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••• A lightning storm packing gusty winds took down trees and played havoc with area power and cable.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

heard a "kaboom" coming

"It shook the house,"

The lightning storm, which rumbled through West

Michigan late Thursday evening, dropped part of a

tree located on Dawson's

from his roof.

Dawson recalls.

property line.

the lightning storm.

It did some damage to the Ron Dawson, 818 E. front door overhang and Main, was jolted from sleep blocked Lessens' driveway. Thursday night when he

A locust tree and small pine and mulberry trees all fell victim to the storm at Ferlin Thomases residence, 322 N. Washington St. The trees took out the fence of their neighbor, James Barber at 318 King Street. With Sherry Thomas away on vacation, the fallen trees were "The tree sits on half of not detected until Friday morning when Barber walked out into his backyard. "There was more sun shining in the backyard than normal. The shade provided by the tree was gone," he explained. "That's when I noticed the tree had come down It fell on top of the kitchen on my fence and into my



my property and half of my neighbors," Dawson said. "Now, my half is gone."

The portion of the tree fallen by the storm landed on Dawson's roof, creating a bridge from the property line to his house.

area, but did not bust through yard." the roof.

Lowell Light and Power was called out Friday morning to remove some of the branches that were wrapped around a power line.

In other storm-related news, a large branch from a tree in Mike Lessens' yard, at 218 Marsac, came down in

Heavy, gusty winds brought down trees and knocked out cable of Lowell residents late Thursday evening.

The thunderstorm, covering 120 miles, pushed southward against Thursday's warm temperatures, creating the severe weather.

Large limbs were snapped and tree roots were yanked from the ground during Thursday's late night storm which rolled through Lowell. More pictures on page 10.

Spartan Stores Inc. announces it will close Family Fare in September

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the third time in less than six months, Lowell incurred bad economic news with the announcement of another busi-



ness closing.

Spartan Stores announced Thursday morning that it would be closing the economically-underperforming Family Fare store in early September.

Family Fare has leased the 27,000 square foot building at 2153 W. Main St. since opening in 1987.

The news of the grocery store's closing comes on the heels of Newell Manufacturing closing its doors and Attwood eliminating their plastic injection molding business.

Spartan Stores spokeswoman, Jeanne Norcross said the 52 Family Fare employees in Lowell would be offered opportunities to work at other Spartan owned grocery stores.

Closing of Family Fare will create a loss of \$1,800 to the Downtown Development funds and \$3,900 in the city's general fund.

Attwood's decision to close the plastic injection molding business will cost the city's general fund \$81,956.75. Since Attwood is not in the DDA district, only the general fund is affected.

Newell shows, with a loss in equipment, there will be a loss in city revenue of approximately \$15,900 for the next year. Because Newell is located in the DDA district, the DDA will lose ap-

proximately \$6,500 while the general fund will lose \$9,400. Newell and Attwood revenue losses to the city total \$105,199.75.

Family Fare's woes can in part be related to the opening of Meijer.

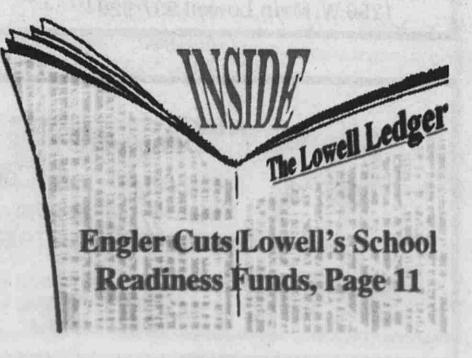
"I think Meijer is a reason Family Fare is closing. Looking at the parking lots, that seems to be the case," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale. "I don't think, however, it is the only reason."

Norcross noted that Spartan Stores has successfully competed and co-existed with Meijer for many years in other communities. "Meijer is a main merchandiser and we're your neighborhood supermarket," she said.

In making its decision to close Family Fare, Spartan looked at performance, geographic location and market location, according to Norcross.

"We are grateful to our many loyal Lowell customers and wish a different decision could have been made," Norcross explained.

Spartan Stores, Inc. purchased the Family Fare stores in March of 1999.



OBITUARIES

WHALEY - Todd Jerome Whaley, aged 41, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, July 31, 2002. He is survived by his parents, John and Sharon; brother John (Anita) Whaley; sister Michele (Rich) Zeck; aunt and uncle, Mamie and Frank Whaley; grandmothers Alice Whaley and Michelle Hathaway; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Evergreen Missionary Church, Rev. Glenn R. Marks officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Evergreen Missionary Church Deacons Fund, 10501 Settlewood, Lowell, MI 49331.

The Lowell Ledger pend on wetland and associ-The majority of the priated habitat. Wetlands imvate nonprofit organization's prove water purity, moderate funds come from membership (USPS 453-830) drought and floods, reduce dinners and events. Michigan Published weekly for \$1250 a year in Kent County, soil erosion, nurture coastal Ducks Unlimited raised more \$17⁵⁰ a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, **COLLEGE NEWS** 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331 **Thad Kraus Roger K. Brown** State University. Editor Publisher (616) 897-9261 Kladder and Andrew D. Ferris State University Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI has announced that 2.083 stu-O'Connor. To be eligible for this dents received academic hon-Published every Wednesday ors for the winter 2002 sehonor, students must have POSTMASTER: Send address change to: accumulated at least a 3.5 mester which ended in May. The Lowell Ledger grade point average with at Students from Lowell in-P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331 least 12 credit hours of course clude Angela S. DeWit, Laura Kryger and Dawn work in that semester. VanderZiel. From the Alto area are . Karen L. Dykstra, of Paula M. Cronk, Marvin Lowell, received high aca-**CITY OF** gree programs and Specialist degree. THE SPONSORED BY: LOWELL LOWELL : Nathaniel LIONS eif, 18, wil **PUBLIC NOTICE** CLUB study comoutational LOWELL CITY HALL OFFICES AND cience at the IS COMING ! LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT University of Chicago **ARE MOVING TO** Lowell Fairgrounds this fall. He TICKETS **414 EAST MAIN STREET** SUNDAY (HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK) In Advance Children \$5 son of Robert and Noel Seif. AUG. 25 dults AS OF ircus Day MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2002 Children \$6 **DURING THE RENOVATION OF CITY HALL** Northern Michigan Uni-TWO BIG SHOWS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW 2:00 & 4:30 P.M. POLICE STATION ended in May 2002. (Telephone numbers and mailing Josh L. McIntyre, of **Ticket Outlets** addresses will remain the same) Hahn Hardware 3.99 on a 4.00 scale. A. Lowell Area **Chamber of Commerce** Lowell Lowell Ledger Is Your Source For Top Quality GM Vehicles From: Or check out "homet's online at gmbuypower.com CHEVROLET BUICK or email us at: BUICK' Dependable, Longest-Lasting s.thomet@inetmail.att.net 1250 W. Main, Lowell 897-9294 "It's All Good" Trucks on the Road" **2.5 TON AIR CONDITIONING PACKAGE** Summer Installed to your existing ductwork. Offer Expires 8/15/2002 \$1,450.00 (tax included) Here. **HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING** VISA

Stahl elected regional vice president for Ducks Unlimited

Michael Stahl of Lowell has been elected regional vice president for Ducks Unlimited at the recent national convention held in New Orleans. Stahl will guide the volunteer fundraising for Ducks Unlimited's wetland and waterfowl conservation in a three-state area covering Michigan, Ohio and Indiana

A Ducks Unlimited volunteer for 21 years, Stahl is a native of Wabash, Indiana, and has claimed Michigan as home for the past 37 years.

than \$2.4 million last year for fisheries and protect biologiwetlands and waterfowl conservation.

"America has lost 50 percent of its original wetlands," said Stahl. "We must preserve and protect these natural resources for the benefit of wildlife and future generations of Americans.

Michigan wetlands provide valuable habitat for over 900 different species. All migratory birds and 50 percent of all endangered species of wildlife, fish and plants de-

cal diversity. Wetlands also provide exceptional recreational opportunities such as hunting, bird watching, fishing, hiking and camping. Stahl points out that water quality will continue to become a significant concern in the coming years, and that mother nature's wetlands are the filter for that clean water.

Stahl points out that Tri-River Lowell's Fundraising banquet has generated over \$180,000 in its 12 years of Ducks Unlimited fundraising. This translates into 750 acres of wetland habitat. Each \$250 that Ducks

demic achievement on the dean's list for the winter 2002 semester at Saginaw Valley

To earn a place on the dean's list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes and have a grade point average between 3.40 and 3.99 on a 4.00 scale.

SVSU is a state university offering bachelor's and master's degrees. The university offers more than 70 undergraduate programs of study, plus nine master's depostmaster's Educational



graduated from Catholic Central High School with a 4.132 grade point average. He is the

versity, in Marquette, has announced the dean's list for the winter semester, which

Alto, qualified for the dean's list earning a GPA of 3.25 to

Unlimited raises creates one acre of restored, created, enhanced or protected wetland habitat.

Since its inception in bership has grown to over 750,000 members in the U.S. Michigan has 32,000 active members and raised over \$2.4 million last year. On a national level, Ducks Unlimited has raised over \$1.5 billion and conserved over 10.3 million acres in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

For more information on Ducks Unlimited contact www.ducks.org.



Erin Doyle, 17, earned a 4.071 grade point average during her four years at Catholic Central High School. She is the daughter of Brian and Cheryl Doyle. The graduate plans to study political science at the Franciscan Uni-



Lofty Plans: Architect shares Main Street Loft idea with Council.

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

chitects Inc., believes his concept of development for the three-story portion of the Flat River Antique Mall is a good

"I think it's a good project, but I don't know what the the east side of the building

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Craig said.

dominiums on the second and third floors.

"What we're trying to do Richard Craig, Craig Ar- now is find out if there is anyone in the Lowell area who wants to live there." Craig said. "If there isn't an interest, then there's no reason to continue."

Craig will erect a sign on

has renovated a five-story warehouse building in Grand Rapids now known as Mon-

roe Terrace. "The condominiums are marketed toward couples in their 60's and divorced single men.

Councilman Mike Blough said the concept

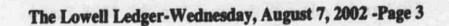
second and third floors. Craig ing and electric would have to in size from 900 to 1600 where from \$159,000 to square feet; the price any- \$259,000. be replaced." The condos would range

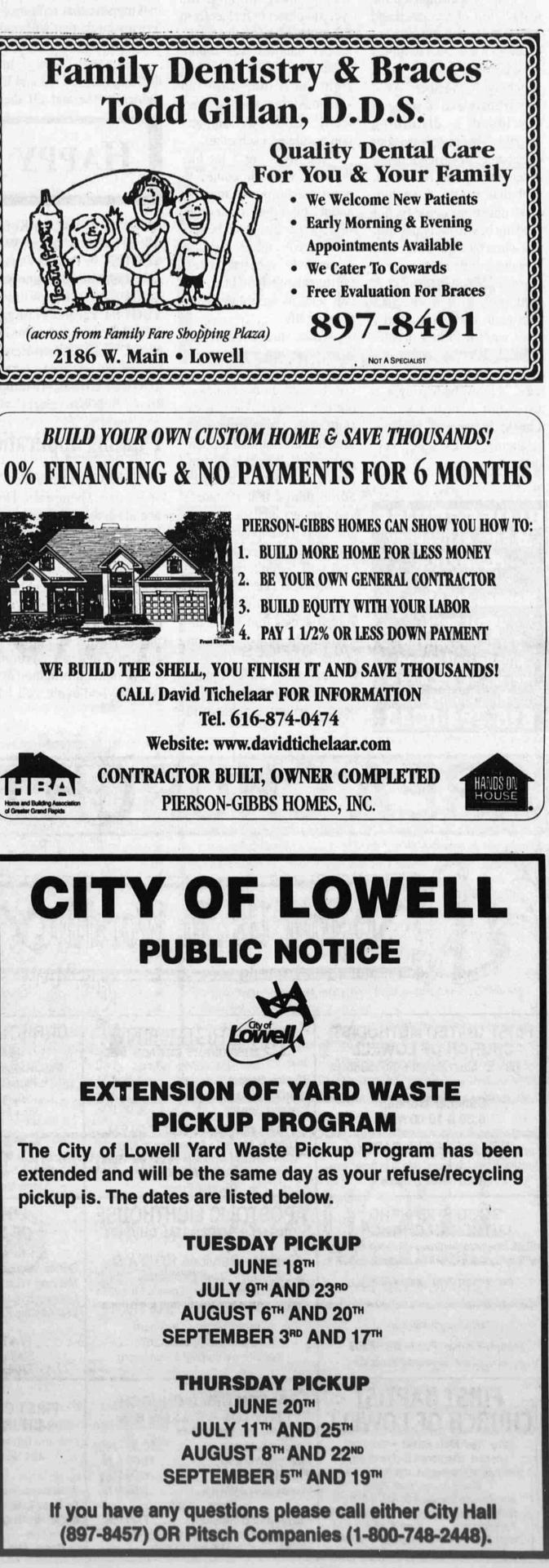
> Politics is a profession; a serious, complicated and, in its true sense, a noble -President Dwight David Eisenhower

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Pastor Bob Roush Friendship Country Chapel

I had just completed the installation of the overhead fan for my friend and we were ready for a test run. I switched on the power and we stood watching it together. As it slowly increased in speed, it developed a disturbing "wobble" because it was out of balance. My friend, being a recovering perfectionist. said that would drive him crazy unless we could fix it. I tried my best to convince him that when the lights were out, he wouldn't be able to see it anyway. "Listen, that fan is right over my bed," he said with great emphasis, "and I don't want it falling on me. Besides, I'll still know it's out of balance even if I can't see it." I knew he was right, I just didn't want to take the time to balance it because balancing takes time, you time and take note of the subknow.

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The manufacturer had supplied several weights which we were supposed to stick on the blades. The idea was to keep moving the weights closer or further from the center of the blades till the proper balance was found. When we finally found the right position, the fan smoothed out and ran perfectly. "Cool," we said, and congratulated each other.

Our lives are a lot like that fan when it comes to many teachings and theories about Christianity these days. If certain doctrines or beliefs do not occupy the proper place in our lives, it creates a certain unbalanced condition that can send us wobbling along through life.

To be sure, doctrine and beliefs are important but it is imperative that they be properly located on the blades of our life. Listen to the general flow of a conversation some ject matter. Where is the emphasis? Is there a balance? Some things that dominate and create imbalance in life are things like baptism, church attendance, concepts about God, golf, fishing, sports, etc.

Now don't get me wrongnone of these things are bad in themselves, but if not located in the proper position on the "blade of our lives," it will cause an awful imbalance. To be sure some people need spiritual emphasis in

their lives while others need to play golf or bowl a little bit and become "real." There are is that the critical thing that some who need to get their every human begin needs is heads out of the spiritual fog becoming part of God's kingthey're running around in and dom through Jesus Christ and find out what "real" Chris- when that happens, all these tianity is all about. The prob- other things will shingle lem is that balancing takes down in proper order behind time and energy and most of that; in other words, they will us would rather go through all find their proper balance life out of balance. I have point in your life. At 64 years come to learn that all of life, of age, I'm making it my from the cradle to the grave, consists of adjusting the my life before all people as a weights on the blades of life, man with a balanced walk making sure that nothing en- before both God and man. ters my circle that will cause That was how Jesus did it an imbalance.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first do it-may it be true with you the kingdom of God and His too. Keep balanced. righteousness and all these

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

things shall be added unto

you." What He means to say

mission these days to live

and that's how I'm trying to

AUGUST 8: Jennifer Kimble, Chris Goggins, John Rasch, Allen Hoekstra, Sharell Wolf, Debra Mercer. AUGUST 9: Pamela Esparza, Steven Burrows.

AUGUST 10: Madeline Scott.

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Steve Martin, Sr., Gaylord Heaston. AUGUST 13: Robert Hewitt, Ryan Christenson, Ryan Roe,

Mike Roth.

AUGUST 14: Adam Billingsley, Aaron Christenson, Betsey Brenk, Bob Wilzcewski.

Y taking applications for riding camp

YMCA Camp Manitou-lin is still accepting applications for its first Therapeutic Horseback Riding Day Camp for special needs children ages 8 to 14.

The camp is being held Aug. 18-23; deadline for submitting applications is Aug. 9.

Campers will be supervised by a combination of experienced camp staff and volunteers; certified therapeutic riding instructor, Julie Suwyn will conduct the riding lessons.

Children will get a chance to learn what it takes to care for a horse and its equipment and have a fun summer camp experience in a safe environment.

For more information or to register for the camp, located south of Middleville, call 1-888-909-2267.

Sting Operation ••• European wasp creates cautiousness on carriers' part.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It used to be, through rain, snow, sleet or hail, the U.S. mail carriers would prevail. Now, it seems, the European Paper Wasp needs to be added to that little ditty.

The new threat to the safe delivery of mail arrived from Europe about 20 years ago and settled in Massachusetts. From there, the insects moved through New York, sometime during the past decade, and have now spread through the Midwest, including various locations throughout Michi

The wasps gather and nest in concealed cavities such as hollow tube and bushes located in fields. Lowell postal carriers have opened up mailboxes only

to have these wasps come flying out at them. "We've had two carriers who have been stung," said Lowell postmaster, Gil Brown. "I've sent out Toby (Jones) to spray nests all over the Lowell area. They are a huge problem not only for carriers, but for children on playgrounds. These wasps are inside boxes, underneath boxes

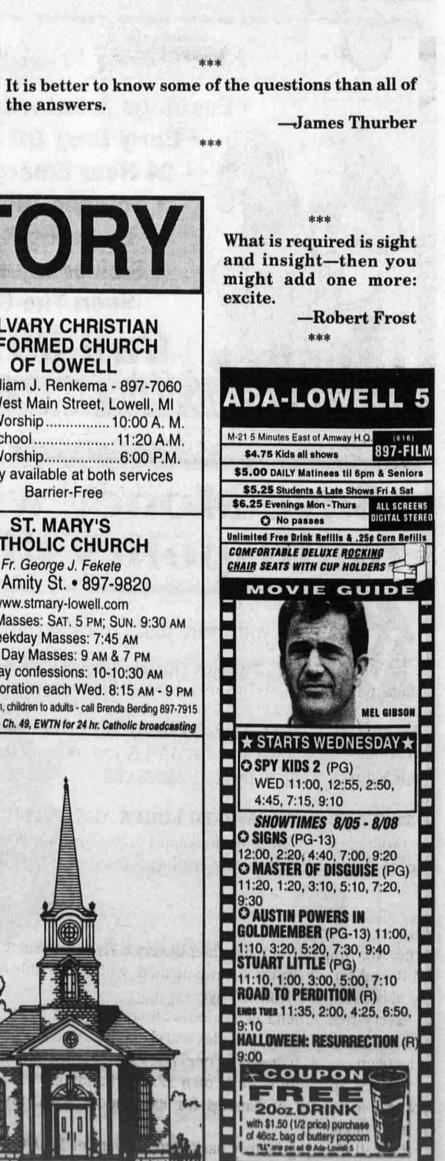
and around wooden posts." The wasps are easily provoked, more likely to chase someone a short distance after being provoked and can sting repeatedly. They are able to release a chemical signal which "marks" the sting victim, attracting other wasps to sting the same person.

Brown asks that Lowell residents check their mailboxes for bees, wasps and nests and then spray if any are found. When treating the bites, sting victims should wash the area with soap and water; apply an ice pack to the sting site to help reduce swelling (do not place ice directly on skin) and watch for any signs of an allergic reaction.

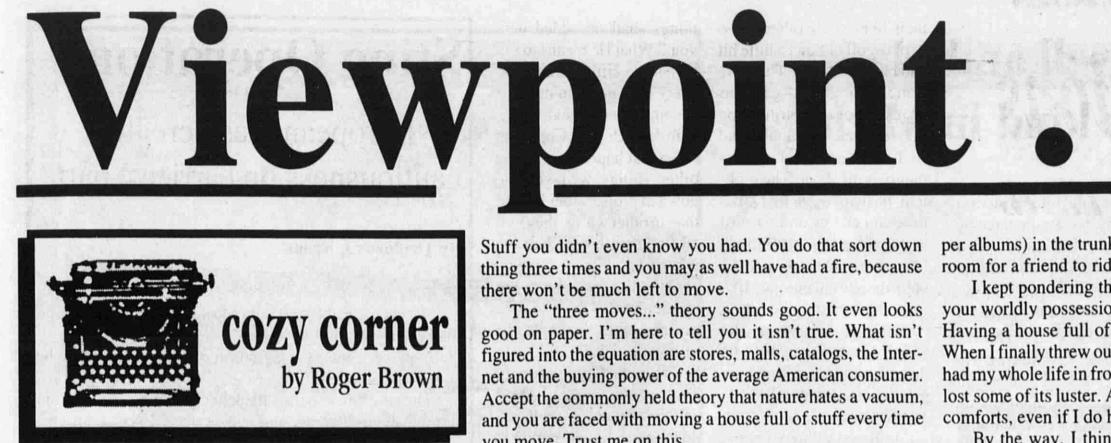
Area residents are reminded to regularly inspect the outside of their homes, playground areas and mailboxes, particularly to open piping and cavities where nests can be

the answers.

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There was no Cozy Corner last week because my computer was down. The computer was down because a small army of techno-geeks was trying to install what is turning out to be the dump, recycle, Salvation Army off to our kids. We put stuff out broadband satellite uplink system from hell. More about this by the street for sale. When it didn't sell we put a "free" sign new system when, and if, the geeks ever get it up and running. moved. We now live in the sticks where there is no DSL service hates a vacuum, and there is no shortage of merchants out there available. There was no Cozy Corner two weeks ago because ready to help you fill the void. we were moving. And you all thought I had been on vacation.

move less than two years ago. Those readers may recall that the general theme of those columns ran along the lines of, "Oh my aching back" and "Never again, I'm staying put this time." I will again remind you that you should never believe what is written in this space.

We are supposed to learn from our elders. My grandparents lived in the same house for 65 years. They only moved once, and that was because their first house burned down. My it to my house, cleaned it up, touched up the paint and it served parents have lived in the same house since 1959. This was our as a great place to lean fishing rods. I never used it. eighth move. We're regular gypsies, or nomads by comparison. So much for learning from our elders.

spewing is, "Three moves are as good as a fire". I always interpreted that to mean that when moving and sorting down for the Salvation Army, moving sales and the dumpster, you get rid of a lot of stuff.

Stuff that is out of style. Stuff that was never in style. Stuff you never use. Stuff that doesn't work. Stuff that doesn't fit.

thing three times and you may as well have had a fire, because there won't be much left to move.

The "three moves..." theory sounds good. It even looks good on paper. I'm here to tell you it isn't true. What isn't figured into the equation are stores, malls, catalogs, the Internet and the buying power of the average American consumer. Accept the commonly held theory that nature hates a vacuum, and you are faced with moving a house full of stuff every time you move. Trust me on this.

sold a lot of the furniture to the buyers. We hauled stuff to the on it. Even after all of that, I swear we moved more stuff this The uplink system is being installed because we have time than last. Where did it all come from? Like I said, nature

The void is filled by things you buy specifically. A toaster Alert readers may remember columns I wrote about a for a space on the counter or a picture for a blank spot on the wall. Then there is the stuff you get through osmosis. It's stuff that just takes up space and you have to search your memory banks to even know why you have it. Here's an example.

About five years ago my mother-in-law bought a home a few miles away from our place. The previous owner had left a huge weight machine behind. With visions of a TV Soloflex ad dancing in my head, I put my name on it. I took it apart, hauled

When we moved two years ago I again took the monstrosity apart, moved it, cleaned it, put it back together and used it One of the few printable witticisms my father is fond of as a rod rack. Two weeks ago I went through the same routine. I have yet to use the machine for it's intended purpose. I have more moving "reps" than bench press "reps".

Throughout the ordeal of this last move my thoughts kept drifting back to thirty years ago. I had been discharged from the army in Colorado and moved back to Michigan. I moved everything I owned (mostly stereo equipment and Alice Coo-



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 8, 1877

The organ grinder and his monkey were in Lowell again this week.

Pete Byrnes of Vergennes raised 27 1/2 bushels of Gold Medal wheat on half an acre.

Base ball tournament at Grand Rapids Aug. 21-24. Premiums of \$450 will be awarded.

made a run of 381 points in an exhibition at Rosbach's rooms Friday night

G.C. Hunter writes from Wisconsin that he and some other Lowell boys are earning up to \$2.50 a day, working in the wheat harvest.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 7, 1902 safe and simple: Quick Meal Gasoline Stoves, sold by R.B. Boylan.

The Ada Pioneer Picnic Aug. 14 will feature Congressman William Alden Smith among other speakers, and a base ball game. Ada Smith Miller, daughter of very early settler Sidney Smith and for whom the town is named, will not be able to attend because of advancing age.

wear and tear on horses, vehicles and profanity. A man, a boy and a team can do wonders in one day.

Lowell Specialty is in its own 22x100 building and has received a carload of handles for its window and ceiling cleaning device.

Lowell Canning factory has taken delivery of 50,000 tin

cans.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 11, 1927 Ten people were arrested in Ionia over the weekend for

Prohibition violations. An Ada farmer is prevented from burning down his house and barn in a Prohibition-related raid.

King Milling buildings are repainted and the water power gates and flume overhauled in preparation for the busy harvest goods at the fair.

Other work happening this summer which may not be so season. They are also offering many prizes for best baked visible includes parking lot repairs at the Lowell Middle School and Cherry Creek Elementary School, completion of L.E. Johnson's opening of the new Ford Garage at Main several technology upgrades, repair work in the Cherry Creek and Hudson will include a free dance. gymnasium, replacement of lockers in a wing at the middle Mrs. Austin Coons demonstrates MSC Extension's methschool, new exterior lighting at Cherry Creek, and minor ods of hot pack canning to the Garden Lore Club. She put up mechanical work in the middle school. 3000 cans of food last year and anticipates 4000 this year.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 7, 1952

Over 100 men, three fire departments and three hay balers save the Blaser barn five miles north of Lowell, where 70 tons of loose hay piled in the haymow overheated. The hay is pitched out of the barn to the balers, then stacked well away from buildings. Job done 5 1/2 hours after discovery of the fire. Village council passes Lowell's first building code and

zoning ordinance, three years in the making.

Boy scouts secure a long-term lease of village land near the pumping station and prepare to build the longed-for lodge. More than 1000 deer have been killed by autos in a six-Randolph Heiser, champion St. Louis billiard player, county area of central Michigan over the past three years. The Alto Merchant Softballers win their fifth Tri-County

League championship.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 11, 1977

Jaycees and YMCA are sponsoring a doubles tennis tour-Front page ad: "No soot smoke dirt or ashes; quick clean nament this Saturday, with trophies in the men's and women's division.

A conventional semi-trailer, converted to an open-top grain trailer, buckles under the weight of its first load of wheat at King Milling.

Gary Kemp and Richard Korb will be the new principal and assistant principal of the high school.

The new 1.3 million-dollar water treatment plant began Every road around needs loose stones removed to save pumping early Tuesday morning. Warnings about rust and softer water include never turning the hot water on until after cold runs clear.

Curt Fonger is appointed news director of WOTV.

Stuff you didn't even know you had. You do that sort down per albums) in the trunk and back seat of a Dodge. I even had room for a friend to ride along with his stuff.

I kept pondering the question which is better. Having all your worldly possessions in the trunk of a car has its appeal. Having a house full of creature comforts also has its merits. When I finally threw out the fact I was thirty years younger and had my whole life in front of me, the living out of a car scenario lost some of its luster. At my age I guess I'll keep my creature comforts, even if I do have to move them once in awhile.

By the way, I think I still have those old Alice Cooper When we moved less than two years ago we did it all. We albums stashed in a box somewhere. They have survived about a dozen moves, even though I don't own a turntable anymore. So much for the "three moves..." theory.



Long-range planning from 1997 to 1999 by a communitybased Demographics Committee resulted in passage of a bond issue in September 2000. The main focus of the bond issue included a new gymnasium at Alto, an addition to our high school, two new elementary schools, technology upgrades, and some minor renovation projects. All of these projects were designed to keep up with our growing population of students and to maintain our facilities.

As you may remember, the board of education decided to hold off building the first new elementary school due to a flattening of our student growth at the lower grades this past year. Instead we moved the high school addition up on the construction schedule to help with our growth.

The work on this \$4 million dollar high school project began in the spring and will be completed in time for the 2003-2004 school year. The 21,000 square foot addition is comprised of six general education classrooms, one special education resource room, two science labs, an expansion of the fitness center, and a small cafeteria. The long-range goal is that this new wing, located on the north side of the building, will eventually become a ninth-grade academy

I hope you have an opportunity to drive by the high school to see the progress being made. As this article goes to print, some of the exterior walls are up and you should be able to get an idea of what this new addition will look like. If you would like to see a rendering of the addition, please feel free to stop into the high school where we have a couple of drawings on display in the principal's office.

We continue to move forward with the different construction projects that were approved by our voters over two years ago. We will be watching very carefully our student enrollment numbers this fall to determine if we will in fact be able to begin construction of our first new elementary school slated for the Murray Lake area.

As always, if you have any questions about any schoolrelated topics, please do not hesitate to call or contact me at 897-8415 or jwhite@lowell.k12.mi.us.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters... The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell

Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Rockford/Lowell ambulance only one of its kind in Michigan

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Rockford/Lowell Ambulance's newest member to its ambulance fleet is truly unlike any other in the state.

• \$8.50/hr.

• any shift

Plastic Injection

• requires excellent

• call Manpower 897-0050

It Pays To Work

attendance

Thursday, is manufactured by American LaFrance on a Freightline chassis with a Mercedes-Benz power train. The cost was a couple

thousand dollars less than the The new ambulance, ambulances currently in ser-

which was put into service on vice. It is also more fuel efficient

The Sprinter 3500 SHC will get 20 miles per gallon, while the current one gets 10-

"The maintenance costs should be dramatically reduced, making the new ambulance cost effective and also environmentally friendly in fuel savings," said Rockford/Lowell Ambulance supervisor, Charles Premer.

The patient care compartment offers more storage space for equipment and supplies necessary in the care of patients. The ambulance's larger cabinets make for easy visual recognition and ease of access to the necessary items in a time of need.

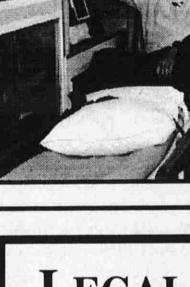
"The main feature of the patient compartment is the increased headroom. This allows more comfort for the paramedics and allows patients to feel less closed in while being treated and transported," Premer said

Another innovative feature is the sliding side door, allowing clear access to the patient compartment. The large rear doors also fold flush to the sides, allowing easier loading and access to equipment at the scene.

The new European style Rockford/Lowell ambulance is not only economical but also fuel efficient. Pictured to the right is paramedic, Mike York.

"This new ambulance moves Rockford/Lowell Ambulance into the millennium of EMS and our desire to become trend-setters in West Michigan EMS (Emergency Medical Service),' Premer concludes.

Proceeds Benefit Shrine Temple



PARAMEDIC UNIT -





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LEGAL NOTICES

CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 02-173,875-DE

> Estate of JOE M. DEVRIES Deceased Date of birth: 11/6/1909

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS:

The decedent, JOE M. **DEVRIES**, who lived at 11535 E. Fulton, Lowell Michigan, died 5/21/ 2002. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to SCUDDER W **DEVRIES & GERTRUDE DEVRIES**, named copersonal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within months after the date of publication of this notice.

MICHAEL J. TUMMINO, (P21618) 311 East Main Lowell, MI 49331 616-897-5931

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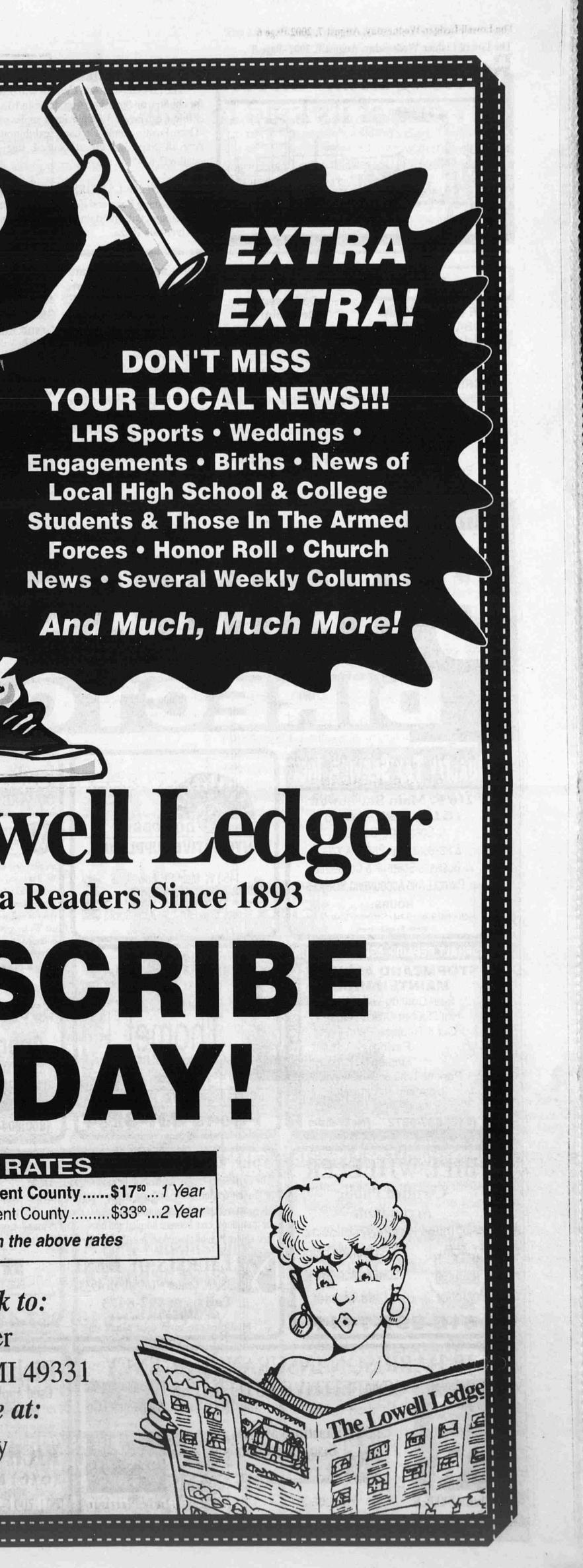
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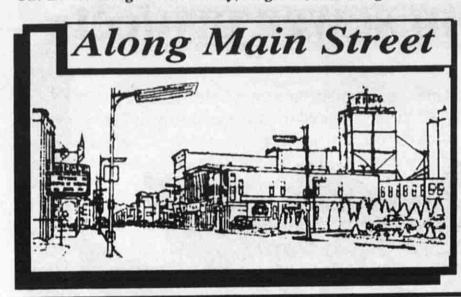
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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 02-173,924-

Estate of

MARY LYNN MARSHALL Deceased Date of birth: June 2, 1943

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARY LYNN MARSHALL who lived at 2704 Central Ave. S.W., Wyoming, Michigan, 49509 died 07/12/ 02. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all

6090 Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

claims against the estate MARY L. BENEDICT will be forever barred unless presented to STEVE 4519 Cascade Rd. SE CARPENTER, named Ste. 14 personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W., 3rd floor, Grand Rapids, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the

date of publication of this

notice.

call 897-8545.

at Riverwalk Plaza.

(P45285) Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-942-0020

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

for children on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Young

children can create 3-dimensional apples to be included in the

"Oren Frost's Apple Orchard" exhibition which runs from

Aug. 18 - Sept. 21 at the arts council. Registration is required

CONCERT SERIES ON THE RIVERWALK

rock groups, will entertain from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8

Vanishing Point and Flat Broke, two alternative Christian

The Lowell Area Arts Council will offer a free workshop

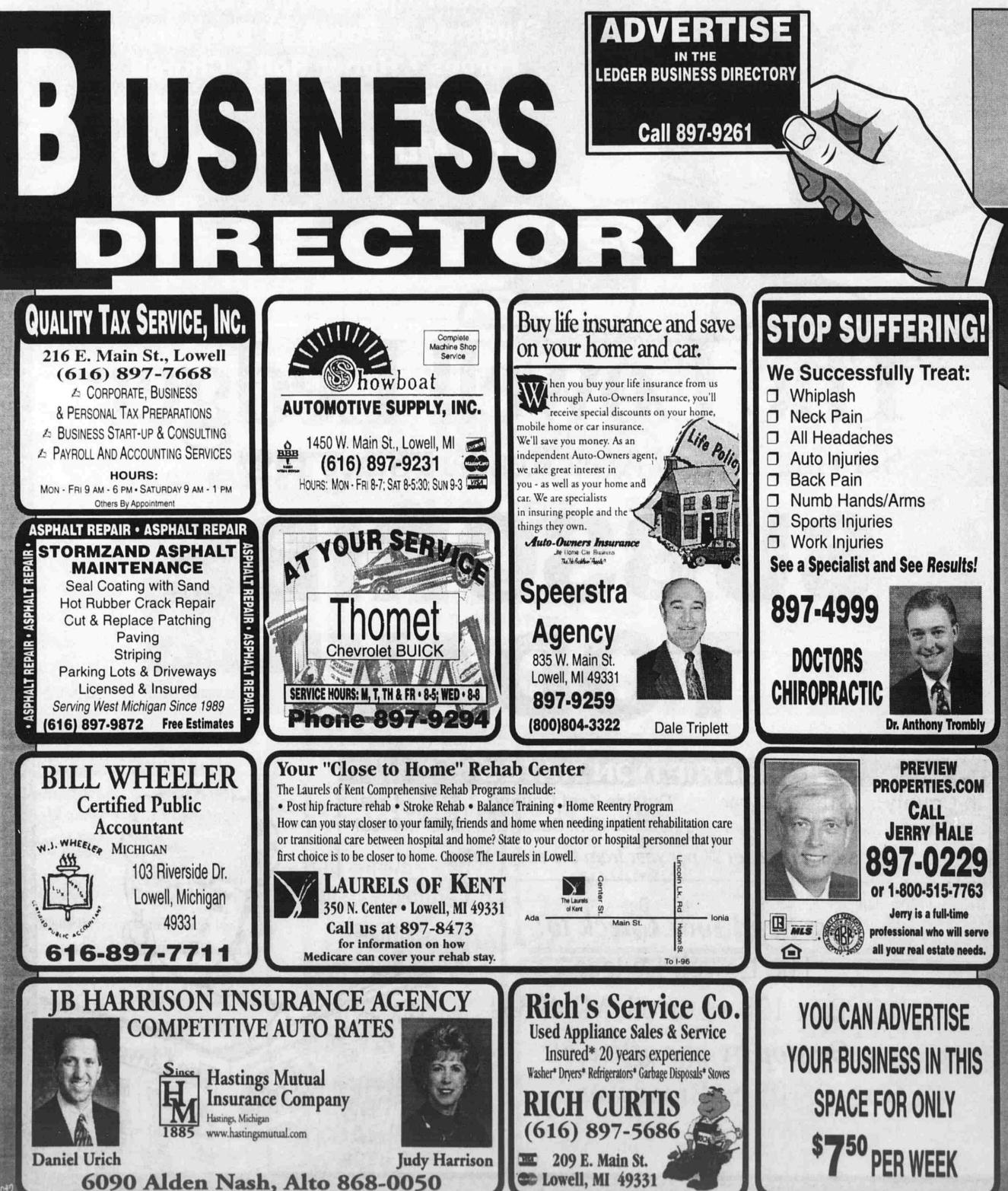
08-01-02 STEVE CARPEN- 897-9161. TER 5087 Whitneyville Ada, MI 49301 616-868-0722

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UPS Youth football, 78er or cheerleading sign-ups will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary on Thursday, Aug. 8 from 6-8 p.m. A copy of their birth certificate is required for new signups. Call 897-7896 with any questions.

The 4-H Showboat Bunnies, a.k.a. Showboat Buddies, 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.

RIVERWALK GALLERY WATERCOLOR SHOW The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is now presenting a watercolor and mixed media show by Lowell artist, Jerri Teelander. A reception will be held Friday, Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. and runs through Sept. 3 at Riverwalk Gallery. Call 897-9161 for viewing.

WANTED: PARADE PARTICIPANTS If you are interested in participating in the Labor Day parade on Saturday, Aug. 31, call Liz at the Chamber office at



Cowell, MI 49331

LOWELL YOUTH

LOOKING FOR HISTORY **ON SHOWBOAT BUNNIES**



Yes, an archaeologist to be used in storm sewer project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The M-21 curb and gutter storm sewer project between Valley Vista and West streets will not be your standard summer endeavor.

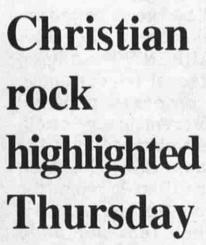
During the course of the project review, the state of Michigan determined that the project site could possibly

contain significant archaeological artifacts or features.

It will be financed from a federal Surface Transportation Therefore, an archaeologist must be utilized during the Grant (80 percent) and budgeted in major street funds. Wyocourse of construction to determine if any artifacts exist. ming Excavators, Inc. has been contracted for the job. The City of Lowell has contracted Andrews Cultural Resources of Fountain, Mich., to perform the task. The cost for cost for this project will be \$160,598.70. the service is \$4,230, which will be reduced to \$3,250 if no The archaeologists on site will monitor and identify any cultural material that may be associated with the site. artifacts are found. Upon discovery of potentially significant materials, con-

The actual curb and gutter storm sewer project is sched-





Vanishing Point and Flat Broke will entertain in week nine of the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts. The alternative Christian rock concert will start at 7

o'clock. Vanishing Point is made up of group members Jordan Moore, Nick Marek, Kraig Brown and Ryan Spans. "We write all of our own

music and hope that people like it." Moore said. The group has been to-

gether for only six months and has just finished cutting its own demo CD.

"The music tells about the things that God has done in our lives and we turn our experiences into music.



uled to begin within the next couple of weeks.

struction could be temporarily stopped so the area can be examined, tested and sampled.

If significant artifacts are found, the state archaeologist will be consulted to determine the course of action. Councilman Chuck Myers noted that in 1837 the area was

reserved for a university site. "A missed opportunity," he explained.



STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 02-173,914-DE

Estate of GAIL FRIESNER, Deceased Date of birth: 05/14/ 1940

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS:

The decedent, GAIL FRIESNER, who lived at 534 Foreman St., Lowell. Michigan, died 07/25/02. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to WILLIAM PIAR, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, MI and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Clippings from the Storm











State cuts Lowell School District's Readiness funds by nearly half

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For Lowell and many other area school districts, news that Detroit would receive a larger portion of the state's school Readiness funds meant that its allocation would be decreased. Lowell received \$105,600 for the 2001-02 school year; in 2002-03 it will only receive \$62,700, representing a 41 percent

Lowell assistant superintendent to finance and personnel,

Connie Gillette made it clear that the district would find the funds needed to fund the Readiness program.

"It's important because it targets the at-risk four-yearolds. It is important that we meet their needs," Gillette explained. "Yes, it means less for us, but the money is still being used for education of needy kids at risk." Gillette said the district anticipated the cuts could be

coming, but budgeted for the full amount. Lowell, like others, is also incurring a cut in Title I

Catch of the Day

Lowell's Jacob Gould, 10, was trolling on the Grand River for walleye with his father, Ryan, on Sunday when he hooked this 42 inch, 23 pound catfish on his 5 1/2 foot bass rod. With the help of his father, it took 15-20 minutes to land the catfish. Jacob and his dad kept the fish alive in a large cooler so that pictures could be taken. The catfish was released back into the river two hours later at the same location it was caught. Jacob said he released it so he could "catch it again when it got bigger."



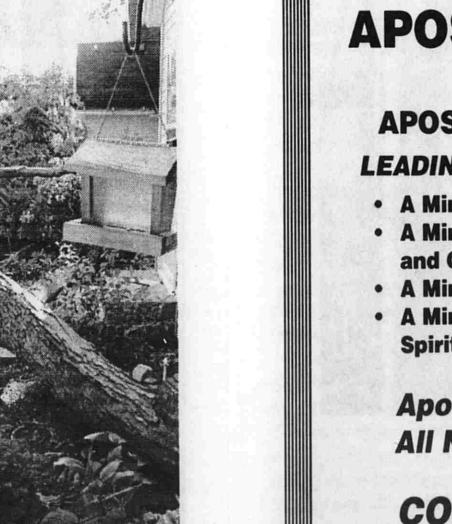
Parnell Grocery robbed; suspect arraigned

A 19-year-old Rockford man was arraigned in 63rd District Court in connection with the Parnell Grocery break-in on Sunday, July 28.

The Parnell Grocery, at 10391 Five Mile Rd. NE, reported a front window had been broken into and numerous items taken during the early morning hours.

Missing were lottery tickets, liquor, cigarettes and pop. Eric James Hoon, 19, of Rockford, was arraigned on Wednesday (July 31). He is being charged with one count of breaking and entering of a business. Bond was set at \$7,500 cash/

Following a traffic stop, deputies searched Hoon's vehicle where they discovered items from the recent break-in.



Lowell's Mike Lessens had some cleaning up to do before he could back out of his driveway.

APOSTOLIC MINISTRY WITH **APOSTLE - PASTOR VIRGIL LONG LEADING THE BODY OF CHRIST HIGHER!**

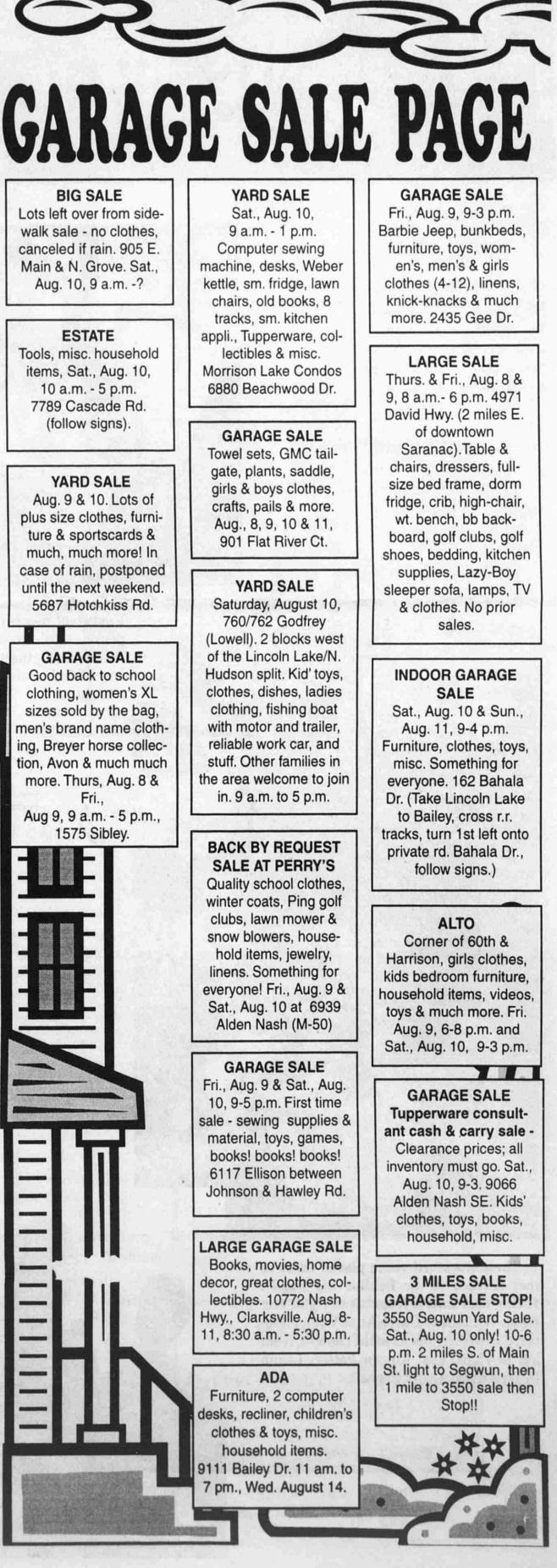
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Apostle Virgil Long Operates In All Nine Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

COME AND BE BLESSED!

DATE:	August 16, 17 & 18
PLACE:	Grace Emmanuel Mission Church
	5959 N. State (M-66) Ionia on the
	corner of M-44 & M-66
TIME:	7:30 p.m.
PHONE:	1-810-714-3229





programs. Gillette said that figure would be less than \$40,000. The assistant superintendent said it looks as though funding for these cuts may be found in the larger than expected student enrollment and/or through President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" program.

Clarity, which indicates how large of an increase in student enrollment, will not be known until the third Wednesday of the school year. "Right now it looks as though it will be larger than what was budgeted. But we won't know for sure until we see the whites of their eyes," she explained. "Once we know the student numbers, then we can see where we are at."

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Cindy Rice, of Kentwood, uses her hat to provide a little shade from the sun during the Beltline **Big Band concert on** Thursday.





The big band sounds played softly in the background as Grand Rapids' Daphne Shutts reads the daily paper.



These Rockford youth played cards as they listened to the Beltline Big Band Facing the camera, from left to right, are: Becky Winter and CarrieAnne Winter. Pictured with their backs to the camera, from left to right, are: Megan Potter, Leann **DeWeese and Jenny Cornell.**



Music To Read Your Paper By...

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- FOURTH MONDAY OF St. Luke's Lutheran ing Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. 800-651-6000. in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and at Schneider Manor, Bldg. Call Linda 874-5662; teen Saranac areas. We prefer D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8 p.m. group call Sarah 281-6588. such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail,

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.

but will accept notices by

phone at 897-9261.

MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environ- 6481 ment. Public invited.

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

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

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

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The 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.

EACH MONTH: American

THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults Center, 402 Amity St., non-EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY1STMON .: V.F.W. Connie 942-6887. Post #8303 (men only) Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:00 p.m.

1ST SUN. OF EACH Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th- EVERY WED .: Pioneer FIRST AND THIRD grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergroup meets at 3 p.m. to during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-St. Enjoy hiking/camping. dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868- Call 897-5894 for details.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Sensibly Tops MI#372 gational Church basement. p.m. at Trinity Lutheran bile Home Park Community EVERY WED .: Rotary Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 meets at noon at Lowell

> program at 9 a.m. in pers" (senior adults) meets Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 at Franciscan Life Process

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

TUES., WED, THURS .: at King Memorial Youth Ionia County Literacy Center at the Fairgrounds. EVERY THIRD THURS .: Council, free help with Call 897-6050. learning English: 6:30 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & EVERY SECOND WED .: the Lowell Masonic Cen-Paul Catholic School, High Grand Rapids Machine ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or Knitters Club meets at Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. 897-7020.

1ST TUES .: Adults with Sara Coates 365-1247 or AD/HD at Calvin College,7- Bette Frieswyk 949-8655. 9p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at EVERY SECOND WED .: ing7p.m. Mother to mother 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- munity room at Schneider Nursing children welcome ent Group meetings 7:30 Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business EVERY FOURTH WED .: THIRD FRI .: All players & meetings/odd months; pro- Elderly volunteers needed listeners: Join Nick & Patti gram meetings/even for Intergenerational pro- at The New Riverview, Mmonths. Open to all.

of Columbus #7719 meets p.m. Call Sister Colleen

EVERY SECOND TUES .: ment Center, 897-7842. Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. EVERY FOURTH WED .: Call Lana 691-8450 for at the Masonic Center, 119 Support group for Periph-Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All eral neuropathy meets at 4 Masons are welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: gan Dr. Grand Rapids. Historical Society meets 1 Lowell Lions Club meets at 897-9794. 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson. THURS .: Weight Watch- Headley.

EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- Church, 201 N. Washing- SECOND THURS. OF

Church, 32156 4 Mile NE

with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call

6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. EVERY MON .: Boy Scout Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

green Missionary Church,

TUES .: Take Off Pounds meets at Lowell Congre-

Masonic Temple.

TUES: Walking-exercise EVERY WED .: The "Pep-

Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. 7842.

Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. EVERY THIRD THURS .:

G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in com-

gram with school-age 21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk children from Lowell in Music" session, 7:30 p.m. EVERY SECOND & activities. Times: 9:45 to -? Call 897-0099 Nick or FOURTH TUES .: Knights 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 897-9948 Lyle. St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the FRI: Walking-exercise pro-Franciscan Child Develop-

> p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michi-

ers at Lowell Nazarene ents of children w/AD/HD ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. EACH MONTH: Geneal-Issues Group meeting at Registration begins 1/2 ogy - Alto Family Tree

hour before meetings. New members invited 1- 8 p.m.

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

meets at V.F.W. EVERY OTHER WED .: FIRST THURS .: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

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

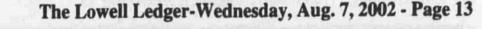
EVERY MON .: Lowell Old Belding Rd. No charge. Center from 1-3:30 p.m. EVERY THIRD THURS .: High School Fellowship of Call Lana 691-8450 for info. \$10 per week. Transporta- Parents Supporting Partion available. Call Pat at ents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics/ discussion for parents of children all ages. 897-

> Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at

LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meetsupport for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Adachurch.Call 752-8300

gram 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. info.

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





Club at Alto Library 6:30 -

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

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS Serving from 11:30 a.m.-4 COUNCIL: Open Tues., p.m. Arts & crafts, raffle. Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; baked goods, games, mu Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., sical entertainment. 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

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

THURS., AUG. 8: Alternative Christian rock groups: Vanishing Point and Flat Broke from 7-9 p.m at Riverwalk Plaza.

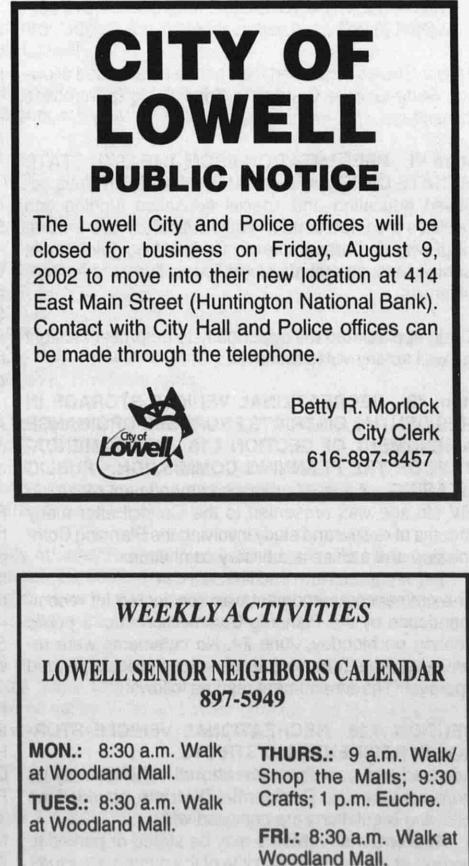
SAT., AUG. 10: LAAC children's workshop from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Children can make 3-dimensional apples for upcoming Oren Frost's Apple Orchard exhibition beginning Aug. 18. Registration required. Call 897-8545.

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.

MON., AUG. 19: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 family picnic at Creekside Park, 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass & own table service. Meat & pop

SUN., AUG. 25: 7th annual Parish Festival & Chicken BBQ at St. Anthony Church, Saranac.

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.



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

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

Shores.

Absent: Councilmember Brubaker and Pfaller. Also Present: City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Light and Councilmember Brubaker's previous comments, tempo-Power and Cable TV Boardmembers Norm Borgerson and Bill Thompson, and Planning Commissioner Al forced by the Police Department on a complaint basis. Mathews.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by Myers to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Brubaker citizen comments. There was A great amount of discusand Pfaller. YEA: 3.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the July 1, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 3. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED

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

YEA: 3. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED

> **BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/16/02)** .\$139,180.26 **GENERAL FUND**74.21 MAJOR STREET FUND .68.94 LOCAL STREET FUND 7,033.65 DDA FUND CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND .. 11,943.28 .3.608.97 AIRPORT FUND WASTEWATER FUND ... 31.95 .7.915.21 WATER FUND DATA PROCESSING FUND .. .4,000.00 EQUIPMENT FUND 1,619.50 LOOK FUND 304.00

Mayor Shores requested the agenda be adjusted allowing State Senate Candidate Brian Craig to introduce YEA: 3. himself.

Item #1. PRESENTATION FROM THE 29TH STATE MOTION CARRIED. SENATE CANDIDATE BRIAN CRAIG. Brian Craig believed education and special education funding and Item #3. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SPRING facilities are important. It is also critical to have a vision of growth and urban sprawl. Craig stated government should have an attitude of service, culture and responsiveness.

as well as any votes received.

Item #2. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS PROPOSED ORDINANCE After consulting with the Police and Public Works Depart-AMENDMENT OF SECTION 4.16 - RECOMMENDA- ment, City Manager Pasquale recommended the Coun-TION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC cil grant these requests. HEARING. A zoning ordinance amendment regarding RV storage was presented to the Council after many months of review and study involving the Planning Commission and a citizens advisory committee.

The ordinance amendment was considered for recom- pedestrians because of this service. mendation by the Planning Commission after a public hearing on Monday, June 24. No comments were re- Schmaltz noted the services would be held outside, ceived and the Commission unanimously recommended approval. The amendment read as follows:

SECTION 4.16 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STOR-AGE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

stored or parked in Residential Districts, provided the following regulations are complied with:

A. Recreational vehicles may be stored or parked to NAY: 0. the rear of the front building line of the primary structure.

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B. Recreational vehicles may be stored or parked in a line.

C. Recreational vehicles may be used for temporary occupancy for one (1) period not to exceed nine (9) consecutive days during any six (6) consecutive calen-For the Regular Meeting of TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2002. dar months as long as they are otherwise in compliance with this Section 4.16.

> Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten days after it, or a summary thereof, as permitcirculation in the City.

After receiving public comments, the Council may con- Authority. sider adopting the amendment. With reference to rary occupancy of recreational vehicles would be en-

Dwain Scheller of 692 Birchwood Court thanked the Planning Commission and City Council for listening to sion and he was able to meet many citizens from Lowell. He also believed this was a good experience for his children. This allowed them to see that if there is an issue from one who voices an opinion and works toward a resolution in a productive way, it can be solved.

Al Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive stated this was a great responded yes. show of compromise of the community. The voices of concerned citizens were heard and issues were worked out.

Councilmember Blough received a phone call from a citizen commenting on the proposed ordinance. The citizen recognized what a great job the community had YEA: 3. done working on this particular ordinance. However, the NAY: 0. citizen still felt, even after attending some of the worksessions, it was less than perfect. The citizen was MOTION CARRIED. most concerned this ordinance did not give a setback from the side lot line. The caller noted while this ordinance would allow for recreational vehicles to be parked in a driveway, it would be very difficult for a recreational vehicle to stay in a driveway, if there is a side setback. Blough said there are many driveways in town where this is the case.

Blough believed this comes down to not having such an ordinance in the City and neighbors working with one another using common sense.

Mayor Shores noted she also received a call concerning the same issue.

Councilmember Myers received no calls.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to adopt the zoning ordinance amendment involving recreational vehicle storage in residential districts.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2.

STREET FROM NORTH HUDSON TO LINCOLN LAKE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 - REQUESTED BY THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. The First Congregational Church wishes to have an outdoor service on Sunday, August 18. The church wants to have Spring Craig appreciated the opportunity to be present tonight Street closed between North Hudson and Lincoln Lake from 9 a.m. to noon as well as using the northeast section of Richards Park.

Representative Mary Schmaltz explained the request has been made because their piano is electrical and cables would need to be run across the street. The church did not want to cause any harm to cars or

weather permitting.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to grant the request to close Spring Street from North Hudson to Lincoln Lake on Sunday, August 18 for First Licensed and operable recreational vehicles may be Congregational Church including the north east side of Richards Park from 9 a.m. to noon.

YEA: 3. ABSENT: 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT A driveway not less than ten (10) feet from the front lot LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSAL **BE SUBMITTED ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002 ELEC-**TION. City Attorney Richard Wendt explained the ballot proposal provides, if approved by the electors, a 1/4 of a mill (equal to \$.25 per thousand value of taxable value) to be levied for a ten-year period beginning July 1 of 2003 through June 30, 2013. One requirement of the ballot language is to estimate, in the ballot proposal, the amount which would be raised in the first year of the levy. This is Present: Councilmembers Blough, Myers, and Mayor ted by law, is published in a newspaper of general \$24,827, of which \$20,723 would be used for museum operation and maintenance. The difference, required by law, will be distributed to the Downtown Development

> If approved, the proposal needs to be presented to the Kent County Election Commission before August 13, 2002 in order to place this on the ballot for the November General Election.

> Judy Straub, Museum Director, guestioned the proposed wording and asked if this could be more brief. Wendt understood her concern. Unfortunately, the State law requires all of the language be placed on the ballot proposal.

> Councilmember Myers inquired if this would be strictly used for the administrative operating budget. Straub

> IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the Lowell Area Historical Museum millage ballot proposal and submit this to the Kent County Election Commission for consideration at the November General Election. ABSENT: 2.

Item #5. SUNDRY DEVELOPMENT - PHILLIPS PROP-ERTY - SANITARY SEWER ISSUE - TABLED FROM THE LAST MEETING. At its June 17, 2002 meeting, the Councilmembers determined a sanitary sewer is required for the Sundry development off Grindle. During the meeting, DPW Director Dan DesJarden noted the distance from the nearest manhole to the site was 1,245 feet. Under the Subdivision Control Act, sanitary sewer (as well as water) is required when within 1,320 feet from the development boundary (Sec. 20-24(b)(1).

Councilmember Blough felt if the objectives are reviewed, sanitary sewer should be part of the plan. He noted Lowell Township recently approved subdivisions with requirements of sidewalks, lighting, water and sewer at the contractors' expense.

Blough suggested City staff re-evaluate the priorities and examine the sewer extension.

Councilmember Myers guestioned the timing of the project. Should it be done now or wait until the development happens? Blough believed the best time would be when the street is being constructed.

Myers asked if the addition would service any other residents. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden responded there could be an additional six sewer leads. DesJarden noted if the sewer is extended on James Street, it could also be extended down Grindle. However, there is a large hill and a substation may be needed to pump over the hill.

related to the Sundry development off Grindle. YEA: 3. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED

Item #6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO AU-THORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRIC SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS. City Attorney Richard Wendt explained the bond-authorizing ordinance sets the table for the issuance of revenue bonds, which will be repaid only from the revenues of the Light and Power Department. The important provisions of the resolution authorize up to 5.8 million dollars of bonds for the cost of the new substation being constructed as well as for a transmission line to extend into the substation. While the amount is not to exceed 5.8 million dollars, the more likely amount will be approximately 5.2 to 5.3 million dollars.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to proceed with the sanitary sewer extension project

Tennis excitement in Lowell swinging at all levels

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

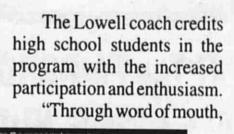
Based on participation, name the top two high school summer sports camps in Low-

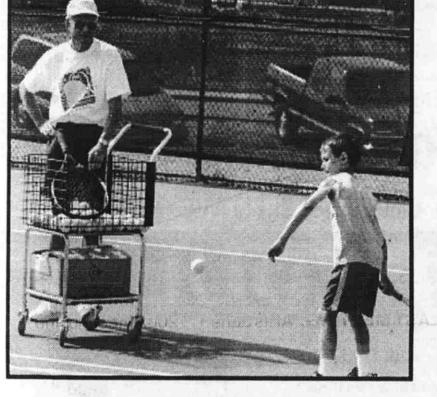
Okay, everyone correctly guessed football, but how many chose tennis? Yes, tennis.

A five-week summer tennis session, organized by Lowell High School tennis coach Bonnie Wall and her husband, Roger drew 130 kids, ranging in age from five to 18.

"Surprised? Yes, Roger and I are surprised somewhat, but it is exciting to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment the kids are getting out of playing tennis," Bonnie Wall said. "The other exciting thing about it is that many of the kids who participated last year returned again this year."

That indicates not only are they learning the game of tennis, but the kids are also having fun.





their satisfaction with what we've done has spread," Wall explains. "The other thing that is happening is more and more people are out playing tennis in the evening. People see this and that helps bring have all of that. more out."

Managers' Marine

As with all programs, an important piece of the puzzle nis program: a morning sesis funding.

"Englehardt's Lowell Area Community Fund has made a world of difference. It's made tennis affordable," Wall explains.

paid \$35 to participate in a and six year olds met for 60 one-week tennis camp. Now they pay \$40, but the camp runs for five weeks.

"For it to be a good pro- met on Tuesday and Thursday

gram, it has to be highly organized, have good instruction and the price has to be affordable," Wall said.

Based on participation, the two-year program appears to

Two sessions were available through the summer tension for kids and an evening session for adults.

The morning session was divided into three age divisions (5-6, 7-12, 13-18). They met Monday through Thurs-Three years ago, kids day for 90 minutes. The five minutes.

Friday was used for inner city match play. The adults



The perimeters being authorized show the interest rate shall include the day of issue, principal amount, manner commented on the museum, noting it is a great addition not to exceed seven percent. The City could expect the of sale, interest rate, redemption provisions, use interest rate to be significantly less than this. The term of proceeds and the extent to which any bonds are in the bonds would not exceed 26 years.

The Council would also authorize the General Manager Wendt mentioned the municipal bonds would likely to negotiate with the underwriter for the sale of the bonds. bond insurance. A premium will have to be paid, b Before the bonds are issued, the General Manager is interest rate savings is significantly greater than the required to return to the City Council to report the results of the premium. of the sale.

The bonds shall not be a general obligation of the City Richards stated this is a major project and will e and not constitute an indebtedness of the City for pur- future needs to be met on the electrical system. poses of any debt limitation. The principal and interest on the bonds shall be payable solely from the net revenues from the operation of the electric system.

These bonds also require, because only the revenue of enue bonds not exceeding 5.8 million dollars. the system are pledged, the creation of a debt service YEA: 3. reserve fund or bond reserve fund, which would be NAY: 0. roughly equal to one year's debt service on the bonds. ABSENT: 2.

There is a rate and charge coverage covenant which states after all the expenses of operation maintenance and administration, the City must produce net revenues received. equal to 110 percent of the annual payment of the bonds for the year. This is to provide coverage in case the electrical usage fluctuates.

Another covenant is also placed with respect if additional there is one tree left. bonds were ever to be issued in the future. While these bonds are outstanding, the City would have to meet a coverage of 1-1/4 times what the annual debt service is. corner lots and was concerned.

Wendt noted the ordinance would need to be published Mark Osburn of 743 Grindle had told Sundry Dev in its entirety.

The General Manager of Light and Power shall file a report with the City Council and the Board of Light and Power with respect to the sale of the bonds. Such report Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Mayor S

with bond insurance.

Light and Power/Cable TV General Manager much needed improvement.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLC to authorize the issuance of electric supply system

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Traci Mullins Grindle presented pictures of the ground clearance being carried out on the Phillips property. She

Alan Mathews of 822 Grindle did not see any stak

ment to stay off of his property. Currently, Sundry is part of his land to access the property and has don perk hole test on his property.

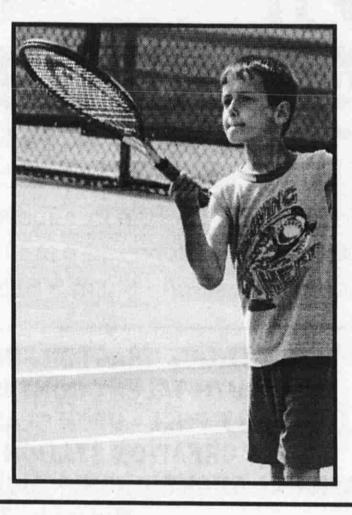
evenings for two hours. Plaques were awarded at the 9 and 10:30 sessions in four areas.

Receiving MVP plaques were Kelly Trapp and Brett Hobrla; Most Improved: Clayton Stedman and Stephanie Thompson; Most Dedicated: Joshua Spratt and Kristie Noall; and Sportsmanship: Nicole Halbeisen and Tony Pedley.

Walls are now discussing and working with other inter-

ested community members in forming a Lowell Community tennis association.

The charge of the association would be to organize summer tournaments, lobby for equipment and services for the program and raise money for participation scholarships. Scholarships would also be made available for high school players to take winter lessons at Orchard Hills.

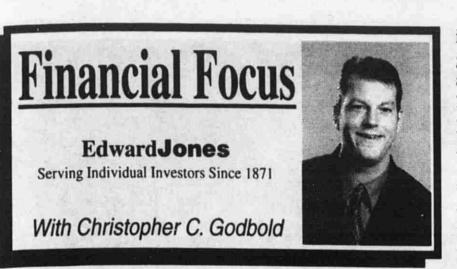


ORRECTION...

"The best time to put sewer in is when the road is being put in. If the developer is willing to put it in and then connect to the sewer, then I say the time is now to extend the line," said Lowell city councilman, Mike Blough. The July 31 edition of The Lowell Ledger incorrectly used "unwilling" in Blough's auote.

of the	commented on the museum, noting it is a great addition to Lowell.	
y have	Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. On behalf of City Manager Pasquale, Police Chief Jim Valentine reported on the following:	
but the ne cost	1. The following meetings minutes were provided:	
r Tom enable It is a	 Airport Board meeting of June 4, 2002 Chamber of Commerce meeting of June 12, 2002 Downtown Development Authority meetings of May 30 and June 27, 2002 	
OUGH m rev-	2. On Tuesday, July 9, a negotiated bonds sale for the City Hall - Police Station project was held. The City received favorable rates.	
	The bond payments for the 2002-2003 year have been reduced from \$297,642.71 to \$263,880.50. These savings of \$33,762.21 will be allocated to the 2003-2004 bond payments since the added millage of 1.98 has already been levied.	
of 901 e work stated	City Attorney Richard Wendt stated the bonds will close on July 23, 2002. The bonds will be in the local bank and ready to be spent on the project. The City was fortunate to receive the rates at 5.11 percent.	
kes on	3. Bids were received on Wednesday, July 10 for the curb and gutter with drainage improvements on M-21 be- tween valley Vista and West streets. The low bid was submitted by Wyoming Excavators, Inc. at \$160,598.70.	
velop-	IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.	
susing ne one	DATE APPROVED: Monday, August 5, 2002	
shores	C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk	



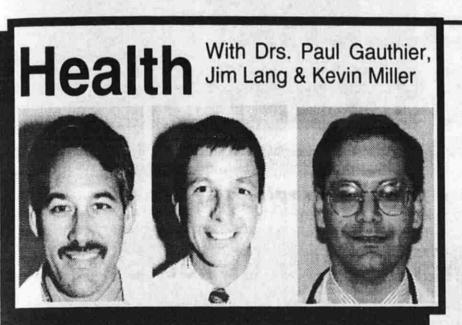


Know "Gift Tax" Rules Before Handing Out Presents

If you plan on giving cash or financial assets to your family, you'll want to make sure you avoid a side effect of your generosity - gift taxes.

Gift tax laws are designed to discourage people from giving away all their assets to reduce the estate tax burden on their heirs. And yet, by being creative, you can still make sizable presents to your loved ones, without being hit by heavy gift taxes.

Before making any gifts, though, you'll want to familiar-



Lactose Intolerance

Lactose intolerance involves difficulty with the digestion of lactose, a common sugar in milk, cheese, and ice cream. The root problem is that your body does not make enough lactase, an enzyme that breaks down the lactose in milk.

The symptoms of lactose intolerance usually are: stomach cramps, bloating, diarrhea and rumbling sounds in the belly. These symptoms generally develop within one hour of ingesting lactose, and may vary in intensity depending on how

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 multicounty 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

ize yourself with gift tax regulations. To begin with, you can give away \$11,000 to any one person in any one year. Gifts above that amount may be subject to the gift tax, which, in 2002, can be as high as 50 percent, depending on the size of your taxable estate. The top gift tax rate is scheduled to gradually decline, until it reaches 35 percent in 2010.

Of course, \$11,000 is not an insignificant sum. But if you want to give your child or grandchild even more, your spouse can also contribute \$11,000, whereby doubling your gift. And the two of you can keep making the cumulative \$22,000 gift year after year. Furthermore, there's no limit on the number of people to

whom you can give the \$11,000 annual gifts. You can make gifts to your children, your children's spouses, your grandchildren, your nephews and nieces, your friends - anyone you choose

In fact, by making multiple, repetitive gifts, you can communicate all the tax ramifications to your intended recipigreatly reduce the size of your taxable estate. Under current ent - before you make the gift. law, you can give away up to \$1 million in your lifetime In fact, it's a good idea to talk beforehand to everyone to Consequently, gifting can be an important estate-planning whom you plan to give a gift. By providing them with some advance notice, you'll give them a chance to plan ahead - and tool. (Right now, estate taxes are slated for elimination in to get the most out of your philanthropy. 2010, but there's no guarantee they won't be reinstated by a future Congress and administration.)

Gifts of financial assets

intolerant the person is to lactose.

found at most grocery stores, and makes the milk much easier Treatment of this problem involves making changes in your diet that will help you to digest dairy products better, to digest. while ensuring that you still get adequate intake of calcium, to To get your daily source of calcium, instead of drinking milk, eat foods that are high in calcium, like leafy greens, protect your bones. Look for lactose-reduced milk in your grocery store. It oysters, sardines, shrimp, broccoli, and brussel sprouts. You can also drink orange juice with extra calcium. may cost more, but has 70 percent less lactose than regular



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Thus far, we've only talked about cash gifts. But you may well decide to give your children or other family members gifts of other financial assets, such as stocks. If you do, you'll still face the same \$11,000 limit, but you'll also have some other issues to consider.

Suppose, for example, that many years ago, you bought some stock worth \$7,000. Today, your shares are worth \$11,000. If you were to sell your shares, you'd have to pay capital gains on your \$4,000 profit. If you decided to give these shares to your grandson, you could escape the capital gains tax - but your grandson couldn't. Even though he only acquired the stock when it was at the \$11,000 level, he will have to pay capital gain on the \$4,000 appreciation - plus any other price increase - when he sells the stock.

Does this mean you should never make a gift of appreciated stock? Not necessarily. But if you do, make sure you

Try adding the lactase enzyme to regular milk. This can be

Lowell Youth Football League Sign-Ups Flag Football, Youth Football, 78er's & Cheerleaders!

At Cherry Creek Elementary In The Cafeteria

DATES AND TIMES

Saturday, July 27 - 10 AM to 2 PM Tuesday, July 30 - 6 PM to 8 PM Thursday, August 1 - 6 PM to 8 PM Tuesday, August 8 - 6 PM to 8 PM

(that we can keep on file) If you have already signed-up, you need to come back in to be weighed & fitted for equipment!



QUESTIONS? CALL 897-7896

YOUTH & 78er FOOTBALL 8 years old to 8th grade

Must be 8 years old by November 1st

ration Fee	\$30
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er Pad Rental	<u>\$15</u>
ost	\$60

*An additional charge for 78er bus fee - \$10

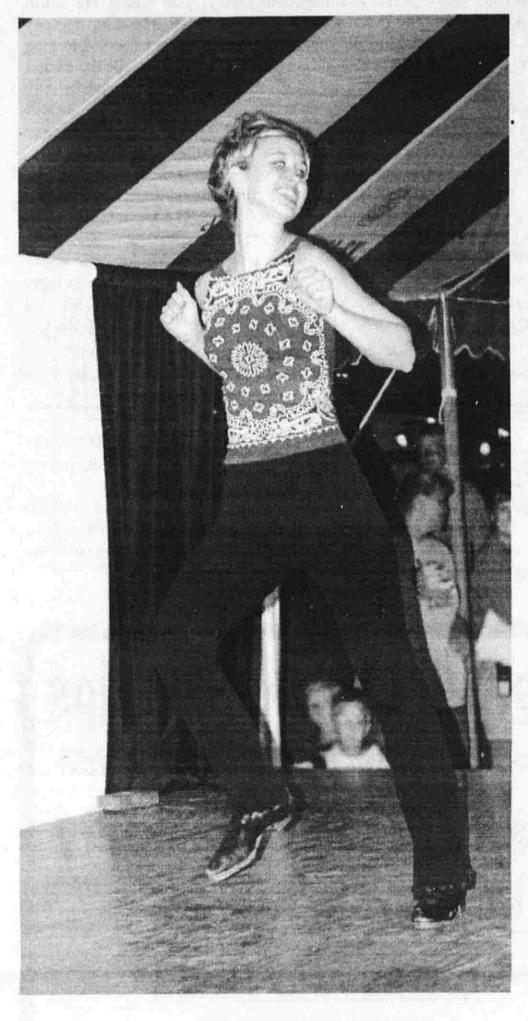
YOUTH CHEERLEADING Must be 8 years old by November 1st - 8th grade Learn Basic Cheerleading

> 78er's will cheer at Wednesday games

Youth will cheer at Saturday games

Cost: \$30 **T**-shirts included

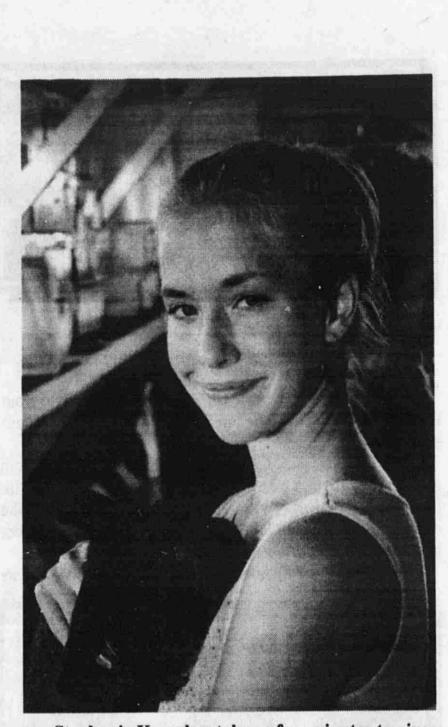
OPENING DAY AT THE FAIR



Carolyn Meyers



As the evening comes to an end, the rabbits are bedded down for the night at the Kent County Youth Fair.



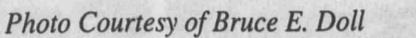
other way around???



What is big, green and smiles? Caleb Hodgkinson, sitting on a John Deere tractor at the Kent County Youth Fair in Lowell.

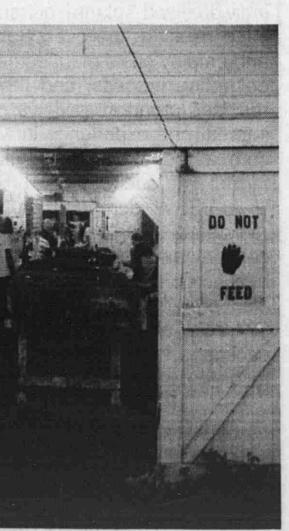


Speed is the name of the game for this ride at the carnival, part of the Kent **County Youth Fair.**



Lions and Tigers and Bears ... well, how about horses, rabbits, pigs, chickens, goats, sheep and cows. The fairgrounds in Lowell are filled with animals and people this week for the Kent County Youth Fair.

Stephanie Kempker takes a few minutes to give her rabbit "Missus Sippy" some loving, or is it the





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TEACHER PART-TIME Lowell Area Schools is seeking applicants for one day of music instruction for grades K-8 and 1/2 day of computer instruction for grades 6-8. Apply in writing by 7/14/02 to Lowell Area Schools, Connie Gillette, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLY - wanted for a fast paced automotive industry. Excellent attendance a must. Accepting applications at Metric Manufacturing Co., 1001 Foreman Rd., Lowell, MI. Metric Manufacturing Co. is a QS-9000/9002 certified company with fully paid health/dental insurance.

ASSISTANT

INTERVIEWER - Full and part time positions. Keyboard and communication skills required. Flexible scheduling. Apply today. Call Katie 363-7643.

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RAINBOW WATER VACUUM QUEEN MATTRESS SET -- Includes attachments. Runs (still in plastic), never used. great, purifies air. New New \$800, sell \$200. King \$1,400, sell \$165. Dennis pillowtop new set, \$250/offer. Distributing, 315 N. Lansing, 517-626-7089. St. Johns. 989-224-4822.

FURNITURE! * MUST SELL! dish, 1 receiver for \$1 or 2 * - Cherry sleigh beds, cano- receivers for \$9.99 w/free py beds, dining room sets, install. We beat all advertised bedroom sets, bunkbeds, prices. New subscribers only. headboards & leather. From Call for details. 1-800-450-Parade of Homes displays. 7357 K-20. 682-4767 or 293-7430.

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1995 PARK AVENUE FOR Church (616) 534-8945. SALE - 134.000 miles, excellent running, everything BLUEBERRIES U-PICK works. Call 868-6312.

TORO SELF-PROPELLED to Heintzelman, N. 1/2 mi., to dryer. Country setting, close LAWN MOWER - runs great, Sandy Bottom, W. to farm, to \$75 obo; PlayStation with 2 Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun. 12-4. Ph. \$700/mo. Available Sept. controllers, \$75. Call 897- 225-9376. 7770.

FOR SALE SPEEDBOAT - MATTRESS SETS - Firm to bedroom, Centennial home with 115 Mercury O/B, 16 ft., plush. Twin, full, queen, in the country, south side of with open bow tri-hull, original \$79/set, includes free frame. Lowell. No pets. \$1,000/ - SlickCraft/AMF, good cond., Lansing, St. Johns, 989-224-\$2,900. Phone 616-527-6589. 4822.

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DIRECTV - Mini-satellite

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Sandy Bottom Berries, FOR RENT - 2 bedroom Lincoln Lake N. to M-57, W.

SEALY, SERTA, SIMMONS LOWELL/FOR RENT - 5-6 blue & white, Dennis Distributing, 315 N. month. Joice 293-0980.

Distributing, 315 N. Lansing, WANT-TO-BE-FAMILY - 3 vear old husky seeks good home & more attention FOR SALE - Port-a-crib, \$35; than little kids can give her.



twins & kings. Call for selec-

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