bonding cost. With all included, the City would levy an added 1.98 mills for the first year.

The second scenario reviews the base bid and roof only. In this case, the City would levy an added 1.82 mills. Constructing only the Police Station was also reviewed. Assuming a \$2.3 million dollar cost, plus the unreimbursed cost to the General Fund and the relocation costs which were eliminated, the first year's levy would be 1.1 mills.

Pasquale referred to the issue of Newell and Attwood and what would happen if these businesses choose not to sell or lease their properties and the DDA decided not to fund the City Hall or the library. Pasquale also included the Look Memorial Fund. As mentioned before, while Newell is important in terms of loss of employment, the impact on funds is not as great as Attwood would be. The 4% increase on real property and with the revenue loss of Attwood and Newell, would bring a net loss of taxable value to approximately 4 million dollars. This is simply an

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educated guess. Examining the taxable value of approximately 78 million dollars and assuming the DDA backs out totally, there would be a millage required for a base bid with a new roof of 3.94, base bid with second floor of 4.13, police station of 2.70.

If this scenario, in terms of the loss of personal property, not being picked up by the rest of the community holds true, but yet the DDA and Look Memorial Fund continue to support, the City would most likely have a gain levy of an additional .8 or .9 mills over the next year.

Pasquale noted the bonding scenarios include the assumption there is a zero percent growth in the taxable value for the 2003 - 2004 fiscal year.

Councilmember Myers asked if the worst case scenario was still within the Headlee amount. Pasquale responded yes.

Councilmember Blough noted over the last year the City has done much valued engineering. A number of different estimates were considered, such as reducing the garage size by deleting the ambulance area and two parking spaces or deleting brick at the rear elevation. He asked if Public Works Director DesJarden had a clear and accurate estimate of the included scopes of work per the bid prices. DesJarden responded yes.

Blough stated the City began the process by formally seeking and examining some needs assessments in 1997. Vendors and some subsequent design studies were reviewed. The budget was originally at 3.3 million five years ago. Since then, there has been approximately a 5% increase per year in values. The departments have completed valued engineering to cut the budget back to approximately 4.3 million dollars. Although Blough believed this was still a little high, some of the items challenged in the past such as the contingency funds have now been scaled down which seems to be appropriate.

Blough wanted to note the construction management process with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) includes an appropriate amount of oversight of 5% in their bid. Blough stated much thought has been placed into the second floor. He believed a new roof was prudent rather than trying to patch it.

Smith reminded the Council the options provided by FTC&H do not include the audio/visual system or the large Council Chambers desk.

Blough felt Pasquale had been very conservative with including a zero percent taxable value growth, while this past year the City saw a 6% increase in growth.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to approve the base bid for the City Hall - Police Station project with the City Hall second floor and the new roof, with a total cost of \$4,273,951 subject to the sale of bonds.

Councilmember Pfaller noted his conversations with members of the DDA and their reluctance to commit long term for the project. He had a difficult time supporting the project without a long-term commitment from the DDA. Pasquale explained a budget has been assembled for the DDA, indicating the Board can continue to support projects and still provide the necessary millage support. Pasquale believed the DDA supported the project. However, he would clarify this during the next DDA meeting on June 27.

Blough noted the DDA meeting he attended showed good support of the project.

Shores understood the DDA not wanting to make a long-term commitment. However, the Board has supported the City well in the past. Shores believed we all can take great pride in this project and would want to have it completed in its entirety.

Myers noted the project is a continuation of the development in the downtown area.

Councilmember Brubaker was also in support of the entire project. He believed it was fiscally responsible to do the project now. He did not think the current City Hall could remain standing for another 20 - 30 years. This is an excellent bid climate and would cost more to do it piece by piece.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 1. (Pfaller)

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON BANK INVOLVING TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY OF CITY HALL - POLICE STATION OFFICES - TABLED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING. Councilmember Myers noted he would be abstaining from voting and discussion on the issue.

Through the Director of Public Works Dan DesJarden and officials from Huntington Bank, local contractors have gone through the Huntington Bank building located at 414 East Main Street. The City has been considering leasing, on a temporary basis, 4,830 square feet for the City Hall offices and the Police Station for approximately one year, plus or minus, depending on how quickly the construction can be completed.

A representative from Huntington Bank presented an outline of the lease agreement in April. Huntington could take care of all necessary improvements to make the City Hall - Police Station area separate from the bank, or the City could undertake the work through a contractor.

Three bids were received, however one was withdrawn from Overbeck Construction. This left two bids: one from Architectural Building Restoration, Inc. and Parks Construction Services, Inc.

Pasquale noted a correction on the bid from Architectural Building Restoration, Inc. should read \$41,406. It was also mentioned Huntington would add a cost of \$15,000 toward security, requiring a total amount of \$56,406.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by BRUBAKER to pursue the lease agreement with Huntington Bank involving temporary occupancy of City Hall - Police Station offices for the total budgeted amount of \$56,406 with the City utilizing Architectural Building Restoration, Inc. to perform the necessary work.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSTAIN: 1 (Myers)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2002 - 2003 OPERATING BUDGET, SET MILLAGE RATE AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET. The Council considered the new budget in addition to setting the millage rate. A second public hearing was also held.

In response to questions and comments of the Council, the following was provided:

- Reductions have been made in Council Conferences and Conventions (less \$2,000), Ambulance (less \$1,000) and City Hall utilities (less \$2,000). This would bring an unreserved General Fund balance to \$323,450.99.

- Regarding the Lowell Area Historical Museum, a \$20,000 allocation could be provided lessening the fund balance to \$303,450.99. This still keeps the unreserved fund balance to acceptable standards.

The Council may allocate a millage out of its allotment. A total of .25 mills can be designated by the Council providing \$20,698.25 this coming budget year.

The City Council may also consider authorizing an election to designate .25 mills which would be above Charter limitations.

- Lowell Ambulance has a contract with the City (approved by Resolution 11-98, signed August 31, 1998) to provide service payments of \$2,000 per year. The contract expires in September, 2003. Information regarding neighboring jurisdictions' contributions was provided to the Councilmembers.

- The elimination of the Hudson-Foreman intersection widening project was reflected in the Major Street Fund. Sue Olin has provided a memo which includes the reason why additional salaries can not be expended from the Streets Funds.

- Specific fund allocations by City employees was provided.
- Fire/rescue billings by jurisdiction for the last three years was submitted.

- As noted in Sue Olin's memo, City is paying for utilities under building construction of the City Hall. This item was

reduced by \$2,000.
• The Equipment Fund has a diaphragm trash pump for water and sewer breaks in the budget (\$1,800).

- The Water Fund, based on established needs, has provided the following projects in absence of the Hudson - Foreman intersection project:

- Wellhead Protection \$10,000
- Well Abandonment \$5,000
- Abandon N.E. well and new fire hydrant... \$5,000
- Find leak in watermain on Amity \$3,500
- Install 8" main on Suffolk \$30,000

- A decision on the City Hall - Police Station project will be reflected in the budget and the millage rate needed. With a finished second floor and roof, 1.98 mills would be added, totaling 15.83 mills.

- Applications to the Look Memorial Fund and Lowell Area Community Fund will be submitted for the Fire Station and Foreman Building roofs.

Councilmember Myers questioned the General Fund balance amount of \$323,450.99. He asked what was an acceptable unreserved fund balance. Pasquale responded the City has a policy, which uses \$300,000 as an acceptable fund balance.

Mayor Shores stated she would be in approval of granting .25 mills this year and having this millage placed on the ballot for the future.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired when an election on .25 millage would be held. Pasquale responded this coming November.

Shores asked if either of the townships were contributing. Judy Straub responded no.

Councilmember Pfaller was happy to see Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan providing \$10,000 for the well head protection. He asked if this was enough to have the study started. Pasquale responded yes.

Pfaller was concerned that the City had to apply to the Look Memorial Fund and the Lowell Community Fund seeking new roofs for the buildings. The City just committed 4.3 million dollars to build a new police station and renovate City Hall, but then can't afford these items in the budget, to maintain the buildings the City already has. Shores believed the funds were left for the good of the area. She personally had no problem with asking for assistance. Both the Foreman Building and Fire Station are used by many.

Historic Museum Director, Judy Straub thanked the City Council for considering the request to look for operational funding. Without support, the museum can not be an active and integrated part of the community.

Shores thanked Straub and all the other volunteers who have worked on the museum. Everyone should be very proud.

Garland Barry of 407 Foreman asked if there was any criteria followed to establish what the needs were for the new buildings. Blough responded a schematic design study was completed on September 15, 1998. Pasquale noted the study is available at City Hall. Pasquale explained the architects initially worked with staff to provide a long-term space needs study.

Blough referred to the sidewalk fund, which consists of \$2500. This program has been operating for some time now. He questioned why not take \$1,000 from the fund and provide the Ambulance Fund with \$3,000 a year. Olin noted part of the sidewalk program not only includes the 25%, but is also for the upkeep and cleaning in the wintertime.

Blough suggested the City state improvements need to be made when the property is changing owners or when new homes are built, sidewalks should be constructed. Blough commented on the Lowell Area Historical Museum. He believed the main issue around the table is again that this is a program which reinforces the commitment the Council has made to the historic nature of the City. Therefore, keeping this kind of investment with the downtown district is extremely prudent. Also, this is the City's building. The City has a very viable and active organization, which has a capital campaign for the first year of over \$280,000. Much of this is returned into the structure of the building. If this program wasn't there, then the City would have some type of structure maintenance.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 4,530 students are included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 2001-2002 academic year at Western Michigan University.

From the Lowell area are Nicholas J.K. Blough, Brianna Gallert, Cherie A. Gillman, Eric S. Howes, Jennifer L. Kitchen, Erin N. Koewers, Laura E. LaHaye, Trevor M. Land, Brandy L. Stroo, Lindsey J. Thayer and Nicole L. Waldron. From the Alto area are Jason J. Bishop, Amy C. Hutchinson, Jaclyn K. Shurmack and Jaclyn C. Yonker.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Olivet College has announced its awards and graduates for spring semester 2002 from Lowell.

Jenny Sobie earned the James R. Donahue Award in

Arts and Communications. Melissa Sobie graduated with a BA degree. Angela Young was on the dean's list which requires that a student maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Hope College has announced its list of students named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2001-2002 school year. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

From Lowell are Meghan L. Geer, Tyler J. Southwell and Steven J. VanLaan.

Grand Valley State University announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the winter 2002 semester.

The following students are from the Lowell area: Leona J. Ashley, Laurie Biener,

Michelle L. Bosscher, Erin P. Burgess, Anya A. Chamberlain, Brandy A. Fedewa, Candace A. Harper, Scott R. Hoofman, Amy D. Meiste, Jacob P. Nijse, Kelly L. O'Dell, McKenzie E. Plummer, Shelly K. Porter, Julie M. Postema, Julie M. Shortle, Jeffrey L. Smit, Kristin J. Sytsma, Kelly M. Todd, Kaily S. Wittenbach and Annie M. Zalokar. From the Alto area are: Jennifer R. DeVorner, Donna Meekhof, Monica A. Muuse, Meghann J. Phillips and Courtney L. Wiersum.

To be placed on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits and have maintained a 3.5 grade point average.

Jeffrey S. Nethercot, a senior at Northwood University, recently received several awards at the university's honors convocation held in the Griswold Lecture Hall.

He was presented the BBA Salutatorian (4-year) Award. This is awarded to a student who has maintained

the second highest scholastic average in the bachelor's degree graduating class.

Nethercot also received the Vada Bennett Dow Humanitarian Award based on community involvement, campus involvement and a genuine devotion to helping others.

He is the son of Sharon Nethercot of Lowell.

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

From the Lowell area are Kristine A. Akers, Jessica A. Garber, Emily D. Hovinga and Amber D. Young.

From the Alto area are Kimberly J. Fish, Melissa L. Kline, and Kami L. Pentecost.

In all, 3,800 CMU students were named to the honors list. About 19,000 students attend CMU in Mount Pleasant. The spring semester ended in May.

Calvin College has announced its spring 2002 dean's list.

From the Lowell area are Michael E. Befus, Angela M. Buys, Erin Fields and Seth D. Renkema.

To earn a spot on the

dean's list at Calvin requires that a student maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and have a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges.

Frisbee team to perform at local libraries

The Flying Aces Professional Frisbee Team will perform at several libraries as part of Summer Reading Club 2002.

The Alto Branch will offer the program on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m.; the Englehardt branch will present it on Tuesday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The show is an exciting visual of athletic tricks that are hard to imagine. The team discusses the importance of physical fitness, teamwork, and practicing a skill while explaining the fundamentals of Frisbee golf and other games. This free program is appropriate for all ages.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Blough stated he would support a millage election campaign in November of .25 mills. However, he wondered if the real question, between now and then, was whether the millage would become available a year from now in July for the \$20,000 in our budget? So, if \$300,000 is the prudent level that the City should act as contingency and having \$320,000, then the real issue is to give the Museum \$20,000 out of the General Fund.

Shores asked if .25 mills would provide approximately \$20,698. Pasquale explained if the City takes the 1.98 plus the 13.85, the City would be at 15.83. Out of the 15.83, .25 could be designated.

Blough stated his interest was if the City has \$20,000 in the budget, then a priority call should be made and designate \$20,000 for this year, and then support a campaign for .25 mills for long-range operational support.

Myers believed the .25 mills is a marketing advantage for the Lowell Area Historical Museum from the standpoint of being able to say they are asking for a continuation or using it more as a means of trying to assure passage the next time.

Pasquale noted the City would be looking at a millage rate of 15.83, which would take care of the bonding, 1.98 would provide for the first year's bond payment for the City Hall - Police Station. By general consensus, the Council agreed to a \$20,000 allocation from the General Fund budget for the museum.

Shores asked the Council if they wish to have a .25 millage on the next election in November. Pasquale noted if the Council wishes to do so, a resolution would need to come back to the City Council. Pfaller stated he would like to see a request from the Historical Museum to the Council requesting this.

Shores referred to the funds for the ambulance and noted she would wish to see the amount increased to \$3,000.

Pfaller suggested discussing the sidewalk issue at another meeting once it has been determined how many individuals have taken advantage of the program. Myers believed it was important to offer a contribution to the citizens to encourage repair or replacement. He could see it being difficult to try and force improvements at the time of ownership change. Myers stated it is a worthwhile program and should be continued. It is not a huge item, but yet it shows the City is making an effort and trying to help with the cost for public safety.

Brubaker did not want to take the \$1,000 out at this time. He agreed with Pfaller and felt it would be a good idea to see how many are using the program and if it is really an incentive to have repairs done.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2002 to 2003 with a millage of 15.83 with the following amendments: (1) reductions in Council Conferences and Conventions (less \$2,000) City Hall utilities (less \$2,000); (2) provide \$3,000 to Lowell Ambulance; and (3) add diaphragm trash pump in the Equipment Fund (add \$1,000); (4) provide \$53,000 in Water System Improvements as outlines; (5) add \$20,000 to the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Traci Mullins of 1001 Grindle requested the Council review where the north line would be established if the Sundry Development project for 751 Grindle was approved. Currently, the north lot line on the Phillip's property where the development is to take place, appears to go through Ruth Smith's (819 Grindle) kitchen.

James Hinton, President of the Lowell Police Officers Association, thanked the Council, as well as the community, for the support received.

Thad Kraus noted the 8th annual Cherry Creek Classic will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2002. The run/walk will begin at the Lowell Middle School. The proceeds will go to the playground at the Grand River Riverfront Park. The race has raised over \$16,500 for the community.

Jim Doyle, President of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, thanked the Council for the support and its ongoing efforts. It is a wonderful community asset.

Alan Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive appreciated all the work the Council has done with trying to get the budget down on the City Hall - Police Station. Mathews also noted how much he appreciates the Lowell Police Department.

Mathews also referred to Mrs. Smith's property. She is in her late 80's and lives all by herself. He was very upset regarding individuals contacting her. He wanted the Council to review the boundary lines.

Ivan Blough of 623 N. Jefferson questioned what participation the City has in the sidewalk program. Pasquale responded the City contributes 25% of the contractor's cost or if an individual does it, then the City contributes 25% of the materials.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers received a citizen comment concerning an alternate choice for the Hudson/Foreman corner which would route traffic in a different direction. Myers requested the proposal be placed on the next agenda.

Myers also requested an updated Boards and Commissions list.

Mayor Shores stated the City had a good Mayor Exchange Day with St. Joseph.

Shores noted she was proud to accept the plaque from the VFW in appreciation to the City for the Veterans Park near Main Street.

She also received a letter from Metcalf Funeral Home concerning how impressed they were with Oakwood Cemetery and Sexton Don DeJong.

Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- The following meetings minutes were provided:
 - Planning Commission meeting of April 29, 2002
 - Downtown Development Authority meeting of April 18, 2002
 - Board of Light and Power meeting of April 15, 2002
 - Board of Cable Television meeting of April 15, 2002

2. The fourth State of the City address will be given at the June 17, 2002 meeting.

3. Bruce Walter recently passed away. A letter of bequest for \$5,000 from his estate was given to the City for the development, construction or maintenance of a refrigerated public ice rink. If this is not carried out within five (5) years, these funds will be distributed to the YMCA.

The letter from Robin Walter requests whether the City wishes to pursue this. If not, the funds are directly to be given to the YMCA. Pasquale noted the issue will be discussed with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores made the following appointments.

Term Appointment to:
David Rapp 06/30/2005
Planning Commission
Barb Vezino 06/30/2007
Local Officers Compensation Commission

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to appoint the above individuals to the listed boards.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, June 17, 2002

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

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.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates and times call 897-5015. Guests are welcome.

1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

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 OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ lt. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., 1 p.m. following senior meal. Come knit & crochet or learn the craft. Call Lana at 691-8450 for info.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at Chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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

SECOND MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. Info. call Dave : 897-2533.

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

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 (men only) meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:00 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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 TUES.: Saranac Community and Area Music Makers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Call Kathy at 642-6316/ 897-5981 for info.

TUES.: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

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

TUES., WED, THURS.: Ionia County Literacy Council, free help with learning English: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul Catholic School, High St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or 897-7020.

1ST 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 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd months; program meetings/even months. Open to all.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets 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 w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group 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" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

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

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in activities. Times: 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. Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

EVERY THURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI

No. 333, meets at Saranac Library. Weigh-in 6:45 p.m.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited 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: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

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 2ND THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at VFW Clubroom, 307 E. Main. No Bingo.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics/ discussion for parents of children all ages. 897-7842.

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 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

THIRD FRI.: All players & listeners: Join Nick & Patti at The New Riverview, M-21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk Music" session, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or 897-9948 Lyle.

FRI.: Walking-exercise program 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society meets 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada 7144 Headley.

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

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club @ Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m. Other times by appt. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 897-2037. Gift certificates now available.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. - Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call 647-3920.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held third Monday at 7:30 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.

THURS., JUNE 20: Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts feature Horns of Power (gospel ensemble) at 7 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza. Admission is free; call 897-9161 for info. If rain, location at fairgrounds in livestock barn.

THURS., JUNE 20: Community roast for Bert Bleke at LPAC 7 p.m. Tickets: \$3. Available at the door.

FRI., JUNE 21: Registration and payment (\$30 per person) due for Classes 1970, '71 & '72 reunion on Aug. 3. Checks payable to Maureen Kissinger, Rockin' Reunion, 210 Valley Vista Dr., Lowell. 897-8423.

FRI., JUNE 21: Deadline for YMCA roller hockey clinic starting June 24. Call 897-8445 or register at the YMCA. Limited enrollment. Clinic includes camp shirt and photo.

WED., JUNE 26: Deadline for 15th annual Hoops classic scheduled for June 28, 29, 30. Registration forms at YMCA Wellness Center or by calling 897-8445. No Walk-on registrations accepted.

FRI., JULY 12: Saranac Community & Area Music Makers "Salute to America" concert 7 p.m. at Saranac High School. Veterans free; adults \$5; Seniors & students \$3; under 5 free. Call 897-5981 for info.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JUNE 19: 10 Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.
TUES., JUNE 25: 7:15 a.m. Breakfast and Music at Rockford McDonalds.

THURS., JUNE 20: Noon Dance at West Side Complex.
WED., JUNE 26: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.

FRI., JUNE 21: Noon Birthday/Anniversary Party, Bingo.
THURS., JUNE 27: 12:45 p.m. North Country Trails, Lowell.

MON., JUNE 24: 12:45 p.m. Shop Wal Mart and Dollar Store.
FRI., JUNE 28: 7:45 a.m. Lansing capitol bldg., museum, lunch at Clara's, Francis Park Rose Garden in Lansing.

St. Mary's Parish celebrates opening of new Parish Life Center

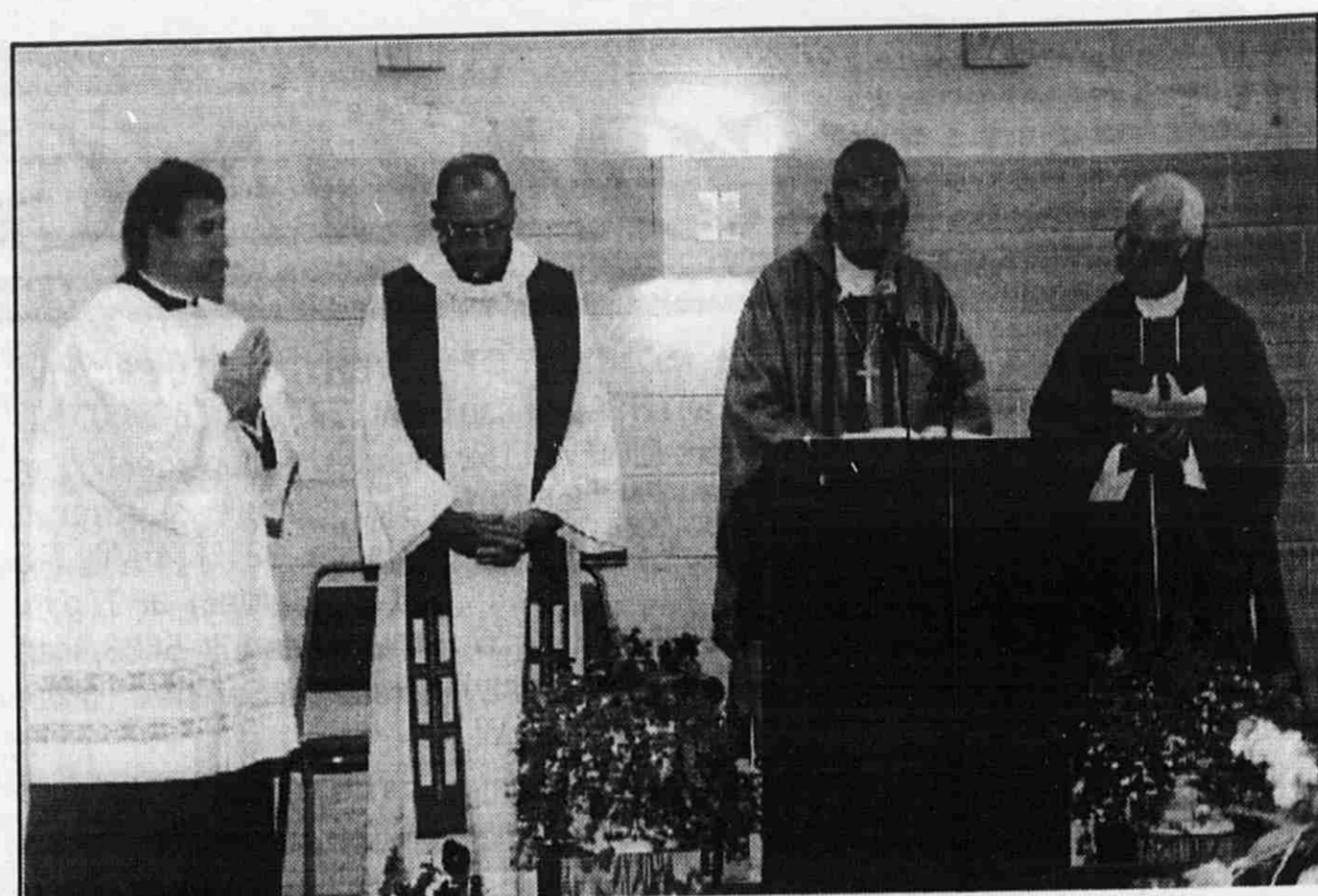
By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

In 1879, a congregation of about 200 witnessed the construction of the first home of St. Mary's Parish on Lincoln Lake Ave. and Chatham Street. This Sunday, approximately 350 families from the

church and the Lowell community will celebrate the newest building to the current Amity Street home of St. Mary's.

The Lowell community is invited to attend an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. for the church's new Parish Life Center, designed to provide a place

where church members and the community can come together. The 10,732-square-foot facility, which was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Robert Rose on June 9, includes a multipurpose room of 5,000 square feet, a classroom and meeting room, an enlarged narthex, an ex-



Pictured at St. Mary's Parish Life Center's dedication, from left to right: Father Anthony Russo, Father Thomas Schiller, Bishop Robert Rose and Father George Fekete. Photo courtesy of Gina Granholm

panded north entrance, storage for tables and chairs, a modern kitchen/service area, nursery/bride's room, additional bathrooms and a large sacristy.

The building, the first since 1980 when the church moved to its current location at 401 Amity, was the result of growth within St. Mary's Parish and the Lowell community. The Parish Life Center is designed to host parish and private celebrations including weddings, receptions, religious studies, sporting events, art exhibits, conferences and meetings.

Many of these activities could not have been hosted before because of space constraints. The multipurpose

room can seat between 350-400 people for banquets or weddings, and about 700 people in theater-style presentations.

For the church's religious education program, the new facility allows for each grade level to have its own instructor along with expansion of the program for Pre-K, CCD and a senior high group. The expansion of the narthex also provides more room for activities including parishioner fellowship time.

The project costs around \$1.2 million, with church members raising about \$850,000 for the project. The congregation had about \$350,000 set aside for the new facility.

According to church information, St. Mary's Parish is one of the oldest churches in the community, being established in the late 1830s in the village of Lowell. In 1879, the first church building was dedicated. The parish continued to be a missionary church until 1927, when the first resident priest was appointed.

A history of institutions is usually measured by dates and edifices, according to information from St. Mary's Parish about the campaign drive. The real story lies in the hearts and memories of those who have worked—and sometimes struggled—together to nurture and build something bigger than themselves. The story continues.

Artist finds inspiration just about anywhere

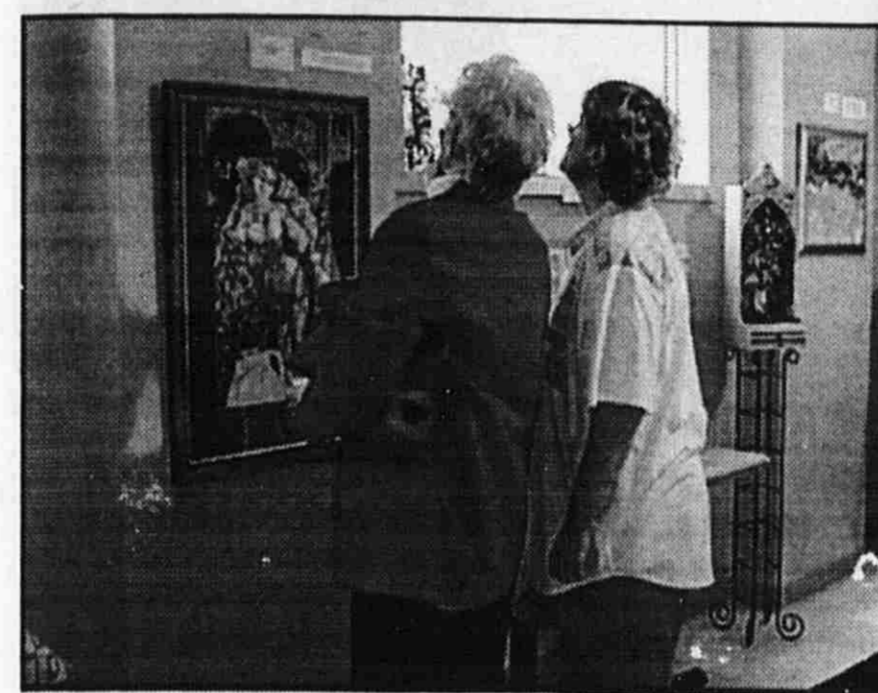
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Soft whispers by those viewing the art of Kathleen Mooney created almost a low

carvings of prehistoric monuments to watercolors and oil pastels of dragonflies, all represent what her teacher, David Davis indicates is the

interest.

Eighteen years ago, Mooney moved to the Lowell area. Then sometime ago, she decided she wanted to explore her creative side...she wanted to work with other artists. It led her to discover the Lowell Area Arts Council and teachers like Davis, who also chairs the council's visual arts committee. The inspirations started coming and Mooney was producing work that impressed not only Davis but others involved in the Lowell Area Arts Council as well.



hum of excitement in the Riverwalk Gallery located in the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

"Awesome, just awesome." "Oh, I am so proud of you!" "How did she do that?" "Don't you just love it?"

And Mooney herself flattered from person to person with a smile that lit up the room. The only person whose smile might have been larger was that of her mother—the person Mooney credits as giving her her first box of crayons and "letting me be as creative as I wanted to be."

It paid off. From monoprints depicting rock

tip of the iceberg to Mooney's work.

"She's a special artist," Davis said. "Her ingenuity, her warm personality, her vast knowledge of material, and she creates vast volumes of work."

Mooney does have a background in art, having taken some classes at Kendall School of Art and Design and studied under Mary Jane Anway at Grand Rapids Community College. She even had a few shows right after college, however the responsibilities of everyday life soon took over and Mooney's art became her own personal

tip of the iceberg to Mooney's work. "When I put this show together, I wanted it to represent that you could find inspiration anywhere," Mooney said. "I have traveled for the past nine years to England, Ireland, Scotland and France. In fact, I was the little girl who always wanted to travel, but I have always returned home to West Michigan."

Through her travels, she has taken countless photographs—images that she uses to create some of her pieces. A running theme is that of shrines, often found on the roadside in western Ireland. Using pieces of wood, china and pottery, she carefully has constructed stars, representing a time when Christianity incorporated the old ways of Ireland into teachings of the saints. Stars feature the melding of Brigit the Earth Mother

into Saint Brigit. Another shrine of Ireland/Scotland features broken china which Mooney gathered on the shores of Easdale Island and several islands in Scotland.

"I just love how you can take broken bits and turn them into something beautiful," Mooney said.

The artist also has used monoprint-making techniques to recreate etchings she saw in prehistoric sites of Scotland and Ireland.

Through inspiration around home, she created an assemblage of pieces from the concept of *How Plants Get What They Need*; also from a concept called *Scheduled for Destruction*, she shows what happens to words when they are no longer used. She also has created her own technique of laying watercolors by painting, then taking a hose and scrub brush to the image and washing away some of the paint.

"It creates a ghostly image," Mooney said, adding that she uses the image and repaints over the original, creating an almost 3-D effect in watercolor.

Her work, some of which can also be seen in the "Botanika '02" exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council, will be at the Riverwalk Gallery through July 12. Mooney herself, however, will only be

in town for about another 10 days. She is heading to England with her nieces and most certainly will come back with more inspirations.

"I just want people to see this show and think, 'Isn't life colorful and beautiful,' because it is," Mooney said.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting to be held at:
Bowne Township Historical Hall
8240 Alden Nash
Alto, MI 49302
(616) 868-6846

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2002
7:30 P.M.

REQUEST #1 - Variance of Article 5-05 Height Area and Dimension regulations for Minimum lot area. Parcel #41-24-26-100-004 - Owned by Marvin J. and Kae D. Smith - 13226 92nd Street - Alto, MI 49302

REQUEST #2 - Variance of Article 3 Section 3:02 Accessory Structures and Uses - Location of secondary garage to property line and existing house. Parcel #41-24-09-200-039 - Owned by Harry B. Haight Jr. - 11790 Rural Acres Lane - Alto, MI 49302

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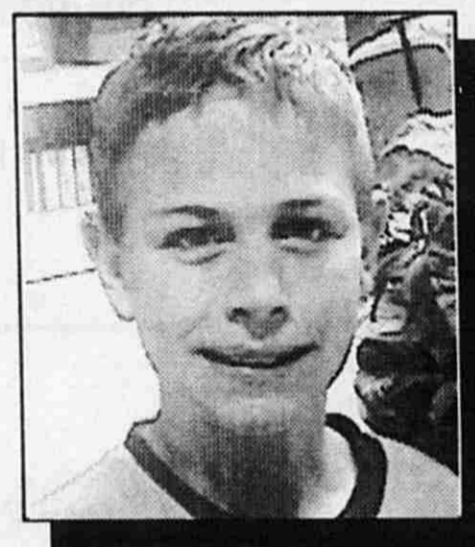
NAME:.....Eric Vansledright

AGE:.....10 years old

BIRTHDAY.....9/13/91

HOBBIES.....Riding his dirt bike

He receives a prize for his great checkup.



May "No Cavities" Club Members

Eric Vansledright	Alex Nurmikko	Carolyn Affholter
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EXTENSION OF YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

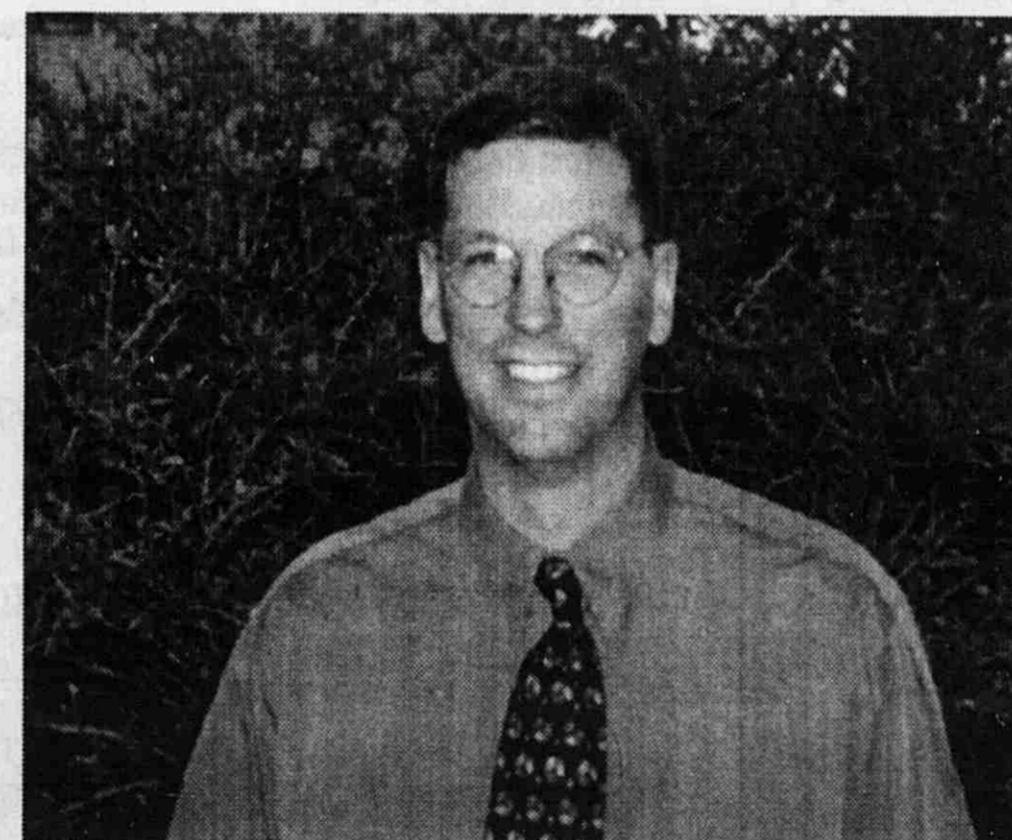
The City of Lowell Yard Waste Pickup Program has been extended and will be the same day as your refuse/recycling pickup is. The dates are listed below.

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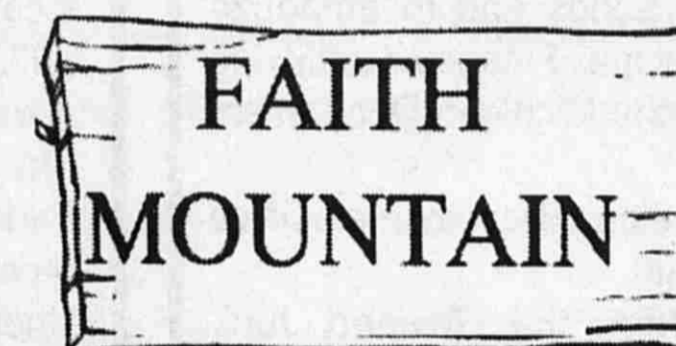


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Bleke, Gustafson preside over last meeting together

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

One of the last official acts Superintendent Bert Bleke did at his last Lowell Area Schools Board meeting was to say good-bye to a friend and mentor.

Before it was determined by the Grand Rapids School Board that it would hire Bleke as its new superintendent, board president, Pete Gustafson announced he would not seek re-election to the school board, leaving a large gap in the leadership of the Lowell Area Schools.

"It is very easy to see that

the history of this school district could have been altered if it hadn't been for Pete," Bleke said. According to Bleke, Gustafson was active in helping pass the last millage for the district along with giving direction to the district for the last several years.

And Gustafson could say the same about Bleke, who has been with the district for seven years and officially released his letter of resignation to the board, the district, and the Lowell community at Monday night's board meeting.

"I thought a lot about what I was going to say to both Bert and Pete when this

time came," said board trustee, Nancy Hopkins. "I am going to keep it simple: Thank you. Thank you."

Now the issue before the board is to look at the future, with the addition of newcomer Peter Haefner, and the selection of a new superintendent for the district. As board trustee, Kate Dernocoeur stated, "The next chapter for the district is coming. We have been blessed with great leadership." She added that the community can trust the board to move forward into the next era for Lowell Area Schools.

But before the district does this, residents, community leaders, and school staff and officials from Bert's past and present, will have a chance to get a few parting words about him at a community roast set for June 20 at the Lowell High School Perform-

ing Arts Center. In addition to the list of notable "roasters" mentioned in a Ledger article last week are Betty Yeiter, retired teacher and past president of the Lowell Women's Club, and Ben Emdin, business owner and soon-to-be chief financial officer of the Grand Rapids Public Schools. Dave Thompson, vice chair of fund development for Lowell Education Foundation, will serve as master of ceremonies.

As for Gustafson, who will be out of town that evening, he said he would rather leave Bleke with some words of gratitude for his past seven years of dedication to the Lowell schools and the community.

Tickets for the dessert reception (7 p.m.) and the program (8 p.m.) are \$3 and will be sold at the door.



Band booster winners

The Lowell Music Boosters were happy to hand over a check to Barb Porter. She was the big winner in their spring 50/50 raffle and received a check for \$1,900. Other winners were Janine Mork receiving a gift certificate for \$25 to Keiser's and Steve Bosserd won a \$15 gift certificate to Mancino's. Pictured above are Rich Porter, middle school band student; Barb Porter and booster president, Lanie Rice.

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NOTICE TO
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FILE NO. 02-173,629-DE

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Idea presented for sign ordinance in Historic Business District

By J. N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Business owners in the Lowell Historic District might just get a break from the city's sign ordinance.

Last week, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker presented the Lowell Planning Commission with a pro-

posed ordinance that would relax the sign rules in the historic district, allowing for "approved" signage. The proposal was a result of discussions Baker had had with business owners and the planning commission.

"The commission has turned it over to Doug Hopkins (the city's zoning inspector) to look at and see

how it will fit in with the current ordinance rules," Baker said. "Really, right now it's just a time issue."

Baker has been moving along on the project quickly. She met with the planning commission in May to discuss relaxing the rules although the commission felt it could not have an ordinance on the books and simply ig-

nore it. Instead, commission members suggested that Baker and other interested parties work on developing a new ordinance that contains the goal of what the business owners wanted—to place signs near their businesses.

After working on the proposal for a couple of weeks, Baker presented it to the planning commission during a special work session meeting June 10. The proposal would allow for businesses in the historic district to have a pendant, flag or board sign outside that would be placed on the ground. The sign could

say "open" or it could advertise specials. All signs would have to be approved by the historical commission to make certain they fit with the overall image of the historic district.

Signs would only be allowed out during business hours and could not impede pedestrian traffic. Baker said owners would be encouraged to place the signs near trees and pole stands, out of the way of foot traffic.

Currently, sandwich board-type signs are allowed in the area for 21 days with a business owner required to

pay the city a \$200 fee. Baker said with the proposed ordinance, they were hoping to allow the signs up year-round and eliminate the fee.

The commission did tell Baker it could be early fall before such an ordinance allowing signs in the historic business district would be placed on the books. Hopkins is currently reviewing Baker's proposal and is scheduled to get back to the planning commission soon.

Substation to be built on Bowes Rd.

The substation, being built on Bowes Rd., will be connected to West Michigan's electric power grid by a new higher capacity electric transmission line to be built later this summer.

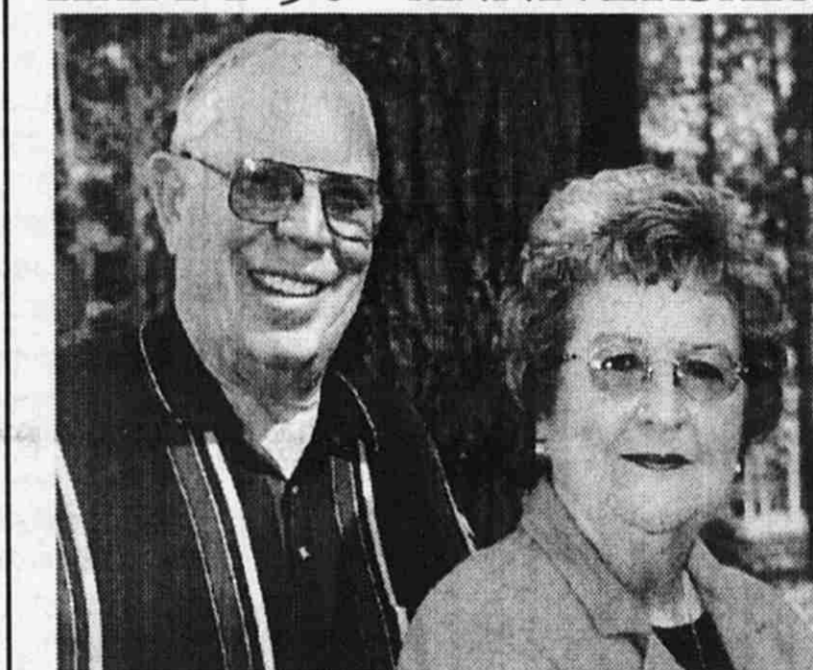
At 170,000 pounds each, the two transformers are the central elements of the new substation designed to give Lowell's electric system a greater level of redundancy and reliability.

Lowell's peak power consumption has been growing by an average of seven percent per year — more than twice the rate of other West Michigan cities.

Funding for the \$5.5 million project will be provided by revenue bonds to be sold in late June or July. The cost of financing the project will likely result in some increase in residential and commercial electric rates, to be determined by the Board of Light and Power.

It's expected that the new substation will be fully operational this fall.

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Motion to approve the agenda
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda
- Motion to approve May 13, 2002 minutes
- Motion to approve May 20, 2002 minutes
- Motion to approve Clerk's report -
- Motion to approve accounts payable
- Motion to approve payroll
- Motion to approve amending the budget for the purchase of the software
- Motion to approve the resolution to acquire and construct improvements to the Grattan Sewer System and the Grattan/Vergennes Sewer System for the Township of Grattan. To publish notice of intent to issue bonds and to authorize filing of a Municipal Finance Qualifying Statement with the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- Motion to appoint Jan Breimayer as Office Coordinator (staff)
- Motion to reaffirm the Revised Junk Ordinance
- Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Gloria Burns, recording secretary

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Sat., June 22, 9-7 under the pavilion at Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake.

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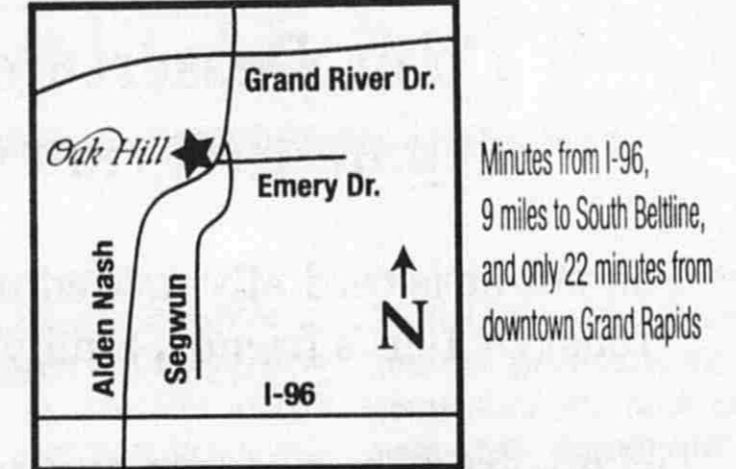
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- An Ordinance to amend Section 4.16 "Recreational Vehicle Storage in Residential Districts" of Chapter 4 General Provisions of Zoning in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance Amendment are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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