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## Music abounds for the 9th annual Riverwalk Festival

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Musical entertainment for Riverwalk Festival 2003 will comprise of blues, rock & roll, bluegrass and the swing sounds of the 1940s.

The community will jump, jive and wail into the

festival weekend with the Boogie Woogie Babies on Thursday, July 10 as the Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series reaches the halfway point (week five of 10).

Boogie Woogie Babies is an entertaining, two-act theatrical revue with historical trivia

intertwined in a delightful, humorous manner.

Straight Up will follow on Friday night from 8:30 until 10:15 p.m. It is a veteran six-piece blues band with a unique sound of an era gone by.

Hawks & Owls and Mud

Creek Boys will entertain folks on the afternoon of the festival on Saturday.

For the past six years Hawks & Owls has played a mix of acoustic based country blues, bluegrass, early swing, Appalachian, Irish, and original fiddle tunes and songs.

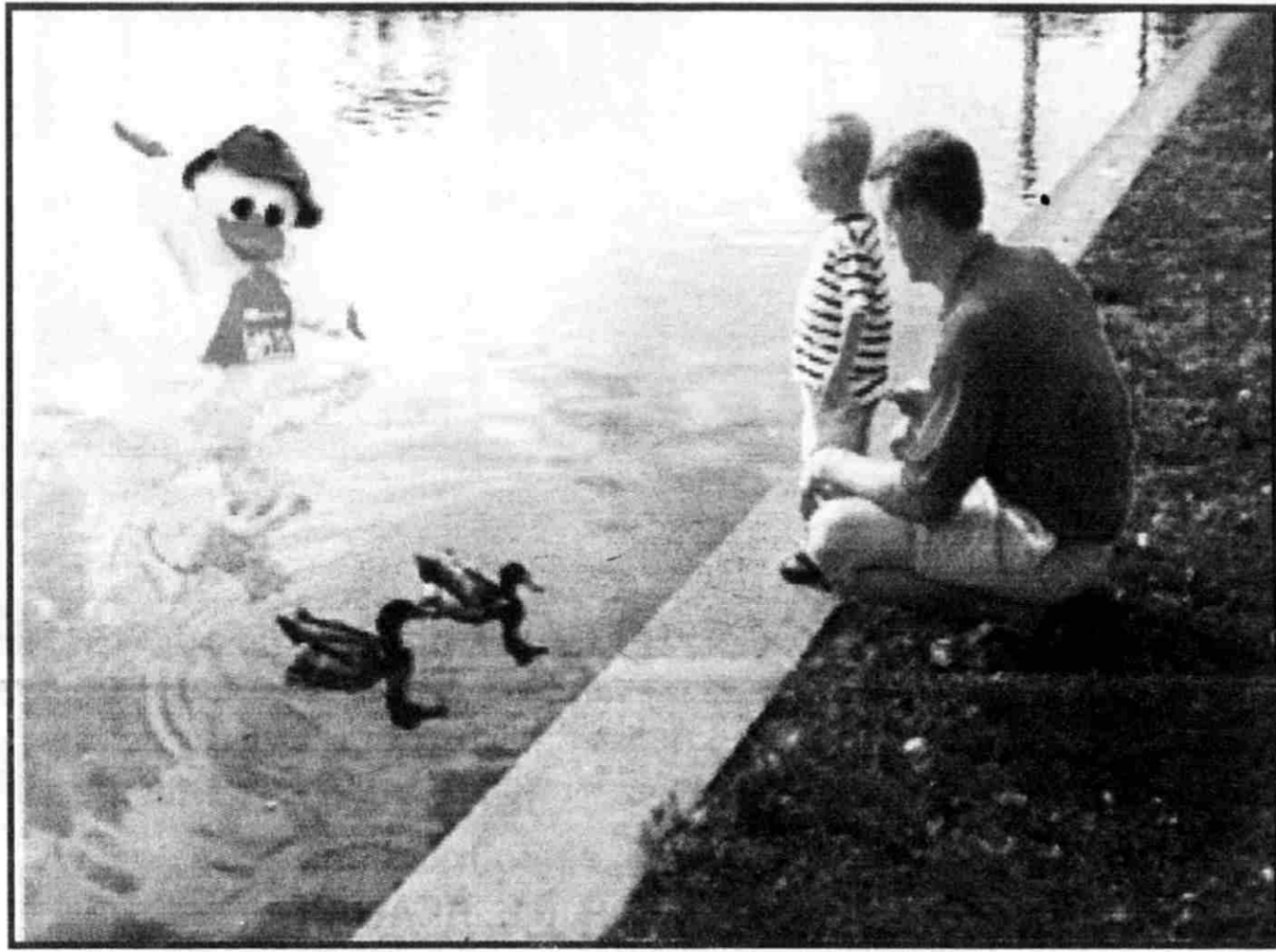
Lowell has become a familiar stop for Hawks & Owls as they have performed at the Fallasburg Fall Festival and will headline the Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series on Thursday, July 24.

Hawks & Owls is scheduled to entertain the festival

crowd beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The bluegrass, country band of Mud Creek Boys will follow at 2 p.m. in what will be the seasoned musical

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### "Bread Winners"

Joe Gray and his father Artl were on hand for the fourth concert in Lowell's Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series and to feed the ducks. Joe asked his dad, "Why is there a yellow duck in the river?" His dad answered, "Well, Joe, he is just getting ready for the Riverwalk Festival and duck race next weekend (Saturday)." More concert series pictures from the Calder City Big Band show on page 10.

Picture, Courtesy Bruce T. Doll.



### City's New Home

The cornerstone ceremony of the Lowell City Hall and police station will be an important and historic event during Saturday's Riverwalk Festival. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. on N. Monroe Street. Festival patrons will be able to tour the facility during an open house which runs from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Riverwalk parade (9 a.m.) will precede the ceremony. Cornerstone story, page 3.

## 3rd annual Health Fair Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The 3rd annual Lowell Community Health Fair will showcase health resources available in the community for residents.

"The Health Fair is a good way for us to showcase what is offered in the community to help promote and maintain good health," said fair spokesperson, Ann Mulder.

The health fair is slated for July 12 from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Unity High School.

Area health-related organizations and health care providers will be on hand to display their services, give examples, and provide information.

The fair's charge is to promote the physi-

cal, emotional, and spiritual well-being of Lowell.

There to assist in that effort will be physicians, dentists, physical therapists and nutritionists.

It will also offer information on body composition and analysis, massage, Reiki, and smoking cessation.

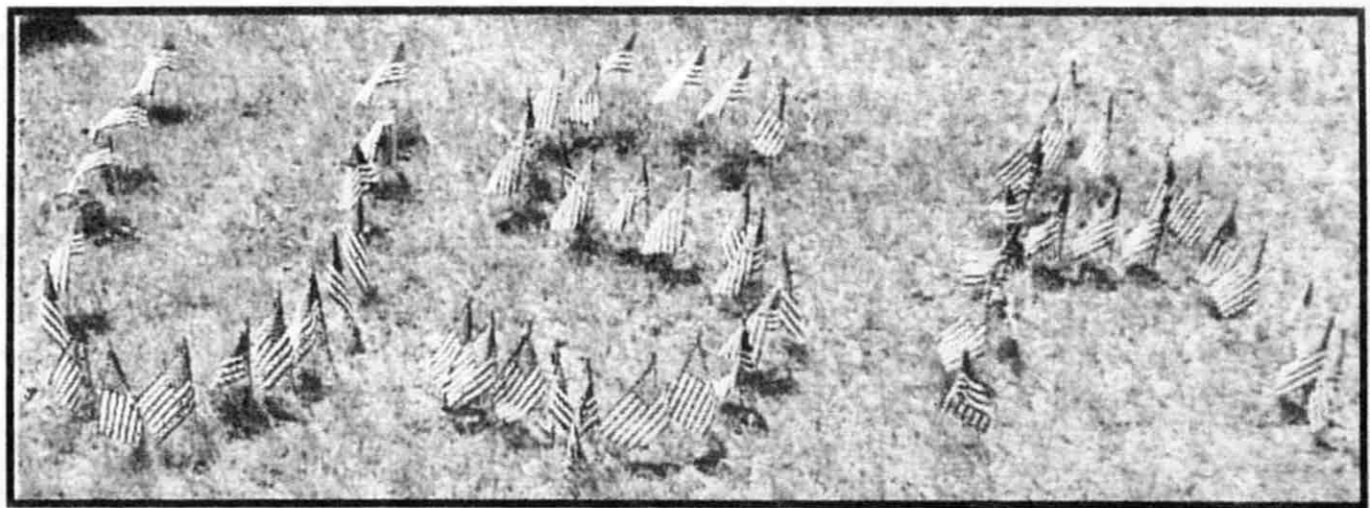
Last year 200-300 people visited the health fair.

Fair-goers will also have the opportunity to participate in a Family Fitness Fun Walk (1.3 miles). Those completing four of seven activities while on the walk will receive a health fair water bottle.

The Lowell police station will hold bike helmet safety and car

seat checks.

Lowell's fire department will offer smoke house demonstrations.



### Happy Birthday America

Lynn Seese decorated her yard for the July 4 weekend with roughly 2,500 flags while a local snowman braved the heat in order to wave the flag on America's Birthday.

## OBITUARIES

**HOMKES** - Christine (Holkeboer) Homkes, aged 95, of Lowell, is serving her Savior and Lord in heaven. She joined her Creator early July 1, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Bartell, and an infant son. Mrs. Homkes is survived by her children Jean (Thomas) Rockett of Lowell, Robert (Trudy) Homkes of

Camarillo, CA; seven grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Christine was a much loved kindergarten teacher for 45 years in Michigan and Illinois. Funeral services were held Thursday at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, Lowell, Rev. William J. Renkema, officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Back to God Hour.

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## Rotary honors scholarship winners

Lowell High School graduates receiving Lowell Rotary Scholarships, from left to right, are Audrey Converse, Hope College, special education; Chad Rau, Grand Rapids Community College, mechanical engineering; Rachel Penning, Grand Valley State University, Pre Med; and Karis Crawford, Cornerstone College, music performance. Presenting the awards are Rotary president, Dale Triplett, far left, and Greg Flick, director of Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation.

## Purple Heart stamp salutes their sacrifice

The sacrifices of the men and women in the military will be the focus of attention on Friday, July 18 at 1 p.m. when the U.S. Postal Service and VFW Post 8303 unveil the Purple Heart definitive postage stamp during a ceremony at the new VFW Post location, 3100 Alden Nash.

Lowell Postmaster Gil Brown will unveil the stamp in recognition of the men and women whose sacrifice has allowed Americans to live in freedom. This new stamp is part of the postal service's 2003 stamp program, a program that celebrates the people, events and history of our nation.

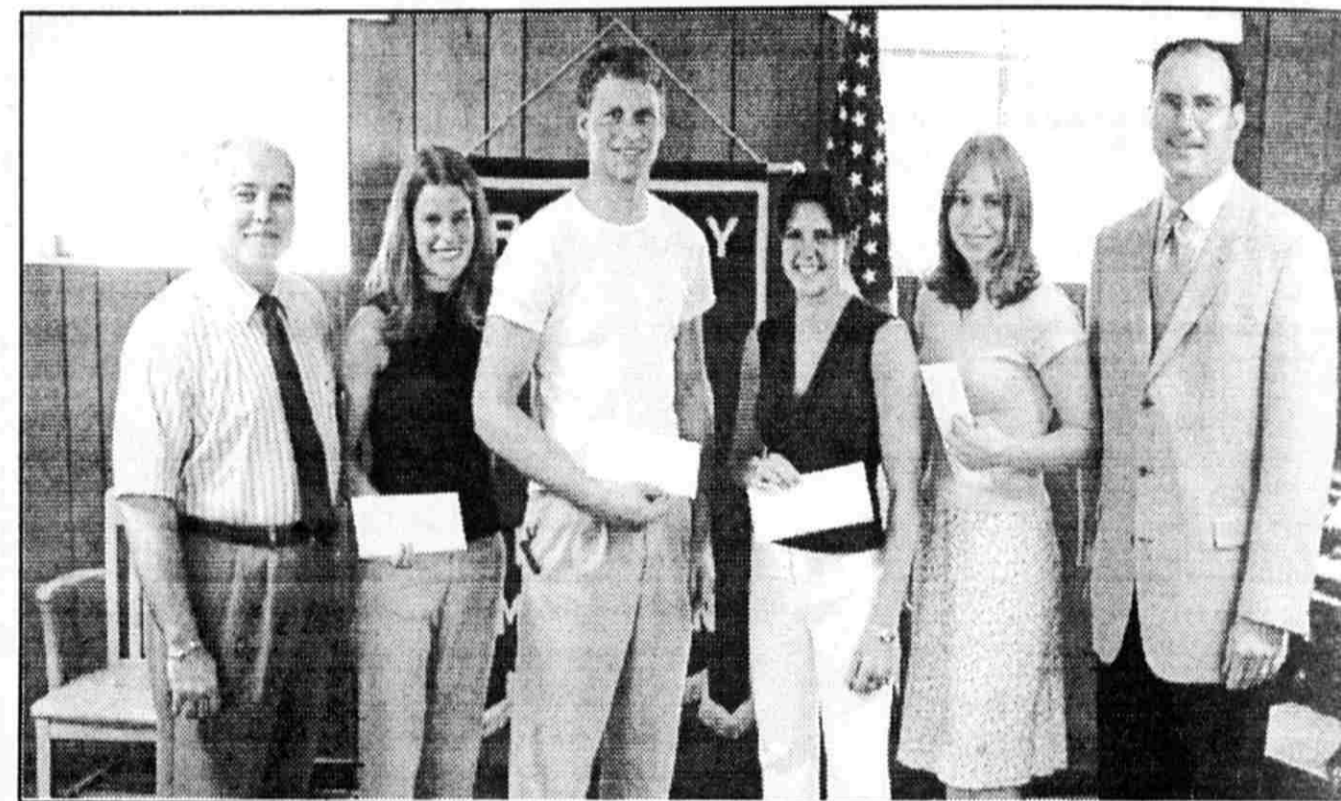
The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president of the United States to members of the U.S. Military who have been wounded or killed in action.

The stamp features a photograph by Ira Wexler of one of two Purple Hearts awarded to James Loftus Fowler of Alexandria, Va.

Fowler was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marines and was serving as battalion commander of the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, when he



received a Purple Heart in 1968, following an action close to the Hai River on the border between North and South Vietnam.



## Artifacts gathered and sealed for Saturday's cornerstone ceremony

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

As the organization charged with securing and preserving Lowell's history, it was appropriate that the Lowell Area Historical Museum would head up the gathering of informational items to be placed in the cornerstone of the City Hall/new police station.

The items were sealed in the case on Monday, July 7. They will then be placed in a cavity near the entrance of the newly renovated City Hall

(N. Monroe St.) at the July 12 cornerstone ceremony at 10 a.m.

"The building of an edifice like City Hall and the new police station represents our attempt at extending our own mortality," said Lowell city councilman, Mike Blough. "It also provides opportunity to put in the artifact box items which reflect a profile of the community."

Masonic Lodge #90, first established in 1856, holds a copy of what was placed in the 1909 cornerstone when the City Hall was first built.

Items include a copy of the village ordinance, a financial statement, and a list of members and officers in organizations of the community.

Items for the 2003 cornerstone will be reflective of its community. Artifacts placed

in the case will include city ordinances, a list of chamber of commerce members, names of representatives from the Lowell Historic District Commission, a Showboat pennant, a city flag as well as letters to future generations from organizations, churches and their memberships.

"Most importantly, the cornerstone ceremony is a blending of government, community involvement and a chamber event," Blough explained. "It's all of us coming

together to enjoy the downtown renovation."

The items will tell of what is happening in the community and who and what make up Lowell at this time. "We want it to be the most inclusive of the community," said Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director, Judy Straub. "I wonder, if 100 years from now, people will refer to this time as the good old days."

At the dedication ceremony of the City Hall on

June 2, 1910, village president D. G. Look pondered what might come of Lowell if the "contagion progressive-growth" continued...

"You'll wake up some fine morning and find Main and Bridge streets paved," Look explained.

Saturday's cornerstone ceremony will be an opportunity for a community to pause and deliberate what it may wake up to one fine morning...

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Wastewater plant earns municipal award

The city of Lowell's wastewater treatment plant as managed by Earth Tech was the winner of the Michigan Water Environment Association's Health & Safety Municipal award.

The honor recognizes the wastewater plant for its commitment to health and safety in a municipal wastewater treatment facility as evidenced by an effective, well established and documented health and safety program.

It consisted of performance evaluation using trend analysis, and the plant collaborated with other organizations in promoting safety.

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### Alto Active Achievers pay tribute to founders

River of Thyme, an outdoor pageant depicting the founding of the Lowell community, will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m. at the Lowell Fairgrounds on the banks of the Grand River.

Characters from Lowell's historic past will be presented by the Alto Active Achievers 4-H Club.

Patrons will have an opportunity to meet with Chief Wabwindigo, Chief Cobmoosa, Madame LaFromboise, Daniel Marsac, John Hooker and Mrs. Timothy (Roxinda) White.

The suggested admission donation is \$3 per person and \$10 per family.

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# Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre  
First Congregational Church

I like family gatherings. The best part of summer is the time spent with family, especially family members that live in distant locations who come "home" to reconnect with brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents. You know the feeling - it's wonderful!

In a short story of Mark's gospel (Mark 6: 1-6), just such a homecoming took place. Jesus comes to Nazareth, his home town, and we can imagine that he spent some time visiting and reconnecting with his brothers and sisters, with Joseph and Mary. We also know that he went to church (the synagogue) to worship and to teach. Can you imagine the pride in the faces of the town's folk as they elbowed one another as to if to say, "Hey, I knew that Jesus when he was just a little shaver. He was a hard worker, that boy. He was a pretty good carpenter and Joseph taught him well." Just seeing Jesus would bring back memories of the "good old days."

But Jesus wasn't in church to talk about the past or to

in Mark's story of Jesus' homecoming. They react out of the feelings from the past and are unable to act on the good news of the present.

If there is any good news for you and me, it is found in recognizing God teaches that you and I can be free from the burdens, the disappointments,

the abuses and tragedies of the past. It is essential that we talk through our hurts, walk through our feelings and resolve (the best we can) the pain from past events. Then, and only then, we can live and move and have our being in the present. Faith in God will enable you to find the courage

and the strength to heal, to grow in love and confidence, and to know the good news that God brings.

In our story of Jesus' homecoming, no deed of power could take place because there was no willingness to let go of the past, to trust God's love and to hear

God's word as shared in the teachings of Jesus. Perhaps, just maybe, by hearing this story you will find courage enough to let go of the things from your past that prevent you from letting God's good news get through to you.

Dr. Roger La Warre muse over bygone events. He was present to bring Good News. To unfold the power of God's love for all people and to encourage people to let the power of God's forgiveness and grace empower them in a pilgrimage of faith that would transform relationships and build bridges of hope, peace and justice in the human community. Jesus was a builder, but not one like they remembered. He spoke of constructing the community of God's people; of building with tools of love, kindness, generosity, self-control, patience and faith.

The Bible says the people were "astounded" at what they heard. But, they kept looking at Jesus and only seeing a man with sawdust in his beard, nails in his pocket and callouses on his hands. They just could not get past remembering one another as to if to say, "Hey, I knew that Jesus when he was just a little shaver. He was a hard worker, that boy. He was a pretty good carpenter and Joseph taught him well." Just seeing Jesus would bring back memories of the "good old days."

Sometimes in your life, you may find yourself clinging to the past. You remember, and the power of the memory is so great that you cannot get past the feelings generated. When this happens, it is the past that controls you even though you are trying to deal with present time events. You can only react out of feelings that relate more to the past than to the present. That is what happens



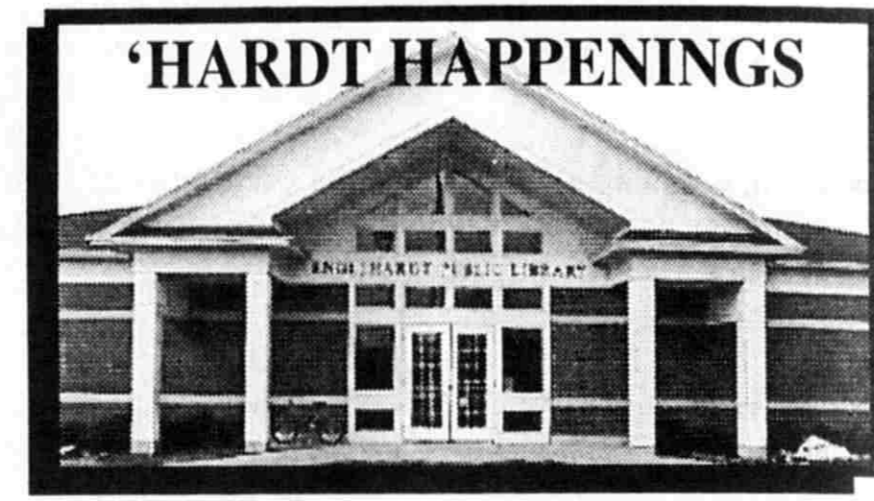
## Nugent/Gargaro

Kerry Nugent, of Lowell, and Kyle Gargaro, of Clarkston, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Nugent of Lowell. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University.

The future groom is the son of John and Patricia Gargaro of Rochester Hills. He is a graduate of Rochester Adams High School and Central Michigan University.

An August 16, 2003 wedding is planned.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JULY 10: Barb Rivette, Pete VanLaan, Austin Bieri.
- JULY 11: Dina DeCator, Jodi Hutchinson.
- JULY 12: Cole Burdette, Samantha Bellah, Jill Taylor, Hayley Fritz, Georgian Watrous.
- JULY 13: Travis Thomet, Cheryl Doyle, Justin Craig, Janet Burns, George Miles, Esther Newell, John Jones.
- JULY 14: Ernestine Bundy, Katie Stouffer, Richard Ellison, Mindy Tykocki, Bethany Kaczanowski.
- JULY 15: Mari Stone, Kyle Aksamitowski, Joyce VanDyke, Keenan Hacker.
- JULY 16: James Stanley Smith.

Join the KDL branches this month and make puppets from scraps and other things. Children, ages 6 and up, will make two simple puppets and get to see ideas for other puppets they can make on their own.

Registration is required and participation is limited. The Alto branch is offering the program on Wednesday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. (647-3820) and the Englehardt branch on Thursday, July 24 at 1 p.m. (647-3920).

Harpbeat! celebrates the unique combination of harp and percussion instruments to entertain children. While singing, moving and laughing with the music, kids will hear positive messages about themselves and the world we share.

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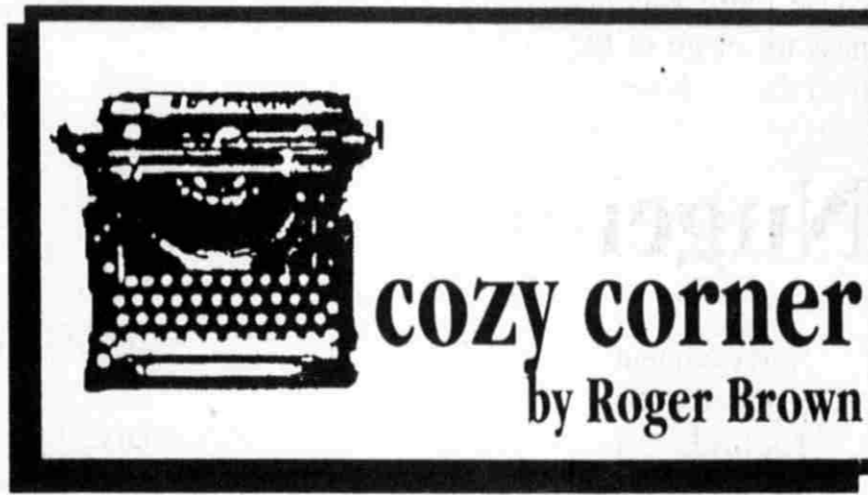
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# Viewpoint . . .



I nearly broke my neck getting out of bed last night. At my age it's pretty much a given that I'll make a trip to the bathroom in the night. In this case the key word is "trip".

The reason for my late night gymnastics can be summed up in one word, "Derby." Make that two words, Derby has a nickname that is used more than his real name... "Jackass."

I'm taking liberties here in the use of the word jackass. After being inundated by its usage of late in ads, reviews and commentary regarding the TV show and movie bearing that name, I'm assuming it's okay to use the word in my column.

Still, I'm not comfortable using that word here. My daughter doesn't like using the word around the kids, so she calls Derby "J.A." I'll take that route here in an attempt to be minimally offensive.

J.A. is a five-year-old yellow Labrador retriever. My daughter saved him from the pound when she took him from some people who were moving. It was Kentucky Derby day, hence the name. They lived in Arizona at the time and J.A. became a big, loving pal to my infant and toddler grandchild-

dren. To adults he was a lumbering, barking, drooling, couch-sleeping pain in the you-know-what.

J.A.'s world was disrupted again when my daughter's family moved to China. He was shipped to Michigan to live with my son. At my son's place, J.A. found paradise. He has a small farm to roam, little discipline and lots of furniture to flop on. He has refined his J.A. reputation while living with my son.

My daughter's family is visiting here in Michigan. They are currently on a side trip to Cedar Point and took my son along. Consequently, J.A. has become a temporary member of our little pack which includes Max, Tito, my wife and me. Under normal circumstances that is pretty much the order of the all-important hierarchy of our pack... Max, Tito, Terese and me as the lowly Omega dog.

With J.A. in the mix, the hierarchy is all confused. The only position left unchanged is my dead-end spot.

J.A. knows that I'm the one most likely to get around and take a long walk in the morning. This goes back to the days when we visited in Arizona. I'd put a leash on him and away we'd go. He had me pegged as a sucker way back then.

At first light there is a big yellow muzzle nudging my arm. If I haven't taken the hint after a few nudges, he gets more aggressive. Soon the nose is worming its way up under my arm, then with a flick of his powerful neck he tosses my arm in the air. If I still don't get up, he starts barking. Then I have my wife kicking me out of bed. Told you I'm the Omega dog.

Because of his early morning nudging routine, J.A. likes to take up a sleeping position as close to me as possible. There is a problem with that. The spot on the floor next to me has

some significance in the order of things in our pack. With J.A. there, Max and Tito stake out positions as close as possible. This means I have three big dogs curled up on the floor next to me. Now we come back to me nearly breaking my neck trying to get to the bathroom in the middle of the night.

There are a few things that complicate the situation. One is the fact it is dark and my wife would not like it if I turned on a light. A second complication is that I am not completely over this heel spur problem, and I walk like grandpa McCoy for the first few steps out of bed. We might add the fact that I've never been described as graceful. My wife once talked me into dance lessons and I flunked out.

J.A. is yellow and barely distinguishable in what little light there was. Max is black and white, so I could make out patches of his shape and position. Tito is a dark chocolate color and totally invisible at night. I was able to plant my first step in a void area on the floor. After that I was counting on luck.

My next step was on my heel spur foot. It came down on some part of Tito. Tito bolted, and suddenly there was a mad flurry of large dogs as I attempted to put minimal weight on my sore foot, keep my balance and avoid making my next step on another dog.

I stumbled and lurched toward the bathroom as dogs swirled at my feet. At the bathroom doorway I reached the relative safety of the dim nightlight. The dogs had cleared out and my heel didn't hurt quite as much. I breathed a sigh of relief, thanked my lucky stars I hadn't pitched forward into a dresser and cursed J.A. All this in the same breath.

And no, I didn't use the politically correct abbreviation of Derby's well-earned nickname.

felted paper, and so closely resemble damask linen as to be palmed off as the genuine article."

The planks are all down and the walk is nearly finished on the bridge. Who wouldn't take a walk down Broadway now? But the High Street sidewalk needs attention. It tips.

The editor gently suggests that Ben ring the Congregational Church bell Sunday on time.

The Fairchild house at the foot of Peck's Hill is to be remodeled and improved.

By Priscilla Lussmyer

## Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS  
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
JULY 10, 1878

is missing; substitute July 12, 1871

A "Farm, Garden and Household" half-page has solutions to problems such as soapsuds for onion maggots, lime for sour land, and keeping goats to drive away rats.

"Embossed table cloths and figured napkins are made of

100 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
JULY 9, 1903

Godfrey's sells brownie shirts and overalls for boys, good for the hot weather.

The United States has an unexpected surplus of almost \$53 million in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, July 1, and has more gold stored away than any other nation.

The new American Pacific Cable allows a message to go around the world in 9 1/2 minutes.

Village health officer Dr. McDannell orders an article to be printed, explaining what to do with a rabid animal.

The Lowell Base Ball team will play the Majestics of Grand Rapids tomorrow on Train's Island Park.

75 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO  
JULY 12, 1928

An unusually large annual school meeting (86) results in,

among other things, election of the first female board member, Miss Grace Walker.

John A. Andrews of Vergennes has a clock whose works are 200 years old, the case 80 years.

The coming of trucks is phasing out the need for large oat crops to feed horses.

A "chicken dinner special" at Harry's Restaurant will set you back 50 cents.

50 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
JULY 9, 1953

Time to spruce up Main Street, with Showboat coming soon. Showboat Garden Club has the petunia tubs in fine condition.

Dr. Thomas Hill, village health officer, calls for strict confinement of dogs in the wake of several dog bites; he has also received complaints of outside privies within village limits and referred them to building inspector Thomas Moore. Showboat chorus has 90 members from all over the area.

Lowell native Dr. Howard H. Peckham is named head of the University of Michigan's Clements Library of Americana.

Contracts are let for the first of several years' planned sewer and water extensions.

25 YEARS  
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
JULY 12, 1978

A three-week Summer Band at the middle school will charge nine dollars tuition for participants, says director Ms. Covey.

The police department sponsors a fundraiser, family portraits at Modern Photographics, to finance community and school safety programs.

Lowell Public Library will show films for children in their summer program twice this month, says librarian Evelyn Briggs.

The Eberhardt grocery chain, including the Lowell store on W. Main, is being picketed by striking workers into a second week.

Cascade Township celebrates its 130th anniversary with an exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

## To The Editor

To the Editor,

I'm not sure I understand the recent decision to move the fireworks celebration for the Fourth of July to the following weekend during the Riverwalk Festival in an effort to "draw more people to the event."

During a time when our country has been under attack, war in Iraq, and has terrorism lurking behind every corner, this day has even more significance as our country stands together and celebrates our Independence. It is a day that is celebrated all across America to show our patriotism. It is a family time, a day where most people enjoy picnics, parades and fireworks. Where Americans all across our country proudly display the American flag and celebrate our Freedom. A day to honor those who have fought to keep us free.

I was shocked and dismayed that Lowell decided to compromise this day in order to generate more revenue. Why stop there? Why not cancel the Christmas parade also? We could have Santa launch the ducks down the Flat River!

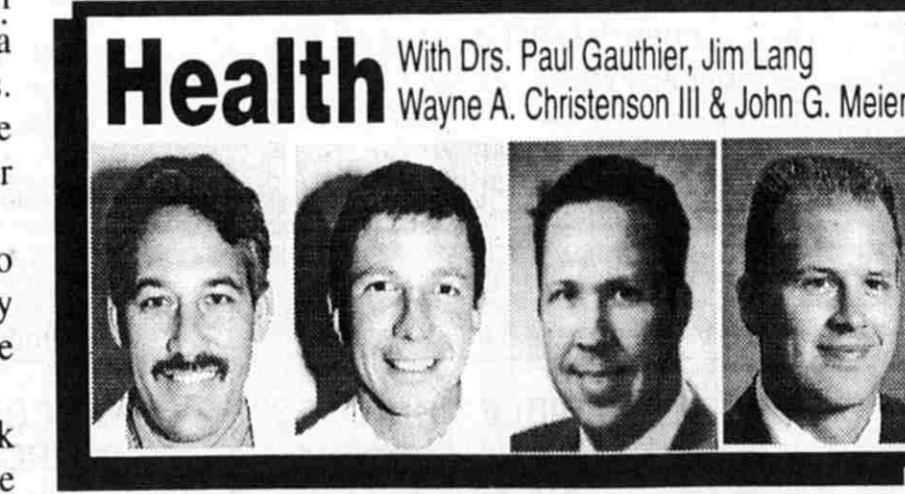
Since they have already changed the date for the Riverwalk from Labor Day to July, it seems like it would have been more acceptable to move it to the weekend of the Fourth. Or maybe had fireworks at both events. I have nothing against the Riverwalk Festival. It is enjoyed by many. I do, however, question the compromising of an important national holiday to attempt to draw more people to a small town festival. I personally found this to be insulting.

Sandee Johnston - Lowell

There are three Grattan Township board members facing a recall election on July 15. These three board members ran their election campaign as a coalition. They continue to vote as a bloc, therefore controlling all decisions. Many residents of Grattan Township see this as an erosion of individual rights.

I was issued a violation ticket by the Township Zoning Enforcer, who has no legal authority to issue citations. I had my day in court and the case was dismissed. There was no violation. The vehicles in question were legally licensed and insured.

Joseph Nowak



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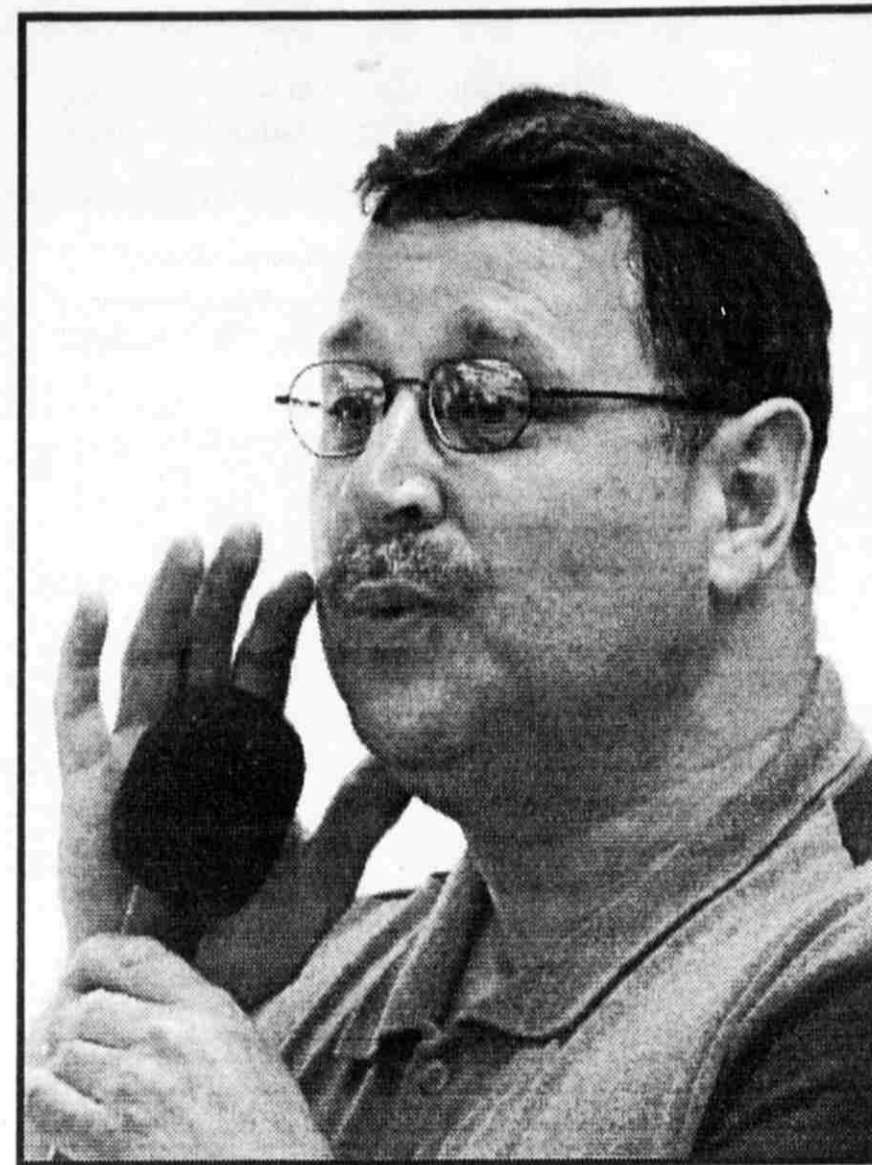
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# WHISTLER MAN

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# IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Pvt. Travis A. DeVoid, son of Kathleen J. and Douglas A. DeVoid of Lowell, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

DeVoid and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, DeVoid spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included

learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

DeVoid and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

DeVoid and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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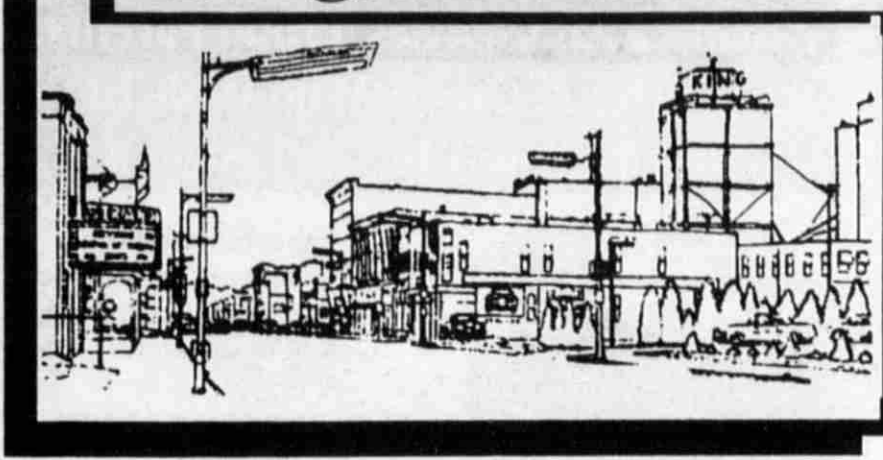
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## Along Main Street



### BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

Look Memorial Fire Station at 315 S. Hudson will have a blood drive July 9 from 2-7 p.m.; sponsored by Lowell Area Fire Dept. for Grand Valley Blood program.

### CONCERT ON THE RIVERWALK

This Thursday evening the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature Boogie Woogie Babies, a two-act theatrical revue, from 7 - 9 p.m. Admission is free; bleachers/handicap parking available; Lowell Lions Club food and refreshments.

## Riverwalk Music, cont'd... From Page 1

group's first appearance in Lowell.

The music strong festival will end with the rocking sounds of local bands, Alive & Well and the Great Lakes Band.

"Because of the success of the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, the Riverwalk Festival committee has added two more night concerts," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker. "The lineup is diverse and fun: 40's, blues, bluegrass and good ole rock and roll."

Alive & Well has been around in one form or another since the early '70s and traces its roots back to the mid to late '60s in Lowell.

Primarily a soft rock/country rock group, Alive & Well began branching out and recording original material as well as writing and recording commercial jingles.

Comprised of members of several earlier bands such as Scragg Zoster, Headhunters and Trialism, the core of the group was formed in 1973 when Dale Kropf, Cindy Adams (now Cindy Kropf), Jerry Adams and Roger MacNaughton along with Dave Jones and a succession of drummers began performing in the Grand Rapids area. In 1979 Dan Lomas (guitarist) was welcomed aboard.

The Great Lakes Band was formed in the early spring of 1975 when bassist-vocalist Chris Collins, vocalist-guitarist Mitch McMahon and drummer Rick Seese began jamming with harmonica player Chuck Luscombe. A little while later Doug Slocum joined the lineup.

## DEFERMENT OF SUMMER TAXES

Forms to file for a summer tax deferment for 2003 summer taxes are available at the township offices and the Treasurer's office.

Forms must be completed and filed with the township Treasurer on or before September 15, 2003.

To qualify for a deferment, a person must fall into one of the classifications below which are defined in the Michigan Income Tax Act. (MCL 206.512, 514 & 516).

- Senior Citizen, minimum age 62
- Paraplegic or quadriplegic
- Eligible service person, veteran or widow of service person.
- Legally Blind
- Totally and Permanently disabled person
- Agricultural real property provided the gross receipts of farming operation are not less than the household income of the owner.

Assistance in completing this form is available at the township offices.

One form per parcel is required. It is suggested that you ask for and retain a copy of this form.

Maria Bajema, Treasurer  
Grattan Township

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Englehardt branch parking lot will be the location for a used book sale Saturday, July 12 from 9-5 p.m. Great variety; supports library programming.

### FOODMOBILE AT FAIRGROUNDS

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 12 from 10-12 p.m. Bring own bag or box for free food (mainly produce). Distributed by F.R.O.M.

### FHS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Fallsburg Historical Society is having its annual bike fundraiser on Sunday, July 13. Register from 7-9 a.m. (12, 28, 50, 62 and 100 mile loops). \$18 per person; \$30 per family to five. Start at Fallsburg Schoolhouse. For application call Kerry at 897-7161 or email CBBT2003@aol.com.

### YMCA T-BALL

Six weeks of T-Ball begin on Tuesday, July 15 for ages 3-6. Hurry and register at the YMCA by Friday, the 11th. Call 897-8445.

### SUMMER ART CLASSES

There is still time to sign up for summer art classes offered thru the Lowell Area Arts Council. For Children: Mosaic

Flowerpots; Stained Glass and Bent-Wire Sun Catcher. For Teens & Adults: Clay Birdbath Workshop; Creative Writing; Scrapbook and Stamping. Call 897-8545.

### YMCA CAMP MANITOU-LIN

Take the YMCA bus on Tuesday, July 15 and head out to Camp Manitou-Lin for food, swimming, kayaking, games and a photo scavenger hunt. Register at the YMCA, 1335 W. Main or call 897-8445.

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Lowell First United Methodist Church will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, July 28 from 4-8 p.m. The Michigan Community Blood Center's mobile blood bus will be in the church parking lot (Main and Jackson).

### CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

Poet laureate Linda Nemece Foster will guide participants thru two creative writing workshops: Monday, July 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Franciscan Life Process Center; Wednesday, July 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lowell Area Arts Council. \$30 per workshop; \$50 for both. Pre-registration is required. Call 897-8545. In conjunction with Healing Our Environment exhibitions.

inaugural Summer Concert Series for a July 4 performance. It was followed by benefits for the Red Cross, Lowell Area Arts Council, last year's Rockin' for the Fourth and a New Year Rockin' concert at Deer Run.

The band's signature sound is high-energy blues-rock.



**The Great Lakes Band**

Members of the Great Lakes Band, left to right, are: Rick Seese, Chuck Luscombe, Dave Jones, Doug Slocum, Chris Collins and Mitch McMahon.



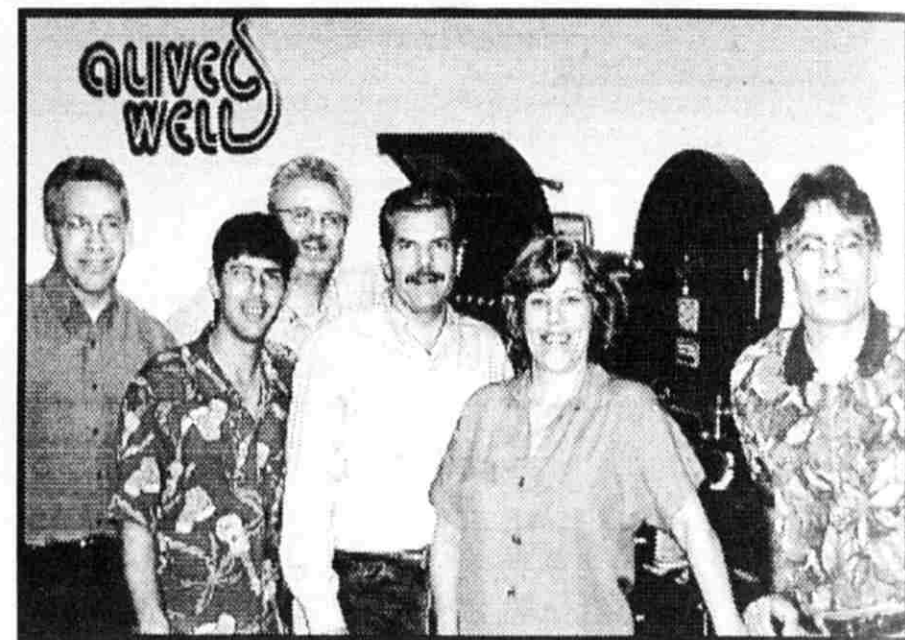
**Hawks & Owls**

Bruce Ling and his partner Becca.



**Straight Up**

Members of the band Straight Up are Dave Tallman, Dave Miller, Dave Anderson, Steve Bouchard, Chris Elmore and Roger Weller.



**Alive & Well**

Members of the band Alive & Well, left to right, are: Roger MacNaughton, Brian Adams, Carl Andrews, Dan Lomas, Cindy Kropf and Dale Kropf. Not pictured are Jerry Adams and John Lomas.



**Boogie Woogie Babies**

Members of th Boogie Woogie Babies are Francesca Amari, Mary Rademacher and Barbara Wisse.



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Members of the Mud Creek Boys are Chris Anderson, Mike Zimmerman, Duane Curtis, Dave Adrianson and Todd Frailey.



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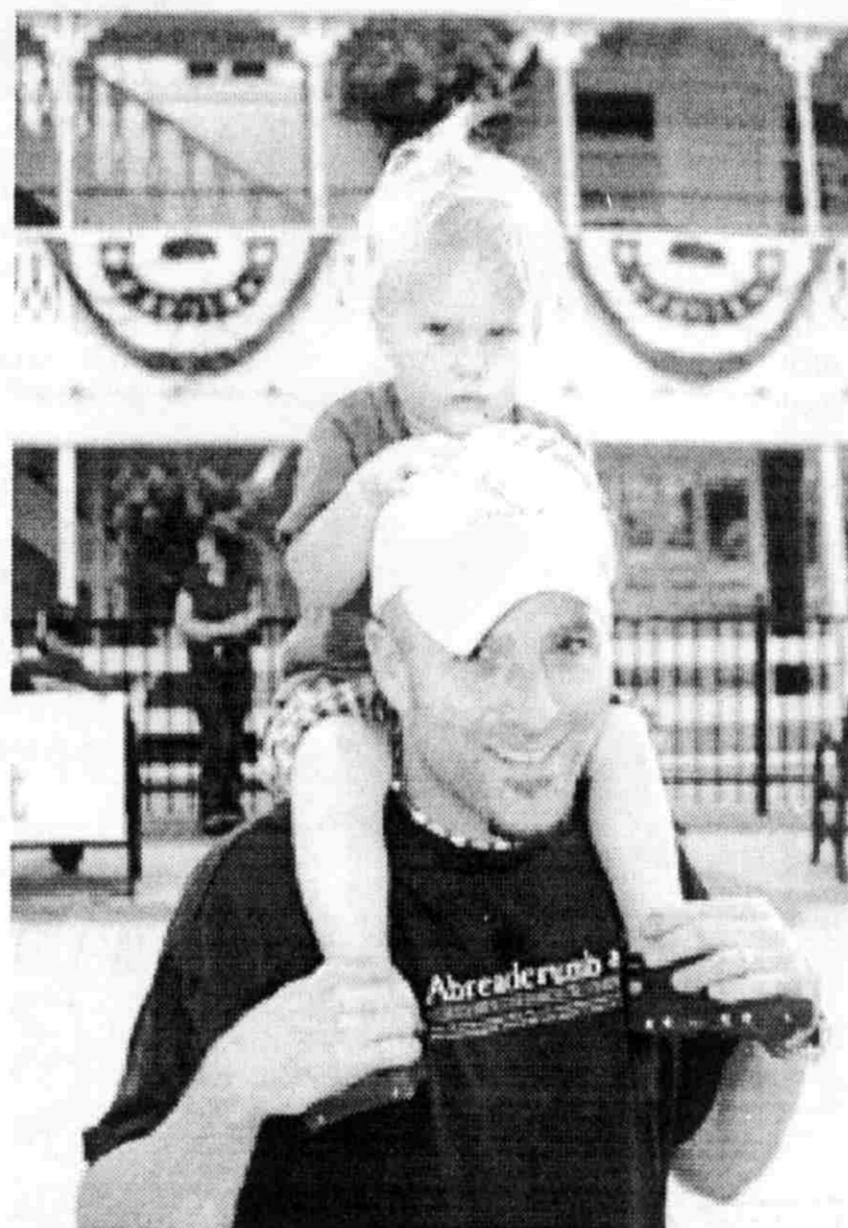
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# Big Band - Big Sound - Big Crowd



The Calder City Big Band brought back the feeling of days gone past as they played many favorites from the '40s and '50s. They were in Lowell for the fourth concert of the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series.



Ethan White, 21 months old, was enjoying the view from the shoulders of his father, Alan. Ethan probably had the best view in the house for the Calder City Big Band this week, considering that the concert drew hundreds of people.



Samuel Hofman tried the quad being raffled off by the Kent County 4-H. Tickets may be purchased each Thursday on the Riverwalk at the concert and at many locations around town.



Valeria Dye and Peter Enders paddled all the way from Grand Rapids to see the concert this past week in Lowell.

# Sundry nears finish line for single family development project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A public hearing was set for July 21 for consideration of a planned unit development single family residential district R-1 ordinance for the Highland Hills development.

Although...there continued to be plenty of public comment along the way - including Monday night's council meeting.

Mark Osburn, 743 Grindle, asked each councilmember if they believed in their hearts that the project proposed was going to be completed correctly.

Councilman, Mike Blough responded, "We're not leaving it up to our hearts. That's why we're covering each item as thoroughly and legally as possible."

Blough added that much time has been put forth working out the details using a finite level of consideration so that the results are complete and acceptable.

An ordinance prepared by city attorney, Richard Wendt was presented to the council. It covers all the provisions required by the planning commission and council for the Sundry Development project.

The ordinance describes the property, incorporates the site, site grading and utility plans as well as landscape and lighting plans, performance guarantees for completion of public infrastructure improvements, and payment of construction observation costs. It also covers payment of the booster pump station charge and compliance of additional terms and conditions.

City manager, Dave Pasquale stated that the easement to complete the water main looping will need to be granted, and a review of the condominium by-laws must be finished. Wendt, in a letter to the city, said the items could be accomplished after the ordinance is adopted.

Marc Daneman, an attorney/planner who was representing Bruce Kamstra, of 923 High St., suggested that the city re-evaluate the plan he thinks "has design shortfalls."

"I believe the one-way street will create administrative problems and parking enforcement will become an issue," he explained.

Daneman raised what he called "potential legal" issues:

one being whether Sundry has legal access to the property.

In addition, he stated the city does not have legal authority to require off-site improvements and suggested that the city have in writing the timing of when improvements are going to be completed. "A PUD does not provide for this," he said.

In response, Sundry's attorney, Jane Dykema said she was offended by the last minute issues brought up by Daneman. "He has had ample opportunity to bring this up before now," Dykema said. "The city's attorney did not see any legal issues either."

Traci Mullins, of 901 Grindle, voiced her concern that the path which trucks will use to get to the property will eventually be used as a road.

"My biggest fear is that Grindle is going to become their access road," Mullins said.

Following discussion, the council set the public hearing, noting that attorney Wendt would have time to read and review the issues brought forth before the next meeting.

# Lowell YMCA branch receives \$5,000 from JC Penney

The Lowell YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids, is one of 450 YMCAs nationwide selected to receive a \$5,000 JC Penney Afterschool grant, enabling the Lowell YMCA to provide caring, mentoring staff for a Teen Center that serves youth and teens from Lowell and the surrounding area.

The grants are part of an alliance between YMCA of the USA and JC Penney Afterschool, established in 1999 to help provide affordable, high-quality YMCA after-school programs in safe environments for children.

The Lowell YMCA was selected from more than 700 YMCAs nationwide that submitted grant proposals seeking funding for their after-school programs. With 450 YMCAs each awarded \$5,000 this year, JC Penney Afterschool is investing another \$2.25 million in after-school programs. More than 1,500 grants, totaling \$9 million, have been awarded to YMCAs since the initiative began.

"We're very grateful to JC Penney Afterschool for this important grant," said Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh. "The funding will enable us to impact teens with structured activities in a safe environment during critical after-school hours. The JC Penney Afterschool grant, and matching funds from our YMCA Invest-In-Youth campaign will enable us to sustain

our teen programming well into the future."

"The Lowell YMCA Teen Center is like my home away from home," said Jourdan Westdorp, a 13-year-old Lowell resident. "All the staff that work here make me feel better about myself and listen to everything I have to say."

Through a multi-year commitment to YMCA of the

USA, JC Penney Afterschool is providing funding and resources to YMCAs that support national partnership goals. These initiatives include engaging more teens in programs during after-school hours, serving youth who live in low-income communities, and ensuring all children learn to read on-level by the third grade.

J. C. Penney Company, Inc. is a major supporter of the nonprofit JC Penney Afterschool Fund. In addition to financial contributions, the company offers valuable resources through its associates and stores. JC Penney created Afterschool Zones, located in JC Penney stores nationwide, through which YMCAs and other organizations promote summer and afterschool programs.

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<b>CLEANING OUT SALE</b> Garages, basements, attics, barns, houses, many many items. 4 families, Pinckney Rd., 3525, 3471, 2754, 2514, July 11 & 12, 9-5 p.m. Turn left or right off M-21 or Bluewater Hwy.	<b>GARAGE SALE</b> July 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m. A bit of everything, furniture, exercise equipment, toys/games, books, clothes & more. 141 Tia Trail (3 miles N. of Lowell, off Flat River Dr.)	<b>MOVING SALE</b> 1 day only! Maytag washer, weights & bench, record albums & much more. Fri., July 11, 9-6 p.m. 424 Lincoln Lake (near Bushnell school).
<b>4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE</b> 10807 Woodbushe Dr. (in Eastgate). Queen size bed frame w/head & foot board, dresser, teen girl clothing (name brand), some teen boys, kids toys, assorted kitchenware, some antique furniture, pictures, glassware, all sorts of goodies. Don't miss this sale. Fri. & Sat., July 11 & 12 from 9 to 5.	<b>YARD SALE</b> Key Heights, 1778 Rhoda, July 10, 11 and 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	<b>BIG SALE</b> Furniture, Kenmore gas dryer, Kenmore washer, elec. dryer, household items, clothes, collectibles, jewelry, July 10 & 11, 9-6 p.m. 6253 Hastings Rd. (1/2 mi. N. of Jimmy's Grill).
<b>GARAGE SALE</b> Fri., July 11, 612 Lincoln Lake, 3 miles N. of Lowell. Furniture, toys, clothes, lamp & lots more.	<b>USED BOOK SALE</b> Under the striped tent, Englehardt Library parking lot, Sat., July 12, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Great selection of used books for adults, young adults & children. Hardcover & paperback, fiction, non-fiction, hobbies, business, collectibles, cookbooks, records & videos. Sponsored by the Friends of Englehardt Library.	<b>FAITH INFECTION &amp; IMPACT</b> the youth ministry groups of the First Congregational Church will be hosting a garage sale on July 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the church parking lot, corner of Lincoln Lake & Spring streets.
<b>CAMPBELL LAKE MOVING SALE</b> Furniture, appliances, too much to list! 8570 Dygert, July 10 & 11, 8 a.m.	<b>BIG MOVING SALE</b> Fri., 11th & Sat., 12th, 8:30 - 4. Rototiller, furniture, tools, bookcases & much more. 3179 Emberwood.	<b>GARAGE SALE</b> Every Thursday, 11-5 p.m. 10763 Grand River Dr., Lowell.

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### DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT INVESTMENT STRATEGY IN PLACE?

The country has gone through some tumultuous times over the past eight decades or so. The Great De-

pression, World War II, natural disasters, political turmoil, corporate scandals, terrorism—the list goes on and on. Yet, through all these events, the stock market has survived—and even prospered. And there's no reason to think

things will be different in the future—which is why you should have an investment strategy in place today.

Of course, if you read newspaper advertisements or browse the Internet or listen to telemarketers, you can find any number of "sure-fire" strategies. Typically, these salesdriven techniques are not grounded in solid investment theories. Unfortunately, though, many people are still susceptible to claims of "unbelievable opportunities" that must be acted upon "right now."

Here are two things to keep in mind about such offers: First, if an opportunity is unbelievable, don't believe it. Second, no true investment possibility must be acted upon right now—if it's legitimate,

it will still be there tomorrow.

That being said, what type of investment strategy should you follow? Everyone's needs are different, of course, but you should consider these important guidelines:

- **Stay diversified**—Spread your investment dollars over a range of companies and industries. Then, diversify beyond stocks into bonds, certificates of deposit, money market accounts and government securities. The better diversified you are, the better your chances of having some holdings perform well, even while others may slump.
- **Look for favorable buying opportunities**—"Buy low and sell high" may be the oldest piece of investment advice around. Unfortunately, it's impossible to follow—because no one can predict when a stock will reach its "high" or "low" points. Instead of fretting about this type of market timing, try to discern when good stocks might be attractively priced, as sometimes occurs in bear markets. And keep in mind that, although past performance can't guar-

antee future results, in each of the 29 previous bear markets, the market eventually recovered 100 percent of its pre-bear value—and then moved on to new highs.

- **Invest for the long term**—Most people who try to make quick profits by picking "hot stocks" tend to get burned. Investing is a long-term process. If you're going to succeed, you need patience, discipline and well-defined goals. And you need the ability to look beyond short-term losses and keep the faith in those high-quality investments you have chosen to help you accomplish your objectives.

We don't live in a stress-free world. But no matter what happens, our economy and our markets do have the underlying strength and versatility to bounce back—and move ahead. By following the tried-and-true investment principles described above, your financial fortunes can move ahead, too.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN PUBLIC NOTICE

### MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet to correct the various Assessment Rolls for 2003 at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan on:

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2003  
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Rich Herweyer, Supervisor  
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## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL JUNE 16, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the June 2, 2003 Regular Meeting and bills and accounts payable were approved.

City Manager David Pasquale presented the fifth State of the City Address.

A public hearing was held and by consensus, the Council supported a resolution to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Litehouse, Inc. project.

Review and consideration of conditions for the Highland Hills Development were discussed.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to authorize the notice of intent to issue Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.
- Motion to approve the bid from Layne-Northern of Lansing for \$4,826 to seal abandon Well No. 4 located on North Washington Street.
- Motion to approve the Lowell Light and Power budget as presented for 2003-2004.
- Motion to approve the Lowell Cable TV budget for the 2003-2004 as proposed.
- Motion to adjourn to closed session at 9:24 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.
- Motion to return to open session at 10:15 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, July 7, 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

## Birth of second child, not far from family home

What's your name? How old are you?

Those questions were followed moments later by, "Congratulations Mrs. Janes, you're the mother of a bouncing baby boy."

Sarah Janes gave birth to Gavin Janes, who weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches long on June 25th at 11:05 p.m.

Janes gave birth to Gavin just 10 minutes after her water broke.

Nathan Janes, father, watched as his wife delivered their second son in the family driveway with the assistance of ambulance personnel.

"The ambulance arrived at about 11 p.m. They asked me a couple of questions and then I gave birth," Sarah Janes said. "It's kind of funny because my first child (Trenton) was born two weeks late. It was an induced labor."

Both mother and child are fine. Sarah went home on Friday (June 27) and Gavin was released on Saturday.

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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & 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/lt. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

**EVERY MON.:** Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 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:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 meets at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 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. Beltline) 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.

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

**FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:** Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037. Weekly specials.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. - Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. - Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe St. 647-3920.

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

**EARLY SEPTEMBER:** 12 week training session for parents wanting to learn how to manage defiant children, offered by 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac. Call Beverly 642-6466 to register or for more info.; class sizes are limited.

**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.

**THURS., JULY 10:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Boston Historical Depot in Saranac, 12:30 p.m. Bring table service, a dish to pass & lawn chair. Beverages furnished. Pass the hat donation - annual fundraiser. If you need a ride call Norma. Hostesses: Marilyn Cahoon & Norma Noall. Program: Tour of the Depot Museum by Marilyn Cahoon.

**MON., JULY 28:** At Lowell 1st United Methodist Church parking lot, 4-8 p.m. MI Community Blood Center mobile blood bus. Give the gift of life.

**FRI., JULY 11:** The 67th reunion of LHS class of '36 at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd., 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass/ table service. Call Irene Osborne, 4076 Murray View, 691-8939. Classes of '34 -'39 welcome.

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

**SAT., JULY 12:** Used book sale along the Riverwalk under the striped tent, 9-5 p.m. Great selection for children thru adult. Sponsored by Friends of the Englehardt Library.

**SUN., JULY 13:** Fallsburg Historical Society bicycle ride; registration 7-9 a.m. Call Kerry at 897-7161 for application. \$18 person; \$30 family. Snacks & lunch available.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

**MON.:** 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

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

**THURS., JULY 10:** 9 a.m. Dave McDuffy - Free Legal Advice; 9:50 p.m. Mystery Trip.

**FRI., JULY 11:** 9:30 a.m. Charlton Park Village & Museum.

**MON., JULY 14:** 12:45 p.m. Travelogue.

**TUES., JULY 15:** 12:00 p.m. Pot Luck & Center Shower.

**WED., JULY 16:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council.

**THURS., JULY 17:** 10 a.m. Heart Step; 11 a.m. Lunch at St. Anne's.

**FRI., JULY 18:** 12 p.m.

**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., JULY 9:** 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer; Sly Mosier "Good Old Summertime"

**THURS., JULY 22:** 9:15 a.m. Turkeyville "Pump Boys & Dinettes."

**WED., JULY 23:** 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer; 4:40 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

**FRI., JULY 25:** 12:45 Bingo.

**MON., JULY 28:** 12:45 p.m. Cafe in the Woods and shop Center Point Mall.

**TUES., JULY 29:** 11 a.m. Loafers Glory.

**WED., JULY 30:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

**THURS., JULY 31:** Dance Westside Complex.

# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



## LEGAL EASE

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I think I was sold a bill of goods. I set up a living trust a few years ago with the understanding that once it was signed, everything would be easier upon my death - there would be no probate, my family wouldn't have to spend money on attorney fees, etc. Even though setting up the trust cost a little more, it made sense because there would be less hassle and a lot of money saved later on. I found out recently that after my friend's mother died, that might not be the case. She had a trust and yet her estate still needed to be probated and the trust apparently required that certain follow up matters be attended to for which my friend had to pay a lawyer—all in all, he racked up quite an attorney bill. Now I am

thinking that maybe I was sold a bill of goods and the trust isn't really going to do anything for me. Can you explain?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** I can respond in a general way, but since you did not provide me with specifics as to your trust or your friend's mother's trust, I cannot respond to your specific circumstances.

A living trust will only help you avoid probate if that trust owns your assets at the time of your death. In other words, setting up the trust by itself does not in and of itself avoid probate. You actually have to transfer your assets to that trust, known as "funding the trust", after you have set that trust up. There are certain assets that avoid probate, however, without having to be re-titled in the name of the trust. These assets include jointly titled property where there are survivorship rights involved - the surviving titleholder automatically owns that asset upon the other titleholder's death, and assets where there are beneficiaries named, such as insurance policies, IRA's, 401k's and other tax qualified plans, so long as the beneficiary named is someone other than the estate of the decedent.

If, at the time of your death, you still own assets in your own name, i.e., you failed to transfer those assets to your trust, then those assets will need to go through probate prior to passing into your trust (if you do not leave a will naming the trust as the beneficiary of those probated assets, then those

assets will pass instead to your heirs under Michigan law or if you have a will naming beneficiaries other than your trust, then to those beneficiaries). In other words, since those assets are titled in your name alone, those assets cannot pass into your trust until the court orders their transfer upon the completion of probate. Probating an estate costs money in the way of both administration fees and attorney fees.

Even if your trust is fully funded and no probate is required at your death, the trustee of your trust will most likely incur some attorney fees during the administration of that trust. There are certain rules and procedures that need to be followed by the trustee in order to comply with the terms of the trust as well as state law and an attorney can help in that process. Unless the trustee is a professional trustee, the trustee will not, in most cases, be aware of many of the things they are required to do without an attorney's guidance.

Having said that, even though there will be some attorney fees involved in helping a trustee administer a trust, the fees will still be much smaller than if an estate needs to be probated unless there are special circumstances requiring the attorney's involvement, i.e., a challenge to the trust or if assets have to be sold such as real estate and the attorney is involved in helping in that process.

If you have any further concerns, I encourage you to speak with the lawyer who drafted the trust for you.

Imagination is the one weapon in the war against reality.

Jules de Gaultier

Al and Jodi Reynolds are pleased to announce the birth of their son

## REID ALLEN REYNOLDS

He was born at Metro Hospital June 6, 2003 weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Marty and Lynda Reynolds and Judy Major.



## Ford completes sophomore track season at WMU

Kristi Ford, 2001 Lowell High School graduate, has completed her second season as a member of the Western Michigan University track and field team.

Ford had a strong freshman season in which she finished 8th in the Mid American Conference in the hammerthrow and 7th at the USTAF Junior National tournament.

Coming back this season as a sophomore she broke her own school record in the first meet and continued by breaking it four more times during the season, including the last three

meets which included the Len Paddock Invitational in Ann Arbor (2nd, 181'1"), 2003 MAC championships (3rd, 181'1") and the NCAA Division I Mid East Regional (11th, 183'1").

She also competed in the high jump, clearing her personal best 5'7" in her last two meets. That height earned her 4th at the MAC tournament and a qualifying mark for the NCAA Division I Regional in Columbus, Ohio.

Ford was named the Bronco athlete of the week three times and also earned a spot on the Mid American Conference All Academic team while making the dean's list.

## PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS FROM VIETNAM TO PRESENT----

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ENTRY DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

# Exhibit at LAAC and Franciscan Center celebrates environment

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Like the environment, the visual art exhibition, "Healing Our Environment" may be viewed from more than one location.

Through a collaborative effort, both the Lowell Area Arts Center and the

Franciscan Life Process Center are displaying works from the "Healing Our Environment" exhibit from July 8 through Aug. 8.

"It allows both of us to attract people to our locations that might not otherwise visit," said John Knight, director of the Franciscan

Center's art residency programs. "I love to see the consortium of agencies. Hopefully, we can continue to do this at least once a year."

The focus of this exhibition is on earth-keeping rather than a gloom-and-doom commentary.

This exhibit was open to all visual art media including photography, computer art and video, which could be on air, water, soil, plant or animal life; or our human response: recycling, responsible land or fossil use, and restoration through forestry, etc.

"Although many factors continue to threaten and pollute our environment, artists were encouraged to produce work that ultimately celebrates our environment, or reflects its full potential for renewal," said Lowell Area Arts Council executive director, Lorain Smalligan.

Healing Our Environment was open to all visual art media including photography, computer art and video.

"The collaboration between the art center and the Franciscan Center allows the two locations to share audiences and to showcase all the art in the community," Smalligan said.

Four cash awards will be offered through a "People's Choice" selection process at each gallery.



This watercolor exhibit, painted by John Knight, is titled "Survival of the Fittest."

Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, gallery hours are: Monday - Friday from 12-5 p.m.; and Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

The Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Rd NE, gallery hours are: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For further information call: Lowell Area Arts Council, 897-8545

Franciscan Life Process Center, John Knight, 897-7842.

Two creative workshops will be offered by Grand Rapids' first poet laureate, Linda Neme Foster on Monday, July 28 at the Franciscan Life Process Center and at the arts council on Wednesday, July 30 from 7 until 8:30 p.m.

Foster will guide participants through a writing experience.

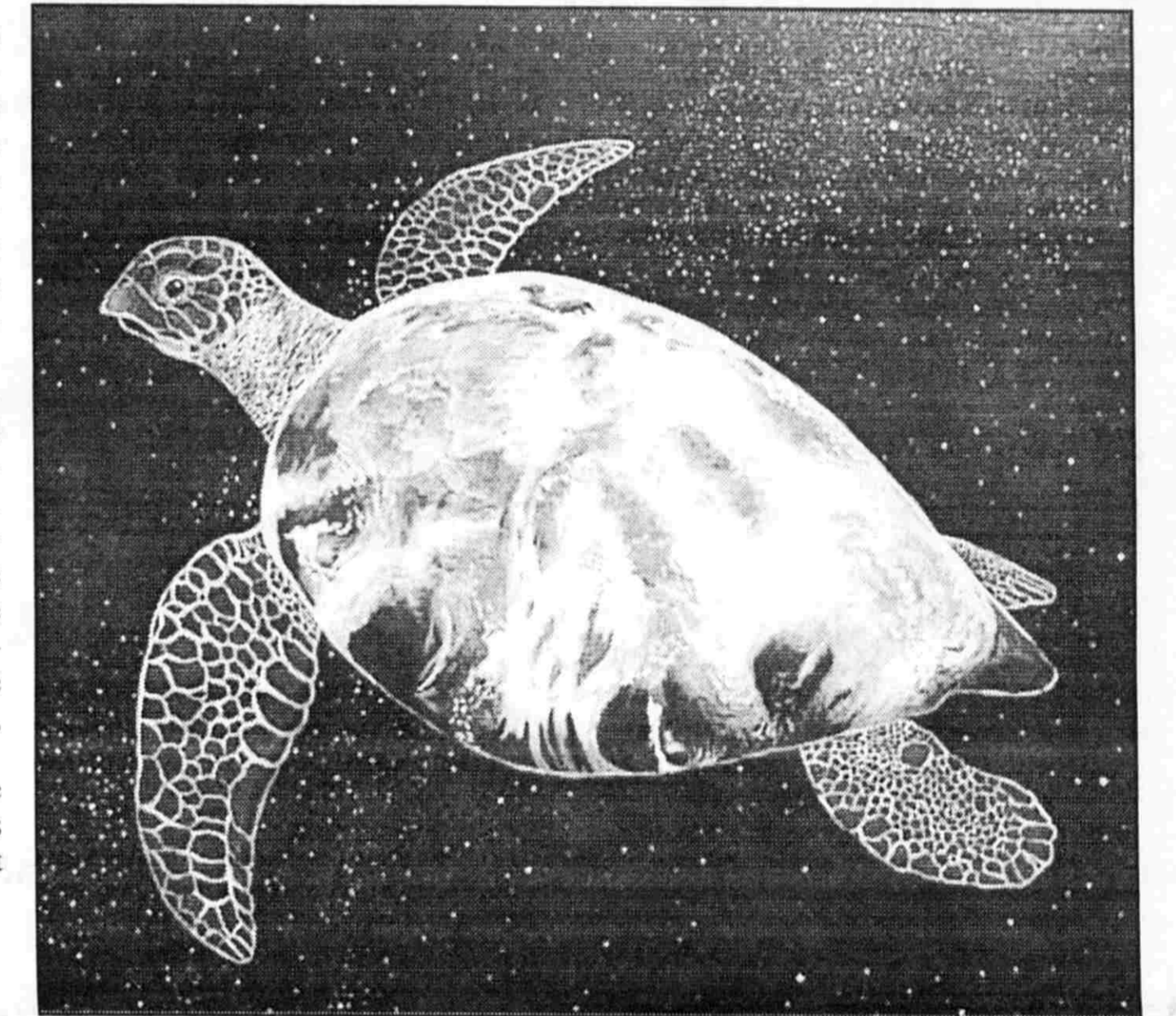
"Each will be unique,

participants can sign up for one or both," Smalligan said. The cost for one is \$30 and two cost \$50.

Foster has extensive background as a writer with six published books of poetry.

Participants will be asked to respond to the artwork they see in the Healing Our Environment exhibit.

They will use images on display as jumping points to write about.



This acrylic piece of art, by Mary Ellen McNaughton, is titled "Mother Earth".

A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skills of others.

—Norma Shidle

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## YMCA growing in numbers; limited in funds

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

YMCA childcare scholarship funds are limited while the growing number of kids using the program continues to grow. The Lowell YMCA childcare program provides for 180 kids in a year and that is expected to climb.

"Families in need of assistance should enroll immediately," said Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh.

To be eligible for funds, families must meet the Federal Independence Agency (FIA) standards.

If those standards are met, families then receive funding through the FIA. "If the assistance is not enough, we can request more," Welsh explained.

Families who do not meet the standards, and have extenuating circumstances, can receive funds through the local

YMCA. The Lowell Y currently budgets \$4,000 a year for childcare scholarships.

That money, however, does not go far. Oftentimes it is absorbed through the assistance of two-five families depending on the need.

Welsh notes that 98 percent of those families who apply receive assistance through FIA.

"That money is then brought back into the local community, where it is used to help support the Y program," Welsh said.

While the Lowell Y is limited in the funds it raises, it, like other area branches, benefits from donations to the Grand Rapids Y (e.g., two years ago received a donation for childcare support - that money was distributed to area branches).

Locally, Lowell YMCA childcare has benefited from King Fund donations.

"Those type of donations help bring the cost down for everyone," Welsh explains.

For the past 10 years the Lowell YMCA has run a childcare for infants through toddlers at the First Congregational Church.

The full-time service offers childcare before and after school and wrap-around care (6 a.m. until 6 p.m.) for kindergartners.

Childcare for first- through fifth-grade children is offered from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary.

All directors are licensed and all staff are first aid /CPR certified and have training in child abuse prevention.

For more information about the YMCA childcare program call 897-2688 for before and after school care and 897-4371 for infant/toddler care.

## Planner program exposes participants to township work

As participants in the Kent County Citizen Planner program, Lowell's Mark Fleet and Steve Platt volunteered with the Vergennes Township Open Space Committee to complete community service hours for certification from Michigan State University Extension.

Fleet and Platt completed a year-long project to inventory the township's natural resources and survey the residences to determine which lands were the most important to preserve.

"Citizen Planner is a great way to be exposed to the work of the township," Platt said. "The project was a great way to get to know the people involved, which I found to be the most rewarding aspect."

Based on their project and the work of the Open Space Committee, Vergennes Township passed an open space ordinance.

*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.*

Henry Miller

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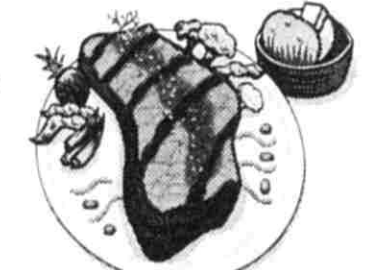
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## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, A Special Recall Election will be held on:**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2003**

The polls of said election will open at 7:00 A.M. and will remain open until 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of voting on the following questions as they are to appear on the ballot:

### REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF Lana Green, Township Clerk

Lana Green caused or promoted hostilities within the township office on numerous occasions, resulting in the resignation of one elected official and of three or more appointed employees. She has supported excessive spending of township funds, especially for attorney fees.

### JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE Lana Green

One of the main reasons I ran for township clerk was to help reform the local government – in particular, to make the township offices more efficient and user friendly for our residents. Upon taking office, I discovered that a great deal of work would have to be done within both the clerk's office and the township offices in general, since many things were in disarray. Furthermore, given the deficit left in several areas by the former township board and declining state revenue sharing, many budget items would have to be cut. It is not surprising that a few township employees reacted negatively to change. When the new township board proposed cutting expenses by increasing efficiency in the assessing department and combining two positions into one, the part-time employees did not quit, maintained their professionalism and have worked closely with the board and the clerk's office to continually improve office operations. I was very honored to have been chosen by the voters at the last election and if the voters see fit to retain me in office, I will continue to work hard to serve the residents of our township.

### RECALL QUESTION

Shall Lana Green be recalled from the office of Township Clerk, Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan?

### REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF Dennis Heffron, Township Trustee

Dennis Heffron has been absent from eleven or more township board meetings since November 2000. He has supported excessive spending of township funds, especially for attorney fees.

### JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE Dennis Heffron

I was absent from eleven or more township board meetings since taking office. The recall group does not mention that I also serve on Grattan's Farmland and Open Space Preservation committee, and the county PDR program. These meetings sometimes conflict with board meetings. I must choose which to attend based on the agenda. The recall group also fails to mention that three of the board meetings I missed were from an injury.

My record for total attendance at all township-related meetings will show that I have attended more meetings than any other board member.

My approach to spending money, both in my farming business and representing the taxpayers, is cautious and conservative. Your township board works diligently to reduce the budget and save money. Legal assistance is a necessary part of township business and used only when required.

The charges made by the recall group do not justify my removal from office. I believe that I have kept my promises to the voters.

### RECALL QUESTION

Shall Dennis Heffron be recalled from the office of Township Trustee, Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan?

### REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF Paul Knoerl, Township Trustee

Paul Knoerl uses his elected office for personal reasons, especially promoting the opposition of a mobile home park near his residence, regardless of expense to the township. He has supported excessive spending of township funds, especially for attorney fees.

### JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE Paul Knoerl

I ran for office in 2000 based upon the need to preserve the rural character, farmland and open space in Grattan Township and to minimize high-density developments. Regardless of its location, the Landon 690-unit mobile home park would have adverse and permanent effects on the township's roads, schools, fire/police services, quality of life and taxpayers. Mobile homes only pay \$36 per year in taxes with our township only receiving \$2.00 of this.

Landon sued Grattan Township in 1999. The previous township board incurred over \$116,000 in legal fees in 2000 but only budgeted for \$23,000 in legal fees that same year. The current board was elected in November of 2000 and inherited that debt. Through budget cuts and an arrangement with Cannon Township, we have paid off this legal debt. Cannon provided Grattan \$90,660.00 to pay off the Landon legal fees in 2002. The current legal fees incurred for the Landon litigation are being paid primarily by the township's insurance carrier.

I believe my conduct in office has lived up to the promises I made to the voters and feel the reasons listed on this ballot certainly do not justify my removal from office.

### RECALL QUESTION

Shall Paul Knoerl be recalled from the office of Township Trustee, Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan?

The polling locations are as follows:

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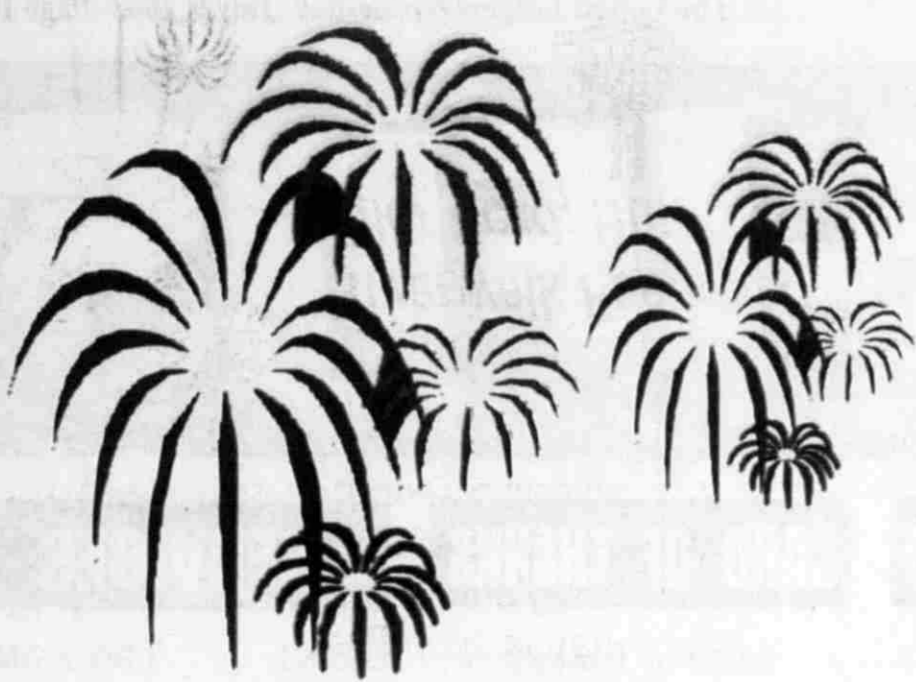
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# Riverwalk

# Festival 2003



Events Begin  
On July 9 & Run Through  
July 12



New Events  
this Year!

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 – FRIDAY, JULY 11

Sidewalk Sale Days.....9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## THURSDAY, JULY 10

Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert  
featuring the Boogie Woogie Babies.....7 PM to 9 PM

## FRIDAY, JULY 11

Friday Night Live watch for the flags at selected merchants.....7 to 11 PM  
Pontoon Rides on the Flat River at the boat launch..... 6 to 9 PM  
Food Booths on the Riverwalk Plaza.....6:30 PM  
Motorcycle Roll Through Lowell on Historic Main Street.....8:00 PM  
Concert on the Riverwalk Plaza featuring Straight Up Blues.....8:30 PM

## SATURDAY, JULY 12

Grand Parade along Historic Main Street..... 9 AM  
Cornerstone Laying Ceremony  
of the City Hall/Police Station..... 10 AM  
Antique Tractor Display, Arts & Crafts, Children's Area, Food Booths,  
Chainsaw Sculpture, Used Book Sale, & Kayak Rides  
on the Riverwalk.....10 AM to 4 PM  
Lowell Community Health Fair - Unity High School Gym .....10:30 AM to 3 PM  
Grand Opening of the City Hall & Police Station.....11 AM to 1 PM  
Riverwalk Kayak & Canoe Race on the Flat River.....11 AM  
Entertainment on the Riverwalk Plaza Stage  
Hawks & Owls - Appalachian Bluegrass - .....12:30 PM  
Mud Creek Boys - Bluegrass - .....2 PM  
Jaws of Life Demonstrations behind Unity High School.....11 AM to 2 PM  
Historic Walking Tours  
from the Riverwalk Plaza .....Tours at Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 3 PM  
Fire Department Waterball Challenge  
behind Unity High School..... 2 PM to 4 PM  
Pontoon Rides on the Flat River at the boat launch.....6 PM to 9 PM  
Grilling & Chilling on the Riverwalk Plaza.....6 PM to 9:30 PM  
Rocking the Riverwalk Concert  
featuring Great Lakes Band & Alive and Well.....6:30 PM

## ACTIVITIES AT OTHER LOCATIONS ON SATURDAY, JULY 12

Riverwalk Classic Car Cruise-In  
at the Family Fare Parking Lot.....10 AM to 3 PM  
Pet Parade at the Laurels of Kent.....1 PM  
DUCK RACE on the Grand River  
Adopt a Duck Two Bucks or 3 for Five Bucks!.....5:30 PM  
FIREWORKS at Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Rd.....Dusk

- ★ Cornerstone Ceremony & Grand Opening of the City Hall/Police Station
- ★ Riverwalk Kayak and Canoe Race
- ★ Kayak Fun
- ★ Pontoon Rides
- ★ Pet Parade
- ★ 3 Nights of Entertainment on the Riverwalk Stage
- ★ Friday Night Live
- ★ Classic Car Cruise-in
- ★ Jaws of Life Demonstrations
- ★ Waterball Challenge

Come spend time with  
us and enjoy this family  
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Historic Lowell  
along the  
Flat River



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