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126 Army Band Opens Series

The 126 Army Band took to the stage – one of the largest groups to ever perform at the concert series; their specialty was big band patriotic tunes. As the band played a melody of the armed forces songs past and present, members stood up and were honored by cheers and applause from the crowd. The Blue Water Ramblers took to the stage prior to the 126 Army Band. On Thursday night, Jr. Valentine and the AllStars will perform at the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series (More on page 3). The music and fun begins at 7 pm. Admission and parking are free. Seating is available. patrons are welcome to bring their own chairs. More pictures page 17.

Picture Courtesy Bruce T. Doll.

Planning Commission will rescind motion after a number of points called into question

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Planning Commission will revisit a motion which would have the city paying \$300 for a seminar in which attendees would learn to read site plans.

In May, the planning commission approved a motion made by commissioner, Jim Hall and seconded by Sherry Grimm in which the city would pay Fishbeck Thompson, Carr & Huber \$300 to hold the program.

Fishbeck Thompson Carr & Huber is the contracted construction manager for the City Hall/police station project. The city is paying the firm \$171,989.83.

After further review, Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale and city attorney, Richard Wendt will recommend that the planning commission rescind the motion made by Grimm.

"It will be up to the planning commission where it wants to go from here. This time, Sherry will abstain from any vote," Pasquale said.

The recommendation to rescind the motion is based on a couple of points: Grimm is an employee of Fishbeck Thompson Carr & Huber; voted on the issue, raising the conflict of interest question; and an informal offer was made by Williams & Works to provide the same program/seminar at no cost to the city.

"Everybody just missed it," said planning commissioner, Jim Hall.

Dave Austin, Williams & Works principal, in an informal proposal to the Lowell city manager via e-mail, offered to provide a similar seminar/program showing city attendees how to best use the services of professional planners. The service would be at no cost to the city.

"I made the informal offer because of the difficulties the city has had on the Highland Hills project," Austin said.

Curiosity Corner will enhance child's school readiness

••• TOTS grant is one of 14 awarded by Englehardt's Lowell Area Community Fund totaling \$438,607.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

TOTS on Track for School and Lowell Community Education will expand the district's early childhood program beginning in September with a program for three- and four-year olds.

Curiosity Corner will include time to play and make new friends, early literacy activities, math games, arts and crafts, science explorations and gym time for active play.

Class size will be limited to 16 children.

Morning sessions for three year olds will run from 9:15 to 11:15 on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.

The two sections for four year olds will meet three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) from 12:30 until 3 p.m.

There is a \$10 registration fee. The monthly three-year-old charge is \$50 and

the monthly four-year-old fee is \$70.

Tuition will be due the first of each month. No transportation will be provided.

The programs will begin on Sept. 2 with an open house scheduled for Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The program will be offered at no cost to the Lowell Area School District. Its funding will be provided through Englehardt's Lowell Area Community Fund.

TOTS on Track for School was awarded a \$78,312 grant from the community fund, with \$10,000 used as matching funds for the parents-as-teachers' component.

"We're opening up more spaces for educational opportunity in the Lowell School District," said TOTS director, Kathy Cole. "It's a way for us to provide more opportunity at a slightly reduced cost."

Cole adds that the early years of a child's life are critical to their academic, social

and emotional development.

"This program will help enhance a child's school readiness," Cole said.

The TOTS grant was one of 14 passed by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation board as recommended by the Lowell Area Community Foundation advisory board.

In all, the grants totaled \$438,607.

Other significant grants awarded were:

- \$103,500 for a summer school and tutoring program to extend learning time for at-risk students. It will cover summer school expenses including transportation, plus year-round tutoring.

- \$99,805 to the Lowell Area YMCA to hire a director to work with the community and the school district in assessing health and wellness needs. It represents two-years funding to staff a new community wellness consortium.

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Start to Finish

Under clear, sunny skies the 9th annual Cherry Creek Classic 5K Race was run on Saturday - 150 runners and walkers crowded the starting line at 8 a.m. for the 3.1 mile race. Pictured to the left are the top male and female runners. They are Travis Clement of Byron Center and Sharon Becker of Fowler. Story, more pictures and times are on page 11.

OBITUARIES

BROWN - Ermine Marie Brown, aged 54, of Middleville, passed away June 14, 2003 at home. She retired from Attwood Corp. in Lowell after 31 years of service. She is survived by her son Bobby J. Brown of Middleville; five sisters Beverly Taylor of Lowell, Helene Featherly of Middleville, Sandra Anderson of Edmore, Linda Furrow of Middleville, Robin (Hank) Dunbar of Battle Creek; five brothers Raymond (Jean) Featherly of Battle Creek, Carl (Faye) Featherly of Hastings, George (Jackie) Featherly of Edmore, Jim (Ellen) Featherly of Delton, Victor Featherly of Middleville; many nieces and

nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville. Interment Irving Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

DAVIS - Jane L. Davis, aged 70, of Saranac, passed away June 15, 2003 at Breton Manor in Grand Rapids. She was born April 21, 1933 in Amble, MI, the daughter of Dewey and Lila (Dishong) Yanke. Jane married Duane Davis August 15, 1953, in Amble. He preceded her in death. She is survived by her sons, Michael (Elizabeth) Davis of Lowell, Russell Davis of Ionia, Kenneth (Susan) Davis of Ionia,

Robert (Carla) Davis of Illinois, Dewey (Marianna) Davis of Saranac, daughters Patricia (Mike) Steward of Texas, Barbara (Chuck) Graham of Rockford, Cheryl (Doug) Bailey of Lake Odessa; brothers Bernard Yanke of Mt. Pleasant, Clarence (Mary) Yanke of Lakeview, Delbert (Sharon) Yanke of Lakeview, Lee (Jane) Yanke of Dewitt; sister, Beatrice Winger of Michigan, Jean Hill of Paris, MI, Doris (Francis) Rogers of Texas, Joan (Ron) Rykert of Cedar Springs, Shirley Yanke of Lakeview; 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one infant sister, three brothers-in-law, and one sister-in-law. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 18 at Ionia Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Kirk Starkweather officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make a memorial contribution to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Muncy. He is survived by his children Lucille (Robert) Green of Lowell, Richard (Sally) Grutter of New Hampshire, Raymond (Judith) Grutter of Kentwood; daughter-in-law Kay Grutter of Grand Rapids; 19 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday at the Matthisse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, Wyoming, with Rev.

Robert Stover officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to South United Methodist B.N. Grand Rapids, MI 49548.



'HARDT HAPPENINGS'
The Summer Reading Club will be presenting a high energy show that includes acrobatics, juggling, unicycles, comedy and magic to several library branches.

The dynamic duo of Teresa and Sem will perform their thrilling and chilling per-

formance at the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required (647-3920).

For other dates and locations, contact Kent District Library at 784-2007.

Kent District Library is sponsoring a "Put Your Pet in Pictures" contest that invites all residents of Kent County to photograph their pet(s) with library materials.

Contest rules and registration forms are available at any Kent District Library branch; entries will be collected from June 16 to July 31. Winners will be announced in August, and calendars will go on sale in the fall.

Proceeds will benefit the KDL Alliance of Friends to fund library programs.

For more information call 784-2007.

Lowell students receive Marshall Music scholarships

STROM - Robert C. Strom, aged 94, of Wyoming, passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2003. He was preceded in death by his wife Ethel, son Robert Grutter and daughter Henrietta

Emily Keener, a Lowell High School clarinet player, and **Stephanie Kehoe**, a Lowell Middle School oboe player, were awarded music scholarships at Blue Lake Fine Arts

Camp for 2003 summer study by Marshall Music Company of Lansing.

These scholarships are based on musicianship, citizenship and musical achievement as determined by the school music staff and school administration.

Each scholarship is in the amount of \$430. Students participate in concentrated ses-

sional and large group studies along with other outstanding student musicians from throughout the state. They also have the opportunity to play under the direction of nationally known conductors.

Keener is the daughter of Lynne Smith and Kehoe is the daughter of Patrick and Cindy Kehoe.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS
In an effort to save the district approximately \$15,000, all school buildings, including the administration offices, will be closed during the week of July 4, closing at the end of the work day on June 27 and reopening at the beginning of the work day on July 7.

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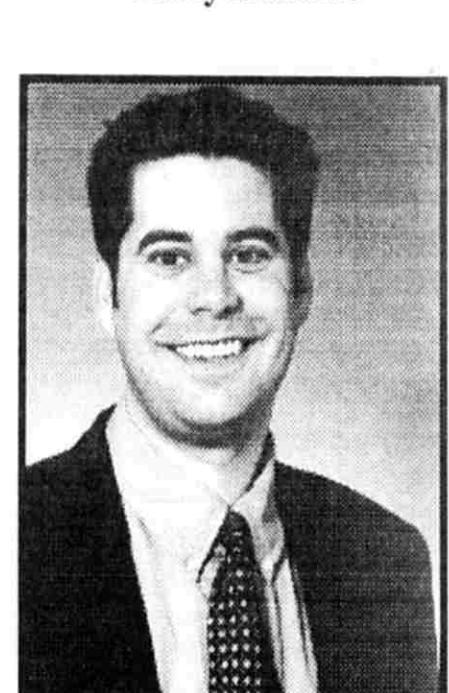
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BUSINESS MATTERS
Greenridge Realty announced that Mary Buckius received Realtor of the Month in May. This award recognizes Buckius for her outstanding success and achievements.



Mary Buckius

Ryan Odell has joined Skanska USA Building Inc. as a Project Estimator for the West Michigan team. He will be responsible for providing clients with estimating, constructability reviews and value engineering services during construction management projects. Odell received a B.S. in Construction Management from Michigan State University and holds an Associate Constructors Certification. He is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School and the son of Roger and Vicki Odell of Lowell.



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Jr. Valentine and All Stars make 1st concert series appearance

The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature Junior Valentine and the All Stars on Thursday, June 19.

Junior Valentine and the All Stars is a rhythm and blues band specializing in dance music for a wide variety of listeners. They make an effort to present many different styles of R&B music hailing back to the days when this great American music was regional in nature and reflected the sound and feel of the people who created it. Another side of the band is Rock & Roll and funky R&B from the '60s. The band has a dynamic sound and power to pack a dance floor.

The band now has four long-standing members. Junior Valentine does most of the singing and carries the guitar work. Dan Bryska plays both

alto and tenor saxophones and sings as well. Michael Toering plays stand-up and electric bass and does a good share of the singing. Chris Fassbender plays drums and percussion, and keeps the beat happening.

The concert series is coordinated through the efforts of the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Admission and parking are free. The concert venue is wheelchair accessible, and handicap/senior parking is available. There is bleacher seating along with room for your own comfy folding chair.

Join Junior Valentine and the All Stars at the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts on June 19 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

COLLEGE NEWS

The honor lists for the spring semester have been announced by officials at Graceland University located in Lamoni, Iowa. From the Lowell area is **Amanda Leigh Willits**.

To be named to the honor's list, a student must achieve a grade point average of between 3.65 and 3.99.

Alissa Bosscher, a sophomore majoring in biology at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill., has been named to the dean's list for fall 2002. Full-time Trinity students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average to qualify for this honor.

The Lowell graduate is the

daughter of Allan and Janice Bosscher.

Northwood University has recently announced its dean's list for spring term.

From the Lowell area is **Ashley S. Rickert**. From the Alto area are **Kelley M. Jackson** and **Miranda Reimann**.

To achieve dean's list rec-

ognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

John L. Myers, son of Barbara L. Stuart of Lowell, received a bachelor of arts degree from Colgate University on May 18.

Colgate University is a liberal arts college in central New York State.

The future is no more uncertain than the present.
—Walt Whitman

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Lowell: Near Alto
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\$164,900 Joice Smith

Cascade: Breathtaking Views
Quality Sundry built 2-story in fantastic new Bloomington Hills Development. 2300 sq. ft. with a fantastic view of woods and conservancy property. Formal dining room, large living room with fireplace, spacious master suite. Main floor laundry and 1/2 bath off garage. Great walkout level ready to be finished.
\$299,900 Pat Schaefer

Big Brick Home With Up To 74 Acres
9 miles east of downtown Lowell, 3-story with 5000 sq. ft. all restored to original state. Formal dining, parlor, den and living room with fireplace. The kitchen has a walk-in pantry and breakfast nook creates cozy mornings. A total of 6 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, w/5 acres \$289,900; w/74 acres \$635,000; other acreage options also available.
Joice Smith

Lowell: New Listing
This 3-bedroom ranch is located right next to the park with lots of room to play or the big backyard is fenced. Sliders off dining area to big deck, newer carpet in living room. Partially finished basement as family room, shop and office. At this price in Lowell you better not wait.
\$109,900 Joice Smith

Lowell: Secluded Setting
Sprawling ranch, 4 wooded secluded acres, 4 bedroom, 3 full baths, 3000 sq. ft., big living room w/fieldstone fireplace, lower level walkout family room, 3-stall garage. Only 2 miles to town. Also available on 14 acres, 5 years new.
\$289,900 Joice Smith

Cascade: New Listing!
A Sundry showpiece! Amenities include a master suite with tray ceilings, sitting area with gorgeous view, deluxe bath and 10x10 W.C. 9' ceilings, living room with stunning fireplace and window seat. Gorgeous maple cabinetry in a meticulously designed kitchen with large center island and walk-in pantry. Hardwood floors, bonus room, recessed lighting, upgrades abound. Walkout level is plumbed for a 3rd full bathroom, 2 more possible bedrooms and large family room. All in Bloomington Hills with 23-acre conservancy and community park.
\$294,900 Pat Schaefer

Lowell: Reduced!
Huge home in great neighborhood on large corner lot! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths; fireplace in living room, large country kitchen, huge rooms throughout! Set up for 2 family or one. Great potential!
\$114,900 Toni Schaefer

Lowell: 4 Bedroom Ranch
This recently updated sprawling ranch has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and laundry all on the main floor. The bright sunroom is great to cheer you up or enjoy the family room in the back where you can watch the kids in the back yard through the sliders. Don't miss out!
\$159,900 Joice Smith

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Rev. Marks to conclude his ministry at Evergreen

Pastor Glenn Marks will be preaching his last sermon on June 29 as Senior Pastor of Evergreen Missionary Church. Pastor Marks and xxx Marks will be concluding 27 years of full-time ministry at Evergreen as well as 53 years overall.

They began their ministry in July 1950 in Plymouth, Ind., at the Jacoby United Missionary Church. They have also pastored at the Edison Road United Missionary Church in South Bend, Ind. (now Redeemer Missionary Church), the North Manchester United Missionary Church in North Manchester, Ind., and Providence United Missionary Church in Indianapolis before moving to Michigan. At that time they pastored a Wesleyan Church in Pontiac before moving to the Grand Rapids area in 1967. Their main focus in ministry has been in church planting.

A "Thank-you Celebration" in their honor will be held at Evergreen Missionary Church in Lowell at 2:00 p.m. following the morning worship service and a luncheon. For more information, call 897-5894.

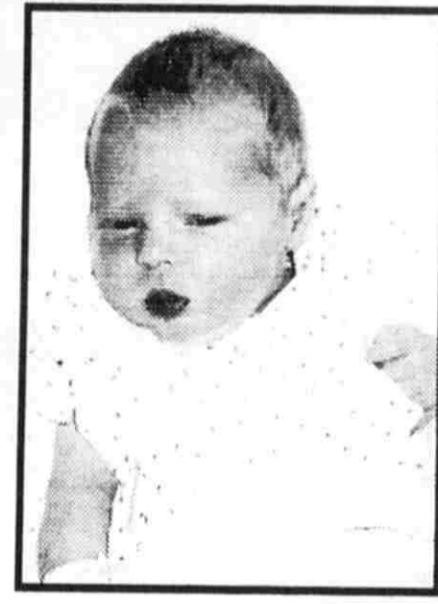
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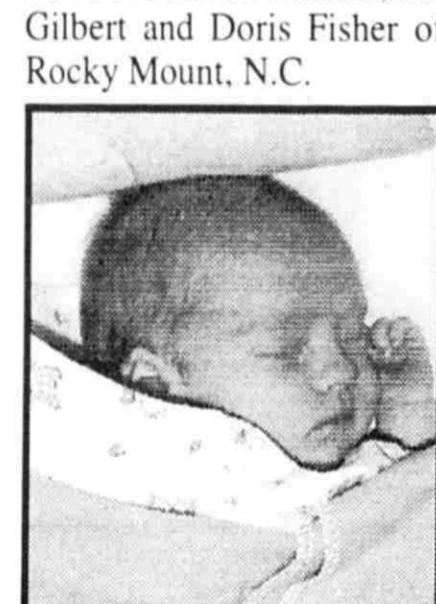
Liam Francis Doyle was born April 8, 2003, to Brian and Cheryl Doyle. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 19 inches long.

Liam was welcomed home by his sisters Erin and Molly, and brothers Patrick and Regan. Grandparents are Clark and Greta Parsons, and King and Marie Doyle.



Charlie and Karen Fisher of Winter Haven, Fla., would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Janna Elizabeth, born at the Regency Medical Center in Winter Haven on Monday, April 21, 2003. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 20 1/8 inches long.

She is welcomed home by her two brothers, Jonathan and Jeffrey.



Proud grandparents are Mary Peckham of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Lowell and the late Richard Peckham, and Gilbert and Doris Fisher of Rocky Mount, N.C.

Mathew and Denise Barton are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Julianna Grace. She was born June 3, 2003, weighing 5 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 17 inches long. Proud grandparents are Loren and Pauline Barton of Lowell and Bob and Barbara Bloem of Evergreen Park, Ill., and loving aunts Amy and Shawn and uncle David.

Carl/Wisner

Molly Marie Wisner and Bradley Douglas Carl were married on May 3, 2003 at Grandville United Methodist Church.

Parents of the couple are David and Catherine Wisner and Douglas and Elenor Carl.

Maid of honor was Maggie Wisner. Bridesmaids were Angela Carl, Audra Erard, Julie Wisner and Jennifer Wisner.

Best man was Gavin Girodat. Groomsmen were Mike Keena, Larry Krzykwa, Kurt Skinner and Chad Wood. Ushers were Erik Benton and Dan Fleegeer.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Timothy and Suzanne Hendrick.

The couple will reside in Grand Rapids.



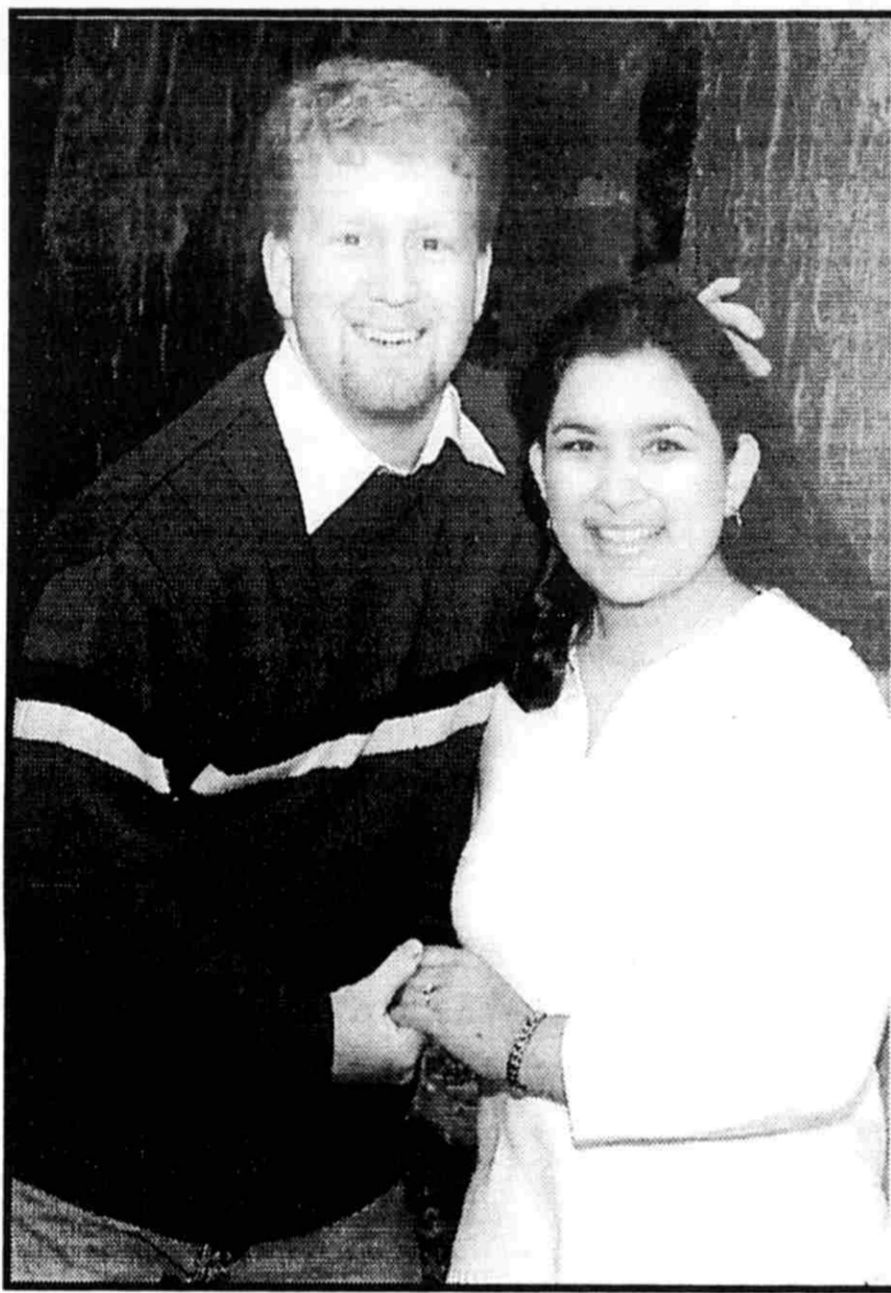
Girwarnauth/Sponable

Andy and Kathleen Girwarnauth of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughter, Naomi Joy to Steven Eric Sponable.

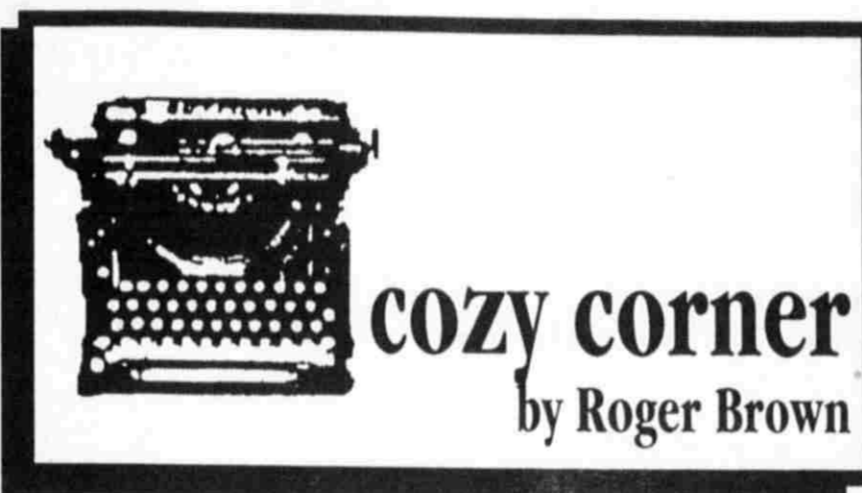
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Reformed Bible College.

The future groom is a graduate of Howardsville Christian School and attended Washington Bible College. He is the son of Robert and Nancy Sponable of New Era.

A December 13, 2003, wedding is planned.



Viewpoint . . .



I was on the phone all day yesterday. The paper my wife and I publish is comprised of real estate advertising. In putting each edition to bed, it is my job to round up the last scraps of copy and the missing photos from dozens of realtors. When each issue goes off to the printer I thank my lucky stars it is a monthly publication and not a weekly.

After doing this job for a little over five years, I've deduced a couple of things. One is that the only group of people on the phone more than those tele-marketers that call you every night at dinner, are realtors. Consequently, I am forever leaving messages on voice mail in trying to track down my missing photos and errant copy. My second deduction is that I leave terrible messages.

I think I'm fairly concise, coherent and comprehensible when engaged in phone conversation. That is, I don't ramble in a two-way conversation. I don't mumble when conversing. I emit something akin to the English language when speaking to someone on the other end of the line.

When I get the, "Sorry I missed your call. I'm either on the other line or away from my desk. Please leave a detailed message," baloney, something clicks up there in the gray matter under the gray hair ... what's left of it. And, yes, I'm referring to what's left of my gray hair, not what's left of my gray matter.

When I know the conversation on this message is entirely up to me, I panic. I ramble. I mumble. I try to be cute. I don't know when to shut up. I almost always leave out one important piece to the message. I feel like kicking the desk when I hang up, and often do. The big toe on my right foot is almost always sore.

Here is my end of a typical call if I happen to catch the realtor on the phone. "Hey Carmen ... Roger ... how goes it? Good, I won't keep you. We still need copy on the Gulf Drive place and a photo for Morton Street. Okay, I'll be waiting with baited breath by the fax machine. See ya!" That's it, half a minute at the most. Cordial and breezy, yet efficient and to the point.

Here's the same call if I get voice mail. "Hello Carmen. This is Roger ... Roger Brown ... from the Real Estate Guide. Sorry I missed you. It's about ... let's see here ... 10:30 ... that's a.m. Oh, and yeh, it's Tuesday the um ... where's the calendar ... the um, ah 17th. Terese has been working on your ad ... Terese is my wife ... you know Terese. What am I thinkin'? Anyway, Terese tells me she still needs, um ah, a photo for um, ah, that house on Gulf Drive. No wait! That's copy ... she needs copy for the house on Gulf Drive. And, um, also ... she needs

a photo, yeh, that's right this time ... a photo ... for the house on um ... um ... just a minute. Gotta look that up and make sure I'm right. (There is the sound of the phone clunking onto the desk followed by a long pause with papers shuffling in the background.) Here it is. Sorry for the wait. That copy we need is for ... No wait ... that photo we need is for the house on Morton Street. Sorry for the confused message. Terese says you can fax the copy, but should e-mail the photo. You can e-mail the copy as well ... which only makes sense as long as you're e-mailing the photo. But you know that. Sorry. Give us a call if you have any questions. Have a nice day. Say hello to the kids for me. See ya. Blah. Blah. Blah. Blah. Blah."

Hopefully I get the phone hung up before the sound of me kicking the chair across the room.

The same message should have gone like this. "Hey Carmen ... Roger. It's 10:30 Tuesday. We need that copy for Gulf Drive and the photo for Morton Street. E-mail is fine. Gotta have it A.S.A.P. Thanks. Bye."

Somewhere during my 30 years in the publishing business I realized my written English is terrible. To compensate, I began writing in short sentences. My stuff is much more intelligible than it used to be. For instance, this paragraph would have been one long and jumbled sentence.

I need to make the same conscious decision about leaving phone messages. I need to keep them short and to the point. My conversational English isn't good enough to string thoughts together. Maybe I touched on the problem earlier. I probably am losing gray matter along with my gray hair.

handles this spring, plus many neck yokes and whiffletrees. The "rose bug" is a new threat to the peach crop (it also is found on roses); it eats the entire green peach except the skin. Professor Cook of the Michigan Agricultural College is studying the pest to find how to control it.

Fishing is good in the lakes hereabouts.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 21, 1928 (1923)

The empty Peckham Furniture Co. warehouse and some C. H. Runciman coal sheds burn down near the freight station, which is saved. The new chemical engine of the fire department can't be used because of the extreme heat.

R.E. Springett's Boy Scout Band will resume their summer concerts next Wednesday evening.

Many Lowell stores will stay open Wednesday evening and close Thursday afternoon for the summer.

The big ad right under the movie ad on page one is for the new Kerr wide-mouth mason jars; no rubber rings, and the opening is big enough for easy washing.

Boy scouts have put together and stained the log walls for the new scout lodge and a barn raising will be held Sunday. Showboat Garden Club takes on the challenge of the public library grounds (Graham House), starting with a petunia border.

The state enacts severe penalties for school districts which pad their school membership rolls.

J.L. Hudson displays the world's largest flag on its Detroit store: 104 feet by 235 feet. (Note: J.L.Hudson had an early-before Detroit-store in Lowell).

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 21, 1978

The Chamber of Commerce urges staying home for the Fourth and enjoying the parade on Main Street, and games, food booths, and fireworks display at Recreation Park.

The East Kent Community Center offers help with maintenance, mowing and housekeeping for seniors who need but can't afford the services.

Chris Burch invites all to the "Duffers Golf Get-together" Monday mornings at 8:45 at Arrowhead Golf Course, even if you just go along for the walk and talk.

Nobody showed up at the public hearing on water rate increases, so up they go: \$4.50 to \$6.50 a month and 36 to 47 cents per thousand gallons.

Saranac High School Varsity Baseball team wins the state championship for Class D schools.

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 19, 1878

"The Keene cheese factory turns out a very good article." Strawberry and ice cream festival at Train's Hall tonight, for the benefit of the Lowell Cornet Band.

Grand excursion by railroad and steamboat to Grand Haven and Muskegon on Friday, leaving Lowell at 8:35 a.m. Fare: \$1.50 adult, 90 cents child.

A heavy rain has washed out roads and cornfields in Vergennes.

Farmers are complaining about deer eating up crops in this county.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 18, 1953

Peter Speerstra offers the village a no-interest loan if sewer and water extensions are built to his new garage on West Main while other extensions are also being made. Accepted.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In the past few months I have received several phone calls at my home from an angry elderly lady. The message is always the same: "Do something about these cats," and then the caller disconnects.

As Animal Control Officer for our fine city, I am well

aware that there is a problem with feral cats. In addition, many citizens are not aware that the city does have an ordinance for cat owners that mirrors the law for dog owners. To summarize, cats are to be confined on the owner's property, they are not to be allowed to roam freely or the owners can be cited.

I can be contacted about animal problems through the Lowell Police Department at 897-7123. Please do not call my home. In addition to the part-time Animal Control position, I work a full-time job. During this time, the Lowell officers handle all animal control complaints, and leaving a message on my home phone is not going to get prompt service.

In addition, I carry a pager and the dispatchers from the Police Department know to contact me via this method. I am disturbed when people by-pass these methods of contact to call at 2 a.m. regarding a barking dog, or leave message after message regarding cats.

Lastly, when a complaint is made through the proper channels, please give more information. A complaint such as "there's a problem with these cats" is equivalent to stating "people are speeding through my neighborhood." Without more information given (name and address of caller, location of concern, etc.), a satisfactory solution to the problem cannot be obtained, leaving the caller frustrated.

Sincerely,
Jill Moore
Lowell Animal Control

Sharing The Vision

NANCY HOPKINS
Board of Education President

School is out, but busy days lie ahead for the Lowell school community. Lowell Area Schools teachers, staff and administrators are hard at work developing the plan that will meet the varied requirements of *No Child Left Behind* and *Education Yes*. District administration and employee unions are negotiating contracts. These are difficult and challenging tasks that must be accomplished during difficult and challenging times.

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City takes first step toward bonds for road work

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Sibley Street, Grindle Drive and Jackson Street are a little closer to getting some much needed road improvements.

Monday night, the Lowell City Council unanimously agreed to publish an intent to sell transportation bonds for the purpose of improving Sibley St. between Center St. and Valley Vista Dr., Grindle Dr. between Jackson St. and Hillside Ct., and Center St. south of Bowes Rd. The bond would not exceed \$600,000.

City Attorney Richard Wendt said this is the first step the city has to take in order to issue bonds, but even with this step, the city is not required to follow through. As Mayor Jeanne Shores said, the council can still change its mind until the bond resolution is made.

To make the bond resolution, the intent to sell must have been published 45 days prior to the resolution. The earliest the council would be able to make such a resolution is August.

Even then, the market should be good for interest rates, Wendt said, adding that the interest rate was supposed to go down again. Add in low construction bids, and the city should fair well on this project, he said.

"There really isn't a better time to do this," Shores said.

The move comes on the heels of a proposal made by Rox LLC for the area of Bowes Rd. and S. Center. In May, John Scott, representing Rox LLC, came to the council about developing that area and wanted to know if the city would be willing to chip in about \$90,000 for road improvements on S. Center Rd. and Clark Rd., which could serve as a main entrance into Stoney Lakeside Park.

In his proposal, Scott said he planned to run water and

sewer down S. Center St. to Bowes Rd. He also planned to make road improvements from Clark St. to West St. Scott said he was willing to improve the roads on the portions he needed to rip apart for utilities and was hoping the city would be interested in improving the roads the rest of the way. The council indicated it was, which started discussion on bonding for other road improvements.

Thrift store revenues help fund food pantry and emergency services

Like three year olds, the Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.) Thrift Store has gone from those early, wobbly steps to its present condition - one of offering fine quality merchandise to the public.

Undergoing a three-year check-up, F.R.O.M.'s state of

health would be found to be excellent.

Approximately 50 volunteers work over 600 hours each month sorting, stocking and working at the counter.

The Thrift Store constantly keeps its racks full of clothing, housewares and decorator items. As a result of donations from the commu-

nity, between \$3-\$4,000 in sales is generated each month.

This money is used to fund the food pantry and emergency services.

When it seems that donations will be more appropri-

ately utilized at other worthwhile agencies, the Thrift Store passes them on to locations such as the Veteran's

Facility, Englehardt Public Library, Lowell Area Schools, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, the Humane Society and other missions. Recycling in this way means that almost nothing is wasted.

F.R.O.M. can always use more volunteers. If you are interested, call 897-2037 or visit at 519 E. Main.

Commitment is the "Standard" among these agents

Standard Oil Annuity Club members gathered at Schneider Manor for a luncheon Friday.

Between the seven members in attendance, the annuitants averaged 29 years of service as a Standard Oil Agent.

They traveled from as far away as Otsego to share stories and camaraderie with Lowell's Sam "Babe" Wingeier.

Born and raised in Lowell, the 96-year-old Wingeier worked at Standard Oil 21 years before retiring in 1967.

Wingeier, a graduate from Michigan State University (College), has lived the past 33 years at Schneider Manor.

He spent four years in the Army, two of which were spent overseas (WWI).

Pictured with Wingeier (seated), from left to right, are: Edward Steinke, Stanton, 35 years with Standard Oil; Roger Bloom, Grand Rapids, 15 years; Jerry VanManen, Grand Rapids, 45 years; Lean Stearns, Lake Odessa, 35 years; Fred Wood, Sparta, 32 years; and Tag Wesler, Otsego, 22 years.



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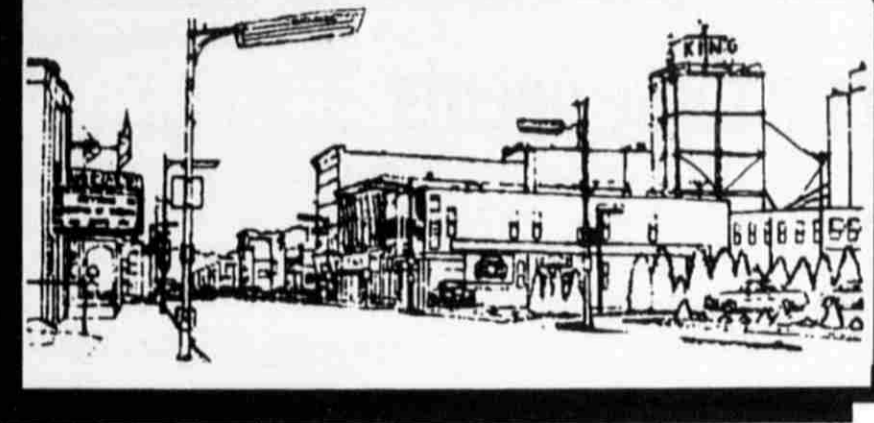
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SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL JUNE 2, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the May 19, 2003 Regular Meeting and bills and accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the adoption of the budget amendments for the fiscal year 2002-2003 as proposed.
- Motion to approve the wage re-opener agreement with the Lowell Police Officers Association of a 1.0% increase for 2003-2004 involving the Police Officer (each pay step) and Sergeant positions.
- Motion to adopt the City operating budget as presented for 2003-2004.
- Motion to set the operating millage rate at 15.83 mills for the 2003-2004 budget year, recognizing an added 0.25 mills allocated to the Lowell Area Historical Museum in the November 2002 election.
- Motion to accept the water and sewer rate readiness to serve charges as proposed.
- Motion to increase the charge for yard and solid waste bags to \$8 per bundle.
- Motion to instruct City Attorney/Bond Counsel Richard Wendt to prepare a Michigan Transportation Fund resolution for bonding not to exceed \$600,000.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, June 16, 2003.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 414 East Main Street (Huntington National Bank), Lowell.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell



LAAC ART ATTACK

This Saturday a celebration at 149 S. Hudson St. will mark 25 years the Lowell Area Arts Council has provided arts experiences for the Greater Lowell community. For tickets (\$18 per person in advance and \$25 at the door) call 897-8545.

OPEN GYM FOR VOLLEYBALL

There will be open gyms at Lowell High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. for 7th/8th grades and from 7-9 p.m. for 9-12th grades June 24-July 24. No open gyms the 1st week of July.

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WANTED: DIRECTOR(S)

Lowell Area Arts Council Thebes Players is seeking directors for its first two productions of the 2003-04 season: "Inspecting Carol" in November; "Escanaba In 'Da Moonlight" in February. Applicants should send resume by July 31 to LAAC Thebes Players P.O. Box 53, Lowell 49331, call 897-8545 or email: info@lowellartscouncil.org

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The consortium includes churches, schools, municipalities, and other non-profits.

- \$50,000 to the Lowell Historic District Commission to provide grants to property owners in the Downtown Lowell Historic District.
- \$30,000 to create an 1870's Period Room, changing exhibits area and a gift shop on the lower west side of the Graham Building.
- \$28,300 to the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association so that it can supply adequate electricity for functions on the fairgrounds.
- \$18,500 to Lowell Area Schools to match Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation fundraising efforts. It is a matching grant.
- \$10,300 to the Lowell Senior Neighbors, Inc. to provide capital improvements to the senior center for a handicap awning and busport.
- \$5,690 to the Lowell Area Arts Council to replace the roof covering the part of the building the council uses.
- \$5,000 to Lowell Area Schools for an emerging leaders training class to provide leadership training for staff members.
- \$5,000 to Lowell Area Schools to send three-five teachers to the MSU preparation program for principalship.

• \$2,500 to Lowell Area Schools for a sports medicine seminar to facilitate career exploration in the health sciences field.

• \$1,000 to Lowell Area Schools for an embracing cultures project to provide diversity training and peace building skills for 1,320 students and intense leadership training for 20 students.

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JUNE 22: Michael Korte, Byron Pat Brenk, Jim Francis I, Ken Stager III.
JUNE 23: Jane Rogers, Brinna Manszewski, Katy Fetterhoff.
JUNE 24: Saralyn Vezind, Gaye Pfaller, Ramee Guild.
JUNE 25: Ann Wittenbach, Kim Raines, Angela Lonero.

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.
—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

On behalf of the Al White family, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person for their love, support and generosity that was extended to us during our sudden loss. We cannot express enough how Al would have been so proud to know she had so many loving and caring friends. It was just unbelievable on the amount of people that came forward to show their condolences. All the flowers were absolutely beautiful. Thanks to all of Al's friends and the Lowell Moose Lodge for the wonderful luncheon, the pallbearers for the great job, Roth Gerst Funeral Home for all the help and support, and Rev. Gordie for the wonderful service. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our wife and mother was one of the best and you all help prove that.

God Bless You
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Don White and Family
Connie Roth and Family

Veteran jeweler brings works of gold to Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The idea of opening up a jewelry store isn't one that came to Michelle Brigstock overnight.

Actually, the notion of a jewelry store came to her five years ago, but then the ceiling caved in.

Literally! "I was seriously looking at the building where The Flat River Grill now is, but the ceiling caved in, so I decided not to," Brigstock said.

The jewelry store owner, who was born and raised in Lowell, moved to Hastings six years ago. She has worked in the jewelry business for the past 22 years.



Working at Goldworks with Michelle Brigstock, middle, are daughter, Melony Nieto and friend, Cory Gonzales.

"Then this building became vacant, and everything just kind of fell into place. I had parking, high accessibility, and was located in a high traffic area," she explained. "It also allows me to work in Lowell - a place I grew up in and where I love the people."

Goldworks By Michelle opened in Lowell on May 1. The store hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.; and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Brigstock describes Goldworks as a place that offers quality workmanship, unique and quality jewelry, fair pricing, a friendly and knowledgeable work staff and in-house repairs.

The owner is certified through the Gemological International Association (GIA).

"There is always something to learn in this field. It's a never ending source of information about different techniques and styles," Brigstock said.

Her aspirations for the store are that it continue to grow and meet the needs and services of its customers while

maintaining its quality.

Helping Michelle run the store is her friend and GIA certified, Cory Gonzales, and daughters Melony Nieto and Amber Miller.

"I'm also helped by my one-year-old granddaughter Keyanna Nieto," Brigstock says with a smile. "There are three generations who help with the store."

LEGAL NOTICES

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 03-175-784-DE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LILLIAN IRENE GILLIS, who lived at 427 Leonard Street N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, died 2/11/03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PEGGY LEE CLOCKLIN, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

6/16/03

Quillans Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Bill & Betty Quillan are holding an OPEN HOUSE at the home of Bill & Betty on Sunday, June 22 at 6927 McCords Rd., Alto, MI. They would appreciate hearing from friends and family of the loving couple. No gifts please. Wonderful thoughts and caring memoirs mentioned or written of the couple would be a pleasure for them.



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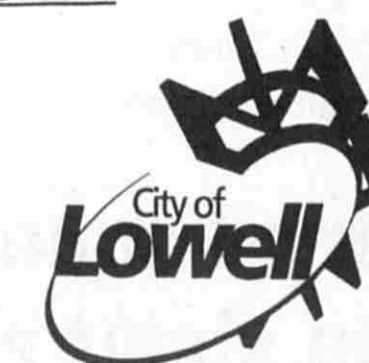
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TAKE NOTICE that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a four-year aquatic plant control program for Big Crooked Lake at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The aquatic plant control program for Big Crooked Lake is proposed to commence in 2004 and continue through 2007. The program will consist of herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting, administration and inspections, and contingency expenses. The amount of herbicide treatments and harvesting in any given year will be dependent on the type and location of aquatic plants in the lake and Department of Environmental Quality permit requirements. The total annual cost of the project is \$29,225.

The Special Assessment District for the Big Crooked Lake Project includes all lakefront parcels and all backlots that have deeded or dedicated lake access. Contiguous lots in common ownership are being assessed as a single parcel provided only one house exists on the parcel. The \$29,225 annual cost of the project is being assessed equally against all parcels within the Special Assessment District.

A special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will meet at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan immediately after the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party in interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board c/o Grattan Township Treasurer, 12050 Old Belding Road, N.E., Belding, Michigan 48809-9367. Notice is also given that the owner of or party in interest in any real property within the Big Crooked Lake Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board

Coffee shop just the place for a voyage into a good book

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Her impulsive decisions oftentimes get Natasha Versluys in trouble. This time it got her a coffee shop.

Versluys's decision to open Voyages Coffee Shop, 307 B E. Main, came while waiting to be seated for dinner at a local restaurant. "While we were waiting, we looked around town. I just felt Lowell needed a coffee shop and that the timing was right," Versluys explained. The name, Voyages materialized because it fits in with

Versluys's desire to create a travel theme for the coffee shop. "It may be a voyage into a good book, or into cyber space," Versluys explains. Voyages Coffee Shop has been open for three weeks. Versluys has been waiting for a huge "gotcha" which hasn't yet come.

She credits, in part, her landlord, Mark Batchelor, for that. "He has been very helpful and supportive. Mark was excited to have a coffee shop going into the building and wanted to do anything he could to help me do well," Versluys said. The Vergennes Township resident helped herself by doing her homework. "I visited area coffee shops and asked a lot of questions," she said. "Chimera Design provided me with art for the walls and Dream Pieces helped me

with flowers for the tables." Voyages is open Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Friday 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. The number one request she's received since opening is about serving sandwiches. "I eventually want to do that, as well as provide internet access," Versluys said.

She adds that it is important not to try to do too much too fast. Currently, Voyages offers coffee, espresso drinks, non-coffee drinks, specialty drinks, cappuccino, baked items and gourmet ice cream. "Voyages' slogan is 'the best cup of coffee for miles,'" Versluys concludes.



Jackie Kragt (left), of Grand Rapids, and Judy Baartman, of Grandville, enjoy conversation and coffee at Voyages Coffee Shop.



Mary Dommer and her son, Alex enjoy coffee, ice cream and a game of chess.

DON'T LET UNION BOSSES TAKE AWAY YOUR FREEDOM!

As Americans, one of the basic values we cherish is the freedom of choice. We put a high value on being able to make up our own minds without having someone tell us what to do. This is why an overwhelming majority of Americans believe that workers should be allowed to choose for themselves whether or not to join a union, without coercion and intimidation.

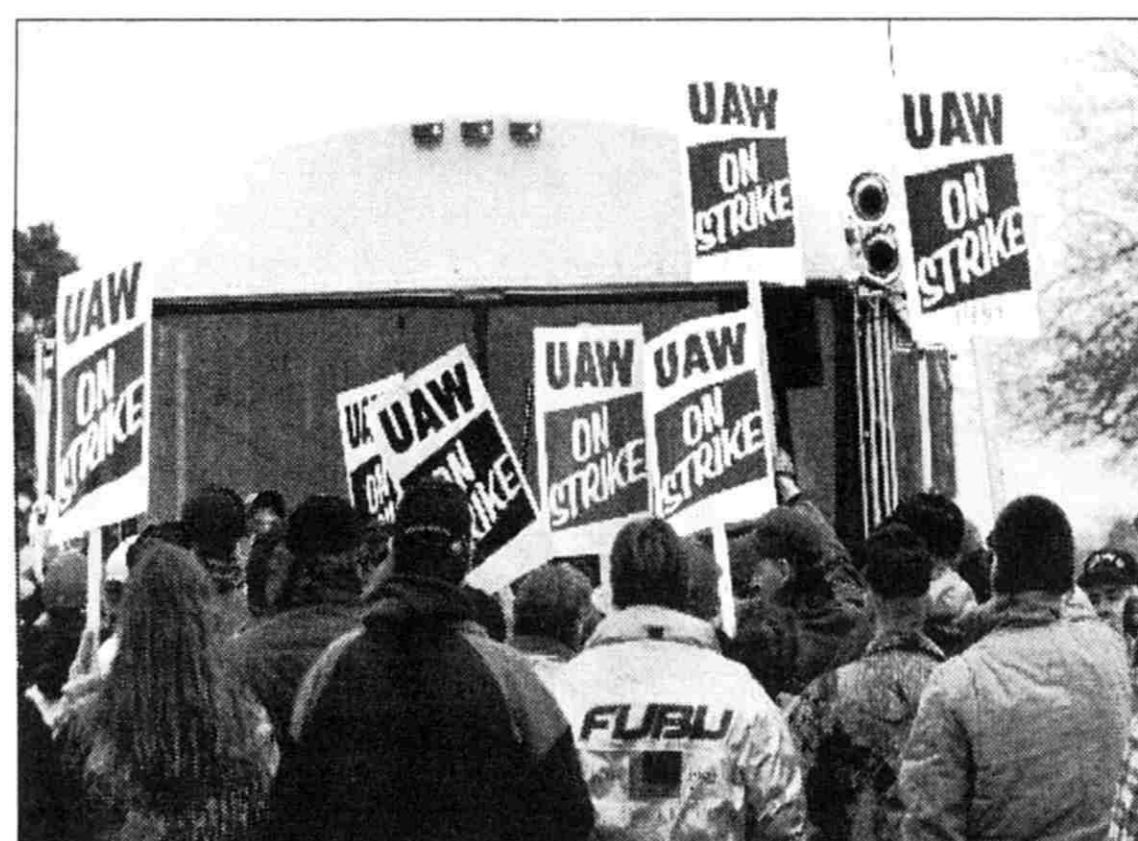
But for thousands of workers across the country, that freedom is under attack. United Auto Workers (UAW) union bosses and Magna International - which has significant local operations in Lowell - are working to take away these basic freedoms and prod employees to accept unionization by the UAW, whether they like it or not. This is un-American and wrong, but it is happening this very week - right here in Lowell, Michigan.

During such mandatory "captive audience" speeches, workers do not hear about the numerous jobs that have been lost, and the businesses all over the country which have been shut down over the past decades because of excessive union demands or violent strikes.

For example, just recently in Grand Rapids, the Bosch auto parts supply company, a UAW-

threatened into signing union cards. Would you want union organizers paying you a visit to "discuss why you should sign up?"

As more workers reject compulsory unionism in traditional, open election campaigns, union organizers are becoming increasingly desperate. Rather than strive to earn workers' support, union operatives are now focusing on forcing employers to do their work for them. These "neutrality agreements" and other "top-down" organizing techniques are designed to force employers to recognize union officials as the exclusive representative of all workers - including those who don't support the union. Often this happens without so much as a National Labor Relations Board - supervised secret ballot vote by the affected employees.



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There is nothing neutral about a "Neutrality Agreement"

UAW union operatives have pressured Magna International's top brass to sign a so-called "neutrality agreement." The agreement covers workers in Magna International's Lowell Engineering division, among others.

Despite its title, the agreement between the UAW and Magna International is anything but "neutral." Under typical neutrality arrangements, UAW union operatives are given wide access to employees' personal information and company facilities. *Do you want union operatives to be given your personal information?*

Also, Magna International employees will soon be forced to attend company-paid "captive audience" speeches, in which they will likely be told that, if they do not support the union's organizing effort, they risk losing potential job opportunities.

represented factory, announced it must close and lay off over 1,200 workers. During these company-paid "captive audience" speeches, not a word is said about such employment debacles and their effect on local communities.

Do you want union organizers paying you a "home visit"?

So-called "neutrality agreements" are nothing more than a license for union bosses to force workers into accepting compulsory unionism.

Armed with a company-provided list of employees' names and other personal information, union officials often conduct "home visits" in which workers are often misled, harassed, or

The Foundation will provide free legal assistance to employees

Big Labor is afraid to let workers choose for themselves in a fair and open election campaign; they know that without coercion and half-truths, many workers will reject unionization. But the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation is working to inform employees all over the country that they can resist these coercive arrangements. Workers cannot be threatened, coerced, or promised benefits to support a union, and it's illegal for union agents to coerce, harass, or threaten employees to do so.

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation attorneys are available to provide free legal assistance to workers who feel they are being unfairly coerced by any union official or employer which signs one of these "neutrality agreements."

Clement and Becker race home with top honors at Cherry Creek Classic 5K

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Just for the fun of it, Fowler's Sharon Becker made a first-time trip to Lowell for the ninth annual Cherry Creek Classic 5K race.

She left with a trophy and a \$50 first place as the top



Kelli and David Powell near the finish line of the Cherry Creek Classic 5K on Saturday.

Cherry Creek Classic Results:

OVERALL WINNER	Travis Clement	Byron Center	16:42.5	
Men 14 & Under	Kent Jones	Saranac	19:45.3	
	Rob Veldman	Zealand	21:20.2	
	Zach Berridge	Allendale	21:43.1	
	Eric Mundt	Lowell	22:04.9	
	Tom Doll	Lowell	25:28.4	
	Mike Schumm	Ada	26:49.9	
	Charlie Young	Ada	29:12.2	
	Taylor Muller	Alto	29:57.8	
	Hunter Race	Ada	32:33.8	
	Phillip Getzen	Lowell	33:14.3	
	Ryan Timmers	Alto	34:13.5	
	Matt Pahl	Stevensville	44:59.8	
Men 15 to 19	Wes Muller	Alto	18:27.5	
	Steve Ellison	Lowell	18:31.6	
	Eric Schumm	Ada	19:11.3	
	Nicholas Huizinga	Ada	23:01.8	
	Jeb Baker	Saranac	23:41.5	
	Roger Foster	Byron Center	24:28.9	
	Brandon Cooley	Caledonia	25:46	
	Nate Clevenger	Zealand	26:17.7	
Men 20 to 24	John Farrell	Byron Center	18:54.4	
	Mike Bashlor	Alto	23:08.7	
	Damon Shattuck	Grand Rapids	23:51.7	
Men 25 to 29	Mich Holstege	Caledonia	21:32.5	
	Adam Bjornstedt	Kentwood	22:54.2	
	Chris Morgan	Lowell	23:18.8	
Men 30 to 34	Steve Hazel	Grand Rapids	22:39.9	
	David Tackmann	Lowell	23:57.9	
	Steve Yalacki	Ionia	26:15.3	
Men 35 to 39	Paul Jacobus	Grand Rapids	20:32.5	
	Matthew Smith	Lowell	23:02.6	
	Bryan Hansen	Calcedonia	23:08.1	
	Dave Clark	Hudsonville	23:30.2	
	Richard Sevall	Lowell	26:06.8	
	Keith Hildenbrand	Zealand	26:09.5	
	David Powell	Lowell	26:49.6	
	David Gutierrez	Ada	34:19	
Men 40 to 44	Steve Peabody	Belding	17:44.9	
	Todd Foster	Byron Center	19:36.8	
	Scott West	Grandville	19:44.9	
	Timothy Lunger	Grand Rapids	21:28.3	
	Keith Tolger	Hastings	23:29.8	
	Chuck Thebo	Belding	23:30.5	
	Michael Hill	Lowell	27:57	
	Rick Pahl	Stevensville	28:59.5	
	David Race	Ada	33:12.0	
Men 45 to 49	Bryan Kapteyn	Wyoming	18:30.7	
	Phil Berridge	Allendale	22:28.9	
	Richard Courter	Grand Rapids	23:05.6	
	LeRoy Johnson	Lowell	24:44.9	
	Jeff Zvirzdnis	Lowell	24:50.8	
	Rick Szczepanski	Grand Rapids	28:27.5	
	Karl Bashlor	Alto	32:06.2	
	Al Schumm	Ada	34:13.1	
	Paul Schulte	Ada	34:23.3	
Men 50-54	Joseph Kaupa	Grand Rapids	19:45.7	
	Craig Wittenbach	Lowell	20:26.0	
	Charles Pomarius	Rockford	23:15.8	
	Richard Challenger	Saranac	23:26.6	
	Jim Anton	Comstock Park	24:42.2	
	Rick Hutchinson	Ionia	27:53.4	
	Jerry Huver	Saranac	33:29.3	
Men 55-59	Doug Sage	Saranac	22:57.7	
	Bernie Burgette	Fort Wayne, IN	23:03.7	
	Marvin Dietz	Lowell	23:40.1	
	Tom Colbourn	Grand Rapids	24:47.7	
	Ted Nykiel	Grand Rapids	24:58.8	
	Gary Gust	Cedar Springs	29:14.9	
Men 60 to 64	Gordon Carpenter	Comstock Park	23:57.1	
Men 65 & Older	George Goodspeed	Lowell	25:23.4	
	Marvin Adams	Grand Rapids	27:50.9	
	George Blocher	Lowell	49:01.6	
MALE WALKERS	Men 25 to 29	Eric Hutchinson	Grand Rapids	46:55.8
	Men 35 to 39	Pete Draugh	Lowell	45:24.4
	Mike Dollar	Lowell	1:00:01	
	Men 45 to 49	Brian Doyle	Alto	48:31.2
	Men 50 to 54	Edward Zimmerman	Spring Lake	34:47.3
	Men 60 to 64	Ron Nead	Lowell	57:32.9
RUNNERS	Overall Female Winner	Sharon Becker	Fowler	20:08.8
	Women 14 & Under	Hayley Getzen	Lowell	23:54.7
	Haleigh Timmers	Alto	28:28.4	
	Esther Durling	Perry	33:26.6	
	AnnaLiese Durling	Perry	33:53.2	
	Anna Rozema	Lowell	45:23.5	
	Women 15 to 19	Brittany Dietz	Lowell	22:09.2
	Madelyn Sutton	Grand Rapids	23:42.5	
	Jenny Lunger	Grand Rapids	23:59.6	
	Erica Huizinga	Ad	25:33.4	
	Abby Haystead	Saranac	25:47.1	
	Tara Ormiston	Lowell	29:17.6	
	Shannon Fitzpatrick	Lowell	29:30.9	
	Women 20 to 24	Lindsay Scigliano	Kalamazoo	22:31.2
	Amy O'Neill	Grand Rapids	24:54	
	Jennifer Jones	Grand Rapids	24:56	
	Janice Schuurmans	Lake Odessa	26:16.3	
	Sarah Oosterhouse	Freeport	28:26.8	
	Women 25 to 29	Pamela Miller	Lake Odessa	23:42.1
	Sarah Rusch	Lowell	25:09.8	
	Michelle Krick	Belding	36:33.7	
	Women 30 to 34	Kelli Powell	Lowell	26:43.4
	Chris Kleinpaste	Lowell	28:39.2	
	Kari Shurlow	Cedar Springs	28:43.8	
	Gina Blasher	Belding	33:19.9	
	Debra Duiven	Lowell	35:17.2	
	Women 35 to 39	Kelli Powell	Lowell	26:43.4
	Beth Ciangi	Lowell	22:08.4	

female runner in the field.

Travis Clement, of Byron Center, earned his third consecutive top finish as he raced home in a time of 16:39.

"I was hoping to finish in under 16, but that didn't happen," Clement said. "This is the fourth time I've raced in this event - my best time is 16:20."

The proceeds from the event will benefit TOTS on Track for School Early Childhood Program and will fund two \$250 cross country scholarships.

Over the first eight years, the race has returned \$20,000 to the community.

This year's race is expected to donate between \$2,500 and \$3,000 back to the community.

The 2003 Cherry Creek Classic attracted 150 runners and walkers on Saturday.

Gold sponsors for this year's event were Ionia County



Brittany Dietz (#257) and Beth Ciangi race to the finish line.

National Bank, Meijer, Springrove Variety, Judd Carroll D.M.D., King Milling and The Lowell Ledger.

Silver sponsors were Roger Chapman State Farm Insurance, Harold Zeigler Ford, Animal Hospital & Pet Complex, Ball's Softee Creme, Canfield Heating & Plumbing, and Arctic, Inc.

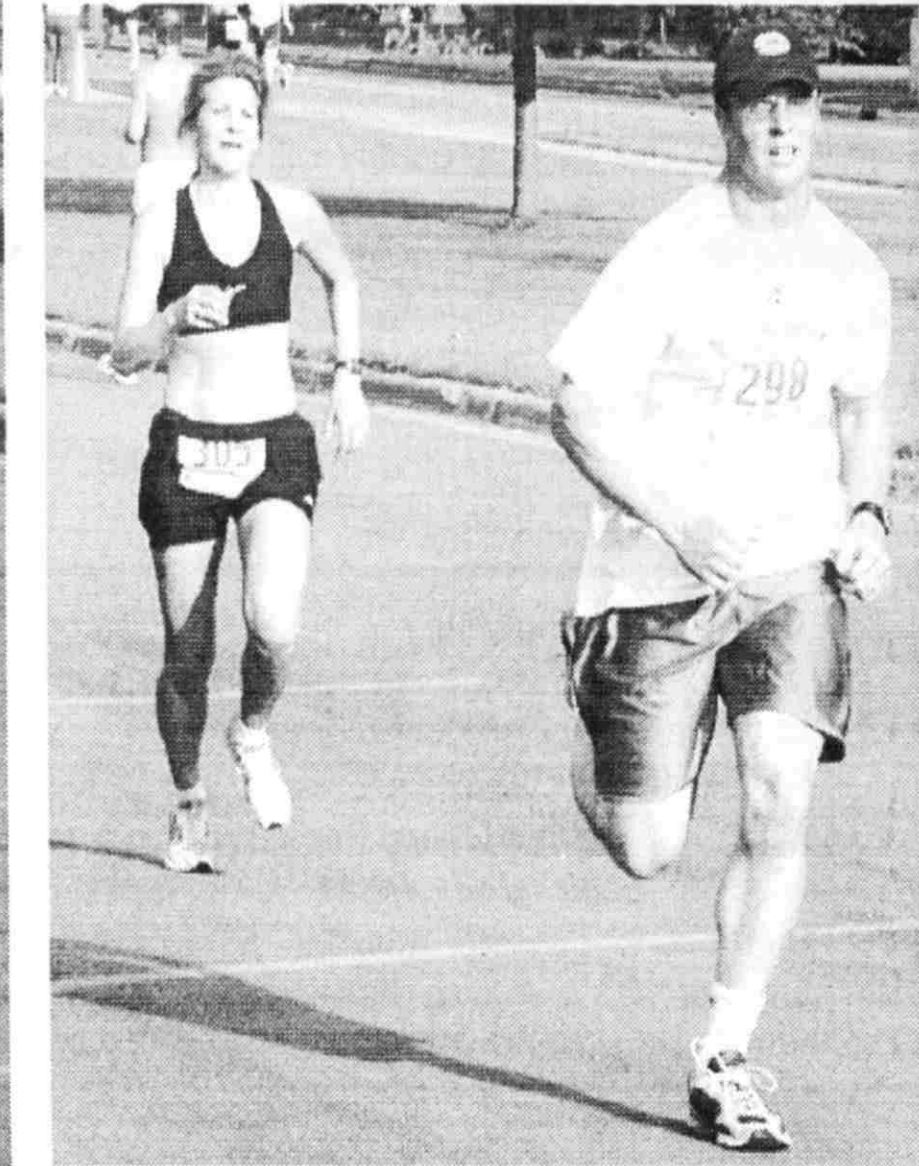
Bronze sponsors were Sneakers, Lowell Lanes, Thomet Chevrolet, Greenridge Realty, Speerstra Agency Inc., Curtis Cleaners, Larkin's Restaurant, Root Lowell Mfg. Co., William J. Wheeler CPA, Lowell Beer Store, Lowell Auto Body, Cousin's Hallmark, Showboat Automotive, Modern Photographics, James Reagan DDS, Family Dentistry of Lowell, Edward Jones, Keiser's, Litehouse Inc., Root-Lowell, Michigan Wire, Bernard's ACE Hardware, and Doctors Chiropractic.

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Marty Phelps and Adam Bjornstedt (#298) finish with a burst.

Marty Phelps	Cedar Springs	22:55
Susan Truskowski	Grand Rapids	24:43
Shawn Mervenne	Ada	26:31.3
Amy Christensen	Lowell	32:06
Women 40 to 44		
Janice Myers	Greenville	26:08.4
Roberta Gilligan	Grand Rapids	26:15.8
Bonnie Osborne	Lowell	28:18
Michelle Kowalski	Alto	28:56.2
Delores Visser	Marne	29:07.1
Susan Sejat	Lowell	29:32.6
Lauree Thebo	Belding	31:10.6
Marta Rozema	Lowell	45:23.9
Women 45 to 49		
Shelly Abbring	Lowell	22:34.1
Janet Edwards	Lowell	24:54.9
Kathy Ormiston	Lowell	27:23.9
Women 50 to 54		
Susan Day	Lowell	27:58.8
Suzanne Kozioski	Grand Rapids	28:34.6
Phyllis Huver	Saranac	33:51
Carla Schut	Jenison	37:03.9
EMALE WALKERS		
Women 14 & Under		
Marie Dollar	Lowell	54:34.3
Megan Dollar	Lowell	58:33.2
Women 15 to 19		
Michelle Palma	Grand Rapids	47:46.8
Women 25 to 29		
Sharyl Hutchinson	Grand Rapids	48:30.6
Rachael Morgan	Lowell	49:01
Women 30 to 34		
Lynn Draugh	Lowell	45:44.8
Women 35 to 39		
Jennifer Dollar	Lowell	1:00:00
Women 40 to 44		
Theresa Mundt	Lowell	46:24.9
Reyna Adams	Lowell	51:58
Women 45-49		
Deborah Brooks	Lowell	46:25.4
Catharina Bek	Caledonia	49:00
Women 50-54		
Tina Holstege	Caledonia	38:28
Patricia Moore	Saranac	46:55.5
Sharon Palma	Grand Rapids	51:58.3
Kathy Cole	Grand Rapids	52:17.2
Women 55 to 59		
Kathy Noskey	Lowell	51:32.1
Women 60 to 64		
Rose Nead	Lowell	58:32.9
Women 65 & Older		
Margie Lowry	Lowell	45:46.3
Bobbie Preston	Lowell	49:01.3
Patricia Durham	Greenville	52:17.5

Please call the National Right to Work Foundation at 800-336-3600 or visit www.nrtw.org for information about protecting your rights.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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 hearing on Thursday, July 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 district.

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 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 setback 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 lighting.
- 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 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

June 18, 2003
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

**City manager sees several positives
from a downward economic year**

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Litehouse, Inc is considered one of the shining moments during the past year, according to Lowell City Manager David Pasquale. It is because the company has decided to move forward with a \$1.7 million bonding project—with bonds issued by the city and approved by the council at the Monday night meeting—to increase its facility by 34,490 square feet.

And there were plenty of other shining moments during one of the more bleak economic times for the city and the nation as Pasquale presented the city with his "State of the City" address at the council meeting.

The city did not remain unaffected by the economy. The city lost 337 manufacturing jobs due to the closing of Newell Mfg. and part of Attwood Corp. along with the closing of Family Fare. The city's state equalized value dropped by 4.2 percent and the state revenue dropped about 9 percent.

To compensate the loss, the city has trimmed its budget which has included only a one-percent salary increase for employees. "It is my pledge that financial restraint

will be utilized during this time," Pasquale said.

The city is prospering with the addition of the Flat River Grill and several other new businesses in the downtown area including a jewelry store and a coffee shop. Spurring some of that is the Downtown Historic District Commission which, with the Lowell Area Community Fund, has been able to provide matching grants for rehabilitation of buildings. Of course, one of the biggest renovation projects has been that of the City Hall/police station, which is scheduled to be dedicated July 12.

And Litehouse isn't the only manufacturing company to increase. Earlier this year, PURForms, a plastics modeling manufacturer, had plans to move into a portion of the Newell building.

As for goals for the upcoming year, Pasquale said he plans to continue to support the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Historic Commission, continue to recognize the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce for its efforts with the Sizzlin' Summer Concerts put on in conjunction with the Lowell Area Arts Council, and con-

tinue to be in communication with such groups as Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Right Place Program.

Other groups Pasquale gave recognition to were the Lowell Area Historical Commission, the Lowell Area Arts Council, the YMCA, and the Lowell Airport Board. He said he plans to maintain the cooperative venture with Lowell Area Schools and townships of Lowell and Vergennes, especially on recreational matters.

City streets will remain a priority with federal funding being sought for Foreman Rd. along with the possible bonding project for Grindle Dr., Sibley and Center streets, he said. Sidewalks, particularly those on school routes, will be emphasized. Walks are planned for N. Hudson and Foreman, with construction expected this summer.

Lastly, he said he plans for the city to continue to make improvements at its Wastewater and Water Treatment plants, which include a Wellhead Protection Program and a Water Reliability plan that have been started.

COMING EVENTS

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 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 7:30-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. Call 676-1355.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

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

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.

THIRD MON. OF THE 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 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.

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

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group is discontinued for the summer. Will resume in Sept.

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 285-0621.

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 LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights 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 Lake.

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 (E. Bellline) 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group: Call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin College #206 of the Commons. Connie 942-6887.

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

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at the 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, 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. Will resume in September.

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 Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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.

THURS.: Join the Saranac Area Musicians and Singers beginning June 5. Saranac H.S. Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./ band: 7-8 p.m. Call Kathy Maatman 897-5981 w/questions.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

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

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

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

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 EVERY 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. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1-4 p.m. or by appt.: 676-9346.

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL OPEN: Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1

& 8-9 p.m.; Tues./ Fri.: 12-1, 4:30 - 5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

WED., JULY 9: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station at 315 S. Hudson St.

FRI., JULY 11: The 67th

reunion of LHS class of 1936 will meet at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. at 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass/own table service. Call Irene Osborne, 4076 Murray View, 691-8939. Classes of 1934 - 1939 are welcome.

SAT., JULY 12: Riverwalk Festival begins with a parade starting on Riverside Dr. at 9 a.m. Celebration of cornerstone at City Hall/ police station at 10 a.m. Duckie race 5:30 p.m.

There is no wholly satisfactory substitute for brains, but silence does pretty well.
—Herbert Prochnow

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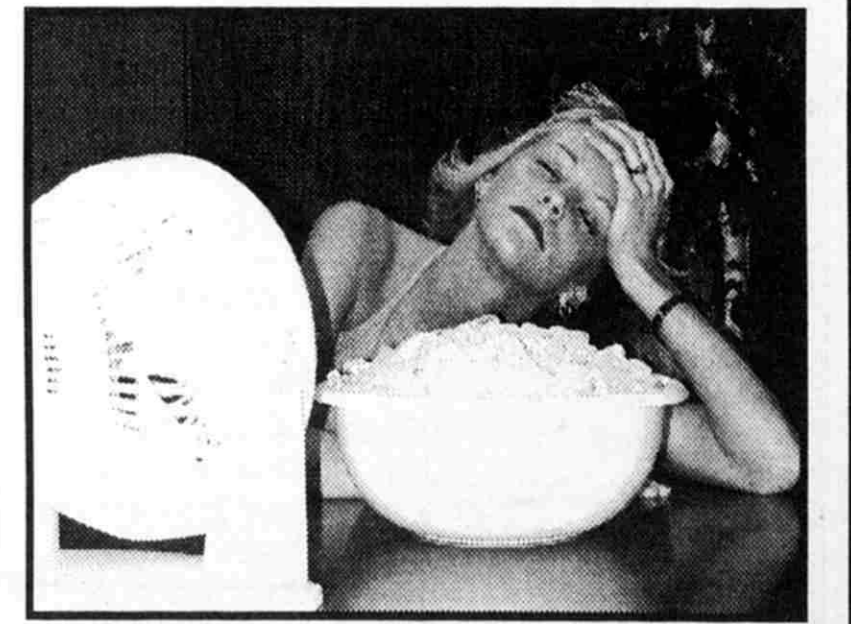
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MON.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.
THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JUNE 18: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure.
WED., JUNE 25: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.
THURS., JUNE 19: 11 a.m. St. Anne's Lunch & Music.
THURS., JUNE 26: 12:00 Dance West Side Complex.
FRI., JUNE 20: 9 a.m. Dr. David Smith; 12:45 Bingo.
FRI., JUNE 27: 11 a.m. Dr. Flohr - Diabetes & Your Eyes; 12 p.m. Farewell Party for the Barry's.
MON., JUNE 23: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart & Dollar Store.
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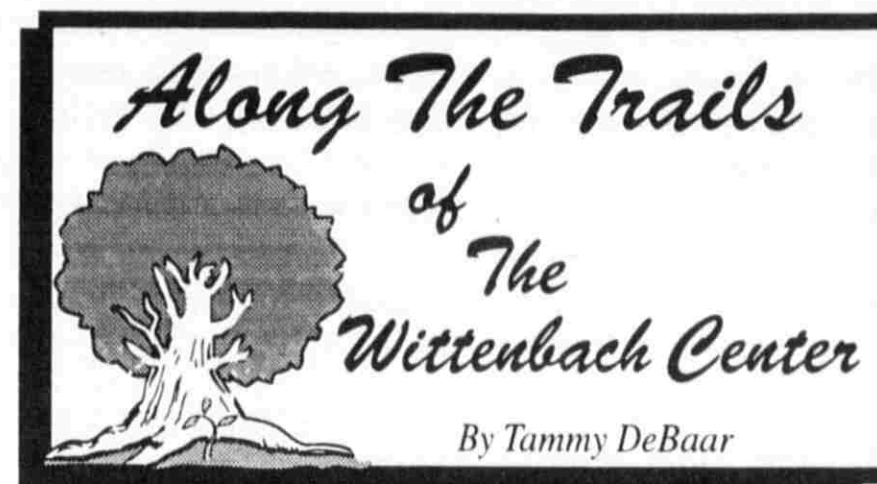
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF LOWELL intends to issue transportation fund bonds in a maximum amount not to exceed \$600,000.

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The bonds to be issued shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued by the City pursuant to Act 175 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1952, as amended ("Act 175").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable from the State of Michigan collected taxes returned to the City for street purposes pursuant to Act 175, Act 51 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1963, as amended, and other applicable law. **AS ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE BONDS, THE CITY WILL PLEDGE ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER LIMITATIONS.**

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The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the City limits of the City of Lowell shall have been filed with the City Clerk, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of said bonds with the full faith and credit pledge of the City as additional security, then the bonds secured by a full faith and credit pledge of the City shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g) of Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
City of Lowell

Moving Ahead? Not yet, Sundry waits for city to iron out final details

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

It was the hope of Sundry representatives that they would be able to bring preparation on its site located on the east side of the city by July 7.

But the details that need to be ironed out for the project to move ahead may delay that start time.

City Manager David Pasquale, at the city council's Monday night meeting, said the developer couldn't start until the city got a Planned Unit Development ordinance in place on the project. The earliest that could happen is July 7.

This left Kevin Rude, of Sundry, stunned. Rude said he asked staff what was needed to begin removing trees from the site; he was

told a soil erosion permit, which he has. He said he hoped the removal of the trees was acceptable without the PUD ordinance being in place as it was less than a year ago when he worked on the northern piece of the property.

The council did not respond to Rude's comments. Earlier, City Attorney Richard Wendt said he was planning to meet with Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, the city's engineer; Sundry officials; and Sundry's attorney to complete ironing out the details for the PUD ordinance, which is required before the project can get started. Those details would be presented at the next city council meeting, Wendt said.

At Monday night's meeting, the council did review some of the key issues of those

details which included sidewalk placement, electrical wiring placement, and watermain looping.

Property owner, Chuck Myers—who abstained as a council member from any decision but did make comments as a resident—objected to the sidewalk being on the south side of High St. on the backside of his property because he never planned to develop the land and he felt the sidewalks should be where the children are, on the north side.

"Thirdly, how would you feel if the city came through and put a sidewalk on your back property that you had to maintain and remove snow from?" he questioned.

Mayor Jeanne Shores said those lots won't always be owned by Myers and could one day be developed with the sidewalks servicing those

homes. Planning commissioner Clark Jahnke said he recommended that the maintenance of the sidewalks be taken up by the neighborhood association instead of Myers.

The council did review several options for the sidewalk placement. Putting it on the north side was a costly option and risked the large trees which residents had asked to be saved. The council

gave a consensus vote in favor of the first option which put a standard sidewalk on the south side with a green patch between the curb and the sidewalk, where snow could be placed.

"For snow removal, it's the best option," said council member, Jim Pfaller.

This option does require a grading easement from the property owner.

As for the placement of the electrical lines, the council favored underground, which Austin said the developer has indicated was only for aesthetics of the area and did not feel they should pick up the additional \$5,000 cost. The council decided to let Wendt and Austin work that out with Sundry.

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GARAGE	SALE	GOODIES
HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE 9240 Vergennes, Ada. June 19, 20 & 21; Thurs. - Sat., 8 a.m. - ? Home remodeling, we have tons of stuff for home or cottage. Appliances, furniture, computer desk, antique library table, toys, men's hunting & fishing gear, suits & sport coats, etc., etc.	GARAGE SALE June 19 & 20, 9-5; June 21 1/2 off 1/2 day 9-12 p.m. Children's good clothing, toys, videos, love seat hide a bed, Avon. 1575 Sibley. The Johnsons, Quiggles & Foxes.	YARD SALE June 20 & 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 520 Lincoln Lake Ave.
RE-DID-IT FURNITURE & MULTI-FAMILY SALE Dept. 56. Clothes, misc. 7345 Driftwood off Thornapple River Dr. June 17, 18, 19, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	GARAGE SALE Movies, computer games, clothes, household items, toys, mics. June 19, 20, & 21, 407 N. Division.	COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE All items available under the sun! Valley Vista Village, 1800 W. Main. June 20 & 21, 9-4 p.m.
LARGE NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE Tack, furniture, baby clothes & toys, adult clothes, appliances. Centerline & Marble Roads. Thurs. - Sat., June 19 - 21.	SALE Motorcycle, clothes, furniture, housewares, toys, misc. 3041 Nyalia Dr., June 19-21, 9-5 p.m.	SAYLES ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD SALES 8 families plus. From Hawley to Old M-91. Clothing, all sizes, housewares, furniture, appliances & more! Fri., June 20, 8-6 p.m. & Sat., June 21, 9-1?
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YARD SALE Great stuff! Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 19, 20 & 21. 2948 Marble Rd.	YARD SALE 11240 Sayles, Sat., June 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Collectibles, shed & many more items.	GARAGE SALE June 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Baby clothes, kids clothes, toys, Partylite candles & products & lots more. 13427 Forest River Ct.
LARGE 4 FAMILY SALE Thurs. & Fri., June 19 & 20, 9-6. 1 mile W of M-66 or 2 miles E. of Jordan Lake Rd., corner of Henderson & Hardwood. Name brand infant, teen & adult clothing, housewares, jewelry, knick knacks, and lots of nice items. Too many to mention.	GARAGE SALE June 19, 20 & 21, 9-5 p.m. Microwave, Yamaha keyboard, books, table, lg. young men's & women's brand name clothing. 130 Sagamore Trl.	A LARGE 3-STALL GARAGE SALE Furniture, kids clothes, misc. housewares, toys. 1040 Lincoln Lake, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9-5 p.m.
JUNE 19, 20 & 21 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. 9762 Centerline, off M-21 between Lowell & Saranac. Puzzles, toys, books, clothes (ladies XS-XL, men's, M-L, boys, 6-7 & girls to 4), microwave, radial saw, band saw. Several neighborhood sales!	TOOLS, FISHING GEAR Antique linens, wedding dress, collectibles, basket weaving materials, housewares, you name it we've got it! 803 Paradise Park Dr., Morrison Lake. 1st. road past Meyer's Little Store by public access. June 19 & 20, 9-5 & June 21, 9-1 p.m.	WHILE YOU ARE CHECKING OUT all the great deals at the Annual Valley Vista Trailer Park Yard Sale, June 20th and 21st, make sure you stop by Lots 33 & 35.
BETTY'S SALE 260 Valley Vista Dr., Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 19, 20 & 21, 9-5 p.m. Old & new, we have it all! Check us out!	YARD SALE Three families, June 20 & 21, Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A good variety, very few clothes. 136 Washington Street, Saranac.	ONCE AGAIN VALLEY VISTA VILLAGE is having their Yard Sale, June 20 - 22. Lot#27 off Bowes Rd. is having a multi family sale 6/19 - 6/21. Gently used boys baby clothes and misc. clothing. Furniture and lots of other things. Newly made arts and crafts. Plus a lemonade stand to quench your thirst.
GARAGE SALE June 20 & 21, 9-4 p.m. Sofa and chair, carpet remnants, square dance clothes, Western tack and lots of household items. 4335 Timpson (N. of Cascade Rd.)	MOVING SALE June 20 & 21, 9-5 p.m. Ping pong and foosball tables, misc. computer equipment and much more. 13770 28th St. (East of Pratt Lake Rd.)	HUGE POLE BARN SALE Everything imaginable. Several families. Bigger & better than last year. Fri. & Sat., June 20 & 21. 10443 Portland Rd. (52nd St.), between Hastings & Bell Rd.
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Sundry has agreed to the looping of the watermain, but asked that it wait until part of the project is done so as to have revenue from the project to help offset the cost. Rude

said since the northern portion, where the looping would occur, is the second phase of the project, it would give his company time to get the looping mapped out.

Rude said he would expect that the looping could be done before the last 10 houses were completed in the first phase, which surprised the council.

"You have quite some bargaining if we are at zero houses for the looping and they are at 50 percent," said council member, Mike Blough.

Sundry would be under the obligation of getting a bond for the looping so the city would not have to incur any of the expense. The looping is being required because

it provides more reliability to the system; however, waiting a few months for that to happen should not make a difference on the city's behalf, Austin said.

In this age, which believes that there is a shortcut to everything, the greatest lesson to be learned is that the most difficult way is, in the long run, the easiest.

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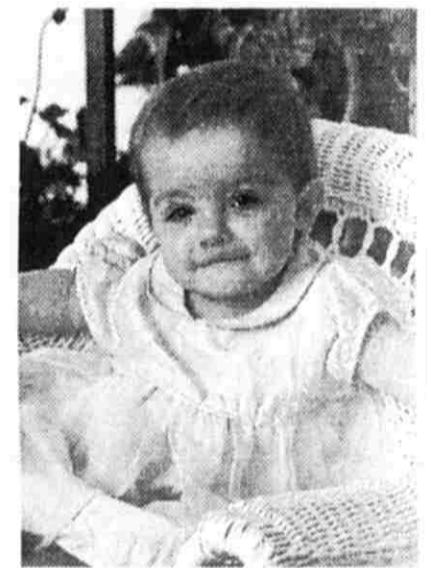
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After many visits to DeVos Children's Hospital, McKenna was welcomed home by her 2 excited big sisters Mallery & Maysen; Proud grandparents Dan & Jean Hoffman of Lowell & Mike & Jill Yaw of Saranac; Great-grandparents Pauline Eskes & Shirley Hoffman, both of Lowell & Dee & Joyce Yaw of Saranac; many special aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, family & churches. McKenna is one very fortunate girl!



Our precious angel has had several transfusions, kidney surgery at 5 months, then heart surgery at 8 months. Because of all the dedicated prayers from you, McKenna has beaten all the odds and is still with us today. She is truly a Miracle from God & what an Awesome Gift he has given us!

Thank you all for the endless love & support over this very difficult time. Please remember to continue to pray for McKenna Fayth & her ongoing health problems.

Flat River Kayak & Canoe Race
Sponsored By Lowell Athletic Boosters

The Lowell Athletic Boosters is sponsoring two kayak events July 12 at the Lowell Riverwalk Festival.

EVENT I - a timed race, a 3/4 of a mile course at the boat ramp along the Riverwalk. This is intended as a family-type event that will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost (donations to the Lowell Athletic Boosters will be accepted). Kayaks will be provided by Bill and Paul's Sporthaus. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards will be made for age groups 13 & under; 14 through 17; and 18 & over. Registration located at the Boat Launch.

EVENT II - This event is for the more serious kayaker/canoer. This race will be a looped course, 3-4 miles, starting and finishing along the Riverwalk in Lowell. The Race will begin at 11 a.m. There will be 3 classes of Kayaks - 12 ft. and under and over 12 foot, Tandems; and one Canoe class. Kayaks will not be provided for this event. PFD's are required of all participants. Registration located at the Boat Launch.

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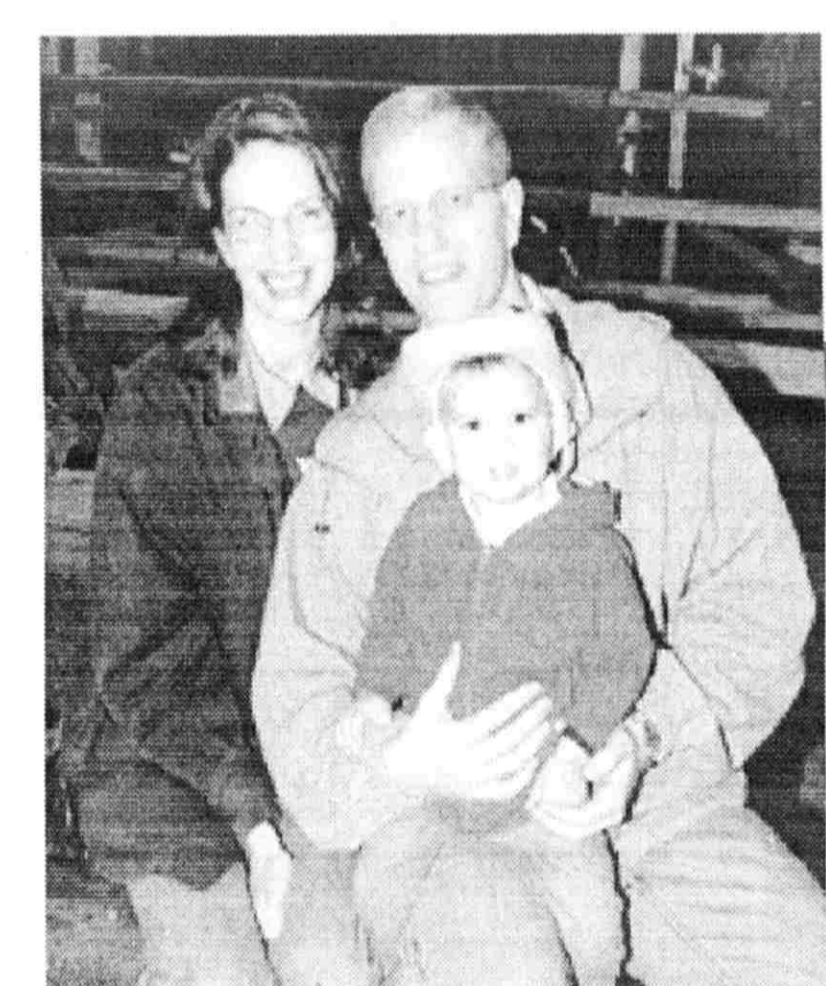


Who left the cage open again?? It seems that our famous yellow duck made its way to the concert to remind people of the great activities planned for the River Walk Festival this year on July 12th.

Music warms up a cool start to concert series

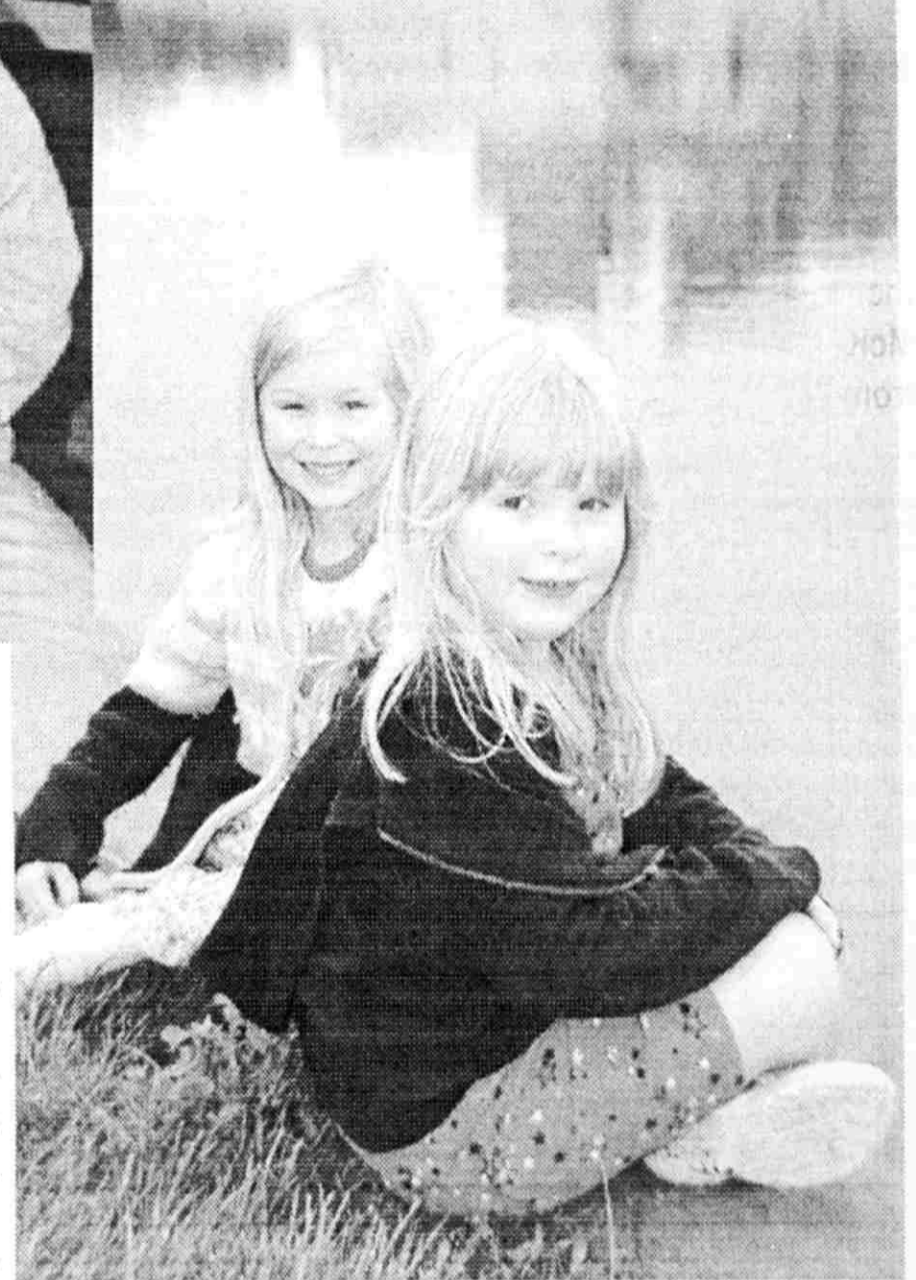


The Blue Water Ramblers played to a large Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert crowd. The cool temperatures during the concert left many people wondering if summer will ever come!!



The Blue Water Ramblers, left to right, Banjo Jim Foevch, California Dan Lynn, Bear Berends and Dave Bunce loved the playing in Lowell.

Pictures Courtesy Bruce T. Doll, Images of Vision, LLC



When Kate and Eric Butterbaugh heard about this concert, they did everything they could to be at the concert. Ethan, shown sitting on his dad's lap, was born in Japan where his father, a major in the Air Force was stationed. He and his family were visiting Kate's mother, Karen Kwekel who lives in Clarksville. Eric and his family are on their way to his new assignment working at U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs.

Maya Aalsburg, left, and Maddie Yaw looked as though they were enjoying the concert.



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LOWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 9, 2003

Public Hearing
PROPOSED 2003-2004 BUDGETS - The Board conducted a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed 2003-2004 budgets to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing.

Regular Meeting
STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Hansen, the newly elected Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board was introduced. Matt explained that the Student Council has expanded its membership from 30 students to 45 students in an effort to increase the group's effectiveness. End of the year opinion surveys were distributed to receive input from students on suggested improvements to be made at the high school.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the following students:
Middle School Dignity and Respect Award - Samantha Mundi, a 7th grader.
Board Meeting Video Taper - Tohnya Doyle, an 11th grader

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Nancy Hopkins and Shari Miller, along with Jim Valentine and Al Eckman, gave special recognition and appreciation to Steve Bukala who has served as the School Resource Officer.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Nancy Hopkins announced the names of those staff members who are retiring and who have achieved 30 years with Lowell Area Schools:
Retiring: Diane Hammerman, Alto Reading Teacher; Barb Pierce, High School Counselor; Bob Rice, High School Band Director (also received 30-year service award); and Robin White, High School Art Teacher.
30 Years: Richard Douglass, School Psychologist; Tim Hawkins, Alto 5th Grade Teacher; Sharon Manszewski, Bus Driver; and Bob Rodenhouse High School Physical Education Teacher.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
 - Jim Fast, Ionia County National Bank, donation of \$1,568.70 to be used for administrative professional development.
 - Katie Herring donation of children's books and puzzles valued at \$125 to be used by the Bushnell Media Center.
- Adopted the Budget Appropriation Resolutions for the 2003-2004 school year.
- Adopted the secondary Language Arts Curriculum.
- Adopted the resolution to lay off designated employees for the 2003-2004 school year.
- Approved the Special Education Transportation Agreement with Kent ISD.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/accepted were:

- Minutes of May 12, 2003 regular meeting, May 12, 2003 closed session, May 21, 2003 special meeting, June 2, 2003 special meeting and June 2, 2003 workshop session.
- The following payment of bills for May 2003:

GENERAL FUND	\$805,017.72
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$51,901.62
B. Athletic Fund	\$7,997.69
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$342,496.85
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$35,283.73
Scholarship fund	\$650.00
- MHSAA Membership Resolution
- New Hire: Kevin Raymond, Middle School Asst. Principal
- Installment Purchase Agreement for Buses
- Fixed Asset Management Resolution
- Parent Advisors for Special Education - Susan Kruse, Donna Rozman and Sandy Justifer
- High School Student Handbook Revisions
- High School Repaving and Repair Bid

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Jim White reported that the high school landscaping is complete. August 11 at 6:00 p.m. is

the date and time set for the dedication of the new high school wing. Murray Lake Elementary footings are in and soon walls will be going up. Bushnell and Cherry Creek have small bond projects underway during the summer months.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Sue Wilterink asked that the Board closely examine the guidelines and implementation of the transfer process for its teaching staff. Thad Kraus asked for support of the Cherry Creek Classic which will be held on Saturday and with proceeds going toward the TOTS Program. Christine Mol expressed the need for the school to see that the personal touch remains for transporting special education students and that the school will continue to follow through for students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller reported that with the need to cut \$1 million dollars from the budget, the decision to make reductions in staff was not easy. The action is being taken very seriously and will be monitored carefully. The LEA hosted a very nice appreciation dinner prior to the board meeting, and retirees and 30-year staff members were honored. Congratulations to Nancy Hopkins and Mark Lessens for being elected to serve another 4 years on the Board. Welcome to Kevin Raymond, the newly hired assistant principal for the middle school. Graduation was a wonderful experience. Shari extended thanks to students, parents and staff for a great school year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Organizational Board Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2003
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2003
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 7:00 p.m.

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Jerry Adams
Randy Adams
Thomas Alberts, Jr.
Nicole Bailey
Victoria Balzeski
Kayla Barr
Garrett Beaman
Thomas Beddows
Dakota Berg
Philip Bieri
Kathleen Billock
Nolan Blair
Courtney Blanchard
Laura Blanton
Ian Blodger
Jordan Boon
Torsten Boss
Erin Brechbiel
Andrew Brim
Zachariah Bronkema
Cheyenne Brown
Jaclyn Brown
Nicholas Brown
Elena Brubaker
Dakota Bunn
Heather Burger
Sydney Burrows
Aaron Christensen
Linnea Churches
Liberty Clark
Andrea Coffey
Nicholas Comdure
Alexandra Cooley
Rachel Copey
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Jeffrey Johnson
Stephanie Johnson

Brittney Kaminski
Kyle Karas
Cody Katanek
Autumn Kaufman
McKenzie Keith
Richelle Kimble
Katie Krolewicz
Jeffrey Kropf
Daniel Lane
Jillian Lane
Anthony Lawrence
Brandon Lee
Sarah Light
Craig Loetz
Samuel Long
Megan Lyonmais
Stephen Maler
Morgan Marchido
Ashley McFaden
Ian Blodger
Alisha McGlamery
Aubrey McKay
Jacob McVey
Nicholas McVey
Patrick Misner
Kayla Mohr
Sierra Moore
Joel Morgan
Nicholas Myaard
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Nicole Baker
Tanya Baker
Tyler Barkacs
Zachary Baum
Travis Berg
Andrew Bewell
Rochele Bieri
Justin Boss
Eric Bouwhuis
Nicole Braden
Logan Brenk
Alexander Brock
Joshua Brubaker
William Bryan
Briana Buck
Breanna Bueche
Morgan Nelson
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