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School district contracts with EEI to battle energy bills

By Thaddeus J. Kraus *Lowell Ledger Editor*

Reducing energy consumption while maintaining comfort levels - sound like a good plan?

That is exactly what Energy Education, Inc. does for school districts throughout 44 states by focusing on eliminating non value-added energy consumption.

The Lowell Area School District recently signed a four-year contract with Energy Education, Inc.

The contract guarantees that the district will save at least the costs of the program, or Energy Education will write the district a check for the difference.

"We have 500-plus clients in 44 states and not one district has budgeted one new dollar for this program," said EEI's Michael Bitar, president of EEI's Mid Atlantic Division

EEI forms an alliance with the district, the energy manager, and the schools, and then provides a continuing people-based management program that makes everyone conscious of energy conservation.

"Of the participating school districts, 90 percent of them hit or exceed the projected net savings," Bitar said.

EEI projects that the total net savings in the next seven years to the district's budget that otherwise would be paid to the utility companies is \$1.469 million.

The projection is derived from looking at the district's 2001-02 expenditures. From those numbers, EEI anticipates it will reduce Lowell's energy consumption by 24 percent.

Once hired (part-time), Lowell's energy manager will prowl hallways and classrooms after hours searching for non-value energy consumption items of all sizes which inflate electric bills.

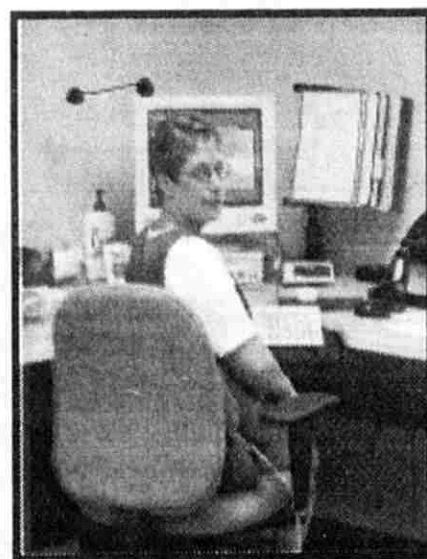
It's not the \$1,000 energy-saving finds that make the program work. According to Bitar, it's the capturing of the \$1 here and the 50 cents there that add up and make a difference.

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Passage in Time

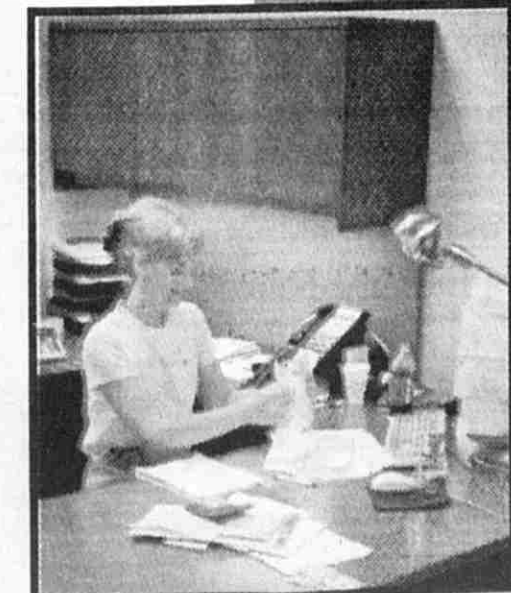
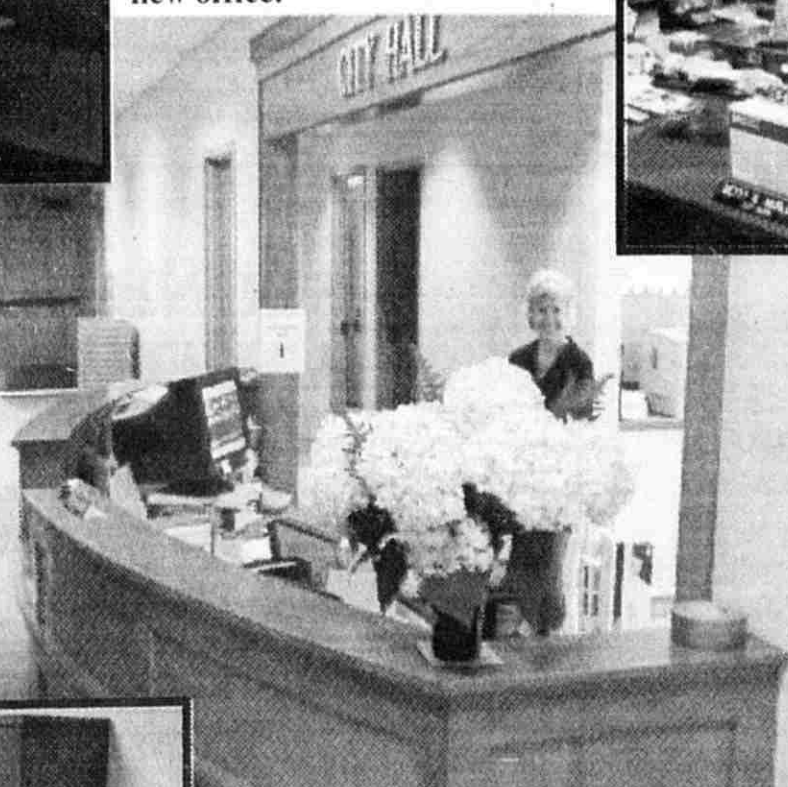
The Alto Active Achievers 4-H Club presented "The River of Time" this past weekend. Looking out where the Kau-Bau-Gwas-Shee (Flat River) and the O-Wash-Ta-Nong (Grand River) meet, onlookers were transported back to 1795. The pageant, written by Heidi Kaeb Stoller, traces the heritage of Lowell up to the late 1800's and is historically accurate.



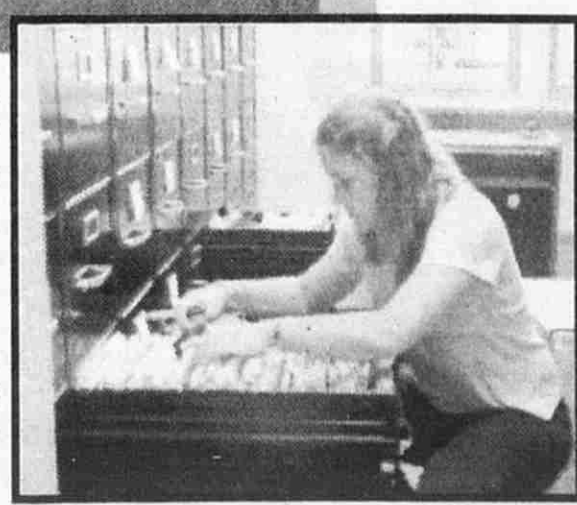
Theresa Mundt spent her first day of work at the new Lowell Police Department.

Back Home In City Hall

Sue Ullery, below, received fresh flowers to help decorate her new office.



Sue Olin, left, shuffles her papers as she ponders a job as a newscaster some day.



Vickie Videan, right, searches for answers in the city files.



Lowell city clerk, Betty Morlock still had some unpacking and organizing to do in her new office.

Ordinance for planned unit development gets shot down in final hours

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Chances are slim that Sundry will be starting its Highland Hills development in Lowell this building season.

In a 3-2 vote, the Lowell City Council rejected the planned unit development ordinance proposal that would have governed the development and allowed the company to move forward on its plans to develop the lower portion of 751 Grindle, also known as the Leeman property. The vote came as a surprise to neighbors and the developers, who left the meeting at various times with little to say.

Citing density concerns, traffic issues, and the one-way road, councilmen Charles Myers and Alan Mathews, and mayor, Jeanne Shores voted against the ordinance; councilmen Mike Blough and Jim Pfaller were in support.

"From day one, I have never been against development of this property," Mathews said. "I have been against the size of the development on this property."

Mathews said his neighbors also realize that the property is going to be developed, but he feels their concerns about traffic must be addressed, especially the construction traffic on Grindle, with which he still has a problem.

Shores said she has been driving the streets of James, High and Grindle, and believes the traffic issues are a concern as well; from the beginning, however, she has had issues with the density of the property and the one-way road that has only one access point.

The project calls for 53 homes to be placed on the property in a neo-traditional style setting which includes common park area in the center of the property. This de-

sign, according to Sundry officials, would allow for the maximum amount of green space for the area. A one-way 17-foot wide road would circle around the development and serve as the main access.

"I can't imagine supporting the ordinance," said Myers, whose property abuts against the entrance off of High Street and where a sidewalk is planned to be placed according to city ordinances. Myers cited a number of reasons including density, traffic, and the number of variances granted.

"It appears that the city has had to make a lot of concessions in order to make this happen," Myers said.

Councilman Blough said that it has been a long process—about two and a half years—but that he felt there has been excellent dialogue between the developers and

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OBITUARIES

DESJARDEN - Robert DesJarden, aged 48, of Tucson, Arizona, formerly of Lowell, passed away July 10, 2003. Robert will be sadly missed by one son Anthony; his mother and father Phyllis and Clifford DesJarden; two brothers and one sister Dan (Linda) DesJarden of Lowell,

Tina (Dwight) Nutting of Missouri, Jeff (Sherry) DesJarden of Lowell; nieces and nephews Jason (Phaedra) DesJarden, Kelli, Teresa, Tera, Mindi and Tim; one great-niece Lauren; grandfather Allen Riesberg; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held. Donations may be made to Hospice of Grand Rapids.

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JAKWAY - Veronica "Bonnie" Jakway, aged 90, of Parnell, passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus in Grand Rapids. She was born October 15, 1912 in Ada, the daughter of John and Frances Murphy McCabe. Bonnie was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell, in charge of the Parnell Festival dinner for over 25 years, was president of the Parnell Altar Society in 1944, initiated the Mother/Daughter Banquet at St. Patrick's, Ladies Guild chairperson, Altar Society president and Eucharistic minister. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University and retired in 1975. Bonnie was an avid gardener of vegetables and flowers and was known as the "Flower Lady" of Wabasis Lake. Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband Carroll, two brothers Francis and Joseph McCabe. She is survived by her five children: Joe (Heidi) Jakway of Grand Rapids,

Jean (Terry) Nugent of Lowell, Joann (Ron) Bloch of Grand Rapids, Carol Jakway of Atlanta, Ga., Robert (Pamela Maude) Jakway of Greenville; seven grandchildren: Kim (Brian) Muma, Sheila (Conan) Burkhardt, Mike (Betsy) Nugent, Tom (Kathy) Nugent, Renee Nugent, Andy (Trisha) Jakway and Julie (Eric) Greene; 12 great-grandchildren: Brandon, Kelsey and Connor Muma, Tyler and Kristen Burkhardt, Francesca and Robert Jakway, Connor and Keegan Nugent, Nicole, Jacob and Steven Nugent; sister Dorothy Byrne; sister-in-law Aileen McCabe; two

brothers-in-law Clare Jakeway and Joe V. Jakeway; several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian burial was held Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell with Fr. Rock Badgerow officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Alvah N. Belding Library.

SACHEN - Patricia Jean Sachen, aged 58, of Lowell, passed away June 27, 2003. She was preceded in death by her mother Joan Korby O'Claire in 1998 and dad Leo O'Claire of Trenton, Mich. Pat is survived by her husband David Toombs of Lowell; children Zachery Sachen

of Portland, Ore., Stacy Sachen of Chicago. She was a devoted mother and teacher as well as an accomplished artist. She was a good friend to many in the equestrian community. She retired from the Grand Rapids School District in 2000. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 26, at 10 a.m. at Wittenbach Agri-Science Center/Wege Natural Area, 11715 Vergennes, Lowell, Dr. Clayton Klingenfus, officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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Now available at each of the 18 KDL branches are two new databases - "Opposing Viewpoints" and "Auto Repair Reference Center." They can be found via KDL's

website, www.kdl.org. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center provides patrons viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, links to websites and full-text maga-

zine and newspaper articles. Auto Repair Reference Center contains information on most manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1954 along with wiring diagrams for easy viewing and printing, specification and maintenance schedules, and unlimited remote access.

When accessing these databases from home, residents must have a KDL card. For more information, call 784-2007.

SACRIFICE AND HONOR

The new Purple Heart stamp was unveiled Friday at VFW Post 8303 (formerly the Kingdom Hall) on Alden Nash. The stamp honors the sacrifices of the brave men and women who were wounded or killed while serving in the United States Military.

In 1782, during the Revolutionary War, General George Washington issued an order that established a badge of distinction for meritorious action. Known as the Badge of Military Merit, the award was distinctive because it was available to the lower ranks at a time when only officers were eligible for decoration in European armies. Pictured are Lowell postmaster, Gil Brown (far right); and three Lowell Purple Heart recipients, left to right, Richard Bieri, USA 45th Infantry Division, Korea; Louis Dudeck, USMC, Vietnam; and Allen Wisner, USAAF - WWII.



Lowell Community Fund accepting grant proposals

The Lowell Area Community Fund is accepting grant proposals for its next grant round. All proposals must be submitted no later than Aug. 22, 2003 to be considered.

The Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation, awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organizations that have an impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation, represent an original start-up effort, are capital in nature, serve a broad segment of the community, yield substantial community benefit, and strengthen agency performance.

The LACF was established as a donor-advised fund at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation in 1996 with a \$12.7 million bequest from Lowell resident, Harold Englehardt. Current members of its advisory committee are John Darling, Norris, Perne & French partner; Kate Dermocoeur, freelance jour-

nalist; Sandy Graham, Alto branch manager for Kent District Library; Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools superintendent; Charles Myers, Huntington Banks vice president; David Pasquale, Lowell city manager; and Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School principal. The committee, as guided by Englehardt's fund agreement, recommends grants from the fund to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Community grants have totaled nearly \$4 million since the inception of the Lowell Area Community Fund. Recent grants include \$103,500 to provide extended learning time for at-risk students through summer school and school-year tutoring; \$78,312 to ensure that all children in Lowell have opportunities for early childhood learning and socialization experiences through Tots on

Track for Schools (TOTS); \$50,000 to provide historic preservation grants to property owners in the Downtown Lowell Historic District; \$15,000, plus a \$15,000 one-to-one challenge grant, to create an 1870's Period Room, an area for changing exhibits, and a gift shop in the Lowell Area Historical Museum; and \$10,300 for capital and safety improvements to the Lowell Senior Neighbor Center.

To receive a grant application form, call Kate Luckert, program officer at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, (454-1751) or go to the web site at www.grfoundation.org. Applications may also be picked up at Lowell Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, City Offices of Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Englehardt Library or any Lowell area school.

Good manners have much to do with the emotions. To make them ring true, one must feel them, not merely exhibit them.

—Amy Vanderbilt

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Promoting Literacy

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, July 30 for prospective volunteer tutors.

This session is held in the Vander Veen Center on the 3rd floor of the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour.

It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Council and its program. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Michael T. Conklin
First United
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Once upon a time there was a song that talked about "those hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer." Do you remember those days? Neither do I! Hazy, perhaps. Crazy? A case can be made. But lazy?

Most of us dive right into summer and don't come up again for air until somewhere in the early part of August. There are a thousand different things to do - just the demands of keeping house, yard and garden in shape are enough to occupy most of our available daylight hours, and then throwing in the flurry of recreational, family, and vacation activities that are a part of our summer activities, and you start talking about some real time commitment here.

My own summer has been dominated by the process of relocating myself and my family from Jackson, Michigan, to Lowell - a process that has literally consumed several months of our lives. Yes, I am the new guy in town, almost a month into taking up my appointment to First United

Methodist Church, and it is a delight to be a part of this community. But the process of relocation, coupled with the raft of activities that are a part of all of our summers, is at times exhausting.

Knowing that your summer is at least as hectic as mine, perhaps it is a good time for us to remember that in the midst of our hectic and demanding lives, it is important for us to find time and space for spiritual renewal. The first creation narrative in the Bible tells how God created for six days, and then rested on the seventh. God was trying to set an example here. We didn't listen. So God gave us a list, an easy way to remember how to live a well-balanced life: have only one God, don't try to make things God that are not God, don't

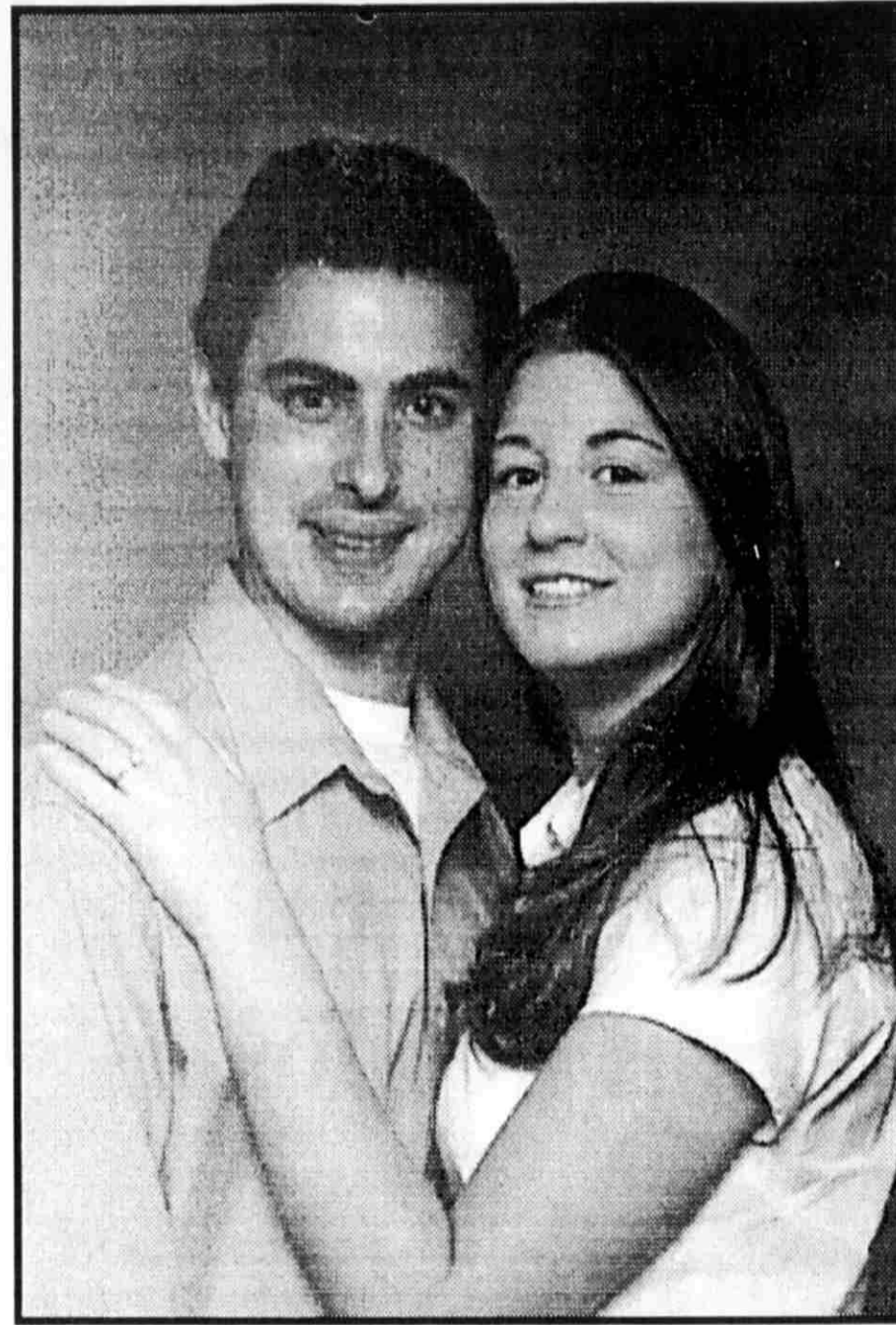
misuse the name of God. And then - here it comes: "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

Turn these words over in your mind. What do you hear? Since it is a commandment tied to the three that come before it, it seems to me it has something to do with time and space centered on God and God alone. In an age when most of us cannot find a whole day of Sabbath, it does encourage us to begin to see all of our time as holy, not just one day a week. I read once about a psychologist who devotedly maintained a ten-minute space between each of his patients. Half of that time was devoted completely to God. This was Sabbath time, and it allowed him to be engaged and fully present to the next person coming into his office.

Sabbath time is that deliberate and purposeful process of giving your whole life to God - not just a piece of it. We can look for those moments in our busy days and nights that allow us to make every day a holy day, and every moment and opportunity for us to be open to God's presence in our lives.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JULY 24: Nathan Bush.
- JULY 25: Ella Tuinstra, Wayne Thomas.
- JULY 26: Elaine Gregersen, Eric Baird, Josh Geldersma.
- JULY 27: Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander, Ed Roth Sr., Jason Spencer.
- JULY 28: Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt.
- JULY 29: Rachael Vegter, Mary Fox, Matt Lee, Terry M. Estes.
- JULY 30: Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Jodi Mohr, Kimberly DeBold, Bill Potter, Paige Rash.



Schloop/ Collins

Melissa Joy Schloop and Daniel William Collins are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John and Julie Schloop of Lowell. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and is currently attending Michigan Technological University.

The future groom is the son of David and Judith Collins of L'Anse, Mich. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological University and is pursuing a master's degree in chemical engineering from Michigan Tech.

An August 16, 2003 wedding is being planned.

COLLEGE NEWS

Calvin College has announced its spring 2003 graduates.

From the Lowell area are Seth D. Renkema, Karen J. Roudabush and Brian W. Scheeringa.

From the Alto area is Matthew S. Draft.

Northwood University has announced its spring graduates for 2003.

From the Lowell area are

Bobbie W. Jones, Andrea N. Rickert and Ashley S. Rickert.

From the Alto area is Miranda Reimann.

Northwood University is a private accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields.

VanderLaan an All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Mary Katherine VanderLaan has been named an All-American Scholar.

To qualify for this award, a student must earn a 3.3 or

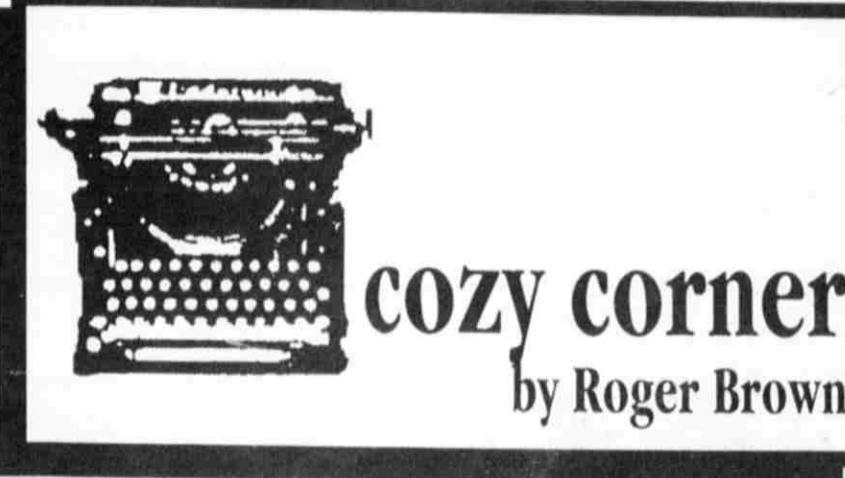
higher grade point average and be selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor.

VanderLaan, who attends Lowell Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Guile.

Her name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

She is the daughter of John and Jamie VanderLaan of Lowell.

Viewpoint . . .



It is summertime, and that means lots of things. On the plus side there are vacations, cookouts, warm weather, ball games, the smell of fresh cut grass and, if you are a kid, no school.

On the minus side of the summertime ledger are mosquitoes, sunburn, cutting the grass and, if you are a parent, no school.

Perhaps the most annoying, and certainly the most visible sign of summer is the orange and white striped road construction barrel. Forget "e-bay" stock at less than a buck. The smart money invested in the company that manufactures those things.

Like most American families, we had a serious summer road trip on the agenda. My wife and I, along with our two dogs, Max and Tito, made the round trip from the Florida Keys to Lowell earlier this month. The dogs are good travelers, and

sleep most of the way. I wish I could say the same for my wife and...

Our 1,600-mile route travels some familiar and famous American roadways. They include U.S. Highway 1, The Florida Turnpike, I-75, I-65, I-24, I-69, I-96, M-50, M-66 and good old M-21. These roads take the traveler to the Florida Keys, the Everglades, Disney World, numerous Civil War battlefields, the Appalachian Mountains, Nashville's Opryland and, of course, Michigan's first roadside picnic table on Old 16 south of Saranac.

Before you get the idea this is some sort of leisurely sight-seeing jaunt, let me explain a few things. First, we have made this trip about fifty times over the past couple dozen years. That means we've seen most of the stuff worth seeing along the way. Also, like everyone else in this day and age, we're pressed for time. Or, we at least think we're pressed for time.

Consequently, our trips are pedal-to-the-metal, straight-through, tag-team driver, gas and take-out only, hang on to your hat speed runs. We made the return trip in just over twenty-five hours. Do the math... that's movin'.

When you are traveling under these conditions, the last thing you want to see is that little horizontal, rectangular orange sign with black letters that reads, "Construction Next Gazillion Miles." You know that between that sign and its elusive brother, "End Construction", you will be forced to slow to a crawl while passing countless orange and white striped barrels.

Those barrels are hypnotic and mind-numbing. They are all exactly the same, and passing them at their even intervals is akin to water dripping or the hypnotist's pocket watch

slowly swaying on its chain. How about some different colors or shapes for cryin' out loud? I may not be asleep at the wheel, but I am certainly in an orange-barrel trance.

Our route seemed particularly torn-up this year. Though I have to admit, the construction crews have improved their techniques and traffic never actually came to a halt. It was just slow in a lot of places... like more often than not. We probably drove by enough barrels to equal the dollar equivalent of the national debt.

These construction zones feature some new warnings for motorists. Most states now impose increased fines for speeding in a construction zone. They post signs to that effect. Some say, "fines doubled." Some say, "fines increased." And some give an exact dollar amount, like "\$400 for speeding in a work zone." Also, many states are now posting cops with their flashers on at the start of work zones. Those barrels are getting some company out there.

One new warning sign I've seen reads something like, "Kill or Injure a Worker, \$7,500 and 15 Years." I have to admit that while creeping through yet another construction zone in my road-weary state of mind, I briefly considered taking them up on the offer. At least I'd be free of the orange and white barrels. Fortunately there weren't any workers in the vicinity.

We are planning to make the same trip in about a month. I just hope the bad dreams are gone before I have to get behind the wheel again. Remember Mickey Mouse in "Fantasia" being chased by mops carrying buckets of water. My nights are something like that, only the mops are orange and white striped barrels.

St. Paul, Minnesota, is having 90-degree weather, after heavy rains that destroyed wheat crops, writes a traveling friend of editor Hine.

Their new baby cabs to Chicago and New York last week. The 16th annual Snow School reunion brings 136 people from as far away as Chicago.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 23, 1903

Work is progressing on the new powerhouse, canal and dam by Edison Electric. A line is proposed from the Lowell Water & Light to the work site so that a night shift can be hired, now that harvests are in.

A meeting at the Ledger office last evening laid the groundwork for a new permanent village band to be formed from all the old defunct bands. A benefit base ball game between East and West sides next week will get fundraising started.

John Andrews of Murray Lake brought in the first peaches of the season yesterday.

Farmers along the Grand River are refusing permission for camping, due to extensive carelessness and vandalism.

The Andrews Threshing Machine Company has started the season's work.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 26, 1928 (1923)

Webster Morris, founder of the Lowell Journal, describes Lowell in 1865 as a country road lined irregularly on both sides for three-fourths of a mile with cheap wooden buildings. He goes on to describe the Lowell buildings in detail.

The state conservation department is seining Murray Lake to remove bill fish, dogfish, and any other "noxious fish" they find.

Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Co. shipped a carload each of

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 23, 1953

Some complaints have come to police about kids shooting our street lights with air guns.

The new fire tanker truck has already been used twice. Stores are spruced up and have special window exhibits for Showboat next week. The Novelties Musical Trio will be the feature act.

The new 4-H building is set up with 3000 chairs, in case of rain during Showboat Week.

Dr. Robert E. Reagan will open his new dental office in the Christiansen building the end of this week.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 26, 1978

Showboat made it around Cattail Bend (last year the water was too low), Vic Damone was the headliner, and Forest Buck got a 71st birthday cake with trick candles.

Maynard Roth of Clarksville brought in the first load of wheat to King Milling on July 19.

Over 200 trailers are having a three-day camp-out at the 4-H fairgrounds during Showboat.

Dorothea Norris, owner of the Lowell Cafe, transfers the liquor license to Harry, Robert and Stephen Larkin.

Tom Oesch and John Wilder are competing in the National Freestyle Wrestling Tournament in Iowa City.

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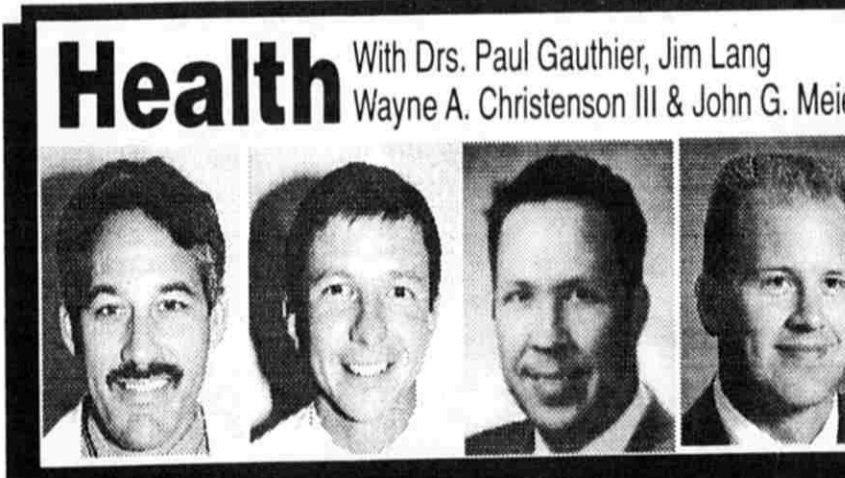
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The cause of bedwetting is not known for sure, but it tends to run in families. If both parents were bedwetters, the odds are increased that one of their children will be also.

Bedwetting is not a sign of poor sleep patterns, nor is it a sign of mental illness. Bedwetters should never be punished; it is a completely involuntary problem.

Treatment of bedwetting usually involves fluid restriction after 6 p.m., complete voiding of urine before bedtime, and sometimes the use of alarm systems that can be somewhat helpful. The mainstay of therapy usually involves medication. There are oral as well as nasal products that usually provide a fair amount of relief.

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early history of the Lowell area. The young people and their leaders deserve a loud "thank you" for bringing it to our community, for us to enjoy. It is unfortunate that it was not very well attended.

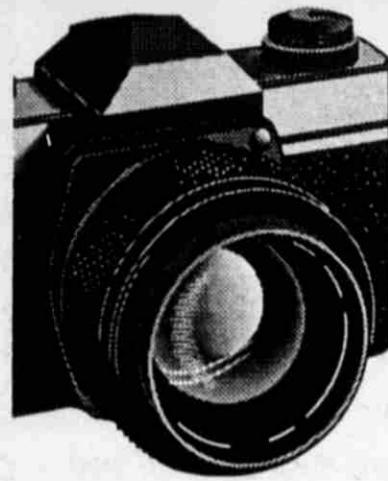
There are some folks, maybe quite a few locally, who have never heard, nor know much about our earliest days here in this region and the part played by the local Indian peoples and the French fur traders. It would seem like a good idea to try to arrange to have this pageant produced again. If it were advertised better, with better local organizations supporting it, possibly more people would come to see it.

In any case, a hearty thank you to these young people and their leaders for all of their time and effort. It was great!

To The Editor
To the Editor,
"The River of Time" was a really outstanding outdoor historical pageant. It was presented by 40 boys and girls of the Alto 4-H Club, who did a great job of showing us some of the

David Miller

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Author to visit young writers' workshop

The Franciscan Life Process Center, which has been offering a Writers' Workshop to nine young writers since June 17, will have a professor from Grand Valley State University visiting on July 24.

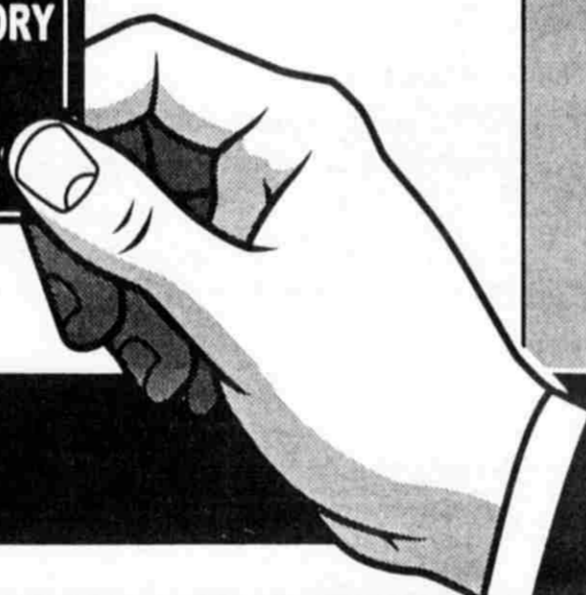
Chris Haven is the author of the short story, "Assisted Living," which was recently published in *The World is a Text*. The story has prompted lively debate among the students and they have prepared critiques of the story to present to the author.

Haven will engage the young writers in a discussion about boundaries - particularly those that need to be recognized between the urge to compassion exhibited by Jules, the main character, and the need for personal safety. A reception will follow the discussion.

The six-week course, which was held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will end this Thursday.

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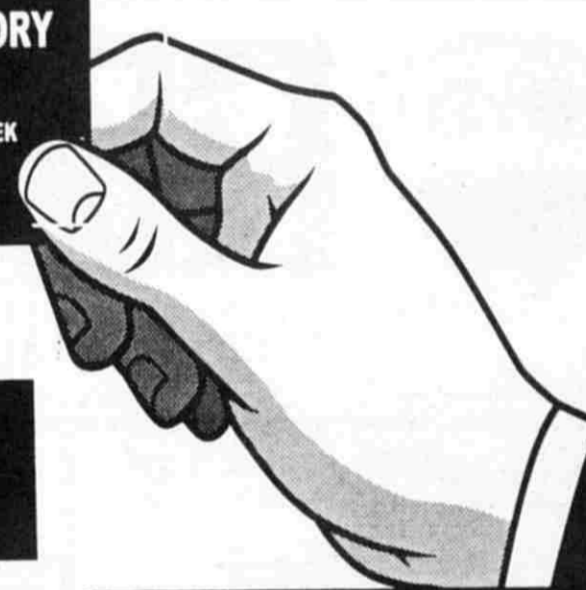


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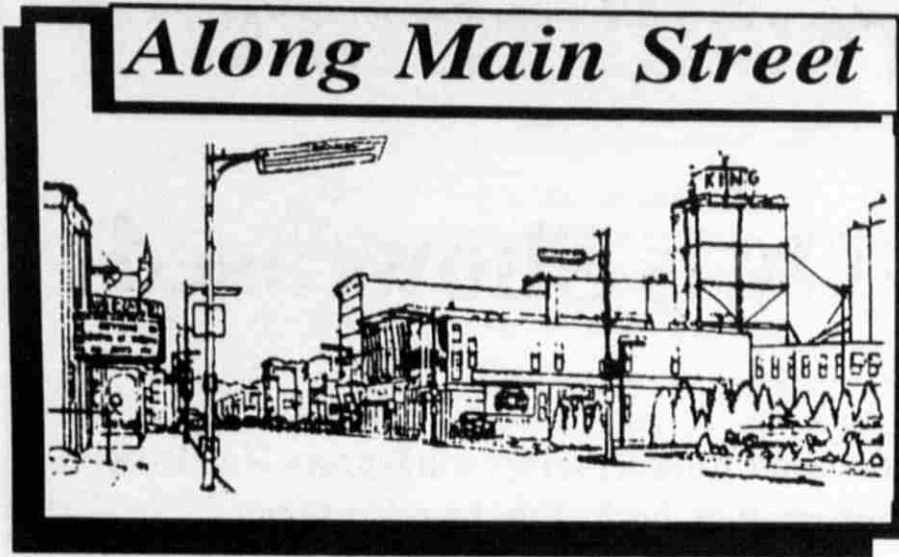
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CONCERT ON THE RIVERWALK
This Thursday evening the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature "Hawks and Owls" from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free; bleachers/handicap parking available; Lowell Lions Club food and refreshments.

WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS EXHIBIT
Leslie Stougaard, a Lowell artist, will display her watercolor paintings at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main now through Aug. 19. For more information on this exhibition call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

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

BLOOD DRIVE
The Michigan Community Blood Center's mobile blood bus will be at the First United Methodist Church parking lot (Main and Jackson) on Monday, July 28 from 4-8 p.m. Give the Gift of Life.

RIVERWALK GALLERY EXHIBIT
Michigan native and Ionia resident multi-media artist, Rebekah Shattuck brings her most recent works to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Riverwalk Gallery during this month. Viewing time is from Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 897-9161.

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.

L.I.V.E. CLASSES TO BEGIN THIS FALL
Lowell Leadership is accepting names of individuals who would like to attend an eight-session program in September, receive exposure to community volunteer opportunities, community organizations, and improve leadership skills. Call Liz Baker at 897-9161 or visit the web site at www.lowellchamber.org to sign up to receive info. and schedule for 2003-04 Institute.

Administrators' salaries and benefits frozen

Agreement on the salaries of the top three Lowell school administrators has been reached by the Lowell Board of Education. The salary and benefits of Lowell superintendent Shari Miller, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette, and assistant superintendent for instruction, Jim White will remain frozen for the 2003-04 school year with the intent of moving into the Health Alliance Insurance when that becomes available. This decision was made on the heels of Lowell slashing \$1 million from its school budget.

EEL, cont'd... From Page 1

"I'm comfortable with the proposal and the track record of EEL," said Connie Gillette, Lowell assistant superintendent for personnel and finance. "It's a good fit. Most savings are painful - this is painless."

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336 Elizabeth Dean (N off Main on Valley Vista to Sibley, W to Elizabeth Dean)
Lowell: Well Kept!
This adorable 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home is located near Creekside Kingdom. Pride of ownership shines through with fresh paint and new carpet! A full basement, 2-stall garage, large back yard, fireplace in the living room and central air are among the extras this home has to offer. A must see! \$122,900 Toni Schaefer

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4.58 scenic, wooded acres on a private hilltop setting. This is a great location for the outdoor lover. This piece of land has great potential for a walkout home and has good soils. Town and the expressway are only a short distance away from this area of quality homes! \$60,000

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The feeling of tranquility will surround you at the 5.04 acre walkout site. With a sparkling creek trickling through, it offers a peaceful atmosphere and an abundance of wildlife. Located near the infamous Fallsburg Park. Surveys are available. \$49,900

Lowell: River Bluff
Location, location, location... 3 bed, 2.5 bath home in River Bluff only 2 miles out of town. Gorgeous ranch vinyl and brick home shows like new! Open floor plan with tray ceilings in living room and fireplace. Master bedroom suite has whirlpool tub. Lower level includes two large finished rooms; one could be an office or den, the other a family room. Big back yard with established lawn and underground sprinkling. This home is perfect. \$237,900 Joice Smith

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Ionia: All Seasons Room
This large Cape Cod at 846 S. Bellamy has 2590 sq. ft. of living space which includes a spectacular all-seasons sun room, 4 bedrooms, formal dining area. Two-stall attached garage. All on just over an acre. Shows sharp. Listed at \$179,900 Joice Smith

Cascade Area: Don't Miss Out!
Located in award winning Caledonia Schools system this large family home in a quiet neighborhood is on a private road with little traffic. It has many upgrades and built-ins that give it that extra special touch. The landscaped fenced-in yard hosts a tri-level deck perfect for a hot tub and relaxing on a lazy summer evening. The naturalized part of the 1.1 acres buffers you on two sides to enhance the feeling of solitude and serenity. \$199,000 Suzie Reinbold

Saranac: Beautiful Original Woodwork
Ageless beauty best describes this 4 bed, 2 bath home. Rich woodwork is included in the open staircase and beautifully maintained hardwood floors. Large family room w/ fireplace, main floor laundry. Backyard off the deck is full of flowers and a great place to relax. This home is just waiting for you. \$134,900 Joice Smith

Saranac: 7+ Acre Mini Farm
4 bd., 3.5 bath, south of Saranac with an easy commute to expressway. Big formal dining room. New hardwood flooring in living room, family room, formal dining and master bedroom. Extra kitchen downstairs. Red barn with loft. Pastures fenced for cattle or horses. \$210,000 Joice Smith

Lowell: Escape The Ordinary!
This elegant home on 4 acres will fit like a glove w/3 bed., 3 full baths. The vaulted ceiling in the family room allows the massive fireplace to be displayed with all its appeal. Corian countertops grace the kitchen with light oak cabinets. Four seasons room, 32x52-pole barn. This one you have to get into to see all the extras. \$335,000 Joice Smith

Lowell: Reduced!
Come home to this secluded sprawling ranch on 4 wooded acres, where you will enjoy watching the wildlife right outside your window. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Fantastic living room w/ beautiful fieldstone fireplace. Lower level with walkout family room where the kids can play in the yard. Even a 3-stall garage. All this and only 2 miles out of town! More acreage available. \$279,900 Joice Smith

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Grattan Township voters reject recall effort

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A happy and content Grattan Township clerk, Lana Green returned to work Wednesday following Tuesday's (July 15) recall election.

"Things have quieted down around here. It's nice to be working in peace again," Green said from her office. "I don't wish any township to go through this."

The recall effort against Green was based on promoting hostilities within the township office and supporting excessive spending.

Green along with township trustees Dennis Heffron and Paul Knoerl survived efforts to have them removed from their seats by the Grattan Citizens for Responsible Government.

Over 1,400 Grattan Township residents voted - that was more than voted in the presidential election.

Green garnered 872 "no" votes while 572 voted to have her recalled.

Heffron collected 875 "no" votes while 568 voted yes for the recall of his seat.

Paul Knoerl had 562 people vote to have his seat recalled while 876 voted "no."

"Three years ago we were put in office to do some things. The vote against the recall means they want us to continue," Heffron explained.

The trustee says they were opposed by three groups: those who opposed ordinances, those who lost the last election, and those who opposed the firing of the fire chief and assistant fire chief," Heffron explained.

Heffron was cited by his opposition for supporting excessive spending of township funds for attorney fees and for missing board meetings.

Opposition to Knoerl said the trustee used his elected office for personal reasons and supporting excessive spending. "We had a lot of people on our side who had faith in us and helped us by getting the correct information out to the public," Green said.

Joe Nowak, one of those who opposed the elected officials, said he was disappointed in the result, adding that the opposition would now concentrate on getting a slate of people together to run in the 2004 election.

"I think those who voted 'no' on the recall did so for various reasons. They didn't like the idea of a recall, wanted us to wait a year-and-a-half for the next election, and didn't want the expense of another election," Nowak said. "From the way I see things, I don't believe all the 'no' votes were in support of the elected officials."

Lowell's VFW 8303 receives All State Post and District Commander honors

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Michigan, held its 84th State Convention at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

Lowell Flat River Post 8303 was represented by Cmdr. John Vander Wilp; Past Eighth District Cmdr. Mike Willard and member of Post 8303 Gordon Marshall attended in his capacity as District Eight Commander.

The highlight of the annual Michigan V.F.W. convention was the banquet on Saturday and the naming of the All State Commanders Team. Flat River V.F.W. Post 8303 was again awarded this honor. Vander Wilp was presented with a citation for the post, a lapel pin and the much coveted "White Hat," his second award.

Post Quartermaster Bob Wolfe was also named to the "All State Quartermasters Team" and received a hat, pin and citation. The presentations were made by State Cmdr. David S. Miller and Veterans

of Foreign Wars National Commander-in-Chief, Ray Sisk of California.

"The primary requirement for a District Commander to be named All State is, as with the Post, to be 100 percent in membership," said Marshall, "but that is a lot more difficult than at the Post level. There are 33 Posts in District Eight and our goal for the District was 6030 members. At the beginning of the year we didn't have much hope of attaining that goal, based on the falling membership totals for years past, but all the Posts in District Eight responded admirably."

Twenty-four of the Posts attained their 100 percent with some of them going that "extra mile" and going over their own goals. They picked up the District total to 6057 and made us All State. Three other Posts in District Eight, along with 8303, were also named All State. They are Post 1283 Eaton Rapids, Post 3030 Otsego and Post 6252 Comstock (Ka'ooz Co.)

"All things being considered, I think we had a pretty darn good year," said Cmdr. Vander Wilp.

"Yes," said Marshall, well represented when it came "and Lowell Post 8303 was time to pass out the accolades."



Shown left to right are the All State Commanders from Michigan VFW, District eight: Cmdr. Richard Coulon, Eaton Rapids 1283; Cmdr. Vander Wilp, Lowell 8303; District Cmdr. Marshall, 8303; Cmdr. Bernie Livingston, Otsego Post 3030; and Cmdr. John Bestervelt, Comstock Post 6252.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Organizational Meeting of July 7, 2003
Delegation of Election Duties, Meeting Notices, Board Member Compensation, Organizational Memberships, Legal Services, and the District Auditor.

OATH OF OFFICE - Board Trustee Mark Blanding administered the oath of office to incumbents, Nancy Hopkins and Mark Lessens, who were elected on June 9, 2003 for their second four-year term.

Regular Meeting of July 14, 2003
AGENDA ADDITION - The Board added "Overnight Trip Requests from the Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell" to the consent grouping items.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - The following members were voted into office by ballot for the 2003-2004 school year:
Nancy Hopkins President
Mark Lessens Vice-President
Pat Nugent Secretary
James Reagan Treasurer

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following Gift:
• Susan Frasier donation of a \$300 scholarship to be awarded to Anthony Pedley of the Class of 2003 for his continuous volunteerism throughout his four years at Lowell High School.

ACTION ITEMS -
• Regular Board meeting dates and times (7:00 p.m.) were set as follows:
July 14, 2003
August 11, 2003*
September 8, 2003
October 13, 2003
November 10, 2003
December 8, 2003
January 12, 2004
*location: High School *LPAC
February 9, 2004
March 8, 2004
April 19, 2004
May 10, 2004
June 14, 2004

• Workshop Sessions were set for the following Mondays to begin at 5:30 p.m.:
August 25
September 22
October 27
November 24
January 26
February 23
March 22
April 26
May 24
June 28

LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS NETWORK - Pat Nugent was appointed to serve on the Kent ISD Legislative Relations Network for the 2003-2004 school year.

BOARD BYLAWS - The Board adopted bylaws for the 2003-2004 school year.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:
• Minutes of June 9, 2003 Public Hearing, June 9, 2003 Regular Meeting, June 9, 2003 Closed Session, June 17, 2003 Special Meeting, June 23, 2003 Special Meeting, June 23, 2003 Workshop, and the June 23, 2003 Closed Session.

• The following payment of bills for June 2003:
GENERAL FUND \$990,625.07
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund \$60,127.94
B. Athletic Fund \$8,252.69
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND \$938,247.56
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND \$76,293.03
1990 Debt Fund \$300.00

• Superintendent Evaluation
• New Hires: Lara Roessler, Middle School Counselor; Victoria (Tory) Parsons, High School Counselor; Amy Pallio, High School Assistant Principal
• Superintendent Contract Renewal with salary and benefits to remain frozen for the 2003-2004 school year with the intent of moving into the Health Alliance Insurance when that becomes available
• Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Personnel contracts with salary and benefits to remain frozen for the 2003-2004 school year with the intent of moving into the Health Alliance Insurance when that becomes available

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that payments from the 2002-2003 school year budget are nearly complete and will be reported out before the audit is concluded. There is no State Aid bill as of yet, so final budget figures for the 2003-2004 school year are still uncertain.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Jim White reported that the high school improvements and new wing are very close to being finished. There will be a dedication of the high school new Freshman Center on Monday, August 11, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular board meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the LPAC. Murray Lake Elementary walls are just starting to go up and crews have made up 2-3 weeks on the schedule. Tile in some of the middle school halls will start to be placed this summer but will be finished up during the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari welcomed the new staff who were present at the meeting. The district is very excited to have the Energy Education procedure in place in an effort to aggressively reduce energy costs. Summer school is going very well. Shari expressed sympathy on behalf of the School Board and district staff members for two recent losses: Justin Bogdanik and Kelly Lancaster.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Freshman Center Dedication Monday, August 11, 2003
Lowell High School • Freshman Center Commons • 6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 11, 2003
Lowell High School • Lowell Performing Arts Center • 7:00 p.m.

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Hope is, archaeological dig will uncover corner of original mill foundation

By Bruce T. Doll

When one thinks of an archaeological site, one usually envisions digging up huge bones of dinosaurs or uncovering a mummy that is thousands of years old. That is not always true. Enter the Industrial Archaeologist. This new breed of archaeologist looks back only a few hundred years.

For the past week there has been an archaeological excavation going on right in our backyard. Tim Scarlett, the Assistant Professor of Archaeology at Michigan Tech's department of social science, and his staff have been conducting a dig and research in Fallsburg Park at the site of the old grist mill. The dig is part of the preliminary research needed to

determine the feasibility of relocating the Saranac Mill that is owned by the Fallsburg Historical Society to Fallsburg Park.

"The Saranac Mill is nearly an identical match to the original Fallsburg Mill" said Kerry Schubach, president of the Fallsburg Historical Society. The Fallsburg Grist Mill was dismantled around 1910.

Working from a single old picture of the mill, they had determined that it was about 44 feet long. The group carefully created 3 "grids" about 22 feet away from each other along the steep river banks. They hope to locate the corners of the original foundation feature.

Each grid is about 3 by 6 feet and has been excavated down about 2 feet. The loose dirt was sifted with hopes of revealing

any information about the mill and its foundation. They have discovered many artifacts that will be taken back to the lab to be analyzed.

In addition, they discovered that the photograph of the old mill had been printed reversed since the bricks of the chimney were discovered at the opposite end of the mill picture. Every detail has been meticulously documented including sketches and photographs for preservation and further study.

Scarlett and his team will return in late August to do a "wet dig" which will involve sandbagging and pumping the water out of several areas in the river where the mill once stood.

It is the individual who is timeless. Societies, cultures and civilizations—past and present—are often incomprehensible to outsiders, but the individual's hungers, anxieties, dreams and preoccupations have remained unchanged through the millennia.

—Eric Hoffer



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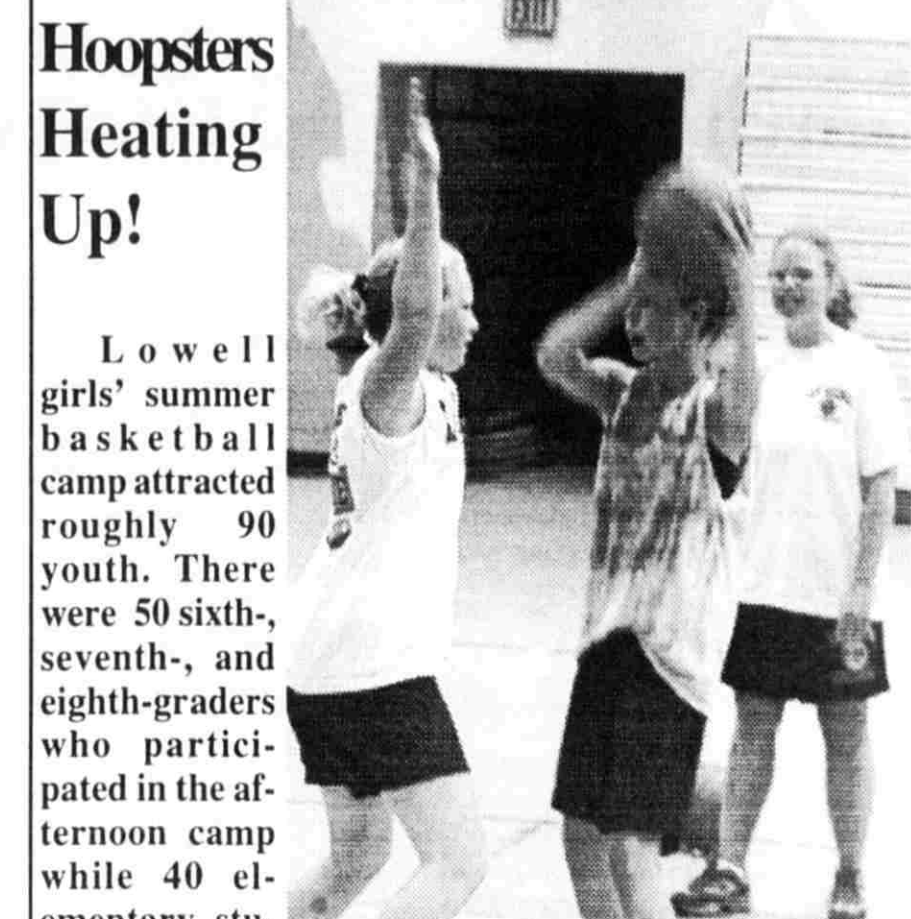
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Catch of the Day

Jeffrey Batey, age two, caught his first fish on a fishing trip with his grandpa (Lloyd Batey) at Murray Lake. Batey is the son of Jeff & Amy Batey of Lowell.



Hoopsters Heating Up!

Lowell girls' summer basketball camp attracted roughly 90 youth. There were 50 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders who participated in the afternoon camp while 40 elementary students took part in the morning session at Cherry Creek Elementary. "We're keeping the number levels up," said Lowell varsity girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

Township ordinance addresses lighting amount and shielding

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Light wasn't needed to unveil the activity taking place on M-21's west corridor.

A lighting ordinance, however, is needed to control and shield the amount of light.

"The best chance for this township to make a significant improvement is the M-21 west corridor," said Lowell Charter Township planning commissioner, Dennis Sanford.

Sanford and a group of four other lighting ordinance

committee members presented their proposal to the Lowell Township Board Monday night.

"We've got it to where it needs to be," said Sanford. "Don't delay it."

The basis for the ordinance is to control the amount of light put out per acre and to shield the lighting to prevent glare.

The proposal is driven by new construction and remodeling.

"It won't take a lot of anyone's time to enforce. Figuring

out the lumens per acre is a pretty simple mathematical equation," Sanford explained.

The board voted to send a copy of the ordinance to the township attorney for comment and then to the planning commission for a public hearing.

Township board trustee, Paula Blumm said she was in favor of the ordinance. "The committee did a lot of work and put in many hours. It went through great pains to make sure the ordinance is fair, clean and enforceable."

Polo benefit, Aug. 3 PUD, cont'd... From Page 1

A benefit exhibition polo match will be held at Kentree Polo's Flat River Field on Sunday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m.

There is a \$5 donation to benefit the new Michigan Intercollegiate Polo Club.

Kat Heggen attended a winter polo school developed by Les and Cathy Johnson, owners of a full-service equestrian facility that they operate.

Heggen's charge is to start an equestrian polo team at the University of Michigan.

While starting a new club may seem daunting, Heggen has already applied for and received club status, and ar-

ranged for a barn and coach. She is working with the United States Polo Association and their polo training foundation to secure donations of stock and equipment.

The Aug. 3 exhibition will feature the Kentree Polo Club against Cleveland.

The field can be found by going north on Lincoln Lake; right on Fallsburg Park Drive; 2.3 miles through the park; right on Ike Road at the Kentree Polo sign; follow signs one mile to the field.

To verify match schedules, call the Polo hotline 336-1514 or call Heggen at 771-0866.

the residents. He also pointed out that the developers have been taken to task on a number of issues including traffic flow and density.

Through the process, Sundry had agreed to loop the watermain to help the city maintain an adequate flow; it had also worked out plans for the entrance into the development that included sidewalk.

Blough said he doubted whether any developer has gone as far as Sundry to work with the city on developing this property. The city already has approved the PUD plan for it, he said.

"And now, at the last minute, when we are about to put in some legal teeth so that

the developers have to comply, we turn to previous concerns that have been repeated again and again," Blough said.

Councilman Pfaller said he can understand the emotion of the residents since his neighborhood is also getting a development, practically in

his backyard. And while the development may not be designed the way he wants, that developer still has the right to develop his land, Pfaller said.


During the public hearing on the project, a few residents spoke up with concerns about traffic and the ordi-

nance. A concern was raised about the northern portion of the property, which was started and then stopped. Sundry officials said they still plan to continue on that piece once the Leeman property is ready to start.

ANNOUNCING

Jamie Clore-Stencel has returned to Salon 206.

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Lowell Moose	6	2
Bowne Center UMC	6	2
Wrecker Sports	5	2
1st United Methodist Church	4	4
Paragon Custom Homes	3	4
Blough Lumber	3	4
Connect	3	5
1st Congregational Church	1	7
1st Baptist Church	0	7

WEDNESDAY MEN'S	W	L
Ball Busters	8	0
Larkin's II	6	2
Sneaker's	3	4
MagnaDonnelly	3	5
Citation Sluggers	2	5
Larkin's I	1	7

FRIDAY MEN'S	W	L
Sysco Services	7	2
Riverview	6	3
M.O.P.	3	6
Ada Beef	2	7

LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

The Lowell Area Community Fund is accepting grant proposals for its next grant round.

All Proposals Must Be Submitted No Later Than August 22, 2003 to be considered.

To receive a grant application form call Kate Luckert, program officer at 616-454-1751 or download an application from the GRCF website at: www.grcfoundation.org.

You may also pick up an application at any of the following locations:
Lowell Township Hall,
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Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce,
the Englehardt Public Library
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Ensemble work and music theory all a part of harp camp

The first-ever Summer Harp Camp, held July 10-11 at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell, drew seven harpists from the West Michigan area. Open to students of all levels, the camp offered individual attention in sessions relating to ensemble work, harp maintenance, music theory, stretching exercises and rules in interpreta-

tion of ornamentation symbols. In addition, the harpists studied a variety of musical compositions that included works by Paret, Andres, Bach, Renie and Satie. They ended each day with a mini-recital that was open to the public. Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E., instructed the class with assistance from

Heidi Wolterstorff. A former student of Sister Mary Margaret, Wolterstorff began playing the harp 12 years ago. She has since completed her Master of Music in Harp Performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music and has won numerous awards, including the 2001 University of Michigan Concerto Competition.

Sister Mary Margaret received a Masters of Art in Education degree from the University of Minnesota and has taught music for 30 years. She is a board-certified, music therapist and uses the harp in her music therapy work with clients at FLPC and St. Mary's Mercy Medical Center in Grand Rapids.



Seven area harpists participated in the Franciscan Life Process Center Harp Summer Camp.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-175,922-DE
Estate of BILLY CROSS, deceased
Date of Birth 08-16-1928

TO ALL CREDITORS: SUSAN M. POTYRAJ (P46249) 410 Bridge St. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 454-4119 07-16-03
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BILLY CROSS, who lived at 1569 Benning N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 07/01/03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to CATHERINE WALENGA, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave., Grand Rapids, 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

CATHERINE WALENGA 953 Innes N.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49503

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL JULY 7, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the July 16, 2003 Regular Meeting and bills and accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to set a public hearing for July 21, 2003 to consider the Planned Unit Development Single Family Residential District R-1 Ordinance for Highland Hills.
- Motion to table the request for a retaining wall at 220 North Division Street until July 21, 2003 when further information can be provided.
- Motion to recommend the application for a temporary liquor license for Flat River Grill utilizing the Showboat be approved involving the four dates in July, August and September as stipulated.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, July 21, 2003.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



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City of Lowell

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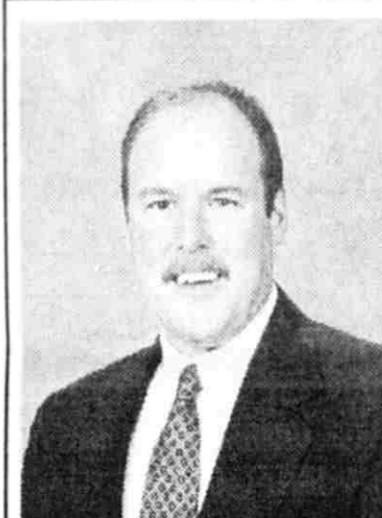
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

FILE NO. 03-175,922-DE
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Cross, whose address and whereabouts are unknown.

The decedent, who lived at 1569 Benning N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 died 07/01/03. An application for informal probate of decedent's will was filed by CATHERINE WALENGA, 953 Innes N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. On 7-15-03 the Kent County Probate Court, 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 informally admitted the will.



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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 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.

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

& 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.

THURS., JULY 24: Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert on the Riverwalk: Hawks and Owls from 7-9 p.m.

MON., JULY 28: At Lowell First United Methodist Church parking lot, corner of Jackson and E. Main, 4-8 p.m. MI Community Blood Center mobile blood bus. Give the gift of life.

MON., AUG. 11: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 family picnic will be at Creekside Park at 6 p.m. Meat & pop furnished.

STARTING SEPTEMBER- Lowell Leadership is accepting names for an 8-session program to improve leadership skills, receive exposure to volunteer opportunities. Call Liz 897-9161 or visit www.lowellchamber.org.

EARLY SEPTEMBER: Training session for parents: managing defiant children. Call Beverly at 4 Health Wellness Center - 642-6466.

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 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
shop at 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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Conklin's past includes ties with predecessor

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It takes a while for a church and its new leader to work together in harmony.

The process is accelerated, however, when the personalities are similar.

Dr. Michael T. Conklin, new pastor at Lowell First United Methodist Church, began that transition on Sunday, July 6.

Conklin replaces Gordie Barry, but in terms of the world and theology, the two are very comparable.

There is another similarity, Conklin and Susan (Svendson) Barry grew up together. "Our parents are old friends," he explains.

Conklin and Gordie Barry are also familiar with one another; the two crossed paths in a study group in Rockford a few years ago.

"We've known one another for a while," Conklin said.

The two churches (Lowell First United Methodist and Jackson Calvin United Methodist), however, do not have a lot of similarities.

"I come from an urban congregation. It's a stable area, but also low income," Conklin says. "I think Lowell is also a wealthier and theologically a more mature parish."

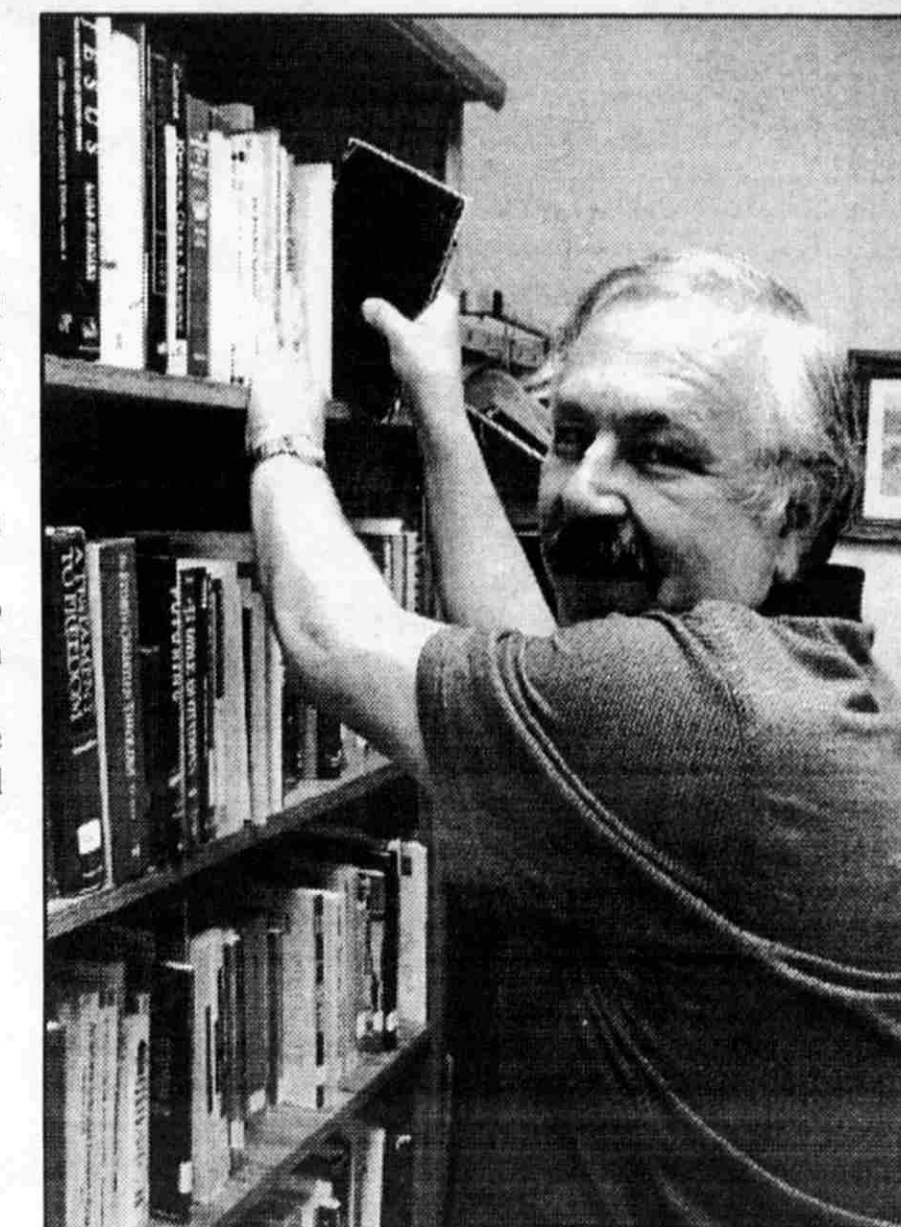
Conklin describes his strengths as being flexible and knowing how to evaluate parishes.

The new Methodist leader and his wife, Deborah, have six children: Jennifer Sides, Sarah Roth, Dan (attending Grand Rapids Community College in the fall), Abigail (senior at Central Michigan University), Catherine (Jackson Community College), and Andrew, who will be a junior at Lowell High School.

"This isn't as smooth a transition for Andrew. He leaves behind many good friends in Jackson," Conklin explained.

Prior to a four-year stay at Jackson, Conklin spent two years in Coopersville, eight years in Centreville, six years in Boyne City and two years in Pokagon.

"I also taught sixth-grade for two years and spent a couple of years as an insurance underwriter," he explains. "It would be my intention to make Lowell my last stop."



Dr. Michael Conklin shelves the last of his books in his new office at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

Township to hold engineering firm accountable

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The final inspection list is 12 items long.

The problem with the list is Lowell Charter Township is being asked to pay for extra work needed to make the corrections at Grand River Riverside Park.

"I have a problem paying our engineer for this extra work when the work should have been done in the first place," said Lowell Charter Township treasurer, Jean Huver.

Linda Regan, township clerk, noted that Cascade Township required that the engineer pay for mistakes on work done at its park.

"The engineering firm (Shaler) should be accountable and pay the cost," Huver explained further.

The list of violations and corrections necessary at the park for final approval includes:

- barrier-free access to public restrooms at the maintenance building
- barrier-free access to concession room (kitchen).
- door closers adjusted to pull doors closed and latched.
- kitchen sink and counter exceed maximum height.
- outlets and switches installed in concession area

and picnic area don't meet maximum height requirements.

• thresholds at both bathrooms and entrance door of maintenance building do not comply with building code.

"I am just surprised an engineering firm could not do this in conformance with our barrier codes the first time," concluded township trustee, Paula Blumm.

Township supervisor,

John Timpson said he would be meeting with the park project engineer later this week to discuss the board's position.

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MOVING SALE Everything goes - toys, yard tools, lawn mowers, household items, books, etc. July 25 & 26 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 9360 Bryndale Way. (E. of McCabe, N. of Conservation)	6 FAMILY SALE Something for everyone priced to sell. Clothes, brand names like new, up to plus sizes, yard toys, glassware & jewelry. July 25, 9-dark, 14000 Grand River Dr.	BALL CARD COLLECTION All sports. 4 size 14" rims for Cutlass, 14000 Grand River Dr., July 25, 9-?
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GARAGE SALE Stove, ping-pong table, girls, ladies & men's clothing, lots of misc. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., July 24-26, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rain or shine. 702 Hillside Ct., Lowell.	5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 7700 Knapp NE, Ada (Knapp & Honey Creek).	GARAGE SALE July 25 & 26, 1553 Marble Rd., corner of Sayles & Marble.
GARAGE SALE Thurs. and Fri., July 24 and 25, 8-? 11850 Bluewater Hwy.	GARAGE SALE A little bit of everything. Fri., 7-25 & Sat., 7-26, 8 am-6 pm. 7735 W. Bluewater Hwy. Saranac (1 mile W. of Saranac corners).	GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., July 25 & 26, 9-5 p.m. 8350 Cannonsburg Rd. We'll be selling baked goods and lemon aid. All proceeds from the baked goods and lemon aid will go to Northlawn United Methodist Church for our building fund.
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Benedict, Red Arrows rewrite significant amount of LHS softball records

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The 2002-03 Lowell girls softball season was one for the record books.

Lowell finished the season with a record of 25-10, a .714 winning percentage... the best in 14 years.

"Records were broken time after time after time," said Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse. "Great plays, great hitting and great pitching made for a very successful and special season."

The Red Arrows broke 14 season records and 11 career records while tying two others.

Over half of those records were authored by Lowell's two-time all state shortstop, Jacque Benedict.

"She not only owns the records - Jacque destroyed some of the previous records," Rodenhouse said. "She was just an outstanding high school softball player."

Single season records set by Benedict in 2003 were slugging percentage, .901; hits, 60; batting average, .541; and triples, 13.

Other season records set: Andrea Dewey, 14 sacrifice bunts; and on the mound Becky Plummer set records for most wins, 24; strikeouts, 226; innings pitched, 214; games pitched, 34; and fewest runs allowed in a season, 64.

New team records set: victories in a season, 25; fielding percentage, .959; fewest years, 42; games played, 35.

Benedict, who will play softball for Central Michigan

University in the fall, leaves Lowell as sole owner of 10 career school softball records.

The Red Arrow's name sits beside at-bats 421; hits 192; doubles 28; triples 31; stolen bases 60; assists 247; RBIs 93; batting average .466; slugging percentage .726 and on-base percentage .613.

Benedict also tied the record of being hit by a pitch with five.

Tara Kimble set the career record for games played, 134. "A special thanks goes to the five seniors on this year's club... Courtney Phillips, Benedict, Kimble, Noelle Dewey and Heather Green," Rodenhouse said.

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Before we talk about some of the new laws that have made 403(b) plans more attractive, let's quickly review the chief attributes of this type of account.

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• **Automatic payroll deductions** - With all the expenses of daily living, it's hard for many of us to save for retirement. But your employer deducts money for your 403(b) from your paycheck, so you never miss a chance to help build up your savings.

• **Tax-free transfers** - Participants in a 403(b) may transfer to another 403(b) at any time, tax-free, without a triggering event, such as one's employment termination, retirement or death, that can initiate a distribution from a qualified plan.

As you can see, your 403(b) offers a variety of key benefits. And now, thanks to some new laws, 403(b) plans are even more "user-friendly."

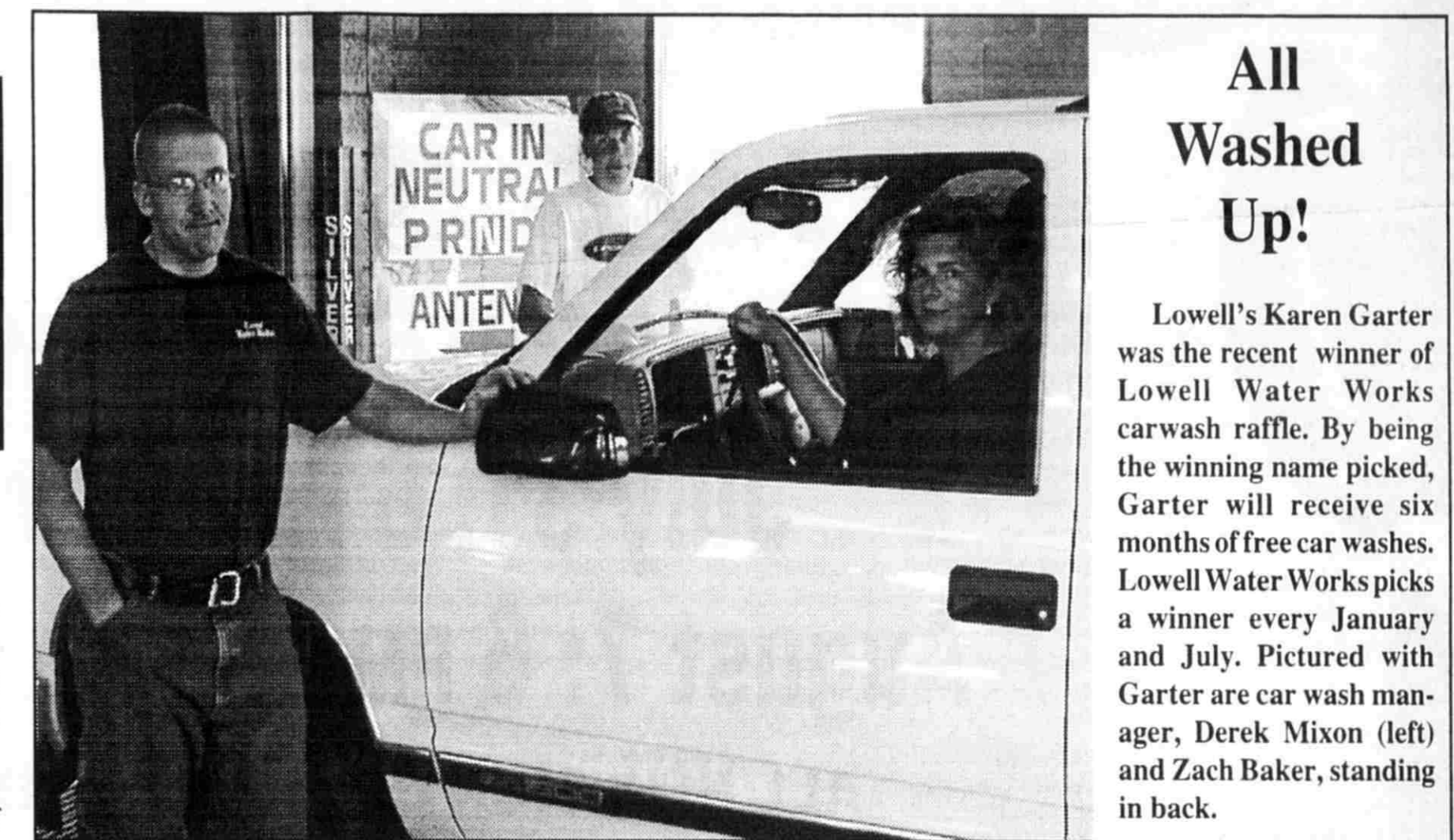
Among these changes, perhaps the most noticeable is the **higher contribution limits**. In 2003, you can put up to \$12,000 in your 403(b). The \$12,000 ceiling will increase by \$1,000 per year until 2006. Furthermore, if you're 50 or over, you can exceed the contribution limit by \$2,000 in 2003; this "catch-up" amount will also increase by \$1,000 per year until 2006.

Depending on where you work, you may even be able to save much more. Many state and local governments offer 457(b) plans - another tax-advantaged retirement account - to government employees, including some who are also eligible for 403(b) plans. In the past, if you participated in a 403(b), you could not make the maximum contribution to a 457(b). But now, thanks to the new tax laws, you may be able to contribute the maximum to *both* plans - which would mean a huge boost to your retirement savings.

The new laws also permit greater "portability" of your 403(b). Now, when you leave your job, you can "roll over" the funds in your 403(b) into an IRA, or into any type of qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k). (However, some employer-sponsored retirement plans may not accept these rollovers.) You can also move money the other way, by directing 401(k) or IRA distributions into your 403(b).

The advantages of 403(b) portability are clear. If you change jobs, you'll be able to immediately place a large amount of money in your new employer's plan, allowing you to maximize the potential tax-deferred earnings growth. Plus, by consolidating your savings into one plan, you can cut down on paperwork - and possibly the expenses associated with maintaining individual plans.

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