1207 SPRINCPORT BOOK DINDERY HOAG & SONS SPRINCPORT, MICH. 49204 Serving The Lowell Area for over 100 Years 2002 The Lowell Ledger Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893 Volume 23, Issue 39 Wednesday, June 26, 2002 **Bleke leaves 'em laughing at fundraising roast**

by Kate Dernocoeur

Outgoing Lowell school superintendent, Bert Bleke got a good send-off Thursday evening as he endured the pokes and jabs of a goodhearted roast in his honor. The event was a fundraiser for Lowell Education Foundation but, as master of ceremonies, Dave Thompson said, it was also intended as a "fun-raiser" at Bleke's expense.

Eleven people signed up to roast Bleke and paid \$100 for the chance. Among them was lifelong resident and 31year veteran teacher of the Lowell school district, Betty Yeiter, who said she was happy to spend the dollars despite being a tight-fisted farmer's wife. "It's hard to roast someone for whom you have a lot of respect," she said, "so this shouldn't be too

Year recipient, gave him a pad of paper and a pencil so as to avoid the need for a palm organizer. Then Jim White, acting superintendent for Lowell Area Schools, took up the drumbeat: "Have I mentioned Bert has a tough time with technology?"

Other speakers included Jim McLean (a Forest Hills educator), Brian Craig (newly retired from the Grand Rapids Board of Education), Ben Emdin (Bleke's newly-appointed chief financial officer for GR Public Schools), Mike Washburn (Forest Hills superintendent), Gloria Graber (Forest Hills Northern principal), Jim Sowle (a former teaching colleague), and Jim McDonald (artist and Kendall professor). Three student athletes presented Bleke with an honorary varsity letter, and TOTS program leaders, Kathy Cole and Rhonda

evening was punctuated by a photo tour of Bleke from childhood, through his school years, and into his career in education.

The event raised about \$1,500 for the Lowell Education Foundation. In addition to the money raised from speakers, about 150 people purchased tickets for the occasion. "I thought it went well," said Wilcox.



Above, Jon McDonald, artist and longtime friend, made Bert laugh with stories about his "younger" years.

At left, master of ceremonies Dave Thompson got the audience warmed up with his "emotional" signs.

hard.'

Lowell Education Foundation chairperson, Marsha Wilcox spoke of Bleke's legendary ability to think with a sense of vision and purpose. However, she said, "There's a fine line between a vision and a hallucination," referring to the common knowledge that the job he faces is highly challenging.

Bob Pfaller, a Vergennes township resident and, with Bleke, a Lowell Person of the

Delnick sang a specially-written song.

Abundantly credited throughout the program for their support of Bleke were his wife, Jan, and his executive assistant, Kay Jones. Bleke's mother and other close personal friends were also in attendance. His sister, Corrine Beutel, came from Illinois for the chance to roast her brother, and gave away a few childhood secrets. The

Along Main Street

SIZZLIN' CONCERT: BLUES STYLE

Join the fun on the Riverwalk this Thursday, June 27 from 7-9 p.m. and listen to the 5-piece blues band known as Harry Lucas & the Lowdown, a real powerhouse in the growing West Michigan Blues scene. Admission/parking are free.

ROCKIN' REUNION/CLASSES OF 1970, '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 no later than July 5 and may be sent to Maureen Kissinger at 210 Valley Vista Dr., Lowell 49331.

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.

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City manager sees challenges & opportunities ahead

city continues to grow,

Pasquale said. In the last five

years, 468 building permits

have been issued totaling

\$21.5 million in value. The

Lowell Area Schools' total

enrollment increased to 3.826

students, with a count of 1,163

at the high school, causing the

district to construct a new

addition at that facility,

Pasquale said. New elemen-

tary buildings are also

zens, however, weighs heavy

on the community, he said.

Lowell will lose about

tion where there must be com-

petitiveness making Lowell

attractive for business growth

"The city faces a situa-

\$100,000 in tax revenue.

The loss of jobs to its citi-

planned.

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

The past year for the city of Lowell has been marked with lows, the loss of jobs from Newell Manufacturing and Attwood Corporation, and highs, the moving forward with construction on a \$4.3 million City Hall/police station project.

These were both the challenges and opportunities Lowell city manager, David Pasquale outlined in his recent state-of-the-city address. Pasquale presented the address to the city council at its June 17 meeting.

Despite the loss of 337 jobs due to the closure of Newell and the reduction of production at Attwood, the

Wild bird finds a safe haven at local greenhouse

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

He's cute. He's fuzzy. And he certainly doesn't mind sharing his opinion with just about anyone.

He's Beaker, the newest addition to Two Seasons greenhouse, located on Main Street next to McDonalds. From best estimates, Beaker is believed to be a wild gray jay found last week by a couple of good Samaritans as they were traveling down M-21.

"Last Tuesday, the rain was literally going horizontal



through the place," said Two Seasons employee, Lynn Seese. "The next day, these two girls showed up with this little bird and asked if we would take care of it." Beaker, cont'd., pg. 8

both in commerce and in inare continuing demands to upgrade the city's infrastructure, particularly its streets and utilities."

several years working on its road system. The council recently commissioned and approved a Streets Master Plan which identified Valley Vista and North Division streets for repair. Both roads are under construction. The City Hall/ police station project is also a result of meeting community needs; construction is expected to start this July.

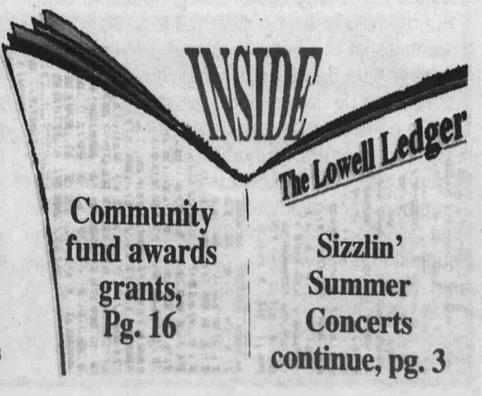
To continue making Lowell an attractive place to live and for future business, Pasquale said the city needs to keep supporting the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Historical District Commission, both of which are key economic development tools.

Other organizations dustry," Pasquale said. "There Pasquale cited as important to the development of Lowell included Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Historical Museum, The city has spent the past Lowell Airport, Lowell Area Arts Council, and the YMCA. The city needs to continue its partnership with Lowell Area Schools on the amphitheater and work with Vergennes and Lowell townships to provide recreational areas.

Areas in need of improvements are the sidewalks and roadways with alternative financing being considered for such projects.

"As mentioned in previous years, while the projects have been provided in our goals, the city places prime responsibility for service to the citizens of Lowell," Pasquale said.

Pasquale has been the Lowell city manager for 15 years.





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OBITUARIES

Stephanie, Michelle; great- gan. great-grandson Dylan; sister Kailey and Seth; many nieces grandmother, aunt and friend, Mission, c/o Chris Sorenson,

Hemingsen, aged 85, of Low- of many years Dick Speerstra; Adventist Church in Grand sister Doris. Mr. Hemingsen purple heart, a member of the death by her beloved husband Joyce (Bill) Varnell; grand- loved gardening, cutting wood years of marriage. She is surchildren Denise (Brad) on the farm and spending time vived by her son Tom (Beth) Varnell, Susan (Ken) vices were held Saturday at daughter Rhonda (Alan) Blanchard, Cristi (Nate) Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Atkins of Lansing; five grand-Payton; great-grandchildren Kenneth McGee officiating. children; two great-grandchil-

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-03 TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, and shall be published once in the Lowell CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation within OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE the Township, promptly after its adoption. In EXISTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT accordance with Act 94, this Ordinance shall PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM IN become effective immediately upon its adoption THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE; TO on June 21, 2002. PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SELF-LIQUIDATING REVENUE Section 3. Repeal. All ordinances and based backpacks for children BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING resolutions and parts thereof, insofar as the to take home and share with THE COST OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS same may be in conflict with the provisions of their families. Each one is UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 94 OF this Ordinance, are hereby repealed. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933, AS AMENDED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTED AND SIGNED can be checked out from the OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO SAID EFFECTIVE JUNE 21, 2002: IMPROVEMENTS AND BONDS.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Ordinance No. 2002-02. The first paragraph of Section 3.4 of I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and Ordinance No. 2002-02, adopted by the Bowne complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by Township Board on May 29, 2002, entitled "An the Township Board of the Township of Bowne, Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition, County of Kent, Michigan, at a meeting held on Construction and Installation of Certain June 21, 2002, the original of which is on file in Improvements to the Existing Wastewater my office and available to the public. Public Treatment Plant and Collection System in the notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and Township of Bowne; to Provide for the Issuance in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and Sale of Self-Liquidating Revenue Bonds for Act 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, the Purpose of Paying the Cost of said including in the case of a special or rescheduled Improvements Under the Provisions of Act 94 of meeting, notice by posting at least 18 hours prior the Michigan Public Acts of 1933, as amended; to the time set for said meeting. and to Provide for Other Matters Relative to said Improvements and Bonds" ("Ordinance No. I hereby certify that the following Board Members 2002-02") is amended and restated in its entirety were present at said meeting: Peter F. Siler, to read as follows:

Section 3.4. Series 2002 Bond Details. The Members were absent: David Fuss. Series 2002 Bonds hereby authorized shall initially consist of one fully registered bond I hereby certify that Member Hendrick moved for payable initially to the Michigan Municipal Bond adoption of this Ordinance, and that said motion Authority. The Series 2002 Bonds shall be was supported by Member Johnson. issued in the aggregate principal amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000); shall be I further certify that the vote for adoption of said dated as of the date of original delivery of the Ordinance was as follows: Series 2002 Bonds; shall bear interest at a rate YEAS: Peter F. Siler, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Sally or rates to be determined upon the sale thereof, C. Johnson and Karen Hendrick but in no event in excess of a net interest rate of NAYS: None 8% per annum, payable semiannually on I further certify that this Ordinance has been November 1 and May 1 of each year recorded in the Ordinance book and that such commencing November 1, 2002; shall be sold at recording has been authenticated by the not less than 95% of their par value; shall not be signatures of the Township Supervisor and subject to prepayment prior to maturity except as Township Clerk. set forth below; and shall mature serially on May 1 or November 1 of each year in DATED: June 21, 2002 accordance with the schedule set forth in the BOND FORM APPENDIX attached hereto.

in Eaton Rapids. Blossom was Blossom's strong Christian taken place. born February 24, 1914. She faith as the foundation of this was an active member of the HEMINGSEN - Alfred (Al) and nephews; special friend Central Seventh Day ell, died June 19, 2002. He and many special friends at Rapids for over 50 years. She RIPMASTER - Joan 2002. He was preceded in was preceded in death by his the Backwater Cafe. He worked as a nurse for over 20 wife Teen (Irene); twin proudly served America in the years and enjoyed sewing, brother June (Albert Jr.); U.S. Army in WWII, received birdwatching and scrabble. brothers Don, Gene, Bob and an honorable discharge and Blossom was preceded in is survived by his daughter Electrical Workers Union, Gerald Mullen, after over 50 Fla. She was preceded in death Anderson, Bill (Becky) with his family. Funeral ser- Mullen of Ringold, GA; their loss a son Terry and three grandchildren still at home, Robert, Andrea and Jennifer, Kelly, Bill Jr., Tif- Memorial contributions may dren and several nieces and Charles; also Kevin, his wife and two children who live in fany (Brent), Lindsey, Sarah, be made to Hospice of Michi- nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth- another state; two sisters liv-Gerst Chapel. Interment ing in England; and many Margaret McGalliard; special MULLEN-Olive "Blossom" Oakwood Cemetery. Memo- friends. Joan came to America nephew Tom (Angela) Mullen, a loving Christian rial contributions may be from England in 1944 as the Hemingsen and their children mother, grandmother, great- made to Adventist Frontier war bride of Robert Dawson

Section 2. Recordation; Publication; Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Township Board at which it was adopted, as soon as practicable after its adoption, which AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND record shall be authenticated by the signatures NO. 2002-02 of the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk,

membered.

was a resident of Clearwater.

by a son David Dawson in

1997. Joan leaves to mourn

Charlene Dawson of Morley:

Peter F. Siler Sandra L. Kowalczyk Township Supervisor Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Sally C. Johnson and Karen Hendrick and the following Board

Sandra L. Kowalczyk **Township Cleri**

passed away on June 20, 2002 107 E. Ferry St., Berrien and they resided in Lowell at the Maplewood AFC Home Springs, MI 49103. We credit many years. Cremation has Muskegon; mother Susan

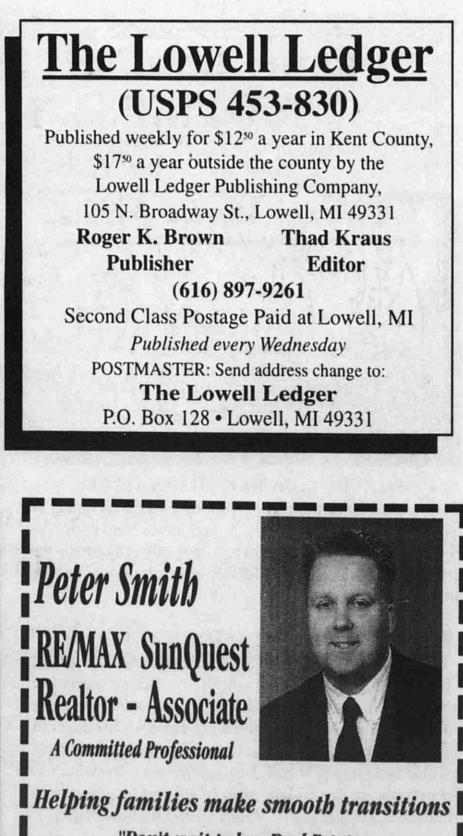
> family. She will be dearly re- SPOELMAN - Bradford John Spoelman, aged 20, of (Dawson) Ripmaster went to death by his grandfather be with her Lord on Saturday, Lewis Spoelman and sister June 15, 2002 of pneumonia Bonnie Sue Spoelman. Brad following major surgery. She is survived by his father



Library receives grant from Community Fund

Friends of the Lowell Library is one of 12 successful candidates for this year's Lowell Area Community Fund grant. The \$4,300 grant will enable the Englehardt branch in Lowell to purchase approximately 50 "Discovery

Discovery kits are themefilled with learning materials like books, puzzles, videos, games and activity guides that library.



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the kits can be borrowed between library branches. The kits, recommended for children preschool through sixth grade, should be available for patron use in fall 2002.

Patrons who use other li-

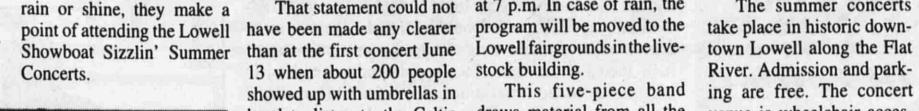
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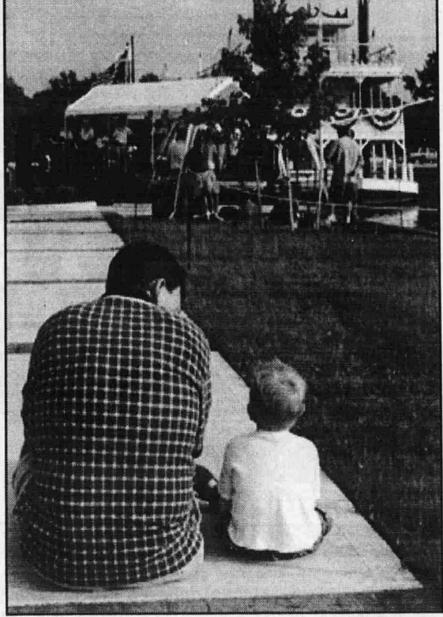
cess to the Discovery Kits, as

In addition to books and other printed materials, KDL offers free Internet access. DVD rentals, books on tape and CD, as well as educational software and videos, and major motion picture vid-

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

During the past couple of weeks, Lowell area residents have proven one thing-come





J. J. Swain and son Caleb found the perfect seat to watch and listen to the concert. Picture courtesy of Bruce T. Doll

13 when about 200 people stock building. showed up with umbrellas in hand to listen to the Celtic

group Fonnmhor. Smalligan, director of the Lowell Area Arts Council. series.

Lowdown. The concert starts rockin' experience.

That statement could not at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the point of attending the Lowell have been made any clearer program will be moved to the

> This five-piece band draws material from all the well-known blues styles and "They just kept coming injects the songs with Grand and coming," said Lorain Rapids own fresh and funky "west side" sound.

> Lucas has been singing in The council and the Lowell the West Michigan area for Area Chamber of Commerce more than 20 years. With an are co-sponsors of the concert expanding repertoire of original compositions and an ob-Taking over the stage near vious love for the blues tradithe Lowell Showboat this tion, the group promises a week is Harry Lucas and the good-time, bluesy, house-



Harry Lucas and the Lowdown



Kent District Library gets up close and personal with the animal world on a Wildlife Safari this summer. This program, for ages six and up, gives children the chance to see, yellow python, the Fennec fox and other mammals, birds, reptiles and insects. Nelson Pearson, a wildlife biologist who presents exotic animal shows all over





The summer concerts take place in historic downing 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 con-River. Admission and park- certs, which are every Thursday evening through Aug. 15, call the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161.

AREA BIRTHS

Big brother Hunter is excited to announce the birth of his brother, Logan Dean Johnson, born June 6, 2002 at St. Mary's Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Proud parents are Jeffrey and Regan Johnson.

Grandparents are Efren and Anita Rosales of Hillsboro, Ore., Barb Johnson of Kentwood and Warren and Beth Johnson of Lowell.



Logan Dean Johnson

Savannah Joy Milley

Andrew and Linda Milley are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Joy. She was born on June 6, 2002 at Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus, weighing an even 7 pounds and measuring 20 inches.

Proud grandparents are Thomas and Evelee VanPutten and Josh and Dianne Milley, all from Lowell.

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Pastor Stacy Peters Christian Life Center

Swat. Swat. Itch, itch, itch! "Annoying little pests," I think to myself. For more people, mosquitoes cause minor irritation and itching. Then there are people like me - allergic to the little beasts. Unfortunately, itching is the least of my problems. I swell up to the size of a small blowfish wherever I get stung. Needless to say, when the summer months roll around, it's "good-bye, perfume" and "hello, bug repellent."

Once again, I learned the bug repellent lesson this past week. After my "friendly" foes chomped a few bites on my legs, I made a beeline for the bug spray as fast as possible. To



Angela Nicole Chase and Beau James Stephens

When a thing is done, it's done. Don't look back. Look forward to your next objective. -George C. Marshall

my excitement, I was bug-bite free the remainder of the evening. "Surely," I thought to myself, "there's a lesson to be learned from mosquitoes. Why else would God have made the critters?"

Perhaps there isn't a lesson from mosquitoes to be learned. However, there's a lot to be said for bug repellent. Spiritually speaking, what would our lives be like if we made certain to spray each morning with "sin" repellent? Wouldn't it be incredible to never face temptation and evil again because we clothed ourselves in an armory of "sin" repellent? Romans 12:9 says, "Hate what is evil; cling to what is

good." In order to live out this verse in Romans, we must aggressively apply "sin" repellent to our lives. The very purpose of a repellent is to act as a barrier, a boundary line keeping the good in and bad out. God's Word is the greatest "sin" repellent on the market today. Study His Word diligently to know what God hates and what He loves.

Next time you start to experience symptoms of those nasty mosquito bites, remember this: when life gets irritating, uncontrollably itchy and swollen out of proportion, "sin" repellent, just like bug repellent, works best when applied several times a day. "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you," Psalm 119:11.

ENGAGEMENT

Dave and (Ilene) Chase, Annette and (Ken) Blanchard, along with Robert and Loma Stephens are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Angela Nicole Chase and Beau James Stephens.

The bride to be is a 1995 graduate of Saranac High School and is employed at the Saranac Housing Commission. The future groom is a 1994 graduate of Ionia High School and is employed by Shore Mate Industries in Rock-

The couple is planning a September 7, 2002 wedding.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aaron Kroemer. JUNE 28: Brian Doyle.

JUNE 29: Ben Zoodsma. Stephanie Yonker, Jackson Simmons, Trevor Wernet. JUNE 30: Sheila Yeiter, Kayleigh Page.

JUNE 27: Dylan Schneider, JULY 1: Brandon Hewitt. JULY 2: Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Lee, Logan Brenk, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne Roth.

JULY 3: Alice Ryder, Jamie Capen, Maxin Ligman.



Christian Life Center will present a program for all to enjoy this Sunday, June 30. HomeFire Family Ministries, three generations of family



Jamie and LouJean Stickney are happy to announce the birth of their son, Hayden Patrick Stickney. He



HomeFire Family Ministries visits Lowell

ministering, will be special guests at the 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. Included in the group are a mom and dad, their two daughters and sons-in-law, and five grandchildren.

They have traveled around the world for over 10 years sharing the message of healing and hope for families. Join the Christian Life Center for a special focus on the family.

AREA BIRTH

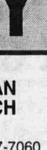
2002 at 2:34 p.m. He weighed 10 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 22 inches. Hayden is welcomed

was born at Spectrum Health

Blodgett Campus on June 5,

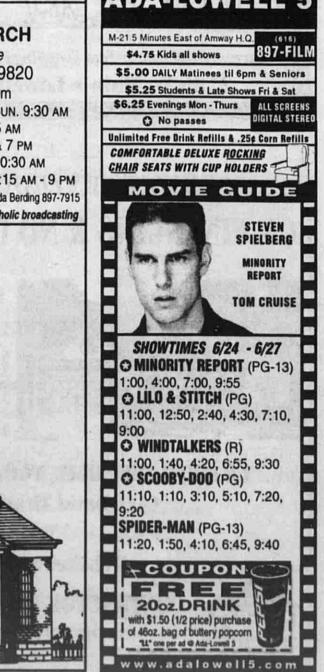
home by big brother, Austin. Special friends are Michelle and Danielle.

Proud grandparents are

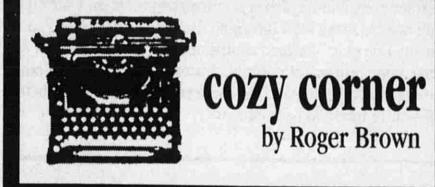


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I came close to spending an extra year in high school because of English composition. Looking back, an extra year in high school wasn't such a bad thing in 1968 if you were a my list anyway. male, eighteen, healthy and didn't have any specific designs on college. Uncle Sam was waiting right there with a rather unpleasant, possibly fatal job for you.

When you are that young and dumb, the prospect of spending an entire year in high school while ineligible for sports, especially football, was simply not an option. I muddled my way through that English composition course and on to graduation ... sans honors.

The point I'm trying to make here is that the written word made much sense. is not my strong suit. English composition almost kept me from the real reason I was going to school in the spring of 1968. Throwing the shot put.

throwing the shot put. I'm in the publishing business and working with words everyday. The words start as letters, which if assembled properly become distinct words, with proper pronunciation and meaning. I work with English words and put them into groups called sentences. These sentences form paragraphs and so on. I wish I'd paid more attention in Miss Imel's English composition class.

When I am forced to write something, like this column, I write like I speak. In a word, that could be best described as ... "poorly." I like to think of my style as folksy, down-home, mid-western, real, common, etc. Of course, all of these adjectives bring us back to "poorly."

I write on a computer equipped with Microsoft Word. In me crazy. If I'm not constantly pecking away at the keys, he's tapping his foot. If I pause to think about what to write next, he distracts me by doing contortions and making weird noises. I click him off, but he's still underlining my poor grammar and punctuation in green and bad spelling in red. In other words, he cramps my style!

copping an attitude or taking a holier-than-thou position when much I finally get to what I set out to write about this morning. I wanted you to know that whatever spelling and composition skills I do have, came about only because of repeated exposure and are honed by some silly little cartoon computer

What did I want to write about today? I'd better get to it before I forget myself. I am over fifty you know. The old

memory ain't what it used to be. (Yes, the cartoon computer underlined "ain't" with green. Buzz Off!)

I want to tell you about my all-time pet peeves of spelling. After all these years in the publishing business, I may not have a command of the language, but I have developed an awareness. One of the things I am aware of is that certain words are misspelled more often than not. Three of these words have surfaced to the top of my list. If you are interested in what sets my teeth on edge in the world of spelling ... read on.

Once more, I'm going to qualify my position here. I realize there are all kinds of nine-year-old home-schoolers out there who can kick my butt in a spelling bee. So be it. Here's

I deal with lots and lots of automobile advertisements in my business. In the last ten years or so a certain type of auto has made a big comeback. No, it's not the station wagon. It is the c-o-n-v-e-r-t-i-b-l-e. That is convertible with an "i", not convertable with an "a".

I realize convertable makes sense. You are "able" to "convert" the car by taking the top down or putting it up. But let me remind you, nobody ever said the English language

Convertible ... that's number three on my list. Number two is very similar. It is c-o-l-l-e-c-t-i-b-l-e, not collectable. Again, it's an "i" not an "a", and the same "able to collect" So, what did I end up doing for the rest of my life? I'm not argument holds true. I've never seen the word "ible" used in a sentence.

Now that you are aware of these two common misspell-

School exams begin today and school will close on Friday, ings, you will see them everywhere - advertisements, cataafter which Prof. Hicks will leave to enter law practice. logs, packaging, billboards and in text. It will make you crazy. The last of a series of programs by the LLC (Ladies The all-time misspelled word on my list is not really a Literary Club) was very successful, with its many songs, spelling error so much as it is a usage problem. The word is hrecitations and speeches. a-n-g-a-r, as in a place to store your airplane. Invariably you'll Take the Steamboat excursion to Grand Rapids July 4 for see "hanger" with an "e", as in a device to hang your clothes. 75 cents. Leave at 7 a.m.; get back at 6 p.m. I see hanger, when hangar is the intended usage all the time. Since I am a pilot I see it in magazines, advertisements, **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** brochures and even in hangar lease agreements. Makes me JUNE 26, 1902: nuts! (Yes, I realize that's an incomplete sentence.) :

The coup de grace (Spell that without a dictionary; if we J.L. Hudson is selling bankrupt stock at the former Hatch the lower right corner there is a cartoon computer that makes think English is tough, we should try French.) happened just store at 1/4 off. last night. I was channel-surfing and stopped on the History Foot bridges to Island Grove were put down Monday. Channel. They were promoting their "Modern Marvels" se-J.W. Burgess is about to call the lawmen in on the pilferer ries. An upcoming feature was on mammoth hangars for who has taken wheat, fowl and three young grapevines from blimps, etc. When they flashed the graphic on the screen with his property the time and date for the hangar episode, there it was ... The largest ferryboat in the world, the Robert Garrett, at a "HANGERS", in big bold caps. The History Channel does capacity of 5,000 passengers, has started service between New I tell you all of this to make sure you don't think I'm some weird stuff, but an entire hour on coat hangers is a bit York City and Staten Island.

There you have it. Those are the top three spelling pet peeves from a guy who barely made it out of high school. And yes, I did get drafted. I outfoxed them though. I had already enlisted when my draft notice came in the mail ... that's how smart I was.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Historical ghost town, or thriving unique town that attracts visitors and still retains its historical image? Do we even have a say? Not from where I'm sitting.

A little over a year ago I invested everything I owned into a dream I've had for many years. It became a reality in the form of ForEver Yours Antiques - just antiques, no junk ... a nice cozy little shop that I want people to enjoy coming to. It has been a very rough year, with the economy and just getting started. I expected that. What I didn't expect was a fight from the city of Lowell. With three empty buildings across from me, I would expect they would support me - not try to close me down.

Those of you familiar with my shop have seen my sidewalk "Open" sign. Does it offend you? One of the planning commission members suggested I fix it up, which, at my expense, I immediately did. But, before I could even get the sign back, I received a certified letter saying it must come down, unless I pay \$201.00 for 21 days a year. I am unable to do this - and what is twenty-one days going to do?

As I struggle day by day for business, this will probably shut me down, and we will have four - not three - empty buildings on this block.

I don't believe those board members have visited the inside of my shop. I guess I could have a real mess inside, but as long as I don't have a sidewalk sign, that would be okay.

Because for some people, it's only the outside that matters - not the inside.

Sherry L. Werdon ForEver Yours Antiques • 219 E. Main, Lowell

Dear Editor:

This week I received something valuable under the imprimatur of Linda S. Regan - a voter identification card.

The drug store in Alma co-owned by Lowell's Dexter On election day, liberal democracy finds expression. It is the Look and Mr. Paterson of Alma burns down after a small boy ultimate eighteenth century cattle call, as the sovereign people lights some fireworks on display. speak. Here is the positive part of the French Revolution: no Celebrate the Fourth in Lowell with a picnic at Island Park nan better than another.

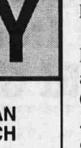
When I stand in line - and standing in line is good - that A three-page spread tells of the annual Michigan Press franchise makes me the equal of Enron, Amway, The Michi-Association outing at Houghton Lake. gan Federation of Teachers, Price Waterhouse, the National Rifle Association, the United Auto Workers, the Road Users' **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** Federation, and the Trial Lawyers' Association. Time now for **JUNE 26, 1952** them to worry a bit, the pampered "special interests," the "heavy hitters," the "six hundred pound gorillas," and old-Thieves hitting the King Milling Co. fee fashioned crooks. On Election Day it is a mere technicality d mill take money, and start machines that dump tons of that such operations' august presence and gushing wallets can feed on the floor. find friends at City Hall and Congress. In the old days in Bill Kerekes retires afer 40 years in the post office. Texas, it was called the "three Bs": booze, beefsteak and The Garden Lore Club plans for landscaping in Richards blondes. Your vote can make or break their . . . friends. Park, now that the large trees have been cut down. When Le Pen wound up in second place in the French run-

Some South Lowell children put on a Penny Carnival and off this spring, the result was, in part, blamed on the low voter raise 98 cents for KidsCare, an overseas program. turn-out. I think the participation was in the low seventies. On MSC research reports that use of red fluorescent lights the other hand, the gringos with famous civic laziness have improves accuracy in culling cherries and other agricultural probably not seen such voting in a national election since the early twentieth century. See you at the polls. Allegedly all products. those men died at Iwo Jima in that cause.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publicly responding to my letter (regarding Students of shop classes build the new high school classroom parties.) Although my letter was provocative, it was greenhouse. my opinion and there is nothing that yourself, Family Links or the school administrative staff can say that will change it. This Ski Hi React, the volunteer CB channel 9 emergency school party policy is Political Correctness (PC) at its best. If assistance group, is forming Ski Hi Assist, owners of vehicles that can be used in storms and disasters. I have inspired others to respond in a negative way, then Chad Walter gets a government grant to design and build fantastic - since anything negative would, of course, be in a an active solar system in a demonstration house in Lansing. He way that one doesn't agree with. has already built his own passive solar house. Regarding the other newsletters that went home informing

the parents. I did not see any of them. Has anyone else?



Dennis and Debra Stickney and Ted and LouJean Dykstra. Great grandparents are Claire Johnson, Helene Rozell, Dorothy Risner and Ollie Risner and great-great-grandma Stringer and great-greatgrandma Patrick.

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G. M. Ross



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 27, 1877

Miss Emma Cole of Fallasburg has returned home for the summer from her studies at Cornell University in New York. Some farmers have been known to sift plaster into their wool before it is weighed.

This issue is missing; we substitute June 30, 1888

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 30, 1927

M. B. McPherson's proposal to straighten M-21 from Ada to Ionia by rerouting it a mile or two north has State Highway Commissioner Rogers reassuring the Board of Trade that Lowell will be treated fairly.

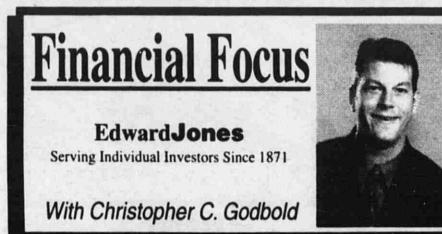
Superior Furniture Factory employs 33 Lowell workers and seven who commute from Grand Rapids.

along with sports contests and horse racing at Recreation Park.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 30, 1977

Motorists will now have to go to Grand Rapids for new license plates, etc., instead of the Western Auto store here.

All Lowell auto dealerships will be closed Saturday, July 2, as well as various other businesses, for a 3-day weekend.



KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR COMPANY RETIREMENT PLAN

All retirement plans are not created equal. In fact, they can be quite different. So it's important to understand which type of plan your employer is offering, and what you can expect from it - now, and when you retire.

To begin with, retirement plans come in two main varieties: defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans. If you're particularly lucky, you may be able to participate in both types of plans, but it's more likely that your employer offers one or the other.

Let's see what you can expect from each of them.

If you have a 401 (k) plan - or a 403 (b) plan if you're a teacher, or a 457 plan if you're a state or municipal employee - you're contributing to a defined contribution plan. In this arrangement, you choose to defer some of your salary, which you then spread among the available investment options. Your money grows on a tax-deferred basis until you start making withdrawals, usually at retirement.

To some extent, your defined contribution plan lets you control your own destiny. You pick the investments that match your goals and tolerance for risk. If you do a good job, you'll accumulate a substantial amount of money to help pay for your retirement. But this freedom to invest can also work against you.

diversify your retirement plan portfolio, you may be disap- trary to popular belief the condition is not infectious; it is pointed when it's time to start taking money out.

The situation is considerably different in a defined benefit plan, such as a pension plan. If you participate in this type of plan, you'll receive, upon retirement, a specific amount of

money based on your salary history and years of service. In many defined benefit plans, should you leave before retirement age, you will not receive any benefit, or you will receive a reduced amount that you can't touch until retirement age. Many of these plans don't allow lump sum distributions, so you will receive a set monthly amount in your retirement.

With a defined benefit plan, you have to depend on your employer to make the right moves on your behalf. But that may not be as unsettling as it sounds, because companies that fund pension plans have traditionally based their contributions on a fairly conservative formula that has been pegged to the yield on U.S. Treasury bonds. A watchdog agency, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), also ensures that pensions are adequately funded.

However, in the past couple of years, as yields on treasur-



POISON IVY SEASON

The summer season is here and with this comes outdoor activity. Poison ivy lurks everywhere and this plant is responsible for many aggravating cases of contact dermatitis. The ivy has oil in the leaves which, on contact with the skin, causes If you make poor choices, or if you don't properly a light blistering effect as well as surrounding redness. Conpurely a reaction to the offending oil.

When exposed to the oil, it will produce its effect on any skin touched. The oil is not only on the skin but is also on our clothes, car seats, or furniture; therefore it is imperative that

ies have plunged, plan sponsors have been required to set aside much more of their own money to meet their pension obligations. This predicament could eventually lead to cost-cutting measures, including benefit reductions, freezes or plan terminations. To ward off this problem, business lobbyists have asked Congress to liberalize the rules governing pension contributions.

As you can see, there are no "sure things" in either a defined contribution plan or a defined benefit plan. That's why you need to make well-informed decisions. Also, don't count on any one plan - defined contribution or defined benefit - to fund your retirement entirely. Instead, build up your other savings and investments. The more you put in today, the better off you're likely to be tomorrow.

the fabrics are cleaned if there is a chance that the object has been exposed. Otherwise there is risk of ongoing irritation from continued contact.

Treatment depends on the severity of the exposure. An isolated case can be treated with antihistamine cream over the counter or a medium potency topical steroid prescribed by a physician. When the exposure involves a wide area, oral steroids may be required to control the symptoms and get the area resolved.

Overall, poison ivy is more a nuisance than anything else, but the skin condition it causes can take up to three weeks to completely disappear.



I lena Richmond has been awarded the Doctor of L'Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She received the degree during commencement and hooding ceremonies on campus May 3.

Lowell.



Richmond, a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School, will practice equine veterinary medicine at Equine Medical in

To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

that they were deleting the word "Christmas" from the school calendar. Anyone noticed that lately? Last I knew Christmas was a National Holiday. How is it that all the other National Holidays appear on the school year calendar, but the word Christmas has been deleted? Is that word so offensive to the but I am just not buying this. It's just more PC baloney. If you Lowell Community? I can think of some other communities in the Middle East like Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan where it would offend a few folks, but I just don't get it in Lowell.

I really must have missed the boat on the Family Links newsletters that are said to have been sent home. I am going costume? to have to pay closer attention to this stuff. Please respond to my letter publicly and let myself and the public know when and where these meetings take place, and about how often these letters come home. This way myself and the rest of us can get involved in the decision-making process that applies to our children's schools.

This is Lowell, Michigan, in the United States of America. It is not the world. If you move to Lowell and you are in the minority, you adapt to Lowell's standards. You have every right to voice your opinion, but unless a majority agrees, a policy should not be changed. This is "my opinion." Using your logic, if you built a house next to a pig farmer, it would be totally acceptable for you to petition the township to require the farmer to seize operations because you don't like the smell. An associate recently said, "If you join a club, you don't do so days. An enlistment in the Reserve gives many new soldiers

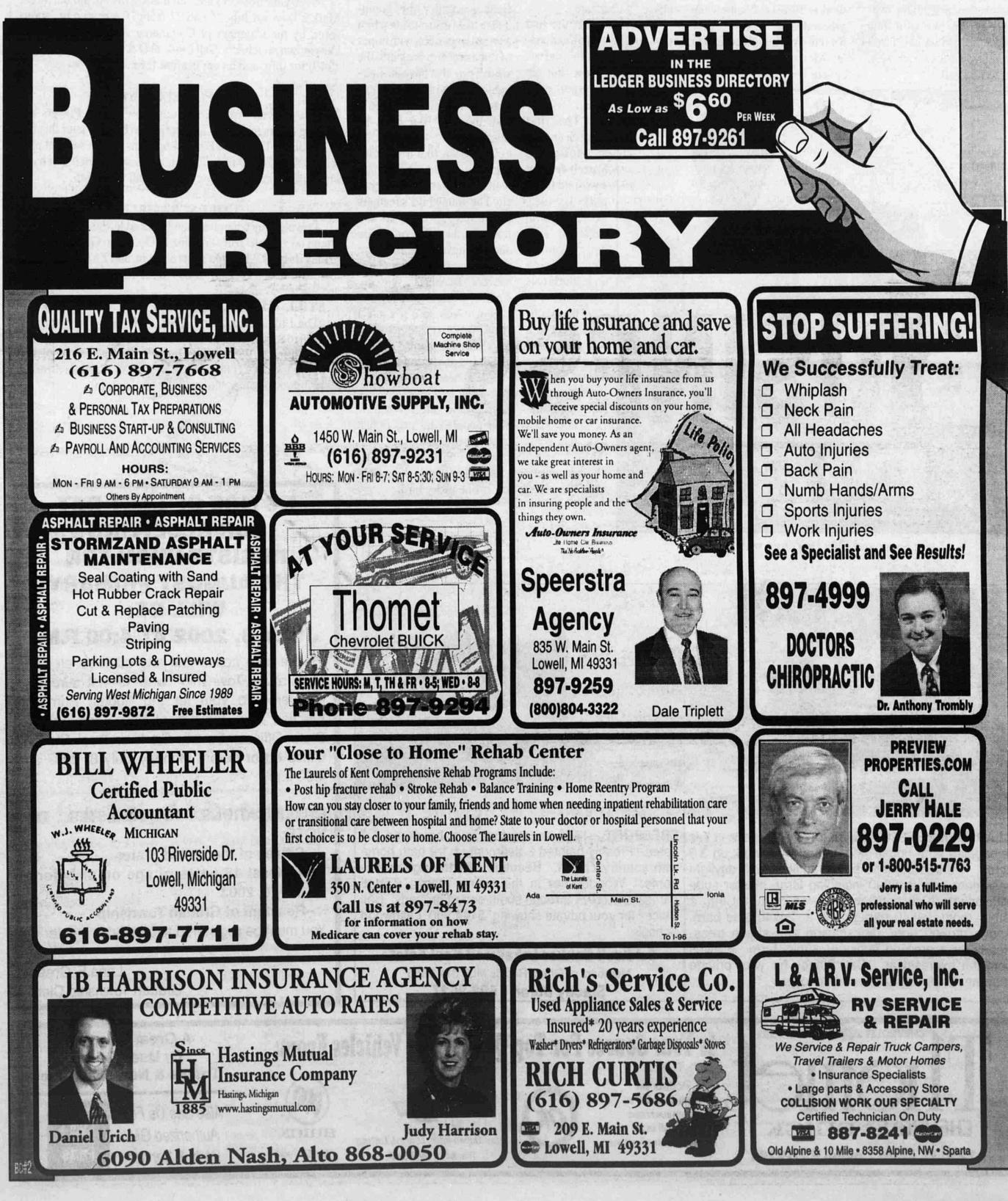
Perhaps that was the edition where Lowell Schools announced and then expect the club to change the rules to accommodate people on floats are throwing candy? The melee that erupts vou.

Concerning the safety issue on Halloween. Are there any statistics kept on accidents in the Lowell Schools during the Halloween Parade that can be publicly referred to? I am sorry are that concerned about your child's safety, why not have a costume that does not require a mask? Why does the policy have to be changed? What happened to common sense? Can't parents send their children to school in a safe Halloween

What's next - the Lowell Christmas Parade? I saw a gymnast do three somersaults down Main Street. She could have slipped and cracked her head open. How about when the

IN THE SERVICE

Nichole C. Shepherd has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training program. Shepherd, the daughter of Michelle Shepherd of Alto and The program gives young men and women the opportu-Richard Wilson of Comstock Park, will report to Fort Leonard nity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training.



when kids are scrambling for their take is ferocious.

This is how it starts, people. Time to wake up. Your traditions and rights are being eroded day by day by special interest groups. Are the School Parties and Traditions that important? Hardly - this is just part of a much larger picture and everyone is just too wrapped up in their lives to pay attention

I appreciate the fact that some are involved. We will just have to agree to disagree.

> Sincerely, Ed Hawks

the option of learning a new skill, serving their country, and becoming eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repayment of college loans, and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus. After completion of basic military training, most soldiers

receive advanced individual training in their career job spe-

July 4th activities are a go in Lowell MAIN ST., CONT'D.

By J. N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

"I guess so," said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale when asked if the council approved the fireworks display for the city's annual July 4th celebration.

A silly question ... easily acknowledged by the chuckle from Pasquale which pretty much stated, "Was there any doubt.'

The Lowell City Council's approval for a fireworks display, made by the Lowell Area Jaycees, was one of the final pieces needed to be put in place for the event.

The creature was

scrawny, with more skin

showing than feathers. Ap-

This year, the city of Lowell will observe the traditional with a parade, various activities, a concert and, of course, the traditional fireworks display at Stoney Lakeside Park.

The fun kicks off at 3 p.m. with a Patriotic Pet Parade at the Laurels of Kent, which helps to fund the city's annual celebration.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker said area residents are invited to parade \$5 for three. their pets through the nursing home facility located at 350

Beaker, continued...From Page 1

They left the bird in the

care of Seese and her co- the first night, it might have a

worker, Ellie De Young. They chance," Seese said.

Methodist Church to the Low- "Great Lake Band." ell Fairgrounds.

waterball fight featuring the Baker said.) city of Lowell Fire Depart-

The Showboat Sizzlin

for grubs."

bait shop and

worms, which

Center St. for the residents. Summer Concerts, for July 4 The regular parade will only, will move to the Lowell July 4th holiday, celebrating take over Main Street at 6 Fairgrounds. The event, at 7 it a week from this Thursday p.m. following its normal p.m., will feature local groups, route from the First United "Alive and Well" and the

Wrapping up the day, the Various events are ever-popular fireworks will planned at the fairgrounds in- light up the skies of Lowell cluding monster truck rides, a around dusk (10 or 10:15 p.m.,

Parking for the fireworks ment and a petting zoo. Con- is available at the fairgrounds cessions also will be set up. and Stoney Lakeside Park; Among the items for sale will viewing will be just, about be glow necklaces, \$2 each or anywhere within the city, Baker said.

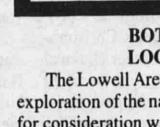
"We figured if it survived worms," Seese said.

The two "mothers" let Beaker wander the green-Beaker made it the first house in an effort to keep him continuing to grow and get wild. They also have an alterstronger each native plan with a number of organizations which could "The first take the bird if it can't be

thing he ate was released For now, like true moth-French fry that ers, Seese and DeYoung are we found in the working on getting Beaker to parking lot," fly. The young bird's feathers Seese said, with are starting to come in and DeYoung add- through their determination ing, "Then we and a couple of people from were digging the Department of Natural Reunder the bricks sources, Beaker is showing signs of being a gray jay. The two fi-

"Are you sure it's not a nally went to a crow?" asks a customer as he pays for his items. Beaker got wax and red voices his displeasure at that. "It's been fun to watch Beakerseems to him grow and change every enjoy to the full. day," Seese said. "We now "The first have people who stop in just

day he went to see how he is doing." And considering all that through about 36 wax worms was stacked against him, Beaand 10 red ker is one lucky bird.



nformation.

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.

HOW TO BECOME A "NETWORKER"

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will offer a workshop: "A Winning Workout in Networking" with Laurie Freshour, a professional speaker and sales trainer, on Wednesday, July 17 at the Administration Building, 300 High St. Chamber members: \$35; non-chamber members: \$50. Workshop is limited to 30 people; deadline July 5. Call 897-9161 for registration form or more information.

5TH ANNUAL STREET MARKET DAYS

Save your treasures and sell them at the 5th annual Street Market Days on July 26 and 27 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Downtown merchants. Call Linda at D & L Tax Service (897-1140) for info. and an application form.

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players are seeking actors for "Steel Magnolias" to be held later this fall at Larkin's - The Other Place. Auditions for the two-act play will be Aug. 26 - 28 from 7-9 p.m. at the arts council. For more information and to borrow a script, call 897-8545.

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Lowell Area Chamber members and guests are invited to attend an 18 hole golf scramble at Deer Run Golf Course on Friday, July 12. Shot gun starts at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. with lunch included. Call 897-9161 or 897-8481 for more information.

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.



NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING **REGISTRATION FOR** THE AUGUST PRIMARY WILL BE: JULY 8, 2002 AT 4:00 P.M.

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Grattan Township, who is not already registered to vote for the August Primary Election may register at any Secretary of State Offices; County Clerk or local Clerks Office on or before Monday, July 8, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

VOTE:

- July 8, 2002

proceeded to make a home parently the two girls had for it in a crate and decided to night, and the second, and con- as wild as possible, with hopes found the bird on M-21 and let Mother Nature take its secutive nights thereafter, of releasing him back into the attempted to locate its nest, but to no avail course. day. a McDonald



Lynn Seese and Ellie DeYoung with Beaker.

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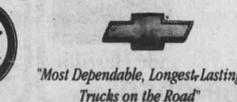
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BOTANIKA '02 PHASE II LOOKING FOR ARTISTS

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

TOTS ON TRACK - JOIN THE PARADE

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO

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- Resident of Grattan Township You must be registered to qualify as a voter

> Lana F. Green Grattan Township Clerk

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pledge Allegiance to the Mag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with iberty and justice forall.	1 KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, ages 6 & <. 10:30AM	2 KDL (Lowell): Flying Aces Professional Frisbee Team. Spectacular athletic skills displayed by the players. All ages. 6:30pm	3 YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11am. \$2 FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, An easy-going group with an emphasis on abilities, not disability. 1-3:00pm. \$10 fee, weekly. KDL (AI): Wildlife Safari. Feel, touch, & hear about exotic mammals/birds/ reptiles. Limit-30, regis. req. 1:30 AND 2:30pm. Ages 6&>.	4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY 4 Parade: 6:00pm LAAC/LACC: Lowell Showboat SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Tonight's featured bands: Alive & Well and The Great Lakes Band. Note change: Bands will play at the County Fairgrounds. 7-9:00pm. FREE! Fireworks at Stoney Creekside Park - Dusk!	5	G KCYF: Horse Show. At the Fairgrounds in the Horse Arena
	 B LAAC: (all ages) Outdoor Painting at Ball's Softee Créme, 8:30-11:30Am. \$12 fee KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, ages 6 & <. 10:30AM 	9 KDL (Lowell): Wildlife Safari. Feel, touch, & hear about exotic mam- mals, birds & reptiles. Program limited to 30, registration required. Ages 6 & up. 5:30 AND 6:30PM	10 YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Make A Mask Workshop. 1:30PM. Registration required. LAAC: Gardening in July with Steve LaWarre from Frederik Meijer Gardens. 7:00PM	11 KDL (Lowell): Family Storytime, ages 6 & <. 1:30PM. LAAC/LACC: Lowell Showboat SIZZLIN' Showboat SIZLIN' Showboat SIZLIN' Showboat SIZLIN' Showboat SIZLIN' Showboat SIZLIN	12	 LAAC: Lowell Garden Tours. Begins at 10:00AM 2PM, at the LAAC. FREE! Busing provided. LAAC: Exhibition Receptions, 2:30-4PM KCYF: Horse Show. At the Fairgrounds in the Horse Arena VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY if the sky is clear! 9PM-12. Adults-\$2, ages 5-17, \$1.
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Lowell Community Events Calendar

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Lowell YMCA

'02 SUMMER ADULT

Chamber promotes networking opportunities for community

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

Knowing your neighbor is an important key to building a better relationship.

ell Area Chamber of Com- ers and residents.

merce is well aware of which is why the organization has developed two programs to help promote networking between local busi-Something that the Low- ness owners, community lead-

for the chamber, is for cham- slots are filled. ber members and guests only.

for business people to net- lunch. Starts are at 8 a.m. and work with other local busi- 2 p.m. and are available on a ness people," said Lowell first-come, first-serve basis. Area Chamber of Commerce Prizes will be awarded for executive director, Liz Baker. the longest drive, closest to Freshour, a.k.a. The amongst a group of strangers; The event also serves as a the pin, and lowest score. The Networker.

"It is a great opportunity for an 18-hole scramble and

The chamber is hosting a fundraiser for the chamber Lowell Area Fire Department Golf Scramble at Deer Run with Deer Run donating 50 will also be hosting a 50/50 of Selling Edge Strategies, Golf Course on July 12. The percent of the proceeds back raffle during the morning and L.L.C. and a professional event, a first-time occasion to the chamber if all the time afternoon. The money from speaker, coach and sales the raffle will be used toward trainer. Cost is \$80 per four-some specialized equipment for the department.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS Posted 6/21/2002 MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED OPEN DIVISION WL 6 0 Noon Equipment Moose Lodge 809 6 1 Bowne Center UMC Wrecker's Sports Team GNS Christian Life 1st Congregational Nazarene Church 1 7 Paragon <u>W</u> L WEDNESDAY MEN'S 8 0 Larkin's 6 3 Sneaker's 4 4 Preston's Prospects 3 5 **Ball Busters** 0 9 Rook's Landscape WL FRIDAY MEN'S 7 1 **Everest Custom Homes** 6 2 American Legion 4 4 Mirage Inn Moose Lodge 809 4 5 2 6 Ada Beef 1 6 Jimmy's Lake Pump

Happy Birthday To My Man Grom England J.E.N. Gent, better known as "Nick"

I met this fine gentleman on the Internet 2000 and after man conversations on the Internet, phone and mail, he decided to come to the states so we could meet, and that he did on September 20, 2000. My family and some friends went with me to meet him and we. Nick & I knew in an instant, it was meant to be.

On September 30, 2000 we were married at The Little Mackinaw on Johnson & Potters Road in Saranac. I, at the age of 63, and Nick, 64, had a beautiful wedding. I had always dreamed of being married in a wedding gown so I was. It was a day that will be with us in our hearts forever.

Then he spent some time here and had to return to England as his visa was up. A month later I went there for a month so we could decide where we wanted to live. England is such a grand place and I wanted to make our home there with him. But being a working woman I had to return home and back to work. I had left on October 18 and returned on November 20. This made for us a

long and lonely separation of 2 months. When finally, because of me being ill, he decided we should live here in the states instead of me moving there. One day we will go there and if you can, you should visit. It will be a vacation you'll never forget.

He loves it here and I so wanted to say this to you, my man, from England - I love you even more than I did on September 30 and I wish you the best birthday ever and hope we will have many more birthdays together.

We met by pure fate, as Nick tells it; I figure God answered my prayers. You are only a young 66 and soon I will be 65, but we can live a lifetime in the years we have left. I love you, my man from England, Nick.

Your wife - Patti Gent

What You Should Know Before You Get Hooked On A Dish

All Those Channels

 10 Education & college stations • 9 Home shopping channels • 4 Duplicated channels Plus a dozen more religious, foreign language, social/political and other narrow-interest channels The most popular dish package* contains almost 40 channels that you've probably never heard of (and probably wouldn't bother to watch)

The Missing Channels

Channels you'll be missing with your dish* service include: • Fox Sports Detroit

 FX (NASCAR & Winston Cup) WXSP (Detroit Pistons, Redwings, Tigers and local pro sports)

Plus American Movie Classics. Animal Planet, MSNBC, Toon Disney, WGN and other local and local information stations.

Reliability

Most dish customers only lose their reception (on all channels) during the following conditions:

Show

• When the wind blows Ask a dish owner.

The Extra Charges

You'll be paying over \$5/month extra, just to get your local TV stations.

More than one TV? You'll be paying for extra equipment plus another \$5 / month for every additional set connected to dish TV service.

Long Term Commitment

To get the discounts, you'll be required to sign a contract for a full year of dish TV service, whether you like it or not. Many customers return to Lowell Cable service at the end of their first dish TV contract.

That "Low" Price

Today you'll pay at least \$7.00 per month more than Lowell Cable's 50 channel basic service. But the two 'Dish' competitors are trying to get federal approval to merge. If they do, and they're no longer competing for your business, all bets are off on the programming you'll get and the price you'll end up paying.

High Speed Internet?

The dish services have a far more costly high speed internet service, but "Xstream" high speed internet is a faster and more affordable option. It's only available to Lowell Cable customers.

Local Service?

Nope! If you have dish trouble you'll be directed to one of several 'independent contractors'. There aren't any based in or around Lowell. However most Lowell Cable service issues are resolved within a day by our own local service technicians.

Digital Quality and More Stations?

They're right here. Lowell Choices Plus gives you from 60 to over 80 new digital networks (no throw away channels) for as little as \$12.95 per month. Plus you'll get an amazing interactive program guide, pay-per-view access and up to a dozen new premium (movie) channels for the price of one.



Freshour is the president

The focus of the July 17 seminar will be on how to The second event, also make connections and descheduled for July, is "A Win- velop contacts in a savvy ning Workout in Network- manner; feeling comfortable ing" seminar featuring Laurie striking up a conversation finding out the techniques on how to enter a room and begin

networking immediately; and the do's and don'ts of networking.

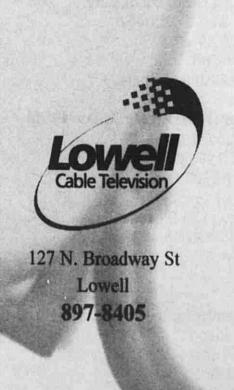
The workshop, which will be at the administration building, 300 High Street, is open to both chamber members, \$35, and non-chamber members, \$50. The program is limited to 30. Registration and continental breakfast are at 7 a.m. with the program from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

For more information about the events, contact the chamber at 897-9161 or Deer Run at 897-8481.

If everything were to turn out just like I would want it to, then I would never experience anything new; my life would be an endless repetition of stale successes. -Hugh Prather

Before you bite on a dish, you owe it to yourself to compare. Many new services and options are now available from Lowell Cable TV. Call us or stop in. We'll show you how to get what really want.

No equipment to buy ... No long term contracts... Just the latest services and technology and the best value from your own cable system.



Data based on Dish Network web site for Grand Flapids reside (The information here based on the America's

Area runners: Break out those running shoes and head on down to St. Patrick's School for its second annual 5K run this weekend.

Ford tosses to finish 7th

Kristi Ford, a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School and a freshman on the Western Michigan University women's track and field team, finished seventh out of 22 competitors in the hammer throw at the U.S. Junior National Track and Field Championships June 21. The event was held on campus at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

Ford tossed 160'1" to finish seventh overall. She qualified for the finals with a toss of 158'3" in her second attempt. Her final mark of 160'1" came on her sixth and final toss. Laura Gerraughty of North Carolina was the overall winner (192'8.5").

Ford had never competed in the hammer throw before coming to WMU, but she quickly turned into a solid performer in the event. She got stronger as the season progressed, culminating with a school-record effort of 162'11" at the Mid-American Conference Championships. That mark allowed her to finish eighth overall at the event, and improved her personal-best by more than four feet.

She also earned WMU's best mark of the season in the

school's Athletic Boosters, starts at 9:45 a.m. This race is percent of the proceeds from starts off with registration at 8 open to any student who has this year's race will be doa.m. Saturday at 4333 Parnell not entered the fifth-grade. nated to the Variety, a NE. Ada.

a.m. with a route starting for the school, near Parnell and \$18 per person. Registration kick off the St. Patrick's Par-Five Mile, heading south to for the 1.6K is \$10 a person. ish Festival running Saturday Kehoe, down Kehoe to the The 5K race is one of four and Sunday. Events for the turn-around and then back to fundraisers the St. Patrick's the school.

a water bottle, T-shirt, and at the school. The program, post race snacks. Cash prizes which is for fifth-eighth gradwill be awarded in two divi- ers, includes girls and boys sions: 35 and older/female and basketball and soccer. male; and 35 and under/fe- cheerleading and boys basemale and male.

The run, hosted by the A children's 1.6K race The 5K race kicks off at 9 certificate to Toys 'R Us.

Registration for the 5K is

Athletic Association hosts to Participants will receive help fund the sports program ball.

Organizers said that 10 Michigan. The 5K run also helps to

\$575,000.

'The Bonds shall be issued for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of the acquisition and construction of improvements to the Grattan Sewer System and the Grattan/Vergennes Sewer System, including reconstruction of lift stations and grinder stations, pump replacement, valve work, flow metering and related improvements and appurtenances.

'The Bonds shall be issued in one or more series in a maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$575,000, shall mature serially with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate of interest allowed by law and shall be repaid over a term not to exceed the maximum term permitted by law. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended.

The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable as a budgeted expense of the Township Sewer Enterprise Fund from rates and charges to be levied by the Township on customers of the Grattan Sewer System and the Grattan/Vergennes Sewer System. The bonds shall be a general obligation of the Township secured by the Township's full faith and credit and limited tax pledge, within applicable statutory and constitutional tax limitations applicable to the Township. THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS OVER PRESENTLY EXISTING TOWNSHIP MILLAGE LIMITS WITHOUT A FURTHER VOTE OF TOWNSHIP ELECTORS.

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS APPROVING THE BONDS, UNLESS, WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OF INTENT, A PETITION, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN, SHALL BE FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD REQUESTING A REFERENDUM UPON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS. IF PETITIONS ARE SO FILED, THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP QUALIFIED TO VOTE AND VOTING ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING THE BONDS AT A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION.

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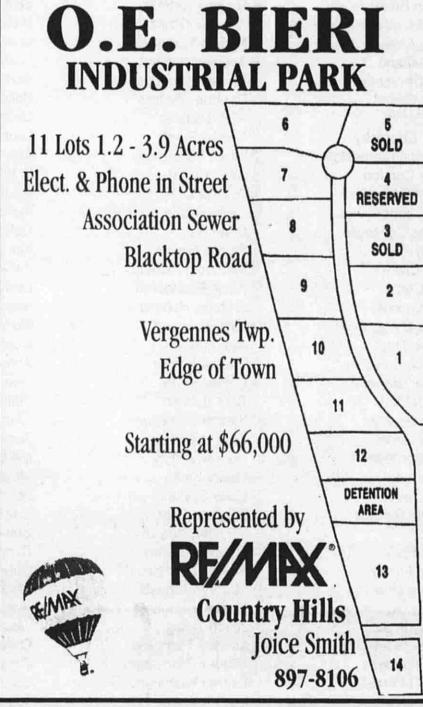


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St. Pat's 2nd annual 5K run this Saturday

festival include a Las Vegas ing at 1 p.m. Sunday.

A chicken barbecue runs night on Saturday from 7 p.m. from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunto midnight and Bingo on day with other activities in-Sunday from 12:30 to 5:30 cluding children's games, The winner will receive a gift children's charity in West p.m. Square dancing with horserides, apetting zoo, kids' caller Richard Reeds is at 6:30 tractor pull, moon walk, and p.m. Saturday and the Virgil the 16th annual Custom Clas-Baker Polka Band starts play- sic Car and Antique Tractor Show.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN OF THE TOWNSHIP'S INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN intends to issue Bonds in a maximum amount which shall not exceed

PURPOSE

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

The total estimated cost of the proposed project is \$575,000.

MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND TERMS OF REPAYMENT

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Notices in The Ledger's "Com- FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY 3RD TUES .: Paring Events" are free of charge EACH MONTH: American to any nonprofit organization Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 Saranac areas. We prefer E. Main St. at 8 p.m. such notices to be kept brief but will accept notices by Post #8303 (men only) 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.

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.

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 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: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at Chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited.

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

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

SECOND MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 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.

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

Troop 102, for boys 11 & bldg. For information call up or completing the 5th- Connie 942-6887. grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout EVERY OTHER WED .: Cabin on N. Washington 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. 1ST SUN. OF EACH St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Girls Club - Calvary Chris-MON .: Family Council of Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868- tian Reformed Church. 6481

> TUES .: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo- green Missionary Church, bile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

> EVERY TUES .: Saranac WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON 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 EVERY WED .: The "Pepprogram at 9 a.m. in pers" (senior adults) meets Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

TUES.: Flat River 897-7842 Woodcarvers meet at LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

TUES., WED, THURS .: at King Memorial Youth Ionia County Literacy Center at the Fairgrounds. Council, free help with Call 897-6050. learning English: 6:30 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & EVERY SECOND WED .: Paul Catholic School, High Grand Rapids Machine St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or 897-7020.

1ST TUES .: Adults with Sara Coates 365-1247 or AD/HD at Calvin College,7- Bette Frieswyk 949-8655. 9p.m. No cost. All welcome For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

ent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd months; promeetings/even gram months. Open to all.

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: owell 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.

ents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. and to be submitted by mail, EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

> EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College EVERY MON .: Boy Scout Rm. 206 of the Commons

> > Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694

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

meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

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

at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m.

Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m.

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in com-1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- munity 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.

COMINGEVENTS

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., nondenominational 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 8 breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome Ada church.Call 752-8300

THIRD FRI .: All players 8 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 EV-ERY MONTH:Ada Historical Society meets p.m.at Averill Historical Museum of Ada 7144 Headley.

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

> SECOND SAT.: Lowel 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 HISTOR CAL 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.

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OF THE WOMEN 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.

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

THURS., JUNE 27: Bluesstyle band Harry Lucas &

the Lowdown 7-9 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza - part of Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts. Free admission.

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MON. JULY 8, 15, 22: A plein d'air watercolor painting workshop at Ball's Softee Creme, 8:30 11:30 a.m. \$12 per session. Call 897-8545.

WED., JULY 10: Garden ing w/Steve LaWarre from Frederik Meijer Gardens at 7 p.m. at Lowell Area Arts Council. 897-8545 for registration information.

THURS., JULY 11: Vergennes Cooperative picnic at Fallasburg Schoolhouse, 1 p.m. Bring table service, dish to pass lawn chair. Beverages furnished. Quilt program.

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

FRI., JULY 12: Chamber member & guest 18-hole golf scramble at Deer Run Golf Course.Call 897-9161 or 897-8481 for info.

SAT., JULY 13: 8th annual Fallasburg Covered Bridge bike tour. Call Kerry at 897-7161 for info.

WED., JULY 17: Chamber of Commerce will present "Networking" workshop in Administration Bldg., 300 High St. w/ Laurie Freshour. For info. registration form, call 897 9161. Deadline: July 5.

FRI. & SAT., JULY 26 8 27: 5th annual Street Market Days, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call Linda at 897-1140 for an application or more information.

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 26: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.

THURS., JUNE 27: 12:45 p.m. North Coun-.try Trails, Lowell.

FRI., JUNE 28: 7:45 a.m. Lansing capitol building and museum with lunch at Clara's Francis Park Rose Garden in Lansing

Construction workers could be moving into City Hall soon

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

plan, contractors soon could be converging on Lowell's If all goes according to City Hall to begin the reno-

City Hall/police station. After months of discus-

sion about cost, paying for project. the project, and collecting bids from contractors, the work on the facility could start as soon as the latter part of July, said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale.

"We have contractors in place and we are now just finishing up our financing." Pasquale said.

Wrapping up the financing end was the city council's approval to move forward with the bonding of the project. Residents will see an millage will be 15.83.The all project. millage was lowered due to a

vation and construction of the clock tower (\$30,000) and the Look Memorial Fund has allocated \$20,000 toward the

The approval for the bond resolution comes on the heels of the council's acceptance of contract bids earlier this month. The bids came in quite favorably for the city, said mayor, Jeanne Shores.

"The contractors were hungry and looking for work," Shores said. "Bids came in favorably for the city."

Shores also credited Pasquale's hard work in keeping costs down on the \$4.372 million project. Bids came in additional levy of 1.98 mills well below that mark, allowto their current city tax rate ing the city to add a few alterfor the first year. The total native objectives to the over-

The final decision of the contribution made by the council is to construct the en-Downtown Development Au- tire police station, common thority in the amount of lobby, first floor of the City \$82,893, or one mill. The Hall and the entire City Hall Lowell Area Community exterior, what has been con-Fund will cover the proposed sidered the base project. The

council then agreed to complete the second floor, minus the audio/visual system, and replace the roof of the city hall. The total cost of the project would come to \$4,273,951.

City Hall/ Police Station of-Concerns were raised fices. These offices would ocabout approving the almost cupy about 4,830 feet at the \$4.3 million project since the 414 E. Main St. location. The DDA has not guaranteed it would continue with its supcost (\$56.406) of renovaport by helping to cover some of the bond payments. Most tions for the offices to move into the building. The work of the council members for this project will be done agreed that the current facilby Architectural Building ity would not last another 20 to 30 years and that renova-Restoration, Inc. tion work needed to be done.

Eighth annual Fallasburg covered bridge bike tour July 13

Once again the Fallasburg Historical Society will be hosting its Covered Bridge Bike Tour on Saturday, July 13. The annual event helps raise money to maintain and restore the historic village that's listed on the National Historic Register.

Riders come from all over the state of Michigan to Kerry Schubach, the tour organizer, says the turn For more information contact Schubach at 897-

ride one of the 12-, 28-, 50-, 62- or 100-mile routes. A complete meal is served to all who register. Pre-registration is \$15 per person/ day-of-event registration is \$18 from 7-9 a.m. at the Fallasburg Schoolhouse. The tour boasts wonderful homemade cookies at the rest stops and some of the most scenic routes in Michigan. out in years past has been good and the number of return riders demonstrates how great a ride it is. 7161 or email:CBBT2002@att.net

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The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to Section 3.4 of the Zoning Ordinance for Lowell Charter Township. The proposed amendments would rename Section 3.4 as Open Space Planned Unit Developments. The proposed regulations will: require a minimum amount of land be preserved permanently as open space; require standards for open space; base the density on the Master Plan; allow the Planning Commission to establish building setbacks and lot sizes; and provide procedures and standards for review. The existing standards for stormwater management will be retained

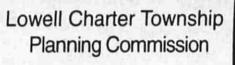
The hearing will be held as follows: WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002 7:00 P.M. TIME: WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP HALL**

2910 Alden Nash Avenue S.E. Lowell, Michigan 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue S.E., Lowell Michigan 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

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Another piece of the puzzle to the project pertained to where the city staff would operate while the building was under construction. The council agreed to lease space from Huntington Bank for the council agreed to cover the

Pasquale receives high praise for work

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

Lowell city manager, David Pasquale received high marks from the city council last week in his performance review.

The council went into closed session at its June 17 meeting to discuss Pasquale's performance and salary. The group reconvened into open session to approve a cost of living raise which will bring Pasquale's salary from \$72,333 to \$74,500.

"We feel he has done and is doing a really good job for the city," said mayor, Jeanne Shores, who cited Pasquale's work in keeping costs down on the \$4.3 million City Hall/ police station project which is expected to start this summer.

Another area Pasquale had to "hold the line," as Shores said, was the 2002-2003 budget. Because of the tight budget, the council felt it could only give Pasquale a cost of living increase, which Shores said was about three percent.

"We really feel he has done an excellent job for this community," Shores said. "He has his family here, he has been loyal to Lowell, and has done well for the city of Low-

Pasquale has served the city as its manager for the past 15 years. Before coming to Lowell, he was the city manager for Mt. Pleasant.

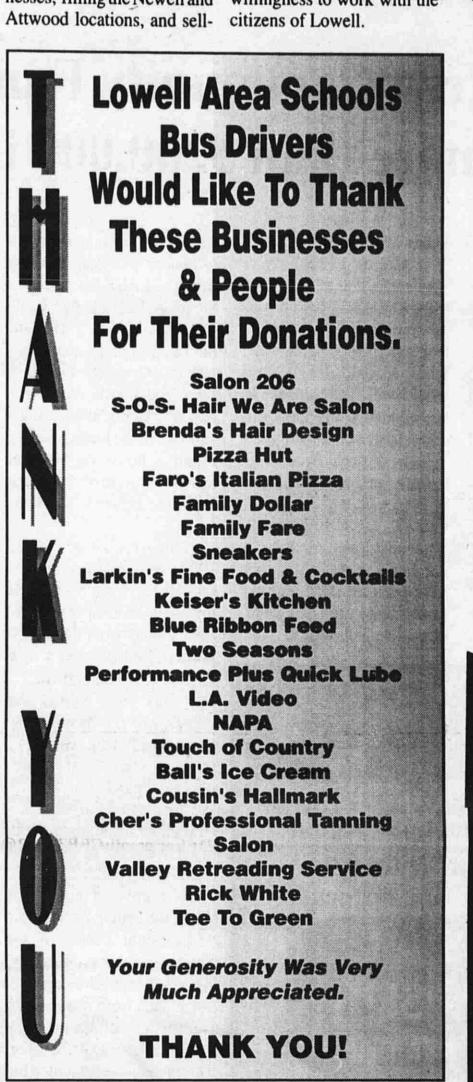
His goal for the past couple of years has been working on the city's infrastructure, focusing not only on the City Hall/police station project but on the city's streets and sidewalks as well. Recently, the council approved a Streets Master Plan to help with the street improvements.

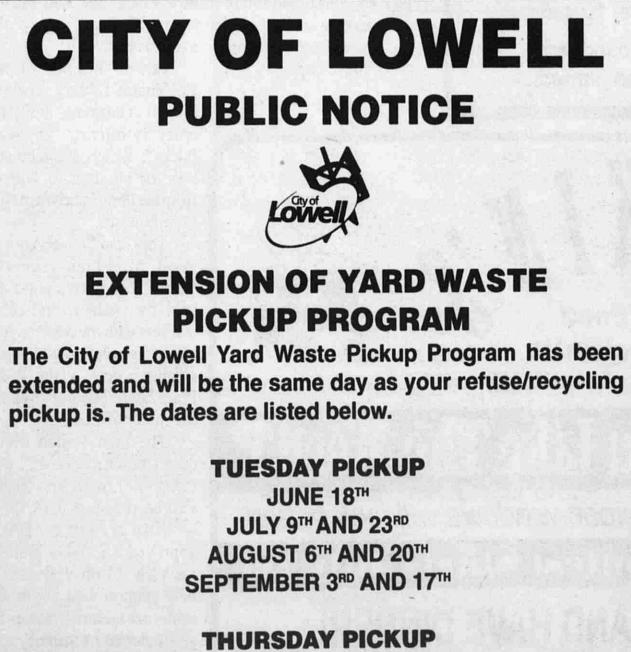
Pasquale also serves on the Lowell Area Community Fund advisory board and continues to work with a number ing the old VFW Hall, hope-

Pasquale Monday morning to would also like to review work out goals for him over Pasquale's goals quarterly, the next year. Those included just to see how the city is completing the City Hall/po- doing. lice station within a year from groundbreaking, marketing cil has been very pleased with Lowell to attract new busi- Pasquale's networking and his nesses, filling the Newell and willingness to work with the

of other local organizations. fully seeing it renovated. Shores said she met with Shores added that the council

Overall, she said the coun-





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Revised recreational vehicle ordinance heads to city council

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

"We are done with this puppy," said Lowell Planning Commission chair, Jim Hall, after the planning commission unanimously passed are- commission for its undervised recreational vehicle or- standing," said Dwain dinance.

city's efforts to enforce the reational ordinance and who old ordinance dealing with the worked with the commission parking of recreational ve- on creating a new one. "I know hicles on residential property, the commission, at its Mon- but perhaps that does us all a day night meeting, approved little good." a new simplified version that now must go before the city the city enforces its ordinances council. The council is ex- led to the council hiring Imdinance at its regular meeting serve as an enforcement ofon July 1.

states that licensed and oper- inspector, Doug Hopkins. able recreational vehicles may the front lot line. It also al- to be stored or parked inside

lows for recreational vehicles to be used as temporary occupancy for one period not to exceed nine consecutive days during a six-month period.

Scheller, one of the residents Almost a year after the who opposed the current recemotions ran high sometimes.

Last year, the issue of how pected to review the new or- perial Municipal Services to ficer. The company also sup-The proposed ordinance plies the city with its building

The enforcement officer be stored or parked in resi- began sending out letters to dential districts provided they those owning recreational are stored or parked to the vehicles because they were rear of the front building line not in compliance with the Community Fund (LACF). of the primary structure and current zoning ordinance are not less than 10 feet from which required such vehicles

of rear lots or stored off site. Most of the residents found many months of discussion," parked in their front yards.

"I would like to thank the city council to request a re- meeting view of the zoning ordinance. been working on for the past several months.

"Here we are after many, in violation had vehicles said city manager, David Pasquale, just before the pub- the effort. Public outcry caused the lic hearing at the commission

Within a few minutes, which the commission has with no comments from the public or the commission members, the commission

recommended approval of the proposed ordinance, with an audience member applauding

Hall thanked those involved in the process, especially Scheller who has followed the revision up to this point. Shortly after that, Scheller got up.

Lowell Area Community Fund awards more than \$200,000 in grants

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer**

A new driveway and parking area along with some chairs are what Lowell Segetting, thanks to a \$16.052 grant from the Lowell Area

The LACF awarded about \$204,469 last week to a variety of local organiza-Lowell Police Department. Lowell Area Schools, Low-Library, and Land Conser- more than \$15 million.

vancy of West Michigan. than \$450,000," said David Pasquale, the fund's volunwhat Harold Englehardt

would think if he could see all

the good that his money is

doing in this community." The Lowell Area Community Fund was established tions including TOTS on in 1996 with a \$12.7 million Track for School programs, bequest from Englehardt. Since that time, grants totaling more than \$2.5 million ell Area Arts Council, Low- have been awarded with the ell Friends of the Englehardt principal of the fund worth

HAPPY RETIREMENT PARTY FOR

"Already in 2002 we've to benefit this year and last every Lowell resident," said approved grants totaling more from the LACF has been the Diane Sieger, Community Senior Neighbors, Inc. facility, located at 314 S. Hudson nior Neighbors, Inc. will be teer chairperson. "I wonder St. The program actually be- riverfront to schools to segan at a location on Main Street and then moved to sev- someone could live in Lowell eral different churches until 1989 when the facility finally Englehardt's generosity." found a home on Hudson Street, explained Marcia ceived several grants. The Roth, the center's coordina-

> tor 1989, very few capital improvements have been made to the center. Last year, however, money from the LACF grant helped provide a new kitchen and repainting.

"This year, part of the money will go towards new the second year of a threechairs," Roth said. "Currently year plan. the seniors have to sit on fold-We are planning to get chairs with gliders, making it easier to get in and out of, as well as chairs being padded.'

years, the center, through the promotional efforts of the Senior Neighbors, Inc. and Roth, has seen an increase in attendance from about six to eight people coming in for the daily meal to at least 20 a day. This increase necessitated the need for improving the center's driveway and enlarging the parking lot, Roth said. "Grants from the fund have the capacity to



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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

"I'm going camping tomorrow." he said, and when someone asked him where his camper was parked, he said, "In my driveway, 10 feet from the front lot line."

If the council approves the proposed ordinance, it will go into effect 10 days after publishing.



One of the organizations strengthen the life of virtually Foundation president. "From parks to arts to downtown to niors, it's hard to imagine how

without benefiting from Lowell Area Schools re-TOTS on Track for School program was awarded Unfortunately, since \$77,149. The district received \$20,000 to provide extended learning time through summer school and tutoring. The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation received a \$15,000 match to that organization's fundraising in

City departments which ing chairs purchased in 1977. received funding included the Lowell Police Department: an amount of \$22,968 for an officer assigned to the Lowell Area Schools and \$18,000 to For the last couple of the city to prepare a master plan defining the future use of Lowell Riverfront Parks.

The Lowell Area Arts Council received \$17,000 to publish the quarterly report for the Lowell Leadership for Education and Arts program from September 2002 through May 2003, and \$12,000 to hire a part-time staff person who will directly assist the executive director.

Lowell Friends of the Englehardt Library received \$4,300 to promote family literacy by offering "Discover Packs," which are thematic kits for children to borrow from the library and share with their families.

The Land Conservancy of West Michigan received \$1,000 to improve pond access for students and other learners with the construction of an observation and water sampling deck at the Wege Foundation Natural Area for the Study of Ecology.

The First United Methodist Church received \$1,000 to help the Lowell Area Health Fair become self-funded.

Also in April, the LACF approved a \$24,439 grant to the YMCA Lowell Branch to help support area youth and minimize their risk factors for substance abuse, truancy, and police contacts. All fifthgrade students who graduate from the DARE program will receive a six-month member-

COLLEGE NEWS

State University students Weber. earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring se- Adam F. Bailey, Jennie E. mester 2002.

the following: Karrie R. Heidi E. Jarchow, Douglas Akers, Katherine M. Akers, A. Murphy, Colleen J. Elizabeth D. Cummings, Nelsen, Joseph R. White, Jennifer V. Denhouter, Chris D. Williams and Jes-Stephanie J. Ellison, Christa sica L. Winsor. J. Jen, Aaron C. Kaeb, Benjamin C. Kaeb, Cara Lin McQueen, Jeremy C. Moerdyke, Lisa R. sity has just announced its list Penninga, Ryan E. Phillips, of degree candidates for spring Morgan L. Scheid, Scott W. semester 2002.

A total of 7,389 Michigan VanderEnde and Bethany E.

From the Alto area are: Elliott. Elizabeth A. From the Lowell area are Fortuna, Joel F. Fortuna,

Michigan State Univer-

From the Lowell area are: Deanne K. Crowley, Randall J. Fleenor, Christa J. Jen, Cara L. McQueen, Ryan N. O'Dell, Elena M. Richmond and Holly E. Twesten.

From the Alto area are: Winsor.

Northwood University has just announced the names of students who have made the dean's list for spring term. high school seniors from 401 From the Lowell area are: schools throughout the state Jeffrey S. Nethercot and of Michigan to receive the Ashley S. Rickert. From the Regents Merit Scholarship for Alto area are: Jennifer L. "outstanding academic Reimann and Miranda achievement, scholarly prom-Reimann

ognition, students must earn a to the university community." 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale. Northwood University, Ashley A. Frazier and located in Midland, is a private accredited university specializing in managerial and based on their grades, class Jennie E. Elliott. Matthew entrepreneurial education of- ranking and test scores. J. Postma and Jessica L. fering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields.

> The University of Michigan has selected 1.397 top

Sundry receives luke warm welcome to its proposed PUD for second half of property

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

had potential and certainly pany could not make the sixfelt the developer was headed percent grade that is required; in the right direction, but the that option has since been Lowell Planning Commission eliminated with the only still had some concerns about choice for an entrance and a proposed development from exit of the development being Sundry.

At its regular planning commission meeting Monday cern is that he wasn't certain night, Sundry representative, High Street could handle any Les Cole presented the com- more additional traffic. The project is put together. sketch of what the company before the development would like to do on the south- comes in; however the city ern portion of its property lo- does not have the financing to cated at 751 Grindle. The property is known as the Leeman property

ing a neo-traditional home development on the property with 35 homes on 50-footwide lots. The homes would be in a ring with fronts facing each other and backs, with garages, toward a one-way 15-foot street that would wrap around the entire development. In the center, where the homes would face, there would be a recreational facility including sports fields, picnic area, play sets, and a paved area for basketball or tennis.

"I think this has nice potential," said Lowell Planning Commission chair, Jim Hall "However, I am somewhat concerned about the 15-foot one-way drive. A person living at point A would have to get to point Z in order to get

Planning commission member, Debra Hinton said the reverse is true with the person living on the end of the circle. They would have to go all the way around to get to their home, when if they could make a quick left, they would be there.

Hall said he thought the plan might be too confining and restrictive, but with work, could develop into something that everyone liked.

Commission members, John VanderWilp and Al Mathews expressed concern about the development coming out on High Street, though the city may not have an option on that. Cole said a preliminary drawing had indi-

cated that the street would They thought the concept lead to M-21, but the comon High Street.

VanderWilp said his conmission members with a road needs to be upgraded do this, he added.

Later in the meeting it was brought up that the city can-The company is propos- not deny a person the right to

request:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning

Board of Appeals, will conduct a public

hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting

on Monday, July 1, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the

Englehardt Public Library Community Room,

The purpose of said hearing would be

receive comments on the following variance

1580 Faith Drive - Edward Oracz

wishes to build an attached garage to

his home. Since the property is zoned

R-2, there must be a total of 15' for the

side yard, with one being at least 6

feet. The garage is proposed to be 3

feet from the side lot line, where 6 feet

is required. Thus, the variance has

Interested persons may submit comments to

Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to

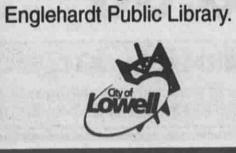
the meeting or appear in person at

200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

develop their property as long mittee including Hinton, as the person follows what is David Rapp and Clark Jahnke required. Sundry is actually to work with the developer developing the property un- before making any final preder the suburban residential, sentation. The commission which would allow for 35 also asked mayor, Jeanne homes on the land. The com- Shores to appoint someone pany is seeking a Planned Unit from the council, which she Development for the site to plans to do before the end of give some flexibility in the the week. development, also giving the city more control on how the veloping the north end of its

After some discussion, it as a PUD with 35,000-squarewas decided Sundry needs to foot lots. make formal application for the PUD. To help the project along, at the recommendation of council member, Dan Brubaker, the planning commission appointed a subcom-

property, the Phillips piece,



been petitioned.

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk 616-897-8457

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To achieve dean's list rec- ise and potential contribution From the Alto area are

> Amanda B. Martin. Recipients were selected bor in the fall of 2002.

Students selected as Regents Merit Scholars will receive a \$1,500 (non-renewable) scholarship when they enroll in the U-M at Ann Ar-



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AAA predicts increased tourism and spending over holiday

An estimated 1.8 million Michiganians will travel during the Independence Day AAA survey of 400 state residata, the Auto Club predicts that the state will remain on track for a projected three- last year. percent increase in tourism

volumes and spending for the cent) of those surveyed in May summer.

said changing gas prices Lower gas prices may would not affect their sumholiday, according to a recent help fuel increased summer mer travel plans. Of those not travel. As of June 17, motor- traveling this Fourth of July. dents. Based on the available ists paid \$1.47 for a gallon of nine percent cited the self-serve, regular unleaded economy as the major factor, gas - about 22 cents less than while six percent cited safety concerns. During the Memo-Nearly nine in 10 (87 per- rial Day travel period, 14 percent cited the economy and four percent cited safety concerns as the reason for not traveling.

trip this Fourth of July, 89 percent will go more than 100 miles from home and 44 percent will travel outside of Michigan. The average July 4th vacation will be seven to eight days and the average size of the group traveling will be three to four people. The majority, 79 percent, will travel by car, truck or van, while 10 percent will travel by air; seven percent will or motor home and three percent by bus.

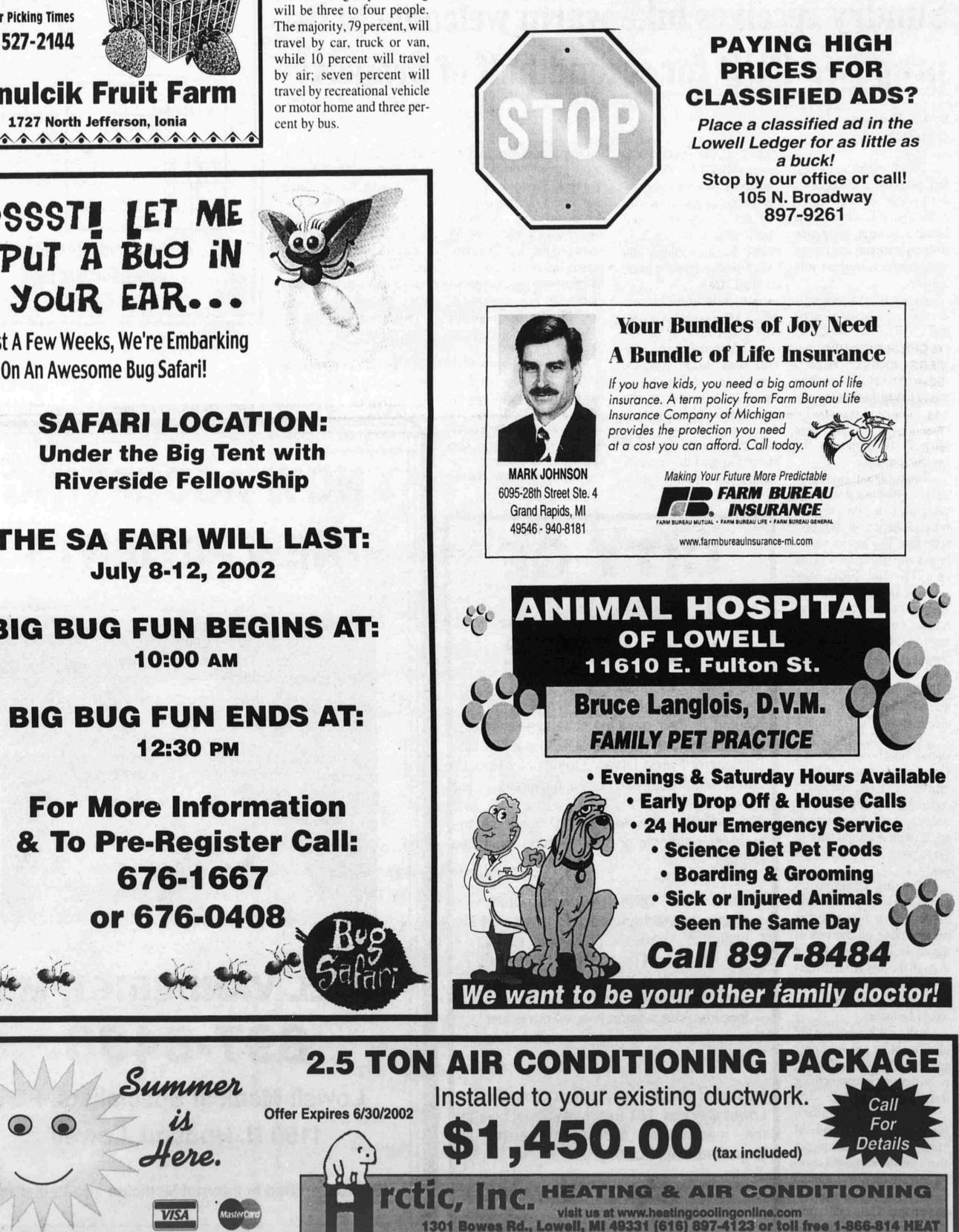
Based on requests received for AAA TourBook hour Independence Day holiguides, Trip Tik routings and day period begins at 6 p.m. maps, the top five summer destinations in Michigan are: at 11:59 p.m. Sunday (July 7). 1) Mackinaw City, 2) Traverse City, 3) Ludington, 4) Sault July Fourth holiday period, Ste. Marie, and 5) Grand Rap- 10 people died in 10 fatal ids (based on 2002 AAA crashes on roads across the TripTik requests).

\$10-billion-a-year industry, when 22 people died in 15 and the state remains one of fatal crashes. Four (40 perthe best travel values. This cent) of last year's fatal Among those planning a year, says AAA, a family of crashes were alcohol-related. four traveling in Michigan Of the five occupants killed, will spend an average of \$108 four (80 percent) did not wear per day for meals and \$113 their safety belts. for lodging (\$221 total). That's \$17 a day less than the Day weekend, AAA Michinational average.

This year, the official 102-Wednesday (July 3) and ends

During last year's 30-hour state. That's a decrease from Tourism in Michigan is a the 102-hour holiday in 2000,

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tourism office, at 1-888-78-

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ing applicantss for a 626-7089. Technology Support Person at the Middle School. This day, on student attendance bright red, chrome fenders, working w/district techni- answer leave a message. cians to troubleshoot, repair & update computers Lowell Area Schools, Connie 38 13 17 35 41 & 54 are now Lowell, MI 49331.



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Karen Echtinaw, message. Greenridge Witzel (800) 948-6128.

1986 does not work, good for 7430. Can deliver. parts. \$150 obo. Call 897-0850.



QUARTER PONIES FOR setting. \$50 - \$500 down.

receptionist duties. Must be DISCOUNT MANUer(QuickBooks, Microsoft Repossessed, late model DISH - 2 receivers \$19.99 or homes offered at discounted 1 receiver FREE w/free FOR RENT - 1 bedroom Send brief resume and letter prices. Some like new. Some install. We beat all advertised to: Lowell Area Arts Council, fixer uppers. Financing avail- prices. New subscribers only. adults, no pets, must be gain-P O Box 53, Lowell, MI able. All offers considered. Call for details. 1-800-459- fully employed, 1st & last North Harbor Homes, 800- 7357 K-20. 824-9811 or 616-822-2318.

ween 7 & 10 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT LOG CABIN BED - Queen w/ 9316. PERSONNEL - MIDDLE mattress set (bought, never SCHOOL (PART-TIME) - used). Cedar log, Amish built. Lowell Area Schools is seek- Cost \$800, sell \$175. 517- 1995 KAWASAKI 750 SXI GREENVILLE - 2 bedroom,

position will be 3 hours a FOR SALE - Great condition, 9573. davs. Duties will include staff white wall tires, tandem or LEATHER - Parade of Call 616-754-6130 for more support & training, tracking bicycle built for 2 and other of hardware & software, & bikes, Call 897-5723, if no Italian Grade "A", top grain

throughout the building. DISH NETWORK now has 682-4707 or 293-7430. Apply in writing by 7/5/02 to your LOCAL CHANNELS. Yes Gillette, 300 High Street, available with Dish Network. 1994 PONTIAC GRAND Call Tom's Satellite Systems PRIX SE - blown head at 897-2016.

BOAT FOR SALE - 12 ft. 1856, leave message. Misty River, semi-V on a trailer w/5 hp Nisson 4-stroke outboard, w/2 camouflage 1987 FULL SIZE GMC swivel cushion seats & 2 CONVERSION VAN - Runs Handmade log cabin style crank-up anchors, portable good, many newer parts bed by Amish. Includes new fish finder, oars & rod hold- including transmission. mattress set (2mo. old, nev- ers. Excellent condition, \$2,000 obo. 676-1072. er used). Cost \$1,100. \$1,500. Call 642-9621 or 204-

FOR SALE - 1995 Saturn BUSINESS - All 14 models 10 QUIET ACRES - SC2.two door, champagne must go by July 10. No offer Planted alfalfa, suitable for color, power moonroof, PS, turned away. Many 3-4 hobby or horse farm, 20 PW,cruise, tilt wheel, anti-lock bedrooms, 2 baths, with as min. from GR, driveway per- brakes, dual airbags, AM/FM little as \$100 down. Call 1- condition. Call 897-9856, mit, perked & surveyed, cassette, sporty. High miles, 800-615-1224. close to Freeport & runs good. Asking \$5,300 Hastings. \$58,500. Call obo. Call 897-6592, leave

MATTRESS SETS - Parade PLYMOUTH of Homes displays. Never CARAVELLE - 140,000 used still in plastic. Fulls@ miles, needs a little work, \$150, Queens @ \$250, also but runs good. Asking \$650; twins & kings. Call for 1988 Cavalier Z24, engine selection 682-4767 or 293-



PET SITTER WANTED - for FURNITURE * MUST SELL* 1998 SUNFIRE SE - Red,

bedroom, 2 bath, country Inc. 616-538-6592. Easy terms. 1-800-615-1224.

- DIRECTV MINI-SATELLITE 7101 after 6pm.

PAINTBALL - Core for 12 oz. tank. Call 987-

Homes displays. All 100% never used. 3 pc. sofa sets Will separate.MUST SELL!

gasket, body in good condition. Nice parts car. \$500 or make offer. Call 940-

DEALER OUT OF Martin, etc. 897-9624.

FOR SALE - Tonneau cover, GM longbed, 8 ft. Asking \$150. Call Mike at 897-7190.



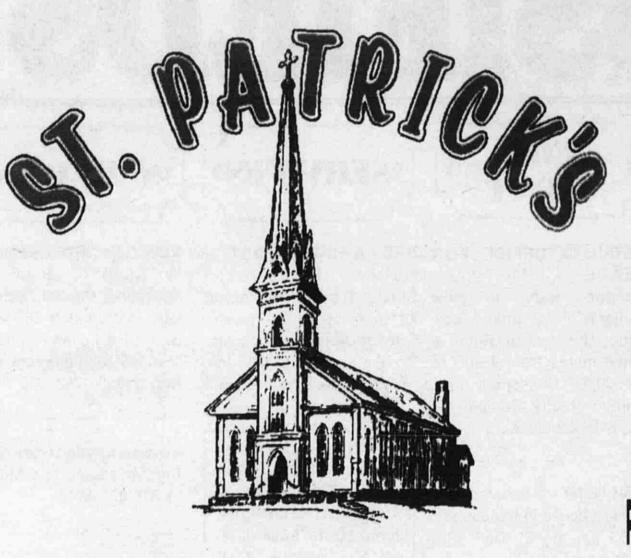


or 897-8644.

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PARISH FESTIVAL Saturday & Sunday June 29 - 30, 2002 Parnell Road at 5 Mile, N.E.

5K RUN (Saturday, June 29) 8:00 Registration – 9:00 Run – Family Walk – Refreshments Proceeds to benefit St. Patrick's Athletic Boosters & Lowell YMCA

CHICKEN BAR-B-Q DINNER (Sunday, June 30)

Served from 12-5 pm – Take Outs Available Adults \$7.00 Children (12 & Under) \$3.00 Preschoolers \$1.00



Saturday 6:30 - ?

Polka Band Sunday 1:00 - 5:00

