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## City extends sewer line so Sundry can connect

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

To make certain that a developer can connect to the city's sanitary sewer system, the Lowell City Council unanimously approved to extend the lines.

The issue arose on the Sundry Development of the Phillips property off Grindle. At its June 17 meeting, the council unanimously voted to have the development connect to the sanitary sewer lines. At a later date, however, it was discovered the development was outside of the 1,320 foot required distance for hook up. The property was actually 1,575 feet from the closest line.

*The best time to put sewer in is when the road is being put in. If the developer is unwilling to put it in and then connect to the sewer, then I say the time is now to extend the line.*

Mike Blough

"When we look at the objectives for this city, the sanitary sewer needs to be done," said council member, Mike Blough, who noted that Lowell Township recently approved a development requiring lighting, utilities, and sidewalk - items that Sundry had originally requested to be waived on this development.

The cost to extend the sewer the needed 255 feet would be \$37,500. The estimate came from Williams and Works. Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said this would include putting in six laterals which would service up to six more parcels

Sewer Line, cont'd, pg. 8



## Market Mingling

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its 5th annual Street Market Days on Friday and Saturday. Local merchants set up shop on the sidewalks in front of their businesses, offering specials to shoppers. The two-day event also offered food booths and entertainment. More pictures, page 10. Photo Courtesy Bob E. Doll.

## Barton a much appreciated Youth Fair hand

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

You've seen him but may not know him.

He is one of the many helping hands who volunteer their work in the months leading up to the Kent County Youth Fair.

The new landscaping around the King Memorial Youth Center, in part, is the product of many hours of labor by Lowell's Erwin Barton.

"Erwin has been around here probably as long as I have," says Kent County Youth Fair board president, Ron Wenger. "I'm guessing 20 years."

Barton takes care of the flowers and trees at the fairgrounds, sells truck raffle tickets at the Riverwalk during the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts and performs just about every other odd job asked of him.

"He helps where he can and does the best that he can," Wenger explains.

As for Barton, he simply states, "I like being around it (the fairgrounds/youth fair)."

Back in the '60s Barton spent five years as a rodeo clown. "Yeah, right out where they camp now," he explains. From there, he worked at Oakwood Cemetery for the city in the late '60s and '70s and spent a short time at Newell Mfg.

The fairgrounds and working with Wenger is where his heart is now. "Ron hasn't cracked the whip, yet," Barton notes.

It's highly unlikely Wenger ever will.

"Erwin is a good-hearted, honest man who can stay around here as long as he likes," Wenger says.



Lowell's Erwin Barton focused on aesthetic detail in the weeks leading up to the 68th annual Kent County Youth Fair.

## Wittenbach Center one of six to receive national award

Lowell Area Schools' Wittenbach Agriscience Center was awarded the Region IV National Agriscience Center. It was one of six in the country to receive such an award.

The award was based on programs offered through the Wittenbach Center during the year and the credentials of the instructors (Tammy DeBaar and John Schut) in the program.

In addition, Lowell's Trout Unlimited Junior Chapter recently received the Silver Trout Award, being honored for its work in fishing education and conservation of water.

Lowell's Trout Unlimited Junior Chapter is sponsored by Schrem's West Michigan Trout Unlimited and focuses on stewardship and fishing ethics.

With the development of the first full year of the junior chapter, Schrem's has the second largest membership in the state of Michigan.



# OBITUARIES

**LA WARRE** - Mabel La Warre, aged 88, died on July 25, 2002 in Findlay, Ohio. She was born on March 9, 1914. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don La Warre. She is survived by her children Roger and Diane La Warre of Lowell, Jerry and Eileen La Warre of Florida, Larry and Martha La Warre, James and Barb La

Warre, Jane and Terry McDougle all of Ohio; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. The funeral was held in Findlay, Ohio.

**RUOSS** - Mr. Albert E. Ruoss, aged 84, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2002. He is survived by his sister Mary (Art) Doering of Alto; sister-in-law Esther "Pat" Ruoss of

Grand Rapids; nieces and nephews Elsie Lou Quist of Standale, Alan and Linda Doering, Max Doering, Marie Doering all of Grand Rapids, Donald and Ruth Van Sullichem of Troy, Phillip and Eileen Van Sullichem of Grand Rapids, Karen and Ken Kronenberger of Oklahoma, Mary Kay and Tony Demski of Lowell, Richard and Linda Ruoss, Kenneth and Sheryl Ruoss, all of Grand Rapids, Kenneth Quist and Susan and Russ Hansen all of Standale, Mr. Ruoss was a U.S. Army

Veteran serving in the European African Theater during WWII where he was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Battle Star. He retired from Fruehauf Trailers and was known by all to have a heart of gold. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's United Church of Christ, 1934 Bridge N.W., Grand Rapids, 49504 or Vickery's Pet Connection, P.O. Box 624, Ada 49301.

**YEASLEY** - Gale L. Yeasley, aged 49, of Lowell, passed

away Friday morning, July 19, 2002. He was born on December 6, 1952 in Greenville, the son of Frank and Margaret (Graham) Yeasley. He was married on April 7, 1985 in Grand Rapids to Pam Spencer, and she survives. Gale is also survived by his sisters and brother, Joan and Larry Braman, Linda Johnson and Gary and Robin Yeasley. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Delores Yeasley; sisters and brothers-in-law Mary and Ernie

Beckwith, Shelley and Frank Russo, Sue and Bill Mitchell; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Ronald in October 2001. Funeral and committal services took place July 23, 2002 with pastors W. Lee Taylor and Burland Margesson officiating. Interment at Rest Haven Memory Gardens, Belding. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Alvah N. Belding Library.

Activities include a Country Cook-Out (\$6); a 6 p.m. 5K trail run for adults and a 1 mile fun run for kids 12 and under (meals will be given to lead racers.); a draft horse show, pottery booths, folk crafts and a farmers' market from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; a 5:30 p.m. dedication; and art show by Lowell ninth graders and trail side sculptures by artist-in-residence, Carole Walters.

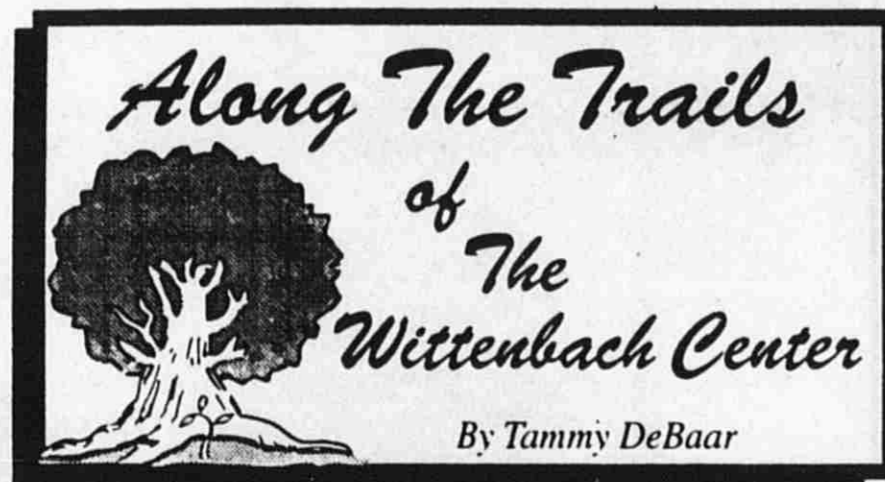
Other family and student group activities include:

- One hour sessions: bees or seeds or trail scavenger hunt at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. (please RSVP for these - space is limited).

For a race flier or farmers' market booth info., contact Tammy DeBaar at 987-1002.

ing (July 28), we have shared the facility and programs with over 10,000 students this school year alone and over 2,000 adults! We are thankful to the Wittenbachs, the Cridlers, Peter Wege and Lowell Area Schools for providing the opportunity for all of us to learn where our food comes from, and how clean water and air, and fertile soil affect plants, our food source.

We look forward to you joining us in this celebration. It will take place at the Wittenbach Center (directly north of the high school on Vergennes) beginning Friday morning with activities for students and ending with evening activities for families and other community members.



The Wittenbach Agriscience and Environmental Center will be celebrating its second anniversary on Friday, Sept. 6.

We are thankful for two

years of educating the community at large as well as students about the link between agriculture and ecology.

At the time of this writ-

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Lowell Freshman Cheerleading Squad

**ELECTION NOTICE**  
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING OR ELECTING CANDIDATES and to vote ON TWO STATE PROPOSALS.

**LIST OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS: PRECINCT 1 & 2 WILL BE HERE AT GRATAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD BELDING, MICHIGAN**

Lana F. Green, Clerk

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# AUGUST • 2002 Lowell Community Events Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
The Lowell Area Arts Council & Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce continue to present the <b>Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series</b> through August 15! Come on down to the Riverwalk Plaza every Thursday night through August 15 from 7-9:00PM. FREE!				The <b>Fallsburg Historical Society</b> Fallsburg School House & Misner Museums are open every Saturday and Sunday, from 1-6:00PM, every weekend until October 27.		Don't forget to check out <b>Visitor Nights</b> at the <b>Veen Observatory</b> , but ONLY if the sky is clear! 8:30-11:30PM, Saturday nights. Call 897-7065 First or check the website-www.graaa.org.
The <b>RIVERWALK FESTIVAL &amp; HEALTH FAIR</b> is back this year, and better than ever! Join us on the Riverwalk Plaza, Saturday, August 31 for great fun, entertainment, food and don't forget the <b>DUCK RACE</b> on the Grand River at 5:30PM!				The <b>LOWELL SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS!</b> Tonight's featured band: <b>"Bellline Big Band" (Big Band)</b> Riverwalk Plaza, 7-9:00PM. FREE!		<b>VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY if the sky is clear!</b> 8:30PM-11:30PM, Adults-\$2, 5-17, \$1. 897-7065 (Deep Sky Objects)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>LAHM: Historic Exhibit at the Kent County Fair - All week, August 5-10. KDL (Alto): Teen Theater, 10:30AM.</b>			<b>YMCA: Hot Summer Nights for Teens, 5-9PM. Call the Teen Center for more information, 897-8445.</b>		<b>LACC: Chamber Meeting, 8:00AM at the Chamber Office. YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, an easy-going group with an emphasis on abilities, not disability. 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee.</b>	
<b>LAAC/LACC: Lowell Showboat SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS!</b> Tonight's featured band: <b>"Vanishing Point" (Christian Rock)</b> Riverwalk Plaza, 7-9:00PM. FREE!			<b>LAAC/LACC: Lowell Showboat SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS!</b> Tonight's featured band: <b>"Vanishing Point" (Country)</b> Riverwalk Plaza, 7-9:00PM. FREE!		<b>LACC: Chamber Meeting, 7:30AM at the Chamber Office. KCYF: Shriners Rodeo, Wild West Days Show, 7:00-9:00PM. Rain or shine! Campsites available. Call 957-4100 for info.</b>	
<b>VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY if the sky is clear!</b> 8:30PM-2:00AM, Adults-\$2, 5-17, \$1. (Perseid Meteors, Deep Sky Objects)			<b>YMCA: Basketball Camp, August 12-16, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Call 897-8445 for more information.</b>		<b>YMCA: Hot Summer Nights for Teens, 5-9PM. Call the Teen Center for more information, 897-8445.</b>	
<b>YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee. YMCA: Full Blast Water Park Day Trip for Teens, 9-5AM. \$12 fee.</b>			<b>LAAC/LACC: Lowell Showboat SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS!</b> Tonight's featured band: <b>"Mane Street" (Country)</b> Riverwalk Plaza, 7-9:00PM. FREE!		<b>LACC: Chamber Meeting, 7:30AM at the Chamber Office. KCYF: Shriners Rodeo, Wild West Days Show, 7:00-9:00PM. Rain or shine! Campsites available. Call 957-4100 for info.</b>	
<b>WITT: Trout Unlimited Junior Kick-Off for the Year, 9-12N. Call 897-8545 for info.</b>			<b>VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY if the sky is clear!</b> 8:30PM-11:30PM, Adults-\$2, 5-17, \$1. 897-7065 (Moon)		<b>WITT: Trout Unlimited Junior Kick-Off for the Year, 9-12N. Call 897-8545 for info.</b>	
<b>LAAC: Oren "Jack" Frost Exhibit, Opening Reception, 1:30-3:30PM. LAAC Gallery. KCYF: Shriners Rodeo, Wild West Days Show, 7:00-9:00PM. Rain or shine! Campsites available. Call 957-4100 for info.</b>			<b>YMCA: Hot Summer Nights for Teens, 5-9PM. Call the Teen Center for more information, 897-8445.</b>		<b>YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee.</b>	
<b>KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, ages 6 &amp; &lt;. 10:30AM. LAAC: "Steel Magnolias" auditions, 7:00-9:00PM.</b>			<b>YMCA: Golf Outing at Deer Run, 9:00AM Tee Off. \$65 per golfer, lunch included. LAAC: "Steel Magnolias" auditions, 7:00-9:00PM.</b>		<b>YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Puppet Show. All ages. 1:30PM. LAAC: "Steel Magnolias" auditions, 7:00-9:00PM.</b>	
<b>KDL (Lo): Big, Used Book Sale, 10-5:00PM. LACC: RIVERWALK FESTIVAL &amp; HEALTH FAIR, 10-5:00PM. Duck Race on the Grand Rr. @ 5:30. VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY if the sky is clear!</b> 8:30PM-11:30PM, Adults-\$2, 5-17, \$1. 897-7065 (Deep Sky Objects)			<b>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</b> NO SCHOOL		<b>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</b> NO SCHOOL	
<b>Lowell Area Schools SCHOOL STARTS TODAY</b>						

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**Fallsburg Historical Society . . . FHS**  
13944 Covered Bridge Rd. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7161 email: fallsburg@att.net

**Flat River Outreach Ministries. FROM**  
Community Thrift Shop & Food Pantry 519 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5906

**Franciscan Life Process Center . FLPC**  
11650 Downes NE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7842

**Kent County Youth Fair . . . . . KCYF**  
225 S Hudson St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-6050 e-mail: twinlawn@serv.net RODEO INFORMATION - 957-4100

**Kent District Library . . . . . KDL**  
www.kdl.org  
LOWELL Branch 200 N. Monroe St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 647-3920

**ALTO Branch**  
6071 Linfield Alto, MI 49302 (616) 647-3820

**Lowell Area Arts Council . . . . . LAAC**  
149 S. Hudson St., P.O. Box 53 Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8545 email: lowellarts@ameritech.net

**Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce**  
113 Riverwalk Plaza Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-9161 www.lowellchamber.org

**Lowell Area Historical Museum LAHM**  
325 Main St., P.O. Box 81 Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7688 www.lowellmuseum.org email: history@lowellmuseum.org

**Lowell Area Schools . . . . . LAS**  
300 High St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8415 www.lowell.k12.mi.us

**Lowell Area YMCA . . . . . YMCA**  
1335 Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8445 www.grymca.org

**North Country Trail Association . NCT**  
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**TOTS On Track For School . . . . . TOTS**  
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**James C. Veen Observatory . . . VEEN**  
3308 Kissing Rock SE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7065 www.graaa.org

**Wittenbach Agriscience & . . . . . WITT**  
Environmental Center 11715 Vergennes Rd. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 987-1002 email: tdebaar@lowell.k12.mi.us

Many events, programs and classes have detailed descriptions in the Lowell Programs & Events Guide (published quarterly). Please call 897-8545 for a Guide if you did not receive one in the Lowell Area Schools Directions Newsletter.

Great effort has been made to make sure these dates are accurate, however, we encourage you to call to confirm dates, times and to register. MANY PROGRAMS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION, so call early to enjoy your community programs!

# Reflections

## Of Faith

**Pastor Gordie Barry**  
First United  
Methodist Church

This summer has been back to basics for me. As I mentioned last week, my time at youth church camp was the discussion on "discipleship and what that really meant." During that week we used a prayer that I offer to you for your consideration this week. I suggest that you take it one phrase at a time and consider the implications and responses of each of these phrases.

Prayer of Abandonment

My God, I abandon myself into your hands - Think about abandoning ourselves to God.

Do with me what you will - Are we ready to turn our entire lives over for God's use?

Whatever you may do, I thank you - Thank God for all?

I am ready for all. I accept all - This is not being a doormat to be walked on, but to stand up for God and be God's people.

Let only you will be done in me, and in all our creatures. I wish no more than this.. O Lord. Do we hear and see only God's will and are we ready to respond in this way?

Into your hands I commend my soul; back to abandon again.

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart; can we give it all - our entire lives?

For I love you Lord, and so need to give myself ... to surrender myself into your hands. Without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my God.

Take some time this week and pray this prayer. Allow yourself to dwell on the words and what is being asked. How will you respond? Can you - will you abandon your life to Jesus Christ?

## COLLEGE NEWS



**Beth A. Hoag**, of Lowell, graduated summa cum laude achieving between a 3.8 and 4.0 grade point average from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

Hoag, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hoag, received a bachelor of science degree.

Bradley University is an independent, privately endowed, coeducational institution. With an enrollment of approximately 6,000 students, Bradley is the ideal size for living and learning. The university offers a full range of baccalaureate and graduate level programs as well as personal attention from a faculty dedicated to student learning.

**Joseph J. H. Horak**, of Alto, was among 17 students who received doctoral degrees from Western Michigan University at the end of spring session in June.

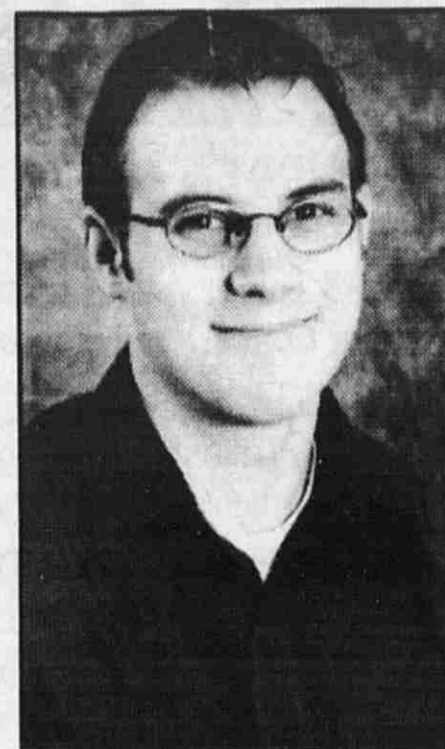
Horak received his Ph.D. degree in counselor education.

The title of his dissertation was "Factors Predicting Distress at Marital Therapy Onset."

**Jeffrey S. Nethercot** recently received a four-year bachelor of business administration (BBA) degree summa cum laude from Northwood University. He is the son of Sharon Nethercot of Lowell.

**Kevin Johnson and Jennifer L. Reimann** received two-year associate of arts (AA) degrees from Northwood University. He is the son of Christine Grove of Alto. She is the daughter of Charles and Lynne Reimann of Alto.

Northwood University, located in Midland, is a private accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education. It offers two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields.



**David Johnson and Kristi Anderson** have been named recipients of a Faculty Scholarship to the Grand Valley State University.

Johnson is the son of Michael and Leslie Johnson of Lowell; Anderson is the daughter of Gordon and Deborah Anderson of Ada. Both are recent graduates of Lowell High School.

To be considered for a Faculty Scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.5 high school grade point average (GPA) and a minimum ACT score of 29. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

Grand Valley is focused on undergraduate academics and dedicated to individual student achievement. It has been named one of "America's 100 Best College Buys" for the past six years, and a recent UCLA study ranked it the most selective state college in its category.



## IN THE SERVICE

**Navy Lt. Cmdr. Elizabeth A. Mussin**, daughter of Irene A. Mussin of Lowell, recently reported for duty at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mussin is a 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School of Westland, Mich. and joined the Navy in September 1999. She is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a BA degree and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with an MD degree.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- AUG. 1: Sue Shalander, Barb Callihan.
- AUG. 2: Carolyn Kline, Hayley Woolfenden.
- AUG. 3: Rebecca Heinicke, Becky Shindorf, Kelsey Brenk, Hillary Smith.
- AUG. 4: Irene Willmarth, Scott VanDyke, Cody Bieri, Nick Tykocki, Thomas H. Mahalic, Joann Childs, Kayleigh VanKeulen.
- AUG. 5: Robin Abel, Stephen Martin Jr.
- AUG. 6: Jessie King, Kim Foster.
- AUG. 7: Barbara Wright, Don Grummet, Jaimi Smith, Steve Newell.



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## MOVIE GUIDE

SHOWTIMES 7:29 - 8:01  
O AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER (PG-13) 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10  
O 14-18: THE WIDOWMAKER (PG-13)  
1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:50  
ROAD TO PERDITION (R)  
11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
O EIGHT LEGGED FREAKS (PG-13)  
11:20, 1:20, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:30  
MEN IN BLACK 2 (PG-13)  
11:00, 12:50, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:20  
COUPON FREE 2oz DRINK with \$1.50 (1/2 price) purchase of 46oz. bag of buttery popcorn. \*\$1.50 max. off all day long.

# Viewpoint . . .

## Sharing The Vision

"Sharing the Vision" is the title for an ongoing series of articles from the superintendent and board of education president which are published periodically in the Lowell Ledger. This week's article will provide an update of the district's search for a new Superintendent.

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Jim White and for the past several weeks I have had the honor to serve as the acting superintendent for Lowell Area Schools following the departure of Bert Bleke who took over the top position in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. I have been with Lowell Area Schools for 30 years and have served in a number of different positions - most recently as assistant superintendent for instruction.

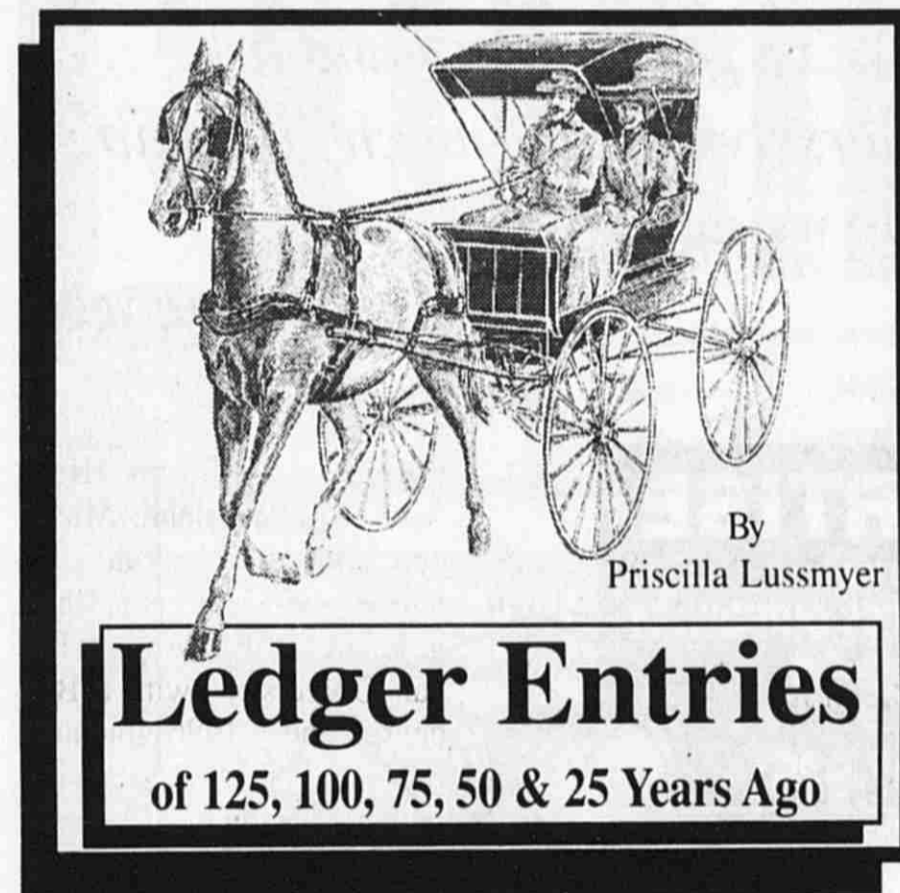
The board of education has employed the Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) to assist in coordinating the search for a new superintendent. This organization, dedicated to helping districts find the very best leaders, has assisted the board of education in this process. With the additional help of community leaders and staff, the board developed a profile for applicants that became part of the district's application materials. This profile calls for someone with an advanced degree and experience in either an educational leadership position or in a nontraditional equivalent. In addition, some of the other qualities the board is looking for include an innovative visionary who has demonstrated a passion for children's success; a track record of community involvement; a solid decision-maker, collaborator and communicator; and someone who already models our character traits. The board is looking for a new superintendent who will take the district to higher levels of excellence.

The journey for the new superintendent includes the following timeline (exceptions may be made in order to select the best candidate):

- Application deadline - August 2
- Selection of candidates - August 12
- First interviews - September 3-5
- Second interviews - September 10-12
- Community visits - September 16-19
- Selection announcement - September 23

Starting date - to be negotiated  
Questions regarding the search process may be directed to Tom Pridgeon of the Michigan Leadership Institute at 616-754-3118, any board of education member, or to me.  
As always, if you have any school-related questions, please feel free to call or contact me at 897-8415 or jwhite@lowell.k12.mi.us

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Jim White, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or jwhite@lowell.k12.mi.us (check out our Web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us or call 897-8415.



## Ledger Entries

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

## 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 1, 1877

Prof. Travis will be in town Saturday afternoon, performing wire and rope walking for public entertainment.

There are too many horses and cattle loose on Hudson Street.

It is August, and considerable sickness is going around. Harvest party at Train's Hall this Friday evening; admission 50 cents.

Dr. Malcolm is arranging for some horse races at the driving park toward the end of the month.

## 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 31, 1902

Senator Augustus W. Weekes of Lowell is unanimously renominated for senator by the Republicans of the 17th District.

The Good Roads Exposition in Greenville last week,

widely attended from all over the state, gives good advice. Unfortunately a crowd of gamblers also set up shop and were not sent off until the second day.

The Alto Exchange of the Citizens Telephone Company has 44 phones on the circuit.

A carriage load of young men making war cries and forceful language went along Pratt Lake Friday evening. Turned out to be the Saranac base ball team.

City Bank, Hill, Watts & Co. is paying three percent interest.

## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 4, 1927

In view of the excellent playground facilities and leadership, there should be more children out there, says a lead article.

"This and That From Around the Old Town" front-page column is all vacation travels this week.

The latest "Highway Liner" is a bus with an upper viewing deck. The driver is up there too, in his own cubicle perched at the front.

Drivers are advised to carry two spare tires, and to lock them on to the auto.

A large ad and article celebrate Lowell's present prosperity.

## 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 31, 1952

There were 300 people turned away for the last night of Showboat, after filling every available spot. Rainy days and clear evenings were the rule for the week that has broken all records.

Lowell schools add a new school bus and paint the older red/white/blue buses in the now-required yellow.

Chief of Police Frank Stephens will be in his office every Monday from 1 to 5 to accept driver license applications.

Phone-booth calls go from a nickel to a dime, prompting much criticism.

The village is extending sewer lines with the help of the new sewer-use tax, and looking for softer water near the old water wells, but without their chloride content.

## 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 4, 1977

The Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music will share costs with Lowell City to construct a gravel runway at the airport. Bieri Bros. will do the work.

"Unexpected delays and mishaps" in painting the water storage tank have held up opening the new water treatment plant.

Clyns and Ida Benson invite alumni to attend the annual Fallasburg School reunion at Fallasburg Park. The schoolhouse will be open for tours.

Addition of a string section to the 30-piece Showboat Band added class to this year's performances. Low water added suspense to getting the boat downstream.

Lowell Senior Neighbors has applications for persons over 65 to offset the very high energy bills of last winter.

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## To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Let me preface this by stating that I like kids. However, two incidents have prompted my writing this letter.

Last Thursday, July 18, 2002, I was driving down Main Street at approximately 6:45 p.m. Traffic was fairly heavy as people were arriving to view the free concert. As I neared the dam, I noticed two pre-teen girls chasing a mother duck and ducklings across the street. They cornered the ducks under a parked car, then chased them back across the street. I pulled into the bank parking lot, turned around, and drove back to confront the girls. I asked them to please not chase the ducks as they were going to get them killed, and possibly themselves injured (they were darting in and out of traffic between the parked vehicles after the ducks). The girls immediately stopped, and walked across the street and climbed into a green minivan that was parked in the lot beside the dam. Their mother, or female adult guardian, had been sitting in the van watching the girls' antics. This person had done nothing to intervene, but left it up to a complete stranger to discipline her children.

Last night, Tuesday, July 23, I attended the 7:15 showing

of "Road to Perdition," the new Tom Hanks' film at the Ada/Lowell 5 Theatre. There were five or six young people (ranging in age from approximately 9 to 13) sitting in the third, fourth and fifth rows of the theatre. I mention multiple rows because that was where they kept bouncing during the duration of the film. When they weren't "seat swapping," they were running up and down the aisles, slapping each other in the back of the head, talking, giggling, generally acting age appropriate. Another movie patron finally complained and the usher did come in and speak with the group. That quieted them down for all of 20 minutes before they started up again. This was an "R" rated feature. I personally believe it was rated "R" due to the adult theme - it just isn't a film that children will appreciate or enjoy. My personal enjoyment of the film was marred by the fact that, once again, some parent elected to have a third party "parent" their children.

I work for an agency that deals with delinquent youth. Every day I receive at least one phone call from a frustrated parent asking, "Why do I have to pay court fines and costs for something my child did?" I guess I'd just like to remind all parents that when you elected to bring children into this world, you committed to becoming responsible for their actions and deeds until they become adults. Don't expect strangers to have to discipline your children; don't expect places of business to be babysitters. Be a parent - it is a very rewarding job.

The viruses that cause acute bronchitis are the same ones that cause us to have colds. As with colds, the viruses of bronchitis are spread by coughing, sneezing, and hand-to-hand contact. If you smoke, have asthma or are allergic, you may be more prone to bronchitis.

In most cases, bronchitis does not require specific treatment. Antibiotics are only indicated if the patient is at high risk for bacterial infection (ie., patients with chronic lung diseases, bad asthma, etc.). Your physician will probably elect to treat you symptomatically with cough medicine, expectorants, or something to help with wheezing. Most cases with acute bronchitis will last 10-14 days.

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## ACUTE BRONCHITIS

Acute bronchitis is either an infection or an inflammation of the large airways which carry air into our lungs. When these airways become inflamed, swelling ensues and the result is a production of thick phlem or mucus. Acute bronchitis can also result in fever, wheezing, cough or difficulty breathing.

Acute bronchitis has many causes, including infections, air pollution, and smoking, but by far the most common cause is a viral infection. Bacterial infection of the bronchial tubes is much less common.

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Jim Moore

# Beltline Big Band offers up wide variety of standards

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

From "Chattanooga Choo Choo" to "I've Got a Girl in Kalamazoo," patrons to Thursday's (Aug. 1) Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert will recognize many of their old favorites.

Grand Rapids Beltline Big Band will share its passion for big band music during its two-hour performance.

The full-size stage band plays a wide variety of big band standards, including swing, fox trot, cha cha, tango, waltzes, and polka music.

Beltline Big Band features three-part women vocals on a variety of songs, reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters.

The band was formed in 1999 by Marilyn and Stephen Tree and is made up of approximately 20 musicians from all walks of life; among them are doctors, teachers, engineers, factory workers, an insurance writer, geologist and students.

In addition to its paid events and private bookings, the Beltline Big Band has enjoyed playing numerous charitable gigs for local nursing homes, senior centers, hospitals, Gilda's Club, the American Red Cross, Camp Bluebird and the Blue Lake International exchange program.

Thursday's show on the Riverwalk runs from 7 until 9 p.m.

## KDL News & Notes:

### Puppeteers to perform at local library branches

The KDL puppeteers are back with an original show written by KDL staff puppeteer, Maggie McDaniel. The play, titled "Little Red Riding Who?" will be presented at the Alto Library on Wednesday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m.

This multi-cultural play features Little Red Sombrero (Mexican flair) and Little Red Monkey Tails (African perspective). They each tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood based on their own culture.

For more information, contact the Alto branch at 647-3820.

*We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?*

Lee Iacocca



Beltline Big Band

# Public hearing on sandwich board-type signs, Aug. 25

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell Central Business District may get what it wants - sandwich board-type signs.

After some discussion at its regular Monday night Lowell Planning Commission meeting, the commission members decided to have a final draft of a proposed ordinance to allow sandwich board or sidewalk message signs in the Central Business District.

Under the proposed ordinance, the sign could not be larger than 12 square feet per side for a single- or double-faced sign. The height of the sign cannot exceed four feet, and the width cannot be more than three feet.

The signs cannot be lighted or anchored to an object. The sign must have enough weight so it is not able to be moved by the wind. The proposed ordinance also states only one sign per establishment and it must be placed in front of the business's building. Also, the sign must be removed when the business is closed.

"I like that it has to be taken in at night or when the business is not open," said commission member, Elizabeth "B.J." Thompson. Thompson was one of the commission

members who raised concerns about such signs being the central (also known as the downtown historic) business district.

Thompson said she has been pleased with the signs that she has seen in the area. In fact, many of the commission members commented on how creative the businesses have been with the signs.

Liz Baker, executive director for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, approached the planning commission two months ago about relaxing the city's sign rules to allow the downtown merchants to have the sandwich-board signs. At

her suggestion, the commission agreed to look at the current ordinance to see if something could be developed to permit the signs in the central business district. Zoning inspector, Doug Hopkins worked on the ordinance utilizing a copy of a similar ordinance Baker had found in Manistee. This city is similar to Lowell in that it, too, has a historic downtown business area.

Seeing what they liked, the planning commission decided to move forward on the ordinance and have a public hearing at its next meeting, which is Aug. 25. If approved, the ordinance would then move to the City Council for final approval.

## Council gives recreational vehicle ordinance stamp of approval

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

For resident Dwain Scheller it has been an adventure, but one he wouldn't have wanted to miss.

Several months ago, Scheller was one of many city of Lowell residents who learned they were in violation of the

city's storage of recreational vehicles ordinance - an ordinance they didn't even know existed and discovered to be way too restrictive to owners of such vehicles. After protesting, grabbing the ear of the Lowell Planning Commission and City

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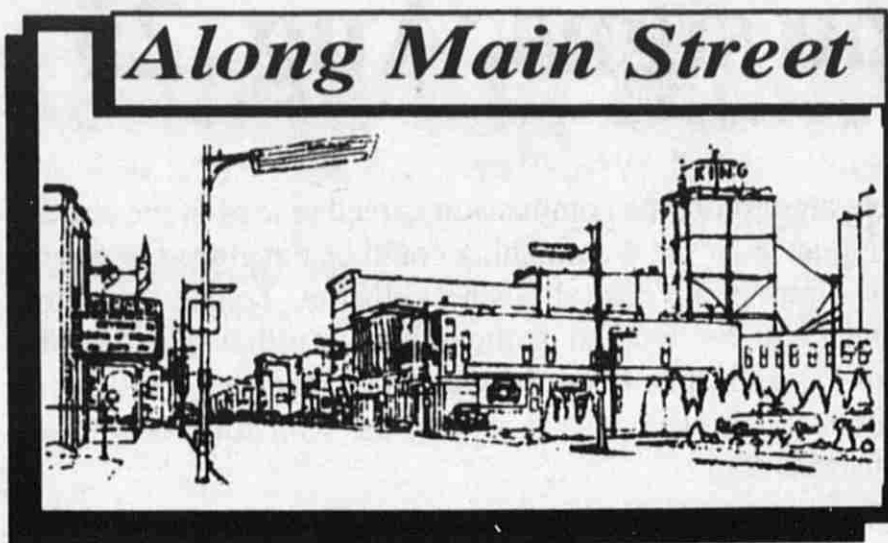
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The Grand Rapids Beltline Big Band will play at the Riverwalk Plaza on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 7-9 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of free entertainment.

**MOBILE BLOOD BUS COMING TO LOWELL**  
Give blood - the gift of life - at Lowell First United

Methodist Church on Monday, Aug. 5 from 4-8 p.m. The Grand Valley Blood Program mobile blood bus will be in the church parking lot (corner of Main and Jackson).

**CALLING SHOWBOAT 4-H HISTORY BUFFS**  
The 4-H Showboat Bunnies are looking for any history on their club - would like it for the Kent County Youth Fair. If you have any information pertaining to this subject, please call 897-6307 or 897-0250.

## Sewer Line, cont'd... From Page 1

along with the Sundry property. Blough said in light of the fact that the city decided not to move forward on the Hudson/Foreman streets intersection project (about \$40,000), he was in favor of having city staff re-evaluate some projects and have the sewer extended in this area. "The best time to put sewer in is when the road is being put in," Blough said. "If the developer is unwilling

to put it in and then connect to the sewer, then I say the time is now to extend the line."

The remaining council members agreed, voting unanimously to extend the sewer line. Those absent for the Tuesday night meeting were council members, Dan Brubaker and Jim Pfaller.

At the end of the meeting, a couple of residents

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raised concerns about how development of the property was moving along. Al Mathews, of 822 Grindle, said he walked the property and noticed that the corner stakes have not been put in. He also saw that the workers were actually on neighbors' property.

Traci Mullins, of 901 Grindle Drive, said she was concerned about the number of trees that have been removed to allow for the road leading back. Mayor Jeanne Shores said the company does have property rights on developing its land, but hoped Sunday would work with its neighbors on issues.

## With permit in hand, township eyes shelter construction

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A permit to build on a flood plain, which the Department of Environmental Quality originally rescinded, has now been approved.

Lowell Charter Township sought a permit to fill within the Grand River flood plain to accommodate a proposed 40 by 80 foot shelter.

"It was rescinded the first time around until they could gather further information," said Lowell Charter Township supervisor, John

Timpson. "The permit reads the same as it did a year ago."

The supervisor said the delay has cost the township thousands of dollars and time.

In addition, due to the delay, there will be additional cost in materials.

"I'm glad we finally got the permit. However, a good part of the construction season has passed," Timpson explained.

The township had anticipated starting the project this past winter, but the rescinded permit delayed things.

Timpson said he expects to receive a septic system permit from the Kent County Health Department within the week.

The shelter will be centrally located in the 76-acre park with a pond on the west end. The dirt removed from the pond area will be used as fill to raise the level of the building.

The shelter project is scheduled to begin in approximately two weeks.

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The Alton Church Historical Society reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in the bids when deemed in the best interest of the Alton Church Historical Society. Further, the Alton Church Historical Society reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid if the Historical Society's interests will be better served.



## Kent County Youth Fair to showcase 4-H centennial

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It has enriched the head, heart and health for a century of this country's youth.

There are currently 226,000 young people in Michigan alone who are enrolled in 4-H.

4-H was the foundation from which the Kent County Youth Fair was borne 68 years ago.

While 4-H members make up roughly 90 percent of the fair participants, independent groups such as FFA are visible at the week-long event.

On Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Lowell fairgrounds' event, the youth fair will celebrate 4-H's 100th birthday with cake and refreshments.

"All I know is that the

youth who go through 4-H and participate in the fair come out responsible citizens... and that's what we're all about," said Kent County Youth Fair board president, Ron Wenger.

Last year, for only the second time in 68 years, the Kent County Youth Fair lost money. Wenger is sure that the loss had everything to do with too much heat.

"There will be over 4,000 exhibits and over 1,000 exhibitors this year. Those numbers continue to rise. If they were going the other way, I might ask, 'What did we do wrong last year?'" Wenger explained.

What's new at the fair in 2002? For starters, fair patrons will be offered a scenic flight over Lowell and its rivers by Steve Pianowski, of Phoenix Precision Air, via a

helicopter ride. The flight (\$20) will last approximately five minutes. The helicopter can hold up to four passengers.

There will be a sheep dog demonstration on Monday, Aug. 5 from 6-8 p.m. at the football field. "For those who haven't seen this before, they are in for a real treat," Wenger said.

Entertainment will include performances by Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies, Jammin' Jim and Dee Jay the Clown.

For the third consecutive year, the fair will hold a truck raffle. Tickets are \$10 apiece for the 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup with extended cab. Only 4,000 tickets have been printed. The drawing will be Saturday, Aug. 10 at the fairgrounds.

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## MAT MONEY

Terry VanderWarf, right, co-coordinator of the Cherry Creek Classic 5K Run & Walk, presents Lowell Wrestling Club president, Brian Karajewski with a check for \$500 toward operation of the club. In its eighth year, the Cherry Creek Classic has been able to donate \$3,500 back to the community. A week ago, it contributed \$3,000 toward playground equipment at the Grand River Riverfront Park.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

### Kent County, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted amendments 2002-8, 2002-9, and 2002-10 to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for each of the amendments:

#### Ordinance 2002-8, amending Article IV General and Special Regulations

Section 201.403 Signs

The amendments clarify language; add definitions; adjust maximum square footages and types of signs; add a height maximum for low impact signs and eliminate pole signs; add a modification section as a special use permit; change exempted signs to include real estate, historic, and political; and, adjust sign setbacks and clarify the permit approval procedure.

Section 201.416 (F) (21) Manufactured Home Development

The amendments change the sign section to match the new ordinance with the sign section changes with regard to setback, height, and entrance signs.

#### Also amending Article VI Administration and Enforcement:

Section 201.602 (A) (2) adding (3) Zoning Compliance Permit Required

The amendments add language that a zoning compliance permit is required for signs and that the zoning administrator reviews and issues sign permits, unless the signs are part of a site plan review or special use review process and permits may be approved by the Planning Commission as part of that review process.

#### Also amending Article II Definitions:

Section 201.202 Specific Terms

The amendments add all of the current and new sign definitions in Section 201.403 to the general definition section.

#### Ordinance 2002-9, amending Article III Zoning Districts:

Section 201.308 (E) (1) (b) (3) and 201.311

The amendment changes the rear yard setback in the Commercial District residential section to adjust the rear setback from 50 feet to 30 feet to match the R-2 rear setback previous amendment. The bulk table has been updated from 50 to 30 feet.

#### Ordinance 2002-10, Zoning Map Amendment:

A rezoning of property located on Lincoln Lake Ave adjacent to and just north of the Lincoln Lake Business Park and across the street from the cemeteries, has been adopted changing the zoning from R-2 to Industrial. The rezoning is for a land division totaling 12.43 acres, part of parcel number 41-16-34-226-004, in the NE quarter of section 34.

The Township of Vergennes Zoning Ordinance and Map shall be amended and modified in accordance with these ordinances, and shall take effect seven (7) days following notice of publication.

The complete text and map of the adopted ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 (fax 897-5674).

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

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Mariana Vieira displayed her handmade jewelry at the Lowell Street Market Days. The beads are all from Brazil making her craft both unique and beautiful.

## Market Days Offer the Unique and Unusual



Thinking of something unusual to buy? What, you want a buffalo skin? Well, you could get just about anything at the Lowell Street Market Days ... even a buffalo skin, as Victoria Guyot from The Dam Store showed us.



Sidney and Shailynn Page enjoyed the ride through historic downtown Lowell during its Street Market Days.



Delores Bencker and Carolyn Jane Blough take a break from shopping at the Lowell Street Market Days.



Tom & JoAnne Clemens check out the bobbles, actually, the bobble heads, at Rookies, part of the Lowell Street Market Days.



Lauren Dodd posed with her rabbit, Peanut during the pet show, which was part of the Lowell Street Market Days.

## OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



### Going Fishing

Our four-year-old grandson is coming to town to go fishing. I had been planning on it because he keeps bugging his parents about going fishing with grandpa ever since I let him sit in the boat in the garage. I thought I would have several weeks to prepare, but Tristan couldn't be put off any longer. He was going fishing now! Because it will be his first real fishing trip, I want the outing to be fun and positive. That way, he will want to go again and, hopefully, develop a lifelong interest in fishing as one part of his outdoor experience.

The first consideration when taking a young person on or near the water is, of course, safety. A life jacket or vest of proper size should be worn by all children regardless of age. Children less than six years old, by law, must wear a type I or type II personal flotation device (PFD) when riding on the open deck of a boat underway. Constant supervision can head-off potential problems while fish-

ing or, for that matter, any other activity involving young children.

If there is a choice, go to a lake or stream where there is a good probability of catching fish. The size and species are not as important as having enough action to keep the youngster busy. Kids run out of patience in a hurry and the confines of a fishing boat drastically limit the choice of alternative activities.

Provide equipment that will be easy to use. Closed-face spincast outfits are about as fool-proof as anything out there; a cane pole and bobber work well for pan-fish. Encourage your young partner to do hands-on tasks that are appropriate for the age of the youngster. Make sure that the young person is dressed appropriately for the weather. If he or she gets wet or cold or both, it could be a long time before the budding angler will want to go again.

Be helpful—not critical. You want the person to learn proper technique, but the ex-

perience could be disappointing for both of you if expectations are too high. Just developing the coordination required for effective casting is a formidable task for the very young fisherman. Older kids, on the other hand, will probably be receptive to learning about more complicated issues like the biology related to theories on how and where to catch fish.

Don't overemphasize the importance of catching limits of fish or the size of the fish. The value is in the companionship and shared experiences. There are a lot of distractions and choices for young people today. We certainly don't want to lose a generation of fishermen because of lack of exposure to a great pastime.

If you already fish, pass on your knowledge and enthusiasm. If not, consider giving it a try and learn together with a youngster. Keep in mind, we are not just talking about the boys here. Don't overlook your daughters, granddaughters and nieces. The number of women anglers is growing larger every year.

Take the time, make the effort, have the patience, and you could have a direct influence on how someone spends his or her time for the rest of their life. That's an awesome responsibility and a great opportunity.

## TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

### Notice of Public Hearing (Under Act 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as Amended)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will hold a public hearing on August 19, 2002, at or after 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671, to consider a request from Central States Precision Grinding, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new equipment located at 12958 Christopher Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331 in Vergennes Township, Michigan, under the provisions of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended. The equipment will be located within an Industrial Development District located within the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as follows:

The North 449.63 feet of the South 8656.25 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 35, Town 7 North, Range 9 West, except part lying East of Lincoln Lake Road; also except the North 82.5 feet of the East 132 feet thereof, Township of Vergennes, Kent County, Michigan.

The equipment to which the application relates lies within the above described parcel and itself is described in the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The applicant, the Township Assessor, representatives of each taxing unit affected that levies ad valorem property taxes within the Township of Vergennes, or any other person may appear at this meeting and give testimony.

Mari C. Stone  
Township Clerk

# GARAGE SALE PAGE

**MOVING SALE**  
Everything must go. Furniture, bedroom, formal dining room (like new), patio, appliances, grills, trampoline, clothing, wall decor, etc. Aug. 1, 9-4 p.m. 10120 68th St., Alto. East of Alaska/Caledonia area.

**AUGUST 1 & 2,**  
Thurs. & Fri., 9-6. 14 years of collecting. All must go. Sparkley dresses all sizes. 14 years of everything. 10859 Potters Rd. (2 miles east of Fallsburg Park or 2nd house east of Whites Bridge Rd.)

**THURS. - SAT.**  
8/1-8/3, 9 a.m. - ? 2006 Woodrun SE, Lowell. Fulton to Settlement to Woodrun. Furniture, clothes, dishes, exercise equipment, toys, baby items, organ, Steelcase desk, boat trailer, 18'x4' above ground pool (new).

**TREASURES, TOYS, TOGS, TRINKETS & TRASH**  
Our first big garage sale in several years - partial proceeds to FCC youth mission projects. Thurs./Fri., Aug. 1 & 2, 9-5. Take N. Washington past cemetery, right to 13444 Crestwood Dr.

**1st SALE EVER**  
Mirror dresser bed set, wood furnace, electric dryer, chairs, propane hot water tank, household items, books, camping equipment, down riggers & poles, toys, clothes; 4yrs & younger, tool boxes & cases, garden seeder, reel to reel tapes, bikes; adults & kids, base CB antenna, free weights, lg pet carrier, cribs, changing table & cradles, Aug. 1 & 2, 9-5, 11000 Grand River Dr.

**TOOLS, BUILDING MATERIALS**  
(doors, windows etc.) Avon bottles, computer printers, sofa, aquarium, tables & chairs, much more. 14045 28th St. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Aug. 1- Aug. 3, 8-3 p.m.

**KIDS BOOKS, TOYS & CLOTHES SALE**  
Some like new. Thurs., 8/1/02, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 948 Riverside.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Aug. 2, 9-6 & Aug. 3, 9-1. Nice men & women's clothes, pots & pans, dishes, car carrier, shoes, boots, books, puzzles, misc. patio umbrella & cushions. 111535 Nash Hwy, Clarksville.

**SALE**  
Aug. 2 & 3, 8-? 3810 Quiggle Avenue (between Cascade & 36th Street, near Snow Ave.) Toddler car bed, lots of quality kids clothes, boy infant-2T, girl infant - sz. 5 & so much more.

**PRE-MOVING SALE**  
August 1-3, 9-5. Lots of bargains, some antiques, tools, furniture, clothes, boat, motor, trailer, CB & CB kickers, 11408 Ann St. Key Heights.

**3 HUGE MULTI FAMILY SALES**  
Sudan Dr. off Vergennes, just west of Cumberland. Way too much to list, but here is a sample: oak table w/6 chairs and china cabinet, wicker settee with 2 chairs, lamps, dresser, waterbed, 3 wheel bike, 4 oak dining chairs, name brand baby & children clothes, Kids bikes, toys, entertainment center, 1926 125cc Harley Hummer and lots more! 8am - 5pm. Friday and Saturday, August 2 & 3rd.

**MOVING SALE**  
Everything must go. Furniture, bedroom, formal dining room (like new), patio, appliances, grills, trampoline, clothing, wall decor, etc. Thurs., Aug. 1, 9-8 p.m., Fri., Aug. 2, 9-8 p.m., Sat., Aug. 3, 9-4 p.m., 10120 68th St., Alto. East of Alaska/Caledonia area.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Bunk bed, dryer, buffet, jungle gym, play house, toys, women reg., petite & maternity clothes. 7120 Centerline, Saranac. Aug. 1 & 2, 9-? M-21 to N. Hawley Hwy.

**CHILDREN'S CLOTHES**  
Baby & reg. furniture, toys, bikes, misc. 345 Donna, Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 1 & 2, 9-2 p.m.

**CLEANING HOUSE OF 20 YEARS**  
w/great stuff! Brand name women's clothing, dishes, cooking supplies, Maple dresser, fur coats, books, Duncan Phyfe love-seat, w/mahogany trim, rolled arms, claw feet, chest freezer, sporting goods, horse riding boots. 11899 Bailey Dr., Aug. 3 & 4, 9 a.m. - ? Please NO early sales.

**YARD SALE**  
Fri. & Sat., Aug. 2 & 3 at 2906 Gulliford SE, Lowell. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Baby clothes & misc. items.

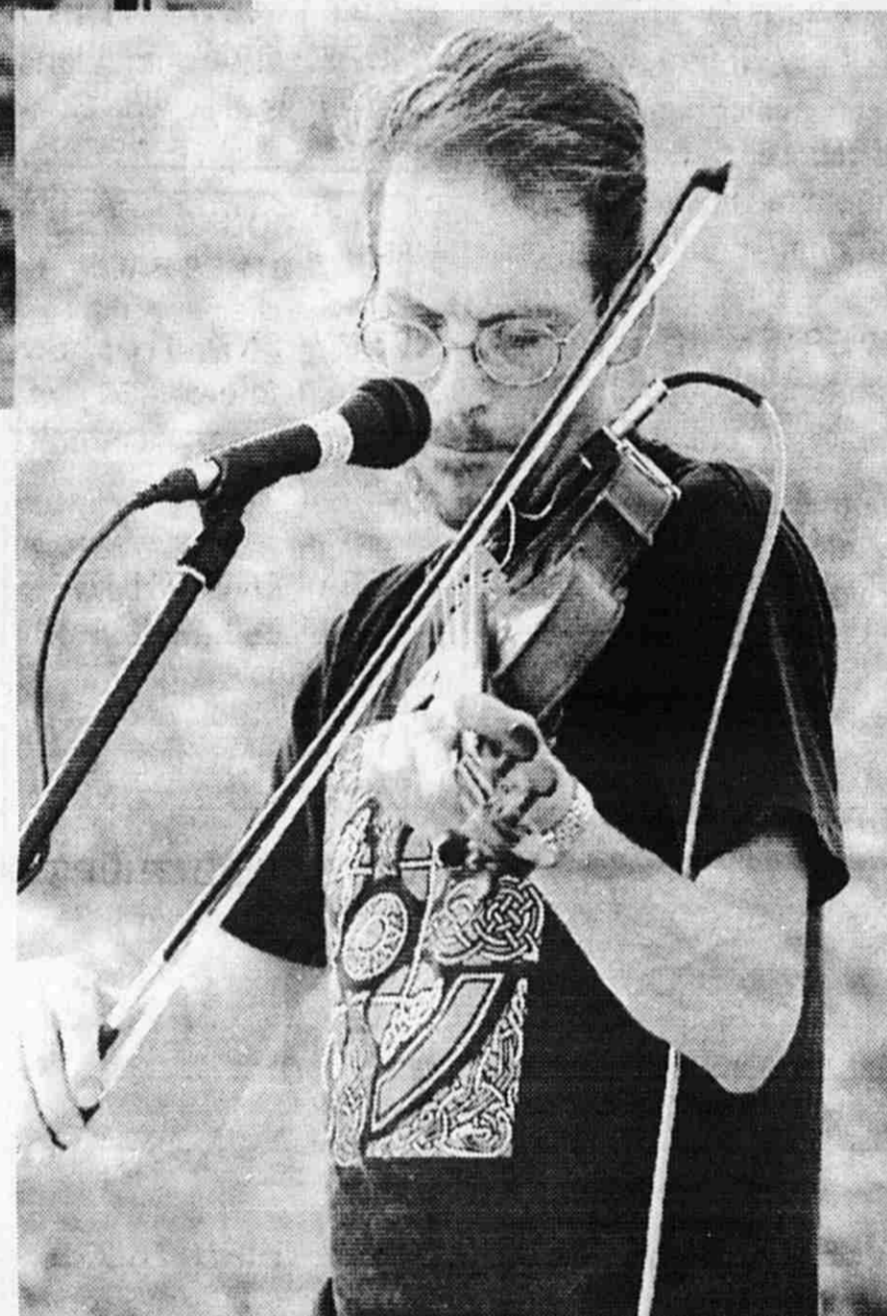
**MURRAY LAKE GREENHOUSE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE**  
Huge inventory of perennials for sun & shade, fertilizers, pesticides, garden tools, bishop's hooks, etc. July 31 & Aug. 1 & 2, closed Sat., & Sun. 6 miles N. of Lowell on corner of Lincoln Lake Rd & 4 Mile, 3 miles S. off Belding Rd. 12745 4 Mile Rd. 897-7347.

**BIG SALE!**  
Baby items, furniture, clothes for men, women, kids & babies, knick-knacks, household items, electronics & more! Thurs. & Fri., 10-6, Sat., 10-2. Corner of N. Jefferson & North St.

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Winner of the "Best Local Artist" award and the "2001 Jammie" award for its new CD *Found A Way*, the Willeys entertained a Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert crowd with original music and contemporary covers which featured a creative blend of traditional music with the best of American rock and folk. Based in Grand Rapids, the band has played in clubs throughout the Midwest for over 10 years and has four CD's to its credit. Members of the band are Andy Willey, Rick Willey, Jim Saltsman, Mark Svekrick, Chris Olsen and Diane Iannelli.



# 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 7-8:30 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 or 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 Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8 p.m.

**THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 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.

**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:** Geneal-

ogy - 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 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 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.

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

**WED., JULY 31:** Pet Parenting class at Kent County Humane Society, 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call 453-8900 for more information.

**THURS., AUG. 1:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Tour of Lowell Area Historical Museum. Bring items for Flat River Outreach Ministries.

**THURS., AUG. 1:** Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert - Beltline Big Band on the Riverwalk 7-9 p.m.

**MON., AUG. 5 - 10 - Kent County Youth Fair** at Lowell Fairgrounds. For info. call 897-6050. No gate fee. Parking: \$5 daily; \$15 weekly.


**SAT., AUG. 10:** Benefit at Larkin's The Other Place, 6-10 p.m. for Dave Smith who has cancer. Good food, good fun and live music. Raffles; door prizes; \$10 donation.

**SAT., AUG. 31:** Wanted parade participants for Lowell annual Labor Day Parade & Riverwalk Festival. Call Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161 for an application or info.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

### ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., on Saturday, August 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election.



Betty Morlock, City Clerk  
(616) 897-8457

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

897-5949

<p><b>MON.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p> <p><b>TUES.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p> <p><b>WED., JULY 31:</b> 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.</p>	<p><b>THURS.:</b> 9 a.m. Walk/Shop the Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p><b>FRI.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p> <p><b>WED., JULY 31:</b> 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.</p>
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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**AUG. 5 - 10:** Kent County Youth Fair at 4-H fairgrounds, S. Hudson St. Fare.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road, NE, within the Township, on the 15th day of July, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: R. Herweyer, L. Dilts, P. Knoerl, L. Green, D. Heffron  
ABSENT: Members: None

It was moved by Township Board Member D. HEFFRON and supported by Township Board Member P. KNOERL that the following Ordinance be adopted:

### ORDINANCE NO. 02-026 AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE JUNK AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLES AND CERTAIN VEHICLES SALES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS, AND TO REPEAL THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP UNIFORM ORDINANCE NO. 1.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN ("Township") ORDAINS:

Section 1. **Short Title.** This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the "Grattan Township Vehicle Ordinance," and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Ordinance."

Section 2. **Definitions.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon rails or tracks.

(b) "Motor Vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

(c) "Inoperable Vehicle" or "Inoperable Motor Vehicle" means any vehicle or motor vehicle which cannot be started or legally or physically operated on public streets or highways by virtue of lacking the equipment required by the laws of the state of Michigan or which does not bear valid and current license plates.

(d) "Junk Vehicle" or "Junk Motor Vehicle" means a vehicle or motor vehicle which has been so damaged or dismantled as to be a total loss. These terms shall also include all parts or accessories of vehicles or motor vehicles without which vehicles or motor vehicles cannot be operated in a safe manner on streets or public highways.

(e) "Total Loss" means where the cost to fully repair a damaged or dismantled vehicle or motor vehicle exceeds the fair market value for such vehicle. Fair market value may be determined by using any nationally-recognized appraisal book or method.

Section 3. **Keeping or Storage of Inoperable or Junk Vehicles or Motor Vehicles.** No person, firm, entity, or corporation shall accumulate, store, place or permit the accumulation, storage or placement of any inoperable or junk vehicle or motor vehicle in Grattan Township for more than forty-eight (48) hours during any calendar year on a lot or parcel, unless such inoperable or junk vehicle or motor vehicle is stored in a fully-enclosed lawful garage or other building. This prohibition shall not, however, apply to a truck used for snowplowing or road maintenance where such truck is utilized only for one (1) particular private road and the truck is unlicensed, so long as the truck is fully operable.

Section 4. **Prima Facie Evidence.** The ownership, lease, occupation, or use of land by any person, entity, firm or corporation upon which an inoperable or junk vehicle or motor vehicle is accumulated, stored, or placed shall be prima facie evidence that such person, firm, entity, or corporation accumulated, stored, or placed such inoperable or junk vehicle or motor vehicle upon such land, or permitted such inoperable or junk vehicle or motor vehicle to be accumulated, stored, or placed upon such land.

Section 5. **Vehicle and Item Sales.** No automobile, truck, vehicle, snowmobile, farm and/or garden implement or vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer, snowmobile, appliance or similar item shall be parked, stored or kept on any property with any sign, banner, or device indicating that such item is for sale, rent or lease for more than 45 days per calendar year. If such item is still displayed for sale 45 days or more after the Township (or its designated official) sends the property owner a letter indicating that there may be a violation of this Section 5, a rebuttable

presumption shall arise that such item has been displayed for sale, rent, or lease for more than 45 days in violation of this section. This Section 5 prohibition shall not apply where neither the item nor the signage is visible from a public road right of way or any adjoining property. Nor shall the prohibitions in this Section 5 apply to a commercial vehicle or implement sales business which complies with the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and is otherwise lawful.

Section 6. **Violation: Penalty, Remedies and Enforcement.** A violation of this Ordinance constitutes a municipal civil infraction. Any person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, or any amendment thereof, or any person who knowingly or intentionally aids or abets another person in violation of this Ordinance, shall be in violation of this Ordinance and shall be responsible for a civil infraction. The civil fine for a municipal civil infraction shall be not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the court, in addition to all other costs, damages, expenses and remedies provided by law. For purposes of this section, "subsequent offense" means a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance committed by the same person within twelve (12) months of a previous violation of the same provision of this Ordinance or similar provision of this Ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudged to be responsible. Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 7. **Repeal.** This Ordinance shall repeal the Grattan Township Uniform Ordinance No. 1 adopted by the Grattan Township Board on April 10, 1973, as well as the comparable ordinance adopted by the Grattan Township Board on March 11, 1969.

Section 8. **Severability.** In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases or other words of this Ordinance.

Section 9. **Effective Date.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the Ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with the law.

YEAS: D. Heffron, L. Green, R. Herweyer, L. Dilts, P. Knoerl

NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Lana F. Green,  
Grattan Township Clerk

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan at a regular meeting held on May 15, 2002, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Lana F. Green  
Grattan Township Clerk

### GRATTAN TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY JUNK CONTROL ORDINANCE (Ordinance No. 02-25)

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN ("Township") ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Findings and Purpose.** The Township Board of the Township of Grattan ("Township") hereby finds that it is essential and necessary to the health, safety, well-being, and welfare of the residents of the Township and the well-being of the personal and real property located within the Township that the Township adopt this Ordinance, and that the disposal and accumulation of solid and liquid waste, junk, refuse, trash, and discarded items shall occur only in a sanitary, orderly, and safe fashion. In the past, junk, waste, refuse, trash, and hazardous materials may have been improperly dumped, buried, or disposed of within the Township, which may have caused irreparable harm to property and natural resources within the Township, including but not limited to, lakes, streams, soils, groundwater, watersheds, and sensitive wetlands, all of which are essential to the health and economic well-being of the community. The Township Board further finds that the improper disposal of such materials impairs property values and poses a real and substantial risk to the health and safety of persons, pets, farm animals, and wildlife within the Township.

This Ordinance is not intended to interfere with lawful farming and generally accepted farm operations or practices. Nor shall this ordinance be deemed to prohibit

interfere with the otherwise lawful storing or spreading of manure, fertilizers, herbicides, or other soil conditioners as part of a farm operation.

Section 2. **Authorization.** This Ordinance is authorized and enacted pursuant to MCL 41.181 *et seq.*, Article 4, Section 52 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other applicable laws.

Section 3. **Prohibited Acts.** Unless otherwise expressly permitted by Section 4 hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person, entity, corporation, association, or other organization to do or permit any of the following (or to assist in doing any of the following) within Grattan Township:

A. Operate an unlicensed or unlawful dump, landfill, or sanitary landfill.

B. Utilize, bury or dispose of any item at an unlicensed or illegal landfill or disposal site knowing the same to be unlicensed or illegal.

C. Pour, inject, drain, dump, abandon, bury, or dispose of any discarded liquid which may be hazardous, toxic, nuclear, poisonous, putrid, dangerous, or biologically harmful into, below, within, or onto the ground, substrate, a road, or any soil, lake stream, pond, or wetland or to accumulate or store such discarded liquids outdoors. For purposes of this subsection C, the words hazardous, toxic, nuclear, poison, putrid, dangerous, or biologically harmful shall be as defined by any federal or Michigan law. This prohibition shall include, but not be limited to, gasoline, oil, cleaning fluid, heating oil, industrial or commercial waste, medical waste, paint waste, processed food byproducts or waste, flammable liquid, or liquid industrial by-products.

D. Deposit, dump, drain, or cause to be drained, any harmful or hazardous liquid, sewage, or industrial waste substance from any sink, tank, motor vehicle, or any other thing, onto the surface of any land or into any open ditch, lake, stream, pond, or wetland, or into any pipe or conduit which directly or indirectly empties or deposits any such substance onto the surface of any land or into any open ditch, lake, creek, wetland, or stream.

E. Place, throw, bury, dump, abandon, store, or accumulate outdoors any empty or partially filled cans, food containers, broken or whole bottles, trash, rubbish, garbage, litter, junk, rags, used or broken glass, mobile homes not meeting township ordinance requirements, debris, used tires, used tanks, discarded or scrap plastic, waste, boxes, barrels, scrap metal, cardboard, inoperable or partially assembled equipment or machinery, scrap rubber, crockery or utensils of any kind, automobile or vehicle bodies or parts of automobiles or vehicles (except in a duly licensed junk yard), old stoves or appliances, furniture, parts of machinery, contaminated soil, illegal pesticide, illegal fertilizer, refuse, scrap styrofoam, paper, broken pallets, cloth, batteries, mattresses or bed springs, flammable matter or substances, offal, medical waste, industrial byproducts or waste substances, or objects of a similar nature, upon, under or on any land in the Township, or to permit any such things or substances to accumulate on land or water over which the person permitting the same occupies, owns, leases or has control.

F. Allow the accumulation of materials which provide rat harborage or which may serve as food for rats or is accessible to such rodents or in or around which flies, insects, rodents, or vermin may exist, breed, or multiply, or to suffer or permit upon any premises stagnant or filthy water deemed a health hazard by the Kent County Health Department (excluding natural wetlands), dead animals or unwholesome meat, or any other unwholesome, filthy, deleterious, or offensive thing or substance.

G. Litter on any property or roadway within the Township.

H. Accumulate, place, store, or allow or permit the accumulation, placement, or storage of trash or junk outdoors on property in Grattan Township, except in a lawful sanitary landfill, a lawful junk yard, or not to exceed eight (8) days' storage in watertight storage receptacles designed for the temporary accumulation of trash.

Section 4. **Exceptions to this Ordinance.** The following activities shall not be subject to the requirements of Section 3 of this Ordinance:

A. The lawful disposal of materials or items into or within a lawful sanitary landfill, hazardous materials landfill, or facility or incinerator properly licensed by the state of Michigan.

B. The lawful disposal of materials or items into or within a lawful waste disposal site which has been expressly approved or authorized by the Township under its zoning ordinance or other ordinances.

C. The otherwise lawful storage, use, and application

## Area scouts take part in Mackinac Island service

At a time when it's so easy to find bad news about teens, the sight of a group of Boy Scouts lowering the huge flag at Fort Mackinac with great respect and dignity refreshes one's hope for the country's future.

This year three local Scouts attended the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp



Chris Yaw, on the right facing the camera, helps raise the flag in front of the Scout barracks.

the week of July 14th. Life Scouts Eric Cooper, Scott Cooper and Chris Yaw, all of Lowell's Troop 102, were attached to Troop 111 out of Delta Mills for the event.

Each day the Scouts marched in full uniform to their duty stations, raised and lowered flags, served as tour guides, and rendered assistance to the Mackinac Island State Park staff. They also participated in a service project to repair erosion around the top of Skull Cave. The boys carried rocks up the side of the hill and placed them in the damaged area.

But the week wasn't all marching and working. The boys had free time for baseball, football, visiting the town of Mackinac Island, or just hanging out with their friends. On Wednesday night the troop took a boat ride under the Mackinac Bridge; Thursday evening brought a dessert night of ice cream sundaes and cupcakes. And the high point was Friday night's campfire, complete with songs, skits, and awards. Yaw won the award for Best Patrol Leader; his patrol took the

of lawful fertilizers (excluding human waste), herbicides, and insecticides pursuant to agricultural, landscaping, lake weed control, or horticultural uses.

D. The accumulation or spreading of animal (non-human) manure for agricultural purposes.

E. The composting of plant, vegetative, or crop matter.

F. Winter treatment of roads, sidewalks, steps, and other ways for snow and ice removal.

G. The lawful storage of automobile or vehicle bodies or parts at a lawful and approved junk yard.

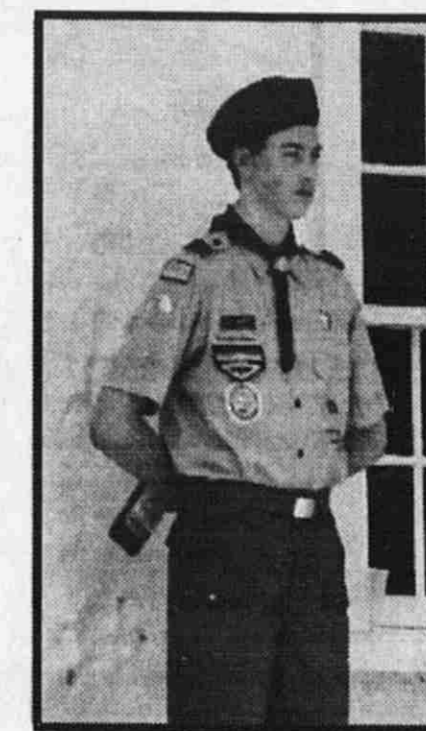
H. Lawfully and properly maintained feed, chemical, fertilizer, fuel or liquid storage tanks, whether above or below ground, including the contents thereof.

I. The outdoor storage of bona fide farm equipment, farm implements and farm vehicles, if being used for ongoing farm operations and if in compliance with any and all other applicable Grattan Township ordinances.

J. The lawful disposal of human and conventional household waste pursuant to a lawful municipal or underground septic disposal system, or as otherwise expressly allowed pursuant to any applicable ordinance.

K. Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance, the following items may be buried or disposed of within the Township:

- (i) Clean fill;
- (ii) Crops, natural compost or vegetative items;
- (iii) Rocks or untreated wood;
- (iv) Cables, conduits, pipes and tubes which are being utilized for utilities, drainage or irrigation purposes.
- (v) Cement;
- (vi) Basements, shelters, foundations, lawful structures and nontoxic pilings or anchors;
- (vii) Conventional firewood;
- (viii) Cemetery uses and burial of pets;
- (ix) Approved and lawful underground storage tanks;



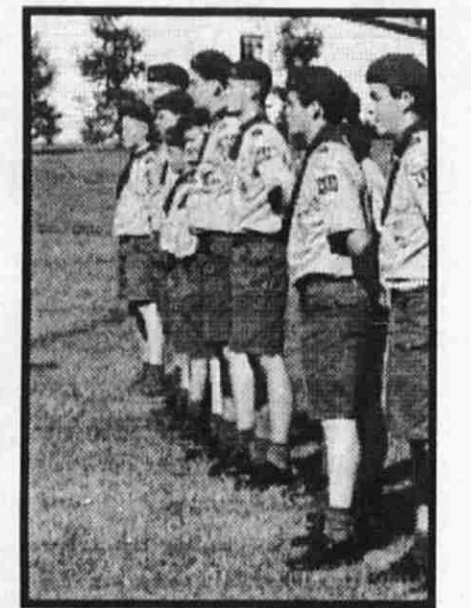
prize for Best Patrol. The campfire was followed with a late-night hike to Inspiration Point, where the Scouts could view the Straits of Mackinac, the town of Mackinac Island, its harbor, and the Mackinac Bridge from a secluded vantage point high above the city.

Lowell can be very proud of its Boy Scouts. It's not

Eric Cooper stands his post outside the Mackinac Fur Trading Co.

easy to stand a post for several hours on a hot day or haul large rocks up a steep hill. But

that's what they did, and they served with distinction.



Chris Yaw, center, and Scott Cooper, right, stand at ease during morning flags.

## Recreational Vehicle, cont'd... From Page 7

Council, and then spending several months discussing the issue, Scheller was able to see a new, and what he felt was a compromise, ordinance accepted by the council in a unanimous vote.

"I want to thank the planning commission and the city council for listening to citizen's comments and working out something that the citizens could live with," Scheller said, adding that it also gave his son an opportunity to see how government worked.

"It showed him that if you have an issue, you need to voice your opinion and work toward a resolution," he explained.

That resolution is the new ordinance which would allow recreational vehicles to be stored or parked in the rear of the front building line of the primary structure or within or on a driveway no closer than 10 feet to the property line or public sidewalk; and that recreational vehicles may be used for

temporary occupancy for 1 nine-day period every six months as long as they are in compliance with this ordinance.

Council member, Mike Blough, who received one phone call in opposition to the new ordinance, said he does believe that the new ordinance is less than perfect, though it was one that addressed most of the issues the city would face.

"When it comes down to it, I would like to be able to not have such ordinances on the books," Blough said. "We would hope that a resident who has a problem with a neighbor would be able to cross the street and come to some sort of agreement with that person."

But that is not reality, Blough said, thus the new ordinance.

The new recreational vehicle ordinance goes into effect 10 days after publishing.

not only to any person, firm, entity, corporation or association which does anything prohibited by this Ordinance and those who aid and abet such acts, but also to any owner, co-owner, lessee, tenant, licensee, part-owner, occupant or person, firm, corporation or entity owning or having control of any premises or property from, through, or onto which any such prohibited items, materials, or substances are drained, buried, dumped, abandoned, stored, or accumulated and who permits or acquiesces in such actions or Ordinance violations.

Section 8. **Additional Remedies.** In addition to the above remedies, the Township or any person may institute a civil lawsuit to abate any violation of this Ordinance. Any violation of this Ordinance is a nuisance *per se*.

Section 9. **Severability.** The sections and portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance ever be declared to be invalid, in whole or in part, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the section, clause, sentence, or provision declared to be invalid.

Section 10. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after this Ordinance or a summary thereof is published in the newspaper as provided by law.

Section 11. **Repeal.** This Ordinance shall repeal the prior Township Junk Control Ordinance (Ordinance No. 92-04) adopted on May 11, 1992, in its entirety.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Township Board Member P. KNOERL, supported by Township Board Member D. HEFFRON, the vote being as follows:

YEAS: D. Heffron, L. Green, R. Herweyer, L. Dilts, P. Knoerl.

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Lana Green  
Township Clerk

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan at Grattan Township Hall at a meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on July 15, 2002, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Lana Green  
Township Clerk



## Camp Fire allows WoHeLo Award winner to celebrate individuality

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

As bows from an arrow. Camp Fire members, when finished, each go their separate ways.

Before they do, however, most leave with an appreciation for citizenship, family, community, outdoors and creative living.

Lowell's Keri Jastifer recently completed her 13th year as a member of Camp Fire USA in a most auspicious way.

The 2002 LHS graduate became the first West Michigan Camp Fire member in 18 years to earn the WoHeLo award (equivalent to the Eagle Scout).

Jastifer worked four years on completing the requirements (14) needed to be a recipient of the WoHeLo

award. This time period is referred to as reflection.

WoHeLo is an individualized personal development and advocacy project designed by the club member. The member chooses an issue and develops their leadership, teaching, service and advocacy skills by promoting their chosen issue(s) in their community.

Jastifer worked to encourage young Camp Fire members within their clubs; to be involved in the camping experience; and to teach swimming to handicapped children. She also was involved in the MS-150 Bike Tour.

Prior to that, she successfully worked her way through the levels of Adventure, Discovery and Horizon.

"My 13 years in Camp Fire have been great fun. I've



Keri Jastifer, second from the left, stands with club members and her leader after receiving the WoHeLo Award, the highest honor Camp Fire can bestow on a member. Pictured with Jastifer, from left to right, are: Alex Getz, Katie Clements and Christie Getz. Standing in back is club leader, Robin Getz. Below, Sue Bachelder, executive director of the Camp Fire West Michigan Council, congratulates Jastifer after presenting her with the award.

met a lot of new people, visited some great places and it has been a great confidence builder for me," Jastifer explains. "It helps youth celebrate who they are and how to make the right choices."

The WoHeLo award was presented to Jastifer by Camp Fire's West Michigan executive director, Sue Bachelder.

Celebrating the honor with her were club members Alex Getz, Katie Clements, Christie Getz and their leader, Robin Getz.

Camp Fire USA offers children and youth a variety of programs that foster self-

esteem, healthy lifestyles, character development, leadership skills and social responsibility.

"Keri has grown so much over the last three years, and now has found a career move which totally fits her," said Getz. "I'm excited for her because she's found something that she can get excited about. The WoHeLo award will help Keri achieve a higher placement in the Army as well."

Jastifer will report to a U.S. Army boot camp on Aug. 7. She plans to pursue a career in Medical Technology.



## Lowell Township brings aboard new assessor

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Eric Litts has been hired by Lowell Charter Township as its part-time assessor.

The appointment ends an eight-year relationship between the township and Kevin O'Malley.

Litts also works for the city of Grand Rapids. Lowell Charter Township superintendent, John Timpson said the

new assessor will work nights and weekends, and will take appointments.

"It's important to the township to provide good service and maintain a good relationship with the people we serve," Timpson explained.

Part of the problem, according to Timpson, has been the changeover in the county's property mapping and description area.

The township believes Litts is someone who will put in extra effort to get caught up.

"At first we were pointing fingers at the county, but it came down to the township not taking care of things in a timely manner," Timpson said.

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Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

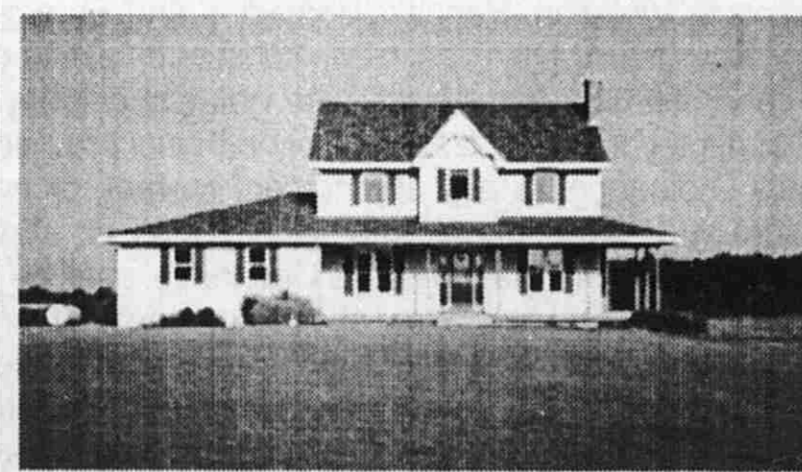
## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The Township Clerk will be available at the Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE on Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the Township of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election.

Linda Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

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## Lowell Area Character In Action Award

**RUTH COLLAR**

Nominated by  
Rhonda Fitzpatrick

Character Traits Exhibited:  
Respect, Integrity, Compassion,  
Honesty, Responsibility

Ruth has a great respect for life. Her compassion for unwed mothers led her to found the St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center in Lowell. There are now over 200 mothers in crisis who benefit from her untiring generosity. Ruth has taken unwed mothers into her own home to care for them when they had nowhere to turn. The Pregnancy Center gives out formula, diapers, clothes, etc. - free. She also is the treasurer of The Flat River Outreach Ministries.

**LIZ BAKER**

Nominated by  
R. George Mickel

Character Traits Exhibited:  
Trustworthiness, Respect,  
Responsibility, Fairness,  
Caring & Citizenship

Mickel believes her leadership and compassion for the Lowell community comes from within her. She is not afraid of developing strength in her associates and other community members. Liz is president of the Western Michigan Chamber of Commerce Association.



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### Can Home Improvements Give You Tax Benefits?

Your home probably will be the biggest investment you ever make. And, in many ways, it's an investment that will reward you. For one thing, most homes tend to appreciate over

time. Furthermore, your home can give you something you always need - tax benefits.

Of course, you already know that your mortgage interest is tax-deductible. But you may not have realized that home improvements, under some circumstances, can also help you at tax time.

The clearest tax benefits resulting from home improvements can be achieved through a home-equity loan used to pay for these improvements. You can generally get this type of loan at a competitive rate and, more importantly, the interest on the loan may be tax-deductible. Keep in mind, however, that when you take out a home equity loan, you're pledging your house as collateral. That's why you have to be sure you can afford the loan payments.

If you don't take out a home equity loan to pay for home improvements, are they still tax deductible? They could be. If you run a business from your home, or if you rent out part of it, then part of your home improvements may be considered business expenses, and you can deduct them through depreciation. You'll need to be cautious, however, about what you claim - the IRS may have different definitions of "business expenses" than you do. Your tax advisor can help you make the right decisions. If you don't use your home to operate a business and you have no renters, then your home improvements are typically not tax deductible - but they can help you from a capital gains standpoint.

Basically, your capital gains are the difference between

your house's cost basis - its value at the time you purchased it - and the price for which you sold it. So, if you bought your house for \$100,000, and you sold it for \$300,000, you'd have a capital gain of \$200,000. But home improvements can add to the cost basis of your home. Suppose you added a deck, outdoor lights and a sun room, and you completely modernized your kitchen. Together, these improvements increased the cost basis of your home to \$200,000. Now, if you were to sell the house for \$300,000, you'd only have a \$100,000 capital gain - half of what it was before your home improvements.

Actually, either capital gain - \$100,000 or \$200,000 - might be irrelevant, because you can generally exclude up to \$500,000 of capital gains on a house sale, as long as you're part of a married couple filing jointly. If you're a single filer, you can exclude \$250,000. (To qualify for this exclusion, you must have used the home as your principal residence at least two out of the five years preceding the sale.)

Given these high exclusion figures, is it even worthwhile to think about the impact of out-of-pocket home improvements on your tax situation? Yes, because you never know. If you stay in a house for a very long time, and if you live in an area in which housing prices steadily go up, then you may some day find yourself bumping up against the capital gains limits. If that happens, you'll be glad you invested in the garage, the gazebo, the patio and the porch.

## Safety tips for the grilling season

It's summertime and for many Americans that means it's time to fire up the grill and spend time with family and friends. According to the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association, more than 75 percent of households in the United States own grills and at least 60 percent of grill owners own one powered by propane.

Employees of the Lowell Ferrelgas office are helping those propane users prepare for safe grilling season by providing a list of propane grill safety tips. These tips were compiled by the Propane Education and Research Council and the National Propane Gas Association.

"We want to do everything we can to provide propane users with the necessary tools for operating their gas grill safely," said Steve Drake, district manager. "By understanding how to properly handle propane, we can all enjoy a better, safer grilling season."

### Propane grill safety tips:

- Always use the grill outdoors in a well-ventilated area.

Do not bring cylinders indoors or into an enclosed space, such as a garage.

- Always follow all of the grill manufacturer's instructions and keep written materials in a safe, accessible place.

- Before lighting your grill, use a leak-detection solution made from a teaspoon of mild liquid hand soap in a cup of water to check all connections for leaks. Bubbles at the connection indicate leakage. Rinse thoroughly using clear water.

- Never use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
- Make sure the grill is shut off and cooled off before covering after use.

- When not in use, make sure the grill burner controls are off and keep the cylinder valve closed.

- Always use or store cylinders in an upright, vertical position. Store them outdoors away from sources of ignition and in a place where they will not be exposed to high temperatures.

- Do not smoke while handling the propane cylinder.
- Never allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.

- If there is an uncontrollable release of gas or a fire, call the fire department immediately and move all people and pets away from the grill. Do not attempt to move the grill or put the fire out with a fire extinguisher.

### SOCIAL WORK

#### CASE MANAGER

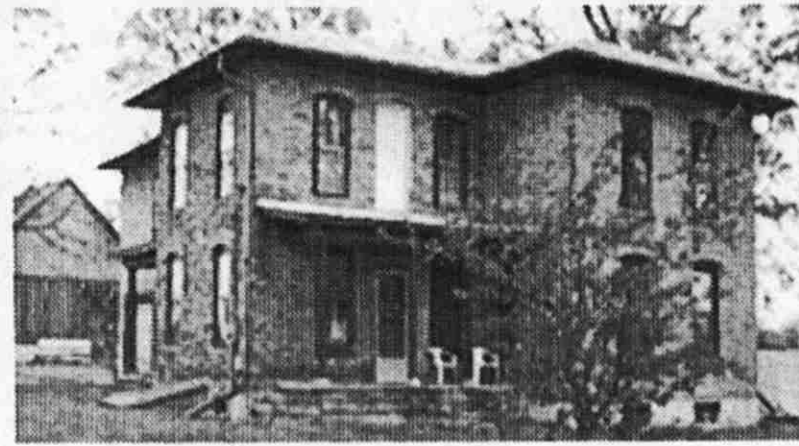
Community based residential program for adults with mental illness is seeking a full time Case Manager for our Ionia campus. This is an opportunity to work with a multi-county and interdisciplinary team, learn the mental health system, network with mental health agencies, learn psychotropic medications by working with a Psychiatrist and a Registered Nurse, learn behavioral management techniques, contingency management, and to teach psycho-educational classes. Responsibilities will include working directly with residents in a community setting as well as working with peers in the planning and implementation of program goals designed to promote independence. This will include the coordination of services, development of individualized plans of service, counseling/consulting, the overall ability to prioritize and employ crisis management skills and the debriefing process, and the participation in resident program reviews. In addition, an interest and experience in working with persons with dual diagnosis (mild DD/MI) is preferred. The successful candidate will have a BA/BS/BSW degree in human services, a registered social work certificate and prior case management experience in a mental health, geriatric, or rehabilitation setting is also preferred. Salary range is \$26,000 to \$34,000, along with an excellent benefit package. If interested, send/fax your resume to, or fill out an application at:

#### HORIZONS OF MICHIGAN

Attn: Case Manager Position-West Lake  
1256 Walker NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
(Family Life Center Building)  
Fax (616) 235-2066  
EOE, H/V/M/F  
An Affiliate of Hope Network

Mari Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

### OPEN HOUSE 1-4 SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2002



9436 Peck Lake Road

(Cascade Road E becomes Grand River Dr. N on Kyser E on Peck Lake Rd.)

Super nice farm situated on 11 acres, with a 40x60 barn, 40x100 outbuilding, a hay barn, a new horse shelter and a 30x40 workshop. This all brick farm home features three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, whirlpool tub, wood floors, oak trim, newer windows, and remodeled upstairs. Come out and take a walk around this one-of-a-kind property that is in excellent condition. \$249,900.

Your Hostess: Wendy A. Zandstra,  
Smith-Diamond Realty,  
(616) 291-4158, or (616) 891-2222.

Bring the horses, get in the truck, wear your boots & jeans and take a tour on Sunday.  
FREE HOT DOGS & POP!!

## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD July 15, 2002 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the June 17, 2002 Regular Meeting Accepted as Read. Motions Approved:

- Motion to create new budget line item 101-265-702, Custodial Services
- Motion to award bid for deck and building maintenance project to Superior Pressure Washing
- Motion to approve agreement language for the Morgan Accessory Building Special Use Permit
- Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting August 19, 2002

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.



The Ledger Classifieds Are Inexpensive & Effective!

# CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

**DIETARY COOK & AIDE POSITIONS AVAILABLE** - Full & part-time openings on morning & afternoon shifts. Experience helpful, but not required. Dependable, energetic qualities preferred, but training is given. Competitive wages & benefits. Apply in person at Cumberland Retirement Village, 11535 East Fulton, Lowell.

### WORK FOR THE LEADER

- Get the benefits when you work for the biggest & best. Manpower, the world's leading employment & staffing service, offers you: Great weekly pay, paid holidays & vacations, life/health insurance, valuable work experience, FREE word processing & data entry training, FREE service quality training. Assignments available now. Call today! Manpower, 505-D West Main, Lowell, 897-0050.

### HELP WANTED

- Student living near E. Main Street area of Lowell to deliver GR Press. No collecting. Delivery takes approx. 1 hour daily. Profit range from \$125-\$150 per month depending on number of papers & good service to customers. Call 897-5793 to apply or leave message.

### NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!

Greenville company is looking to hire 1st, 2nd & 3rd shifts. Working on plastic bumpers. Will be sanding & doing some light repair. Want a great work opportunity!!! Apply in person at Staffing, 917 W. Washington, Greenville. Must have 6 months of consistent work history. EOE, AAP. 616-754-2100

### RESIDENT ASSISTANT - MEDICAL TECHNICIAN NEEDED

- Looking for an energetic, caring person to assist in caring for the Residents of Cumberland Retirement Village. Full & part-time positions available on all three shifts. Experience is a benefit, but not required. Competitive wages & benefits. Apply in person at Cumberland Retirement Village, 11535 East Fulton, Lowell.

### CERTIFIED MECHANIC NEEDED

- w/experience & own tools. For more info, call 616-527-1841.

### HELP WANTED

**RNs/LPNs** - The Laurels of Kent (an agency-free facility) has limited full and part time positions available offering choice and flexibility. In addition to these opportunities, casual employment is available where you can work around your personal schedule. For more details or questions, please call Melinda @616-897-8473. The Laurels of Kent, 350 North Center Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE, PAID WEEKLY, NO LAYOFFS, \$500 WK TO START

- Call 616-243-9131. Quality for \$1,000.00 production bonus for August. No experience necessary- local outlet for large Michigan Mfg. Company has immediate openings. 30 workers needed. 90 day promotions available. Full time starts at over \$500/week. Call between 10:00 A.M. - 3 P.M.

### HELP WANTED

- Shop foreman; must have experience in quality control for automotive industry, hi-lo, leadership skills, own initiative. Apply in person at Phillips Light Ind., 4571 Kyser Rd., Lowell, MI 49331. Phone: 616-642-6771.

### ASSEMBLY

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd shift. Automotive mfg. Temp and temp/hire opportunity. Lowell. Ionia area. \$8.00-12.00/hr to start. One year mfg. experience required. Call Remedy Staffing at 616-949-3100.

### AWESOME INCOME

- Make \$100-\$150 dollars fast start bonuses. Paid weekly & residual. Phone 1-800-552-1984, ID#462.

### GOLF COURSE

- grounds work. Call 554-1489.

### FOR SALE

**APARTMENT FURNISHINGS** - Dining room, living, bedroom, carpet. Brand new, \$39 each. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

### DISH NETWORK now has your LOCAL CHANNELS.

Yes - 3 8 13 17 35 41 & 54 are now available with Dish Network. Call Tom's Satellite Systems at 897-2016.

### FOR SALE

**DISCOUNT MANUFACTURED HOMES** - Repossessed, late model homes offered at discounted prices. Some like new. Some fixer uppers. Financing available. All offers considered. North Harbor Homes, 800-824-9811 or 616-822-2318.

### '94 GMC SAFARI VAN SLE

- AWD, 8 passenger, loaded, excellent condition, \$6,800. Call 691-8923, after 5 p.m.

### COMPAQ 3730 DMT

- 300 mhz, 64 MB ram, 4 GB HD, great sound & video, CD rom, Windows 2nd Ed., MicroOffice, '00 internet, over 100 games, \$350. Call 616-299-0061.

### FOR SALE - 30x40 steel building.

Other sizes also available. Call 361-1211.

### 3-BEDROOM HOME

- Totally updated, new windows, siding, air, furnace, gutters & more. Hardwood floors, finished walkout basement, neutral colors & pride of ownership. \$125,000. Toni Schaefer, RE/MAX Country Hills, 897-8106.

### MATTRESS SETS \$88

- Includes frame, Sealy, Serta, Springaire. Delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

### LONELY HOMES

- 3 or 4 bedroom country setting, immediate occupancy, \$500 down with up to \$5,000 cash back at closing to you. 4 homes left! Call today, 1-800-615-1224.

### DIRECTV

- Mini-satellite dish, 1 receiver for \$1 or 2 receivers for \$9.99 w/free install. We beat all advertised prices. New subscribers only. Call for details. 1-800-450-7357 K-20.

### WHIRLPOOL WASHER & DRYER

- \$125/pair. Guaranteed. Work great, heavy duty. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

### 3/4 ACRE LOT

- in Tanglewood Estates. Perfect for modular or mfg. home. Close to new expressway, \$19,900. Westdale BH&G (616) 538-8500 or JoAnn Church (616) 534-8945.

### FOR SALE

**MATTRESS SALE** - \$39 New. Queen, full, twin. We deliver. Dennis Dist. 989-224-4822.

### BIRDS FOR SALE

- Singing Canaries \$70, Finches \$10. Call 897-8835.

### BORDER COLLIE PUPS

- (World's Smartest Dog) registered, shots & wormed \$400/\$500. Baird Farm, Lowell 616-897-9081.

### LOG CABIN BED

- Queen w/ mattress. (New) cedar, sturdy. Cost \$800. Sell \$175. 517-719-8062.

### LAND FOR SALE BY OWNER

- 3 acres in Vergennes Twp, Lowell Schools, walking distance to Lowell High School, Wittenbach Center & 60 acre Wege Nat. Preserve. Beautiful lot surveyed, perked & ready to build. Located in Stoneridge Development. Price \$48,000. Call 897-0544 after 6 p.m.

### '98 S-10 EXT. CAB

- Stepside LS, 3rd door, low miles, CD, excellent condition, \$7,995. Call 691-8923 after 5 pm.

### SUPER PENTIUM II SYSTEM

-Awesome monitor, great sound, Windows 98 2nd ed., MicroOffice '00; over 100 games, internet, \$175. Call 616-299-0061.

### FORD

- 1993 E150 Cargo Van. Good condition, \$2,500 obo. Call 616-247-0060.

### HARDWOOD FLOORING

- Tongue & groove Brazilian Maple, \$2.50 per sq. ft.; Brazilian Cherry, \$3.25 per sq. ft. Call 616-765-5152 or 231-313-0411.

### PILLOWTOP DELUXE MATTRESS SET

- Luxury firm. Any size. Brand new. Includes frame \$800 value. Sell \$225. Can deliver. 517-626-7089.

### LIVE FREE

- No house payment til 2003 with \$3,000 cash back at closing. Five 3 & 4 bedroom homes available immediately with as low as \$500 down. Credit no problem. Call 1-800-615-1224.

### FOR SALE - 1974 19 ft. Glastron jet boat.

454 Olds engine, w/trailer. As seen in James Bond's Live & Let Die. 95% restored. \$8,000. Call 897-0647.

### FREE SERVICES

#### \$500-\$500,000 GOVERNMENT GRANTS!

- Free money you never have to repay! Education, housing purchase, home repair, business. Guaranteed approval! Phone to apply today, 800-339-2817.

### FOR RENT

#### MURRAY LAKE GREENHOUSE FOR LEASE

- Retail sales area, store, mulch sales lot & parking. 3 heated greenhouses & 2 hoop houses. 6 miles N. of Lowell on corner of Lincoln Lake Rd & 4 Mile, 3 miles S. off Belding Rd. 12745 4 Mile Rd. 897-7347 or 292-7487.

### WANTED

#### WANT TO RENT OR BUY

- in Lowell/Alto Elementary school area. \$150,000 to \$200,000. Need ASAP. Call Judy I. at wk 459-1171 or hm 897-5927.

### EVENTS

#### ADA ELEMENTARY PTO

- 11th Annual Arts & Craft Show now taking applications for October 19, 2002. Established, juried, info 676-4084.

### CARD OF THANKS

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The Class of 2002 steering committee would like to thank all businesses, local organizations, parents, students & teachers for their donations to the 2002 Senior All Nighter.

### SERVICES

#### COUNTER TOPS PLUS

- Laminate counters, tile & more. Free estimates. Insured. References. 897-2016 or 915-8498.

#### RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER

Service or new construction, reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.

#### DOG & CAT GROOMING

- Sr. Discounts & Grooming Plans Available. Evening & Saturday Appointments; 10 minutes north of Lowell. 616-794-9614.

#### THINKING ABOUT REMODELING?

- Adding an addition or fixing that old roof? We also do siding, windows, kitchens & baths, ceramic tile, pole barns, decks, concrete, water-scapes & much more. Call the experts - JLS Contracting, Inc. Licensed & Insured. One call does it all. Call Gary 299-6989.

#### TOWING - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas.

Flat bed & wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 897-9040.

#### www.sundrydev.com \$ - Turn Your Land Into Money.

\$ 616.676.4043.

#### FOR INSTALLATION

- Carpet - Call 616-642-6471, ask for Phil (access to affordable carpet).

#### QUALITY COLLISION REPAIRS

- Let Bob's Body Shop repair your vehicle to factory specifications, using their new electronic measuring machine along with expert paint matching. Rental cars available while yours is being fixed. Call 897-9040 for details.

#### BLUEBERRIES U-PICK

- Sandy Bottom Berries, Lincoln Lake N. to M-57, W. to Heintzelman, N. 1/2 mi., to Sandy Bottom, W. to farm. Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun. 12-4. Ph. 225-9376.

#### ALTO DAYCARE

- Has Fall openings, ages 10 mos. & up. Accepting FIA. Food program, fenced-in backyard. Call Amy 868-0752.

#### PARKS PAINTING

- Summer specials. Call for free estimate, 361-1211.

#### CONCRETE REPLACEMENT SERVICE

- Driveways, walks, porches, steps, patios, floors. Free estimates. 682-9712.

#### DOG GROOMING SALON

OPEN IN ALTO - Call for appt. today, 868-0215, ask for Jeanne.

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, August 8, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC HALL  
8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, MI  
616-868-6846

REQUEST #1 - Russell Spees, 10717 Morse Lake Avenue, PP#41-24-31-400-009 - Variance of Article 3.02 - Accessory Structures & Uses - location of secondary garage to property line and existing home.

REQUEST #2 - William Weston, 10780 100th Street SE, PP#41-24-29-300-014 - Variance of Article 3.02 - Accessory Structures & Uses, location of secondary garage to property line and existing home.

Gloria King  
Chairperson ZBA

Come To The

# KENT COUNTY YOUTH

# FAIR

AUG. 5 thru 10



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS:

### • CARNIVAL RIDES •

#### UNLIMITED RIDES:

Monday \$8, 5 - 10 p.m. • Tuesday \$14, Noon - 10 p.m.  
Wednesday \$14, Noon - 10 p.m. • Thursday \$14, noon - 10 p.m.  
Friday \$14, noon - 5 p.m. • Saturday \$10, noon - 5 p.m.

## CELEBRATING 68 YEARS!

Located At The FAIRGROUNDS  
IN LOWELL • 225 S. HUDSON

### ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL

Monday 7 p.m.

### YOUTH TALENT CONTEST

Monday 7 p.m.

### MULE PULL - OPEN CLASS

Tuesday 7 p.m.

### KIDS' CREATION STATION

Wednesday 4-6 p.m.

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LIGHT WEIGHT HORSE PULL

Wednesday 7 p.m.

### LIVESTOCK SALE

Thursday 2 p.m.

### CELEBRITY DONKEY RACE

Saturday 3 p.m.



## FREE NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT

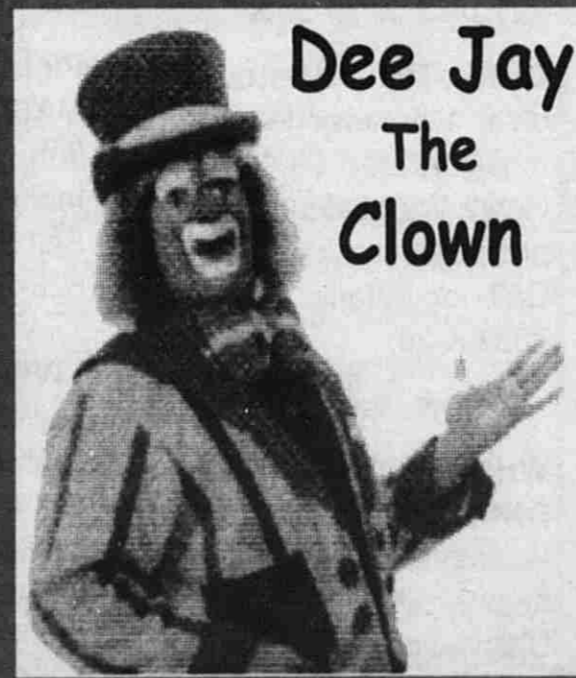
### TUESDAY:

Rich Eddy's  
Rockin' Oldies Band  
7:30 P.M.



### WEDNESDAY:

Jammin' Jim's Family  
Variety Show One-Man  
Band  
7:00 & 8:00 P.M.



Dee Jay  
The  
Clown

### THURSDAY:

Dee Jay  
The Clown  
7:30 & 8:30 P.M.

"Centennial Magic & More"