

The Lowell Ledger

Volume 30 Issue 32

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Pow Wow this weekend at Lowell Fairgrounds



Dancers from the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge gave a dance presentation at Cherry Creek Elementary last month. It was a preview of the dancing to take place at the Lowell Fairgrounds this weekend.

By Dan Schneider

Saturday will be the first day of the Restoring the Circle Through the Buffalo Pow Wow at the Lowell Fairgrounds. It's a celebration of American Indian culture and heritage.

It starts at 1 p.m. with the first of three grand entries. A grand entry is the precursor to the various dances.

"That's where the dancers all parade in," George Mallette said. "That's the best time to see the outfits because even if they don't dance, they always participate in the grand entries."

Mallette is the last remaining member to found the

Grand Valley American Indian Lodge. This will be the sixth year the group has put on the Buffalo Pow Wow but the first time Lowell has hosted the event. They moved it here to have more room to grow. The lodge's fall pow wows at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids draw huge crowds every year.

"We'd like to build this one like that one because it's huge," lodge treasurer Frank Murphy said.

Neither Murphy nor Mallette are native Americans themselves. Mallette helped start the lodge just out of love for the culture and its traditions. That's part of the reason the lodge puts on the pow

wows—to introduce people to the traditions.

The lodge has members from several tribes and members who are not Indians. The pow wow is in the same spirit—everyone is invited to enjoy the celebration. The event is free; parking and camping are free. It is a family event and no alcohol is allowed on the premises.

The dances have a spiritual aspect to them. "This, in the beginning, was a religious thing and the dancers are expressing their feelings through dance," Mallette said. "The drum tells them what to do ... no one dances the same; all they have to do is keep time with the drum."

"Indians practice their religion every day and they live their religion. So to say they (the dances) have a religious significance ... it's self-expression."

The dance circle itself is treated with reverence.

"It's a sacred area," Mallette said. "And the dancers - most of them say a silent prayer before entering the circle."

The dance begins with the beat of the drum.

"When a dance starts, no one dances until the lead dancers begin to dance and they set the style of the dance," Mallette said.

Pow Wow, cont'd., pg. 8

Brubaker, Fleet elected to school board seats

By Dan Schneider

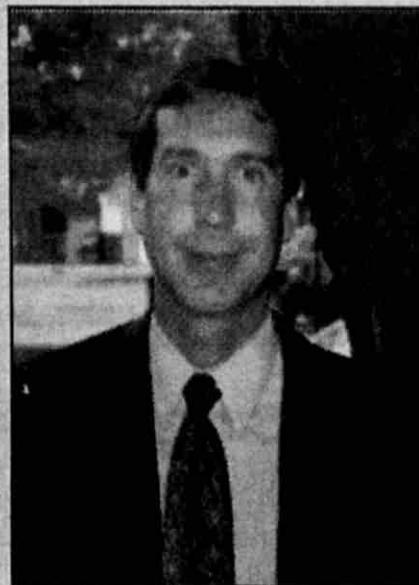
Lowell Area Schools voters cast their ballots Monday in favor of Dan Brubaker and Maureen Fleet.

Brubaker won the most votes in the election with 770 or 42 percent.

"Now the hard work really begins," Brubaker said. "Now it's time to focus on getting some of these tough issues like the budget and contract resolved."



Maureen Fleet



Dan Brubaker

Fleet took 588 votes or 32 percent.

"I hope we can take a step toward restoring the trust in our community," Fleet said. "I want to thank the community for their support."

The election results were announced at the end of a school board meeting that displayed the challenges facing new board members. The greatest among these is perhaps the ongoing contract negotiations.

A total of 1,825 people turned out to vote in the election.

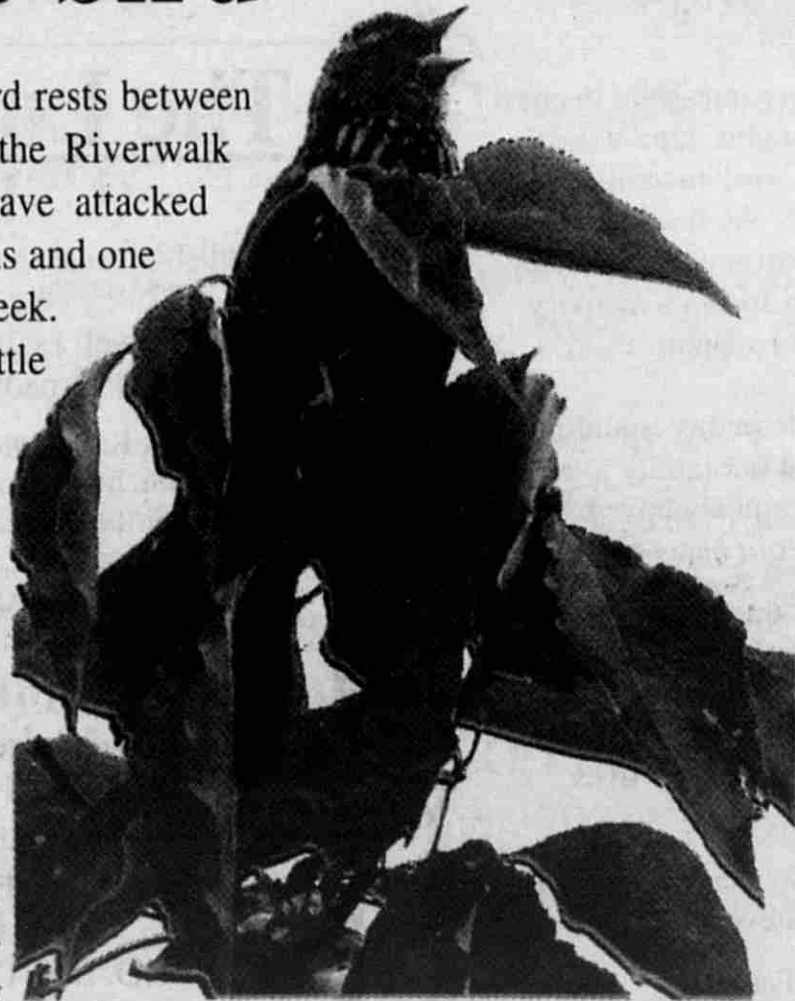
Kate Dernocoeur's re-election bid fell short. She won 20 percent of the votes with 368. Melanie Searfoss won 99 votes, or just over 5 percent.

Beware the bird

A female redwinged blackbird rests between attacks in the bushes west of the Riverwalk Plaza. The bird is known to have attacked several prominent Lowell citizens and one newspaper reporter in the past week.

"This is a very persistent little bird," Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores said. "I went down to the chamber (of commerce) last Tuesday and the little thing went swooping at me and it was very loud. It followed me all the way to the chamber. It actually hit my head."

The redwinged blackbird has its nest unfortunately situated in an area frequented by pedestrians—in one of the bushes growing near the Riverwalk. Its young remain fledglings for 11-14 days, after which time the mother blackbird will likely become less defensive.



Main St. motorcycle/truck accident

By Dan Schneider

A traffic accident involving a motorcycle and a truck and trailer occurred last Tuesday morning at the corner of Main and Center streets.

The motorcyclist, Edward Rider, 47, of Lowell, was traveling east on Main St. Brian Roth, 22, of Grand Rapids, was driving a truck hauling a trailer filled with 4,700 pounds of landscape mulch. The truck made a left turn to head west on Main St. Rider, driving in the center lane, attempted a panic stop but slammed into the side of the trailer and was dragged beneath it. A pickup

truck making a right turn onto Center blocked Roth's view of the motorcycle.

Rider sustained multiple broken bones and other injuries.

He was taken by Aero-Med to Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. As of Monday morning, he was listed in critical condition.

Inside

The Lowell Ledger

Treatment Plant Repairs

... Page 4

School employees retire

... Page 10

5k Classic... Page 15

OBITUARIES

MCCLURE - Dennis James McClure, infant son of Denny and Shari, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 13, 2004. He is also survived by his grandparents Greg and Tina Baker, Dennis and Darlene McClure; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Bowne Center Cemetery, Rev. Helen Havlik officiating.

WATROUS - Richard D. Watrous, of Lowell, passed away on June 8, 2004. Dick was a retired Police Officer and for several years operated

a produce farm on E. Fulton Rd. in Ada. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; children Linda (Ken) Cizauskas, Judy (Doug) Norton, David (Laurie) Watrous; grandchildren Heidi, Ken, Chad, Adam, Christopher; great-granddaughter Cassidy; sister Jean (Ted) Albrecht; brother-in-law Bill J. Tausend. Cremation has taken place and at his request, there will be no service or visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Kent County Sheriff's Dept. K-9 unit or Hospice of Holland Home.

BRANDON TAYLOR

aged 20, joined his brother Brett, forever 16, in Heaven on June 11, 2004.

Please join us in a celebration of his life on **SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.** at his mom's house.

Bring an instrument if you wish to play. We will have an open mic and people will be playing music.

Love, Jill, John, Jerry & Corrina



LifeWalk fundraiser to be held Saturday

A LifeWalk fundraiser will be held in Lowell on June 19 to support Alpha Women's Centers. There are currently seven in the area and funds are being raised to start one up

within our own community. The centers offer free pregnancy testing, maternity and children's clothing, diapers and formula. Parenting skills are taught through vid-

eos and handouts.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell. The route will take walkers to the Riverwalk area and refresh-

ments will be available. To pick up your pledge form or for information, call Deb Karasiewicz at 874-8586 or Alton Bible Church at 897-5648.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177, 634-DE

Estate of
HELEN DORIS
CONVERSE
SSN: 379-14-4937
Date of Birth:
10/27/1922

TO ALL CREDITORS:

What is exciting is not for one person to be stronger than the other, but for two people to have met their match and yet they are equally as stubborn, as obstinate, as passionate, as crazy as the other.

—Barbra Streisand

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the request of Grattan Township, Kent County, State of Michigan and by the authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources by Section 12-17 of Act 451, Part 801, Public Acts of 1994, as amended, and Section 250 of Act 380, Public Acts of 1965, and Section 41 of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, a hearing will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 26, 2004.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources will gather information from the public concerning possible problems on the waters of McCarthy Lake in Grattan Township, Kent county.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at 616-691-8450, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally at the public hearing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit written comments to:

Department of Natural Resources
Law Enforcement Division District 9
7550 E. Messinger Road
Twin Lake, Michigan 48653

To family, friends, neighbors, relatives, religious organizations, the Lowell Athletic Organizations (Rocket Football, Cheer leading, Basketball, etc), the Lowell Community, Lowell Schools (faculty & students), to our working families at Steelcase, Lowell Middle School and Lowell Meijers. To Spectrum Health and the Right Place Foundation.

My kids and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for your thoughts, kind words, prayers, gifts, meals...your wisdom, help, visits, cards, and consultations. For the flowers, phone calls, donations to the heart foundation, the church masses donated in JoAnn's memory and outpouring of support.

There are many great people in this community of ours...While it is true that our family lost our favorite "great person" we certainly have had the opportunity to get closer to many more.

My family and I have agreed to learn from this loss and to do our best to get through these difficult times. We are committed to putting all your support to good use in making our "JoAnn" proud, as we go on with our daily lives.

Thanks...
Sincerely and gratefully: Stephanie, Rebecca, Austin and Steve

The Kempker Family

MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

06/10/04
CRAIG AVERY
(P10311)
3875 West River Drive
Comstock Park, MI
49321
616/784-5080

DORETHEA KAE BOSS
2948 Marble Rd.
Lowell, MI 49331
616/897-7487
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177, 760-DE

Estate of
ROSE HULBERT,
deceased
SSN: 379-14-7291

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, ROSE HULBERT, who lived at 721 Three Mile Road N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 5/22/04.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JANET SCHANSEMA, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2695 Royal Ridge Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34606 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

06/11/04
CRAIG AVERY
(P10311)
3875 West River Drive
Comstock Park, MI
49321
616/784-5080

JANET SCHANSEMA
2695 Royal Ridge Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34606
352/263-9378

Save GAS Money...

Do your banking from home!

ICNB offers the ultimate in banking convenience! It's FREE and you don't have to leave home. Start saving today — visit www.icnb.com to enroll in iBANK with Bill Pay.*

Free iBANK on new and existing ICNB Checking Accounts.

* First 10 transactions per month are free, \$0.50 for each additional transaction.

Ionica: 616-527-0220
Belding Downtown: 616-794-1195
Belding West: 616-794-0890
Lowell: 616-897-6171
Southside: 616-527-9250
Sunfield: 517-566-8025
Woodland: 269-367-4911

The Lowell Ledger (USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$15⁹⁹ a year in Kent County, \$22⁹⁹ a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331

ROGER K. BROWN.....PUBLISHER
JEANNE BOSS.....MANAGING EDITOR
DAN SCHNEIDER.....LEAD REPORTER
TONI BLOUGH.....COPY EDITOR
TAMMY JANOWIAK.....CLASSIFIED/ACCOUNTING
JAY VEZINO.....ADVERTISING SALES

(616) 897-9261

E-Mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com
Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI

Published every Wednesday

POSTMASTER: Send address change to:

The Lowell Ledger
P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331
www.lowellbuyersguide.com

Waste Management receives clean review from city officials

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

It has been about a month since Waste Management official Jim Bentley came to a Lowell City Council meeting, and city staff are giving a positive thumbs up to the service.

City clerk Betty Morlock said she had not received any complaints about the Waste Management service in the past month. With the new system of emailing the company working well, she didn't feel Bentley's offer of a two-way phone was necessary at this time. "We just email and it's taken care of right away," Morlock said.

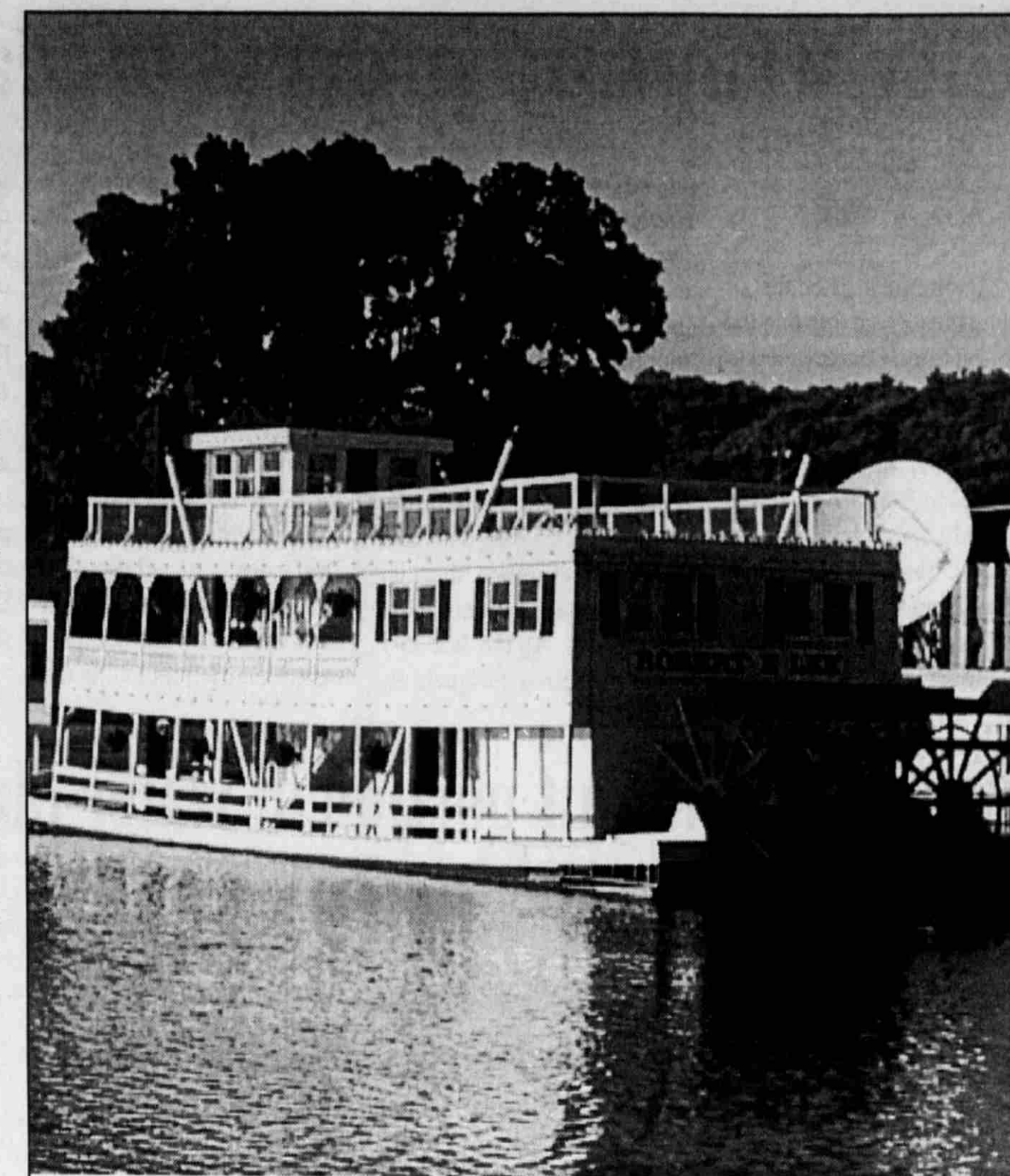
Bentley had been asked to come to a city council meeting in May when council members felt the number of complaints about trash pick-up seemed high. Several com-

ments had been made about trash not being picked up or trucks going past stops. At that time, Bentley was in the process of training a driver to take over the Lowell route and was aware of some missed streets. The company tries to maintain a one or less miss per thousand customers; Bentley said his district has done well in keeping that to around one percent of the total customers.

City treasurer Sue Olin asked about changing pay schedules to better reflect the number of recycle bins being picked up. Currently the city has about 225 bins on average being picked up; about 700 have been issued. Bentley, willing to work with the city, said different communities handle recycling in different ways. Some prefer to be charged by

the ton. Money received for any of the recyclables could be reflected off the cost to pick up, Bentley said. Most communities, however, charge just a flat rate per month, around \$17.50, to its residents to cover the costs. Bentley said the best thing is for him to sit down with city staff and review the options. Meanwhile, city staff will be trying to collect any of the unused recyclable bins as requested by the council.

Pick up for the Lowell area remains the same. For garbage, pick-up on the east side of the river is Tuesday; the west side is Thursday. Yard waste is every other week falling on the odd week. Recycling is picked up weekly. For specific concerns on garbage and yard services, contact the city directly.



Showboat in fine shape

The sun shines on the Robert E. Lee's fresh look. Volunteers put nearly 700 hours into the work, brushing and rolling on 45 gallons of paint to achieve the bright white. Frequent rain put the project behind schedule—it had been slated for completion on May 23—but the showboat is now nearly ready to celebrate its 25th anniversary in fine style. The only work that remains is to replace a few decorative black boards along the boat's hull. The celebration will take place Friday, July 9, to kick off the Riverwalk Festival.

Deadline fast approaching for early car show registration

The early registration deadline for the Brian Mead Memorial Riverwalk Classic Car Cruise-In is Friday. The entry fee until that day is \$10. Registration is open until the day of the car show at a cost of \$15. The extra \$5 will go to Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.

The car show takes place Saturday, July 10th at the Lowell Fairgrounds during the Riverwalk Festival. The cruise-in starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m.

At 3:30, the classic cars and motorcycles which are also included in the show will "Rumble the Riverwalk." It's a five-mile cruise beginning west of Lowell on Boves Road, then east right through the middle of town on Main Street.

The motorcycles are also part of the show. So are an-

oldest car, longest distance driven and youngest driver. The events sponsors will choose winners for various other prizes, as well.

Entry forms for the car show can be found at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and L.A. Trim.



The 2004 class of L.I.V.E. graciously thanks the people of Lowell for their contribution and support of the Lowell Showboat Restoration Project. Without your vision, sense of community spirit, generous donation, and hard work, this project would not have become a reality. This project, has given to the community of Lowell a renewed awareness of what significance the towns people hold for the Lowell Showboat. While the volunteers were far too numerous to name each one, this thank you goes out to all of you that gave your time and talents.

Monetary Donations: Lowell Women's Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Look Memorial Fund, Lowell Area Community Fund.

Food & Beverage Donations: Dave & Jan Thompson, Faro's Pizza, Little Caesar's, Wolf Doggies, Taco Bell, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, BC Pizza & Sneakers.

Material Donations: Meijer, Stock Lumber, Bernard's Ace Hardware, Mr. Kaeb's class @ LHS, Mark & Linda Todd, Bill Simmonds, Ivan Blough & Litehouse.

Volunteers who gave their time and friendship: Lowell Area Arts Council, Williams & Works, Lowell Light & Power, FTCH, Lowell Methodist Youth Group, Lowell Baptist Youth Group, Lowell Chamber Board, LACC, Friends & Neighbors 4-H Group, Bunco Babes Group, Lowell Equestrian Team, Girl Scout Troop 793, YMCA of Lowell, City of Lowell, Mike Elmer, Eric Nelson, Schreuer Builders, Showboat Garden Club and all the individuals who came on board to lend a hand.

ADA-LOWELL 5

M-215 Minutes East of Arway H.O.

(616) 897-FILM

\$5.00 Kids all shows \$5.25 Seniors

\$5.75 Students & Late Shows Fri & Sat

\$5.50 DAILY Matinees 11-1pm ALL SCREENS

NO PASSES DIGITAL STEREO

Unlimited Free Drink, Netfils & 25¢ Carc Netfils

COMFORTABLE BELGIE RECLINING CHAIR SEATS WITH CUP HOLDERS

MOVIE GUIDE

THE STEPPORD WIVES

Nicole Kidman a comedy

SHOWTIMES 6/14 - 6/17

THE STEPPORD WIVES

(PG-13) 11:20, 1:20, 3:20,

5:20, 7:20, 9:20

GARFIELD (PG) 11:10, 1:10,

3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (PG)

12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:30

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW

(PG-13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:00,

6:30, 9:00

SHREK 2 (PG)

12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15

COUPON

FREE

20¢ off 20¢ DRINK

with \$2.50 purchase

at participating locations

at participating locations

www.adalowell5.com

City wraps up process to tear down old Barton house

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Excitement filled the air when the news came that the Barton family had offered to sell its family home to the city, located near the southeast corner of Bowes Road and S. Hudson Street. It was the only home left near the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds and the potential for expanding the grounds was met with enthusiasm. That

enthusiasm was parlayed, however, when the parcel, about an acre in size, became entangled in some family legal work that took almost 10 months to work out.

City manager David Pasquale had been reporting each month that the family was as anxious to sell the property as the city was to receive it; progress toward the city taking possession was moving along. At the last city council meeting, Pasquale of-

fered the news everyone was waiting for: "As of May 24, we own the house."

Since that time, efforts to turn off the utilities and remove the home have been put on fast forward, according to the city's Public Works director Dan DesJarden. "As of June 3, the well has been abandoned and sealed," DesJarden said, adding that asbestos testing was done on the home and several hot spots were identified including the

front porch, rear porch, and caulking around the windows. DesJarden said he is working on the removal of the asbestos and that the Department of Environmental Quality has a 10-day cycle on checking asbestos removal before giving its okay.

DesJarden also has been preparing for the removal of the structure. The Downtown Development Authority has set aside about \$12,850 for the

project; bids have been coming in around \$9,800. The contract was awarded to the local firm, Olin Excavating. The plan is to have the electrical and other utilities unhooked about two weeks before the house is taken down, DesJarden said.

Pasquale estimated the house should be gone within three weeks. "We hope to have the area seeded and ready for

the fair, but it's going to be tight," DesJarden said. The 70th annual Kent County Youth Fair is scheduled for Aug. 9 - 14 which is about a year from when the Barton family approached the city about purchasing the home that Maynard Barton lived in until his death. The city purchased the home for about \$64,500.

Repairs could put portion of water plant out of commission for a month

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

It's like clockwork. Every so many years, you simply just have to paint. The same holds true for the Lowell Water Treatment Plant. It's been about 14 years since the last time the plant's clarifier was painted and, according to water treatment plant superintendent George Regan, the clarifier is in need of being painted.

At the Lowell City Council meeting a week ago, the council gave the go ahead for

the process to begin by accepting a \$2,500 bid from Dixon Engineering, Inc., for engineering services. Total cost could range from \$50,000 to \$80,000. Dixon reported there are not many contractors who do this type of work. Rough estimates are \$35,000 for abrasive blast cleaning and repainting steel surfaces, \$15,000 for brush blasting and repainting of walls and ceiling, and \$10,000 for high pressure water cleaning and repainting of the concrete basin walls.

"It depends on how hungry the contractors are for the work," Regan explained. He plans to bid the project out for winter work when most contractors are looking for work, thus helping to keep some of the cost down.

The other factor in cost will depend on the amount of pitted damage found on the

clarifier after the paint is removed. Plans call for spot welding to fill in the pits before the painting is completed, Regan said. If there is a lot of pitting, the price could be higher. The clarifier, which handles the water softening process for the plant, will be out of service during the repainting project. Dixon Engi-

neering estimated the time to be about 30 to 40 days. During that period, all customers will receive treated hard water, Regan said. The actual cleaning will take place in January/February of next year with the bidding process expected to take place this fall.

The last time the clarifier was painted was in 1989. Be-

fore that it was 1977. The quality of the paints improved from the first to the second time, allowing the plant to go longer between repaintings. Regan said with paints even better now, it could be at least another 15 years or so before the clarifier needs to go through this process again.

Sidewalk repairs slated for Main Street

By Dan Schneider

A work crew from the Michigan Department of Transportation will make repairs on Main Street sidewalks this week.

The sidewalks on the north and south ends of the street have deteriorated to some extent over the years on the Flat River dam bridge. Holes in the concrete expose rebar rods in some spots.

Lowell Public Works director Dan Desjarden ac-

knowledged that these spots were becoming a tripping hazard. The city did not repair the spots when it re-did the downtown sidewalks because the infrastructure of M-21 is strictly the responsibility of MDOT.

Now, weather permitting, MDOT will make those repairs.

"What we'll end up doing is hand-chipping those areas and putting concrete back in to make sure they're smooth in time for ... what's that festival you've got coming up, Riverwalk," said Tom Tellier, P.E., region bridge engineer for MDOT.

They'll use a fast-curing concrete mixture, Tellier said. The work should create only minor inconvenience to pedestrians.



This dent in the sidewalk along the Main Street bridge is among several the Michigan Department of Transportation plans to repair this week. The work will be done in time for the start of the Riverwalk Festival, July 7-10 in downtown Lowell.

SUMMER BOWLING CAMP
Four days of instruction and practice, improve your game over the summer. Open to all ages.
JUNE 21 - 24 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
\$60.00 payable to Lowell High School Bowling
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 18
Mail to: 10425 Grand River Dr., SE, Lowell, MI 49331
FOR MORE INFO CALL 897-8443, 897-4195

GRAND VALLEY AMERICAN INDIAN LODGE
Presents The 6th Annual
RESTORING THE CIRCLE THROUGH THE BUFFALO POW WOW
JUNE 19th & 20th, 2004
NEW LOCATION • LOWELL FAIRGROUNDS
224 S. Hudson in Lowell, MI 49331
Camping Available \$10 for electric hook-up (first come first served)
Rustic Camping available at no-charge
For information call Lori at 616-364-4697 or e-mail Wabushna@aol.com

Saturday, June 19
10 AM - Craft Booths Open
1 PM - Grand Entry
4 PM - Dinner Break
6:30 PM - Grand Entry
Close at Dark

Sunday, June 20
10 AM - Craft Booths Open
12 PM - Grand Entry
4 PM - Closing Ceremonies

Head Veteran: Bill Vandegriff
Arena Director: Odell Chalifoux
MC: Tim Loonsfoot Sr.
Head Male Dancer: Mike Loonsfoot
Head Female Dancer: Becky Williams
Host Drum: Spirit Wind

FAMILY FRIENDLY DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
FREE PARKING & FREE ADMISSION
PUBLIC WELCOME

A TRUSTED TRADITION OF AFFORDABLE, PERSONALIZED, AND COMFORTABLE CARE

LIFETIME DENTAL EXCELLENCE

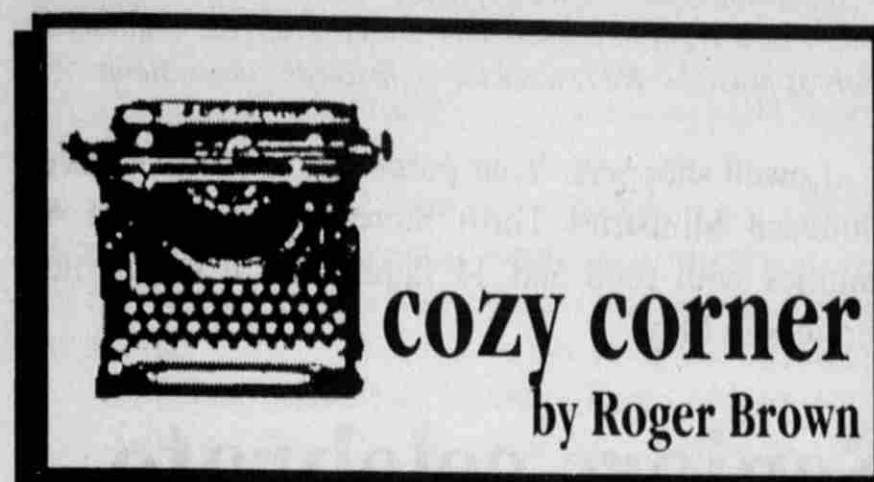
- Professionally Trained, Caring, and Courteous Staff
- State-of-the-Art Procedures, Instruments, and Techniques
- Cosmetic Care: Porcelain Veneers, Bonding, and Whitening
- Mercury-Free Dentistry • Filtered Water Lines
- Orthodontic Care (Braces) • Wisdom Teeth Extraction
- Implants • TMJ (Jaw Pain Therapy)
- Treatment of Periodontal Disease (Latest Non-Surgical Techniques Available)
- Dentures • Partials • Root Canals • Crowns and Bridges
- Emergencies Accepted • Convenient Payment Plans
- Serving the Area Since 1981

TODD GILLAN, DDS, PC
2186 MAIN STREET • LOWELL
LOCATED ACROSS FROM ARBYS

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CALL
(616) 897-8491

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELL

Viewpoint



In last week's column I promised to relate Eddie and Roger's excellent adventure, to borrow a phrase. Ed, one of my brothers, had flown down to Key West and we were to ferry my old biplane back to Michigan via Massachusetts. Ed spent a few days with us. We enjoyed some sight-seeing, fishing and just hanging out in between finishing production of our monthly publication.

Wednesday, May 26, was my chosen departure date. When Wednesday rolled around, my work was done, the weather looked good and all systems were go, except for one small detail. My wife had taken a fall the night before and wrenched her left shoulder. Since we didn't know the severity of the injury, I was reluctant to leave her alone with a house and business to run. She insisted that we go ahead. Having been an obedient spouse for 32 years ... I left. More on this later in the story.

When Ed arrived, I had eyed his duffel bag suspiciously. I made sure I hoisted it into the car to gauge its weight. There is very limited space in a Stearman baggage compartment. There is also a 60-pound weight restriction. There is also a weight restriction on the weight of the pilots, but we won't get into that, except to say, Ed and I are not little guys.

Over coffee prior to departure I gave Ed a cardboard box and told him to put about half the stuff from his duffel into the box. I promised to ship it to him later. He asked if he wouldn't need all those warm clothes. I assured him he wouldn't. It was Memorial Day weekend for cryin' out loud! By the same token I didn't pack my insulated coveralls. I can't count the times I've been on a cross-country flight without them, and sworn I'd always have them with me. You know the music in "Jaws" just before the shark eats somebody. That music would be appropriate about now.

At the plane everything checked out, it even started right away. I gave Terese a kiss goodbye, being careful not to bump her shoulder. We saddled up and settled in for our first leg, about twenty miles to the Marathon airport for fuel. As we taxied to the pumps I noted that we had completed about one percent of our trip.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I graduated from Lowell High School in 1955, and I have kept in touch with the town through a high school friend, Larry Wittenbach, of Iron Mountain. He sent me two back issues of *The Ledger*, one which carried an obituary and fine story on Don MacNaughton, long-time back shop foreman at *The Ledger*.

When I was a junior in high school, Walter W. Gumsier, the superintendent, called me into his office and told me that Harold Jefferies, the *Ledger* editor, was looking for a "printer's devil." Would I be interested? You bet. My first real job paid a whopping 60 cents an hour. It was the beginning of my lifelong career in journalism and it gave me a chance to get to know Don MacNaughton and his wife, Maggie.

At *The Ledger*, I swept the back shop, helped "kill" the pages after they had been run off the old flat bed press, melted down the old "dead" lead type which had been thrown into the "hell box" and cast the "mats" with the illustrations for the ads.

The job was messy, hot and dangerous. Each week the space bands from the Linotype machine had to be rubbed in graphite to lubricate them. The ink from the proof press got all over your hands and face. I have scars on my arms, caused when my sweat dripped into the 700-degree molten lead as I was casting the "pigs" that were fed into the Linotype machine each week. And I caught a forefinger in the power saw when I was trimming some lead slugs for an ad. I can proudly say that, not only is newspapering in my blood, my blood is in the newspaper business.

Jeff taught me how to use the flatbed press, the hydraulic paper cutter, and run the Kluge hand-fed job press. I was not supposed to touch the Linotype which produced columns of lead type. It was a massive costly machine made up of cogs, gears and levers in which lines of hot type came out.

After fueling I helped Ed with his inflatable life vest and gave him my standard water landing briefing. "If the engine quits, we're going for a swim. On the way down, snug all your harnesses as tight as possible so you won't eat the instrument panel. After we've stopped, the plane will likely be upside down, un-strap, get out and inflate your vest. Good luck!" My briefing is a little more blunt than ones you get from a cheerful flight attendant on a commercial flight.

Our first real leg took us across about thirty miles of open water to the shoreline of Everglades National Park. We followed the shoreline north to Everglades City, another seventy miles. All the way a forced landing decision would be either the sharks in the Gulf or the gators in the Glades. Neither one seems a very good option, so I've come to appreciate the din made by the old Continental radial out front.

At Everglades City our northerly route took us inland, across the Everglades and on up the center of the state. A low-level flight along this route reveals that the middle of Florida is pretty much a whole lot of nothing. It's not at all what most tourists see along the coasts or where the mouse lives. It was hot. Even at 90 miles per hour in an open cockpit, dressed in shorts and a T-shirt ... it was hot. Next stop, Winter Haven.

At Winter Haven we sweltered while pumping fuel and adding oil. We dined from a vending machine, sipped sodas and tried to get our minds right for another long, hot leg. We were traveling up the center of the state because it was the most direct route and avoided the myriad of controlled airspace, military installations and the Space Center over the Atlantic Coast. There would be plenty of that stuff to deal with up ahead.

Our next fuel stop was St. Simons Island. As I mentioned in last week's column, we were lucky not to have stumbled in there during the G-8 Conference. I'd be writing this from a jail cell. St. Simons Island is an exclusive resort area on the Georgia Coast just across the Florida line. For the next thousand miles or so, navigation would be simple ... keep the Atlantic Ocean under the right wing.

We had already traveled over 500 miles, it was mid-afternoon, it was hot and I only had about one more leg left in me. We flew up the marshy, but beautiful, Georgia Coast with Charleston, S.C. as our goal for the night. On the ground in Charleston it was even hotter. Still, there was work to do ... fuel, oil, cockpit and engine covers, tie-downs, chocks, lugging our bags. I could not wait for a shower.

After a shower and a decent meal I called home. Terese had been to a doctor. X-rays didn't reveal any broken bones. The doctor suspected severely pulled muscles and prescribed heavy drugs and light use. Guilt was settling in over me, but I slept pretty well anyway.

Next week ... "Up The Coast."

I based my high school physics project on the Linotype, using the electric motor from my old Erector set to turn a cam that converted rotary motion into vertical motion. "Doc" Thaler, the physics teacher, thought that was great.

Less successful was my attempt to run the actual Linotype itself. One night, after everybody had left the *Ledger* office, I carefully typed out a line of type on its blue keyboard (probably "A quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog"). I carefully elevated the brass matrices up into the Linotype to be cast. The machine whirred, then stopped cold. I had what Linotype operators feared most of all - a "squirt." Hot 700-degree lead had oozed out around each brass matrix and rapidly cooled into a hard, solid mass. In panic, I pried the mess of brass and lead out of the machine as best I could and then threw the incriminating evidence into the Flat River on my way home that night.

The next day I thought I was going to get fired when Don discovered the sabotage. He didn't say much and after a couple of hours, and a lot of muttering, he had the machine up and running again. And Jeff let me keep my job.

I moved from printer's devil to reporting to my own column called "Stiff Lip." Following graduation I taught English for a few years, then got a master's degree in journalism, which led to nine years at *The Denver Post*.

In November of 1969 my wife and I came back to Lowell to look at the possibility of buying *The Ledger* from Jeff who wanted to retire. Carol and I were expecting our second child, and didn't have the courage then to buy our own newspaper. Later we started our own weekly newspaper and published that for 26 years before selling in 1999.

I still look back with pleasure to my days at *The Ledger*, especially the mid-morning coffee breaks, when the entire staff sat around Don's desk in the back shop, gossiping, listening to Don's stories and Jeff's jokes. It was a congenial bunch of people. I will be forever grateful for the patience Don MacNaughton had with that new kid, the aptly named "printer's devil."

Sincerely, Cary Stiff



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 18, 1879

The last of the log drive passed Lowell last night. The railroad bridge at Ada broke down under the heavy load of the London Show, delaying the schedule several hours. Forepaugh and the Great London Show "100 shows in one" will be coming to Lowell, says the ad. H.A. Young announces the Grand Opening of his grocery and feed store. Strawberry pickers are being paid a cent a quart.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 16, 1904

Season tickets for the 10-day Chautauqua at Reeds Lake in Grand Rapids are \$2. The Bissell Stock Company of Grand Rapids will present a comedy, "Valley Farm," at Train's Opera House tomorrow. The Hooker Pioneer Society holds its 12th annual picnic, presided over by Pres. Hooker. Two papers are read of the early history of Lowell. The Ledger is 11 years old today. Murray Lake was a popular destination Sunday.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 20, 1929

The Strand Theatre has been showing two, sometimes three, talking pictures of the four each week. Ticket cost varies with the movie. The Better Business Committee of the Lowell Board of Trade is sponsoring "BBB Days," bargain days scattered through the summer. Charles Lindberg, constantly pursued by reporters, lands his plane in a large mud puddle and drenches them. Germany agrees to pay almost \$500 million a year in reparations to the Allies it fought against in 1914-18. A quarter size supplement page is added this week to carry the rest of the local news.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 17, 1954

The high school band will open a series of weekly concerts in Richards Park next Wednesday evening. Vandalism is a big problem at Recreation Park. The ball diamond and rest rooms were damaged this week. Some Lowell soldiers are still in Korea. The Showboat ticket office is open in the Roth building; telephone 9209. Glass brick, glass doors, new windows and paint brighten Gee's Hardware.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 20, 1979

In spite of a wrong date published, the Vergennes Methodist Church annual Ox Roast in the big tent serves 500 meals. There were 86 acts vying for a place on Showboat, making two Amateur Nights necessary; 30 are chosen. A carnival ride truck knocks over the concrete light pole at Main and Hudson, creating a traffic mess and live wires in the street. This is the week for graduation pictures of the 68 Saranac High School seniors. The Lowell Policemen's Auction seeks donations. Proceeds pay for July 4 fireworks.

VanOostens celebrate 40 years of matrimony



The VanOostens in 1964.



Sue and Jim VanOosten

We're Welcoming An Addition

Dan and Chris Kaczanowski are pleased to announce the birth of their son

DAVID KENT

Born Tues., May 11, 2004. He weighed 8 lbs. 6oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Welcoming him home are big sisters Katelyn and Bethany. Grandparents are Kenneth and Catharine Kent and Chester and Elizabeth Kaczanowski.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As a public service, The Lowell Ledger will be periodically listing the need for volunteers throughout organizations in our community. Organizations who need volunteers should feel free to contact the Ledger office by phone, 897-9261 or fax 897-4809 to have their requests printed. Please try to keep your requests as short as possible. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

Lowell shoppers: Your purchases in the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Store helped provide 46 families with food and 34 families with emergency services in May.

Seniors celebrate health & wellness

The Lowell area celebrated National Senior Health and Fitness week of May 24-28 with a series of events organized through Lowell Community Wellness. Over 150 senior citizens, 16 volunteers and eight community businesses participated in free workshops, food tasting, and fitness testing designed specifically for the 50+ population.

Wellness director Jessica Johnson said, "This was our first communitywide event. I would say it was a success." The local event was planned to coincide with National Senior Health and Fitness Day which was May 26.

Funded through a Lowell Area Community Fund grant, the wellness program promotes individual wellness through affordable and accessible programs.

COLLEGE NEWS

Central Michigan University recently announced its dean's list for spring semester. From the Lowell area is

Jennifer Wisner, a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating 40 years of marriage are Jim and Sue VanOosten of Lowell. The couple, married on June 20, 1964, will honor the occasion with dinner with their family.

Their children are Suzanne and Mitch Everitt, James and Heather VanOosten, and Bill and Kammie VanOosten. The couple has seven grandchildren.

Absence is to love what wind is to fire; it extinguishes the small, it enkindles the great.

—Comte DeBussy-Rabutin

To My Stepdad-Aaron Simmonds & Grandpa Dave Simmonds

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Thanks for everything and for always being there.

Love, Monica Vigil

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS</p> <p>If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell</p> <p>Across the street from the Vernon Dodge dealership.</p> <p>897-6284 or 485-4195</p> <p>10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning Service; 6PM Evening Service; Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.</p>	<p>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>Kirby and Harrison</p> <p>Alto • 616-691-8011</p> <p>Worship.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p>Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</p> <p>Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><i>St. Mary's</i></p> <p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</p> <p>Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060</p> <p>1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.</p> <p>Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.</p> <p>Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Nursery available at both services</p> <p>Barrier-Free</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</p> <p>621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Summer Worship Services</p> <p>8:30 & 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR</p> <p>Nursery & child care available at both services</p> <p>Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</p> <p>10501 Settlementwood • Ph. 897-7185</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.</p> <p>Morning Worship.....11 A.M.</p> <p>Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-6475</p> <p>ALL ARE WELCOME!</p> <p>(Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</p> <p>3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery</p> <p>Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor</p> <p>Dave Noonon, Asst. Pastor</p> <p>Stacy Holmes, College & Twenties</p> <p>Brian Baber, Youth Pastor</p> <p>SUNDAYS:</p> <p>Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS:</p> <p>Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m.</p> <p>Generation Jacob Youth: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <p>10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)</p> <p>Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21</p> <p>www.goodshepherdlowell.org</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p>(Nursery available)</p> <p>Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307</p> <p>All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>At 215 1/2 W. Main, Lowell (entrance in rear of building)</p> <p>CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES</p> <p>Pastor Robert L. Hubbard</p> <p>Phone: (616) 897-1267</p> <p>website www.aplighthouse.com</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p>201 N. Washington • 897-8800</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M.</p> <p>Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR TIM DESHAW</p> <p>Staffed Nursery Provided</p> <p>Barrier-Free Entrance</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</p> <p>2275 West Main Street • 897-7168</p> <p>Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org</p> <p>Rev. W. Lee Taylor & Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service, 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M.</p> <p>AWANA/J.V.....Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M.</p> <p>Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times</p> <p>Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p> <p>"You Matter To God"</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</p> <p>Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road</p> <p>897-5648</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.</p> <p>Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April)</p> <p>Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418</p> <p>YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</p> <p>(United Church of Christ)</p> <p>404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M.</p> <p>Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor</p> <p>Megan MacNaughton.....Music Director</p> <p>Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p> <p>Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>

"F.R.O.M. the Heart" parade will benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries

By Dan Schneider

This year the parade during the Riverwalk Festival will be called "F.R.O.M. the Heart" parade. It's a benefit for Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.

The parade will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10 at the corner of Riverside Drive and

Main Street. The parade route runs east along Main Street to Jackson Street.

Spectators are asked to bring non-perishable food items on parade day to donate to Flat River Outreach Ministries. There will be clowns marching in the parade to collect the food. So far, three

clowns have been recruited.

"We just need one more clown," F.R.O.M. board of directors chair Roger LaWarre said. "We're going to be mimes in the sense that we're not going to be speaking clowns."

Thanksgiving to Christ-

mas is the biggest time of year for donations to F.R.O.M. During the summer, donations slow down as people focus on things like vacations and taking care of kids who are home from school.

"Now we start coming

into summer with all the business of summer... it's just easy for people to overlook the needs of the poor," LaWarre explained.

"During the summer, the donations are a little slower but our need is still the same," said F.R.O.M. food pantry director Jody Haybarker.

When donations fall short of what is needed, the food pantry must buy food from Second Harvest Gleaners of Grand Rapids.

"We can only get some things from Second Harvest Gleaners, the rest we have to buy retail," LaWarre said.

Funds spent on food takes away from Flat River Outreach Ministries' other projects, such as emergency assistance. F.R.O.M. spends up to \$6,000 a month giving families emergency relief. This includes paying a month's rent to keep a family from being evicted, buying prescription medicines for people who can't afford them, and even paying for utility bills and car repairs if necessary. Food donations during the parade will help preserve these programs in addition to

helping feed the hungry in the Lowell area.

Haybarker said the pantry is well stocked currently with canned vegetables—carrots, corn, peas, and the like. What it needs right now, she said, is boxed and canned potatoes, jelly, pork and beans, soda crackers, fruit juices, hamburger and tuna helper, pancake mixes and syrup, and household paper products.

"We really could use anything except vegetables," she said.

The fee for parade entries this year is five non-perishable food items or a new toy. These will also go to Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Last year's Riverwalk Festival parade also benefited F.R.O.M., but it was not publicized so no one knew to bring food items. Organizers hope it will be a different story this year.

Registration for parade entrants will start at 9 a.m. the morning of the parade. Applications and route maps are available at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce web site, www.lowellchamber.org.



B.J. Thompson, woman of the year, is seated with her daughter, Robin Horder Koop.

Thompson is Woman of the Year

Lowell Women's Club held their last meeting of the year at Schneider Manor on May 12. Scholarships were awarded to 14 Lowell High School senior girls who were honorary members of the club.

Installation of officers for next year was held, and the Woman of the Year Award was presented, this year to B.J. Thompson.

The next meeting will be held at Schneider Manor on Sept. 8.

Born To Be Wild

This Father's Day Impact invites you to come discover the God-Intended WILD side of being a man.

Check out and be a part of the B.Y.O. Car and Motorcycle show.

Hot Rods, Classic and Sports Cars, Choppers, Superbikes and Harleys welcome.

Rootbeer floats for EVERYONE! Dad's get free BBQ ribs.

Service times: 9:15 and 11:00am

Ribs, floats, cars and motorcycles between services and following the second!

See you there!!

For directions & details check out www.impact-church.org

JOIN ME AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU JUNE 21 TO 25

9 AM till NOON

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

1125 West Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331

Across from Burger King

Please register at (616) 897-7060; E-Mail calvarycrc@juno.com

AGES: 4 YEARS TO 6TH GRADE

We have a class for moms with nursery provided too!

BIBLE STORIES

CRAFTS

GAMES

SINGING

SNACKS

More FUN than you can measure at VBS!

City gears up for two major street projects this summer

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

The saying goes something like this... Michigan has four seasons: fall, winter, spring and construction. Or at least that is what it might feel

like in the city of Lowell this summer as two major street projects get underway.

The reconstruction of Gee Drive and Foreman Street, led by the Michigan Department of Transportation, should have

just begun. The project's start date depends on when the gas company finishes its work in the area, said Dave Austin, of Williams & Works, which is the company overseeing the project.

Bids were received by MDOT and it is expected that the lower bidder out of 10, Diversco Construction Company, will be awarded the bid. The company's bid was about \$110,000 or 7.6 percent below the estimated costs for the project, coming in at \$518,539. 21. The city's portion will be around \$194,000. Due to the scope of the project, Austin said signs have been posted to alert those using Gee Drive, to travel to Meijer or Vergennes Township, that the road will be under construction.

According to the project specs, the road work will be done in three parts; each part will be completed before the contractor can move on to the next stage. The work will first cover Hudson to Beech, then Beech to the railroad tracks, then the railroad tracks to Creekside Park. Austin did note that the railroad crossing will also be done, but that the railroad company is taking care of that. MDOT has given until November for that portion of the project to be completed, which is about three months after the road project

is expected to be finished (approximately Aug. 20), Austin said.

Traffic will be detoured down M-21 to Alden Nash and then on to Foreman Road for the first two phases, with it being reversed to Gee Drive for the last phase. "It is important to note that we will not be fixing any part of the intersection of Hudson and Foreman," Austin said. "To do so would mean the removal of a house and the loss of a front yard to another." Austin added that this was not within the scope of the project.

Because this project is an MDOT project, there are certain requirements that have to be fulfilled, Austin explained. Once the street is completed, no on-street parking will be allowed. A couple of trees located 18 inches or less to the roadway will have to be removed, and sidewalk ramps will have to be upgraded to federal requirements for persons with disabilities. "The plus side is that this project will enhance the school's walking project," he said, adding that the city has met with school officials to see how the

project can help improve walking routes.

The other project, overseen directly by the city, involves Center and Clarke streets. This project resulted when a developer offered to share in the cost of the streets' reconstruction. Of nine bids, Ron Meyer & Associates came in with the lowest at \$151,877.90. Austin said his company had not had any direct dealings with them, but had heard good reports from references so far.

Councilman Alan Mathews said he could vouch for Ron Meyer & Associates having worked with the owner for a number of years through Tip Top Gravel. Mathews abstained from voting due to his relationship with the company. The council awarded the bid to Ron Meyer & Associates with the city picking up less than half the cost, about \$84,000, and the contractor taking care of the rest.

Austin said this project, which will take about three weeks, did not have a definite start date, but the contractor planned to begin as soon as paperwork was in order.

Lowell Education Foundation looking for a few good cooks

The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation is looking for individuals who want to show off their culinary skills and be hosts for this fall's "Dinner With Friends." This is the third year of the popular fundraising event, which will take place Saturday, Oct. 23.

"Dinner With Friends" is an event in which guests pay to attend dinner at various

homes in the Lowell community. Hosts are usually cooking enthusiasts who prepare meals for about eight people. Dinners often have themes; some previous themes were Hawaiian, Irish and wild game. Hosts receive a receipt from the education foundation to make their food expenses tax deductible.

In its first two years, the event has raised about \$9,000 for the education foundation, which provides grants to Lowell school teachers and students for projects that enhance education.

There will be an informal meeting for potential hosts to discuss this year's dinner. It will be at 7 p.m. on either June 22 or 23. For more information, call event chairperson Teresa Beachum at 897-7768.

for the education foundation, which provides grants to Lowell school teachers and students for projects that enhance education.

There will be an informal meeting for potential hosts to discuss this year's dinner. It will be at 7 p.m. on either June 22 or 23. For more information, call event chairperson Teresa Beachum at 897-7768.

team, educational and promotional materials, and other start-up costs to develop school walking routes.

Cherry Creek selected as pilot school

Cherry Creek Elementary School has been selected as one of the 2004-2005 pilot schools for Michigan's Safe Routes to School initiative. This is a

program through the Governor's Council. As a winning school, Cherry Creek will receive up to \$3,000 to create a school

program through the Governor's Council. As a winning school, Cherry Creek will receive up to \$3,000 to create a school

team, educational and promotional materials, and other start-up costs to develop school walking routes.

program through the Governor's Council. As a winning school, Cherry Creek will receive up to \$3,000 to create a school

Pow Wow, continued...From Page 1

An emcee at the dance circle will explain how to respectfully observe the dances. There are times during the dances when it is inappropriate to take photographs, for instance. Outside of the dance circle, spectators should ask to photograph dancers in their regalia before taking a picture.

"They should ask to take pictures first, but I don't know of anybody who has been refused," Murphy said.

The dancers call their traditional clothing "regalia" or "outfits." They do not use the word "costume" which implies dressing up as something they are not. The dancers make

their outfits themselves, to conform to the styles of dress indigenous to this region.

"And these outfits take hours and hours and hours to make and they're constantly upgrading them," Mallette said.

The emcee will notify spectators when an inter-tribal dance begins. At these times, spectators are invited to dance along with the dancers.

Another dance is the veterans dance. It is an honor dance and all war veterans in attendance are invited to join.

"There were a lot of native people who were involved in all the wars," council director Lori Shustha said.

"They are very proud to have served in all the wars," Murphy said.

There will be two grand entries on Saturday. The second one is at 6:30 p.m. The pow wow ends at dark that day.

On Sunday, the first grand entry is at noon. The dances last until a closing ceremony at 4 p.m.

Both days, craft booths open at 10 a.m. The booths feature work by American Indian craftspeople from around Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Canada. Crafts include dreamcatchers, jewelry, beadwork and sweetgrass and black ash baskets.

Both days, craft booths open at 10 a.m. The booths feature work by American Indian craftspeople from around Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Canada. Crafts include dreamcatchers, jewelry, beadwork and sweetgrass and black ash baskets.

Lowell hits the airwaves via "Super Oldies Show"

By Dan Schneider

From the shores of Lake Superior to the banks of the mighty Pecos River, people are going to hear about Lowell.

That's because Lowell is placing two ads on A.J. Wilson's syndicated country western radio "Super Oldies Show." The program features classic country music and airs on WITL Lansing, WGDN Gladwin, WCMM Escanaba, and a radio station in Seymour, Texas.

The target audience is listeners of the show broadcast out of Lansing. This covers towns like Ionia, Portland, St. Johns, Battle Creek, Ann Arbor and Flint. Some radios in Lowell can pick up the station, 100.7 FM. The show is radio broadcast Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the ads will air five times each show.

"It's toward the east and we know that east is a big market," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive

director Liz Baker said. "It's easy and it's accessible and if they've never heard about Lowell, there's going to be an opportunity to hear about Lowell."

Listeners can "hear" the show online. Wilson's web site is www.ajradio.com. The site features a showboat-shaped link to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce web site. Wilson records one six-hour show each week and

broadcasts it on a continuous loop on the web site.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved \$4,500 from its promotions budget for the ads.

"We're marketing Lowell and that's what we're all about," DDA board member Mike Sprenger said. "The DDA is more into infrastructure, but once you get the infrastructure, then you want to get people here."

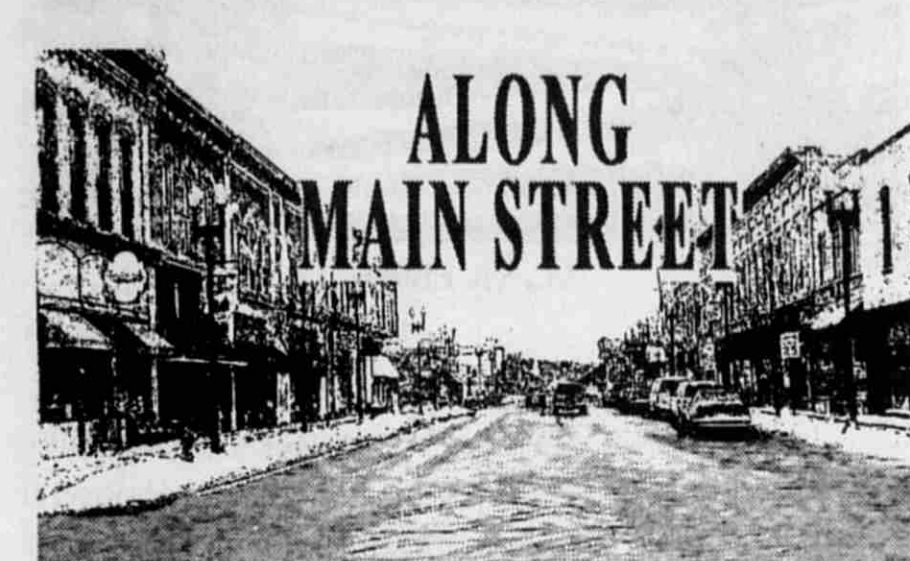
The first 30-second ad encourages people to come to the Riverwalk Festival July 9 and 10. The ad will run until the Sunday before the festival. Jim Ball, owner of Ball's Softee Cream, did the voice work for the ad.

The other ad uses the "secret is out" theme. It talks about Lowell's historic downtown, its variety of shops, and picturesque location along the Flat River. Chimera Design's

Cliff Yankovich does the voice work for that ad.

Yankovich also presented the radio idea to the DDA. Wilson is a friend of his.

"I'm super excited about Lowell and what's happening and I think it's a great opportunity to invite listeners all over Michigan to come visit and see what we have to offer," Yankovich said. "I'm really grateful to the DDA for making this investment."



SUMMER CONCERTS BEGIN THIS WEEK
Boogie Woogie Babies will be at the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts this Thursday, June 17 from 7-9 p.m. Favorite songs from Broadway's illustrious history to modern day songs will be featured. Admission/parking free; concessions available.

"Outside My Window" there's a new author in Lowell

Life-long Lowell resident Cathy Ormiston has written and printed a book for children titled "Outside My Window." It's a book about seeing nature in everyday life and thereby fostering an appreciation of it.

The book consists of photographic images of animals around her home. The pictures, mostly in the neutral color, are interspersed with

erradically rhyming, often sing-song prose related to encounters with peaceful forest animals. Wild turkeys are a recurring theme throughout the narrative.

Ormiston has completed the book in time for the birth of her first grandchildren. The twin boys are expected to be born as of the printing of this edition.

"Outside My Window" is

Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they ought to be.
—William Hazlitt

THE LAURELS OF KENT
You are invited to attend a free informative seminar that will cover issues such as:

- Estate Planning and Strategies
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Long Term Care

WHEN: Tuesday, June 29, 2004
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: The Laurels of Kent
350 North Center St.
Lowell, MI 49331
HOST: Laurie Murphy, Estate Planning Attorney
Martin Wegener, Financial Advisor

Please RSVP to Dan Mitts
Phone 616-292-1031 or email:
www.kent.marketing@laurelhealth.com
by Friday, June 25, 2004

Maplewood Square Apartments
New-Upscale-Energy Efficient
All apartments on one level, laundry room, attached garage, covered porches, all appliances included.
**Now Available: 2-bedroom, 1-bath!
3-bedroom, 2 bath.**
**Contact: Michael Nosko at
Maplewood Square Apartments • Ph: 616-682-1581**

"A CROWN IN ONE VISIT...SIMPLE!"

"If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back...simple!"

Family Dentistry of Lowell
— ANN WILSON, D.D.S. —

Tel. 897-4835 • 147 North Center Street • Lowell, MI

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS 897-4835

Lasso 2004-2005 FALL & SPRING SEASONS SOCCER TRYOUTS SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Tryouts will be held at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes For your convenience registration forms are available on line at www.lassosoccer.org

TEAM AGE AND GROUPS • GIRLS & BOYS

- U-14.....Under 14 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 9:00
- U-13.....Under 13 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 9:00
- U-12.....Under 12 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 10:30
- U-11.....Under 11 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 10:30
- U-10.....Under 10 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 12:30
- U-9.....Under 9 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 12:30

PLAYERS MUST BRING:

- 1) Soccer ball, cleats, shin guards
- 2) 1" Photo
- 3) COPY of birth certificate, new players only
- 4) Insurance and Physician information
- 5) Payments are accepted.

PARENT TO BE PRESENT FOR ENTIRE TRY OUT - APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS
MAKE UP DATE: Tuesday, June 22, 2004 • 6:30 p.m.
SAME LOCATION

LASSOs goal is to provide a competitive club environment where dedicated players can develop their potential, and receive quality instruction in an atmosphere of fun as their commitment to the sport of soccer grows.

LOWELL AREA SELECT SOCCER ORGANIZATION
P.O. Box 360, Lowell, MI Julie Cone, President
www.lassosoccer.org www.InTheLead@aol.com

Salon, Inc.

Would Like To Welcome TONYA & TANESHA To Our Salon

Call Today To Make An Appointment 897-1700

School staff members look to new interests in retirement

By Dan Schneider

Four Lowell Area Schools staff members are retiring this year after many years with the district. Guidance counselor and

"There was a job here, it was my first counseling job and I liked it, and then my husband got a job here two years later," Blodgett said. After a year of teaching

kids and knew that my real passion was one-to-one kind of work," she said.

She came to Lowell in 1975 and has been a counselor ever since. For 18 years she was also the eighth-grade drama teacher. She put on four plays every school year until three years ago when she shifted her focus back to

storing antique paintings, frames and sculptures.

Jack Misner spent 18 years at Lowell Middle School. He came to this area from Grand Rapids Public Schools, having worked a total of 29 years in education.

His first years at Lowell were spent as a middle school band instructor. He would see

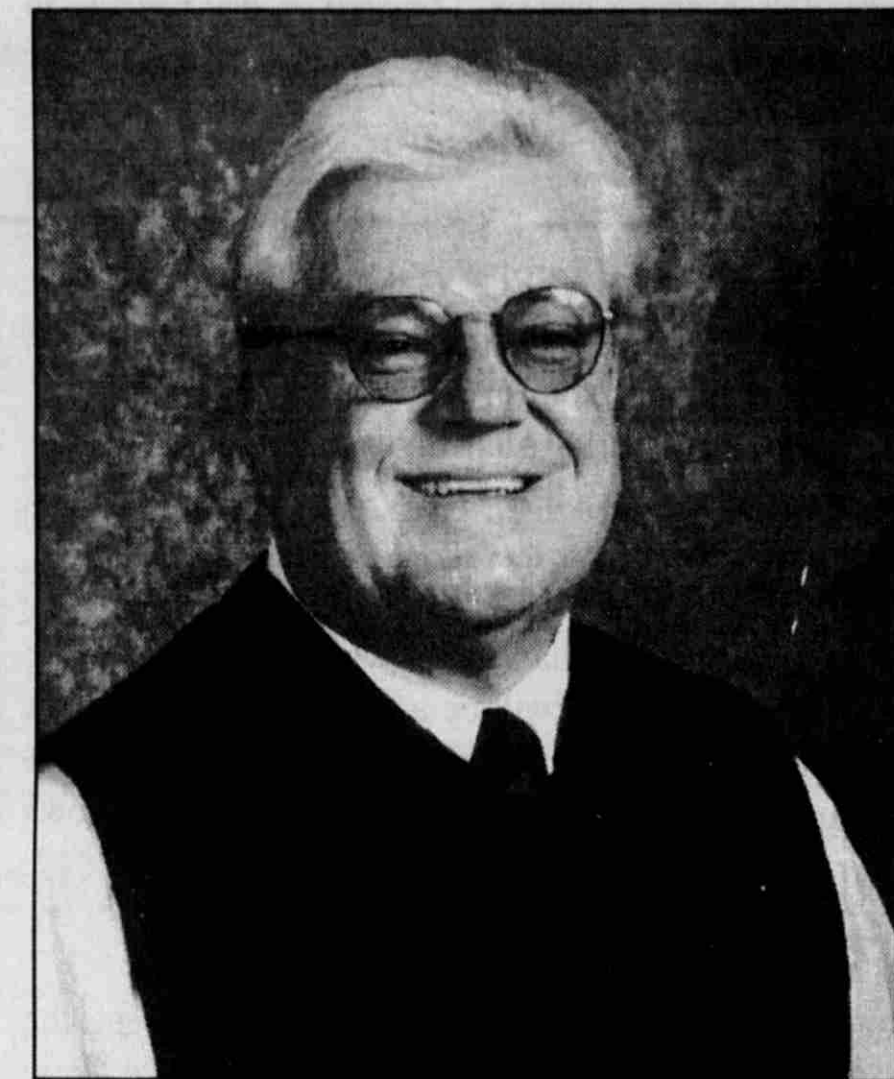


Cheryl Blodgett

longtime eighth-grade drama teacher Cheryl Blodgett spent 29 of her 30 years in education at Lowell Middle School.

art class in Oregon. Blodgett decided to get into counseling.

"When I taught art I found myself focused on individual



Jack Misner

counseling exclusively.

In her years at the middle school, Blodgett started peer mediation groups, helped start eighth grade career days, "living consciously" groups to help kids learn more self-awareness, and was advisor for the diversity council for a number of years.

Now that she's retired, Blodgett will devote more time to a business she started called CJB art restoration, re-

450 musicians per day between the band classes and two choirs he taught. He helped Bob Rice increase the size of the bands and generally increase enthusiasm for music at the middle school.

After nine years of teaching band, Misner switched to social studies.

"I've been very fortunate to teach the two great loves of my life—music and social studies," Misner said. "Not everyone gets to go to work and enjoy it every day."

As a band instructor, Misner had taken groups eighth-grade band students on trips to Boblo Island and, when it closed, to Chicago. He continued the tradition when he became a history teacher, immediately founding and acting as advisor to the Benjamin Morse Society. The group took a trip every year to a historically significant site in the U.S. after extensively studying the history that went on there. These included Lincoln sites, Gettysburg and Independence, Missouri.

Now that he has retired, he plans to lead historical excursions for adults. The first of these will be this summer—a 12-week trip exploring the first year of the Lewis and Clark expedition along the Missouri River.

He will also get more involved in his music. He will play the national anthem on the trumpet at this Friday's Whitecaps game. He recently played before a Detroit Tigers game. Having played



Marcia Ebling

several times before Griffins' games, he will audition to play for a Red Wings' game.

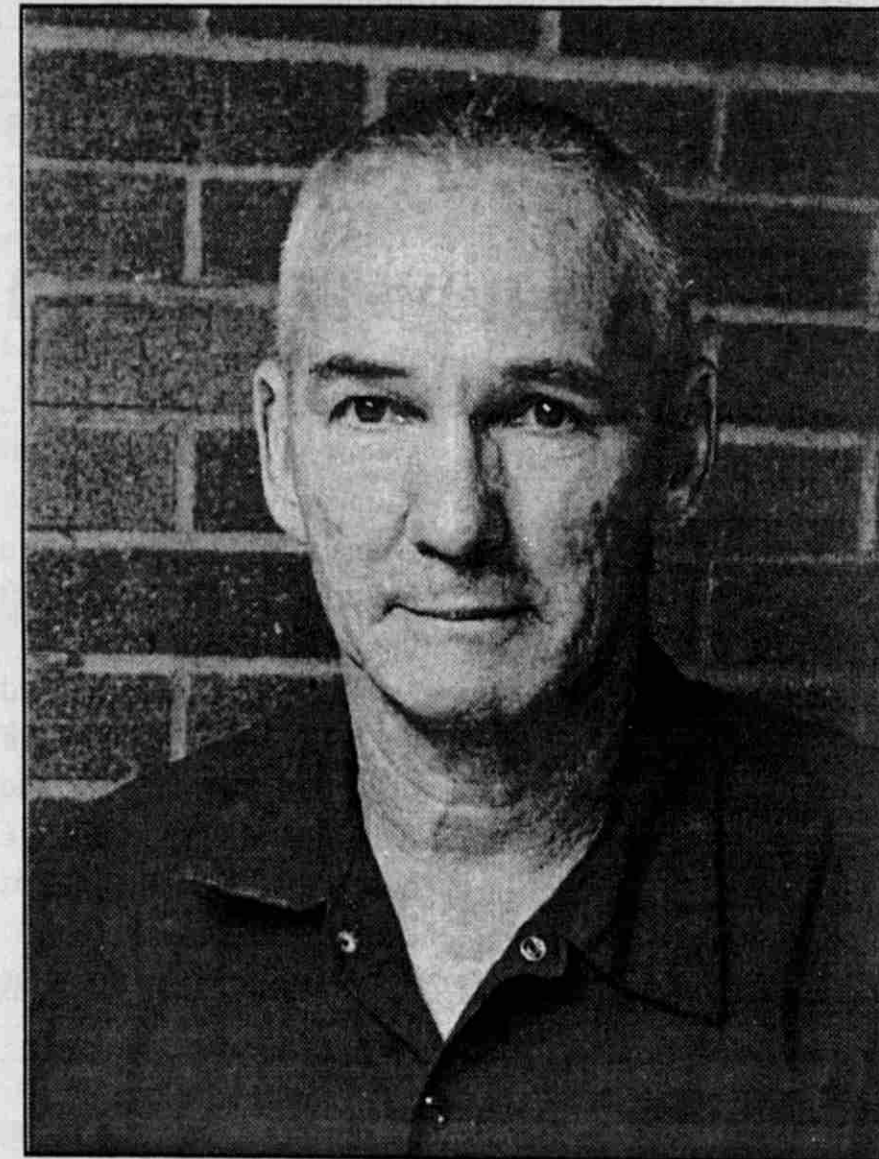
Marcia Ebling has been the administrative assistant to various assistant principals at Lowell High School for 24 years.

She started when her youngest daughter began first grade.

ing.

Jim Zywicki is retiring from his custodial position at Bushnell Elementary. He's been a custodian with Lowell schools for 10 years.

He started working for Lowell Schools part time as a food van driver. He took the job after 29 years working for a brassworks.



Jim Zywicki

"I just wanted to work with the school because I had children," Ebling said. "Even though mine were babies, I started at the high school because that's where they had a position open."

She'd done office work previously at Amway and Steelcase.

Her work at the high school dealt mostly with attendance. She kept track of student numbers and had everything filed for state audits of the student population.

Now that she's retired, she intends to spend more time with her family. She also plans to devote more time to tennis, volleyball and bowl-

"I was working in the shop and they kept selling out and the wages kept going down," Zywicki said. "I talked to Larry Mikulski and he said they were going to have an opening when the high school opened and that's when they hired me."

He drove the food van full time for two years before starting the custodial job. He worked his last three years at Bushnell.

Now that he's retired, Zywicki plans to spend more time with his three grandchildren. He builds wooden toys for them—trucks and cars, etc. He also intends to devote more time to fishing.

School board gives union extra month on insurance negotiations

By Dan Schneider

The next month could prove pivotal in contract talks between the Lowell Area Schools board of education and the teachers and support staff unions.

Last Wednesday, members of the Lowell Education Association and the Lowell Education Support Staff Association voted on a measure that raises the stakes in the negotiations.

"We had a membership meeting and we called for a strike authorization vote," LEA president Doranne Truax said. "What we did was authorize the bargaining team to call a strike if they think it's needed."

At Monday's school board meeting, the board proposed a resolution to declare an impasse in contract bargaining related to insurance benefits. The resolution would remove the major source of disagreement from consideration in the contract talks.

With an impasse in place, the union would be forced to accept the board's last insurance proposal. It stated the district would pay \$890 per

month for insurance for the '03-'04 school year. In the '04-'05 school year, the board and employees would each accept half of the burden of any insurance rate increase.

The impasse proposal failed by a 4-3 vote after a last-minute appeal by board trustee Mark Blanding.

"I ask each of you here, the board members, to consider this carefully . . . to put this off for one month and to seek for real negotiations," Blanding said. "I'm not saying something doesn't have to be done, I'm saying we haven't tried hard enough to find a more amicable solution."

It was Blanding's last school board meeting after eight years on the board.

"I don't believe that there has really been negotiations," he said. "I believe that both parties here . . . have been seeking win-lose and when both parties seek win-lose, that equation results in lose-lose."

The impasse proposal had been added to the agenda the night of the school board meeting. But board secretary Pat Nugent said the board had discussed it earlier and it was not

a conclusion arrived at quickly.

"If this resolution is passed tonight, its not at all . . . where we intended to go when we set off on this path of negotiations," he said. "We are looking specifically at our future, at some way of cost control and cost containment for the future."

Board treasurer Jim Reagan attempted to withdraw his motion to accept the proposal. The board deliberated about how to proceed. Amending the proposal to allow a month of further negotiations was suggested. So was tabling the proposal until the next meeting. These were dismissed as improper protocol and the board determined that if the proposal was to be delayed a month, it had to be voted down by roll call vote. This kept alive the possibility of re-introducing the proposal at next month's board meeting.

Monday's roll-call on the proposal went as follows:

Peter Haefner - yes; Reagan - no; Mark Lessens - no; board president Nancy Hopkins - yes; Blanding - no;

Kate Dernocoeur - no; Nugent - yes.

Had the proposal passed, it would have been the second time in the negotiations the board declared an impasse on a particular issue. In March, the district declared an impasse on the topic of middle school planning time in order to implement a pilot program for reading in the middle school. An impasse on the issue of insurance would have left little on the bargaining table for the unions.

"Why would you bargain

(without considering insurance)?" Truax asked. "There's no reason to."

Lowell's Michigan Education Association Uniserv director Willie Suber said the district was not in an impasse situation.

"An impasse can only be declared when the two parties have sat down and negotiated as far as they can," Suber said. "On both of these we had significant room for movement and they have not done that."

The next contract nego-

tiation session is scheduled for June 28.

"That's too much time to go away," Reagan said. "With what we did tonight, voting down the impasse, I'd like to have a couple more meetings between."

Hopkins urged a fresh start in the negotiations.

"We all need to let go of harsh feelings, negative opinions," she said. "We all must sit down and come to a conclusion that is acceptable to both sides."

Unity High 2004 graduates

An Honors Reception was held on Saturday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. for Unity High School graduates. Marlene Heemstra, principal, gave the welcome and introduction. Presentations were awarded and refreshments followed the ceremony.

Graduates include:

- Mathew Abel • Felicia Bailiff • Amber Bayles
- Dennis Bruinekool • Rebecca Bruinekool
- Monique Colon • Brian Cooper • Sean Gannon
- Mallarie Hiaeshutter • Elizabeth Maitner • Jessica Miller
- Oliver Nelmark • Christopher Parker • Kendra Plotner
- Joshua Porter • Elizabeth Raymor • Nicole Ryan
- Laura Sheppard • Crystal Spino • Nicholas Stout
- Nicole Sweeney • David VanGessel • Rachael Vegter
- Randal Wade • Samantha Winglar
- Christopher Witherell • Keely Wolf
- Amanda Yakes • Carrie Zoulek

Characters In Action



Cherry Creek Elementary students were nominated by staff members for the Character in Action award for putting Lowell's character traits into action. Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Tyler Roth, Jon Dixon, Jennifer Hartley, Taylor Flanagan (Meijer winner), Robert Becker, Sarah Boeskey and Jordan Ervin-Wakefield; front row are: Stephanie Kline, Haley Talcott, Kyle Bowers, Marc VandenBerg, Kaeziah Bladey and Brittney Heikkila. Flanagan, who received Cherry Creek's Meijer Dignity & Respect Award, was nominated by several classmates for showing dignity and respect to fellow students.

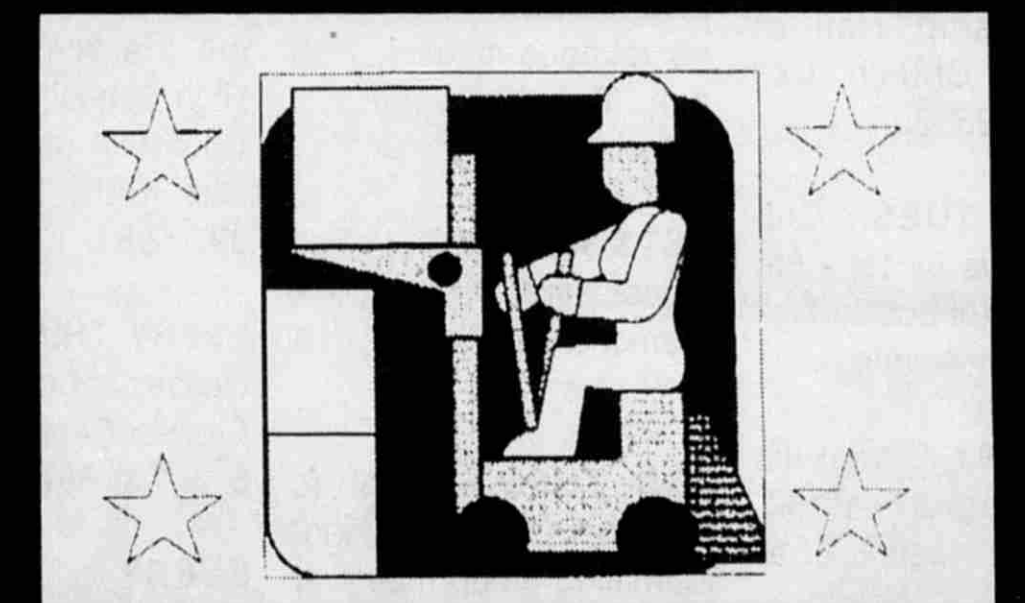
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the many parents, teachers, volunteers, and community personnel who helped make our third annual Aerospace Technology Day at Cherry Creek Elementary School a tremendous success. We extend a special thank you to:

- Lowell Police Department
- Kent County Sheriff Department
- Al Eckman and his security staff
- Alticor • Kent County Road Commission
- Civil Air Patrol • Sheri Milstead and parent volunteers
- Lowell Airport School of Missionary Aviation Technology
- Maureen Kissinger • Beth Ball • Renay Bouwhuis
- Maureen Dorough • Brent Noskey • B C Pizza
- Faro's Pizza • Flat River Grill • Pizza Hut • McDonald's

Sincerely,
Joseph Audia, Linda DeCator, Jim Kovach, Mary Beth Reed, Carol Mandle, Amy Pike, Aerospace Committee, Jean Seman, Becky Culter, Maureen Kissinger, Sheri Milstead

FORKLIFT OPERATORS



MANPOWER

505D W. MAIN • LOWELL

Requires previous forklift experience

Clean driving record

Basic math skills

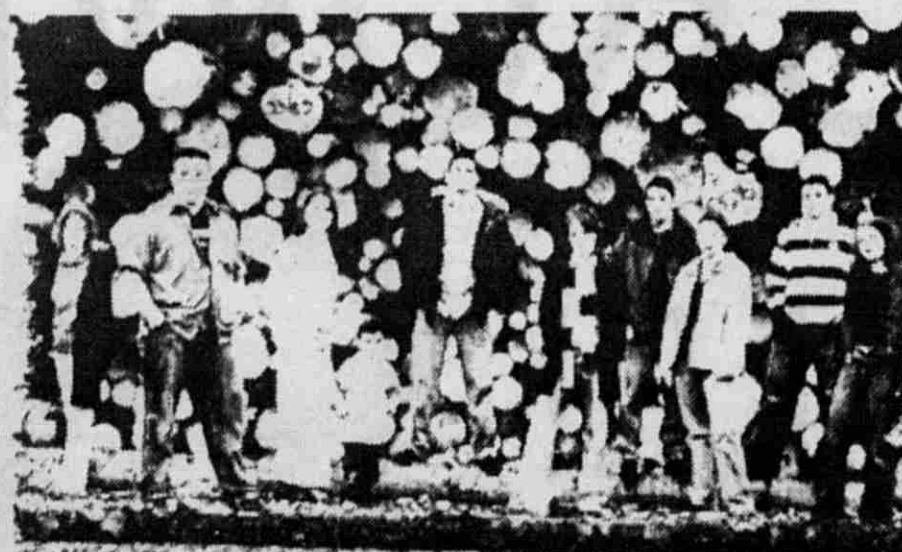
Must have high school diploma/GED

GREAT PAY.....\$10⁰⁰ hr.

PLEASE CALL MANPOWER TODAY...

616-897-0050 OR STOP IN

The Verge



The Verge Is A Relevant Ministry Designed To Reconnect Parents And Their Students Through Speaking, Drama, Multimedia And Interactive Sessions

Location: Lowell High School Auditorium

Dates: June 20th - 22th

Times: Sunday 5 pm, Monday 7 pm, Tues. 7 pm

Cost: \$15/person

For More Information Call: 897-0333

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

SUNDAYS: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

EVERY MON.: LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

EVERY MON.: Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

3RD MON.: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meeting at Historical Museum, 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

MON. CR TUES.: Cub Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 10th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society meets in O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

...because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. meeting & program. Olga, 975-9977.

EVERY TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at the LAAC from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time; Anyone is welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

2ND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

3RD TUES.: Saranac Scrapbers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

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

EVERY WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 years. Call 897-8800.

EVERY WED.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry 754-7104. Public welcome.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting at 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at 4-H Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Call Dorothy 897-9794.

EVERY THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For information call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting 7:30 p.m. - ? All members in good standing are invited.

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Call Kathy Maatman at 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

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.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. at Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus Multipurpose Rm. 750 Fuller Ave. NE.

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

EVERY WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

Saranac Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Parenting issues, educational topics. Call 642-6466 for information.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, share supplies. Dawn 862-8841.

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

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300.

3RD THURS.: Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at The 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Many educational topics related to parenting and parenting issues are discussed. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more information.

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club, Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

EVERY FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN-Tues., Sat./Sun.: 1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members: free.

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

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Thurs.: 12-7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. For information call 897-8565.

THURS., JUNE 17: Grand Rapids Area Scrabble Club Round-

robin game day at Englehardt Library, 10-3 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Call Jan at 897-5759 for more information.

SAT., JUNE 19 & SUN., JUNE 20: Grand Valley American Indian Lodge presents Buffalo Pow Wow at Lowell Fairgrounds. Free camping, free admission and parking. Call 364-4697 with questions.

JUNE 21-24: Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, Xtreme Bible Adventures, 7-8:30 p.m., ages 3-6th grade. Call 868-7292 or 897-8239 for info. or transportation.

TUES., JUNE 22: Lowell Showboat Garden Club will visit Frederik Meijer Garden at 7 p.m. Meet at Church of the Nazarene for car pooling at 6:20 or call 897-2533 for more information.

SAT., JULY 10: Riverwalk Festival/Health Fair. Looking for vendors; booth space \$25. Call 340-7781.

START A SUBSCRIPTION TODAY!
We can take care of it right over the phone - place it on your credit card & receive your first issue the following Wednesday in the mail!

The Lowell Ledger

105 N. Broadway • PO Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331
Ph. 616-897-9261 • Fax 616-897-4809
email address - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

897-5949

MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JUNE 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council.

WED., JUNE 23: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast Bob Evans.

THURS., JUNE 17: 8:30 a.m. Trufant Flea Market; 11 a.m. Sheri From Metro Hospital.

THURS., JUNE 24: 4:30 p.m. Dinner Chinese Restaurant in Ionia.

FRI., JUNE 18: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

FRI., JUNE 25: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JUNE 21: 12 p.m. Soup/Salad For Lunch.

TUES., JUNE 29: 12:45 p.m. Shop Michael's Craft Store.

TUES., JUNE 22: 12:45 p.m. Shop Downtown Holland.

WED., JUNE 30: 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

Financial Focus

Edward Jones

Serving Individual Investors Since 1871

With Christopher C. Godbold



AFTER THE WEDDING COME THE TAX RETURNS

June is a popular month for weddings. If you and your spouse are newlyweds, you're excited about your new life together - so it may not seem like much fun to think of something as mundane as taxes. Nonetheless, it's a good idea to do just that--because your new legal status brings with it some tax-related issues and opportunities.

The Filing Status Question

When you file your taxes, you'll need to select a filing status - joint or married filing separately. Which should you choose?

Most couples do better by filing jointly - but not always. For example, filing separately could make sense if one of you has a lot of medical bills. You can only deduct medical

expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of your gross adjusted income, so, if you file jointly, your larger combined income could negate your ability to claim these medical costs. But if you file separately, the spouse with the doctor bills may be able to deduct them.

You also may want to file separately if it's a second marriage for you or your spouse and you want to protect assets for children from a first marriage. You may want to contact your attorney to discuss possible changes to your will or living trust.

However, under most circumstances, you'll probably be better off by filing jointly. If you file separately, you may miss out on various federal tax breaks, including college education tax credits, college loan interest write-offs and the child and dependent care tax credit.

You may want to review your W-4 forms and withholding exemptions. If you file separately, you may owe more tax; consequently, you may want to increase your withholding accordingly. If you're filing a joint return, review your exemptions to determine if they should be changed.

Name Changes, Retirement Plans and Debts

Your decision on a tax filing status is not the only issue you'll face as a newlywed. Consider these items:

Name Change - If you or your spouse plan to change your name, contact the Social Security Administration to make sure your identification number reflects your new

identity. If you don't take this step, and you and your spouse file a joint return using the new name, the IRS won't be able to match the name with the Social Security number. This could lead to delayed returns and disallowed deductions.

Retirement Plans - You and your new spouse may want to go over your existing tax-advantaged retirement plans - 401(k)s, IRAs, etc.--to ensure you're putting away the most money possible. By "maxing out" on these plans, you may be able to improve your tax picture--and build valuable resources for retirement.

Debts - Your debts, and those of your new spouse, are now of concern to both of you. And it's not just a matter of one of you "inheriting" these debts should something happen to the other--although that may certainly be true. By going over your student loans, car loans, credit cards, etc., you may be able to develop a strategy to reduce your overall debt load.

Get Help ... and Keep Talking

Beyond taking steps that have tax or legal implications, contact your tax adviser or legal professional. And, just as importantly, discuss all key financial issues with your spouse. Remember, open communication is the key - so keep talking.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVERTISE
IN THE
LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY
As Low as **\$750** PER WEEK
Call **897-9261**

AT YOUR SERVICE

Thomet

Chevrolet BUICK

SERVICE HOURS: M, T, TH & FR • 8-5; WED • 8-8
Phone 897-9294

KIRK COLLINS
Owner

Showboat

AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.

1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI
(616) 897-9231
HOURS: MON - FR 8-7; SAT 8-5:30; SUN 9-3

Buy life insurance and save on your home and car.

When you buy your life insurance from us through Auto-Owners Insurance, you'll receive special discounts on your home, mobile home or car insurance. We'll save you money. As an independent Auto-Owners agent, we take great interest in you - as well as your home and car. We are specialists in insuring people and the things they own.

See a Specialist and See Results!

897-4999

DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC

835 W. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331
897-9259
(800)804-3322

Dale Triplett

STOP SUFFERING!

We Successfully Treat:

- Whiplash
- Neck Pain
- All Headaches
- Auto Injuries
- Back Pain
- Numb Hands/Arms
- Sports Injuries
- Work Injuries

See a Specialist and See Results!

897-4999

DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC

Dr. Anthony Trombly

Rich's Service Co.

In-Home Appliance Repair

INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS
GARBAGE DISPOSALS • STOVES

209 E. Main St. **RICH CURTIS**
Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686

Jay C. Hobbs

1375 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-0563
FAX: 616-897-2773

New Installations, Spring Activations, Mid Summer Inspections, Winterizations, Repairs And Trouble-Shooting For Residential And Commercial Underground Irrigation Systems.

Call the Station for Irrigation!

REGAL INSURANCE AGENCY

835 W. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331
897-9259
(800)804-3322

Dale Triplett

BILL WHEELER

Certified Public Accountant

W.J. WHEELER MICHIGAN
103 Riverside Dr. Lowell, Michigan 49331
616-897-7711

Your "Close to Home" Rehab Center

The Laurels of Kent Comprehensive Rehab Programs Include:
• Post hip fracture rehab • Stroke Rehab • Balance Training • Home Reentry Program

How can you stay closer to your family, friends and home when needing inpatient rehabilitation care or transitional care between hospital and home? State to your doctor or hospital personnel that your first choice is to be closer to home. Choose The Laurels in Lowell.

LAURELS OF KENT

350 N. Center • Lowell, MI 49331
Call us at 897-8473
for information on how Medicare can cover your rehab stay.

PREVIEW PROPERTIES.COM

CALL **JERRY HALE**

897-0229
or 1-800-515-7763

JERRY IS A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL WHO WILL SERVE ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS.

JB HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY

COMPETITIVE HOME RATES

Daniel Ulrich

Judy Harrison

Since 1885 Hastings Mutual Insurance Company Hastings, Michigan www.hastingsmutual.com

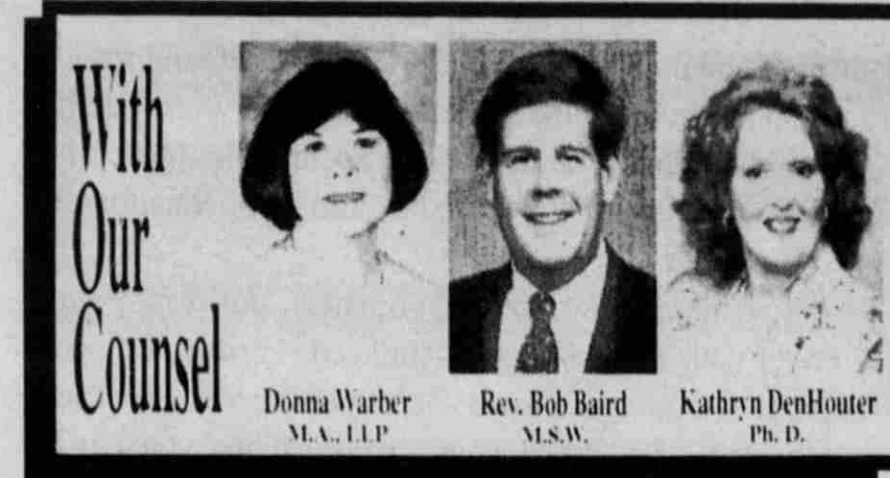
6661Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

RE/MAX SunQuest

Peter Smith, Realtor

Call For Immediate, Professional, Committed Service

(616) 949-6980 Ext. 27 • (800) 800-3915 Ext. 27
(616) 460-6634 Cell
www.realtypetersmith.com



With Our Counsel

So far, we have discussed two "pillars" of self-esteem: 1.) living consciously, and 2.) self-acceptance. This week, we will focus on self-responsibility.

Self-responsibility has to do with the measure of control that we take in our day to day life. This is when one realizes

that no one "owes" them their life's dreams. Feeling entitled simply does not materialize our achievements. This is something for which we are responsible. When we take on this responsibility, we improve our level of self-esteem. When we become responsible for ourselves, we judge ourselves less harshly which then raises our self-esteem.

We grow significantly when we realize we are responsible for our own accomplishment, our choices and our behaviors, our actions with other people, how we prioritize our time, the quality of our communications, values by which we live and, most of all, we are responsible for our own personal happiness.

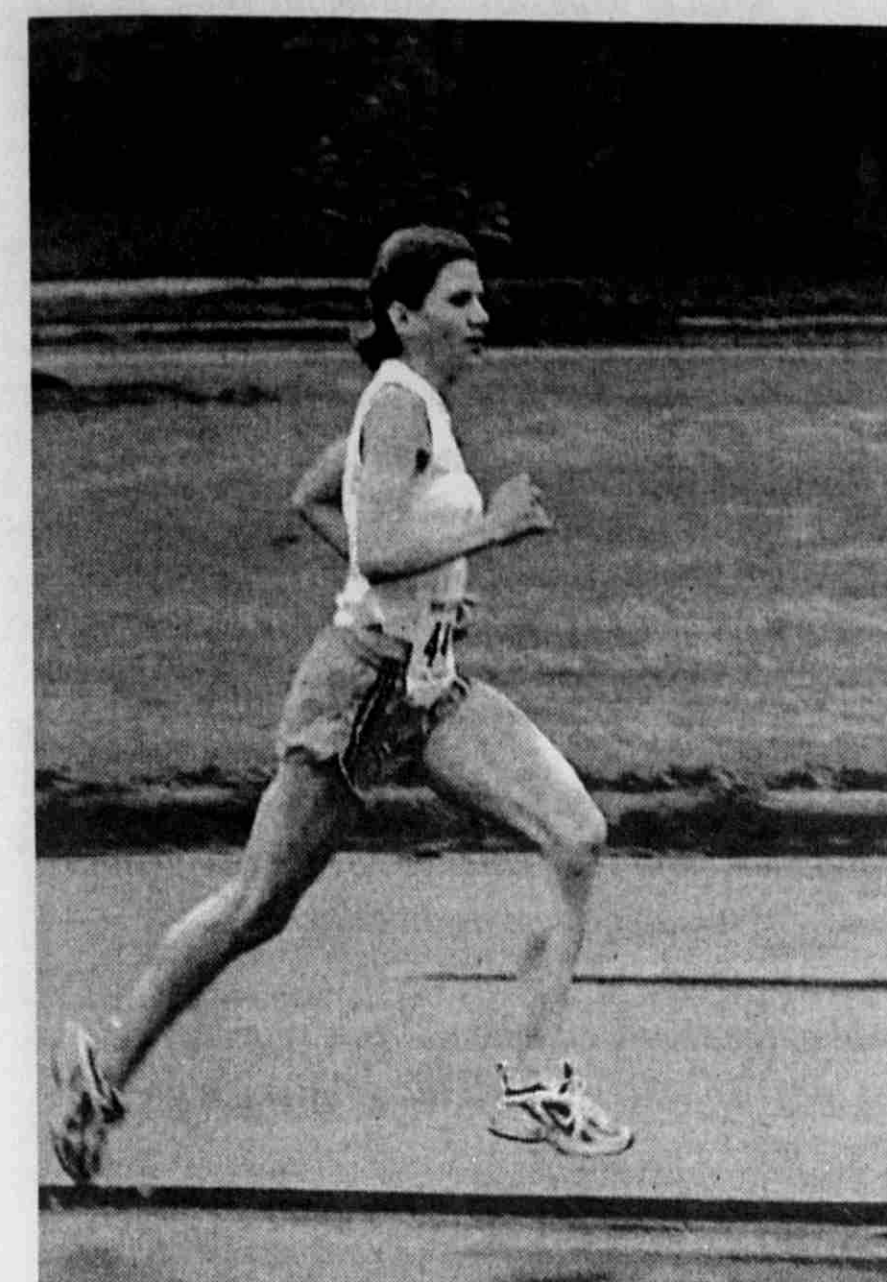
To place the burden of our life on others is to create an unhealthy dependency and blaming of another person when our life turns out badly. This ultimately creates a sense of helplessness, passivity and, finally, depression. To quote

Nathaniel Branden, "Self-esteem is not a gift that I receive from someone else. It is generated from within." In other words, it is taking responsibility for one's life. Once this is understood, it is very empowering since we then have made a decision to actively honor the gifts we were given by using them.

Passivity or lack of personal control over our gift causes us to betray or deny our gifts. Once this betrayal or denial happens, our self-esteem becomes very low. When a person is passive and waits for another person to make them feel better, high self-esteem is not possible since the responsibility is given to someone else.

Self-responsibility is the third and very important pillar of self-esteem. Above all, it is important to remember that, "taking responsibility for my own happiness is empowering. It places my life back in my own hands," said Branden.

Cherry Creek Classic 5K celebrates 10th year



Judith Larson, the top female finisher, sprints down the line in Saturday's 5K run.

By Dan Schneider

The rain cleared last Saturday morning, giving way to excellent running weather for the Cherry Creek Classic 5K race. It was the 10th year of the event.

Steve Peabody, of Belding, won the men's division and the overall race with a time of 18:29.2.

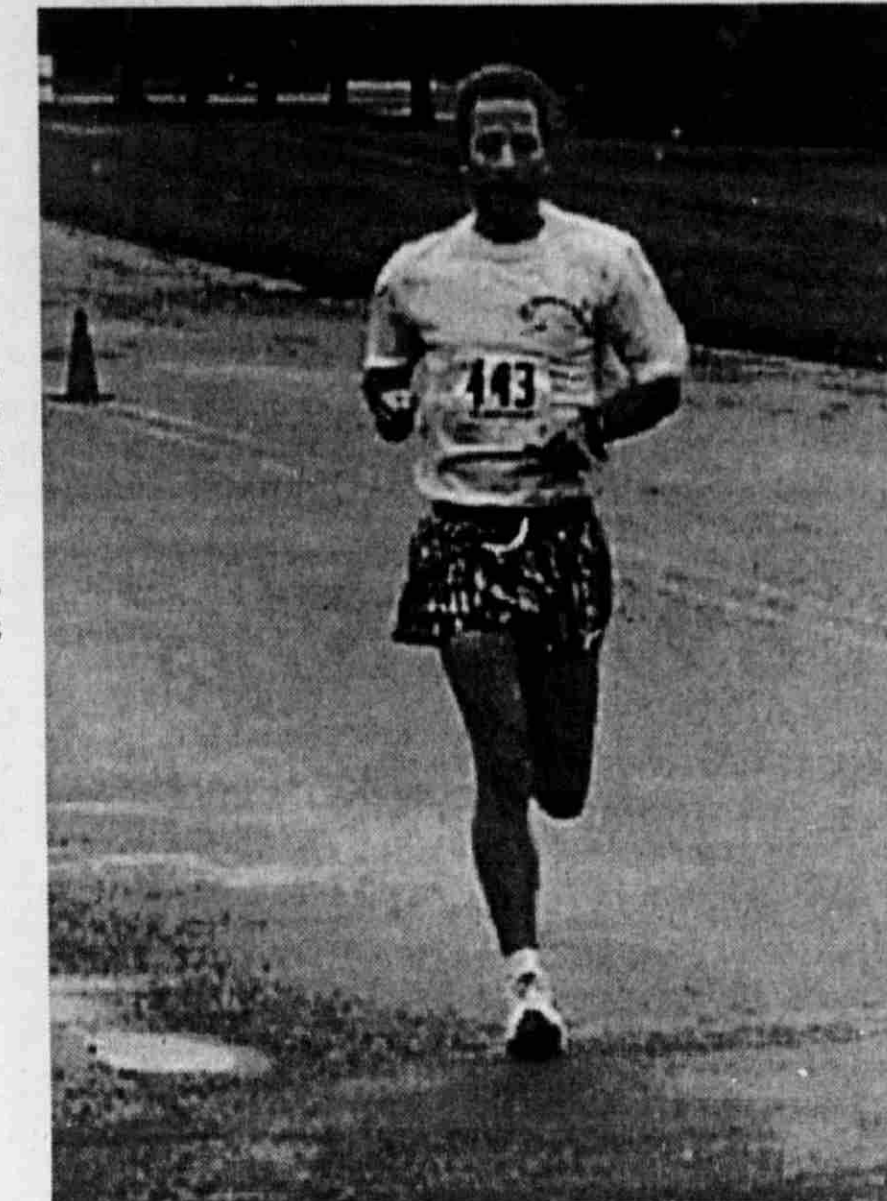
"I like coming down to this race. I've been here every year," Peabody said. "I won the first one and I won this

one, so I guess every 10 years."

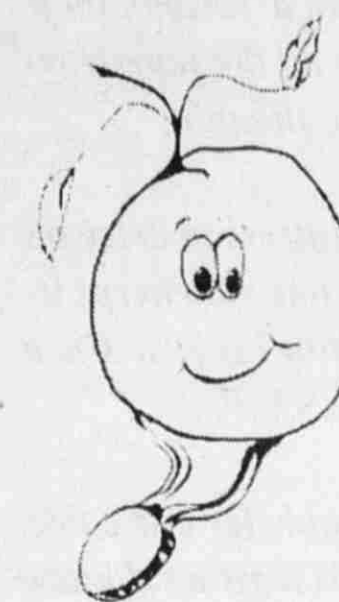
Judith Larson, of Grand Rapids, won the women's division with a time of 20:17.2.

"The weather conditions are great; it's a hard hill," she said, referring to the long climb up Foreman Road early in the race.

There were 105 runners and 15 walkers in this year's Cherry Creek Classic.



Steve Peabody crosses the railroad tracks on Foreman on his way to winning the Cherry Creek Classic 5K.



Look for complete results in next week's Ledger.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVERTISE
IN THE
LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY
As Low as **\$750**
PER WEEK
Call 897-9261

Resignations, budget cuts announced at school board meeting

By Dan Schneider

Monday's meeting revealed further evidence of the toll the contract struggle is taking on the school system.

Two teachers announced their resignations over the contentious atmosphere created by the contract negotiations. They were Agri-Science teacher and FFA advisor John Schut, who will take a job at Caledonia schools in the fall, and special education teacher Lynn Rocca.

The board passed a bud-

get resolution that reflects the district's struggles with limited funding. The budget, totaling just over \$31 million, includes \$1.3 million in cuts.

Cuts included reducing paraprofessionals' hours from six to 5 3/4 per day. This would put them below the full-time employee threshold, allowing the district to eliminate their health and long-term disability benefits.

The measure would save the district about \$125,000 as

it confronts few options for making cuts.

"We're down to a point where this was one of the cuts we had left," said Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel.

Gillette said it did not make sense for the district to pay \$13,000 annually in benefits to employees who were

making \$20,000 a year. The paraprofessionals will retain their dental, vision and life insurance.

The district approved the lay-off of two part-time middle school teachers—Brianna Daye and Kathryn Hawk. The teachers had been hired to reduce class sizes for '03-'04's record-sized eighth grade class.

The budget included a reduction in middle school planning time. Part of a pilot program to use computers to augment reading instruction, the reduction will save the dis-

trict an estimated \$300,000. The district anticipates a savings of \$100,000 through the new walk zones and clustered bus stops.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Greenridge Realty announced that Ann Wittenbach received Realtor of the Month in April.

This award recognizes Ann for her outstanding success and achievements.



Ann Wittenbach

DEFINITELY A NICE PLACE TO LIVE

Nicely redecorated apartments, on site manager & maintenance, small pets welcome, senior discounts, short term leases available, peaceful living in our 1 & 2 bedroom units.

Call: Patti & Nick - 616-897-0099
(You are important to us)

CENTER COURT APARTMENTS
219 N. Center - Apt. A - Lowell, MI 49331

PEBBLE BEACH APARTMENTS

1102 - 1116 Bowes Road
Lowell, MI 49331
Call Penny (616) 897-6880

\$995⁰⁰

Move In Special
13 Month Lease
Includes: Security Deposit, Cleaning Fee (Non Refundable), 1st Month's Rent

PASSPORT TO PARADISE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ages: 4 years old - 6th grade
When: June 21 - 25, 2004
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Where: First Baptist Church of Lowell

Name: _____
Grade: _____ (as of 2003-2004 school year)
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone number: _____

To pre-register for Vacation Bible School, please fill out the following information and mail to FBC Lowell, 2275 West Main, Lowell 49331 or e-mail the information to lowellfbc@serv.net

RASCH BROS. MARKET STRAWBERRIES ARE HERE! OPEN 9-6 MARKET NUMBER 897-8212 PLEASE CALL FOR AVAILABILITY Corner of Lincoln Lake & 4 Mile

Noon Tire

STEVE NOON
11930 E. Fulton (M-21)
Lowell, MI 49331
Dealing In Most Brands
(616) 897-5925

Durkee Lumber, Inc.

Lumber and Building Materials
868-6026
6071 Depot St.
Alto, MI

24 Hour Towing & Road Service

Flat Bed Service
Jump Starts
Lock Outs
Tire Changes

Lincoln Lake Auto's
Cell #446-5909

bryant
Heating & Cooling Systems Since 1904

Arctic, Inc.
HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING
1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331
897-4123
www.heatingcoolingonline.com
Licensed & Insured

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC
ATTORNEYS

John T. Sperla
Mark A. Kehoe
Ross A. Leisman

Benjamin A. Zainea
Heidi A. Lyon
Daniel J. Parmeter, Jr.

307-A E. Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331
(616) 897-3111 www.mmbjlaw.com

AUTO INJURY? WHIPLASH? Do You Need PAIN RELIEF?

Free 1/2 Hour MASSAGE!
• Doctor Supervised • Certified Therapist
• Relieves Tight Muscles • Speeds Healing
897-4999

Dr. Steve Brown
DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC

MARY KAY.

Lisa M. Brown
Independent Beauty Consultant
13451 Burroughs Street N.E.
Lowell, MI 49331
616.813.7769
616.897.1711
lisambrown@marykay.com
www.marykay.com/lisambrown

STORMZAND ASPHALT MAINTENANCE

Seal Coating with Sand
Hot Rubber Crack Repair
Cut & Replace Patching
Paving • Striping
Parking Lots & Driveways
Licensed & Insured
Serving West Michigan Since 1989
(616) 897-9872 **Free Estimates**

CUMBERLAND Retirement Village

A Leisure Living Managed Community
www.leisure-living.com

11535 E. Fulton • Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-8413 • Fax 616-897-7839
e-mail: cmbld@leisure-living.com

BASIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

HERBERT PETT
Telecommunications Consultant

Phone 616-897-2045
NexTel 616-262-6102
Fax 616-647-4001
Email: hpett@basiccom.com

Need help turning your stuff into cash? I can help you do it on eBay!

Trading Assistants
Members Helping Others

Jim D'Haem
ebay id: sellRstuff2
www.sellRstuff.com
AN ONLINE CONSIGNMENT SHOP
616-485-8721

Curtis Accounting & Tax Services

209 E. Main St. - Suite A, Lowell, MI
Complete accounting, payroll and tax services
(616) 897-4120 • (616) 262-4873

The GARAGE of Lowell

"Complete Automotive Service"
★ 897-9269 ★

Service With A Smile
2400 W. MAIN STREET • LOWELL, MI 49331
616-897-9269
fax 616-897-9819

FIVE STAR SERVICE

CHUCK LUPTON
Realtor® Mortgage Services
(616) 617-1862

2305 E. PARIS AVE. S.E. SUITE 202
★ GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546
★ E-MAIL: lupton@grar.com

Great Rates! Great Results!

TO ADVERTISE! 897-9261

AN AD THIS SIZE ONLY

\$15⁰⁰ PER WEEK!

Inside The Lowell Ledger

Want to tell us how you feel?
Got a Pet Peeve To Get off Your Chest?
Did someone do the RIGHT thing for a change!

Sound Off

The Ledger
(Almost) Anything Goes
Opinion Forum

897-0787 or
www.lowellbuyersguide.com

Thank you to the Freshman Center staff and students for a great end of the year picnic. Also, thanks to Kent Quality Foods for donating all the hot dogs for the event!

I think it's horrible that a person would put other peoples lives in danger! Don't smoke at a gas station!

The corner of Main and S. Center is a dangerous intersection. When vehicles are parked to close too the road at the dealership you can't see to turn in either direction.

Murray Lake Elementary is a new school - it needs a sign. The high school has a sign on Alden Nash. Get a grip!

Would someone from the city please have the house at the corner of S. Jackson & E. Main trim the tree in their front yard before there is an accident?

As a parent I think the 8th grade dance should have had a simple theme. This is way over the top for the age of these kids.

School Board, whose idea is it to change the band program? Did you do this to make the teacher mad? I'm not a teacher and I'm mad as Hell!!! See you at the next meeting.

I have a pet peeve. You call someone and get the answering machine with a sermon on it and then in public they use all the four-letter words and give it no thought.

He is the only one who volunteers to drive the R.S.V.P. van and the only one who keeps it clean and maintains it. I know because I'm a member of the R.S.V.P.

Why can't we get a cable guide for our cable system that we could buy? At least we'd know what was going to be on.

Please stop tossing cigarette butts out the car windows. This is littering. It's very rude when you hit the car next to or behind you. You can get a ticket for this.

It is totally disgusting that a person would stand up for their horrible taste. Kids don't need that kind of exposure. Shame on you.

If you want KFC, go to Ionia; for good chicken go to Wolf Doggies or Keiser's. Support Lowell business.

Why did the school board change the band program that has worked so well for years if it doesn't save any money???

Granted he was one of our ex-Presidents, but give me a break. I wonder what the tally is so far in this time of our booming economy?

Instead of more fast food restaurants, how about you cook your own chicken? It'll taste better and it's more healthy.

About the thong comment - You're right, I am a lady. So where are all the gentlemen gone?

The showboat looks good. Thank you to the volunteers.

I thought Schneider Manor was a place for seniors -not families. If they want their kids running around them leaving toys in the hallway, they should move to a family apartment.

Chicken, chicken, chicken, is that all you people think about is food?

City raises trash & yard waste prices; millage to remain the same

By J.Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Mayor Jeanne Shores summed up the city's 2004-2005 budget best saying the city "didn't have to raise taxes." In tough economic times, when many cities are forced to make drastic cuts to its budget to make it balance, the city of Lowell faces only a few fee increases in its garbage, wastewater, and water services. "I commend the staff for putting this all together," Shores said after the Monday night council meeting. "This is a tough year for everybody."

The council approved keeping the millage rate at 15.83 mills with an addition of .25 mills dedicated to the Lowell Area Historical Museum. This will give the city

about \$16.08 per \$1,000 taxable value. Currently the city's taxable value is about \$96,292,475, about forty million less than both Vergennes and Lowell townships.

Rate increases were approved for garbage bags, from 80 cents per bag to \$1, and for yard waste bags, from 35 cents to \$1. This move is expected to save the city about \$11,000 per year. The council has indicated this would help offset the city's cost in recycling, approximately \$24,131.52 for about 700 bins.

Also increased was the readiness to serve charges for both water and wastewater. This charge increased \$1 for both: wastewater increased to \$12.50 per household per month; water increased to

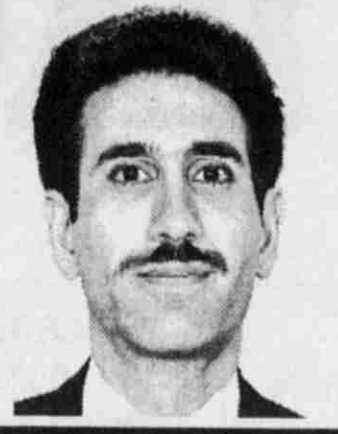
\$19.75 per household per month.

Councilman Jim Pfaller said in these tight economic times he would like to see the city pursue more partnerships with the townships to help offset costs, i.e., the library building maintenance, parks, and other services the city provides. Shores said she too would like to see that happen, especially with the parks since the city is pretty much covering the bill for upkeep.

Pfaller said the Parks and Recreation commission plans to look at that issue at its next meeting and asked that it be raised during the cooperative meeting between the townships and the city on fire services.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I have been asked by a family member to act as the successor trustee of her trust when she is no longer able to act due to disability or death. Before I accept, I would like to have an idea of what to expect my duties to be as trustee, as well as potential liabilities I might face as a result of my acting as trustee.

JONATHAN SAYS: A trustee is the person or entity in charge of managing property that is held in trust for the benefit of the beneficiary or beneficiaries. In general, a trustee is responsible for gathering assets, making certain that all taxes and debts have been paid, and distributing the assets according to the terms of the trust. In addition to those duties, the common law imposes certain duties on all trustees, which include, but are not limited to, duties of loyalty, ordinary skill and prudence, and prohibitions against self-dealing.

If you, as trustee, intentionally or negligently violate any duty you owe to the beneficiaries of the trust, you could be held personally liable for any damages incurred as a result of your violation of that duty. Some of those areas where you need to be careful so as to avoid incurring any liability include:

- Avoiding conflicts of interest, i.e., where your personal interests conflict with your fiduciary responsibilities to the beneficiaries of the trust.
- Making improper distributions, i.e., making distributions to the wrong parties or in the wrong amounts.
- Failing to pay debts or taxes that the trust is required to pay.
- If the trust owns real property that is in violation of state and/or federal environmental laws, you could be held personally liable.
- If you enter into a contract on behalf of the trust but do not disclose that you are acting as trustee, you could be held personally liable for the trust's obligations under that contract.

Please keep in mind that as a trustee, you are a fiduciary and you stand in a fiduciary relationship with the trust and with its beneficiaries. As such, as trustee, you have a duty to act for the benefit of the trust beneficiaries at all times.

In summary, acting as the trustee of a trust carries with it responsibilities that cannot be taken lightly. I encourage you to meet with an estate planning lawyer who can more specifically review with you what your responsibilities are when acting as the trustee, the potential liabilities you will face for your failure to act or act properly as trustee and how best you can protect yourself if you agree to act as trustee.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty.

—Abraham Lincoln



The River Rogues Jazz Band-June 24

The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature the River Rogues Jazz Band on Thursday, June 24.

This premier entertainment band plays from a list of song titles that cross several vistas of type and style. The band plays the hottest New Orleans jazz as well as the danceable ballads of yesterday's great composers. The combined talents of each member of the jazz band is sure to thrill audiences with an evening of swing and nostalgia.

Admission and parking are free for each concert held Thursdays through Aug. 19. The concert venue is wheelchair accessible, and handicap/senior parking is available. There is bleacher seating or room for your own folding chair. Concerts run from 7-9 p.m.

Want real security for your family? First you need life insurance.



MARK JOHNSON
6095-28th Street Ste. 4
Grand Rapids, MI
49546-940-8181


Making Your Future More Predictable

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

11610 East Fulton Street • Lowell, Michigan

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier



MOSQUITO REPELLENT AND CHILDREN

The combination of constant rain and warm weather has resulted in a large mosquito population this spring. The worry about West Nile Virus has many parents asking what is the best and safest mosquito repellent to use.

pellents vary in DEET concentration.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has commented on DEET use in children. It is not recommended for use on infants under two months of age. It should be applied sparingly to exposed skin, not under clothing. Do not use on the hands, or on cuts, or around the eyes or mouth. DEET concentrations from 10 to 30 percent appear to be safe for children. The effectiveness of DEET appears to maximize at 30 percent. The main difference in concentrations is the duration of protection. DEET at 10 percent is effective for two hours, 24 percent DEET lasts about five hours. There is no data regarding skin absorption of DEET in children as a function of age.

DEET should only be applied once per day. Do not use combination products such as sunscreen combined with DEET. This is because sunscreens need to be reapplied multiple times during the day.

Few things are harder to put up with than a good example.
—Mark Twain

COMPLETE MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

LOWELL MEDICAL SPECIALISTS, P.C.
1150 N. Hudson, Lowell - 897-8436

MARK EVENHOUSE, M.D.
JOHN MOGOR, M.D.
JOAN MIEDEMA, M.D.
JOEL VANDERIJT, M.D.

All Physicians Board Certified In Both Pediatrics And Internal Medicine

We want to be your Other Family Doctor.



ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF LOWELL

Call 897-8484
11610 East Fulton Street • Lowell, Michigan

- Sick or Injured Animals Seen Same Day
- Evenings & Saturday Hours Available
- Early Drop-offs & House Calls
- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Science Diet Pet Foods
- Boarding & Grooming

1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell • 616-897-4123

Arctic Inc.

1984 - 2004
20 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE

Call us for all your heating, air-conditioning needs.

Replacements, New Homes or Upgrades

• Rebates up to \$1,050.00 on high efficiency furnaces and air conditioning (ends June 30, 2004)

• Free humidifier with complete system installed (Value of \$350.00)

• Furnace and air conditioning inspections \$10.00 off

• Serving the area since 1984. Licensed and insured

• Visit us at www.heatingcoolingonline.com

Call Bryant to the rescue

MasterCard VISA

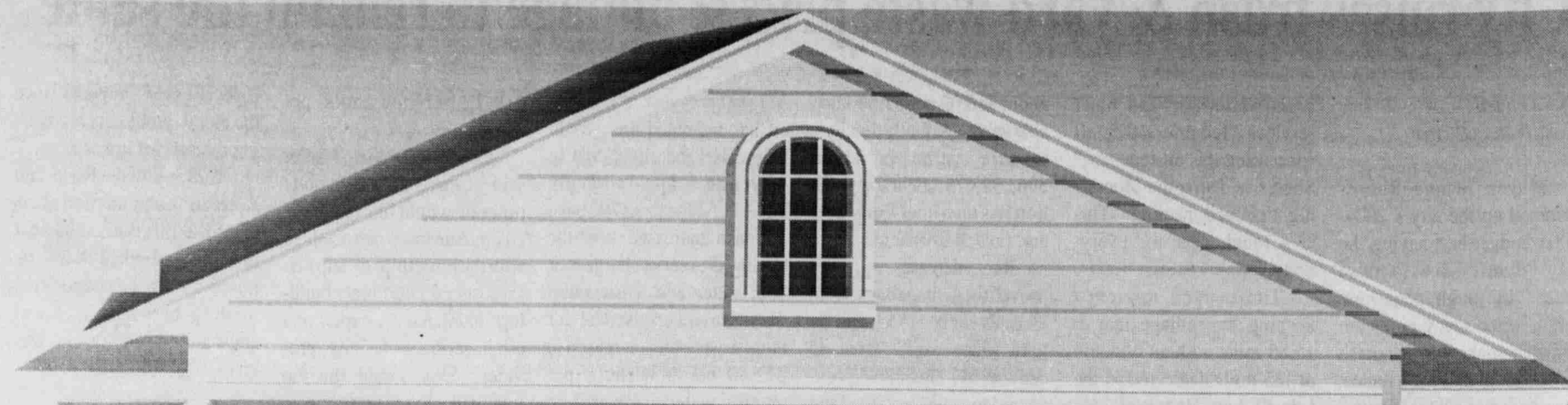
GREAT NEWS!!!

The Lowell Ledger AVAILABLE AT:



MEIJER (Inside Store)
In Our Community ♥

- ★ AMOCO
- ★ SHELL ★ SPEEDWAY
- ★ RITE AID
- ★ MEIJER GAS MART
- ★ LOWELL BEER STORE
- ★ GARY'S COUNTRY MEATS
- ★ ALTO TOTAL STATION



GARAGE SALE PAGE

MOVING SALE
Fri., June 18, 9-5 p.m. Big items & small. 10725 36th St., corner of Kissing Rock & 36th St.

YARD SALE
Thurs. & Fri., Key Heights trailer park, lot 205 Veronica. Maternity, baby clothes, stereos and more.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., June 18, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Sat., June 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 529 Avery St. No early sales! Furniture, name brand girls & women's clothing. Household, decorations, bikes, table & chairs, knick knacks & much more!

GARAGE SALE
11098 Bennett. Kids-Adult. Fri. & Sat., June 18 & 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Good variety of items. Thurs. & Fri., June 17 & 18, 9-5 p.m. 813 N. Monroe.

THE BEST HUGE GARAGE SALE!
June 18 & 19, 4978 Ada Drive. 9:00 - 5:00. Like new brand name adult & children's clothes. Gap, Express, American Eagle, Limited Too, Children's Place, Old Navy, Union Bay, Nautica, Polo, etc. Women's sizes 1 - 20. Antique sewing machines (2). Collectibles: cards, steins, Bayberry Mint Lighthouses. Lots of books. Barbie dolls & furniture. Playskool play nursery, Fisher Price ice cream truck, kids Home Depot work bench. Lots of wall art. Strollers, air conditioner, Bun & Thigh Machine, like new small kitchen appliances. Lots of misc. Too much to list.

GARAGE SALE
June 19, 9-5 p.m. Huge sale! Baby, Little Tikes, clothing, furniture. 11600 Bluewater Hwy., 2 miles E. of Lowell.

ESTATE/MOVING SALE
Sat., Sun. & Mon., 8-5 p.m. Primarily upscale furniture. 3935 Murray View at Murray Lake. Call 691-7087.

HUGE MOVING & GARAGE SALE
Lots of furniture, household goods, antiques, collectible toys, arts, crafts, exercise, camp & yard equipment, 1998 Buick LeSabre (great condition), guys stuff & lots, lots more! Plus farm equipment: 44 JD tractor, 337 JD baler, cultipacker, wheel disk, 4 bottom JD Plow, 3 pt. grass seeder, 6773 Clinton Trail, go E. out of Clarksville, Clarksville Rd. & Elm Rd., follow signs. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 17, 18 & 19, 9-?

GARAGE SALE
Super sale! 3277 Segwun. Fri. & Sat., June 18 & 19, 9-4 p.m. Estate, antique & collectible items: furniture, lamps, glass & pottery, console victrola, Bentwood chairs, 4 Hitchcock chairs, old butcher block table with chairs, gossip bench & misc. items.

EVERYTHING MUST GO! MOVING SALE
Wed. & Thurs., June 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - ? 11381 60th St., Alto. Cleaned out garage & house! Some items: baby bed, portable basketball system, dining table & chairs, & so much more!

JUNE 18 & 19
9 a.m. - 7 p.m. 1551 Sargent Ave. S.E., north off Fulton between Bennett & Parnell. Cleaned out closets, basement & garage. Clothes, household, appliances.

KING SEALY MATTRESS SET - with deluxe frame, \$100. Call 517-204-0600.

GARAGE/BARN SALE
1st sale ever. June 18 & 19, 9-5 p.m. Girls clothing size infant - 8; children's toys & books, etc. Little Tikes power wheels, bed frame, toddler bed, fax machine, lawn mowers, dishwasher, new building materials, radial arm saw, 1000 Fero Ave. NE, north of Bailey between McCabe & Parnell.

POLE BARN SALE
Several families. Sporting goods, household, clothes, misc. 10443 Portland Rd., between Bell Rd. & Hastings Rd. Fri. & Sat., June 18 & 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GARAGE SALE
Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18, 9-5 p.m. Kids toys, bikes, Fisher Price kitchen set, board games, kids pool table. 12115 Cherry Creek Ridge, 1 mile South of Bailey off Alden Nash.

GARAGE SALE
June 17 & 18, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Baby furniture, toys & books, clothes - men & women, girls infant-24m, boys 3/4-5/6. Dishes, glassware, antique boat motor, tools, Craftsman 10" table saw, floor fan, glider rocker, lots of misc. 201 Donna Dr.

GARAGE SALE
Annual Spring Cleaning Sale. Multiple families, a little bit of everything. Fri. & Sat., 8:30 - 6 p.m., corner of Howard & Amity.

HUGE GARAGE SALE
3333 Segwun. Fri. & Sat., June 18 & 19, 9-5 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, Thomasville walnut dinette set, drop leaf table, crocks, vintage glass, pottery, 8 ft. display case, kitchenware, clothing, baby items, misc.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE
Hunt St. between Riverside & Lincoln Lake. Thur. only, June 17, 9-5 p.m. Pop-up camper, antique hoosier & sewing machine.

GARAGE SALE
Annual Spring Cleaning Sale. Multiple families, a little bit of everything. Fri. & Sat., 8:30 - 6 p.m., corner of Howard & Amity.

FOR SALE

VETERAN'S BURIAL PLOT - Chapel Hill Memorial - below value - \$775. Call 691-8097.

4 WHEELER FOR SALE - Suzuki 185, \$800 obo. Call 897-2527.

\$49/SET MATTRESS/BOX SPRING SALE - Queen, full or twin, factory new, delivery available. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

1ST \$500 DOWN - Gets 3 bedroom/2 bath. Country settings. Close to shopping. Appliances included. Call 1-800-615-1224.

AIR BED - Selecta Comfort firmness for each of you. As seen at mall or on TV. Dual chambers, fully adjustable, remote control, w/warranty. Must sell. Never used. \$700. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

APPLIANCES - Maytag, Whirlpool, GE, washers, dryers, refrigerators, over 100 in stock from \$59. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

ZERO DOWN - 20 abandoned repos, 3 & 4 bedroom, 2 bath, all in West Michigan. All appliances. Some have land. Call 1-800-615-1224.

QUEEN HIGH BED - Dark wood, armoire, 2 dressers, mirror, night stand, Serta box & mattress. \$500. 656-9511.

MEMORY FOAM - mattress set, NASA developed, Visco memory cell, relieves pressure points. Never used. Queen \$650, also full & king. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

\$125 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED - w/pillowtop mattress set. Bought, never used. Still in plastic. 989-227-2986.

HUD APPROVED - 3/4 bedroom, 2 bath. Only \$599/month. Good credit, bad credit. Free approval. Call 616-647-2553.

MATTRESS SETS - Brand names. All sizes. Low wholesale prices. Don't be fooled by fake pillowtop, used hotel (yuk) or bait & switch ads. Buy with confidence. Prices starting at \$80. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

BUNK BED - Oak, has mattresses (2 mos. old). Sell \$95. 517-719-0451.

FOR SALE - Ford 9N with back blade, \$3,500. Call 897-0282.

BOAT MOTORS - 3 hp Evinrude, \$200; 4 hp Johnson, \$275; 7hp, \$175; 7 1/2 hp Johnson, \$275; 15 hp Evinrude, \$300; 15 hp Sears, \$350; 9.6 Sea King, \$375. All tuned, guaranteed. Call 540-0540.

\$175 BERBER CARPET - Beautiful oatmeal, 40 yards (new, still in plastic). 517-719-0451.

BOAT TRAILERS - \$150, \$225, \$250. Ph. 540-0540.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE - Owner financing, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. No banks, flexible terms. Call McDermott's, ask for Joe, 897-5884.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1990 Ford Probe. 83,470 miles. \$800. Call 897-8118.

\$25 QUEEN, FULL & TWIN MATTRESS SETS - Previously owned. Hurry for selection, Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

CONSTRUCTION TRAILER - 1200 lbs. w/ ramps. \$1,200 obo. Call 821-5419.

BACK PAIN! - A new air chamber or memory foam mattress will help. Prices starting at \$650 for queen. Also twin, full & king. Brand new. Can deliver. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160.

1999 SUZUKI RM125 - \$1,600 obo. Call 897-9768 or 540-9076.

2001 CHEVROLET BLAZER 4x4, automatic, PW/PL, CD, 46K, excellent condition, asking \$12,000. Call 897-9924.

PEQUEA HAY TEDDER like new - \$1950. Call 897-7711 (a.m.) or 874-9128 (p.m.)

ANTIQUE CAST IRON CLAWFOOT TUB - reglazed interior, good condition, \$250; Jotul 118 decorative box woodstove, good condition. \$250 obo. Call 897-5772.

20¢ PER FOOT CARPET REMNANT SALE - Convention center, used briefly. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

WHEEL HOUSE 5500 GENERATOR - on wheels, new, started once, \$490. Call 897-6867, 1166 Bluewater Hwy.

DOGS FOR SALE - to a good home, excellent w/ children. Black lab & golden retriever mix, 1 male & 1 female. \$25 each. 897-0473 or 633-5722, ask for Jennifer.

FURNITURE - A piece, a houseful, 10,000 items. Bedroom, dining, leather living room sets & more. All new. Wholesale. Call for selection. 682-4767 or 293-6160. Why pay retail??

HIMALAYAN KITTENS - cuddly, have raised CFA, seal point, current shots, \$300. 676-1591 or 822-5044.

FOR SALE - 1984 Winnebago motorhome, 27', sleeps 6. Excellent condition, only 60k miles. \$8,500; will consider a car in trade. Call 897-2061.

KING SEALY MATTRESS SET - with deluxe frame, \$100. Call 517-204-0600.

VICTORIAN COUCH SET - Circle in center back, 2 armed chairs, 3 white marble topped end tables & another matching chair, \$1,000. 656-9511.

'77 CHEVY TRUCK - V8, show quality, custom paint. \$3,500. Call 656-9511.

BOATS - Starcraft 14 ft. deep V & trailer, \$650; 12 ft. V, \$225; 10 ft. flat, \$200; Mercury, 6 hp, \$375. Call 540-0540.

CHAIN LINK FENCING 100 ft., posts, 4 gates & all hardware, \$75. 656-9511.

FOR SALE

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE - Owner financing, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. No banks, flexible terms. Call McDermott's, ask for Joe, 897-5884.

'97 DODGE NEON - 4 speed manual, new tires & struts, runs good, 155k miles, \$1500. Call 517-526-0279.

WANTED

WANTED - Houses to clean. Dependable, excellent rates & references. Call 897-4938.

WANTED - Any car or truck you don't want. Call 897-0444, formerly Roth Towing.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS - will mow your yard with your mower and do other yard work for you. Reasonable rates. Please call 897-4209.

WANTED USED POOL TABLE - & accessories, will pay around \$200. Call Judy 897-5927.

WANTED - Cash paid for old or junk motorcycles. Running or not. Call Rich 616-446-8352; free pickup.

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Charles Barnes would like to thank the family and friends who came and kept him company while we were at work, his caregivers, your prayers, the food so many thoughtful people brought, the cards you sent to let him know you cared. Your loving and giving acts of kindness will be long remembered. God Bless You All.
Linda, Joe, Ernie, April, Jerome, Mike, Kim, Tom and families

FOR RENT

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

ALTO - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath apartment, \$650. Call 616-891-1840.

FOR LEASE - 3,000 sq. ft. building for light/medium manufacturing, repair or?? \$750/mo. Call 897-6892.

LOST

LOST BEAGLE - Mostly white. In the state game area. Name of Speck. Medical concerns. Please call 897-0724.

SERVICES

DOES YOUR CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH, DODGE CAR, TRUCK OR VAN NEED REPAIR? - Don't make a mistake & take it anywhere else - give Geo-Tech a try! Contact George at Geo-Tech Transmission & Repair, 897-0743.

DAYCARE OPENINGS FOR 3 - 2.5 years. Fenced in back yard. Lots of outside & inside activities. Food program & 4C's. 5 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 897-4389.

SERVICES

NEW LICENSED DAYCARE OPENINGS - North of Lowell. Several openings. Craft activities planned. Lowell busing available. Call 897-3065.

TOWING - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas. Flat bed & wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 446-5909.

DAYCARE - Looking to fill 2 openings in my licensed home, have availability for one infant. Please call 897-5068 for more information.

JOHN DEBIAK HORSESHOEING & HOOF TRIMMING - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.

TREAT YOUR DECK - It deserves it. Call John at 868-7073 for free estimates.

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - By certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

Call the Ledger Sound Off Line & voice your beef, or just a comment! **897-0787**
No need to leave your name, keep it brief (30 words or less). We will publish your views in our new column **SOUND OFF**

HELP WANTED

AN ABSOLUTE ADVANTAGE - offering lowest prices on quality vinyl siding & windows. Expert installation. Eliminate middle man costs. Save Big! Senior discount. Call Ron Cash today 616-891-5896.

HOME HEALTH CARE AIDES NEEDED - in Lowell & Saranac immediately. 1-866-835-3385.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Local area concrete sawing and drilling co., now accepting applications for full and seasonal employment. Construction & mechanical experience a plus. Must have good driving record. Physical & drug test required. Excellent earning potential with benefits. Send resume: Attn: Concut, 443 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or call 616-451-2886.

PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential, Service or New Construction. Reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.

THE LOWELL PIZZA HUT - is looking to fill entry level full or part time management positions. We offer competitive pay and great benefits. Drop off or send resume to: Pizza Hut, Attn: Damon Gillies, 2050 W. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

LOOKING FOR BOY OR GIRL - 16 or older to help out with hay and some building work. Call 897-8541.

CLASSIFIEDS TO PLACE AN AD

In Person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell
By Mail: PO BOX 128, Lowell, MI 49331
By Phone: 616-897-9261
By Fax: 616-897-4809
By Email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com
DEADLINE MONDAYS AT 5 PM

220 General **FOR SALE** **225 General** **AUTO** **LIVE**

THE CLASSIFIEDS THAT CLICK

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
www.lowellbuyersguide.com

You Can Now Email Your Classified To Us!
classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number & when you'd like your ad to appear.

IMMEDIATE OPENING

HELP WANTED **PERSONALS**

WELCOME BACK!
Dr. Robert C. Kyser to Laurels of Kent, room 504. Stop in & say hi, he would enjoy visiting with his friends.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - We have daily pickup at 4 p.m. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. 897-9261.

LEDGER OFFICE HOURS:
MON. - THURS. 8-5 •
FRI. 8-4
We Have a Drop Box/ Mail Slot in the Door Closest to the Post Office

EVENTS

ADA TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL CRAFT SHOW - Date of Festival is Saturday, July 3rd, 2004. Established 30+ yrs. Booths: \$25. 12'x12' grassy area. 10:30 AM til 3:00 PM. M21 (East Fulton); across from Arway flag display. For application Call Pat Kain, (616) 882-9553.

WEDDING INVITATIONS


Available at Lowell Litho
105 N. Broadway.
Stop by & Check out a book! 4 books to choose from. Wide variety of invitations and prices.
Ph. 897-9261

ATTENTION!!!!

Never Pay Retail For A Used Car!

AT VENNEN CHRYSLER-DODGE-JEEP SUPERSTORE

YOU CAN BUY VEHICLES AT AUCTION PRICES!


\$7,947

2001 BUICK CENTURY
48k, V-6, pw/pl, low miles, local trade.



\$16,995

2002 DODGE DURANGO
67k, SLT plus V-8, leather, loaded.



\$15,492

2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
4x4, 4.0, 6 cyl., pwr. roof, pw/pl, 63k.



\$8,995

2000 CHEROKEE SPORT
4x4, 4.0, 6 cyl., pw/pl, 75k.



\$13,847

2000 DAKOTA CLUB CAB 4X4
47k, SLT, 4x4.



\$14,839

2003 DODGE STRATUS
SXT, auto, air, 6,600 miles!




\$7,847

1999 CARAVAN
SE, V-6, pw/pl, quad seats, 90k.



\$14,874

2003 DODGE CARAVAN SXT
15,794 miles, V-6, auto., air, CD & more!



\$8,395

2000 TOWN & COUNTRY
LX, V-6, loaded, 80k.



\$10,347

2001 CHRYSLER CONCORDE LXI
Auto., air, loaded!



\$8,247

1999 TOWN & COUNTRY LIMITED
53k, leather, quads, heated seats.



\$12,749

2002 DODGE DURANGO SPORT
V-6, auto., air, 4x2, 53,000 miles! Fresh trade!



\$5,978

2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE SE
57,000 actual mi., auto., air & more!



\$6,955

2002 PONTIAC SUNFIRE
4-dr., auto., air, tilt, cruise & more! Fresh new car trade!



\$27,995

2004 RAM 2500
10k, SLT, Hemi, V-8, loaded.



\$15,547

2000 DAKOTA CLUB CAB
69k, 4x4, SLT, loaded.



\$10,939

1998 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED
V-8, auto., air, 50,718 actual mi.!




\$11,595

2000 RAM 1500
4x4, quad, 90k, SLT, V-8, loaded.



10,247

1998 GMC JIMMY SLT
Leather, pwr. roof, 74k, loaded.



\$13,947

1998 DODGE RAM 2500
4x4, quad cab pickup, V-10, 37,000 actual miles, fresh trade, clean!



\$16,139

1999 RAM 1500 SLT
4x4, club, 77k, V-8, pw/pl, loaded, new car trade.



\$9,973

2000 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT
4-dr., 4x4, 6 cyl., auto., air, 59,000 actual miles & more!




\$3,995

1999 CAVALIER RS
pw/pl, pwr. roof, auto., air.



\$6,973

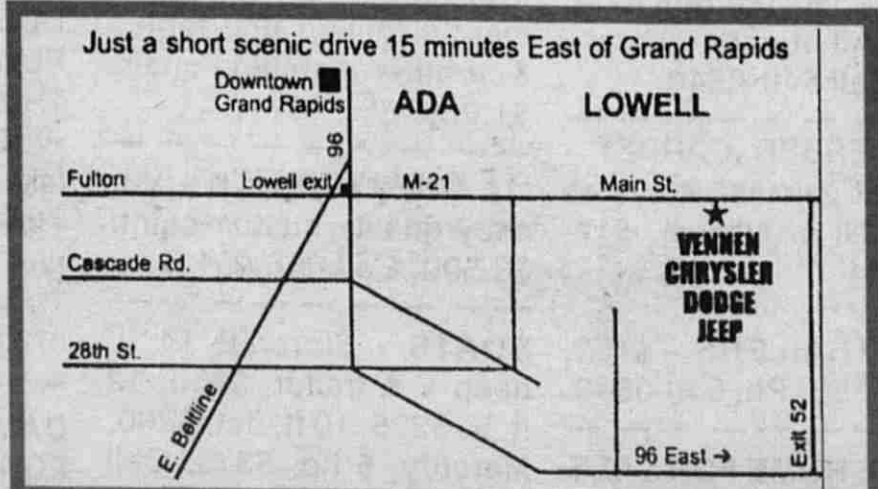
1999 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE
V-6, auto., air, new car trade!



WOW!

2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
4x4, new car trade, very clean! Save thousands over new!

ALL ROADS LEAD TO VENNEN
YOUR FIVE-STAR CHRYSLER SUPER STORE
 • CHRYSLER • DODGE • JEEP
We're Out To Be #1 **LOWEST PRICES • LOWEST PAYMENTS**
LET US PROVE IT! **• NO MONEY DOWN**



930 WEST MAIN ST • LOWELL, MI • 616-897-9281

See us at VENNEN DODGE for your FREE auction quote on any vehicle!