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Cable rate to increase with rising network costs

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

For the second time this year, Lowell Cable subscribers will see an increase in their cable rates.

Lowell City Council unanimously approved a recommendation by the Lowell Cable Board to raise cable rates \$1.30 from \$28.30 to \$29.60 per month.

The increase, according to Lowell Cable general manager, Tom Richards, is to cover the increase cost to carry the networks on the company's basic service. The margin the company works on is very slim and simply cannot absorb a rate increase such as this, Richards said.

While Lowell Cable Television has had the benefit of being part of the National

Cable TV Cooperative, which gives the buying power of 14 million subscribers, networks have still been able to increase their fees by as much as 20 percent, he said. The most costly being ESPN which, because of its sports offering and having to pay for contracts, has been aggressive with its rates, Richards said, adding that other networks such as Fox have been watching and trying to follow ESPN's lead.

Councilman Charles Myers said he can understand the dilemma of the Cable Board. "Does it raise the rates one giant sum in anticipation of increase expenses or run the best service possible and pass along the incremental increases as they happen?" Myers asked.

Richards said he believes the Cable Board has tried to be

fair in keeping cost low, raising the rates only when the network increases its rates; Myers said he has to agree with Richards.

It's still the best value available," Myers said.

Several residents disagreed, however, during "Citizens' Comments", stating that they have had problems, especially with Channel 8 having shadows. Mayor Jeanne Shores said if the company doesn't know about these problems, then it's hard for them to be fixed. Shores has not had any problems with her cable reception.

This is the second time this year that the cable rates have been raised. In January, the Lowell City Council approved a rate increase of approximately \$1.50, which

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"Just a Little Off the Top"

... Meijer's new paper bags are sturdier, but will they hold up to customer expectations.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Meijer has scheduled a shopping bag full of changes beginning with its fall back-to-school campaign.

The express line transformation includes a handful of changes.

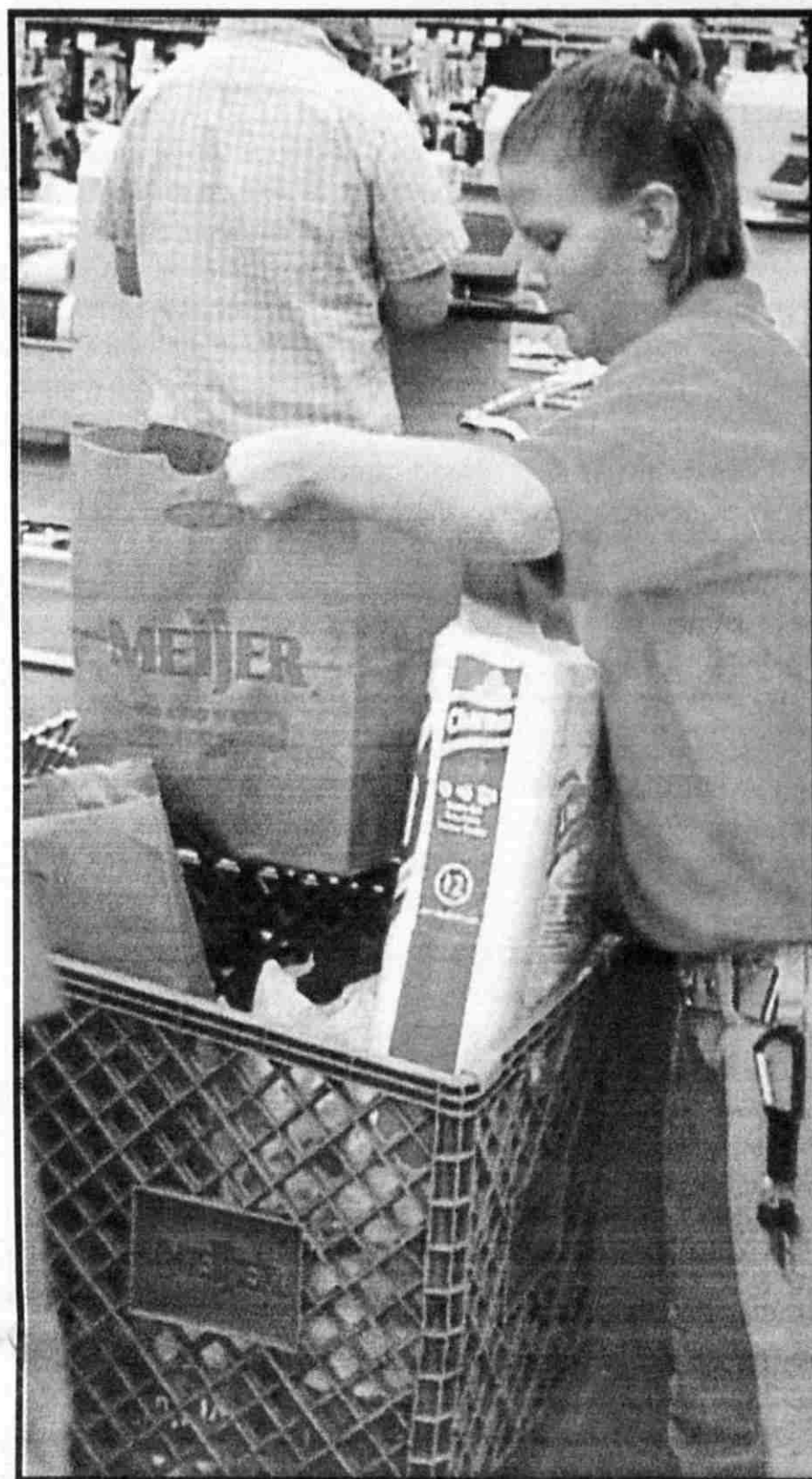
A new logo in 2005. A new slogan: We get high marks for low prices"; A new look: New exterior look and logo; New line: More name brands, including Dockers and Levi Jeans; New emphasis: Fashion, electronics, healthy living and home accessories.

This announcement comes nearly a month after a less ballyhooed adjustment in the store's paper bag size.

The new bag has been described as a "cut above the rest" and as a heavier, stronger bag.

It is three-quarters the size of the old one, and was chosen because it's heavier and stronger.

"Many may think it had to do with cost," said Lowell Meijer store manager, Joe VanHoven. "It doesn't. In



Amanda Yakes, Meijer employee, bags groceries for Lowell's Sandy Johnston.

fact, the cost is about the same."

The reaction thus far has been relatively quiet.

"The biggest complaint we've received is that it doesn't fit in people's trash cans," VanHoven said.

Sandy Johnston explained that while the new bags are sturdier, the old ones held more.

Tammy Goldsmith added she uses the paper bags for recycling. "The bigger the better," she said.

Lowell's Patty Sellner was adamant about where she stands. "I prefer three full bags as opposed to 20 smaller bags."

The commitment to the smaller bags was made due to their strength. Van Hoven adds that the bigger bags were not being filled up. "There was an air space left at the top," he explains.

The new bags are being used at all Meijer stores.

"In the end Meijer will do what the public wants," Van Hoven concludes.



Fire fighters fought the house fire at 10706 Cascade Rd. for approximately three hours.

Township house destroyed in fire

A Lowell Township fire destroyed the home and belongings of Steve Hopkins and his three sons Thursday afternoon (July 24).

The fire, at 10706 Cascade Rd., was called in by a passerby at approximately 2:45 p.m. No one was home at the time.

"Sam and Jon had left on their three wheelers and were gone roughly 40 minutes," said family friend, Lois Meppelink. "When they returned the house was already well involved."

Meppelink was returning home from the Deer Run Golf Course when she noticed smoke billowing from the sky.

"I saw the smoke and wondered if it was the Hopkins' home. That's when I drove down to check it out."

Hopkins, who were renting the home, lost all their possessions in the fire.

Meppelink said they have renter's insurance.

"The family, however, is in need of everything," Meppelink.

The boys wear 32/32 pants and medium size shirts and pants.

For further information, call Lois Meppelink at 897-7896.

Township and engineer agree on what needs to be done

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Editor's Note: Shaler Excavating is the contractor completing work at Grand River Riverside Park. The July 23 edition of *The Lowell Ledger* incorrectly identified Shaler as the engineer.

Concerns over having to pay for extra work needed at Grand River Riverside Park, were squelched with an agreement between Lowell Charter Township and Fleis & VandenBrink.

The result of a meeting between Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson and Fleis & VandenBrink's Larry Fleis (engineer) was to make sure that their is barrier-free access to the park restrooms.

"How we share the expenses is still to be determined," Timpson said.

Included on the list of violations and corrections necessary for final approval:

- barrier-free access to public restrooms at the maintenance building.

- door closers adjusted to pull doors closed and latched.

- kitchen sink and counter exceed maximum height.

- outlets and switches installed in concession and picnic areas don't meet maximum height requirements.

Steve Shaler (general contractor), of Shaler Excavating, noted that some corrections are necessary as a result of elevation changes due to the Department of Environmental Quality.

Youth fair continues to build on its success

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For participants of the Kent County Youth Fair, their time spent is a time for learning and growing up... therefore making the theme, "Youth Under Construction" a most fitting one for the 69th annual Kent County Youth Fair.

It could be appropriately applied to the activity taking place leading up to fair week Aug. 4-9.

Fairboard president, Ron Wenger and countless volunteers have been erecting 22 new pig pens, 20 goat pens, six sheep pens, adding 50 feet of new still exhibit booths, and two tents for the housing of 42 additional horse stalls.

"We've also had to add new commercial space by the

entrance and a kids' stage (Foreman Building)," Wenger explained. "It has been a lot of work, but we'll get it done."

Wenger has helped complete the work leading up to the fair for the past 19 years. All the construction means more exhibitors. That number will grow to well over 1,000 in 2003.

New events to this year's fair will include helicopter rides by Phoenix Precision Air, LLC, a skateboard demonstration on Monday (Aug. 4) at 7:30 p.m. and a draft horse show on Saturday.

"All we need is great weather (not too hot or wet), great attendance and for no one to get hurt," Wenger explained. "And make some money... We need that to survive."

Easing access for the handicapped will be the designated parking area set aside in front of the fire station.

"They will be able to take the driveway to the back of the station and then take a right into the fair," Wenger explained. "Others who use the parking area will be ticketed."

Because of the late spring and recent heavy rains, the fair will have to deal with wheat trucks.

Trucks will be directed from Valley Vista Dr. to Bowes Road where they will park and then be called in by radio to the scales on Ottawa.

For more information on the fair, call 897-6050.



Horses are always a big draw at the Kent County Youth Fair. Amanda Gillard, left, attempts to keep her dinner from her friend "Marc." Gillard's friend Kelsey Larson looks on. The 69th Kent County Youth Fair begins Monday.

A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him.
—Sidney Greenberg

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Church marks the end of distinguished ministry career

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

His life's motto has always been "Do what you can with what you have, where you are."

By anyone's standards, Rev. Glenn Marks has lived that and then some...

Marks and his wife, Norma started four churches in Indiana, helped build 20 others, and built one here in Lowell in 1976.

Now, after 53 active years as a pastor and leader of the Missionary Church, Rev. Marks and Norma will stop, take time to visit grandchildren in South Carolina, Minnesota and Indiana, and reflect on what they describe as an exciting, meaningful and rewarding life.

"We've put this off a long time, but we realize it is time. It's time for the younger generation to step up and carry on," Marks explains.

Their Lowell ministry commenced in the garage of one of their parishioners. "We prayed for 25 and got 35," said Norma Marks.

Today, the Evergreen Missionary Church has over 100 members active in its outreach ministry program, and 60-70 attend Sunday morning worship.

The church was built on home bible studies, Good News Clubs and Five Day Clubs with an emphasis on reaching out to youth. "We've influenced a lot of children and many of the youth have gone into the ministry," Marks said.

The Evergreen Missionary Church, at 10501 Settlewood Dr., through volunteer labor, has recently built a 75 by 90 foot Missionary Center addition.

Most rewarding to Marks is that families of families who were with the church in its early years are now serving the Missionary Church.

"Glenn has not only helped people spiritually but also physically," Norma Marks explains. "He was there for Sharon Whaley when she needed a home, and recently he helped a family get a well."

The church denomination is 115 years old and started with revival school Sunday meetings. It is a Bible-believing, evangelical denomination committed to church planting and worldwide evangelism.

The congregation of Evergreen Missionary Church honored Marks and his wife on June 29 for their 53 years of ministry including 27 years as pastor of Evergreen.

After the service and during the luncheon, guests enjoyed the music of the Lowell Music Ensemble. At

the retirement celebration which followed, a video that chronicles the lives of Rev. Marks and his wife, Norma Jean, was shown as well as a slide presentation, "Evergreen, Then and Now."



Rev. Glenn Marks and his wife, Norma were honored for their 53 years of ministry including 27 years as pastor of Evergreen.

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To George Speas for his comforting words to Art in the hospital, at the service and after.

To Nancy Cunningham for playing the songs Art liked.

To St. Edward's Catholic Church for letting us use their hall.

To the Congregational Women's Fellowship for the good luncheon.

To all who helped set up and take down the tables at the church.

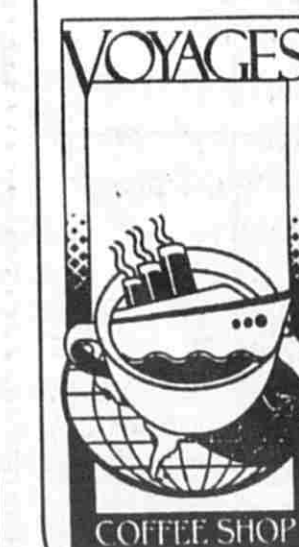
To Gary Byma and Koops Funeral Chapels for all the care and help given to all of us.

To all the nurses and doctors at Spectrum Health (Blodgett) on the 4th floor east and 2nd floor, Medical Intensive Care Unit for all the good care they gave Art.

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Evergreen Missionary Church was started by the Marks in July 1976, when the first morning service was held in a new garage in the Eastgate addition. The congregation soon moved to the Lowell High School where services were held until Phase I of the church building was completed. As the congregation grew, Phase II was added. Now with the addition of Phase III, the new Ministry Center, the congregation looks forward to expanded outreach in the community.

"It's been rewarding work. We've done what we can, with what we have, where we are," Marks concludes.

Fallas House Museum opens Aug. 9

Fallasburg Historical Society will host an open house for the Fallas House Museum on Saturday, Aug. 9 from noon until 4 p.m.

Fallasburg Historical Society in its effort to preserve it has restored the house that was home to John Wesley Fallas.

Other events are planned for the day along with a period music concert from 3 until 4 p.m.

In the early 1830s John Wesley and his brother, Silas settled an area in Vergennes Township known as Fallasburg.

The village area supported the surrounding community with a gristmill and sawmill.

The Fallas house is the oldest standing residence in Vergennes Township.

For more information on the grand opening of the Fallas House Museum, call 897-7161 or email: Fallasburg@att.net.

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Reflections Of Faith

By: Dr. Roger LaWarre,
Pastor, First Congregational
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There is a prayer that the Apostle Paul writes at the end of the third chapter of Ephesians. It is worth taking a look at it. Go get your Bible. I will wait. Ah! Good! You're back! Do you see that part, starting with the 16th verse: "I pray...that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." And a little further down the page Paul says, "(I Pray) You may have the power to comprehend with all the saints...and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

What would you and I be like if we were truly "strengthened in our inner being" and "filled with all the fullness of God?" Would we live our life any differently? As I answer my own questions I think that we might be noticeably different person. Perhaps we would not be so quick to declare ourselves winners and others losers. Maybe we would laugh a little more, have a little more time for those who know pain and suffer-

ing. Maybe we would be more tolerant of others, more compassionate and forgiving. I think we might pray a little more about relationships and think less of what we need or want. We might even find ourselves hungering to read God's word as it comes to us in scripture and/or in the writings of people of faith in our time.

I remember a story told of the Special Olympics in Seattle, Washington. The events took place a few years past. It is a story of the 100 yard dash. The gun goes off and the runners launch themselves from the starting blocks. One person stumbles and falls at the blocks. He begins to cry. Another runner, hearing the commotion, turns. Seeing the young man crying, the runner stops and goes back to help. The other runners also turn to see what is happening. They all go back to assist their fallen brother. They help him

up, they link arms with him and with each other and all walk together across the finish line.

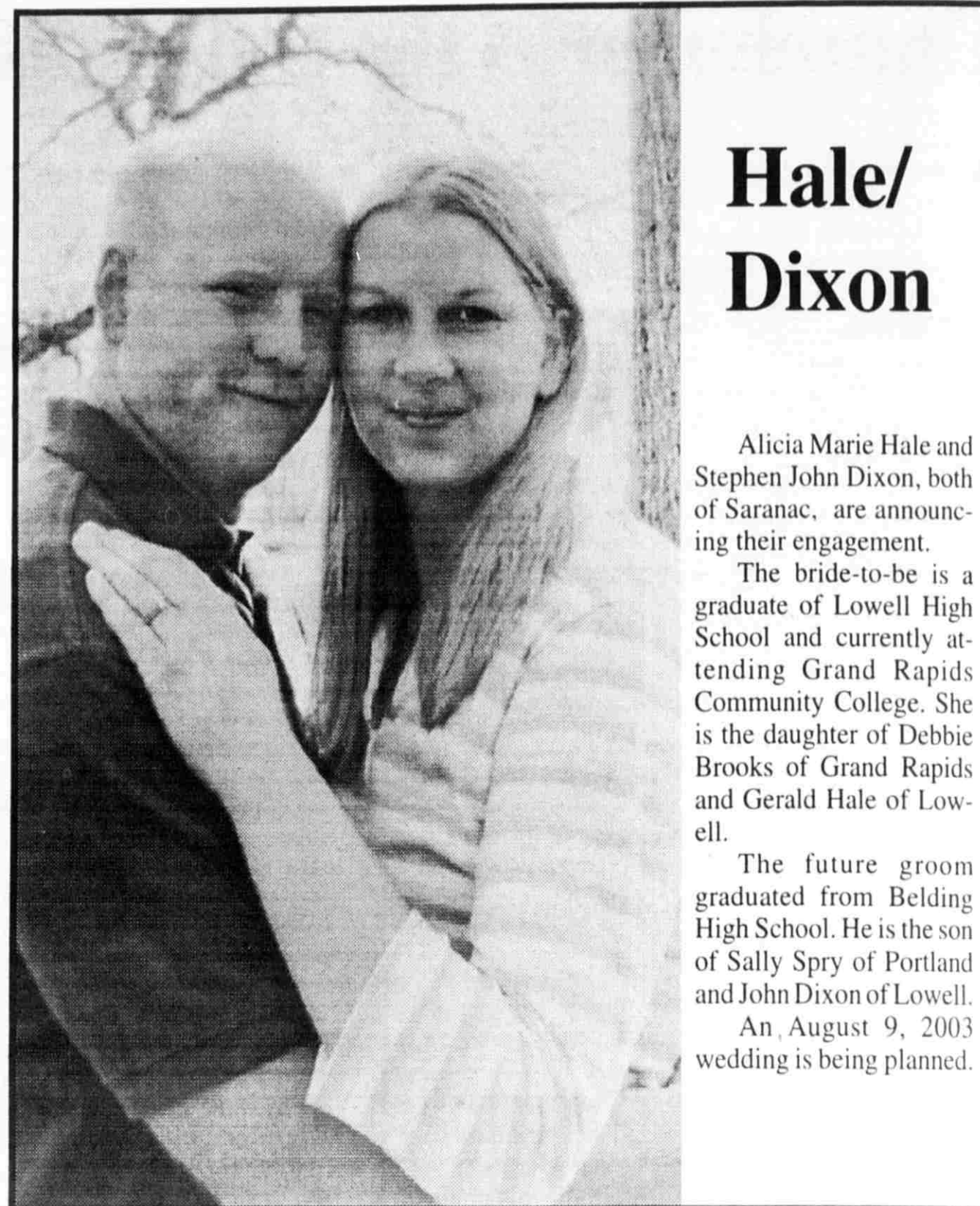
Perhaps this is more than a story of a 100 yard dash that shows human compassion in a most unexpected way. Perhaps this is a story that shows us what it truly means to be "strengthened in our inner being" and "filled with all the fullness of God." For this story tells us about being linked with each other; that what happens to one person, one nation, one community of people happens also to each of us. This story tells us about life not as a rat race of competition and one-up-man-ship, but life as a journey that is best handled by paying attention to those in pain and need. This story tells us something about "their breadth and length and height and depth" of love.

Wait! I've got it! I think I see a little more clearly what you and I would be like if we were "strengthened in our inner being" and were "filled with all the fullness of God." We would link our arms with the fallen, and with those who are running strong. We would link our arms and together we would walk the course to the finish. And, you know what? We would all be winners.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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AUGUST 4: Irene Willmarth, Scott VanDyke, Cody Bieri, Nick Tykocki, Thomas H. Mahalic, Joann Childs, Kayleigh VanKeulen.
AUGUST 5: Robin Abel, Stephen Martin, Jr.,
AUGUST 6: Jessie King, Kim Foster, Steven Vickers.



Hale/ Dixon

Alicia Marie Hale and Stephen John Dixon, both of Saranac, are announcing their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and currently attending Grand Rapids Community College. She is the daughter of Debbie Brooks of Grand Rapids and Gerald Hale of Lowell.

The future groom graduated from Belding High School. He is the son of Sally Spry of Portland and John Dixon of Lowell. An August 9, 2003 wedding is being planned.

"Golf for Evan" tourney, Aug. 23

The 1st annual "Golf For Evan" memorial tournament will take place on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Deer Run Golf Club. Proceeds from the tournament will go to "Tomorrow's Child/Michigan SIDS" to benefit statewide programs and services provided to families that have

lost an infant and to help reduce the incidence of infant deaths in Michigan. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with a shot gun start scheduled at 9 a.m. There is no rain out. Dinner will follow golf. Cost for the day is \$75. Dinner-tickets-only are available at a cost of \$15.

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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I haven't had a drink, of alcohol that is, for nearly a dozen years. I subscribe to the theory that everyone is allocated just so much alcohol in life, and I drank mine all at once.

I have no problem with alcoholic products or with the people who use them. I'm simply one of those who are much better off if I leave the stuff alone. Enough said about that.

A person who knows me well enough to realize I didn't lose my sense of humor when I quit drinking, sent me an e-mail with some humorous thoughts on beer drinking. Since I haven't abstained from plagiarism, I'll share some of these with you.

"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not." - Stephen Wright

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza." - Dave Barry.

"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel shamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, 'It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.'" - Jack Handy

"Remember, 'I' before 'E', except in Budweiser". - Unknown

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading." - Henny Youngman

The list contains a few more, but for one reason or another I'll abstain from re-printing them in a family paper. There is one more I want to share with you, and is by far the best of the lot.

This little anecdote is credited to Cliff Clavin, the beer-drinking postman on the popular TV series "Cheers". In one

episode Cliff explained his "Buffalo Theory" to his buddy Norm. Here's how it went.

"Well ya see, Norm, it's like this... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones in the back that are killed first. The natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers." - Cliff Clavin

Now, if Cliff's theory is indeed fact, and I must admit, it has a lot of merit, then I have over a decade worth of slow, weak brain cells dragging down my thought process. That, in turn, may explain why I increasingly rely on plagiarizing humorous e-mails people send me rather than creating my own stuff.

August and the advertising is already extensive. They will have Automobile Day this year.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 30, 1953

Unsettled weather doesn't interfere with Showboat until Saturday night, when it pours. After part of a show at the 4-H building, everybody goes back to the stands and watches the complete show. On Sunday another performance is given for those who did not stay Saturday.

Widening Main Street from the stone gateways to the railroad tracks on the west, and Grove Street on the east will be done if federal funds come through.

The state fire marshal's visit to Lowell finds many risks from trash and paper on business properties.

Putting a valve and tee in a six-inch water main for a branch to the new Catholic school is done without service interruption, thanks to equipment borrowed from Ypsilanti.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 2, 1978

Charlie Doyle is elected president of the Michigan Branch of the National League of Postmasters.

Overnight temperatures dove to the mid-forties last Thursday night, breaking lots of area records.

The new Thornapple Village Inn is scheduled to open in late August.

This is the year of the grasshopper, though the outbreak isn't as bad as in the Plains states.

"Pictures to Live With" series starts in the Ledger: a photo by Norton Louis Avery each week, with commentary by Mary Ellen Biernacki.

Health



DEMENTIA

With our population aging more, and life expectancies lengthening, dementia is becoming more and more common.

Dementia is a problem in the brain that makes it harder for a person to learn, remember, or communicate. As time goes on, this problem makes it harder for the person to care for him or herself. Dementia may also cause a change in a person's mood and personality.

Dementia is caused by the destruction of brain cells. Once these cells are destroyed, they will not grow back or repair themselves. A head injury, a stroke, a brain tumor or a problem like Alzheimer's disease can hurt brain cells. Dementia may run in families also.

Some of the common signs of dementia are:

- recent memory loss
- difficulty performing familiar tasks
- confusion about times and places

- poor judgment
- misplacing things
- change in mood and/or personality
- loss of initiative

It is very important to seek the help of a health care professional if you feel that you, a friend, or a loved one is developing dementia. The quicker this problem is identified, the quicker the multi-faceted approach to treatment can be implemented.

Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



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All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

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The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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Sports Injury Prevention Clinic, Wednesday, Aug. 6

Women athletes do have an Achilles heel... It's their knees. Female athletes suffer over 350,000 ACL injuries each year. They are four to six times more likely than male athletes to suffer an ACL knee injury.

Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley lost two players from last year's club to ACL reconstructive surgery.

The Lowell Athletic Boosters Club will host a Sports Injury Prevention Clinic on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

"This is a way to get parents more information of what they can do so they don't have to go through what I did with my daughter, Leslie," Crowley said.

Presenters at the clinic will be Barb Hoogenboom and Jolene Bennett.

Hoogenboom, an assistant professor at Grand Valley State University, has earned a Certification in Physical Therapy from Cleveland State University and was certified as an athletic trainer before becoming certified as a sports certified specialist in 1993 by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists.

Bennett is the orthopedic and sports medicine clinical specialist for Spectrum Health Physical Therapy.

She has published a chapter titled "Female Athletes and the ACL" for home study courses sponsored by the American

Physical Therapy Association.

Bennett earned her graduate degree in athletic training from WMU.

Clinic topics will cover what an ACL is, why female athletes experience more ACL injuries, what can be done to prevent ACL injuries, and strength training exercises for the female athlete.

Cost to attend the clinic is \$15 per person; \$20 per family and \$25 per team.

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Smyrna's sesquicentennial celebration Saturday

It's a celebration to holler about! In fact, the Brushy Holler Band will provide the music as Smyrna celebrates its sesquicentennial on Saturday, Aug. 2 and Sunday, Aug. 3.

Smyrna, founded in 1853, will start things off with a parade on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Sesquicentennial activities get underway at 1 p.m. with a pie baking contest, antique tractor/car show, handmade quilt display, moon walk, dunk tank and giant slide, Civil War camp reenactment (3 and 6 p.m.), clowns and face painting.

From 7 until 11 p.m. Saturday night the Brushy Holler Band will play at the Double R Ranch during the free community dance.

Sunday will feature a community picnic (bring a dish to pass, beverages and your own table service) at the township hall grounds at 1 p.m.

There will also be a watermelon eating contest and a Best Period Costume contest.

Wisner/Brightwell

Julie Wisner of Chesterfield, Mo., and Trevor Brightwell of Maryland Heights, Mo., are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride to be is the daughter of Jerry and Kay Wisner of Lowell. She is a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School and a May 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan with a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering.

The groom to be is a 1991 graduate of Collinsville High School. He graduated from Illinois State University in May 2000 with a BS degree in Physics; also from the University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana in May 2000 with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. He is the son of Pat Brightwell and Harlan Brightwell, both of Collinsville, Ill.

The couple is planning a March 13, 2004 wedding.



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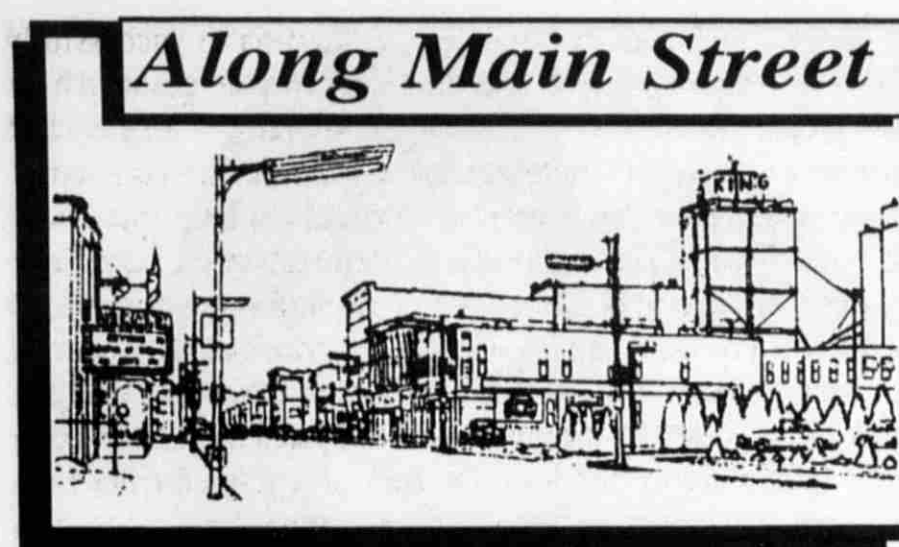
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CONCERT ON THE RIVERWALK

This Thursday evening the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature Dave Collee Quartet with Ginny Dusseau, Swing Jazz, 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.

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.

CALLING LOWELL AREA ARTISTS

The Lowell Area Arts Council is inviting all artists living within a 10-mile radius of the city of Lowell to submit one artwork for exhibition for the "Celebrate Lowell - Visual Art Exhibition" held at the center gallery from Aug. 19 - Sept. 20. Call 897-8545 for more information.

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.

COLLEGE NEWS

Kimberly Meiste is one of 688 students who were named to the Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed Spring semester. To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, each student must have been enrolled as a

full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Meiste's majors are Vocal Performance and Church Music. She is a 2000 Lowell High School graduate.

Olivet is a liberal arts university in Bourbonnais, Illinois, adjacent to Kankakee and just one hour south of Chicago's loop. Students come from 40 states, 10 foreign countries, but mostly from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Lowell youth a finalist in pre-teen program

Kayla Mohr daughter of Ed and Jodi Mohr of Lowell has been selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Michigan Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held August 15 - 17 at the Holiday Inn in Lansing.

Pre-Teen Michigan is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies 7 to

12 years of age based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents.

State finalists will be evaluated on: Academic Achievement; Volunteer Service to Community; School Honors and Activities; Development of Personal Skills and Abilities; General Knowledgeability; Communicative Ability and On-Stage Acknowledgment of Accomplishments.

Pre-Teen Michigan will award more than \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards.

Mohr is very grateful to sponsor Morrison Industries, Inc. who have enabled her to attend this very prestigious state event.

Cable Rates, cont'd...

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went into effect in March. Richards said government policy requires that increases be posted 30 days in advance.

That would hold true with this increase, which probably won't go into effect until September.

Lowell Cable serves about 2,350 people. Compared to other cable companies in the area, these rates are still about \$10 to \$16 less than the competition. Comcast in Grand Rapids charges \$40.46 for almost the same basic service package while Millennium in Saranac charges \$45.39.

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GET READY

By: Dave Stegehuis

It seems as if summer just arrived and we have hardly had time to enjoy it, when it is already time to begin preparations for fall hunting activities. Nevertheless, there are hunting related issues we must deal with now.

Now is the time to make changes with archery equipment. Purchasing, installing, and practicing with new equipment all

takes time—especially the practice. I plan to tweak my sight system and then begin regular practice. The best policy is to shoot all year, but if you are like me and don't, now is the time to begin. Archery equipment is very personal and much practice is necessary to gain the competency that whitetail hunting requires.

If you plan to hunt with an outfitter, make sure to check for recommended gear. Clothing and footwear can make or break a hunt. New boots and extreme weather clothing should be tested and broken-in. Take time to get familiar with a G.P.S. and compass.

Firearms should be inspected and then taken to the shooting range for regular practice sessions. Sights can be adjusted if hunting conditions will be different from last year. If you will be traveling by commercial air service or hunting in another country, be sure to know the regulations for transporting and possessing firearms and ammunition.

So much for stuff, now how about yourself? Staying in good physical condition is always a good idea, but most kinds

of hunting will require strength and stamina to successfully find and retrieve game. Know the rigors of your planned hunt and prepare to meet those challenges. Walking is an easy and effective way to get into reasonable condition. Start out with a distance and pace that is comfortable and work up from there to where you feel you can handle the demands of the hunt. Seek professional medical advice before attempting any stressful activity if you have not been getting exercise or have special health problems. Walk with a backpack or other gear that you will need to carry on the hunt. For example, I use an old ax on a shotgun sling to duplicate the heft of a scoped rifle. Like clothing, physical condition can determine the quality of a hunt.

Obviously, hunting is much more than just going out one day and taking an animal. Careful preparation and the excitement of anticipating the event are a major part of the experience. Don't miss out on it!

Notice of Adoption VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Murray Lake Dock Ordinance 2003-0721

Notice is hereby given that an ordinance regulating the Vergennes Township portion of Murray Lake with respect to the number and placement of docks, to regulate docking, mooring and launching of watercraft and other matters and to provide penalties for the violation of these regulations, was adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on July 21, 2003. This ordinance was adopted to provide uniformity of uses upon Murray Lake, which is located in both Grattan Township and Vergennes Township, and is substantially similar to an ordinance presently regulating the Grattan portion. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Intent, Purpose and Short Title

The Vergennes Township Board recognizes and concludes that the proper and safe use of Murray Lake in Vergennes Township is desirable to retain and maintain the physical, ecological, cultural and aesthetic characteristics of Murray Lake in the Township, to preserve and protect the quality and safety of the Murray Lake, its' shorelines and the rights of riparian owners and users as well as the Township as a whole, and to promote the public health, safety and welfare of all persons making use of Murray Lake within the Township and properties adjacent to Murray Lake in the Township. Accordingly, it is the intent and purpose of the Township Board to adopt reasonable regulations for watercraft, dock and raft usage, with respect to Murray Lake, in the Township.

ARTICLE 2. Scope and Application

The terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be interpreted and applied as minimum standards. It is intended to supplement other laws and ordinances. The provisions of this Ordinance cannot be overridden in or by an approved Planned Development under the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. Definitions.

This section defines terms used in the Ordinance.

ARTICLE 4. General Regulations

This section regulates the number, placement, and identification of water craft and docks.

ARTICLE 5. Safety Regulations

Under this Ordinance, all permanent docks,

shore stations, boat cradles and rafts are prohibited, with removal of seasonal structures by December 15 of each year and reinstallation after the following March 15. There are regulations regarding the following subjects: Repair; Size and Location; Moorage; Setbacks; Common Docks; Public Lands; Parks, Easements, and Common Areas; Storage; Channels and Canals; Other Lake Frontage; and Single Family Usage.

ARTICLE 6. Existing Watercraft and Dock Activity

This section outlines how the Ordinance will be applied to lots of record, such as continued uses, normal repair and maintenance, and change, alteration, or expansion of prior usage which occurs after the date this Ordinance becomes effective.

ARTICLE 7. Variances and Modifications

A five member Board of Safety Appeals will be appointed for purposes of this Ordinance, which may interpret the provisions of this Ordinance if questions arise and may approve modifications under certain circumstances. Standards and procedures for such variances are listed.

ARTICLE 8. Penalties and Enforcement.

Violation of this Ordinance is a civil infraction. This Ordinance will be enforced and administered by the Township Zoning Administrator, or such other Township official as may be designated from time to time by resolution by the Township Board.

ARTICLE 9. Severability and Interpretation

If any part of this Ordinance is found to be invalid in a court of law it will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of this Ordinance. This Ordinance does not affect any body of water within the Township other than Murray Lake.

Article 10. Effective Date

The provisions of Ordinance 2003-0721 shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the Ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with law.

The complete text of Ordinance 2003-0721 is on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and copies are available during regular business hours. The offices are open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is available on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication unless a notice of intent to file referendum is filed within such time and, if so, then this ordinance shall take effect at such time as is provided by MCLA 125.282 as amended.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk



Dave Collee Quartet with Ginny Dusseau

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on 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

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Collee in this week's Showboat spotlight

On July 31st the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature Dave Collee Quartet with Ginny Dusseau. This group of wonderful musicians first began performing together in the summer of 1997. Their artistry and fresh approach to swing, blues, Latin jazz and classic standards have delighted audiences wherever they have performed.

Dave Collee plays bass and brings 20 years experience in the music business on both the acoustic bass and trombone. He has toured with a number of national acts over the years and brings an inventive, tasteful approach to his performances.

Ginny Dusseau is the vocals and has been singing professionally since eighteen. She has performed on both television and radio nationally and internationally and has appeared on three CD's. During the past few years she has toured Europe as backup singer for the recording artist Dan Seals and Dash Crofts. In addition to performing with the Dave Collee Quartet, she has been the vocalist for the Muskegon Big Band for the past two years and performed with both The Night Band and The Midtown Horns.

Tim Froncek plays the drums and is one of West Michigan's busiest and most sought after percussionist. Tim serves on the Jazz faculties of both Western Michigan University and Grand Rapids Community College. He is a member of the internationally acclaimed Western Jazz Quartet and serves as Director of The Night Band. Tim has performed with many jazz legends including Woody Herman and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

Eric Thorne plays piano and his style and musicianship make him one of the most sought after jazz pianists in the area. Eric performs with The Night Band, The Midtown Horns as well as the Dave Collee Quartet.

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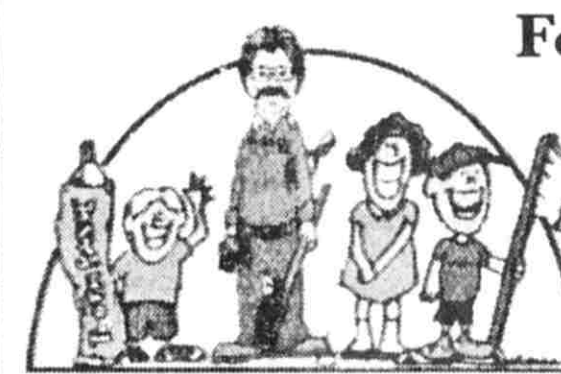
Strings against the sunset. Bass player Byron Whittmore of the group Hawks and Owls is silhouetted against the sunset.



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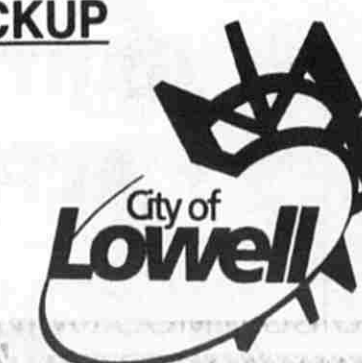
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Sundry a 'no show'; city waits to hear what direction it will take

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission was expecting to hear about a new proposal for Grindle Court, the Sundry project located on the Phillips property.

What they got was a no show. "I talked to Les Cole (from Sundry) late last week and he was planning on making a presentation tonight," said City Manager David Pasquale, which is what Cole confirmed during a brief phone interview on Friday.

Last week, Sundry's neo-traditional development on the southern portion of its property at 751 Grindle, known as the Lehman property, got shot down by the Lowell City Council when in a 3-2 vote the council decided not to approve the ordinance

governing the planned united development.

Pasquale, who was not at the meeting, said at this point it is up to the developer as to what they want to do. The developer could approach the three who opposed the ordinance to see what it could take to get it passed, Pasquale said. Then the project could be reconsidered.

Depending on how significant those changes are, the Planning Commission may want to review the proposal as well, he said.

"You approved the plan assuming certain things would be done," Pasquale said to the Planning Commission, adding that the changes could be significant enough to require changes in what was originally expected.

Then again, the changes could be relatively minor and not affect anything, he said.

Commissioner James Hall asked if there was anything the Planning Commission could do with Pasquale responding "it is really up to the developer to push the case."

On Friday, Cole from his office said Sundry was currently considering its options but would not elaborate on what actions the company was considering. He said he was planning to be at the Planning Commission's Monday night meeting for a review and discussion.

Sundry has been working on the development of 751 Grindle, which they split into two projects the one on the northern portion, the Phillips property, which will be designed under the suburban residential requirements, and the southern portion, the Lehman property, which was scheduled to have a neo-tra-

ditional style development with 52 homes on the property.

For the past several months, residents have raised concerns about traffic and

density of the project, which is why the three opposing council, councilors Al Mathews and Charles Myers and Mayor Jeanne Shores said they could not vote for the ordinance. All three stated they understood the land was going to be developed but their concerns could not let them approve the PUD ordinance.



Korean War Veterans

It was 50 years ago Sunday (July 27), an armistice ended the Korean War (1950-53) John Porritt, Clark Parsons and Ron Collins, Lowell High School graduates, take time off for a reunion at Collins' place of duty - the 73rd Truck Co.

Pictured, left to right, are: Parsons, graduated in 1951 and was stationed at the 5th Air Force headquarters; Collins (1950 graduate), and Porritt (1952 graduate).

All three of the Lowell graduates served in the Korean War. Picture and information provided by Clark Parsons.

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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 Elgert 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.

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

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

THURS., AUG. 7: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Speaker from Gilda's Club. Hostesses: Donna Wilkinson, Treva Johnson and Pauline Burtle. Sponsor: Treva Johnson. Please bring items for the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

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

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.

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TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

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

THURS., JULY 31: Dance Westside Complex.

FRI., AUG. 1: 12:45 Bingo.

MON., AUG. 4: 12:45 Meijer Gardens "Mommy Long Legs."

TUES., AUG. 5: 12:45 Grand Rapids Public Library.

WED., AUG. 6: 8 a.m. co-ed breakfast; 10 a.m. blood pressure; 12:45 Movie; 12:45 Meijer.

THURS., AUG. 7: noon dance, Westside.

FRI., AUG. 8: 12:45 Bingo.

MON., AUG. 11: 12:45 Travelogue; 4:50 dinner at Keiser's.

TUES., AUG. 12: 11:30 Picnic at Creekside Park.

WED., AUG. 13: 11 a.m. St. Anne's lunch.

THURS., AUG. 14: 11 a.m. Dementia Seminar; 12:45 Ionia Kmart & Save-a-Lot.

FRI., AUG. 15: noon Birthday & Anniversary; 12:45 Bingo.

MON., AUG. 18: noon shop Rivertown Crossing Mall & lunch.

TUES., AUG. 19: 12:45 shop Grand Rapids Meijer & Gordon Foods.

WED., AUG. 20: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 shop Meijer.

THURS., AUG. 21: noon Dance Westside.

FRI., AUG. 22: NO MALL WALKING. 9 a.m. All Senior Neighbor Picnic.

MON., AUG. 25: 12:45 Cafe in the Woods & shop the Mall.

TUES., AUG. 26: 12:45 Farmer's Market & Walmart.

WED., AUG. 27: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

FRI., AUG. 29: NO MALL WALKING; 9:15 Turkeyville, "Oklahoma."

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Future flower shop owners hope to rezone Main Street property

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

To Stephanie Heaton and her partners it is the ideal location: the quaint little house at 1132 E. Main Street with the river running behind it.

It is the perfect place for their new business, a flower shop, to be located.

"The back of the property would be perfect for a scenic area to rent for weddings where people could use us to decorate it or do it themselves," Heaton said, adding that the space would allow them to have rental of gazebos and arches along with community activities such as pumpkins and selling Christmas trees.

The only problem they face is that the property currently is zoned suburban residential, which doesn't allow for the type of retail they want.

City Manager David Pasquale said under suburban residential, greenhouses are allowed under a special use permit, but he did not know if the proposed use would fit because of the retail aspect the group is proposing.

Pasquale said the property to the west is a home, which Heaton had proposed to put a fence up for privacy. The property to the east is vacant with on lot housing the Moose

Lodge, which is a nonconforming use under suburban residential, Pasquale said, adding that the Moose Lodge has been there for some time and was grandfathered in when the new Master Plan was put together.

Several of the commissioners said they were not in favor of spot zoning for one location, but would be willing to look at rezoning the property at 1132 E. Main Street along with everything up to the city's east property line, where the river crosses. This would include the Moose Lodge and two vacant properties.

"If it was developable, I think someone would have plotted something down on those properties a long time ago," said Commissioner Deb Hinton, who made the motion to set a public hearing for the rezoning on Aug. 25, the Planning Commission's next meeting.

"I think it would be profitable on Main Street not only for them, but for us," said Commissioner Sherry Grimm. "The Moose Lodge is right there, so I can't see why they can't have theirs."

However, Commissioner Garland Berry said he was not in favor of spot zoning and might be willing to consider a special use permit or rezoning a large piece of area.

"I like the idea, I'm just not sure this is the right place for it," said Commissioner David Rapp, who said he would be willing to look at a larger area for rezoning.

Commissioner Jim Hall said he was disappointed that it wouldn't impact the downtown area and felt if the commission was going to spend time on it, he would like it to have some benefit to downtown.

Heaton said for the type of flower shop they want to create, the locations are limited and couldn't find anything in the historic downtown business district to fit their needs.

"It's a pretty lot and a quaint spot," said partner Jennifer Lopez. "It offers us an opportunity to be more unique than a strip mall flower shop."

Heaton said the shop would be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the weekday and from about 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. on Saturday. The store would be quiet most of the time when residents were home. The shop would feature home interior designs, floral sales, Telefloral services, and a children's area along with gift items.

The Lowell Planning Commission voted to hold a public hearing Aug. 25 to consider rezoning 1132 E. Main Street and the three lots to its west. Commissioners did state that this would allow residents within a three-hundred foot radius an opportunity to comment on the proposed flower shop.

Future of wireless communication weighed in proposed ordinance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Vergennes Township's proposed wireless communication amendment proposal, by being more inclusive, remains open and prepared for what the future may bring.

"There is so much happening in technology we just don't know what the future will bring," said township clerk, Mari Stone.

By renaming the cell tower ordinance a wireless communication facility, Stone believes the township is more inclusive of the different type of technology facilities which may arise.

David Yomtoob, of 13980 Rolling Creek, inquired to make sure the definition allowed for an internet antennas.

In addition, the wireless communication facility ordinance will streamline the process and improve definitions, removing wireless from R1, R2 and R3 and commercial as permitted, not allowing this in any manner to these districts.

It will, however, add as use by right in Industrial and as a special exception use in RA, permitting them as a secondary use in RA and Industrial.

Once approved, the ordinance will call for lien requirements on owners to cover expenses for eventual removal.

Co-located antennae will be reviewed and approved by the zoning administrator; the towers will be reviewed and approved by the planning commission and township board.

The amendment to the ordinance now goes back to the planning commission for review before returning to the township board for approval.



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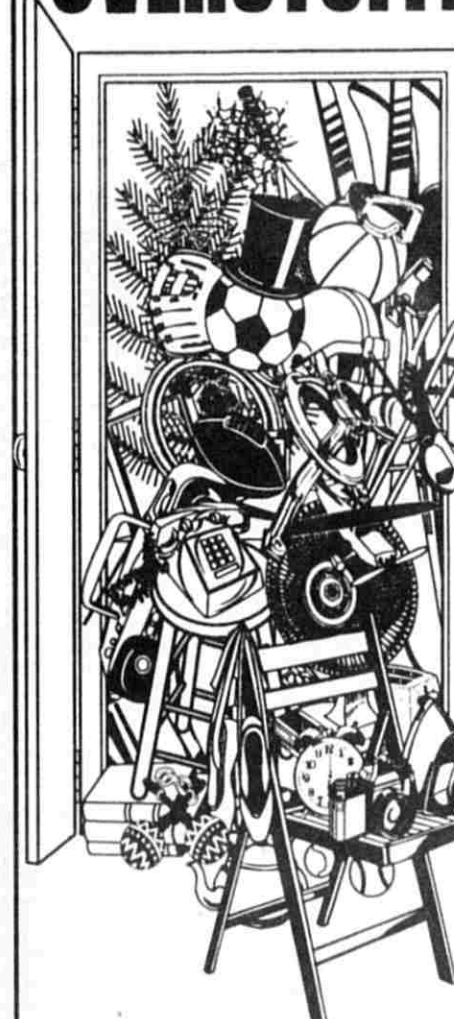
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Township ordinance provides consistency among Murray Lake residents

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Vergennes Township/Murray Lake Dock and Boat Ordinance is intended to mirror that of the ordinance which now governs the majority of lake properties.

While Grattan Township's dock ordinance has been in place for a while, a small southern portion of Murray Lake lies in Vergennes Township where there has not been an ordinance until now.

"For consistency purposes we felt it was necessary that the township adopt an ordinance," said Vergennes Township clerk, Mari Stone.

While Grattan's ordinance covers a number of lakes in the

township, Vergennes was written specifically for Murray Lake.

"The Murray Lake Association was the driving force behind this ordinance and we also received a request from Grattan Township," Stone said.

Vergennes' ordinance will regulate the number and placement of docks and the docking, mooring and launching of watercraft.

Stone explained that the idea is to protect and preserve the quality and safety of Murray Lake, its shorelines and the rights of riparian owners and users as well as the township as a whole.

General regulations in the ordinance are as follows:

- Not more than four watercraft shall be launched from or for each separate frontage, nor shall more than four watercraft be utilized, docked, moored, beached, or kept at, on or adjacent to each separate frontage.

cent to each separate frontage.

- No more than one dock shall be allowed, used, or installed for each platted lot or parcel meeting all legal minimum water frontage.

Vergennes Township Board will appoint a five member board of safety appeals. Two members of the board shall reside at or own property fronting the lake within the township.

One constituent may be a constituent of the township board, planning commission or zoning board of appeals. members will be appointed to three-year terms.

Murray Lake residents located in Vergennes Township, interested in serving on the board, should contact Vergennes Township Hall.

Two new commissioners jump right into work at hand

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

It would seem to most people that there really aren't a lot of issues when it comes to putting up a fence, except for maybe the type and height.

However, Maralene LaPonsie has learned in a couple of months that creating a fence ordinance allowing residents to put a fence in

their front yard isn't that easy.

"When I came on board (the Lowell Planning Commission), I have to be honest and say I really didn't think there was going to be whole lot," LaPonsie said, adding the city seemed pretty much developed. "But I have been really impressed with the kind of thought and how much

planning goes into everything."

While not on the committee working on the fence ordinance, LaPonsie has discussed the issue with other commissioners during their regular meetings. She said before these discussions, she never really thought about issues such as safety and being able to see around a fence.

"Driveways, fences, I'm certainly getting an education," LaPonsie said.

LaPonsie is one of two new Lowell city residents to join the nine-member Planning Commission. The other is Garland Berry, who was involved with the traffic issue on Foreman and Hudson streets.

"I knew Mayor Jeanne Shores and thought it could be kind of interesting," Berry said, adding that he saw the opportunity to serve on the Lowell Planning Commission as a chance to give back to his community, something LaPonsie echoed.

Berry has lived in Lowell for 17 years and currently works for Computel out of Kentwood. His daughter lives in Kentwood and his wife Elizabeth currently works for

a company in Grand Rapids.

For the past couple of months, Berry said he planned to get acquainted with the proceedings and how things transpire in Lowell. It has been a busy time with the city working on the Highland Hills project from Sundry along with the Planning Commission taking a serious look at several of its current ordinances including fences and paved driveways.

Berry said he hopes to lend a hand in helping nurture growth in the community but at the same time make sure it is a steady growth that doesn't get out-of-hand.

LaPonsie has actually inquired about a vacancy on the Lowell City Council, which was filled by former Planning Commissioner Al

Mathews. This created an opening on the Planning Commission, which LaPonsie decided to take.

LaPonsie and her family moved to the Lowell area about four years ago due to the convenience for both her husband, who works in Grand Rapids, and she, who works in Lansing for Senator Patty Berholz. As her family as grown, LaPonsie said she has stepped away from a full schedule of work and decided the time was right for her to contribute to the community she was living in.

"I like it here and was looking for a way to get involved," she said. She has not hesitated taking up the lead on the discussion of hard surface driveways which she has been meeting with staff to discuss.

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GARAGE SALE Roll of linoleum, Western saddle, furniture some antiques, baby furniture/items, square dance clothes, other sales in neighborhood. Fri. & Sat., August 1 & 2, 9-5 p.m. 6890 Kyser Rd., Lowell. Call 897-6672 for more info.	SALE Fri., Aug. 1 only. 8-5:30. No presales, 4971 David Hwy. 2 miles E. of downtown Saranac. La-Z-Boy sofa-sleeper, sm. drop leaf table & 2 chairs, couch, loveseat, futon, queen size waterbed w/drawers, sewing machine w/cabinet, desk that makes into table (includes 4 leaves), bathtub spa, makeup table, household items & clothing.	YARD SALE Lots of goodies, a little bit of everything. Key Heights, Lot #169 on Shiela, Friday and Saturday, August 1 & 2, 9-5 p.m.
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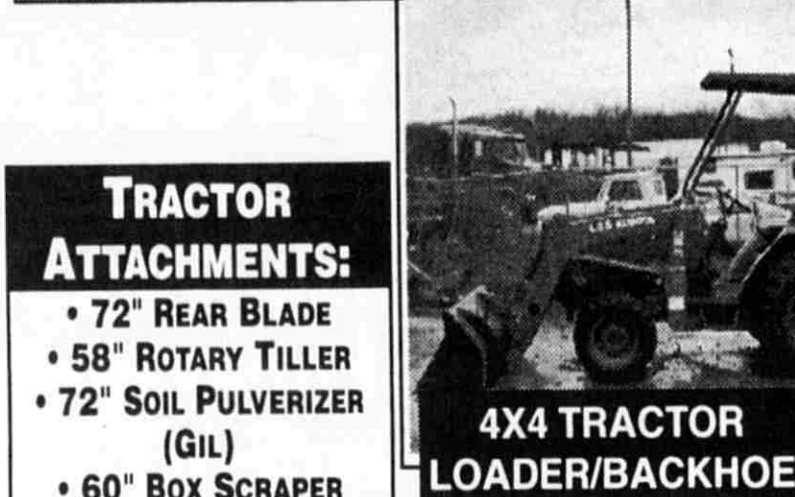
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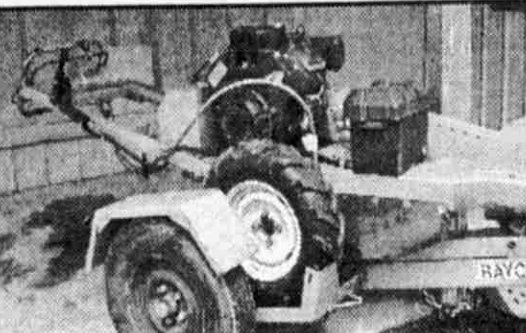


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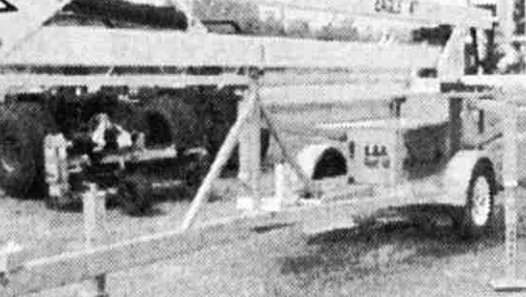
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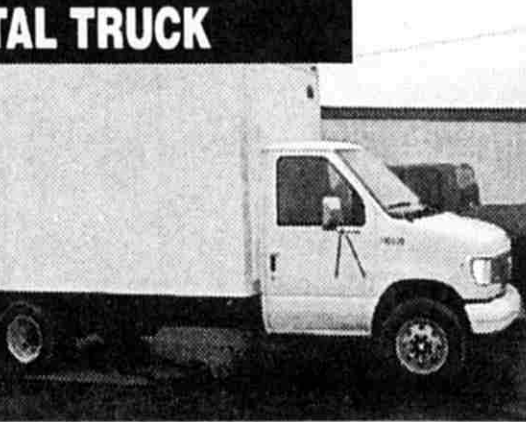
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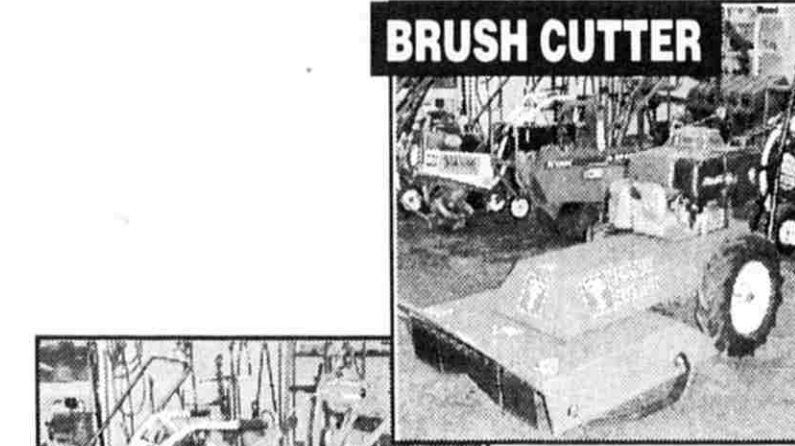
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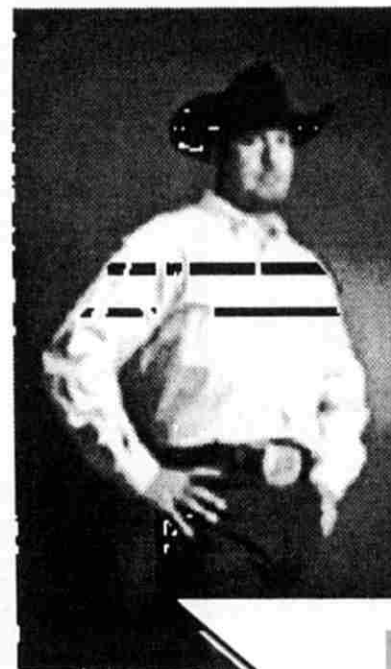
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