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## Operation Office Relocation

••• After a 40-year tenure in the Graham Building, Lowell's YMCA moved its offices into the Wellness & Teen centers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's YMCA has quietly moved from its offices of the past 40 years, the Graham Building, to the site of its Wellness and Teen centers at 1335 W. Main.

In fact, if one looks closely, there are signs that "operation office relocation" is not quite complete.

Sitting in the middle of the YMCA executive director's office floor, inside the Wellness Center, is a large summer cooler Will Welsh transported from the Graham Building on Monday.

It is not filled with summertime refreshments like Gatorade for those who have just completed a workout - instead it is filled with Welsh's files.

"This is great for moving files," Welsh explains. "You can get a lot in it and it has handles."

Welsh and the rest of the Y staff began moving its offices on June 1. With the exception of files and other small office items, the move is complete.

The move centralizes YMCA functions to one location and will provide cost savings in staffing for operations.

"It's important that our new sports/teen director, Justin Belgiano be at the Teen Center to interact directly with the youth," Welsh said. "It's also nice for me to be here (Wellness Center) more with members."

Registration for programs will now be at the centers. Increased traffic at these locations should provide a direct benefit in membership.

Welsh adds that the Y should enjoy a

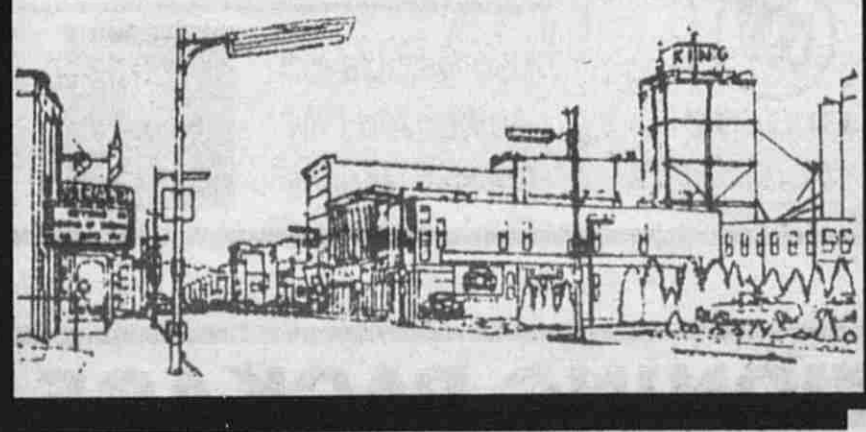
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## PATRIOTIC PARTY



## Along Main Street



### COME BUILD WITH US

The Colby Park in Alto is building a new play set for children. Building days are July 12 and 13 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call Sandy Graham at 647-3825.

### COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR

The Fallasburg Historical Village will sponsor 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.

### HOCKEY CAMP SIGN-UPS

The Lowell Hockey Club will host a hockey camp for players on July 16 and 17 at Standard Federal Ice Center. Times: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Mite - Pee Wee; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Junior varsity/varsity. The free camp is open to all hockey players from the Lowell/Caledonia area. Full safety equipment is required to participate. Call Jim Blair (897-6436) for information or to register.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, July 17 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

### FREE FOOD - ANYONE?

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds again Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your own box or bag. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.

### ANNUAL STREET MARKET DAYS

The 5th annual Street Market Days will take place in downtown Lowell on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call Linda at 897-1140 for an application form or more information.

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# Help still needed for Alto's Colby Park play set building days

Last fall children from the Alto area got together to give their ideas and dreams of what they would like to see in the Colby Park in Alto. Learning Structures of New Hampshire assisted the children, parents and citizens as ideas were collected. The theme for the park will take place around a train for the toddler-age children and a barn for the older children.

The Alto/Bowne DDA will fund the project. They are investing \$24,000. Learning Structure will send a project manager to be at the site to supervise safe and proper construction of the play set. Volunteers will gather on July 12 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to build the structure. If you would like to try your hand at something fun and rewarding, please call Sandy Graham at the Alto Library to sign up (616-647-3825). Colby Park will furnish food and beverages to keep energy levels high.

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 AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>

**THURSDAY PICKUP**  
 JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup>  
 AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup>  
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# City contracts Rehmann Robson for auditing services

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For councilman Mike Blough, Rehmann Robson's quote to provide auditing services for the city of Lowell over the next three years seemed almost too good to be true.

But after having his questions answered by Tom Richards, L.L.&P./Lowell Cable general manager, and city manager, Dave Pasquale, Blough supported the city's recommendation but not without some reservation.

"I don't know how, if by the answers I got here hold true,

the city could resist taking Rehmann Robson's offer." Blough explained. "With the document into record and with questions answered, I will support the recommendation."

Richards said he requested copies of prior audits Rehmann Robson had done for other utilities and was satisfied with what he saw.

Blough questioned if Rehmann Robson provides a new way of looking at sections of the audit whether that would make it difficult to compare.

"The audit will be reported in our city format. We will

have the opportunity to discuss it before any final review," said Richards.

Blough also questioned if obtaining new accountants for the system could create problems.

Pasquale noted that over the last three years the city has been under contract with Biggs Hausserman Thompson & Dickinson out of Saranac. During that time new people have been used to complete the audit and the transition has gone well.

He expects the same will hold true when changing auditing firms.

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# Reflections Of Faith

Rev. Gordie Barry  
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When the summer comes, many of our schedules change a bit and we have the opportunity to do some different things that we are unable to do the rest of the year. Family vacation is one of those wonderful summer activities. Last week, I reflected in our morning worship part of mine. I had the opportunity to do some backpacking. When you backpack, you carry everything. Since you are carrying it, you are conscious of every bit of weight. This means you worry about what is essential and not what is convenient. I love to go out into the wilderness for a few days. It is a wonderful time to get back to the basics and just let your mind wander as you walk down the trail.

At the same time I thought about the basics of backpacking. I also thought about our faith journey and how complicated we make it sometimes. I thought about how busy we can get ourselves and how we forget or lose track of the truly important things in our lives, like our faith, for instance. Forgetting or losing track of this faith affects our daily living now as well as our future.

We have finished a study

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom."

Take some time this summer, relax, sit still and think... Not only think, take action! Truly love your family members.

Truly love your friends. Truly love some new friends. Walk your faith talk.

of the New Testament Letters. In one of those letters, I John, I see a call to the basics as the people are told, "I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning ... And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us." (1 John 2:7, 3:23). This is not new news to you and me, but it can be new to our daily living. May we take this schedule of summer, and see how we are doing. May we take a look at our lives and how we are living them, and reflect on how we are loving.

During these weeks of July, I will share with you some reflections of someone I never thought I would be quoting - George Carlin. Remember him, the hippy dippy weather man? Allow me to close with some of those reflections ...

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger homes and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time ..."



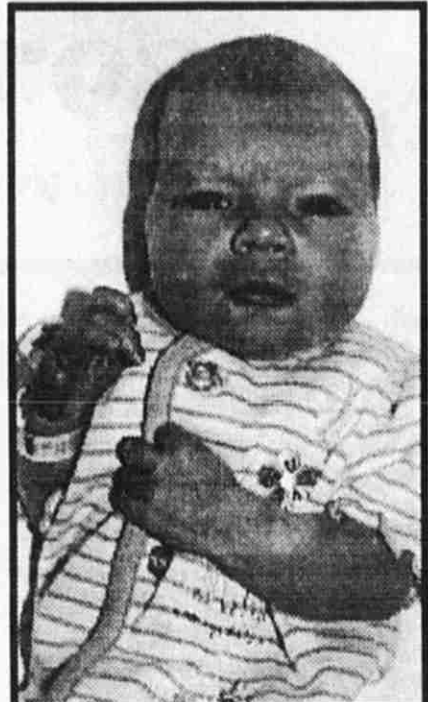
## Kemen/ Stutting

Melissa Kemen, of Lowell, and Trevor Stutting, of Greenville, have announced their plans to marry July 20.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Patricia Kemen of Lowell. She is a Lowell High School graduate attending Grand Valley State University in the business program.

The future groom is the son of Jack and Linda Stutting of Greenville. He graduated from Greenville High School and Western Michigan University having studied computer engineering.

### AREA BIRTHS



Jason and Phaedra DesJarden of Saranac announce the arrival of their daughter, **Lauren Kay**, born June 24, 2002. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Richard and Vicki McElvain of Saranac and Dan and Linda DesJarden of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Clifford and Phyllis DesJarden of Manistique, Carol Stevens of Lowell and Velma McElvaine of Clarksville.

Allen Riesberg of Grand Rapids is Lauren's great-great grandfather.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**JULY 11:** Dina DeCator, Jodi Hutchinson.

**JULY 12:** Cole Burdette, Samantha Bellah, Jill Taylor, Hayley Fritz, Georgann Watrous.

**JULY 13:** Travis Thomet, Cheryl Doyle, Justin Craig, Janet Burns, George Miles, Esther Newell, John Jones.

**JULY 14:** Ernestine Bundy, Katie Stouffer, Richard Ellison, Mindy Tykocki.

**JULY 15:** Mari Stone, Kyle Aksamitowski, Joyce VanDyke, Keenan Hacker.

**JULY 16:** James Stanley Smith.

**JULY 17:** Vicki VanderWarf, Ken Willmarth, Marian Mayou.

## Comic, juggler to visit KDL branches

Tim Salisbury brings a unique and funny juggling act to several KDL branches this summer. Performing with him is "the other dummy" Jeb, who helps Salisbury out during his ventriloquist act. Juggling bowling balls, fruit and other odd props, a great show is promised for children of all ages. "I love to do library shows because I learned to juggle and do ventriloquism through library books," said Salisbury. "I emphasize how important libraries are and how the books helped me."

This free program is part of Summer Reading Club 2002, a fun-filled reading journey to the many places that books can take us. Children, teens and families can sign up at any Kent District Library branch now thru August.

The program will be offered at the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920).

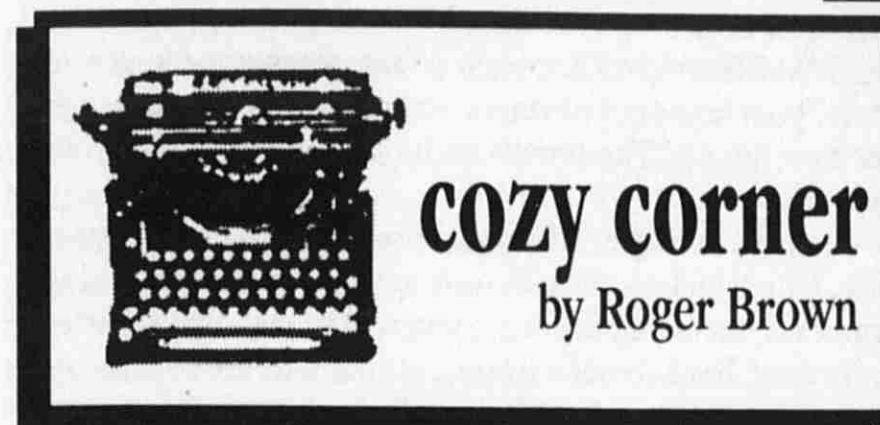
### Kite Day, July 24

The Mackinaw Kite Company will present Kite Day on Wednesday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the Alto branch library as one of the Summer Reading Club 2002 programs.

Gordon Negen, "Mr. Kiteman," will explain the history of kites which includes Ancient China and Ben Franklin. He will also discuss kite safety and how a kite works. Children, ages six and older, are invited to make and decorate their own kite.

Registration is required; call the Alto branch at 647-3820.

# Viewpoint . . .



Here's a great trivia question for you. Eight of our United States' names begin with the letter "M"... name them? You can easily think about that as you read on. As usual, this column won't require much thought.

I will give you a hint. Seven of the "M" states were in last week's column about my sheet of state stamps. I bought the stamps on impulse because they were colorful. Now the rates have gone up and I'll probably just put them back in a desk drawer. It's my seventeen-dollar donation to the Post Office's financial woes.

Last week I critiqued the scenes on the first 25 states as they are arranged alphabetically on the sheet of stamps. The first state this week is the last of the "M" states ... Montana. As in many of the first twenty-five, the artist put snow-capped mountains in the background. The foreground depicts some rolling hills with pine trees and a rodeo rider on a bucking horse. The rest of the population is hidden in the pines waiting to shoot anyone that comes on their property.

Nebraska has some towering rock bluffs with a covered wagon in the foreground. Have you ever driven across Nebraska? Imagine holding this sheet of stamps horizontally so that you are looking across the flat plane of the sheet. That's the Nebraska I know.

New Hampshire has an ugly brown brick building in back and two future auto insurance claims, in the form of white tail deer, standing in front. New Jersey is another skyline (probably New York City) and a beach umbrella. What ... no Bruce Springsteen? New Mexico has more snow-capped mountains, a pueblo village and an old adobe mission. I guess that's an okay depiction, but I lived in New Mexico for six months ... there is an awful lot of "nothing" in that state. A blank stamp might be more appropriate.

New York has a skyline lit up at night (Jersey City), the Statue of Liberty and Tahquamenon Falls. No, wait a minute. Maybe that is Niagara Falls. North Carolina has a lighthouse and the Wright flyer. Never mind the fact the Wright brothers were from Dayton, Ohio. North Dakota has more snow-

capped mountains and some wild horse running in the foreground. Apparently there isn't much going on in the state. Even the horses look like they're leaving.

Ohio's stamp is a simple scene of a city with part of a bridge over some water in the foreground. I'm guessing it is Cincinnati and the water is the Ohio River. There is no Wright flyer fluttering over the city. Oklahoma's stamp shows another big city skyline and a cowboy herding cows. I guess they wanted to depict diversity. Oregon shows snow-capped mountains, forests and wind surfers. No politically incorrect logging trucks.

Pennsylvania's stamp has the liberty bell and a civil war cannon. Not much room for anything else, as the name takes up most of the stamp. Rhode Island's stamp has a lighthouse and a sailboat. No Wright flyer. South Carolina shows some old buildings, probably historic Charleston, and still more beach umbrellas. Incredibly, there are no Confederate flags anywhere on the stamp. South Dakota has Mount Rushmore and a buffalo. Like its sister state to the north, there's apparently not much going on in South Dakota.

Tennessee shows some non-snow-capped mountains, the Nashville Skyline (a Bob Dylan album title) and a guitar. Texas' stamp depicts a yellow rose, the Alamo and a longhorn steer. No houses floating by on the floodwaters. Utah depicts towering rock formations in the background with a mountain lion in the foreground. He's stalking those deer on the New Hampshire stamp.

Vermont shows a skier schussing down a snow-capped mountain and some fall colors surrounding a quaint little town. I know a guy from Vermont. He says they have winter and about six weeks of poor sledding. Virginia copies the plantation house theme and puts a civil war cannon in the foreground. It's a cross between Mississippi and Pennsylvania. Washington does the snow-capped peak thing combined with a city skyline. They threw in the Space Needle and some apples. That certainly oughta cover Washington.

West Virginia shows some people whitewater rafting and an old mill with a water wheel in the background. If you look closely you can just make out two dentally-challenged locals playing banjos on the porch of the mill. Just kidding.

Wisconsin has a dairy farm in the background and dairy cows in the foreground. Surprisingly, there are no people wandering around with huge wedges of cheese on their heads. And finally, there is Wyoming. Guess what? Yup ... more snow-capped mountains. There are a couple of elk in the foreground. I get the impression there isn't much going on in Wyoming. My kinda place.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

"If we forget our past, we are doomed to relive it." (W. Churchill)

I am reminded of these words as I watch the morning traffic drive faster and faster past my house on Lincoln Lake near Foreman. Formerly country dwellers of the Lowell district, we moved in to town 2 1/2 years ago. We chose this area because of the schools closeness and the charm of the family homes that have stood proud for many years there. In this short time, new homes have been popping up in the surrounding area like field corn on a hot July day after a hard rain, thus the beginning of urban sprawl on "Mayberry."

Imagine for a minute being my neighbor, a Lowell native, watching and listening to the debate over just how the organically grown greenspace that is her yard, must be encroached upon to make room for the eighteen wheelers puffing exhaust and noisily clashing along while grandchildren play in the yard.

Think of Grand Rapids "Heritage Hill" homes. Rather an irony to call it heritage. The definition in Webster's dictionary

defines it as "property that is or can be inherited." Those families abandoned those homes years ago to make room for the traffic and "progress." The area deteriorated, homes became slumlord sites, and the original boundaries of G.R. became the saddest place in the city.

The good Lord gave us peace, we've created the progress, and progress is a word that is subject to opinion.

I write this that some may consider these things when deciding where to direct development of this community, and that some may actually slow to the posted speed limit, and turn down your radio (I have my own music). Maybe some will recognize that there is a place for loud exhaust systems, (I'm not sure where that is) but do they know that it causes windows to vibrate?

Consider all that goes unseen as we hurry to get somewhere else instead of being in the moment that we are in.

A word to the wise, if conscientiousness isn't enough to slow traffic down, being the daughter of a retired, highly decorated Detroit law enforcement officer, I am not above calling in the support of our most helpful local ticket writers to slow things down. (I wonder how many school bus drivers would be ticketed.)

Let's not forget why we moved to a small town. With respectful concern, Patricia O'Haire

Seriously, this sheet of stamps is a colorful work of art and would look nice in a frame. If you're lucky, the post office might have a few left. Besides, seventeen bucks is a small price to pay to keep from driving yourself nuts trying to come up with all eight of the "M" states.



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

**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 11, 1877**  
The July 4 picnic on the island was not held on account of rain.

Lowell's pickup Base Ball team beat S. Boston on the Fourth, score 8-3.

There will be a juvenile picnic at four o'clock this Friday on the public square.

An excursion train to Petoskey and Mackinac will leave Grand Rapids Tuesday and return Saturday. Fare to Petoskey, \$4.50; to Mackinac, \$7.50.

The new Jonathan apple is getting attention for its keeping qualities. A sample seen by the editor was two years old and still good.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 10, 1902;

This issue is missing; we substitute July 13, 1888. "Lowell Past and Present" continues with "Secret Societies and Organizations", J.C. Marks Marble Works, Coons & McNaughton Furniture and Undertaking, E.E. Chase Bakery, A.D. Oliver Jewelry, and Morgan & Smith Hardware.

The Village Council has decided on a tax levy of one dollar a hundred.

Mrs. Lamira Lucas has obtained a patent for her pie tin, which prevents the pie from running over while baking. E. W. Dodge has purchased a half-interest and production will start soon. The pan has a movable rim with a pipe that pierces the crust.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 14, 1927

With "no appreciable notice being given to the public," the annual school meeting draws only 28 attendees.

A motorcycle policeman will patrol Ionia County roads for the remainder of the year.

If the state highway committee approves, M-21 may be paved from Grand Rapids to Ada this year.

Serum flown from Detroit is credited with saving the life of tetanus victim, Henry Vandyken of Grand Rapids, who already had lockjaw.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 10, 1952

Coming elections are drawing high numbers of registrants all over the county. Esther Fahmi says that more than 200 new voters have been added to Lowell's 1500.

Dedicated workers restore power downtown at 10 a.m., the rest of Lowell by noon after a night-time \$50,000 fire at the Light Plant destroys the roof.

Vergennes neighbors pitch in and make hay on 25 acres after Adelbert Odell goes to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy.

Kent County Library adds a new bookmobile named "Van" to the fleet of "Mike" and "Pat."

Sixteen-year-old Joy Ellis lands a record-breaking 15 1/4 pound, 42-inch Great Northern Pike at Murray Lake.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 14, 1977

Nine trees in planters on Main Street are pulled by vandals, who are caught. Other vandals who broke things in Saranac are being searched for.

It is very hot and humid.

Chris Burch, Jim Topp and Ed Rankin organize a retirees' club to play golf once a week.

Former Ledger editor, Harold Jefferies dies. He succeeded his father, Rem Jefferies, as owner and editor, the two publishing the Ledger from 1930 to 1968.

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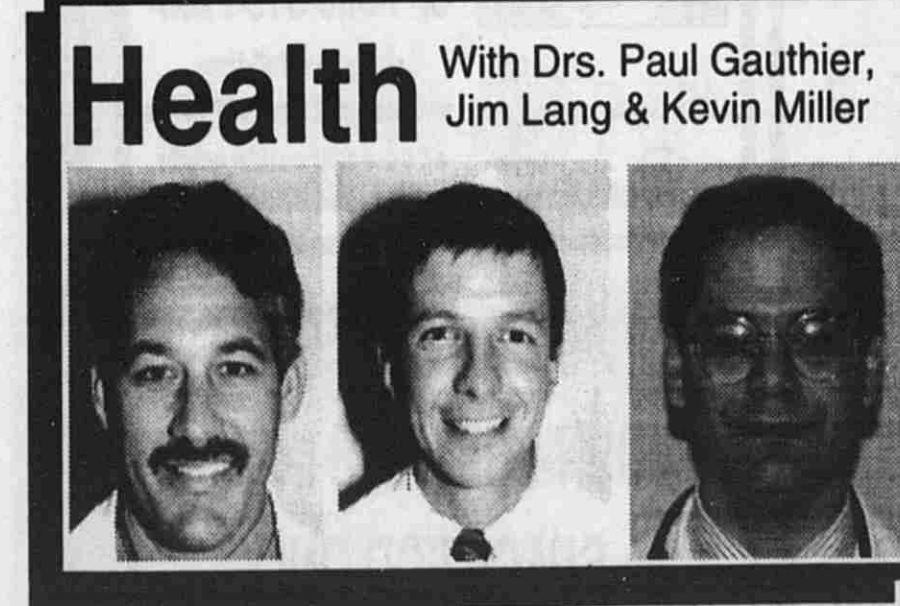
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There are three kinds of heat related illnesses: Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. One of these may result if you get too hot and your body cannot cool.  
Heat cramps are the mildest of the heat related illnesses

and are usually a result of sweating too much and taking in not enough fluid. The cramps are often in the calf and abdominal muscles. You can help prevent these cramps if you stretch your muscles before exercise, and drink enough fluids.

If you don't drink enough fluids and you stay in the heat, you can get heat exhaustion. This results in dehydration, and you may feel nauseated, tired, anxious and even confused. You should move to a cool, shady place or an air conditioned room. Apply cool compresses, and drink cool liquids. If you are confused, have someone transport you to a hospital.

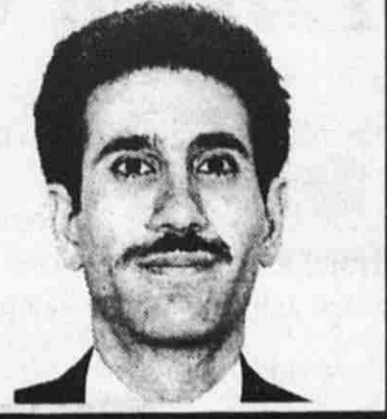
Heat stroke is a very serious heat related problem. You will be confused, your temperature will be very high, and you may not be sweating at all. Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency - you should be treated the same as heat exhaustion and taken to a hospital immediately.

The most important thing to remember about heat related illnesses is that they are generally preventable. Hydrate yourself well before any outdoor activity when it is hot. Wear light clothing, stretch well, then hydrate yourself again.



# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** At what point does it make sense to involve a lawyer in the sale of a residential piece of property? I have a closing coming up in about a month and I told my realtor that I wanted to have my lawyer present and he told me that was up to me, but probably wasn't necessary because the closing is fairly routine. What do you think?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** I think having a lawyer represent you is a good idea. Further, if given the chance, I like to be involved right away, even prior to the purchase agreement being signed. This allows me to counsel my client, whether it is the buyer or the seller, as to how best to protect their interests when putting the purchase agreement together. However, even if I am not involved in the negotiation of the purchase agreement, I can still make sure that my client's interests are protected at the closing by reviewing the closing documents and making sure they have been prepared properly and in accordance with the terms of the purchase agreement. Further, I also have the opportunity to explain to my clients what they are signing and to make sure that any outstanding issues that have not been resolved prior to closing are resolved at that time.

Although the realtor is correct in that most residential real estate transactions are fairly routine, problems do arise on occasion and in those cases, having an attorney involved can make for a much less stressful closing.

I encourage you to have a lawyer who is experienced in residential real estate sales transaction to at least review the closing documents on your behalf to make sure that the

closing goes smoothly for you.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** A couple of years ago my wife and I set up a living trust and transferred many of our assets, including our home, to the trust for probate avoidance purposes. We have now decided to move to a condominium. When we find a buyer for our home, do we need to transfer the house out of the trust back to ourselves at the time we close? If not, how do we sign the deed?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** No, it is not necessary for you to transfer your home out of your trust back to you and your wife prior to selling it. The home can be sold directly from your trust.

When executing any documents regarding the sale of your house, which include the purchase agreement and the closing documents, including the deed, you will be signing as trustee of your trust. For example, if you and your wife are co-trustees of your trust, then you will sign all documents together as trustees of your trust. You should, however, contact the lawyer who drafted the trust on your behalf to get the exact language you should use to sign those documents.

Also, when you close the transaction, the title insurance company will require that you provide them with a certificate of trust existence and authority regarding your trust. So if that certificate was not recorded at the time you recorded your deed, then make sure you have that certificate available at the time you close. Again, your lawyer should be able to help you in this regard.

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# Rate adjustments likely for LL&P and Lowell Cable

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

There is roughly a projected \$300,000 difference in the net incomes for Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable Television's 2002-03 budgets.

Yet, both will likely have to adjust rates in order to continue to provide a quality of life that is attractive to the residential district.

This past year, Lowell Cable has dealt with extraordinary expenses including the start-up of high-speed internet service, return path activation for internet, and additional expenses in accounting and billing system issues.

Lowell Light and Power general manager, Tom Richards explained that not having as much reliable information available at the time projections were made in part contributes to the cable

company being below expectations in revenue and growth.

"Conservative projections for the new year show increasing revenues through growth and subscribers as well as rates," Richards said. "This will be the first year we've been at this basic cable rate for 12 months."

The introduction of the high-speed internet service has yielded \$21,000 over the initial eight months.

With the projection of slowing expense growth, of continued growth in internet sales, a projected 2.4 percent increase in digital subscribers and projected new revenue from a new commercial insertion agreement, as well as annual fee increases for tower space rental, a \$50,000 net income projection has been made for 2002-03.

"I don't feel this is adequate so we will look at other services and review cost of

services," Richards said. "We will also recommend adjusting rates based on cost to provide cable to customers."

Within the next six to eight weeks, the actual cost of debt service (from pending bond sale) will become known, as will the results of a cost services study which Richards says will help accurately gauge the actual costs of delivering energy and services for each of its operations and customer classes.

"The study will identify more accurately our current and future revenue requirements," Richards explained. "The board will determine the adjustments needed for our electric and service rates from this study."

LL&P's general manager said that currently its rates are 35 percent below what neighbors to the east and west are getting from Consumers Energy.

"Commercial rates are more difficult to calculate because they are based on the size of their load and demand, although, I think there is a

comparable comparison as well," said Richards.

A key to keeping residential rates low is a healthy commercial sale. LL&P has been

hurt by the loss of Newell and the reduction at Attwood. Richards stated he felt LL&P would find commercial industry to replace the loss.



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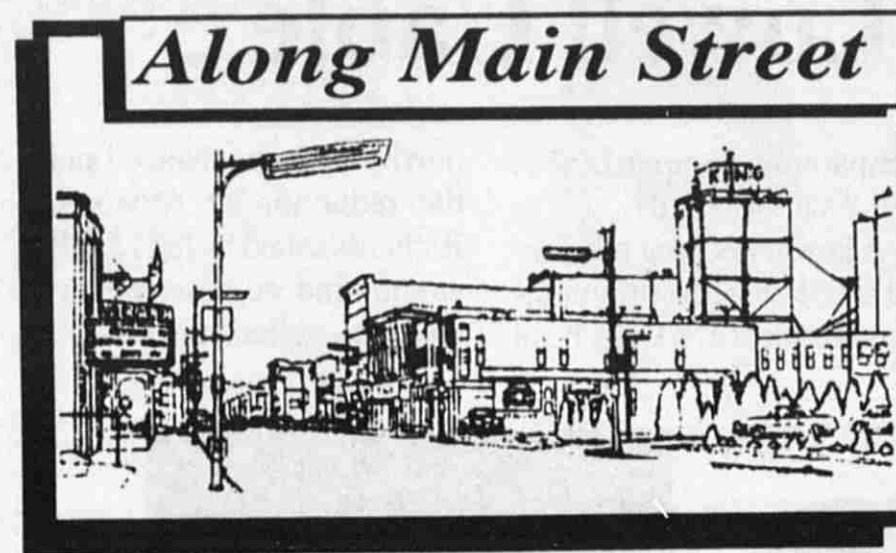
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**LHS CLASS OF '97 REUNION NEXT MONTH**

Attention all 1997 graduates: A reunion is planned for Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at Gippers on Kraft. If you and a guest would like to attend, please send \$15/person and names attending to LHS class of 1997, 2345 Bowes Rd., Lowell, by July 15. Questions? Call Heidi (Noskey) Barber 897-6772 or Emily (Dunn) Liley 987-9140.

**YMCA, cont'd...  
From Page 1**

savings in utility costs. It cost the Y approximately \$5,000 a year in gas, electric and water at the Graham Building.

"Last year was a tough year fiscally for the YMCA, and staff turnover I believe also had an effect on program enrollment," Welsh concedes.

The Y director has one regret. "I wish I had been able to see then (a year ago) what we're doing now," he explains.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum went to Welsh a year ago and asked if the Y could give up its space in the Graham Building.

"I told them no. I feel bad about that. Had I been able to see then what we've done now, I would have been able to help them," Welsh says.

Judy Straub, museum executive director, said with the second phase of its capital campaign having already garnered \$60,000, it will be able to begin work once the city no longer needs the space for storage.

The Y's decision to move now is timely for the city which will use the Y's old office space for storage while renovation work is being completed at City Hall and the police station.

"Our relationship with the city has allowed the Y to prosper. I believe and hope that we've been good tenants," concluded Welsh.

**GARAGE SALE PAGE**

**GARAGE SALE**  
Fri., July 12 from 9-6 p.m. at 2345 Bowes Rd. Kids' clothes, adult clothes, Christmas decorations, 15 ft. trampoline, dresser, crafts & much more. Don't miss it!

**YARD SALE**  
10569 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell, Fri., July 12, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE**  
July 12 & 13, 8:30-5 p.m. Household items & many misc. items, etc. 179 Wyandotte Ct., Saranac.

**YARD SALE**  
Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12, 8 - 5. 11659 Wheat Lane, off Ware Rd. Guns, knives, fishing equipment, antiques, minnow traps, boating, tools, teapots, glassware, toys, some clothing youth, recliner and more.

**1818 PARNELL**  
just west of Settlewood, Friday, July 12, 9 am. to 5 pm.

**GARAGE SALE**  
July 11 & 12, 9-4 p.m. Computer desk, household items, clothing & much more. 820 N. Washington.

**YARD SALE**  
July 11, 12 & 13, at 10291 Grand River Ave. 1/4 mile east of Jimmy's Grill. Knick-knacks, carousel horses, bench, plastic drawers, toys, picnic table, Playstation 1 games, system & attachments.

**SALE**  
418 Elm St. Fri., July 12, 9-5 p.m. Air conditioners, queen waterbed, king size headboard, girls name brand clothing, Gap, Polo, Old Navy, NB-4T & adult clothing.

**POLE BARN SALE**  
July 11, 12 13, 8601 W. Bluewater Hwy.(M-21) 1 1/2 miles W. of Saranac Corners. Antiques, collectibles, baby items, clothes, toys, bed. A lot of misc. items, Ford trucks, and parts, old sets hub caps, wood: oak, cherry, maple walnut, lg. pcs. I old Troybilt tiller & sickle mower, lawn mower parts, plus household items. Presales welcome! Call 642-6807 Everything goes!

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**GARAGE SALE**  
July 11 & 12, 8-5 p.m. Household items, artwork, toys, clothes, lots of misc. 484 Forstrom.

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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
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**GARAGE SALE**  
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**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**

**Notice For Testing Optec Computer Program For Precinct #1 & #2 August Primary Election**

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Program Testing for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election will be conducted on Monday, July 15, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI.

Lana F. Green, Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet to correct the various Assessment Rolls for 2002 at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan on:

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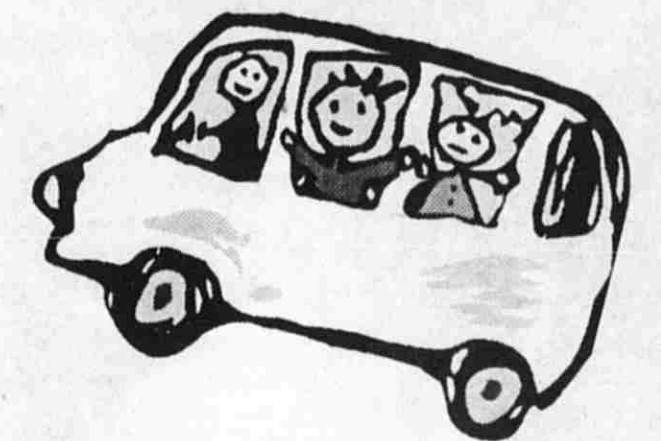
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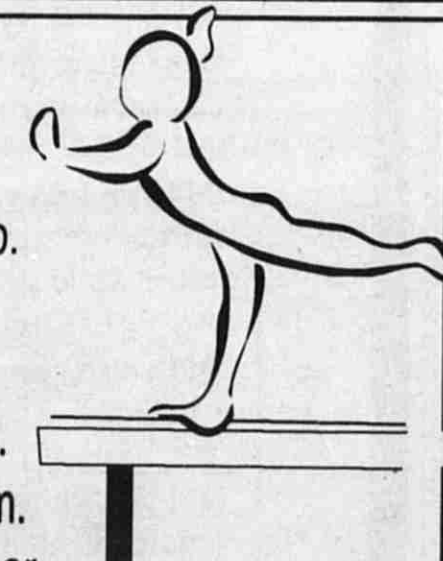
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K-1st grade	7/22-26	9:30-10:30 a.m.
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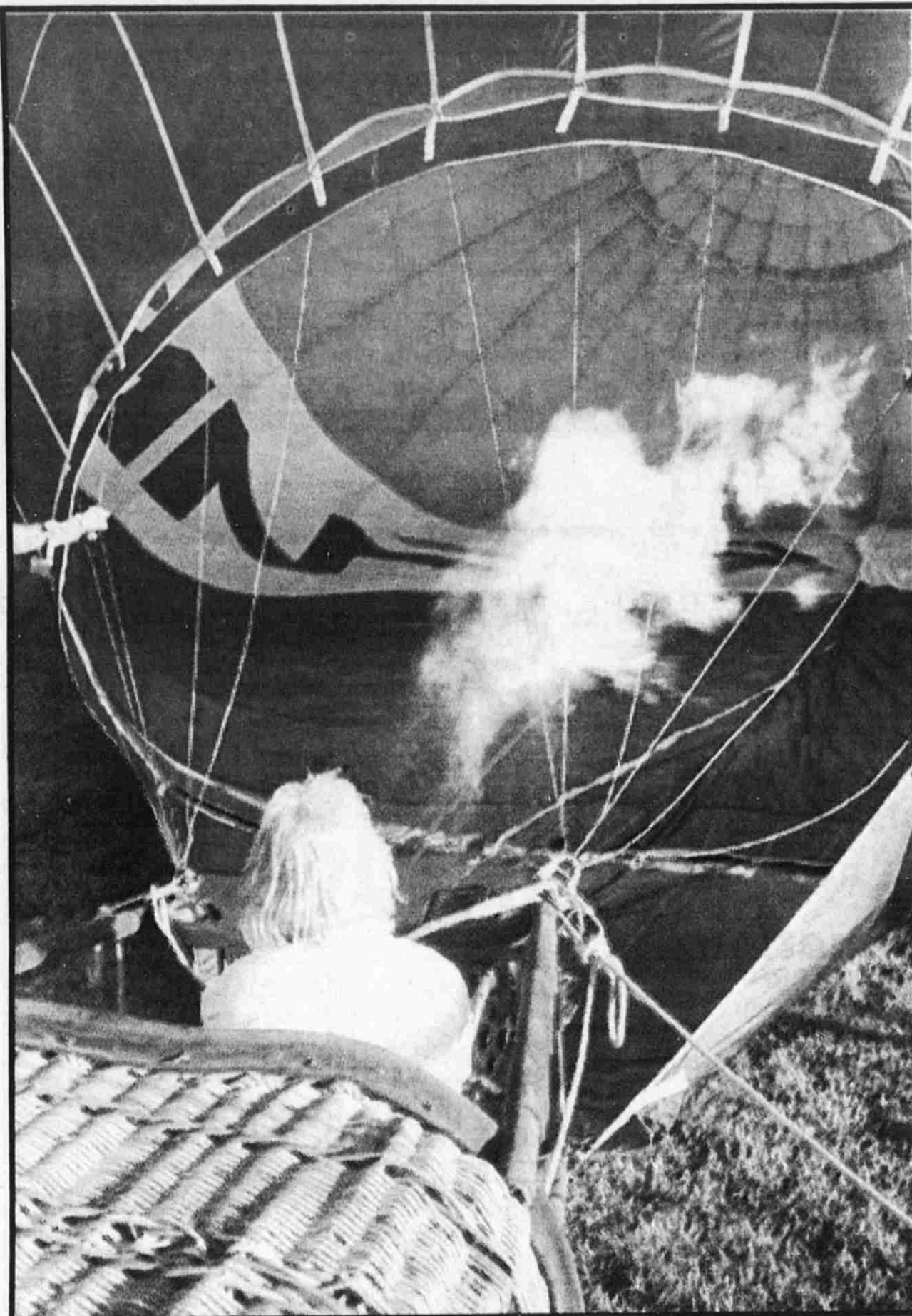
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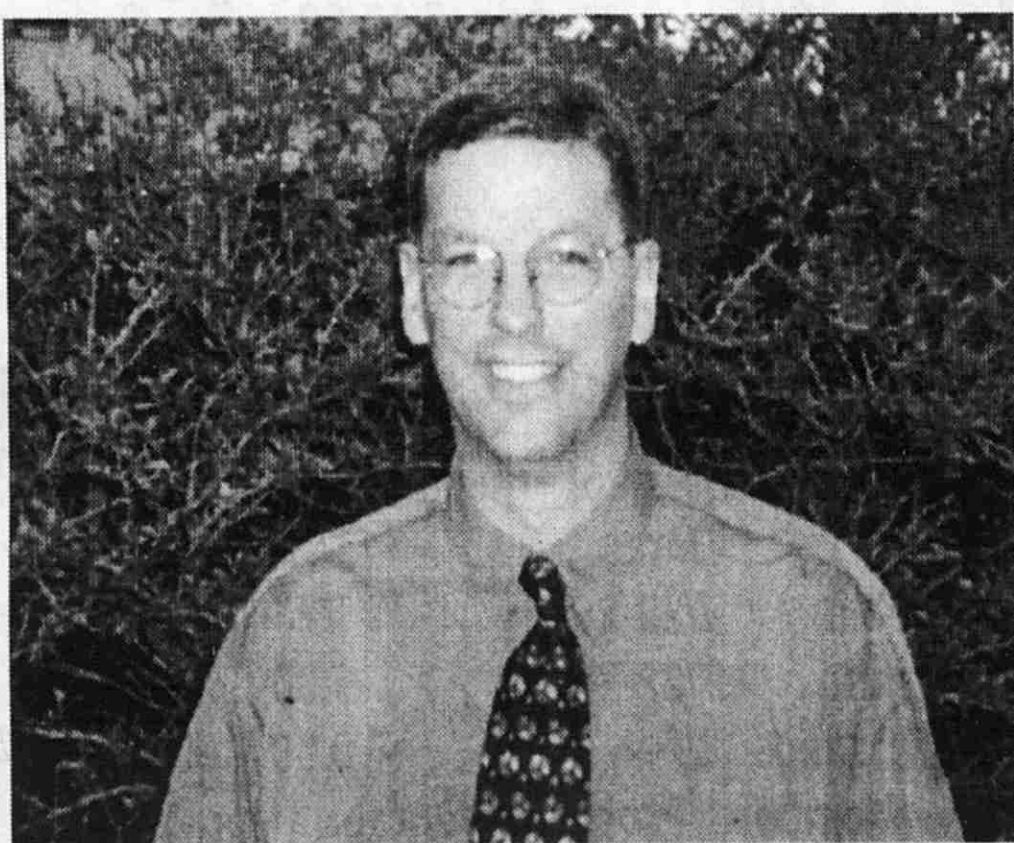
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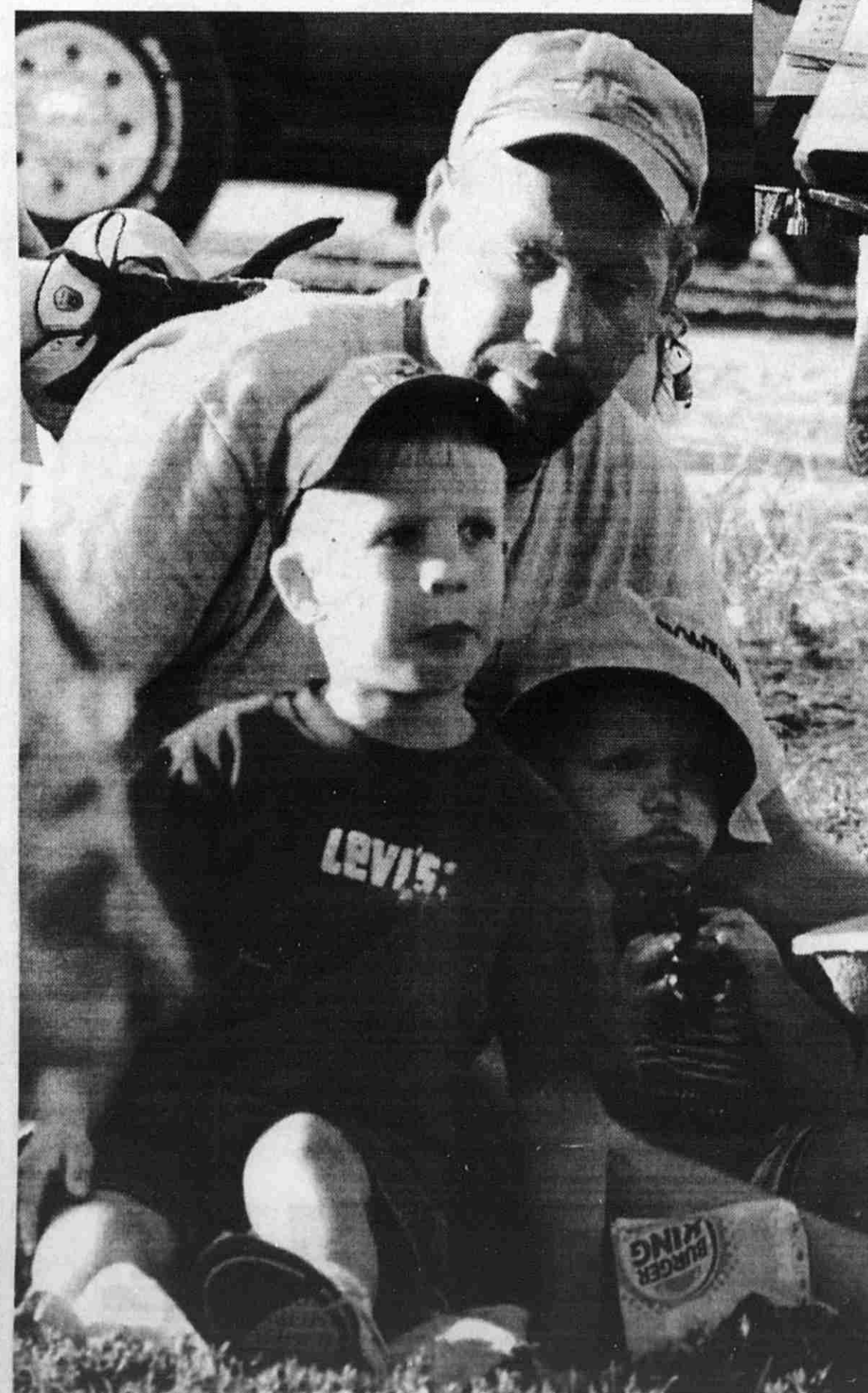
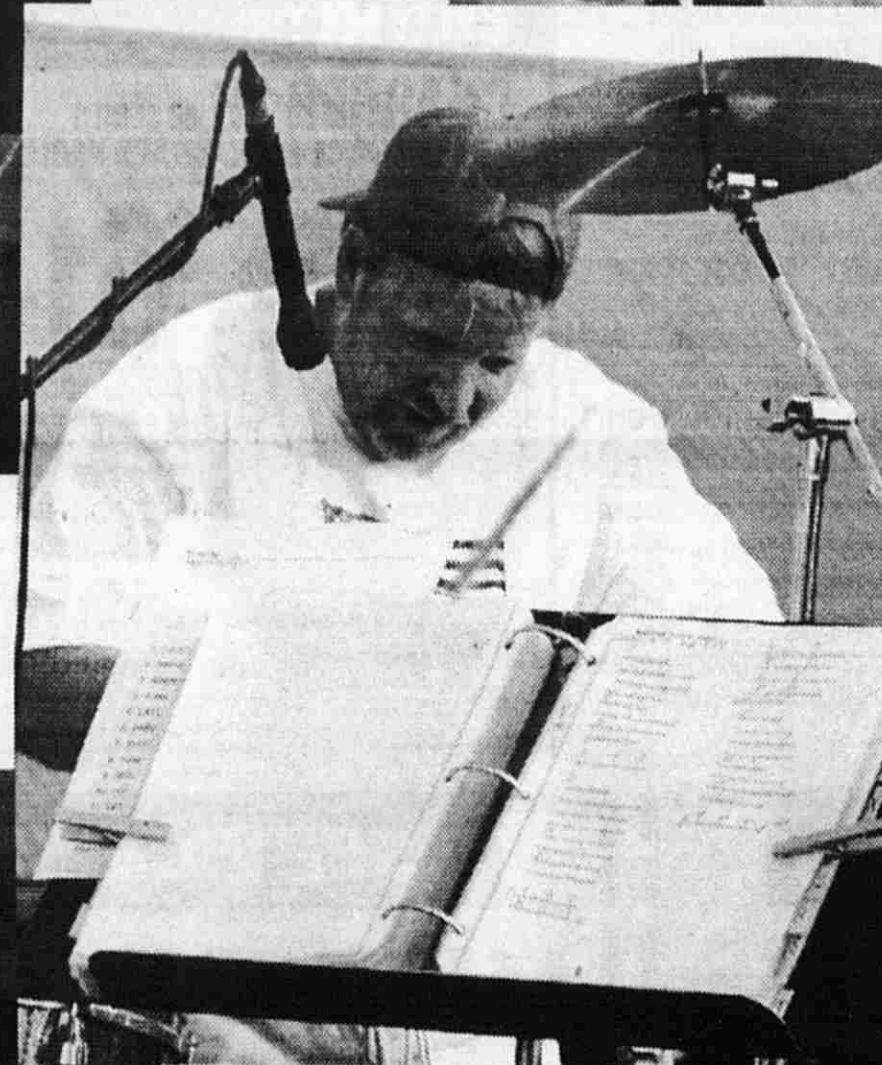
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# COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECOND MON. OF 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.

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

**EVERY 1ST MON.:** V.F.W. Post #8303 (men only) meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY WED.:** The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

**FIRST AND THIRD THURS.:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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

**THURS., JULY 11:** Vergennes Cooperative picnic at Fallsburg Schoolhouse, 1 p.m. Bring own table service, dish to pass, lawn chair. Beverages furnished. Fallsburg Fest. Quilt program with Dode Dey.

**FRI., JULY 12:** Saranac Community & Area Music Makers 7 p.m. Saranac High School. Veterans free; adults \$5; Seniors/ students \$3; under 5 free.

**JULY 12 & 13:** Volunteer to help build a play set for children at Colby Park in Alto. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call Sandy 647-3825.

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

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

**SAT., JULY 13:** Garden Tours, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Register at LAAC 897-8545.

**SAT., JULY 13 & 20:** Mosaic Flowerpot Workshop 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register at LAAC 897-8545.

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

**WED., JULY 17:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

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

**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 info.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**MON., JULY 15:** 12:45 p.m. Travelogue: Chicago World's Fair, 1933 and Riverview Amusement Park; 12:45 Shop Family Fare.

**THURS., JULY 11:** 12 p.m. Dance at West Side Complex.

**TUES., JULY 16:** 12:45 Shop Wal-Mart & Dollar Store.

**FRI., JULY 12:** 12:45 p.m. Gerald R. Ford Museum "Miniature Mt. Vernon."

**WED., JULY 17:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12 p.m. Movie: Blue Hawaii.



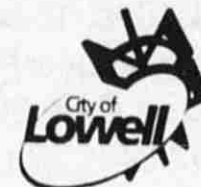
# CITY OF LOWELL

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to correct the various Assessment Rolls for 2002 at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan on:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002  
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.



C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor  
James Marfia, Assessor

# CITY OF LOWELL

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on **TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. AT THE LOWELL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDROOM, 300 HIGH STREET, LOWELL, MICHIGAN** for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

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

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

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



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk  
616-897-8457

## Variance approval does not come without discussion

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Not unlike Lowell Planning Commission's recommendation, Lowell City Council's approval of a variance request for a two-stall garage was also met with mixed reviews.

The planning commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-2. Minus two council members, the city supported the request by a vote of 2-1.

The request was forwarded by Edward Oracz, 1580 Faith Dr. The Lowell resident requested permission to build an attached garage to his house. The garage would be three feet from the north side yard lot line, where six feet is required.

It became clear early on in the council's discussion that it

was not going to get the automatic stamp of approval.

"It was not a unanimous vote by the planning commission that all the criteria were met. It may not be unanimous around this table," said Lowell councilman Mike Blough.

In fact, Blough was the only dissenting vote. In reviewing the six criteria, Blough was not convinced that the property issues in question did not exist when the property was purchased.

Dan Brubaker, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said it was a close call as to whether Oracz incurred more difficulty than what his neighbors have, due to changes beyond their control.

The property abuts against the city soccer field. "Does the soccer field cause difficulty others in the neighborhood don't face? That's a tough call. I do believe, as to how the building sits on the property in relation to the soccer field, it does create difficulty for the owner," Brubaker explained.

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# CITY OF LOWELL

## NOTICE OF TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election will be conducted **Friday, July 12, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

# LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election will be conducted **Friday, July 12, 2002 at 12:00 p.m.** at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
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It's easy to invest in a mutual fund. In fact, with more than 8,000 funds available, you've got an abundance of choices. But as a mutual fund owner, your investment philosophy should not be "the more, the merrier." Instead, look for the right funds - those that meet your individual needs.

How can you make sure you're choosing those funds that are appropriate for you? For starters, look for funds that match your own goals and risk tolerance. If you want your money to grow so that you can meet long-term objectives, such as

college for your kids or a comfortable retirement, then you may be interested in growth-oriented funds, which typically contain stocks of medium and large companies. You'll need to be aware, however, that the prices of stock funds will move up and down every day. As a stock-fund investor, you have to accept this risk to your principal in exchange for potentially high returns.

On the other hand, if you need cash flow, you might want to consider income funds, which may be made up of bonds and dividend-paying stocks. If you own income funds, your principal may not fluctuate as much as it will in growth funds, but income funds, particularly those made up mostly of bonds, run another risk - the risk of losing purchasing power to inflation.

As you can see, different types of funds carry different benefits and different risks. That's why you may want to build a diversified portfolio of growth, growth-and-income and income funds.

What else can you do to research suitable mutual funds? For one thing, make sure you truly understand a fund's history and its management. When was the fund started? Who manages the fund? How long have they been in their position? What's their investment style? Once you know the answer to these questions about a specific fund, you'll be more comfortable with owning that fund, and you'll be less likely to be surprised at any moves that the fund's managers make.

How about a mutual fund's performance? Shouldn't that be a key factor in choosing a particular fund? You'd certainly think so if you saw any of the countless advertisements that tout a given fund's return. But underneath the large print showing a fund's performance, you'll read this message: "Past performance does not guarantee future results." This isn't just a legally required tag line - it's the truth.

And yet, a mutual fund's past performance could be important to you, because it shows that the funds management has the discipline and a success rate that long-term investors need. Just keep in mind that things can change: A successful portfolio manager could depart the fund, or the economic climate could worsen for the fund's holdings, or the fund could alter its investment philosophy.

Ultimately, in choosing mutual funds, you should consider a number of points before investing. Pick funds that meet your goals and investment personality, look for managers whose investment style appeals to you, seek out funds that invest in vehicles with which you're comfortable and, most importantly, discuss your decisions with an objective investment professional.

By following these few basic guidelines, you might not land this year's "hottest" funds - but you'll boost your chances for long-term success.

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Please take notice that there will be an organizational meeting followed by a special meeting of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan.

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, July 15, 2002

PLACE OF MEETING: Runciman Administration Building Board Room  
300 High St., Lowell, MI

HOUR OF MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: 616-897-8415

BOARD MINUTES ARE LOCATED AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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Patrick Nugent  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Lowell Area Schools

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council meeting of Monday, July 15, 2002 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Lowell Area Public School Boardroom, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk  
616-897-8457

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002 AT 7:00 P.M.

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

**WILLIAM ROEST** of 3481 3 Mile N.E. made application for variance from Article 7, Section 7.03 B side yard to construct an addition to Existing House with side yard of 5'8" in lieu of required 10'-0" or A 4'-2" side yard reduction on North side.

**DAVID SHERRY** of 3864 Murray View made a Variance Request from Article 2, Section 2.48 structure. (1) variance request to put in a permanent retaining wall which will be greater than 2'-0" Above the grade @ East end and located along North property line. (2) variance would also need to be made to Article 7 section 7.03 B side yard from 10'-0" to lot line.

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

Lana Green, Clerk

Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to thank the many parents, teachers, volunteers and community personnel who helped make our first annual Aerospace Technology Day at Cherry Creek Elementary School a tremendous success.

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- Lowell Police Department • Kent County Sheriff Dept.
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- Wendy Jeffrey & parent volunteers • Maureen Kissingner
- Beth Ball • Renay Bouwhuis • Maureen Dorough
- Randy Seaman • Steve Dickerman

Sincerely,  
Joseph Audia, Linda DeCator,  
Jim Kovach & Mary Beth Reed  
Aerospace Committee

## THANK YOU!

I want to say a big "THANK YOU" to my loving wife Patti for the wonderful "surprise" party she threw for my birthday.

(Needless to say, she got the age wrong by at least 10 years) A really big thanks to JOAN BATY for all the help she gave Patti; a big thanks to CARLA & LYLE, owners of the Riverview who donated their banquet hall, food and service for the party; a thank you to LARKINS for the billboard display-looked great and to THE LOWELL LEDGER for the nicely done display ad.

So many to thank: LORI & TOM ZBIKOWSKI, owners of Center Court Apartments where we work, extended their vacation to attend (I thought they were on a plane to Florida). AL TEALANDER who is Patti's computer technician and his wife GERRI, who put up with the help calls from Patti during the planning. GARY DRAKE who made the fortune cookies and his friend BRENDA.

GLORIA KERR who helped Joan decorate. GLENN HENDRIX who came and played his fiddle along with me playing my squeezebox. Thanks to all of you who came and shared my birthday and made me feel so welcome Lowell.

Finally, to all my family & friends in England who phoned me the evening of my party - all this arranged again by Patti and a total surprise.

Thanks to you all!  
Nick Gent

## Lowell Area Character In Action Award

**RUTH ZUIDERVEEN**

Nominated by Cheryl Blodgett  
Character Traits Exhibited: Caring & Citizenship

Ruth has gone out of her way in many instances to reach out to kids and families in need. She has provided support in many significant and practical ways.

**CURT KAEB**

Nominated by Heather Kohtz  
Character Traits Exhibited: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring & Citizenship

Curt exhibits all of our character traits and is a positive role model within the community. He is always lending a helping hand to others. I highly recommend Curt for this award.

**MIKHAILA HART**

Nominated by R. Bacon  
Character Traits Exhibited: Respect, Responsibility & Caring

A very kind hard-working person!

# Brown resigns from airport board after 14-year tenure

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a charter member of the Lowell Airport Board, Roger Brown remembers when the airport's future was in question. "The airport had been closed and was in danger of becoming a cow pasture," he explained.

Through the reorganizational efforts of Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale, then board chairman Leonard Jackson, Brown and the rest of the board, the airport was not only saved, but has flourished.

Brown submitted his resignation from the Lowell Airport board of directors, stating that he could no longer juggle his schedule to attend even a minimal number of meetings.

The airport board was adopted by ordinance in January of 1988 and Brown was appointed to the board in March.

In a letter to the city, Brown, in a strong recommendation to the city, advocated Dwain Scheller be considered for his replacement.

"Dwain is a lifelong aviation enthusiast and recently earned his private pilot's license. He is very interested in the future of the airport and attends many of the airport meetings," Brown said.

With Brown's recommendation, the city council unanimously approved Scheller's appointment to the board.

During Brown's 14-year tenure, the airport has secured

low cost state loans to build hangars. Income from 12 hangar rentals now exceeds \$30,000 annually.

Other accomplishments include paving of runway 12/30; doubling the length of runway 6/24; establishing nine concrete tie-down pads; and conducting a master plan in cooperation with the state.

"I am proud of the airport board's achievements over the years. There is much yet to be done. I would ask that the city remain supportive of the airport. It is sometimes intangible, yet a valuable asset to the community in much the same way as our many parks, playgrounds and the fairground are assets to our community," Brown concluded.

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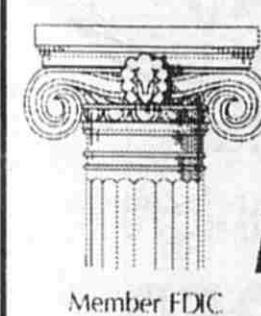
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## NOTICE OF JULY BOARD OF REVIEW TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES COUNTY OF KENT

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW  
JULY 16, 2002

NOTICE TO CORRECT  
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of General Property Tax Laws, provides for correction of clerical errors and errors due to a mutual mistake of fact with respect to assessment roll figures, and correction to homestead exemptions, upon verification of the local assessing officer and approval by the Board of Review at a meeting called for that purpose, on Tuesday following the third Monday in July.

On JULY 16, 2002, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 9:00 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall to conduct business as provided for Section 211.53(b) Michigan Compiled Laws.

## SOCIAL WORK - RESIDENT ADVOCATE & OVERNIGHT RELIEF STAFF

Seeking FT and PT Resident Advocates to work in a residential program for adults with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities located in Lowell. Responsibilities include intakes, discharges, development and implementation of treatment plans, medication distribution, and crisis intervention. Wages begin at \$8.65 per hour with a \$0.50 increase upon completion of orientation and training. \$0.50 shift premium on weekends. Overnight Relief Staff positions are third shift extra staff. Overnight Relief Staff are paid \$5.30 to sleep! Excellent written and verbal communication skills are a must.

If you are interested in gaining valuable Mental Health experience, fax your resume to (616) 897-5459, or complete an application at: Horizons of Michigan, West Lake Location, Attn: RA Positions, 11652 Grand River Avenue, Lowell, MI 49331. EOE, H/V/M/F, an Affiliate of Hope Network.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E.

Whispering Hills Associates have made application for a variance from Section 4.1.2. of the Table of General Bulk Regulations to allow for a 30' front setback where 40' is required for property located at 1811 Birmingham Drive (PP# 41-20-04-300-037).

Written comments should be received by Tuesday, July 16, 2002 and can be mailed to: Lowell Charter Township, Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

We would like to announce the birth of our son

Phillip John MacDermaid

was born at 8:09 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus. P.J. weighed in at 6 lbs. 4 oz. & was 19" long.



He was born with a full head of hair and beautiful dark eyes. There was some distress during labor which led to an unexpected C-section but everything turned out okay. P.J. had to spend his first 4 days in the NICU because of low blood sugar right after birth but he now has a clean bill of health. Momma and baby both came home on Saturday, June 22, 2002 and are doing well.

We would like to thank you all for your constant love and support in the form of prayers, phone calls, meals, visits and cards. It was a very long road spending the last 15 weeks of the pregnancy on bedrest, but once we got to see Phillip we both knew it was worth it.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Karen MacDermaid of Vassar and Edward and Mary Lysogorski of Bridgeport.

Check out P.J.'s website at:  
<http://www.BabiesOnline.com/babies/m/mac2002/>  
Password: redwings

Scott and Sharon MacDermaid

## CITY OF LOWELL

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY  
ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a City owned two-story building located at 307 East Main St. (parcel 41-20-02-407-007) in the Downtown Historic District of Lowell.

Prospective bidders must describe their proposed use of the property on which they are bidding. Bidder is responsible for all closing costs, etc.

Sealed bids and proposed uses must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main St., no later than Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at which time these will be publicly opened and read. Contact Dan DesJarden (616-897-5929) for on site inspection. Envelope must be marked "BUILDING BID".

The City has the right to accept or reject any or all bids and it may award conveyance to someone other than the highest monetary bidder and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.



Betty R. Morlock  
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**FOR RENT** - Small house in country, no pets, non-smoker. Phone 691-7388.

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## Raisin Pickers and their bluegrass next up for Sizzlin' Summer Concerts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Raisin Pickers don't pick raisins. They pick music.

Their name comes from Michigan's Raisin River, which is also known as the most crooked river in the country. There is nothing crooked about the Raisin Pickers ... but there is something river-like.

It has been written that their music flows effortlessly

from swing to ballad, from fast and furious soloing to sparkling three-part harmonies, from traditional bluegrass and classical ballads to old-time swing and jazz.

The Raisin Pickers will entertain the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series crowd on Thursday, July 11 on the Flat River from 7 until 9 p.m.

The Raisin Pickers began in 1989 with five members all living within a stone's throw

of the Raisin River in Manchester, Mich.

They started by playing concerts, coffeehouses and dances in the Ann Arbor area, and now spend summers touring throughout the Midwest and Canada.

The group is now made up of three members - Carol Wells Palms (string bass, vocals, fiddle); Mark Palms (banjo, vocals, guitar); and David Mosher (mandolin, vocals, fiddle and guitar).



The Raisin Pickers

## COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 2,267 people are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in April at the end of the winter session of the 2001-02 academic year.

From the Lowell area are **Mark W. Johnson** with an MS degree and **Shelly R. Staal** with a BBA.

From the Alto area are **Jill E. Tafel** with a BBA degree and **Miriam L. Taylor** with an MA degree.

**Emily Louise Myers**, a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School and a freshman at

Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., spent her spring break learning about the nation's segregated past as part of a Civil Rights Era Tour through the American South.

Myers was one of eight Knox students who toured the Civil Rights Memorial, the Rosa Parks Museum and the home where Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. was born in Montgomery, Ala. The students visited other historically significant sites such as the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. While in Selma, Ala., they met with local Civil Rights leaders as well as a local newspaper reporter who had covered the Movement.

Knox College, founded in 1837, was one of the first liberal arts colleges to open its doors to both African-Americans and women.

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