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CORNERSTONE LAID • RIBBON CUT • DOORS OPENED

••• The Lowell community was able to see what has been in the works for nearly a year, as the doors opened Saturday to the renovated City Hall and new police station.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There is almost 100 years that separate the brick which was used to build City Hall in 1909 and the brick that was used for its renovation

and new police station.

Yet, the old and the new blend together like almost one...as did members of the old guard and those who currently serve the city, for Saturday's cornerstone laying

ceremony and open house which followed.

"There was a great desire to respect the character of the old City Hall," said Tomas Smith, architect of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber. "I

love the fact that there were so many people involved who helped influence its design. It requires a great team effort to complete a project like this."

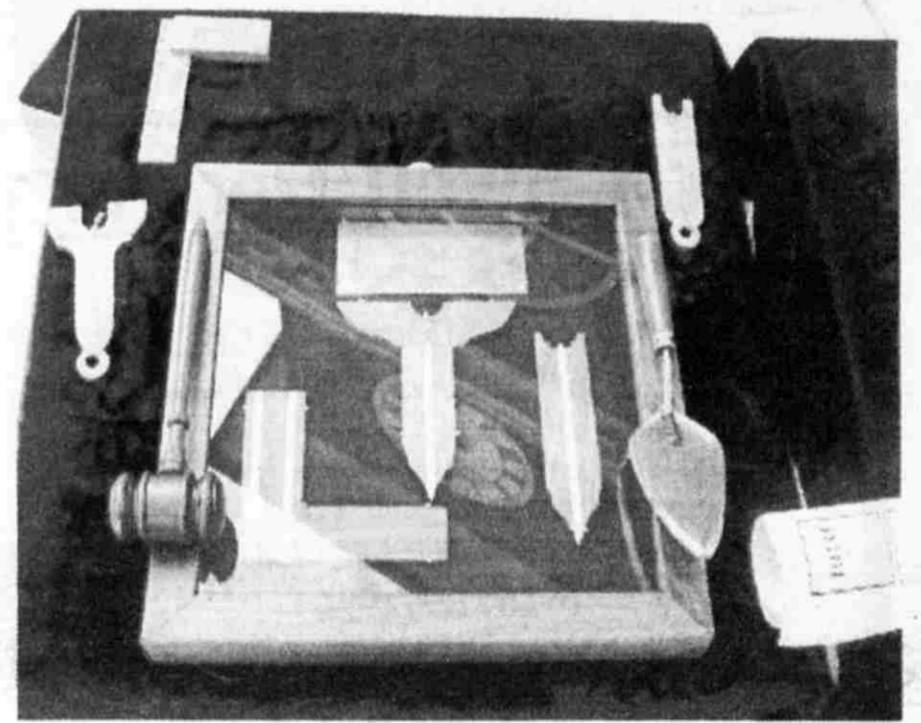
The cornerstone laying ceremony was conducted by the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Michigan and the Lowell Lodge of No. 90 F. & A.M.

It is ancient Masonic custom that within the cavity of the cornerstone, a memorial of the period in which the building was erected be left so that an enduring record may be found.

"Oftentimes when a beautiful building like this is being completed, people want to know: 'Is it on budget or not? is it going to be completed early, on time, or not?'" said state Sen. William Hardiman. "What I think is most important to remember is that it is a house for people serving us. Public service is a high calling and it should be carried out with passion and honesty."

The unveiling of the City Hall and police station was met with much pride and excitement.

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Following the cornerstone laying ceremony (left to right), Herb Holcomb, Ivan Blough and councilman, Mike Blough laid the casing inside the cavity and then cemented in the cornerstone. Below, corn, an emblem of plenty, is poured onto the cornerstone as was wine, an emblem of joy and oil, an emblem of peace as part of the ancient Masonic custom. The framed box (top) represents the tools used - the plumb, level and square.



Lowell city dignitaries participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were police chief/assistant city manager, Jim Valentine; city manager, Dave Pasquale; and Lowell mayor, Jeanne Shores. More pictures may be found on page 14.

Garden Club project has Showboat blooming from bow to stern

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Its mission was to improve personal gardens and

to do nice things for the city of Lowell.

That was 54 years ago, and other than the faces, the

focus of Lowell's Showboat Garden Club hasn't changed.

"Our community activity is greater," said third-year

president, Dave Thompson. "I attribute that to some of the younger members. They have brought an energy and drive to this organization."

That energy and spirit Thompson is talking about is blooming for all to see where the Garden Club has hung pots of geraniums, petunias and assorted annuals on the Showboat and filled its window boxes and white planters along the Riverwalk.

After discussion on broadening the club's involvement in Lowell, a group consisting of Su Schafer, Kim Hofman, Judy Gillespie, Gwen Hughes, Amy Mika and Sue Behnke suggested putting planters along Main Street.

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Garden Club members pictured from left to right, are: Kim Hofman, Amy Mika, Su Schafer, Judy Gillespie and Gwen Hughes.



Lowell youth was searching for adoption answers

••• Justin Bogdanik dies after brutal beating & torture

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Justin Bogdanik loved to fish... whether in a lake in the Upper Peninsula, a charter on Lake Michigan, or in a stream in West Michigan.

Sadly, the 18-year-old was fishing of sorts - searching to find his way in life when he was brutally assaulted on June 26. Complications from the assault eventually took his life weeks later (July 9).

Bogdanik, like every adopted child, was struggling with why his birth parents didn't make more of an effort to keep him.

"In Justin's case, his parents had him removed from



Justin Bogdanik shows off a salmon he caught while fishing in Grand Haven.

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OBITUARIES

BOGDANIK - Justin Gerald Bogdanik, aged 18, passed away July 8, 2003. He was preceded in death by his father David Nichols. Justin is survived by his parents Mark and Faith Bogdanik of Lowell, Lorette of Coopersville; foster parents Ted and Judy Koning of Jenison; sisters Tara Bogdanik, Lonnie (Cody) Yoder; grandparents Janice Bogdanik, William and Mar-

garet Gunn, Harriet Nichols, Gerald and Phyllis Dykstra; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Michael Conklin and Rev. Gordie Barry, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Lowell or Lowell YMCA Teen Center, 1335 W. Main, Lowell.

DOMBAK - Pat (Pauline) E. Dombak, aged 84, passed away July 9, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph. Mrs. Dombak is survived by her children James Dombak, Diane (Gordon) Kloostr, Dennis (Marilyn) Dombak; nine grandchildren; many great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Ken Ford of the Alton Bible Church, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Women's Club High School Scholarship Fund, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell.

SCOTT - Ola Scott, aged 96, of Saranac, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus in Grand Rapids. She was born October 3, 1906, in Easton Twp., the daughter of George and Martha Rolefson Taylor. Ola was a member of the Easton Township United Methodist Church. She worked as a cashier at A&P and Kroger in Belding for many years; at AC Spark Plugs in Ionia, Attwood in

Lowell, Amway and Saranac Mfg. Ola was married to Vern Dell Scott for 72 years before he preceded her in death on June 3, 2000. She was also preceded by one daughter Iris Jean Hesche in 1966, infant brother Earl Taylor and two sisters Hazel Kohn and Vida Baker. Ola is survived by her son and daughter Earl L. and Carol Scott of Saranac and Doris and Art Hessler of Belding; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at Easton United Methodist Church with her nephew Rev. Donald Baker and Rev. Thomas Reaume officiating. Interment Easton Twp. Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Easton United Methodist Church or to the wishes of the family.


VANDRIEL - Mrs. Helen H. VanDriel, aged 79, passed away on Monday afternoon, July 7, 2003 at her home in Parnell. Mrs. VanDriel was born to Charles Raymond Cornell and Nellie Mae Opperman in Detroit, Mich., on October 3, 1923. Mrs. VanDriel, with her husband John, farmed for a living. She was the very proud, loving mother of seven children and enjoyed being involved in their lives as they grew up. When the work was done and she had some free time, she liked to travel, dance and play cards. On February 20, 1943, she married John VanDriel. That commitment to one another lasted for over 60 years. She is survived by her husband John VanDriel; her children Martin VanDriel of Clarksville, Ann and Bill Snoeyink of Allegan, Sharon and Jay Johnson of Caledonia,

Joyce and Jack Pachulski of Grand Rapids, Jeane and Raymond Padron III of San Antonio, Texas, and Wendy VanDriel of Grandville; a special neighbor Thomas Mauric of Parnell; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and the much anticipated arrival of two more shortly; her sisters-in-law Hattie Cornell and Josephine VanDriel both of Cedar Springs; and nieces and nephews. Mrs. VanDriel was preceded in death by a son Fredrick Mell VanDriel, a daughter-in-law Andrea VanDriel, a son-in-law Larry Nanninga, and a brother Pastor Richard Cornell. The service was held Thursday at the Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford with the Rev. Richard Riley officiating. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

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Grill to serve up wine dinners on Showboat


Those who have had dinner at the Flat River Grill realize the restaurant's seating capacity is limited. Flat River Grill manager, Chris West went before the city council seeking temporary authorization to serve al-

coholic beverages involving four dates using the Showboat. Flat River Grill's license comes with an extension which enables it to serve alcohol within a certain number of feet of its property; however, only on a limited basis. "The state allows us to do

this 12 times a year. My request would only involve four dates for wine dinners and a rehearsal dinner." West explained. The council gave its approval, allowing West to apply for temporary authorization from the State Liquor Control Commission.

In a good movie, the sound could go off, and the audience would still have a perfectly clear idea of what was going on.
 —Alfred Hitchcock

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TALES OF THE TYPE

Using models from great literature, Peter Hendrick, Matthew Palmer and Joan Hendrick create their own tales of faraway adventure. The students attend a summer Writing Workshop at the Franciscan Life Process Center with Sister Lucia Treanor, F.S.E.

Northern Michigan University in Marquette has announced its graduates for May

Local students attend citizenship seminar

Kent County high school students, Steven Koning, Kerra Heffron, Katie Lehman and Kendra Heffron attended the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 2003 Young People's Citizenship Seminar (YPCS) held at Alma College. YPCS prepared the local students to be responsible citizens by improving leadership skills and teaching the power of one vote. In addition to mock rallies, caucuses, campaigns and voting in actual booths, students participated in social and recreational activities. Rural and urban students from across Michigan learned from those who do not live with the same freedoms. Also, inspirational speakers and professional athletes taught students about perseverance and self-motivation. Promoting future citizens and leaders in the local communities is a goal of county Farm Bureaus. Former Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus was a past YPCS participant.

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JULY BOARD OF REVIEW JULY 22, 2003
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COLLEGE NEWS

Grand Valley State University has announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the winter 2003 semester.

From the Lowell area are: Karrie R. Akers, Brooke E. Bennett, Katherine E. Blough, Madelen L. Boot, Erin P. Burgess, Erika L. Curtiss, Sarah J. Debiak, Betsy M. Eldridge, Nicole L. Elliott, David M. Johnson, Stefan M. Kilyanek, Lindsay M. Koehn, Amy D. Meiste, Jenifer L. Ogrodzinski, Julie R. Schloop, Julie M. Shortle and Kaily S. VanLaan.

From the Alto area are: Patrick W. Gavin, David J. Kowalski, Joseph L. Lienesch, Meghan M. Mendez, Timothy G. Mitchell, Meghann J. Phillips, Sarah R. Voss and Courtney L. Wiersum.

From Ada are Cherelle L. Weber and Tasha C. Yeiter. To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Jonathan V. Den Houter, of Lowell, received the George Tehan Fischer Memorial Scholarship and the Bronsema Family Award at Calvin Seminary. He is in his second year as a seminary student.

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Reflections Of Faith

Pastor Joe Fremer
Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

I was visiting with a gentleman one time many years ago who was not a churchgoer. He threw down his challenge: "I think religion is a crutch!" It surprised him when I responded, "You're right!—and a crutch is just what I need, because I am a cripple." I then went on to relate how I had discovered that without Jesus Christ I am incomplete and weak and spiritually dead.

As I recalled that conversation today, my mind wandered on to other ways in which the Bible, God's Word, describes the same idea. It encourages us to get a new heart and a new spirit (Ezekiel 18:31). It tells us to get a brain transplant (the word "repent" actually means to change your mind). It tells us to get a new life—the donor is Jesus. The Pharisee thought God wanted him to reform his life, but Jesus came not to reform it, but to replace it.

Unfortunately, we are too proud to admit our weakness and insufficiency until we hit some obstacle we can't

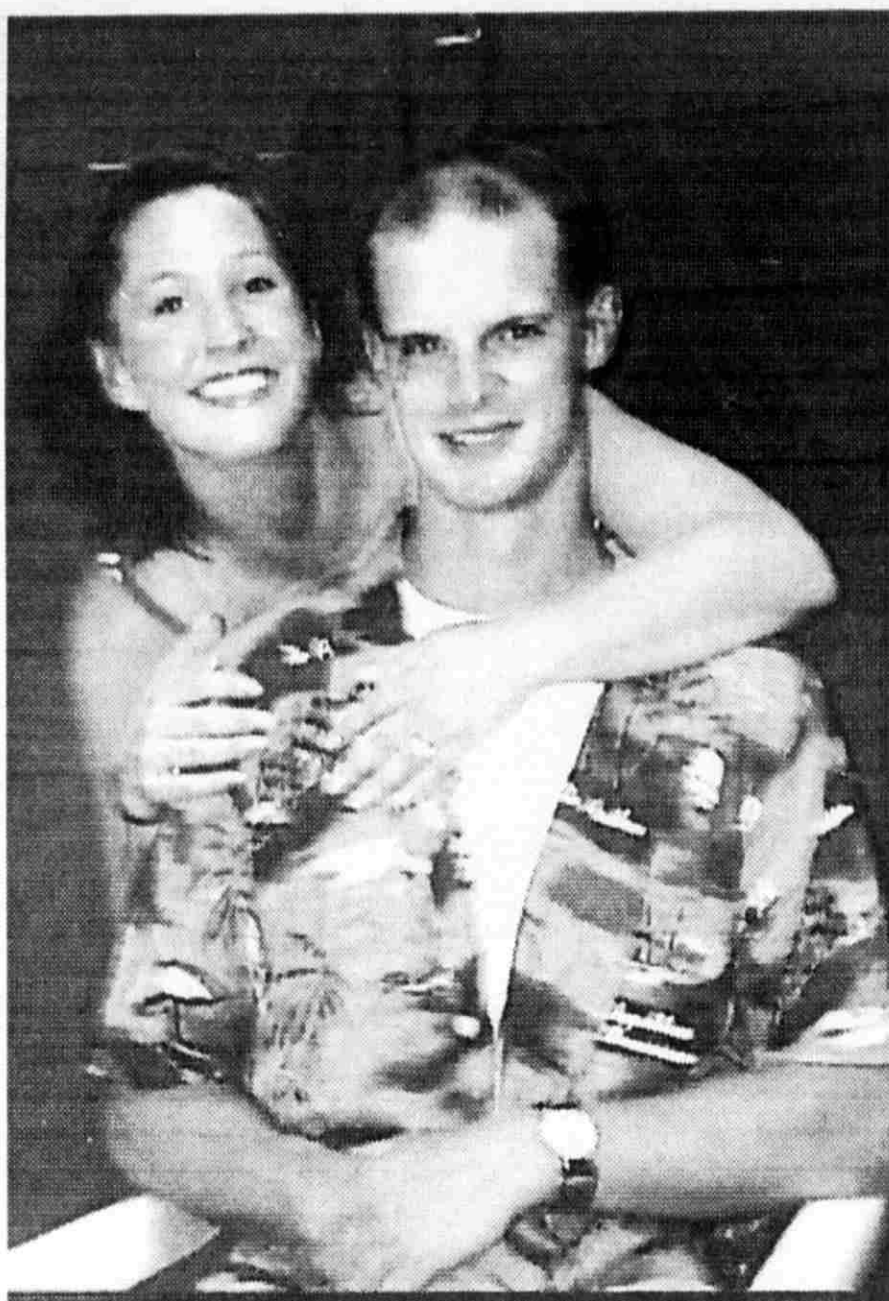
we pull away from the family, we watch way too much TV.

OK, so maybe you are sitting there a bit smug saying, "You aren't describing me!" Oh, tough guy, eh? It could be that your life has been remarkably free of barriers and challenges and threats. But one day, you are going to meet something that is too tough for you to take on by yourself. If nothing else, you'll need an ally when it comes time to face death. You'll want Someone who is strong enough to beat the Grim Reaper. The only one with documented success in this arena is Jesus, the Son of God, who after he was raised from death was seen alive by more than 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:6).

Don't wait. Get to know Him now. They say there are no atheists in a foxhole—but when the shells are bursting overhead, it's a pretty bad time to say, "Okay, I guess I will learn how to pray now!" You need His support. He wants to give it. It's that simple!

handle. We're like a student his first day in driver's ed—we creep the car at 10 m.p.h. around the empty parking lot on the nice dry pavement and say, "See, I can drive!" Then we hit a bump, get distracted, run a stop sign, and forget which pedal is the brake.

A difficult diagnosis, the loss of a job, child-rearing, marital difficulty—Bam! Bump! Suddenly this thing we thought we knew how to do becomes tight-lipped and serious. We take some hits. We get stressed. We try to hide how desperately we feel out of our depth. We start drinking a little more or a lot more, we bury ourselves in our work.



Posthumus/ Lyons

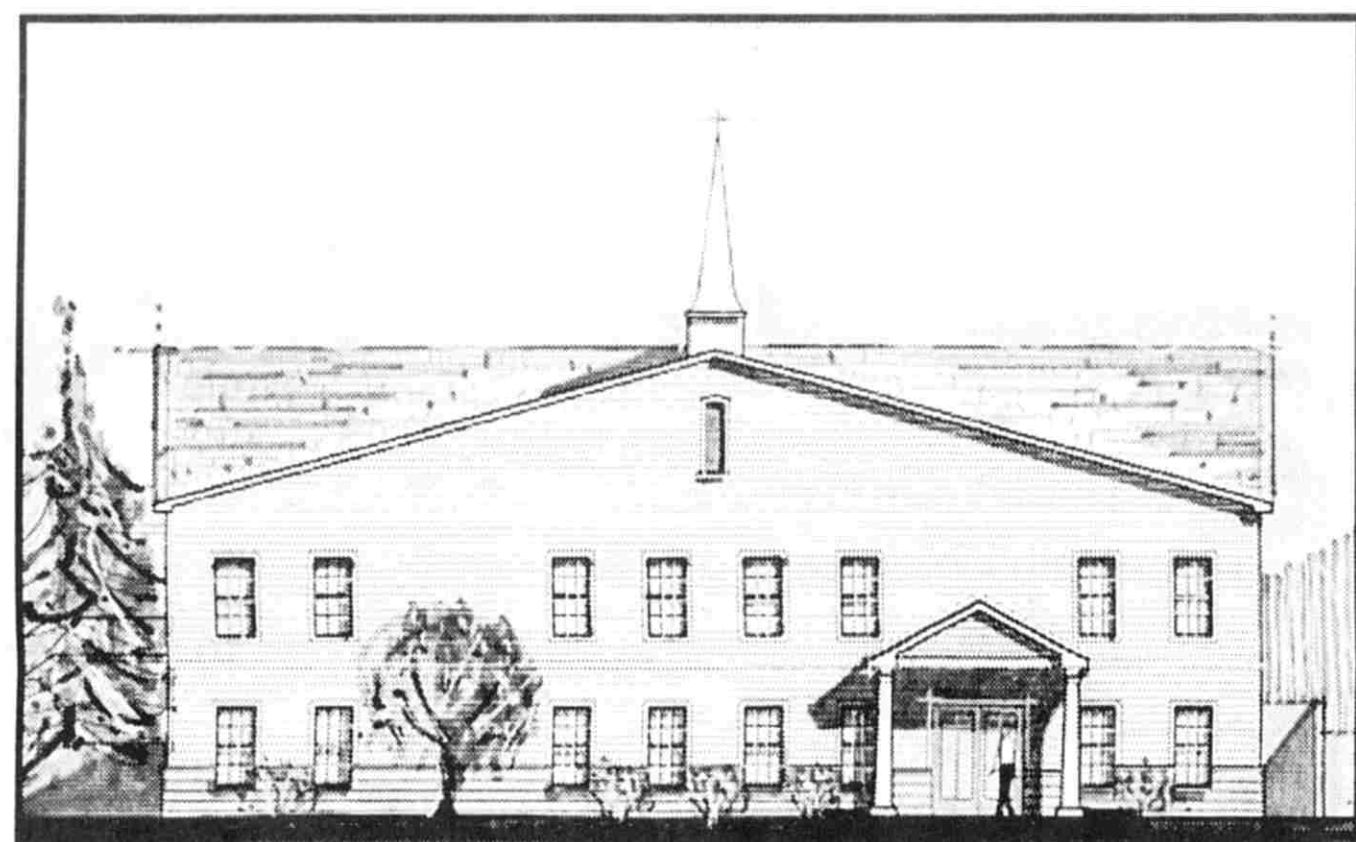
Lisa Dawn Posthumus and Bradley Karl Lyons are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dick and Pam Posthumus of Alto. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University and is currently employed by the Michigan Senate.

The future groom is the son of Ron and Diana Lyons of Lowell. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy, and is employed by the Kent County Sheriff Dept.

A September 6, 2003 wedding is planned.

Christian Life Center breaks new ground July 20



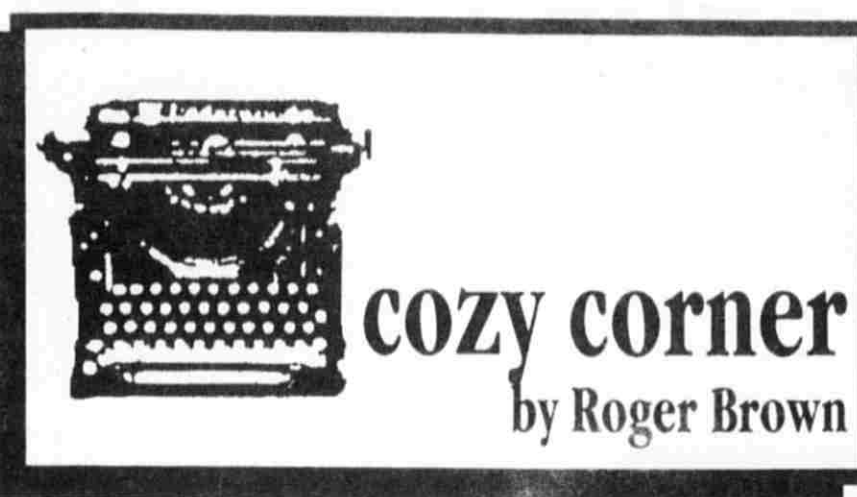
Christian Life Center will hold a groundbreaking service on July 20 in preparation for the expansion of their current facilities. The church has experienced consistent growth over the last several years necessitating this construction. The completion of the project will result in a 62 percent increase in overall floor space.

The project includes enlarging the sanctuary, fellowship and administrative area. With the use of portable partitions in the lower level, the Christian Education classes will benefit from a 130 percent increase in available floor space.

Pastor Robert Holmes said, "In October of 2001, the congregation went through a capital campaign for the church's anticipated expansion called, 'Building for Life.' This phase of expansion will still fit nicely into the overall site plan, which includes a new sanctuary and Family Life Center."

The groundbreaking service, which will be held during the 9:30 a.m. service, will feature the joining together of the generations who attend Christian Life Center. The church is located at 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

Viewpoint . . .



I started this "Bob Vila's Evil Twin" thing several months ago. No, we're not getting into more handyman blunders this week. This week is a spelling bee. If you are already confused, don't worry. So am I!

I recently got up early on a weekend and did some channel surfing while the coffee perked, or boiled, or whatever it does in a coffee maker. I stumbled across the tail end of a Bob Vila show and caught the credits. Imagine my horror when I realized old Bob spells his last name with one "l", not two. I have been spelling it "Villa" since I started this "Evil Twin" gig. I hate to appear stupid. Especially when it's repetitive stupidity.

The "Villa" spelling made sense to me. In Spanish and Italian, a villa is a house. Bob's show is about home repair. The "Villa" would be a clever stage name for a guy who does home-improvement shows and peddles hand tools for Sears. Even if he doesn't spell his name "Villa", I, for one, think he should.

Now that we're on the subject of spelling, it's time for an

update on my top three most often misspelled words. Those words are convertible, collectible and hangar. If you are cognizant, you will find these words spelled convertible, collectable and hanger more often than they are spelled correctly. If you have better things to do with your time than check for proper spelling, I guess that's okay. If that's the case, you may want to move on to something more worthwhile than this column.

If you have stuck with me this far, you know that convertible is just plain wrong! The word is spelled "convertible." My spell-check highlights convertible in red every time. Watch the ads, you'll see rag top cars advertised as convertables time and time again. As an update, there are certain styles of powerboats that are referred to as convertibles. And, yes, you will see the word spelled incorrectly in a majority of these ads as well. Don't the people at these trade magazines have spell-check?

Collectible/collectable is a little different. Both are correct spellings, in the proper context. For instance, "A mint condition Honus Wagner baseball card is a collectible item." (No kidding! If you happen to find one in the stuff your grandpa left you... let's talk.) The spelling with an "a" would be used like this: "You loaned money to your brother-in-law to invest in Enron stock. The loan is probably not collectable." Again... no kidding!

My peeve with collectable is that I see it used repeatedly in packaging, promotional material and advertising for stuffed animals, ceramic figurines, sports cards, bobble-head-figures, singing fish and anything Elvis or NASCAR. I'm reasonably certain that the word should be collectible. I've seen it spelled

collectable so many times. I'm not sure I'm right. What else is new?

Here's my update on collectables-collectibles. I may be confused, but I haven't gone this far. On a billboard promoting an antiques tourist trap I saw the word spelled in big, bold letters, "collectables." When in doubt, use both vowels! Now that person is really messed up.

Everybody knows a hanger is where your wife puts your shirts. (They go on a chair in the corner if you're not married.) We also know that a hangar is where you park your airplane. So why can't we ever get the "hanger" right? I'm not in the market, but I'm always looking at aircraft sales publications and I subscribe to various aviation magazines. Even in these publications devoted to aviation, the correct spelling of hangar is a fifty-fifty proposition. About the same odds my dad gave me for living out my teens.

My update here comes from the recent Muskegon Air Fair. A familiar local corporation sponsored a huge activity tent for kids. I won't name the corporation, but a large banner marked the site proclaiming, "The So and So Kids' Hanger." I thought, what a great idea! You take your kids to the shade of the tent, hang them up until the show is over and pick them up on your way to the car.

That's it for my pet-peeve spelling bee. Just in case you find yourself agreeing with me on issues like spelling and grammar, always remember this. Roger Brown almost didn't graduate from high school because of his grades in English composition. I did much better in shop class, even if my "Bob Vila's Evil Twin" stories don't back that up.

the new explosive "Picric powder," which is much safer and more powerful than gunpowder, so will be suited to shells. A new machine which will tighten the iron tires on a buggy wheel in five minutes, rather than the half-day required now, is being demonstrated at John Wilson's.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 16, 1903

A new 44x46 building joins the south side of Lowell Specialty Company to accommodate the expanding business. One product, the Parks hand sprayer, just ordered 50,000 glass cans.

The Village Council again grants bathing rights below the Bridge St. dam, provided there not be bad language or misconduct among the boys swimming there.

Summer school is being held in Lowell. "You have looked into a beautiful face, seen the sweet smile, rosy cheeks, laughing eyes, and wished nature had made you attractive. Rocky Mountain Tea makes homely women beautiful. D.G. Look (druggist)

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 19, 1928 (1923)

Webster Morris, founder of the Lowell Journal in 1865, returns for a visit to the family gravesite. The 83-year-old is entertained with a dinner at the Hotel Waverly by a group of Lowell leaders.

In the chase after bootleggers, an "ordinary appearing individual" (called an oai) who keeps asking where he can buy a couple of quarts, turns out to be a federal agent.

The Ionia annual school meeting handles a budget of \$140,000 and building fund of \$276,000 with nine votes: the school janitor, two school board members and six members of the election board.

The State Fair at Detroit will have a Dog and Pony Show - and some mules too.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 16, 1953

Polio cases are rising sharply, but Kent County has adequate supplies of gamma globulin for persons exposed to the virus.

The Lowell Ground Observer station, code name "Echo Nectar 35 Red", is in the top three posts in Michigan and is the best-manned.

Al Hermans' Gamble Store is furnishing seven Hiawatha motors to power the Showboat.

High school sophomore George DeVries gets all the way to the quarter-finals of the State Tennis championship at Kalamazoo.

Lowell Township gets a new tank fire truck, sponsored and built by the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, for use in Keene, Boston and Lowell townships when water supplies are inadequate.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 19, 1978

Gordon Hill Jr. will teach tennis to adults, YMCA-sponsored, for three weeks in August.

An estimated 500 games were played on opening day, July 15, at the new Lowell Lanes.

Amateur Night has been held, and Showboat starts next Monday.

The Lowell Baseball team, part of the Tri-County League, will play Belding on Sunday at Fallasburg Park.

The annual Showboat Garden Club flower show, chaired by Evelyn Briggs and Ruby Leeman during Showboat week, will include Norton Avery photographs for sale.

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By Priscilla Lussmyer

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is missing; we substitute July 19, 1871. An Illinois man is arranging a big hen farm near Geneva, Illinois, on which he expects to keep 18,000 hens of the choicest breeds.

It is said that an American officer is employed by the Turkish government to manufacture 200 strong, waterproof tanks capable of holding three tons of gunpowder each, to be sunk in the seas around Turkey and blown up by electricity when invading ships are spotted.

Under "Scientific": Dr. Hager says 10 drops of chloroform added to 100 grams of cod-liver oil will give it an agreeable taste without impairing medical qualities. The British War Department's Prof. Abel has perfected

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To The Editor

Dear Lowell Ledger,
The fireworks were beautiful as they are every year. But next year, instead of stating in the paper that the fireworks will be displayed at "dusk" please post a real time.

AUTO SAFETY AND CHILDREN

Child safety seats not only save lives, they're required by law. They should be used for young children from infancy until they reach 80 lbs. Infant seats are used from birth to 20 lbs., and should be used rear facing in the rear center seat.

Convertible safety seats are another option for children from birth to 40 lbs. They must also be used in the rear seat, and be kept rear facing until the child reaches 20 lbs. At that point, the convertible seat can be faced forward, but must remain in the rear seat. Booster seats, while not required by Michigan law

yet, are recommended for children who weigh 40 to 80 lbs., and should also remain in the rear seat.

Air bags can protect adults and older children from serious injury during an auto accident. However, infants and young children can be seriously injured or even killed if they happen to be in the front passenger seat when the air bag opens.

Air bags are designed to open at approximately 200 miles per hour, in order to protect an average sized, 165 lb. male from injury. While this force is necessary for adults and older children, it can be extremely dangerous to young passengers including infants in car seats. If your child is less than 4 ft. 9 in. tall, they should be in the back seat of the vehicle.

Dusk is not at 10:30 p.m. We arrived early at 9:15 p.m. to set up our chairs. By 10 p.m., a bit past dusk, we were ready for the fireworks to awe us. At 10:25 p.m. we started packing up because we read the paper again and it stated dusk, not pitch dark. We thought perhaps something went awry. But around 10:30 p.m. we were thrilled to experience a beautiful symbol of our country's independence.

And I have to agree with Sandee Johnston in the July 9 edition of the Ledger that the fireworks should be displayed on July 4 every year. Riverwalk, as fun as it was, did not have to end with fireworks. Perhaps the fire trucks and police cars, sounding their sirens, would have been an alternative closing.

C. Buechler

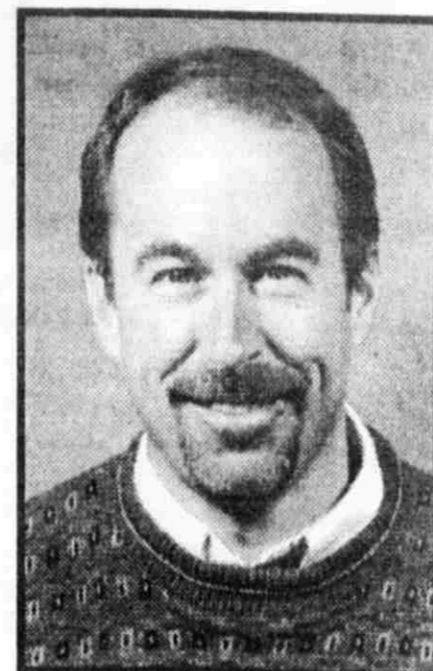
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JULY 20: Cara Thaler, David Thaler III, Maureen Pawloski, Beth Berry.
JULY 21: Dara Anchors, Stephanie Wade, Carolyn



Business Matters
 Greenridge Realty announced that **Kim Schwacha** received Realtor of the Month in June. This award recognizes Kim for his outstanding success and achievements.



Bush rides to world championship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Australia, Brazil, Canada and the United States were just some of the countries represented at the World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show in Oklahoma City (June 30-July 5). Lowell's Katelyn Bush participated in the championship for the second time in four years, this time riding off with the Keyhole World Championship in the 14-18 year-old division. Competing against 40 other riders, and given just one opportunity, Bush and her horse, "Rockateena" raced through a narrow three foot shoot into a six-foot-in-diameter circle and then back, with a winning time of 7.2 seconds. "It rates right up there and was as thrilling as winning the team equestrian state championship at Lowell," Bush said. "When you develop that partnership with a horse and every-

thing comes together, it is all quite amazing." Bush also garnered top 15 finishes in barrel racing, pole bending and the figure eight stake race. "You're definitely competing against the best of the Appaloosas at this championship," Bush said. In her last visit to the event (2000), Bush's best showing was a second place in showmanship. Competing is nothing new to Bush. Her first competition was at the age of six. "I began riding horses when I was five," she says. Bush, the daughter of Dave and Carmen Bush, will attend Alma College in the fall where she will study law (international business) and play volleyball. The Lowell resident says she intends to compete (speed events) in the non pro division following college.



Katelyn Bush

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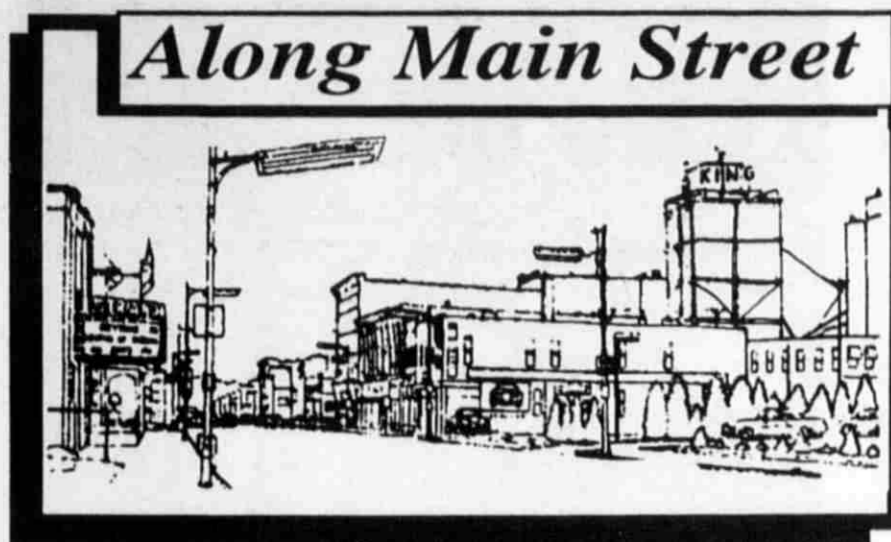
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CONCERT ON THE RIVERWALK

This Thursday evening the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature the sound of folk music with Lucy Webster, singer/songwriter from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free; bleachers/handicap parking available; Lowell Lions Club food and refreshments.

Cornerstone, cont'd... From Page 1

"It's magnificent. It's all brand new," said former city councilman, Charlie Doyle. "It won't, however, entice me to run for city council again."

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said the first class facility is a symbol of the community and how it is growing.

"It keeps with the historic district and, most importantly, it will help the city serve the public even more," Pasquale said.

The move from the city's tentative offices at Huntington Bank will begin this week. Pasquale thought it would take a couple of weeks before city staff is completely moved in.

"The historic value is huge. The city's investment is a statement of how the city feels about the preservation of the historic district," Lowell city councilman, Chuck Myers said. "Each new piece to the district raises the bar for the next building."

Fishbeck Thompson Carr & Huber moved its project trailer onto the site nearly one year ago to the time of the open house.

"Fishbeck kept everyone on task. All the disciplines were phenomenal. They were so dedicated and did tremendous work," said Lowell chief of police and assistant city manager, Jim Valentine.

The chief of police noted, as an example, Associate

SUMMER ART CLASSES

Art classes are being 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.

YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

It is time to sign up for Lowell Youth flag football, youth football, 78ers and cheerleaders. See upcoming ad in the Buyers Guide and Ledger for dates or call 897-7896 with any questions.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

A blood drive will take place on Monday, July 28 from 4-8 p.m. at Lowell First United Methodist Church. The Michi-

gan Community Blood Center's mobile blood bus will be in the church parking lot (Main and Jackson).

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

In conjunction with the Healing Our Environment exhibitions, poet laureate Linda Neme Foster will guide participants thru two creative writing workshops: July 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Franciscan Life Process Center; 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.

CLASS OF '78 REUNION

The 25th reunion for the Lowell Class of 1978 will be held Saturday, Oct. 4. Details will be mailed out soon. If you have an email address, send a note to TAS2255@aol.com or lowellclassof1978@yahoo.com. Suggestions are welcome.

Electrical Services worked until 11 p.m. Friday night, making sure everything was ready.

In planning for the new police station, Valentine said the city looked 20 years out.

"We don't know the size that will be needed, but enough space has been built in to allow for unknown needs of the future," Valentine said.

Community reactions were positive:

Phil and Mary Schneider said that they liked everything about the new facility. "It is awesome and unbelievable, much needed. It will serve Lowell for many years," Phil Schneider said.

Garden Club, cont'd... From Page 1

The everyday water demands dried up that idea, but a recommendation to do something with the Showboat gave them all the water they'd need.

"The club and city came to an agreement that we'd water four days a week and the

city would water two days," Thompson explained.

The club was dipping pails into the river for water when Ivan Blough came up with the resources (pump) to install a drip watering system.

"Ivan's work has been wonderful and the cost to the club was minimal," Thompson explained. "He is truly a community icon."

The drip system waters all the flower baskets on the boat three times a day (7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.).

Char and Dave McNab called the new facility beautiful, noting that everything stands out. "The upstairs is so different. The use of it is much needed. It's very nice," Char McNab said.

Dolores Alexander:

"It is different from what I remember," Alexander said from a seat at the council table. "After the old school burned, I had classes up here. The chairs are very comfortable, the only danger with them is members of the council and planning commission may fall asleep."

Blough plans on expanding the system to include the four window boxes as well.

"It's just really neat to see a group of energetic people take an interest in a community project - especially when it includes the Showboat," Blough said.

As to the Garden Club's cost to have Blough install the drip watering system... "You can't believe what a plate of chocolate chip cookies does for a man," Blough concluded.

Under Thompson's leadership, in year three of a four-year presidential term, club membership has grown from roughly 25 to over 60 members. It has the greatest growth in the District IV area of Michigan Federated Garden Clubs.

"I think it is because the club has become fun, active and has good programs," said Thompson's wife and club member, Jan.



Webster Next Up in Series

Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series will feature singer/songwriter, Lucy Webster on Thursday evening. Webster, who can hone a melody, turn a phrase and master a hook will bring her talent to the Showboat. She taps into the matters of the heart in her first album, "In my Opinion." While her album debut was described as folk, her second album, "Keeping My Fingers Crossed" is not just more of the same, instead it is the sound of folk music revved up.

Summer school not just for remediation anymore

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Summer school is often looked at as a time for remediation.

And it is. Increasingly, however, it is also being used for advancement.

"Many students use it to free up their schedule for elective classes," said Marlene Heemstra, director of Lowell Community Education/Alternative Education Program at Unity High School.

This summer is the 12th year Lowell has offered a summer school program.

The number of students participating dropped roughly a third - to around 200.

"I think money/cost probably has a lot to do with the decrease in students," Heemstra said.

The summer school program attracted an even amount of elementary and secondary students.

The cost is \$95 for elementary and secondary stu-

dents and \$150 for high school students.

Prices would be a lot higher if not for the grant money received through the Englehardt Lowell Community Fund. "Those funds pay for transportation (three buses) and scholarships for low income families," Heemstra explained. "Without it, prices would double."

Elementary and secondary classes are offered over a five-week period while high school courses run for 12 days from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

"Students are not allowed to miss a day of class," Heemstra said.

At the kindergarten and first-grade level, World of Words and Flying into First

are available for kids.

Leap into MEAP, a language arts and math program, is offered to second-, third-, and fourth-graders. This year a fifth teacher for the program had to be added.

Third- and fourth-graders also took part in the math program, a mini metric olympics course in which students learn to measure and estimate distances.

High school students could select from algebra, geometry, and English nine and 10.

"Summer school is a great opportunity for students in need of remediation, desire advancement, or are just looking for enrichment classes," Heemstra concluded.

Many students use it to free up their schedule for elective classes.

Marlene Heemstra

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MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALES All on one street! July 19 & 20, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-2 on 28th St., Lowell (between Pratt Lake and Montcalm).	CLARKSVILLE 10142 Drew Rd., July 17, 18 & 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Conn organ, great condition, 45 years accumulation.	GARAGE SALE Fri. (7/18) 8-6 & Sat. (7/19), 9-1. Air conditioner, antiques, home decor, holiday items, name-brand teen clothing, men's, women's & large women's sizes, cabinets, books, etc. 6518 Hastings Rd., 1/2 mile N. of Jimmy's Grill.
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GARAGE SALE Sat., July 19, 9 a.m. - ? Baby clothes/ items, music, adult clothing, lots of misc. 606 Grindle, just off Jackson.	GARAGE SALE Sat., July 19, 9-5 p.m. 11425 60th St., Alto. Little Tikes, Fisher Price, toys, books household, kids clothes, antiques/collectibles. All priced to sell.	4-FAMILY SALE John Deere snow plow, furniture, housewares, toys, baby swing, Pak-n-Play, baby back-pack, infant through adult clothes, and lots more. July 17 & 18, 9-? 7120 Centerline Rd., Saranac. (Turn north off M-21 to Hawley Highway, 1st road to left).
GARAGE SALE Sat., July 19, 9-3 p.m. 11425 60th St., Alto. Little Tikes, Fisher Price, toys, books household, kids clothes, antiques/collectibles. All priced to sell.	GARAGE SALE 7/18 & 19, 10-4 p.m. Snowblower, lawnmower, unused windows, hardware items, knick knacks & more. 14139 28th S.E., Lowell.	GARAGE SALE Lots of new salesman's samples, children and adult clothing and lots more. July 17, 18 & 19, 9A - 5P, 14000 Cascade Rd. (E. of Alden Nash).
GARAGE SALE Thurs., July 17, 9 - 5, Baby items, girls clothes, and much more, 177 Sagamore Trail.	YARD SALE July 17, 18, 19. Little Tikes toys, tools, lawn mowers, rototiller, engines, baby and toddler clothing (girls & boys), adult clothing, toys, too much to list. 619 Forstrom.	2 FAMILY PLUS GARAGE SALE Clothes, books and misc. stuff. 13491 Forest River, Fri. & Sat., July 18 & 19, 8-?
GARAGE SALE July 17, 18 & 19, 6502 Darby Rd, Saranac.	RAIN DATE SALE Furniture, clothes & etc. July 17 & 18, 9-7? 4647 Montcalm Ave.	ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET Sun., July 27. Rain or shine. 400 exhibitors, inside or under cover. Located right in Allegan, Michigan at the fair grounds. 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$3 adm. www.alleganantiques.com.

Over 90 classics cruise into car show

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

They came in all shapes and sizes - from a '32 Packard to a '62 Chevy Suburban - for the first ever Riverwalk Cruise-In held Saturday in the former Family Fare parking lot.

"There was a complete spectrum of vehicles here today," said car show coordinator Brian Meade. "We're pleased with the numbers and hopefully we'll be able to do it again next year."

Trophies were handed out in seven divisions.

Harold Zeigler Ford gave its Sweetest Ford awards to Daryl Rogers, of Grand Rapids, for his '34 Ford S Window Coupe; and Tom and Carol Blumberg, of Gowen, for their '65 Ford Mustang Fastback.

Steven Nummer, of Ionia, won Thomet Chevrolet's Sweetest Chevy award for his '66 Chevy II Nova.

The Sweetest Chevy Pickup award was given to Alan Whipple, of Marne for his '62 Chevy Suburban.

L.A. Trim's Ladies Choice award went to Dan



Steven Nummer's Chevy II Nova was recognized as the "Sweetest Chevy" at Saturday's Riverwalk Cruise-In.

Sweetland, of Gowen for his '69 AMC-AMX.

The Long Distance honors were awarded to Lyle and Vera Reitmeier, of Battle Creek for their '32 Ford Victoria.

All participants received a dashboard plaque commemorating their entry.

Tuffy Muffler & Brake handed out its Sweetest Lead Sled award to Niki Rose Antles, of Lowell for her '59 Cadillac Coupe DeVille.

The Oldest Entry Award was given out by Showboat Automotive Supply to Dan

Wiltout, of Hastings, for his '23 Ford Coupe.

DJ's Pick (Jay Vezino) award was handed out to Pete Bishop, of Middleville, for his '32 Packard.

"Next year we'd like to hold the event at the Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Riverwalk," Meade said. "We'd include show cars, motorcycles, drag boats, and trick tractors - covering just about everybody."

All proceeds from this year's event went to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.



Gary Plummer, of Saranac, brought his '67 Firebird.



Tom and Carol Blumberg's '65 Ford Mustang Fastback.



By Dave Stegehuis

Bogdanik, continued... From Page 1

their home," said Mark Bogdanik who along with his wife, Faith, adopted Justin when he was six. "We adopted a family... Justin and his sisters Tara and Lonnie."

Much the same as he was in life, Justin Bogdanik was learning on the go while working on his car, a Datsun 240 Z.

"He loved cars and working on cars. He took a summer course in auto mechanics. Justin and I had been working on his car for a couple of years," Mark Bogdanik explained.

As a youth growing up Bogdanik was active in the YMCA's baseball and soccer.

"Justin could be the nicest kid in the world and very sweet," Mark Bogdanik said. "He was my son and I loved him very much. I believe he touched a lot of people in our church (First United Meth-

odist Church of Lowell) and with his friends."

The Grand Rapids Central junior had been living at the YMCA in Grand Rapids.

According to Jeff Hertel, Grand Rapids Police Department's captain of the Detective unit, Bogdanik had been seen in Grand Rapids the night before he was found in a ditch in Livingston County at 6:05 a.m.

"Witnesses say they saw him get into a white semi tractor-trailer," Hertel said.

He was not responding to paramedics when they found him with bruises and scrapes, a foreign substance in his eyes (glue) and sexually tortured before transporting him to an area hospital.

Bogdanik was then transferred to Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus 12 hours later. He was checked and worked on, and then released. "They told the family

LOW WATER

A persistent northwest wind blew across Drummond Island's Potagannissing Bay raising the water level until it almost reached the end of the dock. Normally the end of the dock would be half the length of a football field out into the lake. The water level

around Drummond Island in northern Lake Huron and throughout the Great Lakes has been significantly down for several years.

Lakeshore property owners have been gaining beach front at a steady rate. The problem is that weeds and grasses are growing on what was once lake bottom, and docks are not even near the water. Strict environmental rules did not allow disturbing these new overgrown beach areas, so the governor signed a bill that loosened up the restrictions.

The low water has rendered many boat launches unusable, making access to lakes and rivers more difficult. Care must be taken to avoid damaging boats and motors. Old lake maps and nautical charts may indicate deeper depths than actual current lake levels. Lower unit and prop damage are commonplace lately. It is important to pay attention to channel markers and

buoys. Only the marked portions of channels have been dredged, so it is necessary not to stray outside the markers. Sonar units are helpful when running at slower speeds and one pays attention.

I have had to give up some productive fishing sites due to shallow water. Some boaters have taken drastic steps to solve the problem. One solution is to launch a boat with a self-propelled machine with balloon tires that cradles a watercraft and transports it out to navigable water depth. These units are very expensive and when high water returns, may be difficult to sell.

Another type of launcher resembles a conventional boat trailer with flotation type tires and a frame close to the ground. It can be towed with an ATV, golf cart, or other vehicle that can navigate shoreline terrain. When all else

fails, one can anchor a craft off shore and wade out to board. As I write this, I am watching four guys carrying stuff from a boat sitting on the bottom of the lake about 200 feet from the shore. Last night they came in with eight nice walleyes, so I don't feel sorry for them.

The Great Lakes' water levels were very low in the 1960s, but I didn't notice because I was not as familiar with the lakes back then. Salmon and lake trout fishing blossomed about that time and I can recall launching small boats off sand beaches and rocky shorelines. Water levels later recovered to the point where houses were sliding into the water. Hopefully, the lakes will return to reasonable levels before long so fishermen and boaters can resume normal activity. Until then, be careful out there.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on August 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on the application of Dan Byrne Oil Company for the rezoning of lands from the R-R Rural Residential District to the Planned Unit Development District in accordance with the final development plan of Rolling Meadows by the Lake No. 5.

The lands proposed for rezoning are located southerly of Five Mile Road and northeasterly of Bedaki Avenue, and are legally described as follows:

Part of Section 33 and Section 34, T8N, R9W, described as: Part of Government Lot 1 of Section 33 and part of the NW 1/4 of Section 34 described as commencing at the most Easterly corner of Lot 59 of Bedaki Shores No. 2; thence N47°31'W along the Easterly line of said plat 844.7 feet; thence N26°34'W 490.10 feet; thence N00°34'W 129.6 feet to the NE corner of Lot 71 of said plat; thence S88°16'E 609.54 feet; thence S00°10'E 459 feet; thence S86°47'E 445.9 feet; thence S02°36'E 626.67 feet; thence S87°29'W 240.73 feet to the point of beginning. Also, part of Government Lot 1 commencing at the NE corner of Section 33; thence West along North Section line 820.56 feet to a point 1821.84 feet East from the N1/4 corner of said Section; thence S10°21'E 909.43 feet; thence S88°16'E 638.16 feet; thence S00°10'E 459.0 feet; thence S86°47'E 22.04 feet to the East Section line; thence N00°10'W 1374.2 feet to the point of beginning. Except the North 250 feet of the East 230 feet and except the North 50 feet of remainder. Also the South 17 feet of the North 50 feet of the West 20 feet of the East 250 feet of Govt, Lot 1, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The proposed planned unit development would consist of 21 site condominium units, for one single-family detached dwelling each. Access to the development would be provided from Five Mile Road.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the requested rezoning for the proposed planned unit development. Written comments concerning the proposed rezoning may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: July 11, 2003

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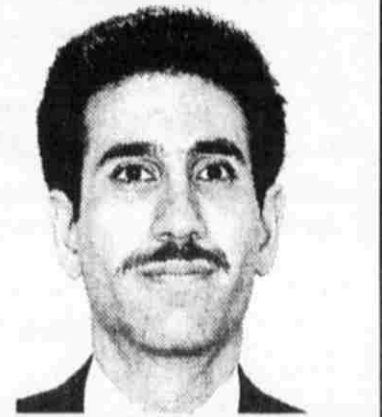
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DEAR JONATHAN: I'm a "do-it-yourselfer." My wife and I are going to sell our house on our own. Do you have any tips for us?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. Have a lawyer help you through the process. If you can find a buyer for your house without a realtor, that is fine. However, you want to make sure that the buy and sell

LEGAL EASE

By
Jonathan David



agreement that is prepared is not only prepared properly but protects you to the greatest degree possible.

The buy and sell agreement sets forth the terms of the purchase, including the earnest money deposit, the purchase price, the buyer's inspection rights, who is to

pay for the survey and the title insurance, whether the real estate taxes are to be prorated or not, when possession is to be turned over and what contingencies need to be met in order to close the transaction, to name a few. If these terms are not adequately ad-

ressed, you could be asking for trouble.

If you don't want to have a lawyer draft the buy and sell agreement on your behalf, at least have a lawyer review what has been prepared by either you or the potential buyer to make sure all the terms are covered and that the agreement says what it is supposed to say. If there is a problem with the document, the lawyer can point that out to you before you sign it.

Having a lawyer also review the closing documents prior to the closing can help make sure that the closing goes smoothly and that any errors in the closing documents or problems that come up are dealt with prior to closing.

There are also certain statutory requirements you need to meet, such as providing the buyer with a seller's disclosure statement, as well as a lead-based paint disclosure statement if your house was built before 1978. Consequently, you want to make

sure that those disclosure forms are obtained and completed and delivered to the buyer in a timely fashion.

DEAR JONATHAN: Does a deed still need to be witnessed and notarized before it can be recorded with the register of deeds?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes as to notary; no as to witnesses. As of March 4, 2002, Michigan no longer requires that recordable documents be attested by two witnesses. However, the notary requirement still applies.

The deed must also contain the following information in order for it to be recorded:

- The names and addresses of each party.
- The marital status of any male grantor (this is not required of a female grantor).
- The legal description of the property.
- The name and business address of the person who prepared the deed.

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 28, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Section 2.07 of Chapter 2.07 of Chapter 2, "Definitions f," Section 5.04 of chapter 5, "SR Suburban Residential District," Section 6.04 of Chapter 6, "R-1 Residential District," Section 7.04 of Chapter 7, "R-2 Residential District," and Section 8.04 of Chapter 8, "R-3 Residential District," of the Zoning Ordinance of the code of Ordinances of the city of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall (414 East Main Street - Huntington Bank Building) and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Special Exception Use Permit will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on July 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The City of Lowell is requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to modify requirements for size and height of a proposed replacement sign at the entrance to the airport owned by the City and located at 730 Lincoln Lake Ave. S.E. in Vergennes Township. The request to modify is permitted as a Special Exception Use under Section 201.403 E (2., a., b., and c.) Modifications of Sign Requirements, of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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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: Fallasburg 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 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

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.

THURS., JULY 17: Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert on the Riverwalk: Lucy Webster, singer/songwriter of folk music, from 7-9 p.m.

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.: 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 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. Birthday and Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
MON., JULY 21: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K Mart and Save-A-Lot.
TUES., JULY 22: 9:15 a.m. Turkeyville "Pump Boys and Dinettes."

WED., JULY 23: 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer; 4:40 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.
FRI., JULY 25: 12:45 p.m. 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.

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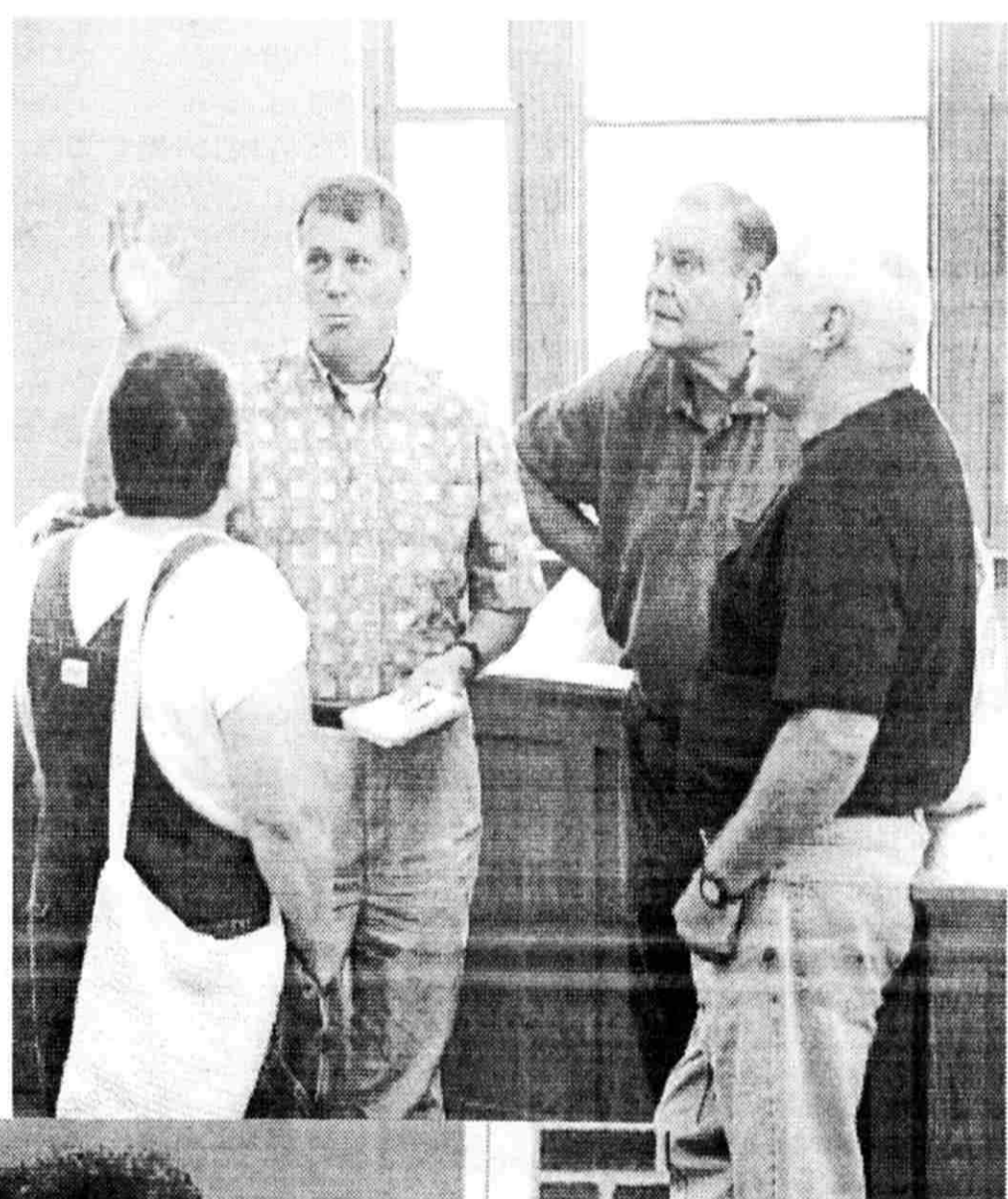
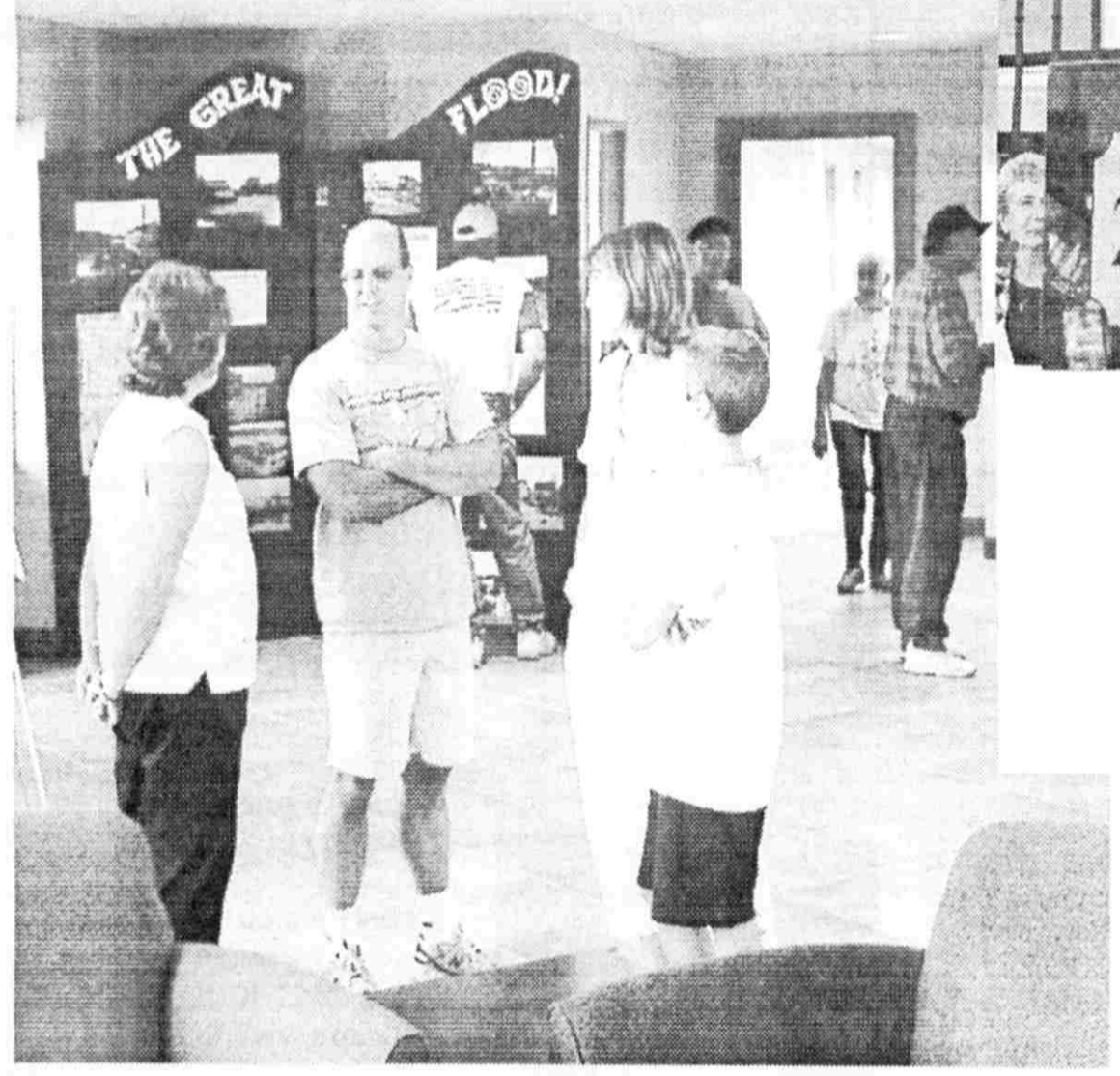
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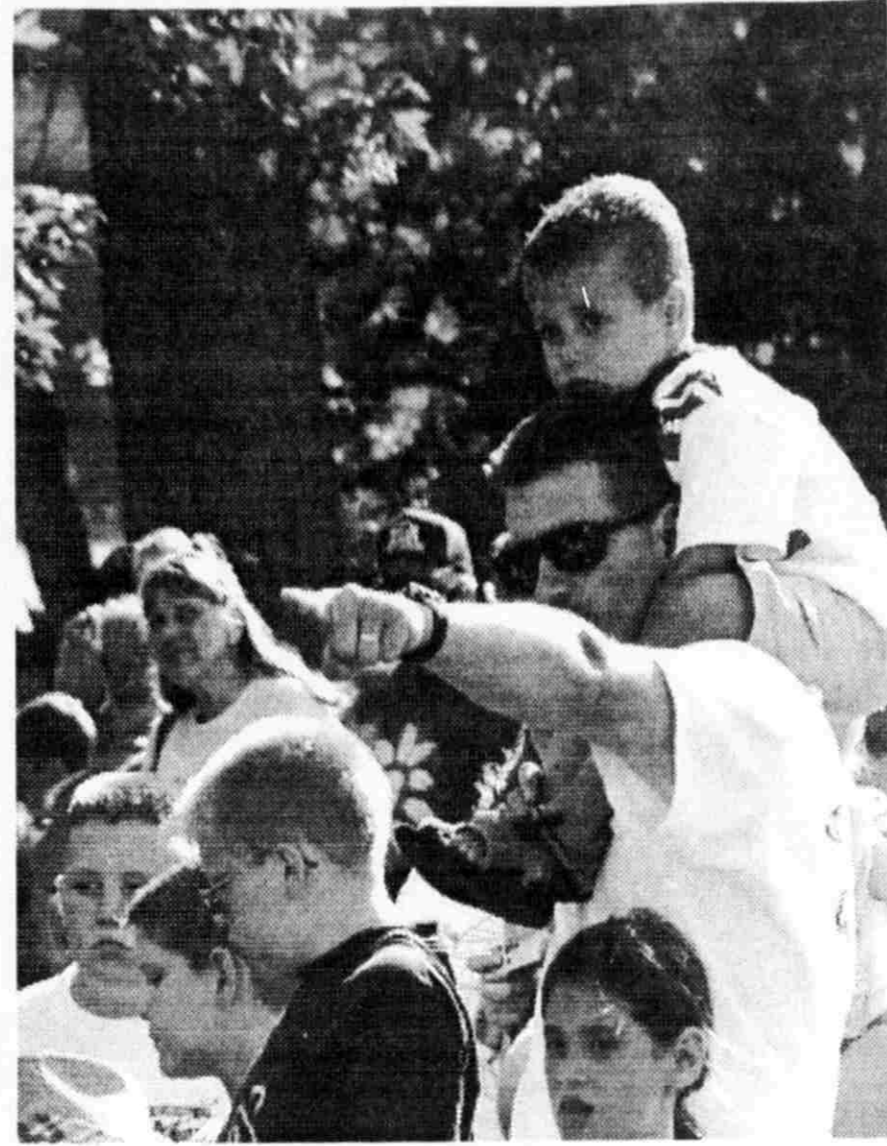
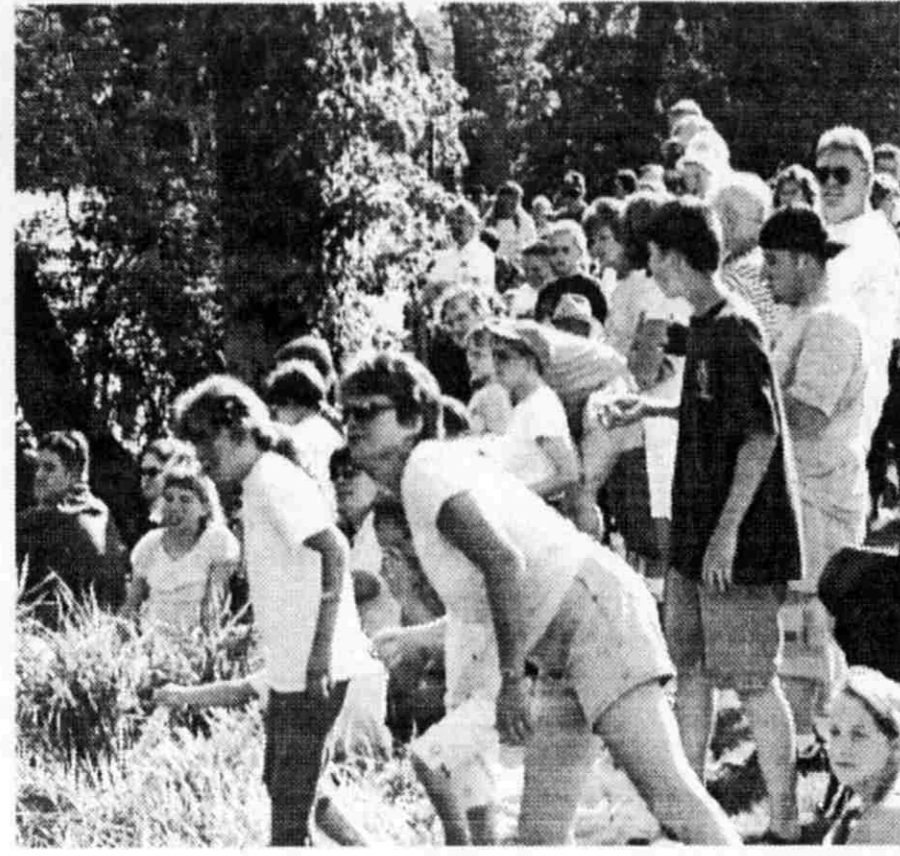
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FESTIVAL FINDS...



DUCK WATCH....



Winner in the Riverwalk Festival duck race was Lowell's Karen Rosbury (\$1,000). Placing second was Jackie Dawson, of Grand Rapids (\$300) and Fred Miller (\$200). There were over 5,000 tickets sold for the duck race.



Boogie Woogie Babies...



Lowell's Sizzlin' Summer Concert series featured the Boogie Woogie Babies this past week. The sky was threatening rain, but the show was HOT! Their two-act high energy show traced the events and the music of the 1940's. Pictured, left to right, are Francesca Amari, Barbara Wisse and Mary Rademacher; their keyboard player in the background is Mark Kahny.

Pictures Courtesy Bruce T. Doll



The Boogie Woogie Babies were singin' in the rain. A brief downpour did not stop the babies, they just smiled and kept on going. Towards the end of their show, they paid tribute to the veterans in the audience. At the end, they received the first standing ovation ever in the Sizzlin' series.



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Financial Focus

Edward Jones
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With Christopher C. Godbold



If you're like most people, you probably have found that it's not easy to keep contributing to your 401(k) when the market is down. After all, it's discouraging to see the balance drop on an account that's designed to provide money for retirement. Nonetheless, stopping or decreasing your 401(k) contributions could prove even more costly in the long run.

Even if you made the right moves and built a diversified 401(k) portfolio, it probably lost about 13 percent of its value in 2002, according to a study by the Vanguard mutual fund company. (However, over the first three years of the current bear market, from 2000 through 2002, the study showed that the picture wasn't quite as gloomy: the median participant's 401(k) declined 6.3 percent per year.)

Furthermore, thanks to the sluggish economy, some companies have suspended those 401(k) matching contributions that are linked to profits, according to the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America.

These converging forces may have caused you to think about taking a "time out" from your 401(k). And yet, that would almost certainly be a mistake.

Why? Because if you're a member of the "baby boom" generation, or if you're even younger, you'll likely spend two to three decades in a healthy, active retirement—so you'll clearly need substantial financial resources. Along with Social Security and your personal investments, your 401(k) can be a big part of your retirement savings. And there's no way you'll help your 401(k) grow by not contributing.

Also, by not putting in money to your plan, you'll lose out on pre-tax contributions and the potential for tax-deferred growth. Let's see how these tax features can help you.

First, you generally use pre-tax dollars to fund your 401(k). So, if you're in the 27 percent tax bracket, and you put in \$10,000 to your 401(k) in one year, your contributions will really only cost you \$7,300. That's an immediate 27 percent savings in taxes.

Next, your 401(k) earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. Over time, tax deferral can make an enormous difference in your total accumulation. Suppose that you put in \$10,000 to

your 401(k) for 30 years, and your hypothetical average rate of return is seven percent. When the 30 years are up, you will have amassed slightly over \$1 million. (This calculation is merely an illustration; it does not represent any investments currently available.) On the other hand, if you put that same \$10,000 per year into a taxable investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent, you will only have \$668,000 at the end of 30 years, assuming you paid taxes yearly on a combined federal and state tax rate of 32 percent.

Of course, your 401(k) earnings are tax-deferred—not tax-free. So, you will eventually have to pay taxes on withdrawals from your 401(k). But by the time you start taking 401(k) distributions, presumably when you're retired, you may be in a lower tax bracket. And even if you're not, you can find ways to spread out your payments to help you minimize your tax burden.

Clearly, these tax benefits will be of great value to you as you build your 401(k). So, no matter what the markets are doing, or what's happening with your employer's match, be persistent and keep putting away money in your 401(k). If you just can't stand to see your balance dropping, review your plan with an investment professional to discuss your goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon. In the long run, investing regularly in those 401(k) options that offer you growth potential, diversification and quality should bring you closer to your retirement goals.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for their love, help and support in our family's time of need. We are thankful to have great friends, neighbors and family in our community. There are a lot of good and kind people around our family and we are very fortunate.

We would also like to share our sincere appreciation for all your kindness in the loss of our beautiful, loving daughter, Ashley.

Sincerely,
Allen & Cathy Woern

CITY OF LOWELL

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Section 2.07 of Chapter 2, "Definitions F," Section 5.04 of Chapter 5, "SR Suburban Residential District," Section 6.04 of Chapter 6, "R-1 Residential District," Section 7.04 of Chapter 7, "R-2 Residential District," and Section 8.04 of Chapter 8, "R-3 Residential District," of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall (414 East Main Street - Huntington Bank Building) and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457

Safe water at the core of Rotary International project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It is estimated that 1.2 billion people drink contaminated water every day.

Most of those directly affected are children five and younger.

"Most do not have access to palatable water," says Rotary International and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic resident, Bob Hildreth. "The children just don't have the immune system to fight off the viruses, parasites and bacteria that come from contaminated water."

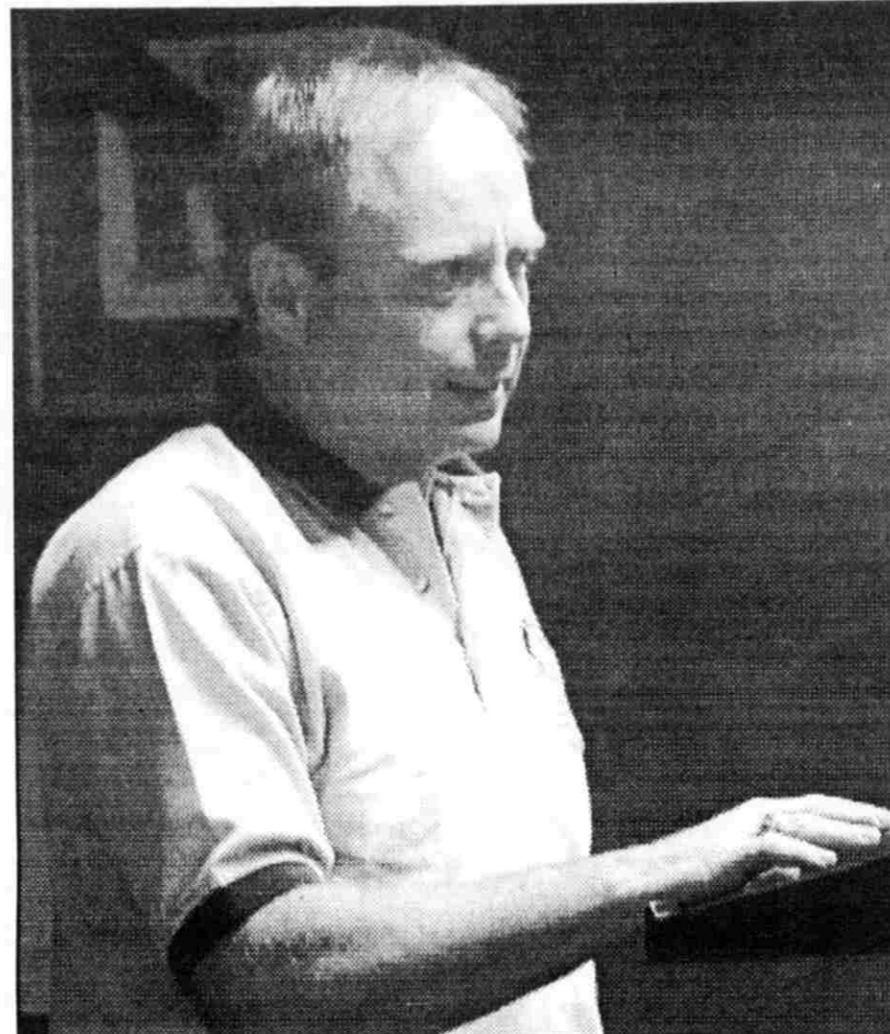
A Michigan Rotary water filter foundation is going to try to change that.

Hildreth is spearheading the civic project and through his coordination with Rotary International is able to break through the political and social barriers.

"The demand for water filter systems in Third World countries is great," Hildreth said.

The quarry of sand and biological layer water filtration system can filter a quart of water a minute, therefore helping to alleviate kidney, liver and other ailments (e.g., infected gastral intestines) caused through drinking contaminated water.

Because of the poor drinking water, many walk around dehydrated.



Bob Hildreth, of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, spoke to the Lowell Rotary Club about a water filtration system which can help make water safe and drinkable for millions in Third World countries.

Hildreth has nurtured a working relationship with the Bishop Hills Elderly Care Community (Jim and Susan Bodenner) in Rockford to develop a Canadian model from which the filtration systems can be built.

Monies raised through area Rotary clubs will fund the construction and transportation of the systems.

Once transported, the systems will be implemented by volunteer Peace Corps workers.

"This way we're providing people a source and means to solve the problem as well as other sanitation issues," Hildreth explained. "So when we give them a filtration system for \$40, we are changing the way they treat and deal with the problem as well as giving them ownership in the project."

Hildreth says currently 173 filters have been implemented serving 500 families, with each family having 6-7 members.

"The best thing about the systems is their sustainability. There are no chemicals or filters to buy and there are no direct maintenance costs," Hildreth explained.

Dear Friends,
Your prayers, comfort and support following Justin's death will never be forgotten.
We feel fortunate to live in such a caring community.
May God Bless.
Faith, Mark and Tara Bogdanik

THANK YOU!

From The BMX Kids!

- ★ City of Lowell
- ★ City Parks & Recreation Commission
- ★ Tip Top Gravel
- ★ Al Mathews
- ★ A-1 Rentals

Did You Know...

It will be 50 years ago July 23 that Bob Reagan opened his dentist office in the second floor of the old Christiansen building. At that time, Dr. Bert Shepard, Tom Hill, John and Muriel Abraham and Bruce McMahon also had offices on the second floor. The building was razed in June of 1997 because of structural deterioration.



FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE HELP WANTED IN MEMORIAM SERVICES

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE - Approx. 1800 sq. ft., 2-car garage, 10x20 balcony, walkout basement, 4 bedrooms, family room, 2 baths - oak cabinets in both. Muir, M-21 E. of Ionia, 6 miles to Liberty St., N. on Liberty, 1 block to end of road. BarCo Enterprises, Inc. - Phil Bishop, Builder, 269/367-4900. Also Available 18 lots, 2-4 acres.

\$325 OAK TABLE, CHAIRS - New, never used. Cost \$800, must sell. 989-227-2986.

HOTEL MATTRESS SET - Cotton cover, clean, sanitary, firm, adult sizes (12 sets only) includes frame, \$65 complete. Dennis Distributing, St. Johns, 989-224-4822.

ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD - The Lowell Police Department is accepting applications for this position. Hours of work: one hour in the morning, one hour in the afternoon, school days, \$8.50 per hour. Applicant must pass an extensive background investigation. Visit the Lowell Police Department for an application and detailed job description. The City of Lowell is an equal opportunity employer.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of our Mom, Linda Sharpe (Bristol) who passed away one year ago today, July 13, 2002.
Our Lifetime Wish

If we could have a lifetime wish,
A dream that would come true,
We'd pray to God with all our hearts
For yesterday and you.
A thousand words can't bring you back,
We know because we've tried.
And neither will a million tears,
We know because we've cried.
You left behind our broken hearts
And happy memories too.
We never wanted memories,
We only wanted you.
A million times we've needed you,
A million times we've cried.
If love could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life we loved you deeply,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
Part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.
Loving & missing you dearly,
Gordy, Angie, Nikki & families

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AMERIDREAM, HART, NEHEMIAH - 3 nonprofits will gift up to 7% to purchase your next home. No income restrictions. Call Michelle at CTX (616) 464-1348/(800) 282-0325, ext. 313 for more info. CTX is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.

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\$125 AMISH LOG BED - w/queen mattresses. Complete, never used. Must sell. 517-719-8062.

\$225 KING BED - Wood frame, new mattresses, still in plastic. Must sell. 517-626-7089.

MATTRESS SETS - Parade of Homes displays, never used. All sizes, plush & pillowtops. Save over 50% off retail "Store Sales". Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188.

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MUST SEE! MUST SELL - 14'x60' trailer, 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom in Valley Vista. Inside like new. \$7,500 obo. 987-9140.

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FOR SALE - Pedestal sinks, bathroom sinks, American Standard brand, bath tubs, showers, 2- Whirlpool tubs lots to choose from. Call 616-813-1815.

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GUNS - Moss. 835, \$225; Moss. 695 w/scope, \$250; washer/dryer, \$100. 897-5957.

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MUST SELL 2000 CHEROKEE - 4x4, 4dr, Limited, 34,000 miles, loaded, heated leather, light green, \$8,900. Call 897-1597.

A STEAL! '98 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN - 350 engine, rear air, new tires, etc. Loading. 72,000 miles. \$9,800. Call 897-1597.

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE - Approx. 1500 sq. ft., 2-car garage, 3 bedrooms, full walkout basement. Immediate occupancy. Muir, M-21, E. of Ionia, 6 miles to Liberty St., N. on Liberty. Phil Bishop, 269/367-4900. Also Available 18 lots, 2-4 acres.

SEALY POSTUREPEDIC LIQUIDATION - Over 80 mattress sets, still new or slightly blemished, all in plastic, all 50-70% off retail, till gone. Dennis Distributing, St. Johns, 989-224-4822.

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WANTED - House or land on Murray Lake. Will consider all calls. Also will look at lease for older person. Call 897-0686 and leave message.

NEEDED - Play yard fence any size, Big or Little Wheels, small basketball hoop for 2 & 3 year olds. Call 897-4389 anytime

EVENTS

GOSPEL LIGHTS SON HARVEST COUNTRY FAIR - Join us for Vacation Bible School at Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington. July 21-25, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU
Two mastiffs lost on Parnell, July 8, 2003 are now back home and safe. We'd like to thank the cautious drivers & good Samaritans of this community.
Chris & Kathy

LOWELL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - is looking for a "Kids Club" director. Kids Club is a highly successful, fast paced Wednesday after school program that runs approximately 40 weeks during the school year. This is a paid part-time position as a member of our church staff. The successful candidate will likely have some teaching, youth work, or other "kids" centered activity in his/her background. If you're interested, applications are available at the church office during regular business hours, M-F. Applications will be accepted thru July 31, 2003.

HELP WANTED - at Cumberland Retirement Village! Now taking applications for: Part time cook, Resident Aide, Medical Technician. Please apply in person @ 11535 E. Fulton.

PERSONALS

ATTENTION - Customer of Karen's from SOS. I have moved to Riverbend East Hair Salon, 203 E. Main. Same convenient hours. 897-7442

FOUND

FOUND - Large white lost dog, S. of Lowell. Call 897-6823 to identify.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our husband, father, grandfather, son and brother
Donald G. Weeks,
who passed away 25 years ago June 28, 1978.

Sometimes it seems like yesterday because the hurt won't go away.

To hear your voice and see your smile.
To sit with you and talk awhile;
To be together the same old way.

Would be our dearest wish today.
And if we could have a lifetime wish,
A dream that would come true,
We'd pray to God with all our hearts

For yesterday and YOU.
A thousand words can't bring you back;
We know because we've tried,
And neither will a million tears,
We know because we've cried;
You left behind many broken hearts

And happy memories too.
We'll treasure all those special memories But wish we still had YOU.

We miss you very much,
Love, your family.

In loving memory of our dad
Donald G. Weeks,
who passed away 25 years ago, June 28, 1978.

In our hearts we thought of you with love today.
But that is nothing new;
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name;
Now all we have is memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part;
God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Loved & Sadly missed by his children Vicki Soyka, Jodi Schaefer, Kurt Weeks, Kathy Kingma.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of **Mary Phillips** would like to thank everyone who knew our mother and helped make her life more memorable. Friends and family was everything to her. The cards and flowers you sent along with the hugs and words of sympathy meant so much to all of us. God bless you all.
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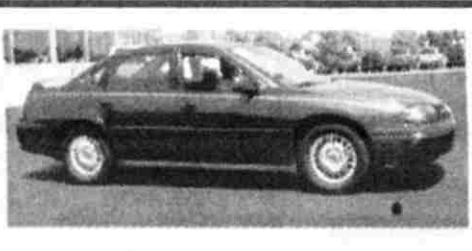
'96 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT
Black, V-6, auto., loaded.
#L8019A



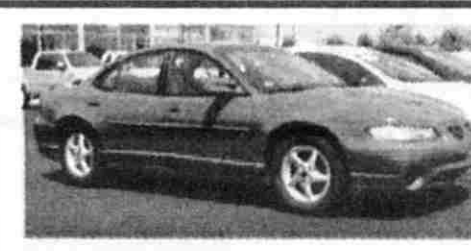
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Loaded! #L8044A
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quad captain's chairs. #23503A



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Leather, moonroof,
V-6. #L8116



'02 CHEVY MALIBU
V-6, auto., air.
#L8106



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Auto., air, sharp car.
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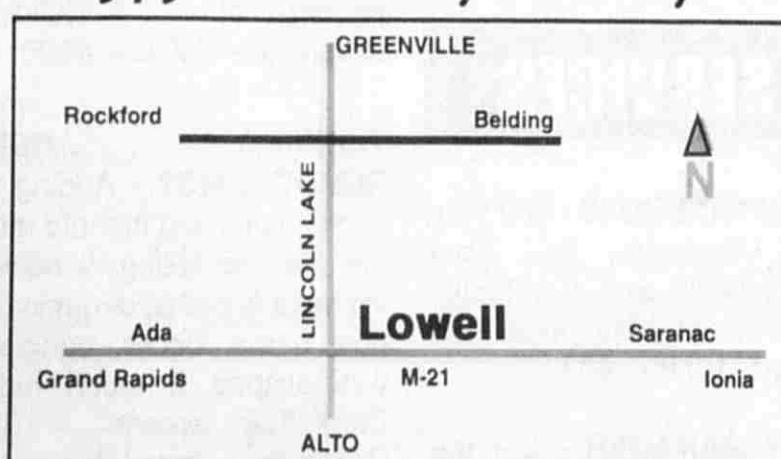


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