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# Summer vacation in U.S. provides Belarus 10 year old with needed rest and medical evaluation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Anya Maschenok will never forget her summer vacation.

In fact, there's a good chance it will be a more lasting memory for the Belarus (Russia) resident than she may realize at the young age of

Maschenok is one of roughly 640 children brought over to the United States through the American Belarussian Relief Organization (ABRO) for six weeks each summer to give their bodies a rest from the country's contamination.

Belarus is a small country whose southern border is just 12 kilometers north of Chernobyl Reactor #4, site of the terrible nuclear accident of April 26, 1986.

By its scale, complicity and long-term consequences, it is the most severe catastrophe throughout the entire

world history of atomic energy use. Seventy percent of this radiation fell on the country of Belarus.

The children are all affected by the radiation, either directly or indirectly.

Some of the children are orphans; some come from small, highly contaminated villages; some have had medical conditions such as leukemia or thyroid problems; and some deal with physical handicaps. Most arrive with suppressed immune systems.

"Studies indicate that these six weeks will give Anya an extra two years to her life," said Maruszka Hufstader. Maschenok is staying with Hufstader and her husband, Tim, and their daughter, Kristin.

She will leave Hufstader's with a stronger immune system and a more sturdy frame. The 10-year-old arrived on Father's Day weighing just 65 pounds. While in America,

besides enjoying a loving, caring home environment. Maschenok will receive medical, dental, and eye care. "Jim Reagan has graciously offered to provide free dental care for Anya," Hufstader said.

Since 1991, ABRO has been able to arrange over 2,000 trips for children from Belarus to the United States for rest and medical evaluation.

Sadly, Maschenok's troubles don't stop with radiation exposure. She is also an orphan, as are 30 percent of the children in Russia (Belarus). While her parents have given their daughter up to the orphanage, they haven't relinquished custody, which prevents Anya from being adopted.

"Anya was abandoned by her parents as a youg girl. That's typical.

A lot of parents can't afford to care for their children so they give them up to orphanages," said Tim Hufstader. The length of that care is limited. At the age of 14, a child

is kicked out of the orphanage and onto the street. Anya has no contact with her parents but does continue

to visit with her grandparents and uncle. "There's a lot we take for granted that is a rarity where

Anya lives," explains Tim Hufstader. "Anya came to us with basically the clothes on her back."

She leaves Hufstader's at the end of July, healthier, and with two filled suitcases.

# Local bands lead July 4 celebration on the fairgrounds

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell played home to a handful of high school rock-'n'roll bands in the 60's and 70's.

Some 30/40 years later, some of those bands and their musicians have demonstrated they are clearly alive and well.

"The reunion tour over the last year has been great fun," said Great Lakes Band drummer, Rick Seese. "As long as it remains fun, I think it is something we'd all like to continue to do."

In last year's Showboat Summer Concert Series, the reunion of the local bands was a highlight of the inaugural series.

"I still get goose bumps when I think about that night. The entire crowd was into it; they were dancing on the roofs as well as on the Showboat," says Alive and Well singer, Cindy Kropf.

There has been an ongoing debate whether the musicians or audience had more fun that night," states Great Lakes

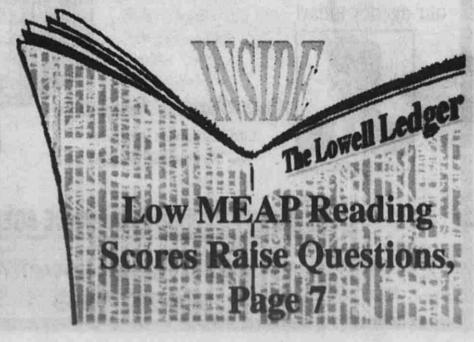
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Pictured, from left to right, are: Roger MacNaughton, Brian Adams, Carl Andrews, Dan Lomas, Cindy Kropf and Dale Kropf. Missing from the picture is Jerry Adams.



Pictured, from left to right, are: Chris Collins, Rick Seese, Doug Slocum, Charlie Luscombe, Pam Jones, Mitch McMahon, Dave Jones and Ken Gregersen.



# Council supports Museum's ballot request

Anya Maschenok's day at Michigan Adventure included

a number of rides on the carousel.

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In an effort to stabilize funding for the Lowell Area Historical Museum, board of directors officially asked that a .25 mill tax request be placed on the November ballot.

The request received unanimous support from the Lowell City Council. The ballot issue will now be referred to city attorney, Richard Wendt for wording.

The museum board asked that it be allowed input into the actual language that appears on the ballot.

The issue was whether the .25 mill tax request should be in perpetuity if passed or if it should be for a specified number of years.

Museum president, Jim Doyle said the board favored perpetuity.

Lowell councilman Mike Blough said he thought the .25 operational tax mill should be for a specified time frame so voters have an opportunity to validate its value. The council will look to Wendt to provide input as to the length of the request.

Doyle and museum supporters were faced with losing the museum - or at least shortening its hours when the council was considering deferring contributions of \$20,000 toward operational costs due to a tight 2002-03 city budget.

The .25 mill levy would assure that the museum would continue to receive the needed operational costs.

The operational mill for the museum would be above what the city currently levies which is 15.83 mills; that includes the 1.98 mills for the City Hall/police station bond issue.

## Come build with us

The Colby Park in Alto is building a new play set for children. We need your help! Building days are July 12 and 13. If you would like to volunteer, please call Sandy Graham at 647-3825

## **OBITUARIES**

BOVEE - Mr. Glendon C. Bovee, aged 84, of Lowell, passed away on June 29, 2002. He was born to Lyle and Mabel (Kyser) Bovee on July Chicago, IL, and Arla Bovee and Steve Harvey of Saranac. They have four grandchildren

Tasha, Lona, Chris and John; his brother Vercel and Lowell Moose. He was re-

three great-grandchildren. Glendon also is survived by Marilyn Bovee of Lowell. Glendon was a member of the tired from Amway Corporation. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, with Rev. Gordie Barry officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

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made to Visiting Nurse Ser- Roswell, GA; sons Kirk Craig and Tim (Debbie) vices/Hospice or the First United Methodist Church of Craig of Alto; son-in-law

BRYANT - Lawrence great-grandchildren; many more family and friends, and (Rusty) Bryant, aged 84, of her faithful companion, Izzy. Saranac, passed away June Gerry was a longtime mem-28, 2002 at Ionia County ber of the Happy Hens Ex-Memorial Hospital. He was tension Group of Ionia born May 30, 1918 in Alto, County and a lifelong faiththe son of Vern and Belva ful member of the Bowne (Hood) Bryant. He was a Center United Methodist WWII veteran, a member of Church where she was or-Lowell Moose Lodge and a ganist and choir member and member of Alto American UMW member. She intro-Legion. He is survived by his duced and supervised the live son Larry and Laurie Bryant nativity for many years. A of N. Carolina; daughters Celebration of Life Memo-Nancy Herbert, Judy Hoffman rial Service will be held on and Patty Monzione all of Florida; one sister Helen Roth-Gerst Chapel: Gerry Kuiper of Lowell. A graveside service was held Tuesday at lost her 15-year battle with cancer after a courageous and Bowne Center Cemetery in brave fight. Her wit, wisdom Alto, Beth Burns and Tammi Biggs officiating.

ily and friends. In lieu of CRAIG - Geraldine Mae flowers, memorial donations Craig, born April 13, 1929, of may be made to Bowne Cen-Clarksville, joined husband Ralph S. Craig and daughter ter UMC, Barry Community Sheila (Craig) Gilbert in Hospice or the American Heaven on June 28, 2002. She Cancer Society. is survived by sisters Marga-RICHMOND - David Richret (Clyde) Meyers of Peoria, IL and Maxine (Fred) Friedli of Rochester Hills, MI; daughters Bonnie Craig of Caledonia and Wendy (Chuck) Grudzinskas of

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seven grandchildren and two

Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the

and sense of community will

long be remembered by fam-

mond, aged 69, of Lowell,

fered at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell, Fr. George Fekete celebrant. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church Building Fund, 402 Amity SE, Lowell 49331 or and Jennifer T. Richmond. He Hospice of Michigan.

## Camp for special needs children, Aug. 18-23

Lin, located south of Middleville in Barry County, is still accepting applications for its first Therapeutic Horseback Riding Day Camp for special needs children. The camp will run from Aug. 18-23, for 12 special needs kids between the ages of 8 and 14. The deadline for submitting applications for the camp is July 15. Campers will be supervised by a combination of experienced camp staff and volunteers, and certified therapeutic riding instructor, Julie Suwyn will conduct the riding lessons.

Therapeutic horseback riding is designed to allow individuals with physical, cognitive and/or emotional dispassed away Sunday, June abilities to experience horse-30, 2002 at his home. He is back riding in a safe environsurvived by his beloved wife ment that has been adapted to of 45 years, Mary; son Brian

YMCA Camp Manitou- their needs. Kids and horses are a magical combination. Children bound to wheelchairs will experience freedom on the back of a horse and those who can't keep up with their peers because of their disabilities will say, " can ride a horse." These special kids will get a chance to learn what it takes to care for a horse and its equipment and have a fun summer camp ex-

> Lin is part of the Grand Rapids YMCA and serves both members and non-members in western Michigan. Registration forms and financial aid info. are available from the Camp Manitou-Lin office. For more information and to register for the camp.

YMCA Camp Manitou-

#### COLLEGE NEWS

Emily Louise Myers, a 2001 Lowell High School graduate, has been named to the dean's list of distinguished students at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., for the second term of the 2001-2002 academic year.

Selection to the dean's list requires a grade point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0

Myers is the daughter of William and Karen Myers of

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**Bob and Tiffany Dine** 

# Dine/Dodge

Bob and Tiffany Dine are pleased to announce their marriage on June 1, 2002.

Tiffany is the daughter of Thomas and Theresa Dodge of Caledonia. She graduated from Forest Hills Northern High School in 1995 and currently works for Ackerman Electric.

Bob is the son of Robert and Judy Dine of Alto. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1989 and from Alma College in 1993. He currently works for Schwan's Fine Foods. The couple reside in Grand Rapids.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 4: Anne Armstrong, Barb Austin, Zachary Rhodes, Tara Sherman, Peter Timinski.

JULY 5: Dave Burdette, Jacob Hiskey, Randi Ellis, Phyllis Condon, Brennan Page, Devinne Ossewaarde, Bob Canfield. JULY 6: Marty De Young, Jason Barber, Amy Stencel, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page, Ed Walling.

JULY 7: Phil VanLaan, Elizabeth Gerard, Tim Tulppo, Zach

JULY 8: Jason White, Tony Stencel, Ryan Vashaw, Jessica

JULY 9: Elaine Haines, Leo Pfaller. JULY 10: Barb Rivette, Pete VanLaan, Austin Bieri.



Samantha Hunt of Clarksville, and Aaron Snyder, of Lowell, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Janice Hunt. She is a 2002 graduate of Lakewood High School and will be attending Grand Rapids Community College this fall.

The future groom is the son of Bob and Karen Bennett of Lowell and Michael and Patty Snyder of Jacksonville. He is a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School.

A July 27, 2002 wedding is planned.





#### Lions elect new slate of officers

The Lowell Lions Club named its officers for 2002-03. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Keith Ferguson, chairman; Dave Gerst Jr., third vice president; Bob Ford, president; Jim Doyle, first year director; Steve Doyle, second year director: back row, left to right, are; Dan Brubaker, second year lirector; Dennis Anchors, secretary; Bob Reagan, second vice president; and Dave Durkee, lion tamer. Not pictured are Frank Martin, first vice president; Terry Conley, treasurer; Thad Kraus, tail twister; and George Mickel, second year director.

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#### Jim and Becky Reagan are proud to announce the birth of Judi Ellen Reagan on June 27, 2002 at Spectrum Health-Butterworth Campus. She weighed a hefty 10 lbs. and

measured 21 inches. She is welcomed home by her big brother and sister, Jake and Tess. "I'm glad I have a blonde sister," said Jake. "Hoo, hoo, hee-hee-hee, hah!' giggled Tess.

Proud grandparents are Bob and Judy Dine of Alto and Dr. Bob and Carol Ellen Reagan of Lowell.

Youth is not properly definable by age. It is a spirit of daring, creating, asserting life, and openly relating to the world. -Malcolm Boyd

attorneys all over the U.S. to make sure that they take cruelty cases involving wild animals seriously and that individuals a great 4th of July! who torture, maim, and kill wild animals for "fun" are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Yet, despite the fact that the American Psychiatric Association identifies cruelty to animals as one of the chief diagnostic criteria for psychopathological conduct disorders, and although that Federal Bureau of To the Editor: Investigation (FBI) takes cruelty to animals seriously in analyzing the threat potential of suspected and known violent criminals, my words sometimes fall on deaf ears.

Don't get me wrong; I actively discourage feeding wildlife because it can actually lead to problems for the animals who become tame from such close contact with humans.

People who love animals should help them when they need it, but it is more helpful to stop the destruction of berry bushes, wild areas, and old trees and to plant new feed and shelter sources, than to give handouts. To learn how to be a responsible steward of wildlife, visit www.peta.org and read our factsheet "Living In Harmony With Nature."

Sincerely, Stephanie Boyles, Wildlife Biologist Research and Investigations Dept.

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor:

feeding squirrels.

I just wanted to give you an update on the letter writing campaign I initiated concerning the Classroom Parties at Cherry Creek Elementary School. I met with Principal Maureen Dorough on Monday, July 1st to discuss the issue and review the responses. The good news is that 100 percent of the respondents supported my contention that the party themes

deceiving. Delaware depicts a brown brick apartment building and some beach umbrellas. You figure it out. Illinois is right on with the Chicago skyline and a few ears

a nice place to visit; however, I'll bet a postage stamp can be

of corn. That pretty much says all there is to say about Illinois. Indiana's stamp has a city skyline and a covered bridge. I've spent way too much time in Indiana and have never seen a covered bridge or a skyline worth talking about. I could suggest some things for their stamp, but I've been in trouble with people from Indiana in the past. I'll bite my tongue.

Viewpoint...

cozy corner

The cost of postage went up. Like everybody else, I now

During my search I ran across a sheet of state commemo-

I bought them on impulse because they were colorful,

included all 50 states, and I thought they'd look cool in a

frame. Of course I never bought a frame, so seventeen bucks worth of stamps have been taking up space in a desk drawer.

How does the post office not make money with boneheads like

certainly colorful, but in many instances I was confused by the

art chosen to depict the state. The stamps are arranged in

alphabetical order and the first is Alabama. On their stamp is

a building with large granite columns, an old battleship and

some pink flowers. I've been through Alabama many times

and have never seen any of that stuff. Cotton fields and boiled

peanut stands along a roadside would have been more like it

from a raging stream with snow capped peaks in the back-

ground. Never been there, but that's how I want it to look when

I go. Arizona is also cool. There are red rock buttes and

the background with whitewater rapids in the foreground.

"whitewater" scandal and put something more appropriate

up at night. Colorado has a downhill skier and snowy moun-

in whitewater rapids. I've never been to Idaho, but I guess it's

white country church nestled in some fall colors. It looks like

TO THE EDITOR

In a world filled with violent crime, there must be a better

solution than sending Lurni Marinas of Eastpointe to jail for

Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), I contact district

Connecticut shows a square-rigged sailing ship and a

saguaro cactus. Been there ... seen lots of that.

like a Wal-Mart, on their stamp.

a cross between Arkansas and Colorado.

Alaska is good. There is a grizzly bear eating a salmon

Then there's Arkansas. There is a large white building in

I spent some time looking over the stamps. They are

me buying their stamps because they look cool?

have to make a special trip to the post office for some three-

cent stamps. I took an inventory of my old thirty-four centers

you know this could take some time.

really is.

by Roger Brown

Iowa has a farm scene with a red barn and silo. In the foreground are some ducks. Iowa is famous for its pheasant hunting. Perhaps the artist got his fowl confused. Kansas so I'd know how many to buy. If you have ever seen my desk, depicts a wheat field, a combine and silos. Yup ... that's

> Kentucky's stamp sports a log cabin and a horse race scene. I'm guessing the Kentucky Derby and the home of the Lincoln Log factory. Louisiana's stamp features a surrey-top carriage and a heron silhouetted against the sun. I guess that's okay, but where are the riverboats, New Orleans, Mardi Gras, alligators, Paul Prudhomme? It's only a postage stamp, and space is limited. So yeh ... I guess there isn't room for Chef

> Maine has a moose and lighthouse. Where's my lobster? Maryland also has the Mackinac Bridge on its stamp. There is also a blue crab and a Chesapeake Bay schooner. I've been to Maryland to visit an old friend. I'm glad they put the crab on their stamp ... mmmmmm! Massachusetts depicts some pine trees and a quaint old dock with a small sailboat tied up. Nice, but the scene could be almost anywhere.

> Michigan, unfortunately, picked up on the skyline theme. Again, I don't think there is much of a skyline to brag about. There is also a Great Lakes fishing boat in the foreground. There are no automobiles, no apple blossoms and no Mackinac Bridge! California stole it.

Minnesota did the skyline thing and put a loon in the foreground. I would have been tempted to plaster Jessie Ventura's mug all over the stamp. I'm frankly a bit surprised he didn't insist on it. Mississippi has a "Tara" plantation house in the background and Bubba Gump's shrimp boat in the front. You'd think they would have had enough of that whole

I'll finish with Missouri. That is half of them and I'll have my topic all figured out for next week. Missouri, believe it or not, went with the skyline theme. Yeh, they threw in the California has what looks like the Mackinac Bridge all lit "Arch" and some white flowers, but left out the Budweiser tain peaks. Idaho has more snowy peaks and a guy kayaking Clydesdales, Mark Twain and Mark MacGuire.

Don't forget ... if you write a "letter to the editor" complaining about how stupid this column is, you'll need an extra three-cent stamp on your envelope.

the matter, please e-mail

Thanks to all of you who took the time to write and have

On July 4, 1776, a group of Americans met in Indepen-

dence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to declare our coun-

try an independent nation. They were true patriots as they put

their liberty, their fortunes, their very lives on the line for what

they believed in. They won the Revolutionary War and

enacted the Constitution of the United States of America

which, along with its amendments, made this a free and

independent country, with liberty and justice for all of its

patriotism swells and then dwindles at times. One might ask

what patriotism really is. Simply put, it is a love of and belief

inspired country like the United States of America with its

democratic, representative republic style of government and

its emphasis on basic human rights of its citizens. We are a

country of laws and have infrastructures to make changes, as

propaganda by a few evil, zealous and ambitious conspirators

such as did Japan and Germany in the last century and now al

Qaida, Hamas, and all the other dangerous fringe groups we

Patriotism can also be developed by the dispensing of

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 6

needed, in those laws.

in one's country. This patriotism can be for a just, God-

We have been a nation of patriotic people although that

Cherry Creek Connection will go into effect this fall.

received four letters. Boo!!!!

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 4, 1877 "Jas. S. Dougall Esq. will have the boss elevator on the corner of Main and Hudson."

Gambee's "little" steamboat went into service last Saturday and on Sunday took 175 passengers to Saranac and back

Saranac is offering more for wool than Lowell, so is getting a larger share of the crop.

J.C. Moore of Lowell seeks a patent for a device for leaving upper floors of a burning building. It allows the person to control the steel tape he is hanging from, on the principle of

The KL&NM narrow-gauge railroad (Kalamazoo-Lowell) already has most of the roadway built.

#### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 3, 1902

This issue is missing; we substitute July 6, 1888. Usually devoted to national news, the full front page article, "Lowell Past & Present, an Epitome of Business Interests, Manufacturers, Schools, Churches and Societies" gives histories and information about four churches, J.L. Hudson Drygoods, Brown & Sehler Farm Machinery, W.R. Rickert Confectionary, R.C. Smith Tailor, Yeiter & Look Drug Store, Robertson & Sons Shoes, and A.K.Beadle Har-

People stayed home or went to Grand Rapids for the Fourth; not many celebrated here because of the heat.

The bottom has dropped out of the shingle market, in both river mills and country mills stock.

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 7, 1927

should not be changed. Yea!!! The bad news is that she only The Lowell Board of Trade lets the Kent County Road Commission know that the present route of M-21 is by far the This was not the public response I had envisioned. Unforbest of any possible alternative. tunately, I have greatly misjudged the Lowell Community's

Richard Peckham of Lowell is awarded a medal as the best sense of values and dedication to the preservation of our junior camper at the YMCA's Camp Manitoulin.

heritage. In case there is anyone else out there who has an Fatalities at American railroad crossings in 1925: 2,306. Principal Farm news, radio articles and automobile articles provide Dorough, mdorough@lowell.k12.mi.us. If you don't have ea technical page. There are also a women's page and two serial mail, the mailing address is 12675 Foreman SE, Lowell, MI 49331. She sincerely would like to hear from you. If you don't

As the wildlife biologist and caseworker for People for the voice your opinion now, the new policy as outlined in The Men's swimming suits, guaranteed for the season and with reinforced shoulders, for sale at Coons'

#### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 3, 1952**

The new Lowell maps, drawn by Phil and Jan Johnson and Sincerely, Ed Hawks printed by the Ledger, are ready for distribution through the Lowell Board of Trade.

Vic Clemenz expands his garage for the third time, to four

Showboat Amateur Night will be limited to 50 acts. All committees for this year's Showboat are up and doing.

The annual Kent Conservation District air tour will point out farming and conservation practices in the county. Make

your reservation in the next week. Delegates to the National Convention (Republican) ask for a poll; the results: Eisenhower 2-1.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 7, 1977

Ada Township plans for a new \$100,000 fire station on

"Uncle Carl" Behnke has built a curtained, carpeted, heated home with hi-fi and air-conditioning for a bantam hen. He is known for his handmade toys for handicapped kids. An Ada Township land purchase doubles the size of Chief

Hazy Cloud Park on the Grand River. YMCA offers "Coward Swim" for adults in addition to

regular water safety classes.

Charles King, head of the new Citizens for Extracurricular Activities, gets School Board permission to raise an estimated \$40,000 for the coming school year.



#### LITTLE BAY

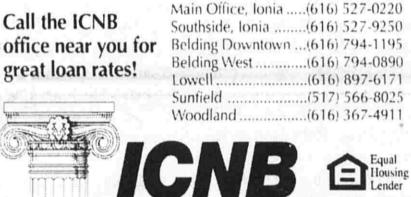
look no further than Little Bay DeNoc in the central Upper Peninsula.

The weather, for example, can change significantly sevtrail from the day before when we did catch fish. Just as we decided to wait for a better day to go out.



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eral times a day. As I write this, I am sitting in the sun listening to tornado watches and severe thunderstorm predictions on my scanner. This morning, Gwen and I fished in a dense fog. We were able to navigate by G.P.S. as we had not deleted our began a drift, the wind blew up substantial wave action and it got very dark. Spooky. About then we heard thunder, so we immediately ran for the harbor. Fortunately, the strong wind blew the fog out in a matter of minutes, so we could see where we were headed. Just as we entered the harbor, the rain came down in torrents and lightning lit the dark gray sky. We

of options for catching walleyes. The bay has a series of reefs that come up from 30 to as little as 10 feet of water. When the fish are on the reefs, it's a matter of finding them and then keeping the boat on course. Elsewhere, wide mud flats hold fish at times and there are weeds to jig if you can find the locations. Rivers that enter the bay are fishable and can provide good angling especially if the weather is keeping fishermen off the open water. In addition to walleye, there is a good population of perch,

Besides a variety of weather conditions, there are a variety

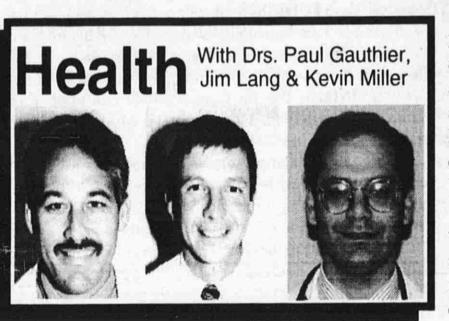
smallmouth bass, and northern pike. Trout and salmon fishing is good at certain times of the year. Fishermen from all over the mid-west show up sooner or later to fish walleye. Boats display registration letters from North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and, of course, Wisconsin. A few boats from Florida float

People fish with 14 foot boats and 9 or 15 horsepower Bay DeNoc has something for everybody.

outboards. At the other end of the spectrum, 18 to 20 foot walleye boats powered by 225 horsepower engines are common. Launch ramps at several locations on the bay make the majority of the water accessable to most craft.

Local and visiting anglers alike practice about any fishing technique known to the angling world. Jigging with live bait and plastic is the most popular method of fooling walleye. We drag live bait with the electric motor when it is calm and put down bottom bouncers and drift with a sock when the wind whips the bay into a tempest. The weather often dictates the best method. When you find the fish, do what you do best. Just a note, however - the fish don't always bite and one may have to put in time and work at it.

There is shopping and a nearby casino if that sparks your interest. Great public parks and beaches welcome visitors when the weather is nice. For a fishing trip with variety, Little



**BEE STINGS** Bee and wasp stings are common occurrences this time of

year. Most reactions are localized pain, swelling and redness at the site of the sting. First check to make sure the stinger is still not in your skin. Some species will lose their stinger and some do not. Local ice application will help the swelling. Take Benadryl (over the counter) immediately after. This will decrease the skin reaction and help with pain. Continue to take Benadryl for the next several days.

Some people are truly allergic to bee stings. These people will experience swelling and an itchy rash over their body. The swelling can occur in the throat, blocking off the airway. This is a true medical emergency. Benadryl should be given immediately and emergency services called. Some people who know they are allergic should have a bee sting kit. This contains an epinephrine injection that should be given if the person experiences airway compromise.

# To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

World Trade Center and the Pentagon started our war on World Wide Terrorism. We won WW II and make no mistake

Not since World War II have we seen such an up welling swell of patriotism we now are presented with in this country. Unfortunately, many people from the last two or three generations do not know how to publicly show their newfound patriotism. One way to start is to show more respect for our American flag, which seemingly everyone wants to display, but many do not know how to properly do.

When a flag passes you by in a parade, when the Nationa Anthem is played or when saying the Pledge of Allegiance, get up on your feet, take off your cap and place your right hand

On Dec. 7, 1941, a "sneak attack" on Pearl Harbor by the over your heart, as a token of respect for your flag and all that empire of Japan started World War II for the United States. On it represents. You will also be showing respect for all those Sept. 11, 2001, yet another despicable "sneak attack" on the who fought and died for this great country, because they

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303, along with many that with the resolve of our people, we will win the war against other V.F.W. posts throughout the country, has a program to help instill respect for our nation's flag and to foster true

> Teachers, school administrators, parents and other civic groups can call us at 897-8625 to conduct a program on patriotism and respect for the flag.

> Our country is the best country to yet exist in all recorded history and it is up to us ordinary citizens like you and me to keep it that way.

Sincerely, John Vander Wilp Commander, V.F.W. Post 8303

**REMINDER NOTICE** REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE **PRIMARY ELECTION** TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2002

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Bowne Township, Lowell Township and the City of Lowell, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the city or townships offices, at any secretary of state branch office, or other designated places for the primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2002.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS **WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 8, 2002** 

#### **QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:**

Citizen of the United States

At Least 18 years of age on or before July 8, 2002 Resident of Bowne Township, Lowell Township, City of Lowell

The township offices will be open Monday, July 8, 2002 from 9 am to 5 pm.

The City of Lowell will be open Monday, July 8, 2002 from 8 am to 5 pm.

Sandra Kowalczyk **Bowne Township Clerk** 

Betty Morlock Lowell City Clerk (616) 897-8457

Linda S. Regan **Lowell Township Clerk** (616) 897-7600

# Schools ask questions in search of answers to low test scores

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

best in the KISD. That percentage is down from 78.3 in 2000-

LOWELL'S MEAP TEST RESULTS

1999/2000

75.7

1999/2000

1999/2000

34.8

2000/2001

2000/2001

25.1

2000/2001

65.7

2000/2001

76.9

2000/2001

89.9

2000/2001

33

2001/2002

67.5

2001/2002

29.3

2001/2002

2001/2002

66.3

2001/2002

92.9

2001/2002

50.9

"The Lowell advisors give and wishes for a stronger com-

The only thing consistent about state and county MEAP In seventh-grade reading, 66.3 percent of the students scores in reading, writing and social studies is their inconsistency.

4TH GRADE READING:

5TH GRADE WRITING:

7TH GRADE READING

7TH GRADE WRITING

8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

5TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES:

1997/1998

1997/1998

86.6

1997/1998

71.2

1998/1999

1998/1999

69.1

1998/1999

70.6

1998/1999

Both the state and Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) saw the averages in four of their six scores drop.

Lowell, while incurring lower scores in fourth- and seventh-grade reading and fifthgrade writing, still maintained scores higher than the state and county averages.

"Our scores still dropped proportionately like the state and county," said Lowell acting superintendent, James White.

The larger number of students taking the test, including special education students and those with limited English skills, is one reason being used to explain the lower scores state-

"Obviously when reading scores are down, that's a concern," said Lowell's acting superntendent, Jim White.

As to why reading scores are down around the state, White speculates that the reading selections were tougher and that possibly there was a change in the passing scores.

After all of that, White says schools still have to look at how the kids did on the information and story tests, and determine where they had difficulty.

Lowell's fourth-grade reading scores dropped to 67.5 percent of the students passing. That was 10th

passed down from 76.9 in 2000-01. Lowell's score for 2001-02 was seventh best in the KISD.

> Lowell's fifth-grade writing scores fell to 62 percent (14th best in the KISD) from 65.7 in 2000-01. However, its seventh-grade writing scores

were highest in Kent County for the third consecutive year.

White credits the Kansas Writing Strategies used throughout the middle school. "It's a program everybody in the middle school has bought into," White said. "It will be interesting to see how this year's fifthgraders do as seventh-graders."

Lowell enjoyed improved scores in fifthand eighth-grade social studies and in seventh-grade writing.

Lowell tallied the top score in the county in seventh-grade writing with a 92.9 percent passing mark, up from its 89.9 percent in 2000-01.

In eighth-grade social studies, Lowell jumped to 50.9 percent. Only 33 percent of the students passed in 2000-01. Lowell's score this year was third best in the county, behind Forest Hills (62.8) and East Grand Rapids (72.3).

The fifth-grade social studies score improved slightly, from 25.1 (2000-01) to 29.3 percent this year (10th best in the KISD).

Listed to the left are Lowell's MEAP scores in reading, social studies and writ-

ing for the past five years. Math and science scores have not yet been made available.

# Lowell Area Community Fund welcomes new advisors

Two new advisors have oined the Lowell Area Community Fund Advisory Comphilanthropic vision of the late in preserving history, because Vashaw; City of Lowell man-Harold Englehardt. Sandy Graham, Alto branch manager for Kent District Library, took the seat vacated by BettyYeiter and will represent Lowell Charter Township for a three-year term. Chuck Meyers of Huntington Bank replaced Jim Bosserd last year; his service will run concurrent with his position

Bleke from Lowell Area Schools, the superintendent 2001. seat will remain vacant until Bleke's replacement is

Each departing Advisory fered the opportunity to make an honorary \$1,000 grant. Yeiter, who served on the committee from 1999 until this year, divided her grant equally between the Lowell YMCA and the Lowell Historical Museum.

"Our YMCA meets the velopment in Lowell, are: munity Foundation president. effort to carry out his vision needs of all ages." Yeiter wrote on her grant recommenmittee to carry forward the dation. She is also interested High School principal, Scott "by understanding the past, we can better understand the

Bosserd designated his grant to Lowell Area Schools for the Wittenbach Center. "I feel it is important to teach kids and adults about agriculture and nature," he wrote. "This center allows for handson teaching . . . and provides leadership opportunities for With the departure of Bert our youth." Bosserd served as an advisor from 1997 until

Soon after the Lowell Area Community Fund was established as a donor-advised fund at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation in 1996, the Advisory Committee was formed according to the terms of Englehardt's \$12.7 million bequest. Advisors, charged with carrying out Englehardt's philanthropic goals of supporting education and community de-

Lowell Area Schools superintendent (vacant); Lowell generously of their time and ager, David Pasquale; Huntington Bank vice president, Chuck Meyers; Norris, Perne & French partner/or Mr. Englehardt's great-nephew, John Darling; Lowell Charter Township representative, Sandy Graham; Vergennes Township representative.

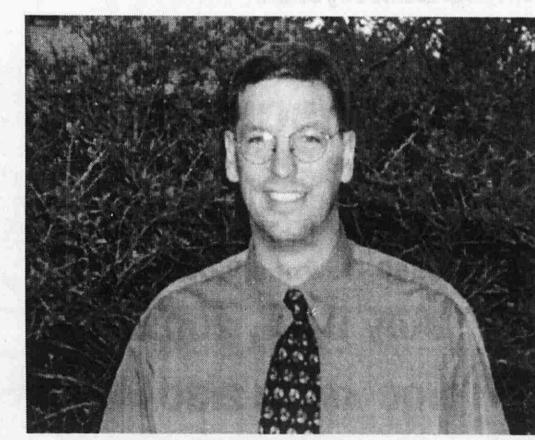
Kate Dernocoeur. Advisors meet 11 times a year; during three of those meetings they review grant proposals and recommend funding decisions. Since 1996, the Advisory Committee has recommended grants totaling more than \$2.5 million, giving priority to projects that assure a healthy, dynamic community. Today, the prin-

than \$15 million. "Mr. Englehardt was very specific about defining the goals for his gift and for future advisors," said Diana Sieger, Grand Rapids Com-

cipal of the fund is worth more

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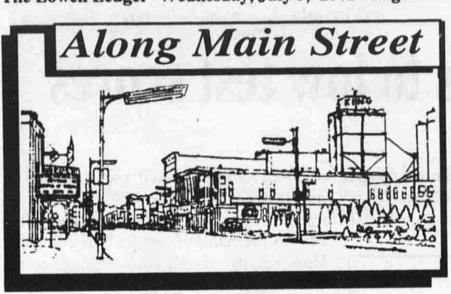
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#### SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERT: ROCKIN' REUNION

Celebrate the 4th of July at the Lowell Fairgrounds this Thursday after the downtown parade at 6 p.m. Local bands "Alive and Well" and "The Great Lakes Band" will perform from 7 - 9 p.m.

#### LHS ROCKIN' REUNION FOR CLASSES OF 1970, '71 & '72

The reunion will be held Aug. 3 at English Hills Golf Club from 6 p.m. - midnight. 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 or call her at 897-8423. Classes other than those listed above are also welcome.

COME BUILD WITH US

The Colby Park in Alto is building a new play set for children. We need your help! Building days are July 12 and 13. If you would like to volunteer, please call Sandy Graham at 647-3825.

#### COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR

The Fallasburg Historical Village will sponor their 8th annual bike tour (12, 28, 50, 62 and 100 miles) on Saturday, July 13. Register at the schoolhouse from 7-9 a.m. that day; pre-registration also available by calling Kerry at 897-7161. Helmets are mandatory.

#### HOW TO BECOME A "NETWORKER"

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will offer a workshop: "A Winning Workout in Networking" with Laurie Freshour, professional speaker/sales trainer, on Wednesday, July 17 in the Administration Building, 300 High St. Chamber members: \$35; non-chamber members: \$50. Deadline: July 5. Call 897-9161.

#### FREE FOOD - ANYONE?

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds again Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your family and

neighbors - and your own box or bag. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.

#### 5TH ANNUAL STREET MARKET DAYS

Street Market Days will take place 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 an application form.

#### CALL FOR AUDITIONS

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 participate in an 18-hole golf scramble and luncheon at Deer Run Golf Course on Friday, July 12. Call 897-9161 (Chamber) or 897-8481 (Deer Run) for more information.

# July 4 Celebration, cont'd ... From Page 1

Band singer, Mitch more talent now than years McMahon. "I think we did."

For those who missed or wish to savor this nostalgia selves. once again, the ever popular bands of "Alive and Well" and "The Great Lakes Band" will perform on July 4 at the Lowell Fairgrounds from 7 sicians until 9 p.m.

your past and the true friendships are what keeps us together," Seese said. "I think we're discovering we have

ago. We're more creative and better able to express our-

From "Headhunters" to birth to "Scragg Foster", "Alive and Well." the local bands have intertwined and Lakes Band.""Alive and grown into professional mu- Well's" run covers the 80's.

"Headhunters", springing up sixties, pre-dating the Council.

scene in 1965. The 70's gives "Stillwater", and the "Great

Since last year's Summer At the base of Lowell's Concert Series performance, "The comaraderie of tree of rock-'n'-roll is the the bands have performed benefit concerts for the Red on the west side in the early Cross and Lowell Area Arts

The concert will be a part "Shaggs" by three or four of a day-long slate of Fourth of July activities. The "Plague" came on the

There will be a patriotic pet parade at the Laurels of Kent beginning at 3 p.m.

It will be followed by a parade at 6 p.m; with monster truck rides, dueling fire department waterball fights, and a petting zoo at the fair-

Fireworks, at Stoney Lakeside Park, will begin at dusk. This year's fireworks are again being sponsored by the Laurels of Kent.

## Botanika's 2nd phase begins July 9

begins July 9 with a full lineup of events for art lovers and gardeners alike. The ex- July 8, 15 & 22 - 8:30 - 11:30 hibition offers artistic im-

schedule of events surroundunless stated otherwise. Reg-

Phase II of Botanika '02 events excluding the gallery 12:30 p.m. • Two-Day Moreception on July 13.

a.m. • Plein d'Air watercolor painting at Ball's Softee tanical world around us. Im- Creme Gardens in downtown July 20 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.

> July 10 - 7:00 p.m. • Gardening with Steve LaWarre from Frederik Meijer Gardens

July 13 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Garden Tours 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. • Botanika

saic Flowerpot Workshop.

July 19 - 7-8:30 p.m. • Meet

 Photographing flowers with Richard Williams at Ball's Softee Creme Gardens

in downtown Lowell.

Call 897-8445 for regis-The Detroit native now s as a teen and sports ctor for the Lowell CA branch because he

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homestead exemption must be

filed within 90 days of that

person's death. The rescission

needs to be filed with the

assessor's office in the city

where the residence is located.

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maximum penalty of \$200.

What real estate taxes apply

upon the transfer of real es-

There are two transfer taxes

applicable when Michigan

real estate is transferred. There

is a county transfer tax and a

state transfer tax. The county

transfer tax is imposed at the

rate of \$55 per \$500 of con-

sideration. The state transfer

tax is imposed at the rate of

JONATHAN SAYS:

tate in Michigan?

In your circumstances,

**Justin Belgiano** 

cited I am about it and the

His position includes involvement in sports, the Teen Center and Leaders Club.

sum of \$100,000, then the county transfer tax would be equal to \$110 and the state transfer tax would be equal to \$750, for a total transfer tax due and owing of \$860.

DEAR JONATHAN: What is the amount of the annual gift tax exclusion for

JONATHAN SAYS: The annual gift tax exclusion for 2002 is \$11,000.

DEAR JONATHAN: I you, as trustee, have 90 days know the unified credit exfrom the date of your mother's emption amount this year is death to file that rescission of equal to \$1,000,000. When is homestead exemption with that scheduled to go up and the city assessor's office. If

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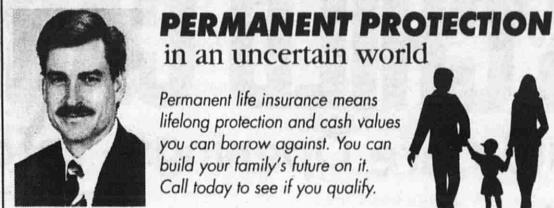
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in which case the unified

credit exemption will not be

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#### **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS LOWELL HISTORIC** CA welcomes new teen/sports director **DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**LOWELL, MICHIGAN** 

Sealed bids for re-roofing the Lowell Area Historical Museum at 325 West Main Street, Lowell, Michigan will be accepted by the Lowell Historic District Commission at the Museum on Tuesday July 16, 2002 at 3:00 pm. Contact Winter-Troutwine Associates at 616-451-8331 for bid packages. Bids will be publicly opened and read on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 3:00 pm. Envelopes must be marked "Re-Roofing Bid".

The Lowell Historic District Commission (LHDC) reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the LHDC. Further, the LHDC reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid if the LHDC's interest will be better served.

#### **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.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- Citizen of the United States
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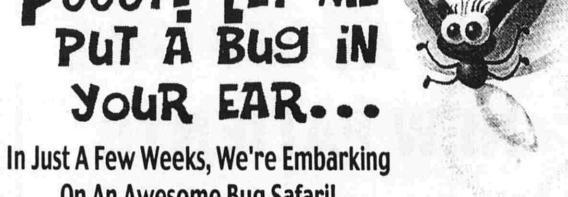
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July 8-12, 2002 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

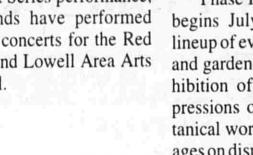
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pressions of the natural boages on display include floral Lowell. botany and entomology expressed in multi-media art-Check out the great ing this phase of the exhibi-

tion. All events take place at the Lowell Area Arts Council located at 149 S. Hudson

istration is required for all July 13 & 20 - 10:00 a.m.

'02 exhibition reception

tration information. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 12-5 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4

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Come to Lowell & enjoy music on the river! The SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS are located by the Lowell Showboat (east side of the river) in downtown Lowell. Call 897-9161 or visit www.lowellchamber.org for more information! Admission and parking are free!

The concert venue is wheelchair accessible and handicap/senior parking is available. Cut 'n' save! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY NITE FUN:

July 4 - Alive & Well & The Great Lakes Band Classic rock at the Lowell Fairgrounds! Don't miss all the 4th of July fun! Parade downtown at 6:00, Sizzlin' Summer Concert at 7:00, Fireworks at dusk!

July 11 - The Raisin Pickers · bluegrass - Odd Men Out & The Dave Collee Trio . jazz

July 25 - The Willeys . folkwave August 1 - Beltline Big Band · big band

August 8 - Vanishing Point · Christian rock August 15- Mane Street · country

(Artists scheduled to appear)



# Lowell Branch YMCA

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School Age - \$135/week or \$125 if you have a YMCA Family Facility Membership

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\$50.00 registration fee for non-members

Enjoy bike day, water day, local field trips and visits to local parks.

Center Hours: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Contact Beth at 897-4371 for more information.



For boys and girls first grade through 12 years old.

 Teri Sikkenga is back part-time in the afternoons. Enjoy field trips, swimming, water day, wheels day, Camp Manitou-lin, Service-Learning, and trips to local parks.

> Contact Cynthia at 897-2688 for more information.

Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

# 897-8445



#### New Dance Classes!!!

Offered at the Lowell YMCA's Wellness Center. Classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning July 15th and continuing through August 23. Enroll today to make the most of your summer! DAYS OFFERED **PARTICIPANTS** START DATE

CLASS Ballet, Jazz & Tumbling Ballet & Jazz

4-6 yrs. of age 7-10 yrs. of age

11-14 yrs. of age

Program Member Member

Non-Member

Registration Deadline 7/12/02 (\$5 late fee after deadline has passed)

COST:

## Gymnastics Camp!

COST:

Hip Hop

July 29 - August 2. Registration deadline one week prior to start of camp. Location: Runciman School

Preschool Preschool

3 yrs. old 4 & 5 yrs. old

9:30-10:30 a.m. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Program Member Non-Member \$30 COST:

# Roller Hockey Camp!

August 5-9 • 9-10:30 a.m.

Member Program Member Non-Member COST:

This camp is for 4th through 7th graders who want to improve their skills of the game, as well as have a lot of fun getting to play hockey. They will receive instruction from the Lowell Varsity Hockey Team.

### Soccer Camp! (July 22-26) - (August 5-9)

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DATES 10:45-11:45 a.m.

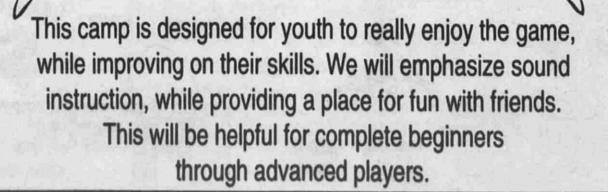
7/22-26 4-5 yrs. old K-1st grade 7/22-26 2nd - 5th grade 8/5-9

9:30-10:30 a.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Member Program Member Non-Member

# Basketball Camp!

August 12-16 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pre-school through 5th grades.





Michael J. Flohr, M.D., of Advanced Eyecare Profes sionals in Lowell, attended the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) symposium in

ASCRS is an international and scientific organization of ophthalmologists specializing in cataract and refractive sur-

gery, raising the standards of skill of anterior segment surgeons through clinical education.

Possessing 25 years of surgical experience, Flohr performs over 400 small incision or "no-stitch" cataract surgeries with intra-ocular lens implants annually

He offers patients Limbal Relaxing Incision (LRI), an inoffice surgical procedure to permanently correct astigmatism. Candidates for the procedure enjoy significant reduction or elimination of corneal astigmatism needed in glasses or toric contact lens correction. LRI can also be done as an enhancement during cataract surgery as well

The latest in glaucoma diagnostic equipment is also available through Flohr's acquisition of the GDX Access, a retinal nerve fiber layer analyser that can detect early optic nerve damage due to glaucoma, primarily advantageous for individuals not yet diagnosed or those with a family history of

mends anyone over the age of 40 be checked for glaucoma

every two years, and if over the age of 60, checked annually. Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness. Medicare benefits are now approved for glaucoma screenings for individuals with a fam-

glaucoma. The American

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can Americans over the age of 50 who are eligible for Medicare or anyone with diabetes

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# Public hearing should put to bed RV storage issue

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The issue that would not go away ... now appears to be one public hearing away from its approval being resolved.

view and study involving the planning commission and citizens advisory committee, a zoning ordinance amendment regarding RV storage will go before the city council for a vote on July 15 following a public hearing.

The ordinance amendment was considered for recommendation by the planning

commission following a public hearing on Monday, June 24. The commission then unanimously recommended

The proposed ordinance will allow recreational vehicles to be stored or parked in residential districts provided the following regulations are

1. Recreational vehicles are to be stored or parked to the rear of the front building line of the primary structure.

2. Recreational vehicles are to be stored or parked in a driveway not less than 10 feet

from the front lot line.

3. Recreational vehicles are to be used for temporary occupancy for one period not to exceed nine consecutive days during any six consecutive calendar months as long as they are otherwise in compliance with the ordinance.

If passed by the council it will end months of contro versy over the recreational vehicle ordinance, which currently does not allow such vehicles to be parked in a

person's driveway.



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Did you know that there are zero down mortgages for first time buyers? The lending institutions are in a very competitive business and the lenders are creating some dynamite mortgage programs to better help you out!

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Sincerely, Peter Smith

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GARAGE SALE At Pebble Beach Apartments, July 4, 5 & 6, Thur., 9-3, Fri., 9-5 & Sat. 9-3. Clothes & furniture.

**GRATTAN GARAGE SALE** Hammond organ, lots of goodies, 6124 Lincoln Lake Ave. Thurs. & Fri., July 11 & 12, 8-5 pm.

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# COMNGEVEN

ing Events" are free of charge EACH MONTH: American to any nonprofit organization Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 Saranac areas. We prefer E. Main St. at 8 p.m. such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Call Linda 874-5662; teen but will accept notices by Post #8303 (men only) group call Sarah 281-6588. phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat Lowell, 7:00 p.m. River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse 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 TUES: Walking-exercise EVERY WED .: The "Pep-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, forme 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 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. Info. call Dave: 897-2533.

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

in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307

Clubroom, 307 E. Main St.,

up or completing the 5th- Connie 942-6887. grade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout EVERY OTHER WED. 1ST SUN. OF EACH St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Girls Club - Calvary Chris-MON .: Family Council of Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868- tian Reformed Church.

> TUES .: Take Off Pounds EVERY WED .: Pioneer bile Home Park Community

EVERY TUES.: Saranac WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON sic Makers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. EVERY WED .: Rotary 897-5981 for info.

Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050

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

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 St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or Knitters Club meets at

AD/HD at Calvin College,7- Bette Frieswyk 949-8655 9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

ent Group meetings 7:30 Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd months; program meetings/even months. Open to all.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: ment Center, 897-7842. Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. EVERY FOURTH WED .: at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 897-9794. 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

**EVERY 1ST TUES:** Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Rm. 206 of the Commons Troop 102, for boys 11 & bldg. For information call

Cabin on N. Washington 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

Sensibly Tops MI#372 Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evermeets at Key Heights Mo- green Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

Community and Area Mu- meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

Call Kathy at 642-6316/ meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

pers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Old Belding Rd. No charge. Center from 1-3:30 p.m. Call Lana 691-8450 for info. \$10 per week. Transporta- VFW Clubroom, 307 E tion available. Call Pat at

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. TUES., WED, THURS.: at King Memorial Youth Ionia County Literacy Center at the Fairgrounds.

Grand Rapids Machine Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. 1ST TUES .: Adults with Sara Coates 365-1247 or

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

Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell EVERY SECOND & activities. Times: 9:45 to FOURTH TUES.: Knights 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 of Columbus #7719 meets p.m. Call Sister Colleen St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Develop-

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

**EVERY THURS.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI

Library. Weigh-in 6:45 p.m. THURS .: Weight Watch-

ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-

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.

Main, No Bingo.

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

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

**EVERY THIRD THURS.**: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women **EVERY FOURTH WED.:** Nursing children welcome Ada church. Call 752-8300

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

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

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

EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8

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

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 HISTORI- students \$3; under 5 free. **CAL MUSEUM HOURS: -**

p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. to help build a play set for Families: \$10; individuals children at Colby Park in \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; mem-

REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed., Thurs. & Fri.:12-6 9161 or 897-8481 for info. p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 897-2037. Gift certificates now available.

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

OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held third Monday at

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

MON. JULY 8, 15, 22: A ing workshop at Ball's Softee Creme, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. \$12 per session. Call 897-8545 to register.

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 7 p.m. Saranac High School. Veterans free; adults \$5; Seniors

Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 JULY 12 & 13: Volunteer Alto. Call 647-3825 Sandy.

FRI., JULY 12: Chamber FLAT RIVER OUT- member & guest 18-hole golf scramble at Deer Run Golf Course.Call 897-

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

> of Commerce "Networking" workshop Admin, Blda., 300 High St w/Laurie Freshour.Info. registration form, call 897-9161 by July 5.

> SAT., JULY 20: Foodmobile at 4-H Fairgrounds from 10 - noon. For anyone; distributed by Flat River Outreach Min

FRI. & SAT., JULY 26 & 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., JULY 3: 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.

THURS., JULY 4: Center closed; meet at 4:30 to ride bus in parade.

FRI., JULY 5: 12:45 Shop at Target and Sam's Club.

TUES., JULY 9: 7:45 a.m. Rockford McDonald's Breakfast and Music.

WED., JULY 10: 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 10 a.m. Nails by Sharon; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.

THURS., JULY 11: Noon Dance at West Side Com-

FRI., JULY 12: 12:45 p.m Gerald R. Ford Museum

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002.

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

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Susan Ullery, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commissioners Alan Mathews and John VanderWilp, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall and Police Officer James Hinton.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH that the minutes of the June 3, 2002 regular meeting be approved as corrected

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

that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	(06/17/02)
GENERAL FUND	\$269,077

CLINE I CIND	<b>\$200,011.00</b>
MAJOR STREET FUND	10,480.44
LOCAL STREET FUND	
DDA FUND	
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND.	
BUILDING AND SITE FUND	175.00
WASTEWATER FUND	8,650.40
WATER FUND	13,016.17
EQUIPMENT FUND	3,280.31
CURRENT TAX FUND	

Item #1. PRESENTATION BY BILL HARDIMAN, CAN-DIDATE FOR OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR, 29TH improvements. **DISTRICT.** Candidate Bill Hardiman was present to announce his candidacy for the State Senate, 29th District. This includes City of Lowell, Lowell, Vergennes, Cascade and Grand Rapids townships as well as the City of Kentwood. He is running for the State Senate because he loves the community. Hardiman grew up in West Michigan, went to school here and has served in local government for almost 21 years. He began by volunteering for boards and commissions. For the last 10 years Hardiman has served as Mayor of the City of Kentwood. Prior, Hardiman served on the City Commission.

Hardiman believes education, health care and controlling the budget and rising economy are very important.

Mayor Shores thanked Hardiman for his presentation.

Item #2. PRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS.

> STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS **MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002**

To: Mayor Shores, members of the Lowell City Council and citizens of Lowell

As provided in previous years, the State of the City and Water Treatment Plants. Address gives the community another opportunity to are our strengths and weaknesses? Where are the been provided in our goals, the City places prime responchallenges and opportunities? Ultimately, where is the sibility for service to the citizens of Lowell vision and how do we respond?

Lowell has recently lost 337 jobs through the closure of Newell Manufacturing and reduction of a product line involving Attwood Corporation. The loss is painful for those affected families as well as the community in Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. general. The City will feel the loss of tax revenue which could amount to over \$100,000 in a year.

But, the City has continued to grow. Over the last five volved with lot width and private road construction years, 468 building permits were issued totalling over

in the high school counted as of last February. In response, a high school addition is under construction while plans include new elementary schools.

The City faces a situation where there must be competitiveness making Lowell attractive for business growth The following waivers regarding private road construcboth in commerce and in industry. There are continuing demands to upgrade the City's infrastructure, particularly its streets and utilities.

As mentioned previously, the City has been responsive to community needs. This is evident by the soon-to-be initiated City Hall renovation and Police Station construction project costing over 4.5 million dollars. Also, two local streets (Valley Vista Drive and North Division Street) are currently under reconstruction in response to a City Manager Pasquale understood the intent was due to previously approved Streets Master Plan

Obviously, the City can not be passive, but to be proactive to the issues mentioned. What is our response?

The following goals are provided:

 Continue to support the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Historic District Commission as key economic development tools. The DDA is purchasing Mid Michigan Railroad property on Kent Street so that a parking lot may be built. This would IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS be leased to Superior Furniture Company upon their decision to expand.

> The Downtown Historic District Commission has, through grants received from the Lowell Area Community Fund, provided assistance on a matching basis for 26 building renovation projects totalling over \$76,000.

- development strategy.
- Be in communication with such organizations such as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which can partner with growth initiatives of businesses.
- Promote a concerted effort to continue to upgrade City streets. Investigate financing alternatives for roadway

Also, consideration of sidewalks needs to be addressed to provide an equitable approach for constructing these

- Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Lowell Area Arts Council and the YMCA as important resources to the City's quality of life.
- rehabilitation of the Amphitheater. Work has already been initiated on this. Along with the Arts Council and ance. Chamber, the desire is to have this facility a riverfront
- Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport, thereby qualifying for State assistance.
- Continue to cooperate with the Lowell Area Schools along with Lowell and Vergennes Townships on recreational matters. As part of this cooperative venture, a ing the sewer system. community walking trails study has been initiated. In coordination, a riverfront parks master plan has been funded through a Lowell Area Community Fund grant.
- Plan for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment

Respectfully submitted, David M. Pasquale City Manager

A. 751 Grindle - Sundry Development Corporation, Inc. development of nine residential lots - variances inpublic hearing. As noted at the last meeting, Sundry 21.5 million dollars in value. Lowell Area Schools' enroll- Corporation proposed the development of nine residen-

ment has increased to 3,826 students in total with 1,163 tial lots built on a private road off of Grindle Drive involving the Phillips property. The development would be on parcels zoned Suburban Residential (SR) requiring 35,000 square feet of lot area. There has been no intention to alter this.

> tion were reviewed by the Planning Commission at its June 10, 2002 meeting.

 request waiver of public water main and sanitary sewer (refer to Section 4.20 Private Streets E.5). County Health Department would approve any well and septic proposals. The Commission unanimously recommended to grant the waiver.

the size of the lots being in the SR district. The developers requested a waiver be placed on the installation of water and sewer to these homes. There are also concerns of whether the property would perk and with wells. It had been understood permits would have to be obtained through the County Health Department.

There was a question of how far away the water and sanitary sewer mains were. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden found the water main to be approximately 125 feet from the south property line. The nearest sanitary sewer manhole is located at High and James Streets, approximately 1230 feet from the property.

Aaron Catlin, of Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering, commented on the water and sewer issues. He noted it was just not the size of the lots, but the long flag lot. The cluster of homes has been set back approximately 800-

Efforts such as these need to be encouraged and sus- Al Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive had a concern with the water level. However, he could waiver on this.

· Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Chamber of Ken Goff of 800 Grindle Drive had a concern with the Commerce as an important part of the City's economic road. He questioned if the road would be a continuation for the rest of the development or just the nine homes. He was also concerned about additional traffic on Grindle. Catlin responded the road is currently being proposed

> Councilmember Pfaller was concerned about the water main being within 125 feet and not extended. He was reluctant to waive the water main extension. However, he was willing to place a waiver on the sanitary sewer line, due to the length needed. The shape of the lot was not the City's problem and running the line back to eight proposed homes at the rear of the lot is the responsibility of the developers.

Councilmember Blough had a similar concern. He believed the variances were linked together. When extending the length of an allowable road as designed in this case, the 1180 feet is examined with no hydrants or fire · Cooperate with the Lowell Area Schools regarding service, if the water line is not extended. Últimately, the homeowners will pay a premium for this in their insur-

> Blough stated expansion of the water and sewer treatment plants was discussed in the State of the City Address. The City should try and serve all City residents with utilities, including lights. He noted the water line is within 125 feet.

Blough believed there would be an additional development to the south and was concerned about not extend-

Mayor Shores agreed, stating the City offers water and sewer and it should be used. The water main is very close. She noted the problem the Eastgate Subdivision had with contaminated water.

Councilmember Brubaker was surprised the water was view our sense of direction. What has taken place? What As mentioned in previous years, while projects have so close. He could be persuaded to not waive the requirement for the water hookup. Brubaker normally wants sanitary sewer installed as it is better for the environment. However, it is a long way from the proposed development and would be extremely expensive to extend a line. Brubaker believed the development was discrete and could stand on its own. He would be willing to waive the sewer, not water.

> Councilmember Myers asked Planning Commission Chairman Hall for insight as to why this particular item should be waived. Hall believed the Commissioners reviewed the overall distances. Also, the surrounding homes are served by their own private systems

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Catlin noted if approved, this would be a private road, which is a benefit to the individuals living on the road. The road, being private, would not be looped or connected without approval from the property owners in the future.

800 to approximately 1140 lineal feet (f.2.b). The Commission voted 7 to 1 recommending to grant the waiver.

Catlin referred to the shape of the lot. To receive access, the normal cul-de-sac has to be extended. He believed the flag lot was a pre-existing condition and limits what can be done with the property.

Pfaller referred to the drawing which shows a possible stub road. The two lots on either side of proposed stub road are listed at 35,000 square feet, which is the minimum under SR. Catlin responded this is illustrated as an out lot, therefore it does not factor into the 35,000 square feet.

Blough believed the length of the road was a safety issue. If it is linked together with extension of utilities, he could probably determine some rationale for the extension. Blough stated Kent County has strict limitations and review upon extension of roads such as this.

Blough noted it was no fault of the Council's this is an abnormal piece or configuration of this particular ground being developed. He believed it is simply an issue of economics.

Blough could not find a valid argument for not installing water and sewer as well as extending lighting. Shores added the water and sewer system would last, while the drain fields would not.

Catlin responded Blough was correct under flat circumstances where sewer and water are being extended from a nearby location. However, in this particular development, the sewer is 1000 feet away from the property. The cost of sewer doubles per lot, not to mention the 800 feet it takes to extend to the first house. In addition, a lift is the nature of their request station would be necessary which costs approximately

Catlin referred to a comment made stating the City is not responsible for the odd shape of the lot. He stated this is exactly in the spirit of a variance request. It is a preexisting condition and no fault from property owner or

Blough stated continually, since 1983 when faced with developers' requests to elevate the initial cost of water and sewer, the Council has asked the developers to install the utilities and, in some cases, extend the water and sewer mains.

Sundry Representative Kevin Rude stated this was their original intention with trying to have the property rezoned. With public opinion, it was found there is a desire to have the property remain SR. There is no water and sewer in this SR district.

Blough stated the issue of not having water and sewer in an area is always an argument from a developer. This is this has been a standard for many private roads. how incorporated-zoned areas expand utilities. There is a plan, which calls for certain standards throughout the Traci Mullins of 901 Grindle Drive questioned the front-City. The City has Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants. The amount an individual pays for these services is based upon consumption and distributing the total capital costs to the total number of users in the City. Why should City users have to pay the current fee, when there would be additional City residents coming into this new development? Why would the City not expect the same services to be extended in this area? Rude responded such services have never been offered in the SR district. Blough reminded Rude he withdrew the R1 zoning request. Two months ago, there was some discussion relative to resetting the size and redrawing the perimeters as well as the definition of the SR district sizing. Blough stated if variances are needed, why until the discussion in front of the Planning Commission is resolved as to what the zoning should be? Rude explained the intention is to apply for an appeal on the Planning Commission's ruling of the rezoning.

Blough stated this is the first development he has had in front of him with six variance requests. Maybe Sundry ought to return to the Planning Commission and review the requirements on the particular zoning to avoid variance request.

Pfaller noted this would be rewriting the zoning rules.

The Zoning Ordinance was established for a purpose.

Rude stated Howard Acheson had previously approached the Planning Commission to build a single family home near the rear of the property and was denied. Acheson • request waiver of maximum dead end road length from had the understanding the Commission wanted to have a development at this location.

> Rude noted Sundry is trying to be consistent with what is existing in the SR district.

Rude also noted the road being proposed is actually wider than Grindle Drive.

Blough questioned why he would want to leave the cost to his children to replace the width of this road. This is currently being carried out with other roads in the City.

Sundry Representative Les Cole stated another reason why the variance request was brought before the Council had been stated in the description and purpose for the SR district. The district is intended for residential uses in lots, which are generally larger than those found in more developed areas of the City. Also, the purpose of the district is to foster an open space character of land and the minimizing of public service costs such as sanitary sewer and water main. Also, the limiting of urban influence, streetlights and the municipal utilities along with preserving the natural features are considered. This alone, in combination with the size of a 35,000 square foot lot, tells him the City wishes for this area to be SR.

Blough explained he was the Chairman of the Planning Commission during the time the ordinance was written for the SR district. At no time did the Commissioners consider eliminating utilities. The ordinance said "minimizing" is based on a density, which spread those costs across the total area.

Blough could not agree with the assessment of eliminating utility or the capital costs because it is zoned SR. Cole responded he did not say eliminate, but minimize which

Blough suggested Sundry provide safety to the residents for the quality of their life. This includes the installation of water which in turn will provide fire safety. Lighting would provide a safe illuminated area for traffic flowing in and out of the area. Also, to provide a sanitary sewer system. Cole responded it would be great to provide such services. However, to have the ability to do this is dollars beyond the ability of the development to finance.

Rude stated Sundry is not proposing to make the road dark. It is proposed to mandate that each individual install a streetlight in the front of each home near the street. Rude believed a streetlight would create light pollution.

Shores believed there should be additional lighting other than the light at the end of each driveway.

 allow a 24 foot (changed from 22 foot) wide bituminous surface with valley gutter (City standard: 34-foot wide bituminous surface with curb and gutter). The Commission vote 6 to 2 recommending to grant the waiver noting

age on the front of the Phillips' property. She also questioned the distance between the Phillips property and Ruth Smith's home. Rude stated the survey indicates the property runs through the center of the neighboring home. At no cost to Smith, Sundry is proposing, based on this layout and variance request, to deed the property back to her. This is also why there is a jog in the road. which saves four very large trees. Mullins questioned the distance. Rude responded ten feet from the house to the proposed easement line.

John VanderWilp of 1264 Fun Street stated he does not own the property and should make the best of it. He did not want a highway. There are many roads which are 24 wouldn't Sundry expect the City Council to table the issue feet wide. VanderWilp stated he would favor a narrower right of way and would not want the sidewalk due to more surface area being covered.

> private street and should be kept as nonintrusive as possible.

ance perimeter discussed is the width of the road, not the cross section nor the construction standard. He asked the Sundry development. Public Works Director DesJarden to comment, DesJarden stated Sundry is asking for the width of pavement without Brubaker stated he understood the argument of possibly

curb and gutter. After receiving further information, DesJarden saw nothing wrong with having 24 feet of asphalt. However, he believed there should be curb and gutter for a total of 28 feet of asphalt

DesJarden stated the Master Plan indicates all upgrades must include curb and gutter.

Blough asked if the streetlighting could be shielded. DesJarden responded yes.

Rude stated Sundry may be willing to provide a streetlight at the intersection location. However, because of light pollution, the variance request remains.

Rude noted the four large trees would have to be removed if the street is widened.

Rude also said the burden of curb and gutter would not be placed on the City, but rather the homeowners, particularly during the construction stage when there are many heavy trucks. Valley gutters provide the same purpose as curb and gutters. Rude believed valley gutters would also hold better during heavy truck traffic.

Catlin understood the concerns of the City. Under a public road scenario, he would support this. However, this is a private road and it will remain private. If the road is ever deeded over to the City, it would have to be upgraded. This is a site condominium and essentially a private driveway.

Catlin also noted when asphalt is repayed on a curb and gutter road, it needs to be removed and milled out, while overlays can be provided on streets with valley gutters. From a maintenance perspective, valley gutters are an excellent method.

 request waiver from sidewalks. The Commission provided no recommendation, because of the 4 to 4 tie vote.

Vernie Goff of 800 Grindle Drive stated this proposed development sounds much better than the cluster housing discussed earlier. Goff also referred to the sewer and water concerns. She has City water, but does not have sewer. Goff noted no one in the entire neighborhood has

Goff believed she would be penalized if a sewer line extended past their house when they have already paid for a septic system.

VanderWilp did not believe many children play on sidewalks, but rather in the streets. He also believed if street lighting was installed, the snow would reflect much light

Pfaller stated he would be willing to waive sidewalks. considering it is a private road.

Blough felt the Council needed to do some work relative to the Sidewalk Master Plan and provide a program stating if sidewalks are to be placed in specific location Then as the property changes hands, a sidewalk should be added. Considering a Master Plan is not in place, Blough would be willing to defer the sidewalk on the property. However, at the point when the Master Plan is in place, the City should enforce it on this area.

 allow each homeowner a streetlight rather than the developer installing

Blough noted there is a recommendation by City staff lighting be installed.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Brubaker stated the reason for the variance request is because of the configuration of the property and how the properties front on the road and fan out toward the back.

Cole explained the width requirements for pie lots are considered differently than a normal lot.

Brubaker suggested the Council not act as the Zoning VanderWilp commented on the street lighting. This is a Board of Appeals until a vote has been completed on the

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by Blough questioned the variance request. The only vari- BRUBAKER to grant the waiver on the sanitary sewer. However, require that a public water main be installed for

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in Lowell. These will be attractive homes and would be and 7 because of the flag lot configuration. well served by the private septic tanks.

Blough could not support the motion. The observation is 2 proposes 110 feet of width. while motion is for in favor of water and against sewer, Sundry is already incurring the majority of the cost to install the water main. It only makes good fiscal sense to install the additional utility along with it. Myers questioned the issue of extending the lines to the homes. Blough believed this was an issue of negotiation between the City and Sundry.

Myers felt the development was what SR is defined as unusual. and agrees with the spirit of how the eight homes have been laid out. He was also in agreement if there was never the ability of moving north or south for another development. If any possibility exists for a development in either of these two directions, then a harder line on the waivers should be taken.

Myers believed one of the waivers would not even have to be considered if the road to the south was not part of the picture. He did not believe we are considering just at this road and these eight houses. Myers felt there would be an access to the south and possibly to the north.

Myers wanted lighting

He was not concerned with the road width, if it wasn't being used by other vehicles serving another part of the

picture than just the eight homes.

YEA: 2. (Councilmembers Pfaller and Brubaker). NAY: 3. (Councilmembers Blough, Myers and Mayor This possibility cannot even be entertained by the Coun-Shores)

MOTION DENIED. Water and sewer service must be 1. Because of the location of the proposed private drive part of the development.

safety issues were served.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by 2. By eliminating the possibility of the 66' private right of

YEA: 5. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to grant the waiver to allow a 24 foot wide bituminous surface with valley gutter built, with specifications as determined by City staff.

Blough had a problem with the motion. He believed either the Master Plan should be changed at some point to address a private road with different standards or run the risk of "shooting from the hip" on every private development. Blough urged the waiver to be defeated until the Master Plan is reviewed.

roads do not require curb and gutter. He believed it was road. better to consider this issue on a case by case basis. In this situation, there are only eight homes, which are set

Mayor Shores)

NAY:1. (Councilmember Blough) ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to waive the requirement for sidewalks in the development based on reasons discussed previously.

Blough stated he would support this based on it does not exist in the Master Plan.

YEA: 5. ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to deny the request to waive street lighting. YEA: 5

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

wanting sewer there. However, he saw this as a distinct Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Brubaker stated the development. The area is different from most of what is application concerns the lot width variance for Lots 2, 3

Mullins questioned the actual footage. Cole stated Unit

Mathews stated he voted against this waiver at the Planning Commission. He did not want an access road.

VanderWilp did not view any significant issues of granting the variance. There are many other properties in the neighborhood, which have been downsized to allow access for another road. He did not believe this was

DesJarden wanted the Council to ask themselves, "Did the developer or applicant develop the problem?"

Mark Osborn of 743 Grindle stated the property is zoned SR and should be developed SR with the 165 foot right of way. Rules should be followed.

Brubaker read an e-mail from Jayne Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive as follows:

Dear Council,

Because of my absence tonight, I am submitting this letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals & City Council concerning the variances requested by Sundry Develop- 3:30 to 9:00 p.m.

My one main concern is the possibility of a connecting Shores agreed and believed there was more to the road to the south parcel of this development, as shown in submitted plans to the Council.

cil for the following reasons:

just north of the infamous "Grindle Curve," a connecting road would allow future houses developed in the south Blough agreed with the length of the road as long as parcel (Leeman property) to use this private drive and water and hydrants were in place. He wanted to ensure add too much traffic and pose a greater safety threat onto the Grindle curve.

BRUBAKER to support the waiver request of a maximum way (or connecting road), Lots #2 & 3 could be widened dead end road length from 800 to approximately 1200 and therefore not need a variance of more than 15' each. (Add the 66' to the total of the two lot frontages and divide in half = 150' frontage for each lot.)

> You as the Zoning Board of Appeals can NOT allow the 10 a.m. to midnight on July 20, 2002 with the sound lot width variance asked of Sundry for Lots 2 & 3, therefore forcing them to eliminate the 66' R.O.W. and the possibility of a connecting road.

Thank you for your attention in this matter, Jayne Mathews

Blough believed this issue could be eliminated from a SHEPARD DRIVE COMMUNICATION TOWER BY WIF variance condition. A few Commissioners have dis- NET, INC. WIF Net, Inc. had requested the use of the cussed resetting the lineal frontage requirement for SR. With the elimination of the possible stub road, making an easement and giving 66 additional feet, then with a small adjustment on the lineal frontage of the SR area, the has been assumed by Pinnacle Towers, Inc. In 2003, this requirement for variances could be eliminated. There Brubaker supported the motion because most private would be an easement through there, as opposed to

Brubaker agreed with an easement rather than a road.

YEA: 4. (Councilmember Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Shores stated she would be more comfortable if this was just an easement and not a stub road.

> IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to accept a variance on the width of Lot 3 to 126 feet.

Blough noted he would not be in favor of supporting the motion due to it being out of the plan.

NAY: 1. (Councilmember Blough) MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to grant the lot width variances conditioned upon the 66 foot private road easement being redesignated as an easement for utilities being reduced to 30 feet with the remaining 30 being split between Lots 2 & 3.

Blough noted he would not be in favor of supporting the motion due to not complying with the Zoning Ordinance. MOTION CARRIED.

NAY: 1. (Councilmember Blough) ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED No further action was taken.

B. 1580 Faith Drive - Edward Oracz - side yard variance for constructing an attached garage - set a public hearing (7/1). Edward Oracz wished to build an attached garage to his residence located at 1580 Faith Drive. The garage is proposed to be 3 feet from the side lot line, where 6 feet

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to set a public hearing for July 1, 2002. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Pfaller requested a site plan drawing for the hearing.

#### Item #4. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES

A. Lafavette Street from one lot north of King Street to North Street - Saturday, June 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For their wedding ceremony and reception at 432 Lafayette, Tom Alexander and Jodi Bishop have requested a temporary closure of Lafayette Street from homes located at 424 and 425 Lafayette (one lot north of King Street) to North Street on Saturday, June 22 from

Police Chief Valentine stated this portion of Lafayette is not heavily traveled and did not believe this would disrupt any of the neighborhood.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to authorize the closing of Lafayette Street from one lot north of King Street to North Street on Saturday, June 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

NAY: 0

B. Chatham Street between Smith and Amity Streets -Saturday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 midnight. Jeff Altoff has requested a temporary closure of Chatham between Smith and Amity on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 midnight for a wedding reception.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to allow Chatham Street to be closed from ordinance being observed after 9:00 p.m. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF communication tower located near the reservoir off of Shepard Drive. The tower was constructed in 1993 by RAM/BSE Paging Company. The ten year agreement tower will be owned by the City. Anyone other than Pinnacle requires Council approval.

City Attorney Richard Wendt has reviewed the agreement. The resolution prepared states the rent the WIF Net pays will be split on a 50/50 basis with Pinnacle. Currently, the monthly rate is \$525 of which the City will receive \$262.50. Also, a 5% increase for the rent is calculated each year.

The resolution is concurrent with the present site lease. Upon when the City takes possession, the City may renegotiate a new lease with WIF Net.

WIF Net's use of the tower will not interfere with the Police Department's communication use.

WIF Net is to provide evidence that their insurance names the City as an additional insured.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to approve the resolution agreement with WIF Net for the usage of the Shepard Drive communication tower with Pinnacle Towers, Inc. as proposed. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0.

# Lowell, Traverse City, Petoskey, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs break ground on power plant

In conjunction with the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA), Traverse City Light and Power, Lowell Light and Power, Harbor Springs Municipal Utility and the cities of Petoskey and Charlevoix have broken ground on a \$34.6 million natural gas-fired combustion turbine power plant in Kalkaska County.

The combustion turbine power plant is being built on a 10acre site that MPPA owns within the Shell Western E&P facility off Thomas and Prough roads in Kalkaska County Light & Power executive director, Jeff Feldt expects the new plant will be completed and operational by the end of 2002.

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A dedication ceremony involving MPPA and local officials was held at the Kalkaska County construction site July

Once the new plant goes on line, Feldt said decommissioning of the Bayside Power Plant in Traverse City will begin. That process is expected to take 12 months to complete Pool. and will include the salvaging and selling of equipment that has value, the demolition of the Bayside plant and substation and restoration of the land into open space. That process is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2003 and once concluded, the property reverts to the city of Traverse City.

Feldt said work on the new power plant is part of Light & Power's \$42 million capital improvement program, which also includes a new substation and underground project in the Hall/Garland street area, and a high voltage transmission line project that will increase the reliability and operational capability of the electric transmission system.

"We are very excited to start work on the new combustion

turbine plant for many reasons," Feldt said. "The No. 1 benefit is that it will provide a more reliable source of power for many years to come. It will also result in the removal of the old plant, which will be a major aesthetic improvement while providing new open space for the city. And, no rate increases to our customers will be required as a result of the new plant, which means Light & Power will continue to offer the lowest electric rates of any utility in the region."

Feldt said other advantages include remote start capabilities, which will allow Light & Power employees to fire up the plant from its new Traverse City Service Center, and the fact that it will take only 15 minutes to come fully on line. The current Bayside plant takes about 24 hours to come on line from a cold start. Feldt added that the Bayside Power Plant has reached the end of its economic life, and is presently being used only for reserve and peaking supply for the MPPA Power

# KDL News ...

Kent District Library branches will be offering an exciting journey around the world through crafts from many countries. Several make-and-take projects will be available for a variety of age and skill levels.

The Alto branch will present the free program on Monday, July 15 at 11:30 a.m. (647-3820) and the Englehardt branch will offer the program on Thursday, July 18 at 1:30 p.m.(647-

Feldt said the MPPA issued \$34.6 million in bonds to finance the project, which includes a Pratt & Whitney FT-8 Twin-Pac 50-megawatt combustion turbine, natural gas pipeline and metering equipment to connect the generator to natural gas facilities, and associated electrical equipment including substation and transmission facilities. The transmission facilities will provide 50 megawatts of capacity on the high voltage transmission grid to move power from the Kalkaska facility.

Light & Power is the major participant in the project with a 75.9 percent ownership entitlement and will operate and maintain the unit for MPPA. The other four cities will own the remaining 24.1 percent of the plant as follows: Petoskey (9.45 percent), Lowell (5.63 percent), Charlevoix (4.72 percent) and Harbor Springs (4.3 percent).

Kent District Library will present a beaded jewelry workshop for teens as part of Summer Reading Club 2002. Teens will be introduced to a wide variety of specialty beads and beading techniques. Using a wire foundation, participants can create an original piece of jewelry during this one-hour work-

The Englehardt branch will offer the program on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. Call 647-3920 to sign up or for more information.

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Item #6. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHO- be a major hardship for non-commercial vehicle traffic. A and supporting data be placed together in the agenda RIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT OF LEASE traffic count study conducted last year by the Grand packet. WITH THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION Valley Metro Council reported traffic counts nearing WITH ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE CITY HALL - 2000 vehicles in a 24-hour period. The result of Traffic Myers also commented on the well attended Celtic POLICE STATION PROJECT. With the approval of bids Engineer Ed Swanson's study of commercial vehicle concert. All went very well. for the City Hall - Police Station project, financing now movements at Foreman and Hudson was a very low must be secured through bonds issued through the percentage of these vehicles are commercial or school. Councilmember Blough commented on the substation Building Authority. A bond authorizing resolution was approved by the Building Authority Monday afternoon. The resolution approves a contract lease between the City and the Building Authority, pledging the City's bonded full faith and credit as security for the bonds.

BRUBAKER to approve the resolution as presented for the execution of a contract of lease with the Building Authority in connection with issuance of bonds for the City Hall - Police Station project. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. REVIEW OF CITIZEN INITIATED PROPOSAL REGARDING A FOREMAN ROAD TRUCK ROUTE. Police Chief Jim Valentine appreciated the fact there are citizens such as Alan Davidson (1225 E. Main) who are willing to come forward and assist in matters of the City. The plan prepared by Davidson displays an alternate truck route in the Foreman - North Hudson area.

There are some drawbacks to this particular suggestion. The intersection of Lincoln Lake and Suffolk Street would need to be reconstructed to allow semi-turning movements. Trucks can not legally make a right turn from a left lane nor can a truck make a left turn from a right land regardless of signage.

Valentine also believed the intersection of Lincoln Lake Avenue and Foreman would be an extremely tight left location, thus making an intersection modification neces-

Setting aside the difficult turning movements cited above, the City possibly could be making bad matters worse by directing commercial vehicles (trucks) onto streets with even more residences than currently exist on the Foreman Road truck route.

This could be complicated even more with the notion of a safe school route, (i.e. Middle School pedestrian traffic walking through the area of Suffolk and Lincoln Lake), thus posing more of a safety issue than is present with the existing truck route.

Hudson Street to eastbound one-way traffic only would

This one-way restriction would pose a major inconvenience for the noncommercial traffic using Foreman Road from Hudson Street. Valentine also thought this would be a major point of contention for the residents of IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by Suffolk and Lincoln Lake to put an additional 2000 vehicles on these streets. Again, it would be taking bad matters and making them worse.

> Blough felt it was great to have interested citizens. He suggested taking this report, add it to the additional dialogues on the issue and address the various kinds of • Chamber of Commerce meeting of May 8, 2002 configurations which are out there.

No further information was provided.

Item #8. PERMISSION FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY. The Lowell Area Jaycees have requested permission to have a fireworks display on Thursday evening, July 4. As with recent years, the fireworks would be launched from Stoney Lakeside Park.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to grant permission for the Fourth of July fireworks, as requested by the Lowell Area Jaycees, contingent upon the clean up of the debris before citizens complaints are YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. ABSENT: 0

turn given the existing width of Foreman Street at this Item #9. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #11. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were

Item #12. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Pfaller asked if agenda packets could be delivered on Wednesday night. This will be discussed during the first meeting in August

Pfaller also requested a list of current members from the DATE APPROVED: Monday, July 1, 2002 Boards and Commissions.

Restricting Foreman Road from Lincoln Lake Avenue to Councilmember Myers suggested the individual items

project being completed by Light and Power off of Bowes Road. He requested a status report.

Item #13. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

. The following meetings minutes were provided:

 Airport Board meeting of May 7, 2002 • Historic District Commission meeting of April 17, 2002 Parks and Recreation Commission meetings of April

13 and May 11, 2002

2. A request from City Councilmember Pfaller asking that Council packets be delivered on Wednesday before the scheduled meeting. Pasquale noted he would hold his comments until the issue is discussed during a council

With the approval of the bank lease for temporary quarters involving City Hall and the Police Station, the VFW Building is being advertised for sale.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to adjourn to closed session at 10:16 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. NAY: 0.

MOTION CARRIED. IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to return to open session at 11:09 p.m.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER AND SECONDED BY BLOUGH to increase the City Manager David Pasquale's salary from \$72,336 to \$74,500 total, eliminating the \$2,500 lump sum.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 11:11 p.m.

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



By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Lowell High School sophomore David Roth's summer days are typical for a student his age: there are chores, having in the morning, then driver's training in the afternoon, and practice, lots and lots of practice, of archery in the evening.

Yes, archery. This quiet mild-mannered young man has earned himself somewhat of a reputation. This past June, in California, he earned a spot on the U.S. team for the World Archery Target Junior Championship in Nymburk, Czech Republic this August. And because of his high marks at the NAA Indoor competition, Roth is posed to capture an opportunity to train for a week at the Olympic Training Center in

# Aim & Shoot

••• Lowell's Roth sets his sights on being the best in the world. He will compete in the team World Archery Target Junior Championship in August.

California, provided he wins at the Joad Nationals and the the way: a former farmhand named Ed Bignall got him NAA National Outdoors.

Quite a busy summer for a Lowell teen who is learning to drive and helping out on the family farm located in Vergennes

factly. He might have that chance at the World competition. His coach has indicated there is a good chance the team could walk away with the world title. Roth also will compete know the new goal. individually for a title.

say about the sport . . . other than he shoots compound, but he equivalent to lifting 61 pounds, Roth said, adding that every is thinking of going recurve after this season to see if he can time you shoot, it's still 61 pounds. He practices on the family make it to the Olympic team.

recurve," he said, adding that the technique is different and current silver medalist from the last Olympics. would require some time to learn.

couldn't say what got him started. He has been helped along

interested in the hunting aspect of archery. Four years ago, he joined leagues through Archery Unlimited and three years ago he started competing. He just seemed to be a natural at it, said his dad, Ken Roth. In the winter, David Roth picked up titles "I want to be the best in the world," Roth said matter-of- at the Canadian Nationals and the World Archery Festival.

"The big goal was just to make the team," Roth said about the World competition coming up. Of course, we already

Training involves shooting from one to four hours daily But other than that declarative statement, Roth has little to along with lifting weights. Pulling the bow out to shoot is farm with a target leaning against a truck. He also gets "I think it would be neat to see if I could get this far in coaching from a couple of people, including a coach of a

"2008, the Olympics in China," Ken Roth said. David Roth began shooting at the age of seven, although he really Roth just smiles. For now, he'll settle for best in the world.



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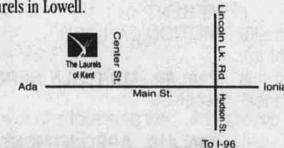
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# Bleke leaves Lowell with challenge to push itself to improve

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke officially began his role as Grand Rapids superintencaught up with him prior to his departure. Here is that

describe you as a leader, a ent fashion. All these experi- Students), and getting invisionary, a consensus builder ences have prepared me to do and a listener. If you could take only one of these traits with you to the Grand Rapids' post, which would it be?

Bleke: To me it's building success by bringing people together. If I have to take one of those, it's the person who cares about people and brings them together for the common good. I'll take that one if I can.

Ledger: What do you take from your Lowell experience that you'll use at your next

Bleke: I think what I have

of different communities and jobs is that they all build and prepare you for the next job Editor's Note: Former you do and each day of your life. Seven years of superintendent experience... that's invaluable. The size changes dent on Monday. The Ledger and complexity changes, I understand that, although a system is still a system. Good leadership and good management skills are still the same. You take those skills, address Ledger: I've heard people them and use them in a differa fine job for Grand Rapids.

> hired for the Grand Rapids more things to add spice to superintendent position and my life so it can be adventurremained in Lowell for a few ous. more years, could you have been happy professionally?

Yes. I answered that before you got the question out.

Ledger: Why?

Bleke: Look at the last couple of years - the board has been very gracious in allowing me to spend time in Grand Rapids with FACTS learned over 35 years in a lot (Communities Together for standing. The second thing

volved in such organizations as the Leaders Institute Against Human Racism. That Ledger: Had you not been has, indeed, allowed me to do

Ledger: Is there anything you would have liked to see Bleke: Yes, Yes, Yes, happen in the Lowell School District under your watch that didn't materialize?

> Bleke: I think the whole cooperative adventure between township, school and city has really improved quite nicely. Idon't believe it's anywhere near where it has to be before you can say this is out-

would be - you always want to see higher learning.

there was anyone in this community who doesn't like Bert The biggest challenge is to Bleke. I know people who find ways to push themselves haven't been happy with some to improve. of your decisions, but couldn't think of anyone who didn't like you. Can you? terview with the Grand Rap-

go out and have everybody as a softness in the Lowell like me. That's not a goal. It's School District. What's the a result of trying to do the district's strength? right thing for people and treating people with respect. A lot of times you have to say to do with helping each other "no" to people, or tell them and working together to be a things they don't like. If you good school, and a good comdo it and explain it, and do it munity. I think teachers have that your wife, Jan thinks the right way, people can the best interest of kids at accept that. The fact that heart. It just has a nice feel to people like you - that's just an it. Kind of like Mayberry offshoot of treating people the (laugh). right way. You have to like people. You're in the wrong business if you don't.

Ledger: Aside from fiscal concerns, what challenges specific to this district does

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Bleke: One of the chal lenges is to see that it doesn't

Lowell face down the road?

become complacent. I think model in many areas, does that make the job for the new the system, teachers, principals, the community can't superintendent easy or more Ledger: I was asked if begin to feel we're pretty difficult? good. That's the kiss of death

ids Board of Education, you

Bleke: It isn't my goal to identified a lack of diversity

Bleke: More difficult. On one hand the district is in great shape. On the other hand, you have the old com-Ledger: In your first inparison problem.

> Ledger: Is Lowell more attractive now to other superintendent candidates?

Bleke: I hope Lowell is more attractive; I think they Bleke: The people. It has will get a number of quality candidates.

> Ledger: Did I read or hear you're nuts for taking the Grand Rapids' job?

Bleke: She thought I was nuts before this, but she's on Ledger: The fact the Lowboard with my decision. That, ell School District is wellhowever, hasn't changed her respected and looked at as a opinion of me.

One of the challenges facing Lowell is not to become complacent - to begin feeling we're pretty good. That's the kiss of death. The biggest challenge is to find ways to push themselves to improve.

Bert Bleke



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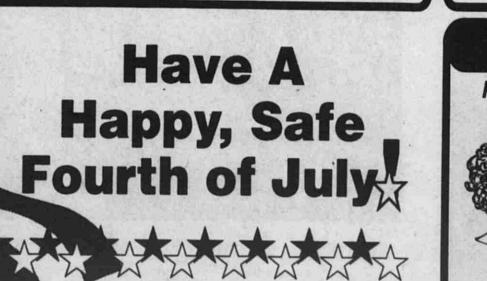
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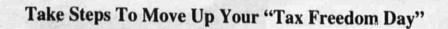




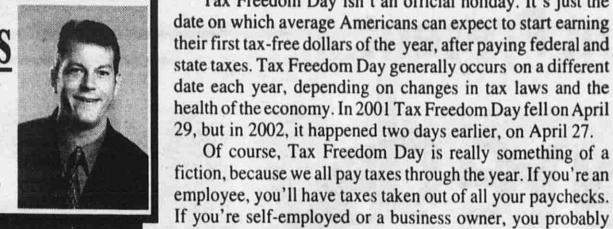
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pay still more taxes. Nonetheless, the idea of a Tax Freedom Day is useful in understanding the relative size of your tax burden. And the

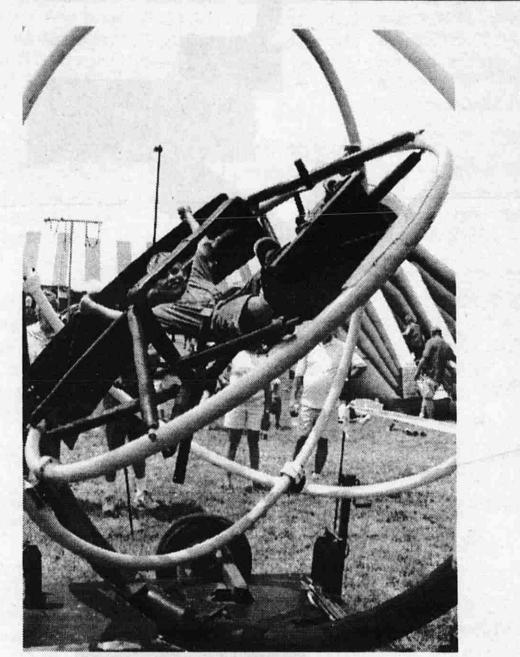
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Elliot Vickers, nine years old, Rockord

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Of course, Tax Freedom Day is really something of a



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Tina Poulias, five

years old, Rockford,

enjoys a horseback

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

**COUNTY OF KENT** 

FILE NO. 02-173-736-DE

Estate of DORIS MAE SZCZEPANEK Deceased SSN: 378-26-8228

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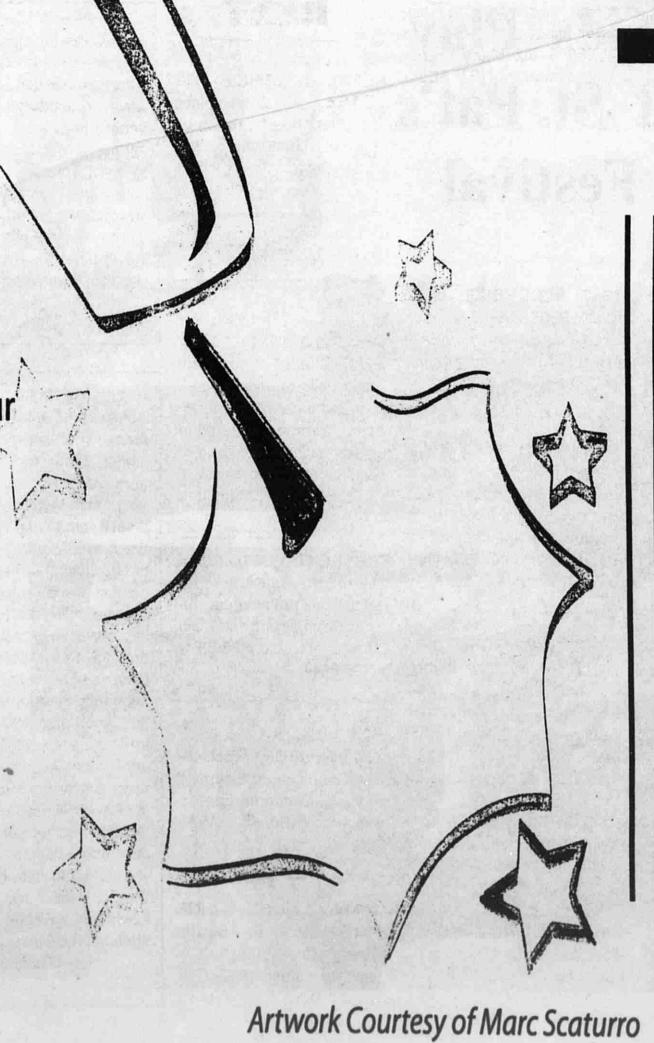
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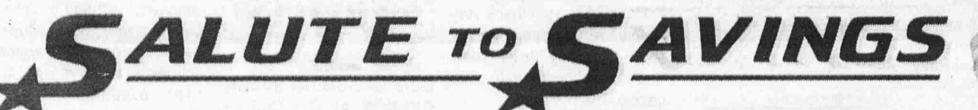
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1999 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT

4 dr., auto., 6 cyl., 3.4 engine, air, cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass/CD, power sunroof, seats, windows & locks, red, alloy wheels, GM certified. Was \$13,995. Now \$12,250 . \$0 Down . \$241 per mo.



2000 GMC SIERRA SLT EXT. CAB

3rd door, auto., 8 cyl., 5300 engine, 4x4, air, cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass/CD, leather, power seats, windows, locks, one owner, 35,600 miles, black, alloy wheels, fully loaded, GM certified, Price Reduced! \$21,950 · \$0 Down · \$373 per mo.



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2000 GMC JIMMY SLE

4 dr., auto., 6 cyl., 4.3 engine, air, cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass/CD, power seats, windows & locks, 28,100 miles, pewter, alloy wheels, bal. of warranty, plus GM certified. Reduced! \$17,250 • \$0 Down • \$293 per mo



1998 HYUNDAI SONATA GL

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