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Lowell man's son killed in Air Force helicopter mercy mission

••• Jason Plite, the son of Lowell's Thomas Plite, was one of six people killed in a U.S. Air Force helicopter crash during a mercy mission to help two injured Afghan children.

Jason Plite died doing what he loved - being a pararescueman, helping people in need, and serving his country.

A U.S. Air Force helicopter crashed in southeastern Afghanistan killing Plite and five additional Air Force crew members aboard on Sunday, March 23.

The HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter from the 41st Res-

The Lowell Area School

The elementary school,

District will break ground for

the new Murray Lake El-

ementary School on Monday,

which will be located on the

north side of the district, is

part of a \$27.5 million bond

issue approved by voters in

September 2000. The new el-

ementary is estimated to cost

\$7.4 million, and will total

four wings that will serve kin-

It will be comprised of

59,000 square feet.

March 31 at 5:30 p.m.



Senior airman/ pararescueman Jason T. Plite.

School district set to break ground for new elementary building

dergarten through fourth-

grade. Additionally, plans call

for a stage area connected to

ell Board of Education put the

project on hold, due to flat

student growth. Bids for con-

struction were sought when

student numbers increased

will include remarks from

Lowell School Board presi-

dent, Nancy Hopkins; super-

intendent, Shari Miller; and

The 30-minute ceremony

Over a year ago, the Low-

the gymnasium.

significantly.

cue Squadron at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia was on its way late Sunday (8:50 p.m.) to pick up children, who had suffered head injuries.

The remains of the six people on board were recovered and flown to Bagram Air Base and prepared for transfer back to the United States.

The helicopter crash occurred about 20 miles north of Ghazni, Afghanistan - north of the capital, Kabul.

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assistant superintendent to

curriculum and instruction,

groundbreaking will be school

board members, administra-

tors, representatives from

Grattan, Vergennes and Low-

ell townships and the city of

Lowell, and four elementary

located at the corner of Lally

and Alden Nash Avenue, is

scheduled to open in the fall

The 400-student school,

Participating in the

Jim White.

students.

of 2004.

Tatching, Vaiting & Vorrying

Lowell families keep a vigilant eye on the war in Iraq as loved ones take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The eyes of two-year old John-Luc, his sister Olivia and brother Alex light up when they hear the door open.

While they cannot yet tell time, instinctively they know it's that time of day when dad usually comes through the

It's not dad, this time, however, it's their aunt (Andrea). It's also a reminder that their father is away on a

Karen Richmond and her children Olivia, Alex and John-Luc said goodbye to their husband and father, Ben Richmond on Feb. 20 as he



Karen Richmond sits with her children Olivia, John-Luc and Alex. Their husband/father Ben (upper right) left on Feb. 20.

left for Camp Pendleton (California) to join the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

From there, the Marine reservist left for Kuwait where he serves in the command element with the combat engineers.

"Ben told the kids before he left that he was going to help get medicine and food to people and to get rid of the bad guys in the desert," Karen Richmond said. "The kids are

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'EXPO'nding 'Lowell'rizons

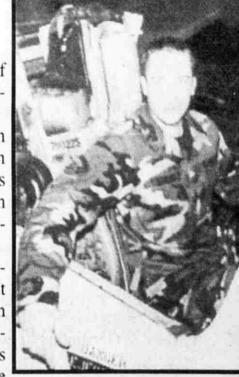
With over 120 booths of vendors, services and organizations, Lowell's 2003 EXPO provided attendees with a large selection of vendors from which to visit on Saturday.

Photo Collage Courtesy Bruce T. Doll By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Kris and Peggy Kropf sent their only son to Kuwait.

Now they wait, watch and pray for the safe return of their loved one as well as all of the other young men and women deployed in "Operation Freedom."

Aaron Hanson, International Guard, left for Kuwait on March 6 with the 100th Fighter Wing. He is a munitions specialist (loads bombs into A-10s and is responsible for making sure all munition systems are working).



Aaron Hanson sits inside an A-10 cockpit.

"The last phone call we received from Aaron was on March 6. Our last e-mail came on Thursday (March 20)," said his mother, Peggy Kropf.

Her son sounds in good spirits and he said they were all anxious to get started so that they can get back home.

"Aaron said there are five times as many people as the base can support," Kropf said. "He believes they are there for the right reasons."

Hanson, cont'd., page 8

OBITUARIES

GREEN - Eleanor Green 10 grandchildren; 16 greatpassed away unexpectedly A. Green. She is survived by Grace Green of Lowell; also her children Lila Lee (Bob) Grummet of Alto, Steven (Carol) Green of Mena, Ark.. and Linda (Denny) Hawk of Alto. She also leaves behind a loving family that included

grandchildren; and two great-26 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Rev. Dean Bailey officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Alto United Methodist Church Building Fund or the American Cancer Society.

POORMAN - Gerald A. Poorman Jr., "JR" aged 42.

Saturday, March 22, 2003 at great-grandchildren. The fuage 86. She is preceded in neral service will be held at death by her husband James 11 a.m. Wednesday, March

most prevalent grassy weeds in Michigan lawns. But every weedy grass isn't crabgrass, the same control approaches don't work for all of dropped them. Knowing when crabgrass is likely to be present is key in proper identification and control. Homeowners often complain about crabgrass in lawns in April and May, but what they're usually see-

went to be with his Lord very

unexpectedly March 21, 2003 Poorman of Comstock Park;

at his home. He is survived three sisters Joy (Dave) Ford

by his three beloved children of Lowell, Kathy (Scott) Por-

Joshua, Samantha and Jacob ter and Elizabeth (Roger)

Poorman; his father and Helmer both of Grand Rap-

Crabgrass grows from ever, against established seed each year, and germina- plants

or quackgrass.

Herbicides and timing combined can effectively treat crabgrass Crabgrass is one of the tion doesn't usually begin

mother Gerald Sr. and JoAnn

degrees F. - usually in midto-late May, well after forcrabgrass involves the use of

pre-emergence herbicides weed killers that affect seedlings before they push through the soil. If they're properly timed, they can be very effecng is tall fescue, nimblewill tive against crabgrass. They are not at all effective, how-

with the growing conditions time. Scalping - cutting the sythia blossoms have there. Open and weak grass close to the soil- weak-Chemical control for crabgrass infestations because of higher soil temperatures. which enhance germination. So the best defense against weed invasion, especially by annual weeds such as crabgrass, is a dense, healthy turf grass stand. A thick turf canopy shades the soil and reduces the number of seed-

nieces and nephews. Crema-

tion has taken place. Memo-

rial Services will be held

Wednesday, March 26 at 11

a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican

lings that can get established. Proper mowing is key. Setting mower blades at a weed and pest control is availheight of 3 - 3.5 inches is able at the Ionia MSU Extenrecommended as well as mow-sion office.

The appearance of crabing frequently enough so that until the soil warms to 62 grass in a lawn may indicate you remove no more than one some underlying problems third of the grass blades at a turfgrass areas are prone to ens the grass plants and reduces their ability to complete with weedy species. Good mowing combined with judicious fertilization will increase turfgrass vigor and thicken the lawn, as well as make it difficult for weeds to

memorial contributions to be

made to St. Paul's Anglican

Catholic Church for his three

children's higher education.

Information on a host of lawn establishment and maintenance topics - including mowing, fertilization, and



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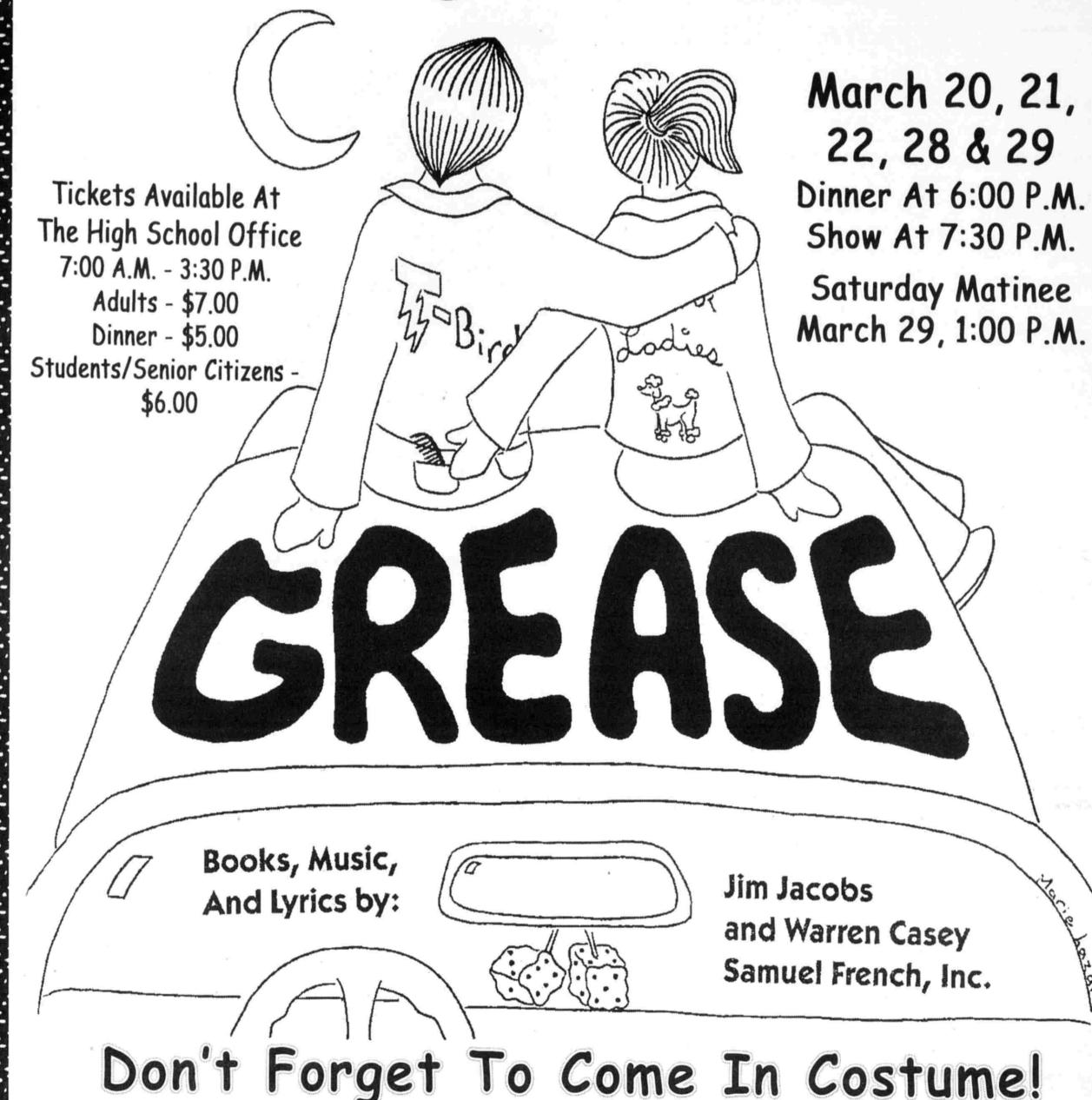
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Of Faith

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light with me.

brother had taken my flash-

parents' camp. It was really

then I heard movement in the

dark. I was really scared, and

bushes just outside the tent. I

would have run all the way

back to my parents' tent if I

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..10:00 A.M.

direction to run.

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AFRAID OF THE DARK

"I will give you treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, that you might know I am the Lord." (Isaiah

I remember growing up as a boy how especially scary the darkness can be. One time while our family was camping, my older brother and I decided to spend the night in a pup tent about 500 yards from our parents' tent. The location was close, yet



ELEMENTARY

MON: Pizza dippers with sauce, chicken patty on bun, apricots and cherries, California blend vegetables.

TUES: Turkey and gravy or baked ham, whipped potatoes, homemade dinner roll, fruity jello.

WED: Chicken sticks with biscuit or sausage & cheese on English muffin, pears, sweet peas.

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11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

seemed independently far God is always with us. away, as it was over a couple

about trust. I learned how even of hills and down a large hill in the darkest times of our After my father calmed lives we have a Father who my mother's nerves about watches out for us. I also "two boys sleeping out in the learned that sometimes our woods so close to the water all Father, in His wisdom, alby themselves," we set out to lows us to experience times set up camp. My older brother apart from Him, that we will filled my head with all kinds learn to trust Him more. My of stories of scary monsters father also taught me that the real and imagined that roamed darkness is just the absence the woods at night. Even with of light. Everything is dark the overcast sky. I was not until the light is brought into scared: I had my trusty flash- it.

tent. Something reached into

right there, until I felt my father's hand on my shoulder. I reached up, took his

hand and we walked back hand in hand to the "Big Tent." We never even turned

on the flashlight he carried in

his hand. He did not say very

much except to remind me

that we are never alone, that

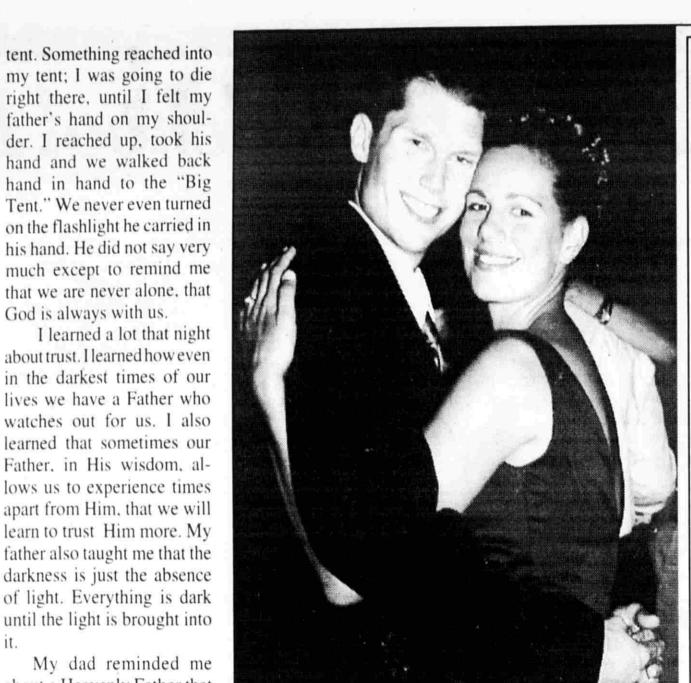
I learned a lot that night

My dad reminded me We snuggled into our about a Heavenly Father that sleeping bags and were soon is always with us. That night fast asleep. I awoke suddenly I learned never to be afraid of as the tent was shaken by a the dark again. Many years clap of thunder. The woods have passed since that night, outside our tent were alive but even in the darkest of life's with all kinds of activity, but circumstances, I know my inside I was alone. My older Heavenly Father is with me ... all I have to do is reach out light and headed back to our and put my hand in His.

Mother/Daughter book discussion April 15

Mothers and their daughwould have just known the ters, age 12 and older, are invited to read a book together The bushes rustled again for a Mother/Daughter book and my mind was filled with discussion in April. The dissters of the woods. I saw a and refreshments.

shape coming through the woods, much too large to be will highlight "T-Backs, Tmy brother. I was to the point Shirts. Coat and Suit" by E. of panic; I closed my eyes and L. Konigsburg at 7 p.m. on at 942-4111, ext. 2. pulled my head back into the Tuesday, April 15.



Wisner/ Carl

David and Catherine Wisner, of Belding, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Marie to Bradley Douglas Carl of Grand

The bride to be is a graduate of Lowell High School and presently attending Grand Valley State University.

The future groom is a graduate of Godwin Heights High School and Grand Rapids Community College. He is the son of Douglas and Eleanor Carl.

A May 3, 2003 weding is planned.

MARCH 31: Katelynn

Fonger, Jennifer McCaul,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH Roudabush, Geldersma.

MARCH 28: Amie Thaler, Brianna Homrich Aaron Kastanek Sandra VanWeelden, Judith Laurinda Horsley.

27: Joel Schafer Eiseman, Laura Kelly Rasch, Carl Rasch, Robin Burns, Casey Yonker,

Tera Raab, Rudy Smith, Michaela Blough. APRIL 1: Christopher Vollink, Denny McClure, Kurt Wernet.

APRIL 2: Kyle Geldersma, Ron Metternick, Alec MARCH 30: Erin Wade, Newhouse, Chris Rittersdorf, MARCH 29: John Ellison, Deb Maxim, Delores Ellison, Blake Bergy, Nicole Wilcox.

Farmers asked to update crop bases

Farmers in several counties including Kent should call their local Farm Service Agency office before April 1 to update Crop Bases and yields to reflect how their land was actually visions of all the night mon- cussion will include coffee planted and the actual yield in the years 1998 - 2001.

If an appointment is not made by the April 1 deadline, the farms' bases will roll over to be The Englehardt branch what was signed into the old 1996-2002 program. Crop Bases can be established for corn, wheat, soybeans, barley oats and grain sorghum.

If you would like to make an appointment to update, contact David Bain, county director

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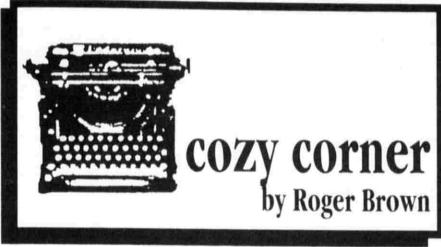
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Viewpoint...



I'm going to take a break in my "Bob Villas' Evil Twin" series of handyman homeowner miscues. The series has been little other than self-deprecating humor in which I bash yours truly. We're taking a break in that so I can get in on this "French bashing" while it's still in vogue.

I have a problem with French bashing. I thought and thought about what I own, intend to buy, like or use that is French. I can't come up with anything! Seriously!

I certainly don't own a Benneteau sailing yacht that I can donate to the U.S. Navy for target practice. I don't own a Peugeot car that I can give to the U.S. Department of Transporairplane, motorcycle, bicycle, skateboard or anything with that was before we started bashing them. I can't imagine what France. Figure that one out. I traded it in on an Italian scooter

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

125 YEARS

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 27, 1878

Greenbackers, Inflationists vs. Honest Money, Nationals

Anti-Inflation are the words flying about before spring elec-

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) is a common problem

that leads to stomach pains or cramps that are often relieved by

having a bowel movement. Those who have IBS often have

problems with constipation, diarrhea, or both. They may feel

an urgent need to move the bowels, particularly in times of

stress. Other symptoms include gassiness, bloating or mucous

history. Lab tests and X-rays do not confirm the diagnosis, but

that worsen the symptoms is key. Caffeine, alcohol, fatty

foods, spice foods may all irritate symptoms. Many patients

decrease the cramping or other serious diseases. IBS can cause

bothersome symptoms, but fortunately it is not harmful.

they can rule out other causes for your symptoms.

Your doctor will usually suspect IBS on the basis of your

The treatment of IBS is often dietary. Avoidance of foods

in the stools.

be avoided

Priscilla Lussmyer

two years ago. As far as I know we're not bashing Italians . which is good, because I love my scooter.

We're "French-free" around the home as well. No spindly French-provincial furniture. No blurry French impressionist paintings. (Monet and his pals were obviously near-sighted, and simply needed glasses.) And, no bidet in the john! There beret. is nothing in our home that is French, and could thus be put out with the trash.

I've seen footage on TV of Americans pouring French wine down the gutter. That's cool, but I quit drinking many, many years ago. I don't have any French wine to pour out. Even latter for several years running when I was drinking I don't remember having much French wine around the house anyway. My tastes ran more toward Boone's Farm and MD 20/20 in the fridge with the Stroh's

I don't frequent French restaurants. I'm an American and therefore expect to be fed at a restaurant. I hate spending hardearned Yankee dollars on a few nibbles and "presentation." I food. That's where they filmed the restaurant scene in the souvenir a French word? Make it "keepsake" then.)

I can't boycott my travels to France, as I have absolutely no Bridgett Bardot. desire to go there. From what I hear, all the locals blow smoke tation for safety crash tests. I don't have a French-built all over you, don't bathe regularly, are rude and arrogant. And wheels. I used to have a Yamaha scooter that was built in they think of Americans now. The only place in France I would French person once said, "Let them eat cake."

like to visit is the Normandy invasion site and the cemetery there. I could probably do that in a day and pack a lunch. I wouldn't have to spend a night or buy a meal in France.

French fashion is also not anything I could boycott. I don't remember ever buying any French perfume or sporting a

I don't follow French sports. There is the LeMans auto race, the French Open tennis match and the Tour de France bicycle race. I couldn't tell you a thing about any of them except that Texan Lance Armstrong has kicked butt in the

Entertainers ... forget it! What have they given us? Marcel Marseau (I hate mimes), Maurice Chevalier and PePe LePew ... please!

Oh sure ... there have been some French things I have enjoyed over the years. I've watched a few Jacques Cousteau documentaries. I fell in love with Bruce Willis' French girlfriend in "Pulp Fiction." I've eaten my share of French fries. did dine at The "Che Paul" in Chicago once. I didn't go for the I fell in love with John Cusack's French exchange student girlfriend in "Better Off Dead." I did like that little Frenchmovie "The Blues Brothers." I stole a menu as a souvenir. (Is built scooter ... even if I did buy the thing under the false pretense of its Japanese name. And, of course, there was

I guess I've been a French boycotter and basher all my life and just didn't realize it. Maybe we're all a little that way, and that's why the French seem to hate us. Well, as a famous

budding fruit trees. ships, 50 cents per hundred. Sojourner Truth spoke to a good-sized audience at the Congregational Church in Lowell Wednesday evening. Some people say she is over 100 years old. Two dogs killed 18 sheep at Alton last week.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 26, 1903

The annual Athletic Entertainment by the schools will be held in Train's Hall tomorrow night and feature music, marching and athletic contests by high school and grades. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

The Senate ratifies the vote for the Panama Canal. A cartoon titled, "Spring Has Come At Last" shows an Theatre

editor inundated with poems about - you guessed it - spring. The Village Board of Health declares the four principal alleys of the village a nuisance which must be abated.

A petition goes to Common Council to have Main Street graveled from the Pere Marquette crossing west to Western

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 29, 1928

M-21 at Ada is closed for construction to Lowell. Traffic diverts to US-16, but Lowellites can use the Red shop corner of Bailey corners through Vergennes.

The Lowell Livestock Shipping Association entertains 200 at a banquet in City Hall, with music by the high school orchestra, toastmaster M.B. McPherson, and speeches.

There was a wild, windy blizzard Monday night. Lowell Rod and Gun Club offers pheasant eggs for natching to farmers and sportsmen.

Senator and former Gov. Ferris dies suddenly, after declaring his candidacy for reelection recently.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

MARCH 26, 1953 Ethelyn McClure and Robert Tusch are the valedictorian and salutatorian of this year's senior class.

With the strong wind on a Saturday, Lowell as well as other places answered many grass fire calls: a record-setting six in two hours here.

The Tavern League, Uptowners League and Sparkette League report in "Bowling News."

Roy Smutz and A.C. Blaser of Lowell win outstanding

The weekend brought a cold snap that probably injured dairy production awards for Kent County. State tax assessors have been around, and taxes will go up

The Journal is printing election tickets for several town- at least 10 percent for residential and commercial properties, industrial a whopping 100 percent.

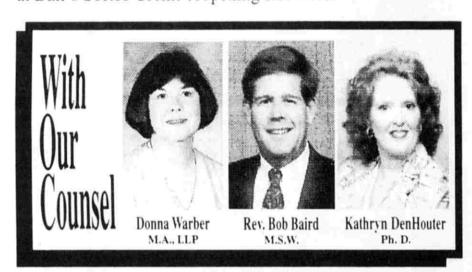
25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 29, 1978

"Concerned Citizens of Grattan" is organizing, as many other townships, in response to steadily increasing rural

Sixteen W.W. I veterans, members of the Clark Ellis Post 152 of the American Legion, receive lifetime memberships in

Work has resumed on building the Thornapple Village Inn, after waiting out the extremely bad weather of this winter. "Star Wars" is playing a second week at the Strand

With temperatures in the mid 30s, customers still lined up at Ball's Softee Creme reopening last week.



TODDLERS AND TEMPER TANTRUMS

This article is the fourth in the series of six articles about infants from birth to three years of age. This week the dreaded "Temper Tantrum" will be discussed. A temper tantrum is violent outbreak of anger. Sometimes this anger is so intense that it is like a volcano. Some other manifestations of this anger are screaming, cursing, breaking things, rolling on the floor, kicking, hitting the parent or adult, vomiting, passing urine or holding their breath. No wonder temper tantrums are often the parents' nemesis.

Most often, a tantrum is not a single event, but a series of events that involves stages. The first stage is the "grouchy" stage. Parents try in vain to try to change the child's mood to no avail. With the second stage, if the child is provoked in any way, the explosive outburst of the tantrum can evolve into screaming, kicking, hitting, etc. The third stage is the oppositional response to the parental words (i.e., Parent says, "Quiet

With Our Counsel, cont'd pg. 9

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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Lowell's annual Spirit of Community recognizes gift of service

••• Sally Gunberg, David Davis and Jim Doyle will receive community awards for their respective work in the schools, arts and historic district.







By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor its storied history.

The gift of service comes in many diverse packages. endless hours of one's time to day. May 2.

help enrich the lives and edu-The event is a collabora-Or dedicating a lifetime Chamber of Commerce, Low- Award on this Lowell Area Grandpa to the arts - being there for the ell Area Arts Council and Arts Council's 25th anniver- Grandma Robert J implementation of the com- Lowell Area Schools.

munity arts council and freely Lowell's Sally Gunberg sharing one's artistic talents... will be honored with the heart and soul into his work Or being instrumental in Marsha Wilcox Community and volunteer efforts for all the growth and prosperity of Service Award for her dedi- 25 of those years," said Low- nounce the birth of their son, Henry Frank on March 6, 2003 2002. a downtown district while also cated volunteerism at all lev- ell Area Arts Council mem-

ensuring the preservation of els of the Lowell School Dis- December 20.

The gift of service will be "Sally is not only a very honored at Lowell's annual capable person, but is also a are Travis and Whether contributing its Spirit of Community on Frivery fun and happy person," Lyndsay Grummet

It is fitting that David

ber, Jim White. "David has a brilliant creative mind."

Jim Doyle, this year's recipient of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's toric District and its place-Area Historical Museum and Places. was instrumental in its for-

School graduate has also been Lowell" (an appetizer and instrumental in the formation of the city's Downtown Hisment on the State and National Registers of Historic at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Per-

The celebration begins at

The 1977 Lowell High 7 p.m. with the "Essence of dessert social) in the high school cafeteria. Donations will be taken at the door. The award ceremony will follow forming Arts Center.

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lbs. 7 oz. and measured 20 1/

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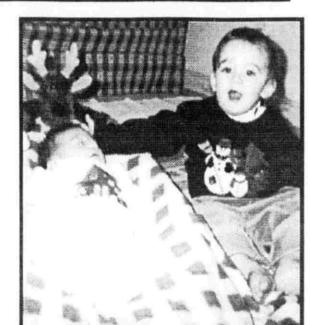
"David has poured his of uncles and aunt

BUSINESS MATTERS

> Mark Johnson, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, was honored at the recent Sales Convention held in Traverse City.

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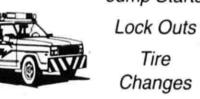
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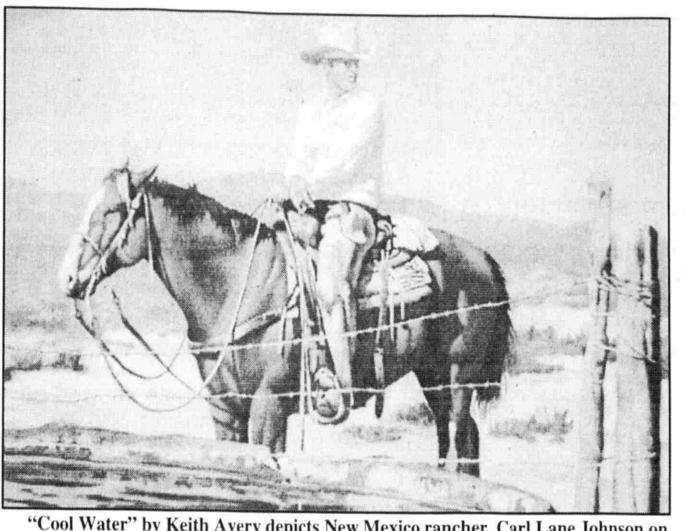
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Former Lowell educator's artwork at Woolaroc



"Cool Water" by Keith Avery depicts New Mexico rancher, Carl Lane Johnson on horseback near a water tank on his ranch

titled "Cool Water" by Keith an unquestioned authenticity. tic honor, the New Mexico W. Avery, formerly of Low- His subjects are cowboys and Governor's Award for "exell, is on display at Woolaroc horses because artist Frank cellence and achievement in Museum, located southwest Tenney Johnson once told the arts." He was the first of Bartlesville, Okla.

gan in 1921 where his father first." was a photographer during the Depression. He owned his first from New Mexico State Uni- drawings have appeared on horse at age eight and would 'sit in the corner and sketch" portraits during the evening. of letters from his alma mater. man, and in 20 years he has In high school he earned a He taught at Judson Ranch had 400 pieces published. scholarship to the Chicago School in Scottsdale, Az., and, Many of his paintings are in Professional School of Art but as some of you may remem- private collections throughcould not afford to attend un- ber, at Lowell High School. out the United States. til later, after earning money breaking horses and guiding guests at a resort.

He worked as a horse trainer and cowhand on and through years of participation in rodeos and horse

An exceptional painting shows, he brings to his work New Mexico's highest artishim, "If you want to paint cowboy poet selected to rep-Avery was born in Michi- something, you've got to be it resent New Mexico at the

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SPRING ATHLETIC MEETING

The parent/coach's meeting for spring athletics is Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School cafeteria. Your attendance is mandatory if you did not attend the fall or winter meeting

"GREASE" - THE MUSICAL

Lowell High School Performing Arts Center will present the last two days of Grease on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 and 7:30 p.m. Dinner (\$5 at 6 p.m.); Musical \$6 (students/senior citizens), \$7 adults. Tickets available at high school (897-4125). Dress in a 50s costume!

CLASS OF '83 PLANS REUNION

Lowell High School class of 1983 is looking for classmates to help plan their 20-year class reunion. Call Kristi (Dine) Alguire at 897-1777 ext. 247.

CHERRY CREEK STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP

If you would like to get rid of your old phonebooks, you may drop them off at Cherry Creek Elementary or give them to a Cherry Creek student. They are participating in a recycling challenge with other area schools and collecting them to be recycled into insulation for "Habitat for Humanity homes.

PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS NIGHT TOTS

Thursday, March 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High St. Older siblings and grandparents are welcome. \$1 donation per

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Kent County Youth Fair will hold an all you can eat Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 29 from 5-7 p.m. at

King Memorial Bldg. (Lowell Fairgrounds). Supper includes garlic toast, salad, dessert and beverage. \$5 adults; \$3 6-10; and free 5 and under.

"FOUND TREASURES" EXHIBIT AT LAAC

The Lowell Area Arts Council will host the Rivertown Artists Guild's exhibit from March 30 - April 30. A reception to meet the artists will be held on March 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell. Call 897-8545 for more

DEADLINE FOR SENIOR CLASS TRIP

The final date to make reservations and to complete Wiggles and Giggles will have a gymnastics night on payments for the senior class trip is April 3. Make checks payable to Lowell Senior Parents and turn in to the LHS office. Photos for the senior video may be dropped off in the media center through April 3. Candy money is due now. Donations of raffle gifts and food, and volunteers for Van Andel are still welcomed. Call Carol with questions at 897-

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Due to spring break, the regular business meeting will be held on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the staff lounge.

Richmond, cont'd... From Page 1

doing okay. They ask about their daddy every day.

Richmond, who served on active duty for five years, has been a reservist since 1998. "He'd like to finish his career with the reserves (10 more years)." Richmond said. "I'd prefer he not stay in the reserves, but I support his desire to serve his country. He feels strongly that it is his duty as an American. Karen and the children have received e-mails from Ben -

the most current mail was dated March 10. "He called on Wednesday (March 19), but we weren't home and missed his call," Richmond said with disappointment in her voice. Richmond says she watches the news coverage. Knowing

what's going on helps her feel more in control.

In fact, Olivia, four years old, has used the coverage to

practice and enhance her ability to print. "She's into writing and copying words, Recently, she wrote the word. Iraq on a sheet of paper. She saw it on the TV screen," said Richmond. Ben Richmond is a 1993 Naval Academy graduate.

"We have received overwhelming support from family and friends since Ben's departure," Richmond said.

Hanson, cont'd... From Page 1

Because he serves in a support position. Hanson's base throughout the war will be in Kuwait.

service men and women.

They sleep in a pole-barn type facility in their chemical warfare suits.

Kropf says she is very grateful for the television coverage of the war. "Actually I'm watching quite a bit of it. It's good The heat and sandstorms are daily challenges for the because it allows everybody to see what we're actually doing. It prevents others from saying the U.S. is doing this or that."

The Lowell mother adds she is so thankful for the many

people who are reaching out to her and her family and praying for Aaron's safety.

"I never thought I'd be able to get out of bed when this started, but through the support, I'm getting the strength that



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS PARENT MEETING

Tues., April 1, 7:00 p.m. Middle School Cafetorium "EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS"

The Lowell Area Schools has invited Lt. Jim Van Bendegom from the Kent County Sheriff Department to share information with parents on emergency preparedness for all hazards and the steps that schools and parents should take if an incident occurs during the school day.

All community members are welcome to attend

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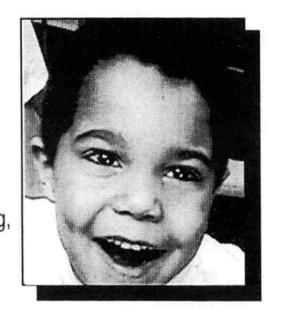
FEBRUARY SMILE OF THE MONTH:

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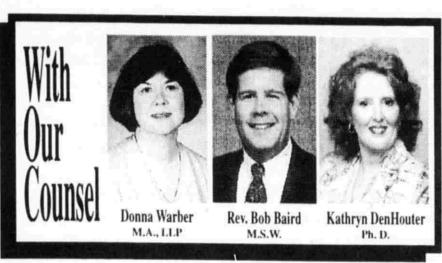
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to this stage is, "You can be in as the tantrum runs out, ag-

down," but the child says, charge of yourself again when "No! No!") The best response you can calm down." Then,

Saginaw Valley State

University has recognized

1,215 students for their aca-

ing them on the dean's list for

the fall 2002 semester.

Karen L. Dykstra.

COLLEGE NEWS

Cherie Gillman has been selected into the Western Michigan University chapter of The demic achievements by plac-Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi. It is the largest and most respected honor society open to graduates and undergraduates in all academic disciplines. Approximately 10 percent of students in their respective classes are admitted to membership.

Gillman, in her sixth semester at Western Michigan University in the speech language pathology program, has been on the dean's list each semester.

Kelsey L. Scheider, a 2002 Lowell High School graduate, pledged the Albion College Phi chapter of Alpha Xi Delta during the 2003 spring semester.

Scheider is a freshman at Albion College and the daughter of Michael and Marcia Scheider of Lowell.

Central Michigan University has announced its dean's list for 2002 fall semester.

Brian Fitzpatrick, a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School, has received dean's list recognition. He is the son of Dan and Jean Fitzpatrick of Ada.

gression is replaced by de-strategy for solving problems. called the "hangover" stage. forgotten the tantrum alto-

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pression, and we move into Most often, when tantrums important to model approprithe "leave me alone" stage. become habitual, this indi- ate ways of dealing with frus-The child becomes sad, ex- cates that the tantrums have trations. Also, children tend hausted and drained. Then the been advantageous for the to be less able to deal with The child is tired, but starts to cessful" strategy for controlmove into normal activities, ling their environment. Solv- child good coping skills such and it seems as if they have ing problems through words, as deep breathing and countand asking for help is what ing strategies to help them your young child, so patience arbitrary demands on their come a problem when they and persistence are essential behavior since this increases for the parents of a "tantrumy" child. Here are some other reasons why children tan- important skill you can give trum, and some ways to pre-

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"tantrumy" child, it is very ing about their feelings rather child moves into the final child. In other words, they frustrations when they are one of the most important life stage which is sometimes have gotten their way, so the hungry or tired, so taking skills that you can give your tantrums have been a "suc- care of these physiological child." needs is essential. Give your you ultimately want from control their anger. Do not your child. It might take some over-restrict your child by put- always the best way to build a time to develop these skills in ting too many unnecessary or good relationship.

> Probably, the single most your child is to talk, talk, talk out their frustration. Examples Anger is a normal reac- of this would be to model tion when we're frustrated or some feeling statements (i.e., attacked. A temper tantrum Did anything happen that is making you angry? Or, are cumulation of frustrations you angry about having to pick up your room?" etc.). the child. As a parent of a Your child is young, so talk-

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their level of frustration.

The Lowell Ledger - Wednesday, March 26, 2003 - Page 9 than acting out one's feelings will take some time (possibly even years) to accomplish. Don't give up since this is

Next month, how negative habits can be broken will be discussed. Meanwhile, don't hesitate to "catch your child being good." That's



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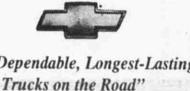
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Plite, continued... From Page 1

Jason Plite died doing what he loved - being a St. in Lowell and Dawn Peterson of Grand Ledge. pararescueman, helping people in need, and serving his coun-

A U.S. Air Force helicopter crashed in southeastern Afghanistan killing Plite and five additional Air Force crew members aboard on Sunday, March 23.

The HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter from the 41st Rescue Squadron at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia was on its way late Sunday (8:50 p.m.) to pick up children, who had suffered

flown to Bagram Air Base and prepared for transfer back to the United States.

The helicopter crash occurred about 20 miles north of Ghazni, Afghanistan - north of the capital, Kabul.

U.S officials said the helicopter was not shot down. The area is not considered a hostile region, and there are no U.S. military operations there.

The medical emergency mission is not linked to Operation Valiant Strike, a mission involving members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in southeastern Afghanistan.

Plite, 21 years old, is the son of Thomas Plite, 11330 Ann

The 1999 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and senior airman/pararescueman served his country with pride and honor during his first tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2002. He was presently only two weeks into his second tour of duty

"Jason loved what he was doing - helping people. He was the most kind, caring person," said his father, Thomas Plite. "He died so others could live."

Among Jason Plite's greatest talents was his ability as an The remains of the six people on board were recovered and artist, where he excelled in creating drawings, paintings and sculptures. He was an avid mountain bike racer, as well as a motorcycle enthusiast.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1999. Upon completion of basic training, he was selected to attend the U.S.A.F. special forces training program. He was designated a pararescueman after completing this advanced training.

Plite was honored with the Charles D. King award for demonstrating overall superior academic achievement and leadership in the field. He is one of only 300 pararescueman to serve in the U.S.A.F. around the world.

He is survived by his parents, sisters Alyssa and Shaynah

Peterson, brothers Patrick and Michael Plite, step-brother Christopher R. Hug, and step-sister Nicole Michaud, currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

Additionally, Plite is survived by his grandparents and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces (Reanna and Olivia).

Thomas Plite expressed his disappointment with how he was told of his son's death. "The Air Force notified me by phone Sunday night. They couldn't even the take time to tell me in person.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Tiffany A. Zandstra recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Zandstra completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of

boot camp is "Battle Staions." This exercise gives recruits the key skills and confidence they need to graduate and take to the fleet. "Battle Stations" has been designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork

and endurance. Zandstra, a 1997 graduate of Wayland Union High School, is the daughter of Vicki L. Fedewa of Lowell and Charlie Carroll of

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 13A -M-50 CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT

Public Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended).

The proposed amendment would add a new Article 13A - Corridor Overlay District to the Zoning Ordinance.

This Article 13A establishes an M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone applicable to all lands with frontage along M-50 between 60th Street and the south section line of Sections 3 and 4, to a depth of 500 feet. The purpose of the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone is to promote a balance between the various functions of this corridor and to create an attractive entry image into the community. The regulations of Article 13A apply in addition to, and simultaneously with, other applicable regulations of the Zoning Ordinance provided, however, that the regulations of Article 13A supersede any conflicting regulations of the underlying zoning

The proposed amendment contains the following provisions:

13A.01 Purpose: This Section describes the purposes and objectives of the M-50 Corridor Overlay District.

13A.02 Applicability: This Section describes the application of the M-50 Corridor Overlay District to the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone described above.

13A.03 Right-of-Way Preservation and Setbacks: This Section establishes an assumed right-of-way of 50 feet from the centerline of M-50 and requires a front setback of buildings and structures of 100 feet from the assumed right-of-way provided that the

Planning Commission may reduce the front set back to 50 feet if certain standards are met. This Section also requires a front setback for off-street parking lots of 25 feet for uses other than one- and two-family dwellings.

13A.04 Access Standards: This Section establishes requirements for access points and driveway spacing for parcels within the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone. This Section also regulates shared driveways, frontage roads, and service roads.

13A.05 Pedestrian Access: This Section establishes requirements for pedestrian access and pathways for parcels within the Corridor.

13A.06 Landscaping and Site Design: This Section requires a landscape plan and establishes requirements for landscape buffers, planting requirements, parking area landscaping, minimum standards for plants, and maintenance of plants.

13A.07 Lighting: This Section establishes lighting requirements including general requirements and requirements for outdoor light fixtures, parking lot and access drive lighting, canopy lighting, security lighting, illumination of building facades, and night

13A.08 Signs: This Section establishes specific regulations for signs within the Corridor, including general requirements, and regulations of signs in residential districts, commercial districts, and industrial districts.

13A.09 Building Facades and Design: This Section establishes requirements for architectural design features in building facades.

13A.010 Submittal Requirements and Review: This Section provides that all uses in the Corridor (except one- and two-family dwellings) are subject to site plan review in accordance with Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance and all requirements of Article 13A.

The proposed rezoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and

> March 19, 2003 Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on April 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on the application of Mark Ostrander for a special land use under the terms of Section 3.01A(2) of the Township Zoning Ordinance, so as to authorize the construction and use of an accessory building located on property directly across a public or private street from a lot improved with a dwelling to which the proposed building is accessory; and also a special land use under the terms of Section 4.04B of the Zoning Ordinance, so as to permit the construction and use of an accessory building on a nonconforming lot that does not comply with the conditions of Section 4.04A as to minimum lot area and minimum side yard width.

The special land use for the proposed accessory building covers lands commonly described as 11043 Crooked Lake Drive and legally described as follows:

Part of Govt lot 2 com 20 ft. N 4D 41M W & 180 ft S 85D 19M W from NE cor of lot 10 Crooked Lake Park TH S 85D 19M W 45 ft TH N 4D 41M W 100.15 ft TH N 85D 19M E 45 ft TH S 4D 41M E 100.15 ft to BEG, Sec 20 T8N R9W, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the requested special land use. Written comments concerning the application can be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: March 19, 2003

PLANNING COMMISSION of the Township of Grattan Township

Changes at Englehardt Library make it a more user friendly place

By J. N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

If you look at the rack containing just a few mesh backpacks, a person might question if that is all the Kent District Library - Englehardt branch acquired with its \$4,300 from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

library actually got 50 discovery packs. "It's just rare five years ago. Its circulation to see more than a few in the library," explained branch manager, Jane Aronson. "That's how popular they

new home at 200 N. Monroe, time. has gone from a small-sized library to a medium-sized branch, and the staff, which is now up to six, has increased to reflect that. If the library It's also a sign of how millage goes through,

we will address the need for staff when it happens," she place holds, and exercise

If indications are any- Aronson said. thing, the library may become busier after a new circulation popular the library has be- Aronson said they hope to system is put in place. The

District Library branches and "If circulation increases, will make it easier for residents to check out books, other circulation needs,

person wants to do some concluded.

The answer is no. The come since moving into its increase their youth librarian's system will be for all Kent word processing, look on the internet, and check the holdings, he/she will be able to do so from one machine.

> The library will be switching to the new circulation system during the last week of Another advantage will March, which may limit what be that all of the branch com- the staff will be able to do. It puters will have the same should, however, be up and applications, meaning if a running by March 31, Aronson



A total of 274,393 pages were read. Lowell Middle School sixth graders Nick Myaard Cody Kastanek (left to right) were each re sponsible for 33 books in th sixth-grade Battle of the

Books. With each book read, students had to fill out a questionnaire on the book and then meet with a teacher to discuss what they read and an-

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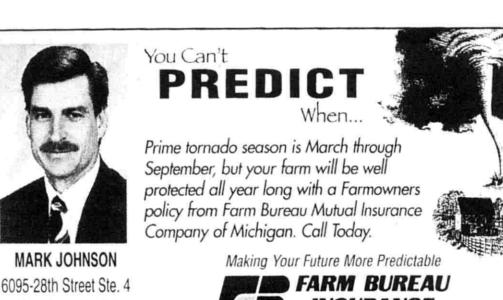
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Museum restores roof & widow's walk

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The tired and leaky roof on the Lowell Area Historical Museum posed a threat to the chronicled artifacts being preserved inside.

With the cooperative financial venture of the city of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township, the Look Memorial Committee and the Harold Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund, the Historic District Commission garnered the \$69,000 needed to contract architect, Winter-Troutwine Associates and contractor, Grand River Builders. This undertaking has reestablished the look of the standing seam metal roof and widow's walk which was originally installed between 1914 and 1931.

"The standing seam metal roof which laid underneath the asphalt shingles had Gee's Hardware printed on it," said museum executive director, Judy Straub.

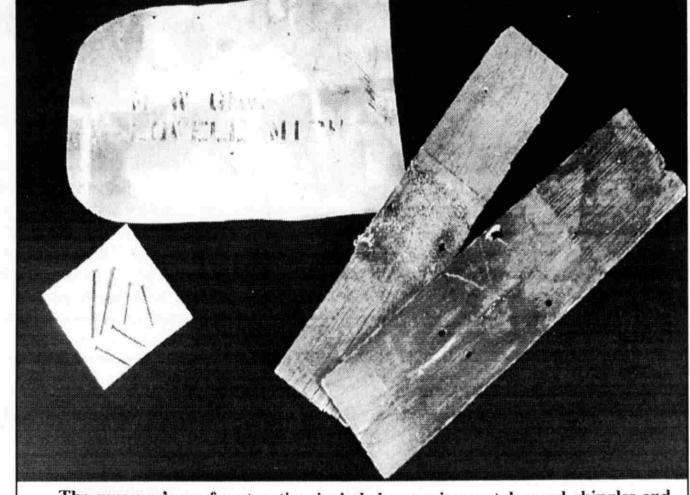
The hardware store opened in 1914 and a picture of the 1931 centennial parade included the Graham Building but the widow's walk was already gone.

The term, widow's walk (the porch-like balcony on top of the roof) came about years ago when fishermen set out to sea and their wives would walk onto the platform to await their husband's return.

Because many of the fishermen died at sea, the term "widow's walk" evolved.

When the contractor began peeling off the roof he found the standing seam metal roof under the asphalt shingles, and wood shingles under the metal,

"The museum is extremely fortunate for the gift that Harold Englehardt left to this community," Straub said. "Being a recipient of Lowell Area Community Fund grants has been a significant part of our success.



The museum's roof restoration included removing metal, wood shingles and square headed nails.

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on April 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a amendment in the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

amend Section 3.34 of the Zoning Ordinance, to modify the requirement on site condominium compliance with Article 4 and Article 5 of the Grattan Township Subdivision Ordinance, so as to specify that any variances from the terms of said Article 4 and said Article 5, with respect to site condominiums, are to be considered and decided upon by the Township Planning Commission and Township Board, under the terms of the variance provisions in Article 6 of the Subdivision Ordinance.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinance.

amending ordinance may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: March 10, 2003

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE

children, your grandchildren and those charitable organiza- base their minimum required distributions on their life expectancies. So, if they are in their early middle-aged years when they receive your IRA, they can take out relatively small nately, you've got some good tools available to help you amounts, thereby avoiding big tax hits.

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"multi-generational" IRA. To understand how the stretch Section 529 plan contribution limits are typically quite high—over \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans. traditional IRAs-specifically, you have to start taking "re-Also, under current law, all qualified withdrawals will be free quired minimum distributions" at age 70 1/2. Basically, the from federal income tax, although the money will appear as IRS has always required you to take minimum distributions income on the child's tax return. based on your life expectancy. However, in 2002, the IRS

Thus far, we've only talked about vehicles that can help you leave a legacy to your family. But what about charitable organizations? What are some good ways to leave your legacy you can now take out smaller amounts of money from your IRA, which allows you to extend the number of years your there?

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BY WHOM: The workshop is sponsored by Lowell Leadership.

WHERE: March 27 at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell, Michigan.

CONTACT: Limited seating is available. Please contact Liz Baker at 897-9161 to reserve your seat and for more

COMNGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & 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: Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. Call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds chamber office at 7 p.m. members welcome. Public invited, 897-7161

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in Administra- 2423. tion Building, 300 High

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

MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave: 897-2533.

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

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

1ST MON. OF THE MONTH: Diabetic Support group (7 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. ?'s call 897-2760.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 7:00 p.m.(at Schneider Manor until further notice.) mons. Connie 942-6887.

EVERY TUES.: Scrapbook Club at LMS after school. Contact Kris Gallagher at 897-9222

1ST & 3RD TUES .: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m. ?'s call 897-2760.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout

Troop 102: boys 11 & up or

completing 5th-grade,

meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at

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ington St. Call Terry

868-6481

SECOND TUES .: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at Plainfield Senior Center 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Call Sandy at

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

TUES .: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at monthly board meeting at LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New

> 1ST TUES .: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College. 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-

1ST TUES .: WINGS Par ent Group meets 7:30 - 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd mos; program meetings/even mos.

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

> **EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln

SECOND TUES .: G.R. region of the Horseless Carriage Club meets 7 p.m. at old S&H Green Stamp storefront in Rogers Plaza. Anyone interested in historical autos welcome. Call Bob 891-2205 for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/ HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE EVERY 1ST MON .: /E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group: Call Sarah 281-

Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin College #206 of the Com-

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 4-7th grade. 897-5894 for details.

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

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

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" (Sr. adults) at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transportation? Call Pat 897-7842.

EVERY WED .: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

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.: Lowell Women's Club meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor. 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program w/school children from Lowell in activities.9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen F.S.E. at Franciscan Child Develop-

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

ment Center, 897-7842.

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

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./ band: 7 -8 p.m. Kathy 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Potterv classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30

for two. 897-7842 for info.

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FIRST THURS.: 4-H 2037. drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at a new location: St. 647-3920. Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash at 7 p.m.

N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

Rubber stamping group at p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor (until further notice)

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children, Call 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: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m. social time: 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.

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EVERY 3RD THURS.: WED., MARCH 26: Spring athletic parent/coaches Christian Life Center 6-9 meeting at 7 p.m. in high

school cafeteria. Manda tory if you did not attend a fall or winter meeting.

SAT., MARCH 29: All you can eat spaghetti supper at King Memorial Bldg. 5-7 p.m. \$5 adults; \$3 6-10; free 5 & under. Sponsored

THURS., APRIL 3: Deadline to make reservations and to complete payments able to Lowell Senior Parents. Call Carol with questions 897-8785.

WED., APRIL 9: Snow United Methodist Church LOWELL AREA ARTS at 3189 Snow Ave. will serve a family turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; children 5-12: \$2.

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TUES.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

Woodland Mall. SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MARCH 26: 8:30 .m. Women's Breakfast

THURS., MARCH 27: 12:45 p.m. Tour the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

FRI., MARCH 28: 12:30 p.m. Have Lunch and Shop Study.

at Woodland Mall.

SUN., MARCH 30: Enjoy some music with the Lawrence Welk Orches tra at Devos Hall, \$39

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk at

Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

MON., MARCH 31: Bible



TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

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The proposed amending ordinance would

Written comments concerning the

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Residents may finally have a market for local produce

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

AAA Michigan.

For years, the idea of a farmers' market has been batted around at various planning commission meetings, but the idea just remained that - with never getting any further than an apple falling from the tree.

But Monday night, at its regular Lowell Planning Commission meeting, the idea might have finally blossomed into a probable reality with the help of Wittenbach Center director. Tammy DeBaar.

At the meeting. DeBaar approached the planning commission about the idea of having a farmers' market, where residents could purchase locally grown food.

"As a representative of the Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council, the idea is to have a place where local growers can sell to local buyers." DeBaar explained, adding that through her affiliation with the Wittenbach Center, she

threatening weather strikes is a key to avoiding damage from

coming storms which are almost sure to hit Michigan, says

to be sure they are ready before spring and summer storms

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rainwater at least three feet from the foundation.

Preparing your home for spring/summer storms

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has been encouraged to try and get the farmers' market up and option to add it to public facilities, Pasquale said.

How soon the market will become a reality is uncertain DeBaar said finding the right location will be a key factor, which could take some time, so realistically she is not expecting anything to happen this summer.

The goal, to help minimize car traffic, is to find a location that is as close to the downtown area as possible, DeBaar said. This would make it accessible to everyone, she added.

DeBaar said she has looked at several places including the First United Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the former Family Fare parking lot, and the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds. A concern is that they aren't centrally located or close to downtown.

City manager, David Pasquale said one of the issues for the city has been where a farmers' market is allowed. Right now, it is permitted in the business district. There could be an

But before making any changes to the ordinance, planning commissioner Clark Jahnke said getting more specific on a location would be the greatest help; then resolving the issues to get the farmers' market going.

"I think this is a great idea," said planning commissioner, Dan Pipe, who pretty much echoed the sentiments of the

DeBaar said the concept of a farmers' market has been in discussion for about a year. She said she has talked to several community members and has looked at farmers' markets in Ada and Grand Rapids. DeBaar continues to take comments and anyone wishing to talk to her about the farmers' market proposal should contact her at the Wittenbach Center at 987-1002.

Area girl scouts and Alto Lions team up to collect glasses

The Alto, Forest Hills and Lowell Girl Scouts and Alto Lions Club have teamed up to collect eyeglasses for the needy

The goal is to collect at least 1,000 pairs of glasses - the number the Lions' Club - sponsored optometrist and their team can treat in one day.

The collection drive began March 6 and runs through May

Glasses can be dropped off to any Girl Scout or Alto Lions Club member, or at Alto Elementary and the Alto Library. For the location of the drop boxes in Lowell or Forest

in Third World countries.

"We're in need of any eyeglasses and sunglasses," said scout leader, Susan Merriman. "Condition of the glasses is not a concern as all glasses will be repaired or used as replacement parts. Children's sunglasses are much appreciated."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-175,257-DE

Estate of ESTHER P. FREEMAN, deceased Date of Birth: 3/31/1916

TO ALL CREDITORS:* NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent, ESTHER P. FREEMAN, who lived at 2409 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids, Michi-

Creditors of the decedent Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims are notified that all claims against the estate will be against the estate will be forever barred unless forever barred unless presented to CHARLES presented to SANDRA W. FREEMAN, named sonal representative or personal representative proposed personal repor proposed personal resentative, or to both the the probate court at 180 probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed perand the named/proposed personal representative sonal representative within 4 months after the within 4 months after the date of publication of this date of publication of this

CHARLES W.FREEMAN 10968 Wellman Rockford, MI 49341

CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CARR deceased SSN: 365-40-5827

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NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** Decedent's Estate

01-25-03.

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PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

FILE NO. 03-175,110-DA

Estate of NORA L PUPLIS deceased SSN: 374-52-4786

Michigan, died 01-08-03.

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3-19-03

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(P-10311)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

angled for proper drainage.

keep items off the basement floor.

NOTICE TO

FILE NO. 03-175,200-DE **Estate of SHARON LEE**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-The decedent, SHARON TORS: The decedent, LEE CARR, who lived at NORA L. PUPLIS. who 1117 Crosby N.W., Grand lived at 1728 Tamarack,

Rapids, Michigan, died N.W., Grand Rapids, Creditors of the decedent Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims are notified that all claims against the estate will be against the estate will be forever barred unless forever barred unless presented to GLORIA presented to MILES V. JEAN STAUFFER c/o SCHMIDT, CPA, named John D. Mitus/Attorney- personal representative at-Law, named personal or proposed personal representative or pro-representative, or to both posed personal repre- the probate court at 180 sentative, or to both the Ottawa Avenue N.W., probate court at 180 Ot- Grand Rapids, MI 49503 tawa Avenue N.W., and the named/proposed #2500, Grand Rapids, MI personal representative 49503 and the named/ within 4 months after the

publication of this notice.

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