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Workin' on a trailway

By Dan Schneider

Local group working to make community trailway a reality

When completed, the Lowell Area Trailway will consist of several miles of paved, multi-use trail linking points of recreational interest in and around the city of Lowell.

The trail will be paved and open to non-motorized traffic—that's walkers, runners, rollerbladers, bicycles, skateboards and unicycles. It will connect residential neighborhoods with city and township parks, school buildings and existing trailways such as the North Country Trail.

The trail will be built in several segments in two phases. The first phase will extend trails to destinations around the city of Lowell, in Vergennes Township and Lowell Charter Township. Phase two will fill in gaps between some of the segments to make the trail into a more unified system.

The first segment of trail construction will likely run from the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center to Lowell Middle School. It would connect the center with the high school, the Cooper Woodland



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An early-spring view from the Cooper Woodland Preserve. The woods is one of the points of interest along what will likely be the first segment of the Lowell Area Trailway.

Scheduling of mediation time slows school contract talks

By Dan Schneider

At its last meeting, the Lowell Area Schools board of education narrowly defeated a proposal to declare an impasse in contract negotiations on the topic of health insurance benefits. The June 12 decision gives both sides at

least another month to reach a settlement on the most contentious issue in the negotiations.

School board president Nancy Hopkins said it is important in the next month to "make progress toward a financially responsible settle-

ment that's fair to and benefits both parties."

This could forestall another attempt to declare an impasse. Both sides recognize now is an important and pivotal time for the negotiations.

Lowell Area Schools as-

sistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette said progress has been held up in the contract negotiations because the unions have not put forward formal proposals since the beginning of the school year. A formal proposal, if accepted,

becomes a binding contract.

Lowell Education Association president Doranne Truax said the district's bargaining team has slowed negotiations by failing to re-

spond to the union's mediated proposals. These are non-binding proposals used for

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Hole-in-one at LACC golf outing

Mark Kehoe shot a hole-in-one last Friday at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing at Deer Run Golf Club.

The shot contributed to the lowest team score, shot by the Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones team. That team consisted of Kehoe, David Kistler, Carl Kloosterman and Kevin Wickliff.

There were 108 golfers in 27 foursomes on the course. The event raised \$2,000 for the chamber's scholarship fund. The Lowell Area Fire Department's 50/50 raffle raised \$275 for new fire equipment.

Other prize winners were: Teresa Cummings of the River Valley Credit Union team with the women's longest drive, Chuck Pearce of the Goggins' team with the men's longest drive, Teresa Mundt of the Lowell Area Fire Department team with the women's closest to the pin, and Bob Frazier of the New England Financial team with the men's closest to the pin.

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DEVRIES - Frederick John DeVries, Sr. aged 65, of Lowell, went to be with the Lord suddenly June 2, 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert DeVries and Helen (Hoekstra) DeVries. He is survived by his wife Jane; sons Frederick John Jr. (Tonja), Carl Richard (Carolyn), William (Sherry); brother and sisters Francis (Donald) McCusker, Richard (Ruth) DeVries, Lorraine (Robert) Boogaard, Marlene Kay DeVries; grandchildren Lindsey DeVries, Lillian and Hannah DeVries, Daniel and Zane DeVries; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services

were held Saturday at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, Rev. Wm. J. Renkema officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., 648 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

ELLIS - James (Jim) Raymond Ellis, aged 62, of Alto, passed away suddenly Saturday, June 12, 2004 and went to be with his Lord and Savior. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law and mentor, Dirk Venema. He is survived by his wife of

42 years, Delores; children Thomas and Jillian Ellis, Suzanne and Chris Rase, Tammy and Matt Kerr; 13 grandchildren; sister Shirley Venema; brother Wayne Ellis; other family members Walter and Barbara Shaffer; very close friend and business partner Larry Benton; many nieces and nephews. Jim was vice president and co-founder of Classic Transportation and president of JTL Enterprises. He was a life-time member and deacon of Community of Christ Church in Alto. He was very passionate about his game of golf; above all else, his true love was his wife and family. Memorial services were held Wednesday, June 16 at the Community of Christ Church, with Elder Robert Loesch and Elder Ron Demute officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the James R. Ellis FFA Scholarship Fund, c/o Chemical Bank, 6275 28th St., Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

FORD - Katherine J. Ford, aged 88, of Lowell, passed away June 17, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband George "Bob." She is survived by her daughter Jean (Richard) Huver of Lowell; five grandchildren Rick, Tammy, Denny (Sherri), Patti (Brian) Shafer, Chris (Krista); nine great-grandchildren with one on the way; sister-in-law Esther Staal of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, with Rev. Dean Bailey of the Bowne Center United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

GHAREEB - Sam S. Ghareeb, aged 79, passed away at his home Saturday, June 19, 2004, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Ghareeb was a veteran of W.W. II He was a mess sergeant in the Army. He loved to cook and was an avid golfer. Surviving are his wife Elaine; children Michelle Ghareeb and Dennis Sprick of Lowell, Sandra and David Chesnut of Naperville, IL, David and Alison Ghareeb of Belding, Michael and Portia Ghareeb of Cascade. He especially enjoyed the time he spent with his six grandchildren Michael, Christopher, Daniel and Patrick

Chesnut, Alexis and Isaac Ghareeb. Funeral services were held June 22 in St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Reverend Father Mark Maymon officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial to St. George Church will be appreciated.

O'DONNELL - John Ryan O'Donnell, aged 17, of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord unexpectedly Saturday, June 12, 2004. Surviving are his loving parents Mona and Patrick; brother Michael; grandmother Dolly O'Donnell; aunts and uncles Skaidrite Poga, Debbie O'Donnell, Jack (Jan) O'Donnell, Terry (Jean) O'Donnell, Dennis (Cheryl) O'Donnell, Kathy (Mike) Fires, Tim (Beth) O'Donnell; numerous loving cousins and many friends. John was preceded in death by his grandfather Leo O'Donnell; grandparents Voldemras and Ingeborga Poga and uncle, Dan O'Donnell. John was a member of the 2005 class of West Catholic High School; he will be missed by his family, friends and all those whose life he touched. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 16 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the West Improvement Network will be appreciated.

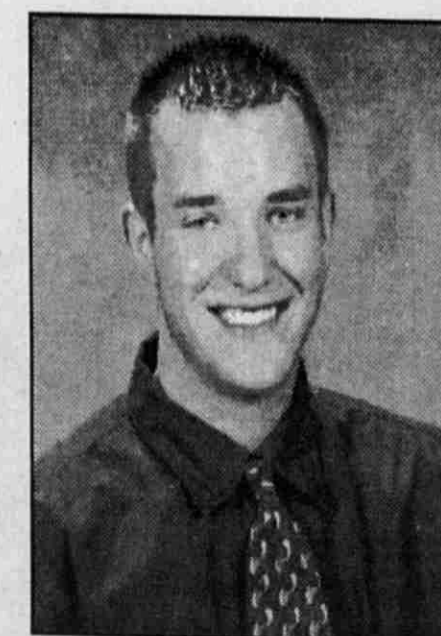
PHELPS - Margaret J. Phelps, aged 82, of Cadillac, formerly of Vestaburg, died Thursday, June 17, 2004 at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. Margaret was born June 27, 1921 in Edgeley, North Dakota, the daughter of Edward and Trenis (Haan) Devenner. She graduated from Davis Vocational School in Grand Rapids. On October 3, 1942, she married John Phelps. Margaret was an active member of the United Methodist Women and the Christian Women's Society. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary in Lowell. She and her husband John owned and operated Phelps Lumber Co. in Vestaburg for 25 years. She is survived by two sons Haan (Sue) Phelps of Vian, Oklahoma, Craig (Diane) Phelps of Gaylord; two daughters Rachel (Roger) Chase of Lake City, Renee (Rob) Reynolds of Prospect, Ky.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

dren. She was preceded in death by her husband John, parents, a brother Clarence Devenner, a sister Audrey Walks. Funeral services were held June 22 at the Lincoln Road United Methodist Church with Rev. Nancy Bitterling and Rev. Edrye Maurer officiating. Interment Richland Township Cemetery, Vestaburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the Richland Township Library.



BRANDON JOHN TAYLOR

TAYLOR - Brandon John Taylor, aged 20, of Kihei, Maui, previously of Lowell, joined his brother Brett who is forever 16, in Heaven on June 11, 2004. Brandon spent his last day on earth surrounded by his friends and family listening to Warren Haynes at a 3-day music festival in Tennessee. He worked at Stella Blues Cafe as a culinary artist while residing with his loving Auntie Jeanene in Maui since December 2, 2003. Prior to that he worked at One Trick Pony. He was also in partnership with www.nevaehsoap.com, a company founded in memory of his brother Brett. He cherished his friends, family, music, good food, travel, and nature. He loved people and had many good friends. He was our son, brother and best friend. He will be loved always and part of our souls forever. A Celebration of his Life was held at his mom's house on Sunday, June 20 at 12400 Grand River Dr., Lowell. He is survived by his mom and stepfather Jill and John Wenger; brother Jerry; sister Corrina; step-brother Brandon Wagner; dad and step-mother Bill and Liz Taylor; grandparents; aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends. We will miss him more than words can tell. Shine on Brandon! 8/23/83 to 6/11/04.



JASON SCOTT TREBIAN

TREBIAN - Jason Scott Trebian, aged 18, of Lowell, will be missed by family and

friends. Jason passed away on Monday, June 14, 2004, one month shy of his 19th birthday. Jason, a Lowell High School graduate of 2003, just finished his college freshman year at Grand Valley State University. He worked at Amway/Alticor in Ada for the past three years. He joined the United States Air Force to become part of its Military Police unit and was scheduled to report for duty in August. His outside interests included automobiles, wakeboarding and spending time with his family on their boat. He was liked by everyone who knew him. Surviving are his parents Tim and Cindy Trebian; brother Greg, 21, and sister Alisha, 16, all of Lowell; grandparents Paul and Cherrie Richardson of Lowell, Larry and Audrey Mitchell of Florida; great-grandmother Ethel Pierson of Lowell; uncles and aunts Penny (Richardson) and David Turner of Grand Haven; Jeff and Sue Richardson of Boston; Bruce Mitchell of Orlando; Jason was a great grandson of Roy and Ruth Wyckoff (deceased) of Lowell; surviving family members from the Wyckoff lineage include great uncle, Dan and great aunt, Diane. A memorial service was conducted Monday at Community of Christ Church, Alto (Alaska). Services were performed by church elder Kathy Onan with assistance by Priest Robert Onan.

VANDERJAGT - Richard P. VanderJagt, aged 55, passed away on June 19, 2004, following a brief illness. When the call of his country was heard during the Vietnam era, SA Richard Paul VanderJagt answered, self was forgotten for a greater cause of American ideals. Following his return from the U.S. Navy, he became a member of the American Legion Post #102 where he served in many capacities including Post Commander. Rich is survived by his children Dianna Sherry, Christina and her fiancé Scott Levandosky, Stephanie VanderJagt, Melanie VanderJagt, Vonnie Drudy, Joe VanderJagt, Daniel VanderJagt; grandchildren Eli, Kyle, Bryce; brothers and sisters Bruce VanderJagt, Cindy and Henry Japma, Greg and Cindy VanderJagt, Pam and Bob Mennes, Mark and Sue VanderJagt, Luke and Missy VanderJagt; nieces and nephews. The service will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, with Pastor Jeff Williams of White Pine United Methodist Church officiating. Interment in Rockford Cemetery. Military Honors will be under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Those planning expressions of sympathy are asked to consider the needs of Rich's family.

New security system in the works for wastewater treatment plant

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's wastewater treatment plant will install a closed-circuit television surveillance system to monitor the exterior of the building. But the new security measures come too late to help the investigation of vandalism that took place two weeks ago.

On the night of June 9, vandals graffitied the back wall and door of the building, smashed floodlights, and punctured a 30-gallon barrel of fluo-

ride. Lowell police have obtained a confession from one of the suspects involved, but are gathering evidence on other suspects.

Plant personnel will have to repaint the walls and door following the graffiti removal.

"We're having to basically sandblast or pressure wash to the point we're blasting off the paint," said wastewater treatment plant superintendent George Regan.

At its meeting Monday night, the Lowell City Council approved a bid for \$10,269 from the Midstate Security Company to install the surveillance system. The system includes three video cameras which will record in color during the day, and black and white at night, allowing better resolution. The cameras will connect to a monitor and digital recorder with 30-day continuous recording. The recorder can

burn to a DVD, which is admissible in court as evidence. Lowell police officer Steve Bukala said video footage is effective evidence.

"Juries allow video and you really can't deny it if you see yourself on video," Bukala said.

Regan began to pursue the installation of an outdoor surveillance system long before this most recent vandalism incident occurred. The system is

in response to directives of the Homeland Security Act, passed in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"That's why we started it, but this would alleviate some problems we've had at the plant," Regan explained.

The water treatment plant already has an ADT security system protecting the interior of the building. It was installed after vandals smashed the

building's front windows a few years ago.

"Now we're hoping to take care of the perimeter of the facility," Regan said.

The system will be installed in the next few weeks. The plant already has cable conduit in place for the system. It was installed when the building got a new roof and will quicken the installation of the security system.

Local car dealer helps support YMCA soccer

Charlie Jeffrey, general manager of Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell, hands a check for \$500 to Lowell YMCA associate director Andy Retberg. Behind the check, which went toward the YMCA's Invest in Youth campaign, is Fred Maier, coach of the sixth-grade YMCA soccer team, pictured in back. The Ford dealership brought out a couple of Mustangs for the players to pose for their team pictures.



Health Fair combines with Riverwalk Festival-July 10

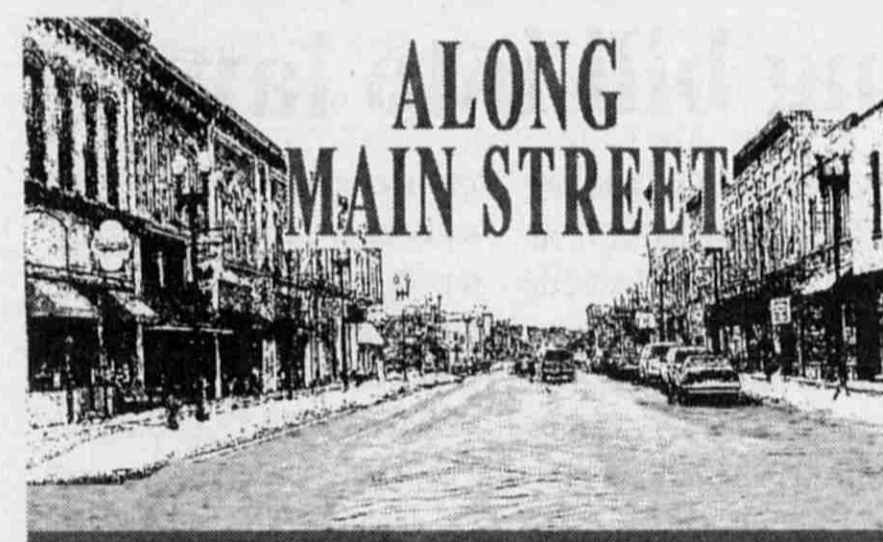
The annual Riverwalk Festival, in conjunction with the 4th annual Lowell Community Health Fair, will take place on Saturday, July 10.

A variety of health-

fooded exhibit booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lowell Police Department Garage and Avery Street. Free educational materials, promotional materials, and

health screenings from local businesses and organizations will be available to visitors. A "Kids Korner" will feature aerobics for children, as well

as the YMCA's FitZone Equipment. For details on booth space or health screenings, call the Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781.



ALONG MAIN STREET

CLASS OF 1984 REUNION

A 20-year reunion is being planned for the LHS class of 1984. If you have information regarding the whereabouts of any of your classmates, please contact Amy (VanderGalen) Hall at 616-554-8056 or email at sixhallstreet@sbcglobal.net.

DIXIELAND BAND SIZZLES

The River Rogues Dixieland Band will perform at the

Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts this Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Riverwalk Plaza. Concessions; free admission and parking.

NEEDED: ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY

The Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry is presently in need of fruit juices, boxed or instant potatoes, pork & beans, soda crackers, hamburger and tuna helper.

THANK YOU

To the Lowell Leadership class, and all the groups, clubs, businesses and individuals that helped them repair and beautify the Lowell showboat. Your volunteering and hard work were very much appreciated. This is an example of volunteerism at its finest.

Ivan & Carolyn Jane Blough

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CITY OF LOWELL

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, June 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Section 4.20F (Private Streets) of Chapter 4, "General Provisions" of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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



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Study sessions promote interaction between officials & residents

By Dan Schneider

In May, Vergennes Township hosted two study sessions dealing with the area along Alden Nash Avenue near Lowell High School.

The sessions had several purposes. One was to inform people about the township's zoning rules and processes related to development. Another was to stimulate conversation about topics related to development, to get people thinking creatively about what they want their neighborhood to look like.

Because of its proximity to the high school, pre-existing sewer infrastructure and location within the city water district, and the success of nearby commercial development, the area along Alden Nash is likely to experience continued residential growth. Developers currently own two large land parcels along the road. However, there are not yet formal plans for development along the road. So the event's organizers see now as

a good time to start community conversation about development.

"It's good to have thought through some of these issues before they're staring down

"There will always be more opportunities for public input."

- Mari Stone

the gun, if you will, of a huge project," said Vergennes Township planner and event organizer Jay Kilpatrick.

At the first session, Kilpatrick gave an explanation of Vergennes Township's zoning ordinances, master plan, and new additions such as the open space zoning option. The second night, he facilitated a round-table discussion for people to express their views and preferences about development.

The first session was mostly informational. Besides Kilpatrick, speakers included Rod Cortright, director of the

Charlevoix County MSU Extension, who talked about the history of development modes and how they compare to present norms. Grand Valley Metro Council plan-

Participants repeatedly expressed interest in preserving trees in the township—one even suggested a tree-preservation ordinance during the round-table discussion. They also overwhelmingly preferred development designs that retained open space.

The planning commissions in Vergennes and Lowell Charter townships and the city of Lowell will receive copies of the study report. The results are also available on the Vergennes Township web site, www.vergenneswp.org.

Stone said the sessions were a good way to get thoughts started about land use issues, and to get people to interact with elected township officials. "I would say it's a

good foundation," Stone said. "There will always be more opportunities for public input."

Kendra Wills was another of the event's organizers. She regularly meets with local governments and planning commissions through her work with United Growth for Kent County. She said the study has drawn some interest from places facing similar issues.

"Several communities—their elected and appointed officials—said they were interested in doing something of this nature," she said. "We might even host workshops for other communities who are interested in doing something like this."

Opinion-gathering took the form of computer voting and recorded comments from their discussion. Participants used a computer voting system to react to images of various development types Cortright presented. The 77 people in attendance were not enough to be considered a representation of the population of Vergennes Township, so the computer surveys served mostly as conversation tools.

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Community fund awards \$287,937 in grants

Humanity to build one home in the city of Lowell.

- \$10,534 to the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association to improve the operations and grounds of the Kent County Fairgrounds.
- \$8,000 to the Lowell Amateur Radio Club for the

purchase of test equipment and a transmit amplifier.

- \$144,344 to help preschoolers and other students through Lowell Area Schools. Grants will support the technology improvement program; purchase new science equipment and text-

books; provide 30 handheld computers to be used throughout the district; facilitate career exploration in the health sciences.

- \$18,750 for Lowell Area Schools Foundation to match funds for classroom mini grants.

Other grants which were also approved impact education, housing and emergency services. They include:

- \$91,500 to the city of Lowell to replace an existing fire pumper truck with a new pumper/tanker.
- \$15,000 to Habitat for

Association's chief lobbyist. "On behalf of tens of thousands of Michigan NRA members, I want to thank Gov. Granholm for recognizing the importance of dove hunting to sportsmen and signing this law. I would especially like to acknowledge the hard work of bill sponsor Rep. Susan Tabor and supporters in the Legislature. And, as always, a special thanks to the NRA

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Viewpoint . . .



Day Two of Ed and Roger's Excellent Adventure:

Brother Eddie and I had spent the night in a Charleston, S.C. hotel. I wish I could report a night on the town taking in what the historic city has to offer. Unfortunately we were a pair of fifty-something guys with 700 miles of hot, open-cockpit flight logged and a six o'clock wake-up call looming. Showers, dinner, the Weather Channel and some time with the maps was all we were up to.

The free breakfast at the hotel included "make-your-own-waffles." I had two and they stand out as one of the better meals of the entire trip. The hotel shuttle dropped us at the airport and we were in the air by about 8:30. The weather was very warm on the ground, but perfect for our type of flying. The sky was blue, winds light and visibility was unlimited. WOW! We couldn't have picked a better day.

A few minutes from the airport and we were circling Fort Sumter at a couple hundred feet. I actually had to climb to get it all in my camera view finder. As a bit of a Civil War history buff, Sumter was exciting to see from the air. I turned the old Stearman to the northeast and on up the Atlantic shoreline, all the while sneaking past the controlled air space around Charleston's big airport. As I mentioned early on in this report, "sneak" is a word often used to describe flying an antique in a modern air traffic environment.

Out of Charleston began what would continue to flat-out amaze me about this trip. If the shoreline isn't some sort of state or federal park, a military installation or too low and marshy to facilitate construction, it is nonstop, side-by-side, mega-bucks resort homes. This would be the case for the next three days and more than a thousand miles of coastline. I wanna know ... where does all that money come from???

People ask what we saw on our trip and my answer is "money." Not far up the shore was Myrtle Beach. Brother Ed makes an annual golf pilgrimage there and was as interested in flying over it as I was Fort Sumter. Only one problem ... the airport is just barely inland, so I had to fly four miles offshore to sneak around their airspace. As I worked the old Stearman further and further out to sea, Ed came on the intercom and said, "Okay Lindberg, where ya goin'?" He was disappointed when

I explained, but I was able to get back over the beach at the north end of town.

We stopped once for fuel and kept on going. I was determined to break this trip up into shorter hops. Those nearly three-hour legs of the previous day were numbing ... physically and mentally.

This particular stop was a good one. For one thing the airport had just reopened the day before, after a paving project that had lasted several months. I was glad I wasn't two days earlier and low on fuel. I also picked up some great tips from local pilots on flying the Outer Banks.

More miles and more incredible beach houses brought us to Morehead City, N.C. On the way north we had a good look (too good) at a huge Chinook helicopter as it flew south along the beach near Camp LeJeune. I told Ed we could have made the nightly news if we had been much closer.

After fueling at Morehead City we began our trek up the Outer Banks. The weather was near perfect and the scenery was nothing short of fantastic. We flew the entire Outer Banks at two or three hundred feet and just offshore. People waved and we waved back. It was wonderful.

At the north end of the Outer Banks we stopped for fuel at Roanoke Island and then made a short hop over to the little airstrip named First Flight. The runway is at the base of Kill Devil Hill where the Wright Brothers made their historic flight 100 years ago. We parked the plane for a photo with the hill and the monument in the background. Another visitor took our picture next to the plane. We climbed the hill, looked around, took some pictures and I checked off another item on my list of things to do before I die.

After our brief stop at Kitty Hawk we continued on, of course following the beach all the way. We finished off North Carolina, worked up the Virginia Beach area and crossed the entrance to Chesapeake Bay and on into Maryland. The weather finally began to deteriorate. I had noted this system coming in from the west while watching the Weather Channel the night before.

As we worked our way up the Maryland coast the weather got worse and worse. I finally decided to call it a day and picked Ocean City, Maryland for fuel. A quick call to Flight Service confirmed that the weather was going to keep us where we were until about noon of the following day. Bummer! Fortunately, we had picked a great place to get weathered in. Eighty bucks got us a room in a nice little hotel right on the four-mile boardwalk. We ate funnel-cakes, french fries and ice cream while people-watching in the amusement park atmosphere of the place.

That's it for day two. We had logged another 700 miles and I had made a landing in Maryland. Now I only had five states east of the Mississippi to visit with the Stearman. More next week.



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

125 YEARS
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
JUNE 25, 1879

The Second Annual Commencement exercises will be held at the M. E. Church Friday evening. Nine graduates will be honored.

The elevated sidewalk has been extended over the bridge and is a great improvement.

Wool is selling at good prices this spring.

James M. Weeks is Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, and deals in real estate and insurance in the Union Block.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
JUNE 23, 1904

Round trip excursion tickets to the St. Louis World's Fair range from \$13 to \$17.

The world's richest man, John D. Rockefeller has a changed appearance, as his hair is growing again.

A column describes several ways to grow vines in the house and train them as unusual decorations.

The Cutter Tower Co. will rent out a new Franklin typewriter for four dollars a month.

Ecker and Foster now have a workman who will build your sidewalk and do cement work of all kinds.

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 27, 1929

The Class of '29 starts a custom of wearing caps and gowns at graduation ceremonies.

The Class of '22 has its second annual reunion.

Entries are sought for a series of horse races at Recreation Park on July 4.

The American Legion and the high school sponsored the First Annual Play Day last Wednesday at Recreation Park for the elementary school.

Douglas Fairbanks swashbuckles in "The Iron Mask" at the Strand this weekend.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
JUNE 24, 1954

Twelve members of 23 in the Class of 1904 have their first reunion in 50 years.

Village Council authorizes new lighting for the football field at Recreation Park.

The State Highway Department and village agree on terms to widen Main Street from 36 to 48 feet from the railroad to Jackson, except that portion from Hudson to Washington.

Police chief Frank Stephens requests, and gets, an electric speed timer.

Christianson's Supermarket, Lowell's first, opens today.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
JUNE 27, 1979

The old Kellogg Vinegar Plant is razed by O.E. Bieri and Sons for Michigan Wire Co., which owns the property.

The new Robert E. Lee will have its maiden voyage on Friday, July 6 at 7 p.m. with many dignitaries on board.

Current gas prices force the city to suspend the service of leaving a city truck overnight at a home, to be filled with debris.

The Automobile Club of Michigan and Champion Mobile Homes send a mobile unit around the state with exhibits on gas saving and safety.

Jim Fitzgerald, in his weekly column "If It Fitz," discusses jogging as an addition.

Sharing The Vision

Mark Kasper,
Assistant Superintendent
of Curriculum and Instruction

As assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Lowell Area Schools, it is vital to communicate information regarding current and expected work on educational programming, curriculum and staff development for summer and early fall.

First, I will share a bit about myself. I have been in education for the past 20 years. My roles have included teacher, asst. principal, principal, district textbook coordinator and coordinator of various curriculum projects both short and long term.

I joined the Lowell team in late November of 2003 as asst. supt. of curriculum and instruction. The past seven months have truly been a quick yet productive learning experience for me. Lowell has undoubtedly much to offer and I am grateful for this opportunity.

There are multiple projects planned for summer work which are in various stages of completion. At the elementary level we are working on the implementation of Battle Creek Science Kits which will take two years for full implementa-

tion including professional development and adoption of materials. Elementary staff is also scheduled to work on report cards and math assessments in early August.

The middle school recently adopted a new series for English Language Arts from Holt Publishing Co. and we are working to provide training for appropriate staff. Additionally, the middle school is scheduled to work on math programming and the identification of students who would benefit from a prescriptive tutorial-based learning system called Pass Key as a dedicated elective.

The high school is scheduled to work on the curriculum of the Foundations of Math to better align with state expectations and improve the units of instruction and assessments. The K-12 Instructional Technology committee hopes to complete an updated curriculum aligned to the National Technology Standards to begin implementation next year.

Along with summer school and various school improvement initiatives, this office will be busy and productive. It is clearly our goal to show continuous improvement in student performance. It is our responsibility to work closely with staff, the building and district leadership teams to identify areas of improvement and develop, implement and evaluate plans to improve student performance.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com)

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

In an effort to save the district approximately \$15,000, all school buildings, including the administration offices, will be closed during the week of July 5, closing at the end of the work day on July 2 and reopening at the beginning of the work day on July 12.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Holmes/Palsrok



Joshua Palsrok and Heidi Holmes

Barton/Markel



Christopher Markel and Amy Barton

Amy Lynn Barton (21) and Christopher Douglas Markel (24), both of Lowell, happily announce their engagement as of Ash Wednesday, February 2004. They will be married Friday, August 13, 2004. They are the children of Loren and Pauline Barton, Norbert and the late Diane Markel, and stepson to Karen Markel.

Heidi Holmes of Lowell and Joshua Palsrok of Jenison will marry in a July 17, 2004 ceremony to be held at First Assembly of God in Grand Rapids.

The future bride is the daughter of Rev. Robert and Cheryl Holmes of Lowell. She is a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School and will graduate in December from Grand

Valley State University. She is employed with Spectrum Health.

The groom-elect is the son of Rev. Matthew and Connie Palsrok of Jenison. He is a 2000 graduate of Christian High School and is attending Davenport University. He is employed with State Farm Insurance.

Beimers/HeyKoop II



Shannon Beimers and Timothy HeyKoop II

Sharon Beimers and Timothy HeyKoop II of Lowell are proud to announce their engagement. The wedding date is set for August 7, 2004 at Impact Church in Lowell with Pastor Phil Struckmeyer presiding.

Parents of the bride are Ken Beimers of Rockford and

Sharon Beimers of Walker. Adding their blessings are her sons Bradley and Austin.

Parents of the groom are Jim and Ann Marvin of Lowell, and Timothy HeyKoop I of Caledonia. Adding their blessings are his sons Cory and Casey.

VOWS SPOKEN

Richmond/Hildenbrand



Sherry and Mark Richmond

The April 23 wedding of Mark Richmond and Sherry Hildenbrand took place at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell. Parents of the couple are Lee Hildenbrand and Rose Hildenbrand of Lowell and Jerry Richmond of Lowell and the late Diane Richmond.

Bridesmaids were Ann Bellah, Chris Darter and

Robin Coward, all sisters of the bride. Katie Hildenbrand was flower girl.

Best man was Ben Richmond. Groomsmen were Ben Thomet and Jeff Bigler. Ushers were Bob Hildenbrand and Tim Parker.

The couple reside in Lowell.

Reflections Of Faith

Robert W. Holmes
Senior Pastor Christian Life Center

A few years ago, I remember reading the amazing account of a Florida man in his mid 70's going for a walk the night before. Now, the reason his walk made the news was because he was sleeping during this walk ... and because of where he

ended up. Apparently, he got up out of bed, grabbed his cane, went outside, and started walking—all without ever waking up ... until he walked right into a lake, a lake filled with alligators. And those alligators went right to him. Thankfully, he was somehow able to beat them off with his cane and crawl to safety. But talk about a rude awakening! Can you imagine waking up in the water, looking into alligator jaws?

Now, obviously, sleepwalking can be very dangerous. You can end up where you would never go if you were wide awake. Well, that's how a lot of Christians have ended up with the spiritual alligators.

And that's why the Lord gave us this admonition in 1 Peter 5:8, 9. "Be self-controlled and alert," God says. That's a call to be spiritually wide awake. He goes on to say, "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him." Now, when a believer ends up in deep spiritual trouble, it's not because of the lion, or the alligators. It's because the believer wandered carelessly right into the

jaws or the paws of a vicious spiritual predator. If you don't sleepwalk to where they can get you, you'll be OK.

If you had told King David that he would end up committing adultery with the wife of one of his trusted warriors, and then arranging for that man's death, he would have said, "Never. Not me, man." But he stayed home from a battle that he should have been fighting, and took some time off. And he apparently took a little spiritual timeout, too. He saw this woman bathing on the roof. Right there, if he had been "self-controlled and alert," he would have looked away. But he got spiritually lax. He got morally careless, and step-by-step, he ended up where he never thought he could end up. Not unlike the guy in Florida who sleepwalked into a lake full of alligators.

Now if it could happen to someone like David, described as "a man after God's own heart," it could happen to you and me. And the alligators of family dysfunction, rebellion, and violence were all over the rest of David's life - all because of one brief season of careless spiritual sleepwalking.

Could it be that what you're hearing right now is a loud "Wake up!" from your Savior? You've gotten lax and careless - spiritually, morally, financially. You made one little compromise, and it's leading to more and more compromises. Maybe you're walking a little closer to the edge of dishonesty or immorality, you're watching or listening to a little more garbage, or allowing your heart to get calloused to sinful stuff. You're venturing where a life with Christ in it should never go.

It's time to wake up before you end up with the alligators - or the lion - of sin. Satan's tactics haven't changed in thousands of years. This is his plan for you ... he intends to use a pattern of compromises and spiritual carelessness to eat you up. But God says, "Resist him!"

In this day of yellow and orange alerts, every day should be a red alert day for us as we live each day watching for the enemy of our soul. When we walk with the Lord and His Spirit lives within us, don't forget that greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4).

Dines celebrate 40 years of marriage



Judy and Bob Dine 40 years ago

Bob and Judy Dine recently celebrated 40 years of marriage with a family gathering. They were married at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington on June 20, 1964.

The Dines, of Alto, have four children and eight grand-

children. They are Kristi, Rob and Emily Alguire of Alto; Jenny, Mick, Alex, Ceilidh and Sparky Wagner of Takoma Park, Maryland; Becky, Jim, Jake, Tess and Judi Reagan of Lowell; and Bob Dine of Alto.

Weekend "Field Day" for radio group at Fallasburg

Members of A.R.G.Y.L. (Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell) will be putting their emergency communications skills to the test during "Field Day" at Fallasburg Park this weekend. The annual preparedness exercise, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, helps to ensure that Amateur Radio "ham radio" volunteers are ready to assist their communities in the event of emergencies or disasters.

"During the event, we set up and operate our equipment much as we would during emergency conditions, such as the loss of commercial power," said Nick Myaard, the club's public information officer.

Radio operators will try to contact as many other participating Field Day stations as possible beginning at 2 p.m. on June 26 until 2 p.m. on the 27th. The public is welcome to attend.

Any student who is interested in getting licensed in Amateur Radio should contact AIEckman at Lowell High School at 897-4125.

Local woman wins baking contest



Dianne Milley

In the 15th annual "Michigan's Best" baking contest, held in Frankenmuth, Dianne Milley, of Lowell, won in the batter-based category with her Easy Chocolate Coconut Bars. For her efforts she received \$200 and dinner for two at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth.

Since 1990, Zehnder's, one of the sponsors, has recognized Michigan's best amateur bakers through the annual competition.

He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself.

—Thomas Paine

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 24: Saralyn Vezino, Gay Pfaller, Ramee Guild.

JUNE 25: Ann Wittenbach, Kim Raines, Angela Lonero.

JUNE 26: Cathy Acker, Velma Perry, Dwane Cavanaugh, Pat Roth, Hunter Jamieson, David Scott.

JUNE 27: Dylan Schneider, Aaron Kroemer.

JUNE 28: Brian Doyle.

JUNE 29: Ben Zoodsma, Stephanie Yonker, Jackson Simmons, Trevor Wernet.

JUNE 30: Sheila Yeiter, Kayleigh Page.

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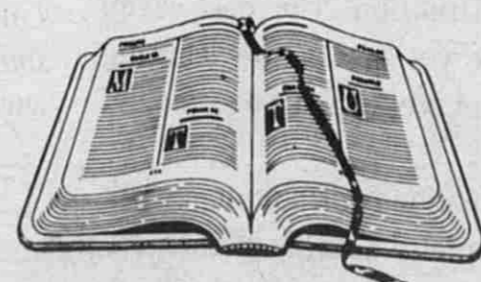
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SUNDAYS: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

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. OR 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 5th-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 MI#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 Scrappers, 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. Bellline) 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.

2ND THURS.: Ada Historical Society at 7 p.m. Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in

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.

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LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.;

Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. For information call 897-8565.

THURS., JULY 1: Vergennes Club picnic at Creekside Park. Bring own table service, dish to pass, lawn chair. Beverage furnished. Annual fundraiser "Pass the Hat." Hostesses, Officers, Program, Visiting.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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


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

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

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

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

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BOND LADDER MAY HELP LIFT YOU ABOVE LOW RATES

For the past several years, interest rates have been low. If you depend on fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds, for their income, you may be shaking your head in despair. What's an investor to do?

You could, of course, hope for interest rates to rise. And that may happen, particularly if the economy continues to improve. In the past, a strong economy has led to higher inflation, which, in turn, has pushed interest rates higher.

However, if you want to buy new bonds, you may not want to wait for potentially higher interest rates. As an alternative, consider building a "bond ladder" by purchasing a variety of

bonds with a wide range of maturities—short-, intermediate- and long-term. When rates are rising, you use the proceeds from your maturing bonds to buy new bonds at the higher levels. When market rates are falling, you'll continue to benefit from the higher rates offered by your longer-term bonds. (Generally speaking, longer-term bonds pay higher rates than shorter-term ones.)

-Bond Ladder Benefits?

In addition to helping provide you with an "all weather" approach to investing in bonds, a bond ladder offers the following:

- **Potentially "smoother" returns**—If you invest in bonds on a "start and stop" basis, your income and yield could fluctuate significantly. But by regularly reinvesting part of your portfolio despite market conditions, you can help smooth out your returns.
- **Potentially lower interest-rate and reinvestment risk** - If you invest in high-quality, investment-grade bonds, and hold them until maturity, you can be reasonably assured of receiving your principal amount (or face value) back. And yet, both short-term and long-term bonds carry their own risks. When you buy short-term bonds, you face "reinvestment risk"—the risk of having to reinvest matured or "called" bonds at a lower interest rate. (A bond issuer can call your bond by repaying

your principal before the bond is scheduled to mature.) And when you invest in long-term bonds, you incur "interest-rate risk"—the risk that your bonds could lose value if interest rates rise. But when you create a bond ladder, your mix of bonds can lessen both risks.

(Keep in mind that bond ladders can't protect you from all risks. You have to consider *credit risk*—the risk of default—associated with a particular issuer. Obviously, the higher the credit risk, the greater the possibility of losing some, or all, of your principal. Also, all bonds face *inflation risk*—the risk that your bond's yield (at the time the bond matures or is called) will not outstrip the rate of inflation and, consequently, not provide you with a positive return.)

• **Greater investment discipline**—If you follow a structured investment plan, such as a bond ladder, you can help yourself make steady progress toward your long-term goals. By sticking with your bond ladder, you'll be less likely to make changes based on short-term market events, such as sudden changes in interest rates.

As you can see, a bond ladder has much to offer. So, think about establishing one—it can help lift you out of the gloom of the current "low-rate latitudes."

Register by July 6 for August primary

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds Michigan residents that Tuesday, July 6 is the deadline for registering to vote in the Aug. 3 primary election.

Residents can register at their county, city or township clerk's office, at any Secretary of State branch office, or by completing a mail-in voter registration form. Mail-in forms may be obtained from county and local clerks, or on

the web site www.michigan.gov/sos. They must be postmarked on or before July 6 to meet the registration deadline for the primary election.

Residents who register by mail must vote in person in the first election in which they participate unless they are age 60 or older, temporarily residing overseas, or disabled as defined by law. Residents who have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, may also be subject to new identification requirements.

To register, applicants must be 18 years old by Election Day, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Michigan and the city or township in which they are applying.

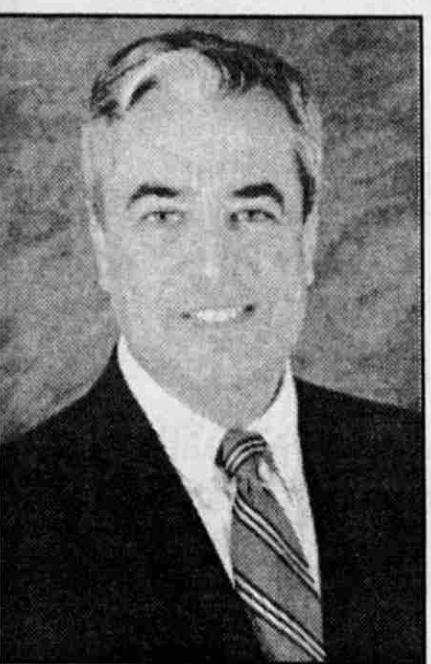
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BUSINESS MATTERS



Charles R. Myers has joined ICNB, as Vice President with responsibility for overseeing its retail banking offices, President James D. Fast recently announced.

Myers is a veteran banker with over 25 years in the banking industry, with the last 21 of those years having been spent in Lowell. Most recently, Myers served as vice president at Huntington Bank in Lowell. He has been very

active in his community, currently serving as Lowell's Mayor Pro Tem, Chairperson of the Kent District Library's Board of Trustees, is a trustee for the Lowell Area Community Fund, along with various other civic organizations.

In his new role with ICNB, Myers will be responsible for the delivery of the bank's investment, loan and deposit products and services through its retail banking offices.

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City of Grand Rapids	Bowne Township	Nelson Township
City of Grandville	Byron Township	Oakfield Township
City of Kentwood	Caledonia Township	Plainfield Township
City of Lowell	Cannon Township	Solon Township
City of Rockford	Cascade Township	Sparta Township
City of Walker	Courtland Township	Spencer Township
City of Wyoming	Gaines Township	Tyronne Township
Ada Township	Grand Rapids Township	Vergennes Township

TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the County of Kent, Michigan, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their City or Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; office of the Secretary of State or at the office of a designated State Agency during their regular business hours. To register by mail, call your County Clerk or Local Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE:

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2004

On which day the Clerks' offices or other designated places will be open during their regular business hours for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors qualified to vote.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the Primary Election candidates for the following offices will be selected:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Kent County at the August 3, 2004 Primary election:

PROPOSITION FOR KENT COUNTY MILLAGE INCREASE FOR WILDLIFE PARK

Shall Kent County levy a new additional .55 of one mill for a wildlife park which is equal to 55 cents per \$1,000 of the taxable value on all real and personal property subject to taxation for the period 2005 through 2029 inclusive for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, relocating, furnishing, stocking, equipping and operating the park in the county? The amount of revenue raised by the levy in the first calendar year is estimated at \$10,126,235.

YES _____
NO _____

There are in Kent County twenty local authorities that capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by the County. Such capture would include a portion of the new millage levy. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is an estimated \$216,701. The tax increment authorities in Kent County include the following:

*Bowne Township – Alto Downtown Development Authority
Byron Township – Local Development Finance Authority
Cascade Charter Township – Downtown Development Authority
Cedar Springs, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority
Gaines Charter Township – Local Development Finance Authority
Grand Rapids, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Monroe North – Tax Increment Finance Authority, Smartzone – Local Development Finance Authority and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Grandville, City of – Downtown Development Authority
Kent City, Village of – Downtown Development Authority
Lowell, City of – Downtown Development Authority
Plainfield Charter Township – Downtown Development Authority
Rockford, City of – Downtown Development Authority
Sparta, Village of – Downtown Development Authority
Walker, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Wyoming, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority*

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following propositions shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Kent District Library at the August 3, 2004 Primary election:

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSITION NO. 1 MILLAGE RENEWAL AND INCREASE

Shall the Kent District Library be authorized to levy a tax annually upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the District in an amount not to exceed 0.88 mills (\$0.88 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013, inclusive, to provide funds for district library purposes? (This millage is a renewal of the previously authorized total millage of 0.8710 mills which expired following the 2003 levy, and a new additional millage of 0.0090 mills. This millage is estimated to provide revenues of \$12,080,752 in the first year of the levy).

YES _____
NO _____

The following is for informational purposes:

Within the District of the Kent District Library, there are 13 local authorities that capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by the District Library. Such capture would include a portion of the above millage levy. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first year of the levy is an estimated \$136,682. The tax increment authorities within the District of the Kent District Library include the following:

<i>Bowne Township:</i>	<i>Alto Downtown Development Authority</i>
<i>Byron Township:</i>	<i>Local Development Finance Authority</i>
<i>Cascade Charter Township:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority</i>
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<i>Kent City, Village of:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority</i>
<i>Lowell, City of:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority</i>
<i>Plainfield Charter Township:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority</i>
<i>Rockford, City of:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority</i>
<i>Walker, City of:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority</i>
<i>Wyoming, City of:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority</i>

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSITION NO. 2 ADDITIONAL MILLAGE INCREASE

(This levy shall be authorized only if Kent District Library Millage Proposition No. 1 is also approved by District Library voters).

Shall the Kent District Library be authorized to levy a new additional tax annually upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the District in an amount not to exceed 0.12 mills (\$0.12 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013, inclusive, to provide funds for district library purposes? (This millage is estimated to provide revenues of \$1,647,375 in the first year of the levy).

YES _____
NO _____

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Within the District of the Kent District Library, there are 13 local authorities that capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by the District Library. Such capture would include a portion of the above millage levy. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first year of the levy is an estimated \$18,638. The tax increment authorities within the District of the Kent District Library include the following:

<i>Bowne Township:</i>	<i>Alto Downtown Development Authority</i>
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<i>Walker, City of:</i>	<i>Downtown Development Authority, Downtown Development Authority</i>
<i>Wyoming, City of:</i>	<i>Local Development Finance Authority</i>

Only registered electors residing in the district of the Kent District Library will be eligible to vote on the Kent District Library propositions. The Kent District Library district consists of the geographic area of Kent County except the City of Grand Rapids, the City of Cedar Springs, Solon Township, Sparta Township, the Village of Sparta, and those portions of Bowne Township and Caledonia Township within the Thornapple Kellogg School District.

In addition, local proposals will be voted upon in various cities and townships.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

Citizen of the United States
At least 18 years of age on or before August 3, 2004
Resident of the County of Kent

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Featured Artist

Judith Thumser

By Dan Schneider

Lowell artist Judith Thumser likes watercolor

painting, she said. "I like the colors you get, all those bright colors and trying not to get it muddy. I like animal but she frequently paints her dog, a Welsh corgie. Her painting of sheep, appearing very small, is of a



Judith Thumser is shown with her painting of a bull. The work is among several watercolors currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

painting and animals. The result of the blending of those two interests is on display currently at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in the form of several watercolor paintings of animals.

When Thumser was asked what she likes about

the way it moves around the paper."

Why asked, "Why animals?" she responded, "I was raised on a farm. I've just always loved them. I've always been around animals."

Thumser will paint any

whole flock of sheep viewed from a distance. She also painted a blue rooster.

Not all of her works at the chamber are of animals. There is a detailed watercolor painting of some orange tulips in a jar on a table next to a window, for instance.

Thumser started out as a music teacher, attending Western Michigan University. She taught for 10 years, then went to the Kendall College of Art and Design to develop a new career, and ended up with an interest in watercolor painting.

"I'm an interior designer, that's my profession," she said. "So I took lots of art classes forever."

For the past several years, she's been able to pursue watercolor painting more seriously.

"I had to raise the kids and make a living and all that and it's been about the last 10 years that I've had time to paint," Thumser said.

She has illustrated and self-published a few books for children. One is about her grandchildren taking a trip to grandma's house. Also featured is her dog. Another book is about her grandchildren taking a trip to Drummond Island; Thumser owns a house there. Some of her art among other things is sold at a store on the island.

"At Drummond Island, you have to mix things together, so they also rent canoes," Thumser said.

Both of her books are colorfully illustrated. Copies are available for purchase at the chamber during the show. Chimera Design on E. Main also has some of her work available.

Sizzlin' on the Riverwalk

Large numbers of people showed up with lawn chairs to check out the first show in the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts last Thursday on Riverwalk Plaza. The Boogie Woogie Babies kicked off the summer with a rollicking bunch of showtunes.

Mary Rademacher, of the Boogie Woogie Babies, belts out a tune on the trumpet. The group played to a packed Riverwalk Plaza last Thursday.

(photo by Bruce Doll)



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Restoring the Circle

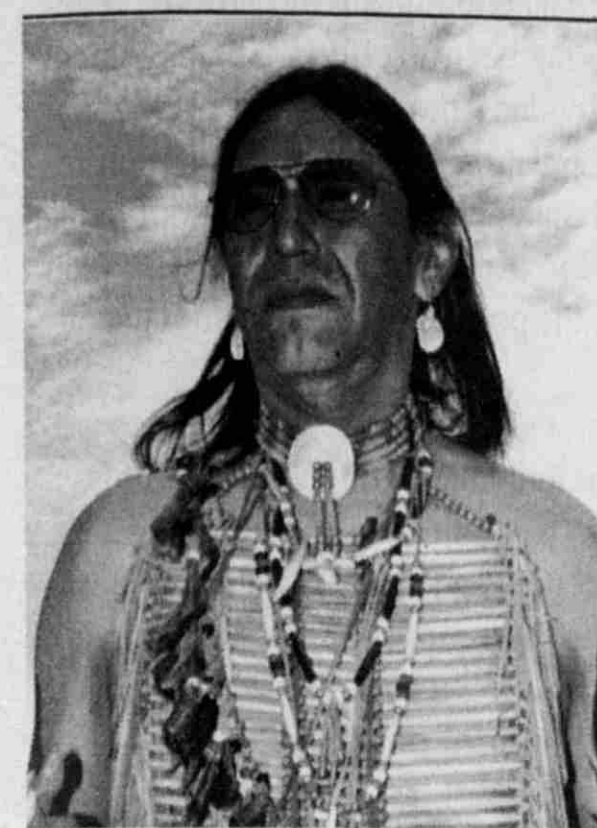
The Grand Valley American Indian Lodge brought its sixth annual Restoring the Circle through the Buffalo Pow Wow to the Lowell Fairgrounds over the weekend.

Traditional dances included the grass dance, which tribes in this region danced to smooth down tall, native prairie grasses before a gathering. The fancy shawl dance was an example of a modern interpretation of native American dance. The dance is a celebration of freedom and life through movement. Drum groups beat the songs out on their drums and sang. Many dancers wore impressive regalia. On the whole, the atmosphere was colorful and energetic.

The Pow Wow lasted until dark on Saturday and most of the afternoon on Sunday. The spectators were numerous and the people of Lowell made a strong showing.

Pow Wow organizers called the event a success and have already set a return date for next year. The seventh annual Restoring the Circle Through the Buffalo Pow Wow will be June 25th and 26th, 2005 at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

Photos submitted by Bruce Doll



2nd Annual Flat River Kayak & Canoe Race

The Lowell Athletic Boosters is sponsoring two kayak events July 10 at the Lowell Riverwalk Festival.

EVENT I - A timed race, a 3/4 of a mile course at the boat ramp along the Riverwalk. This is intended as a family-type event that will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost (donations to the Lowell Athletic Boosters will be accepted). Kayaks will be provided by Bill and Paul's Sporthaus. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards will be made for age groups 13 & under; 14 through 17; and 18 & over. Registration located at the Boat Launch.

EVENT II - This event is for the more serious kayaker/canoer. This race will be a looped course, 3.9 miles, starting and finishing along the Riverwalk in Lowell. The Race will begin at noon. There will be 2 classes of Kayaks - 12 ft. & under, and over 12 ft. with 5 divisions-females 18 yrs. and under, and 19 yrs. and over; males 18 & under, 19 yrs. thru 45 yrs., & 46 yrs. & over. Also one Tandem class; and one Canoe class. Kayaks will not be provided for this event. PFD's are required of all participants. Registration located at the Boat Launch.

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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



BEAR FACTS

The black bear is one of the most elusive animals in the Michigan woods. Relatively few people have ever observed a free ranging bear in its natural habitat. As development moves north, the possibility of conflicts between humans and bears will increase.

During the last 40 years, interest in the life and times of bears has resulted in a number of research projects implemented by the Department of Natural Resources. These studies have revealed important information about the diet, range, and habits of black bears.

It was determined that bears can eat almost

anything that provides nourishment. The majority of the bear's diet consists of vegetation, but they will take down a small deer if given an opportunity. Ideally, bears require large remote areas of suitable cover with adequate food. Finding this ideal habitat is the biggest problem facing bears today.

Because we are invading the remaining home range of black bears, it is not surprising that people are encountering the normally shy black bear more often. The bear's ability to subsist on a variety of food sources becomes a disadvantage when the animals raid garbage cans and backyard bird feeders. The situation becomes more critical when careless campers fail to keep food away from their shelters and up out of reach of bears.

I personally had a serious encounter with a black bear while caribou hunting in northern Quebec. The bear came out of the brush while I was field dressing a bull caribou on a beach along the George River. At first, I was thrilled about being so close to a bear that probably had never before seen a human. My feeling of good fortune soon turned into concern for my health when the animal ignored my efforts to chase it away. The large male bear dragged the caribou 50 yards to the brush-line while I

watched from a distance behind some large rocks. Fortunately, the bear had come for a caribou lunch and was not interested in me. The point here is that bear problems almost always involve food. Bears have to make a living like everyone else.

The challenge for the Department of Natural Resources is to balance the needs of bears with human activity. Controlling bear populations by carefully regulated hunting seasons has been an effective management tool. The state is divided into a number of habitat regions. The bear population is estimated for each region or management unit, and then the number of hunting permits issued for a particular unit is based on available habitat and the possibility of bear/human conflicts.

Michigan citizens need to understand how to get along with bears so the animals will always be part of our natural heritage. This is another case where we must share the earth and its bounty with other creatures. Bears may not always want to share, however, because that day on the George River I sat on a rock and ate a bologna sandwich while the bear dined on sirloin.

Contract talks, continued...From Page 1

discussion during bargaining sessions.

Both sides said this month is an opportunity to bring a new perspective to the talks.

"I don't see a problem with taking a fresh approach and even to start over if we have to," said Truax. "If we could go into negotiations and we knew that we were really there to settle the contract dispute, that would be wonderful. If we could go in there and bargain five days in a

row, that would be great."

"What this month gives us—and by us I mean both parties—is the opportunity to really work together toward resolving these issues and arriving at a settlement, and that's how the board is going to approach it," Hopkins said.

To take full advantage of the opportunity, both parties will need to spend some time at the bargaining table. The only day currently scheduled for negotiations is next Monday, June 28 beginning at 9 a.m.

Two tight and short times available," Truax said.

Scheduling contract mediation sessions is complicated by the number of people at the table. Representatives from the LEA and LESPA, the Michigan Education Association's Uniserv director Willie Suber, the district's lawyer Don Bonato, Gillette, and Emmons all must be present. The frequency of bargaining sessions throughout

the duration of the contract negotiations has been about one meeting per month.

"It seems to always take that long to find a date between us and the school board and the mediator," LESPA president Vicki Fredline said. "But hopefully when we meet the 28th, we'll be able to schedule more time."

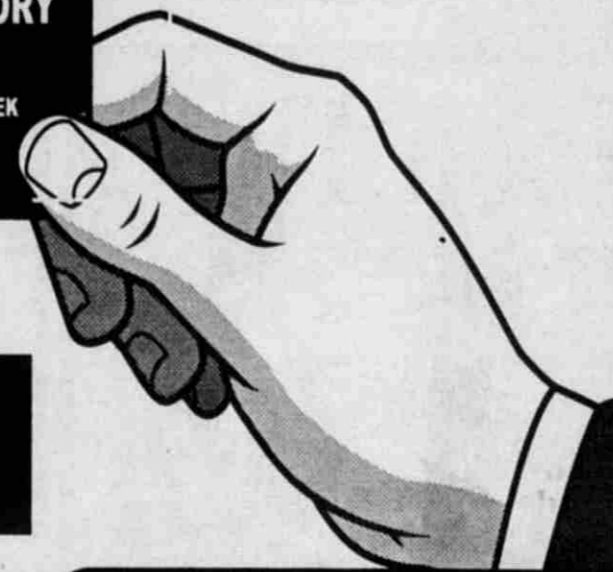
The week of the 28th is effectively the last week for

bargaining before the July 12 school board meeting. All buildings in the district will be closed the week following the Fourth of July holiday. This was a measure included in the 2003-2004 school budget to save \$14,000 on utilities.

The two newly-elected school board members will become active July 1. The July 12 meeting will be their first.

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Workin' on the trailway, continued...From Page 1

Preserve, Creekside Park and Cherry Creek Elementary on the way to the middle school.

The Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA), the group being formed to build the trail, will have to attain easements from landowners in order to put the trail across private land. The stretch from the Wittenbach Center to the middle school is a good prospect because much of it could be built on land that is already publicly-owned. It could also be built without having to bridge any bodies of water. And it is important for the goals of the trail, as it would provide a pedestrian conduit from downtown Lowell to the high school and the hiking trails of the Wege Natural Area.

"I think it's a real safety issue for kids on their own to be able to get out to the high school and get to the facilities," Lowell Parks and Recreation director and Lowell Area Trailway committee member Perry Beachum said. "And also it's probably one of the most visible (trail segments)."

That segment of trail would make the Cooper Woodland Preserve truly accessible to the community for the first time.

"Until there's a designated trail going through that, all the beauty and nature and all that stuff—nobody's going to see that," Beachum said.

The visibility and utility of the trail segment will be important to building public interest in the trailway. It is an ambitious project that will take a lot of time and community involvement to complete.

The Lowell Area Trailway Committee has been meeting and planning for the last three years. This summer, it is working on the first tangible step toward making the trail a reality—the Lowell Area Trail Agreement. The agreement will establish how the three municipalities involved will cooperate in the development and maintenance of the trail.

"We're trying to accomplish getting the agreement signed by all three jurisdictions by mid-fall," committee member and Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said. "Once that happens, we can move ahead with actually getting the funding, setting up the accounts, getting more formal."

The agreement will establish the LARA as a nonprofit group with representatives from the three municipalities.

This will allow the trail to receive donations and apply for grants.

"The goal is to build the trail with private donations, matching grants and not to have a bond issue that would burden the taxpayers any more," Beachum said.

Grants for non-motorized trail development are available from a variety of sources, including the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources.

The city of Portland has completed eight miles of trails using mostly grant funds. Their project started in 1987 and includes a piece of Lowell area infrastructure. The former Burroughs Road bridge, which had traversed the Flat River, was installed over the Looking Glass River in Portland. It was the first bridge exchange in the state of Michigan.

"We have no local millage," Portland parks, recreation and cemetery director Mary Scheurer said. "We maintain the trails with our existing parks service."

In Lowell, each of the three municipalities would be responsible for some of the trail's upkeep. The LARA



Alexis Millering of Lowell plays at Creekside Kingdom. The park is one of the recreational points of interest along the planned route of the Lowell Area Trailway.

would form a "friends of the trail" group to provide volunteer work on the trail such as litter clean-up. This is standard among most community trails in the state.

In Portland, a sort of informal neighborhood watch arrangement among trail users helps with trail upkeep and security.

"Our high use of the trail system is our best defense against vandalism and problems on the trail," Scheurer said.

The Portland trail con-

nects schools, city parks and baseball fields, and a downtown riverfront area. The trail has inspired a renewed interest in the downtown area. The city recently built an outdoor bandshell along the trail. River's Edge Condominiums is being developed trailside. The owner of Duke's, a cajun restaurant near the trail, has added an outdoor patio and made other improvements to draw in trail users.

"That's why we did all this—put in the restaurant, built the deck," Duke's man-

ager Josh Cross said. "Because there's so much going on down here."

The Lowell Area Trailway committee will have a booth set up at the Riverwalk Festival with information, maps, brochures and a volunteer sign-up sheet. The group is planning a volunteer project for later this summer. The goal will be to clean up brush left behind by loggers last November and establish nature trails in the Cooper Woodland Preserve.

Class of 1964 celebrates 40 years

The Lowell High School Class of 1964 celebrated its 40th class reunion with a dinner buffet at Deer Run Golf Club on May 29.

In attendance were 85 people, some traveling from as far away as Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and South Carolina.

Vic Weeks presented facts about the class during a short program, one being that 13 couples have been married for 35-39 years. A recap of 40 years was also read; gas was only 25 cents a gallon!

Background music of the '60s was enjoyed during social time and pictures

of the past as well as a memorial table to honor the deceased classmates were on display.

The reunion committee consisted of Bonnie Denman, Diane Scott, Gay Nauta, Jerry Lipscomb, Mary Kay Nelson, Lola Hunt, Jean Jeltema and Vic Weeks.

Elementary chess masters



Over 80 fifth graders from Cherry Creek Elementary participated in this year's double elimination chess tournament. Pictured, left to right, are the top three chess winners: Aaron Wenger took home the championship trophy; Chelsae Prill finished second; and Shay Lyon came in third.

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us happy is something to be enthusiastic about.
—Charles Kingsley

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT ADDING EXTENSION TO THE BROOK SHIRE ESTATES DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is Hereby Given, that an Agreement adding an extension to the Brookshire Estates Drain Drainage District by and between the Kent County Drain Commissioner on behalf of the Brookshire Estates Drain Drainage District and the Kent County Road Commission was executed on or about May 25, 2004, in order to improve drainage to the roads in the Drainage District by establishing an existing storm drain as an extension of the legally established Drain, pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code (Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan 1956, as amended). All costs attendant to this agreement, including but not limited to engineering, surveying, construction, legal and recording expenses incurred by the District in preparation and review of this agreement shall be paid by the Road Commission.

The route and course of the extension to the Drain is as follows:

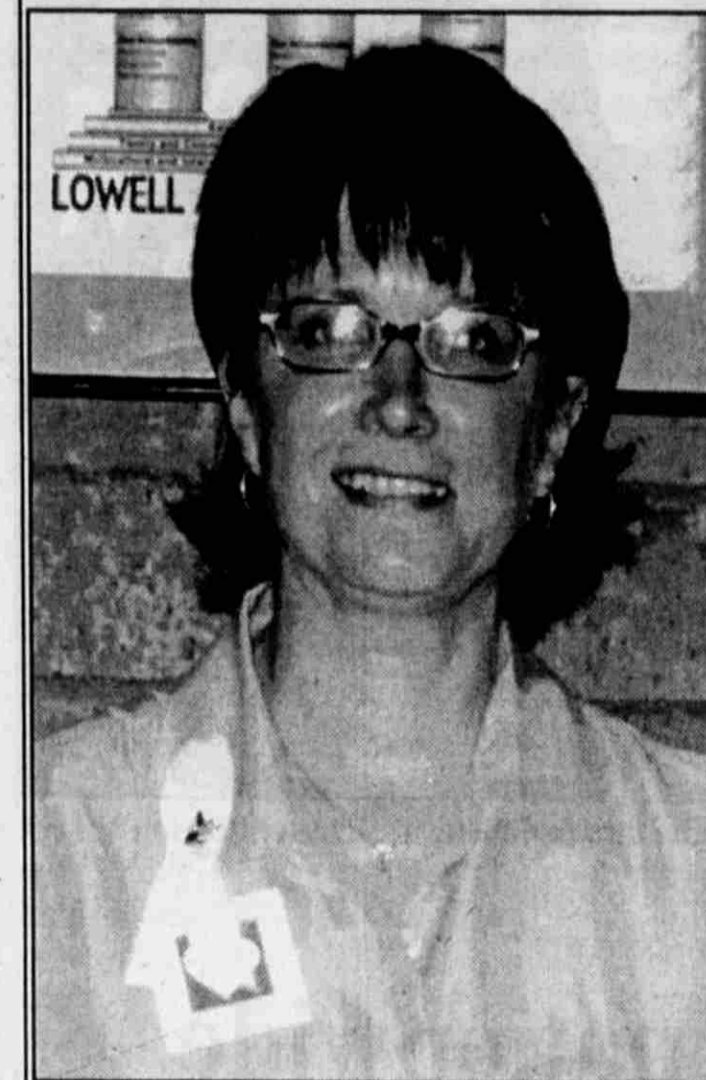
That part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 6, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as; Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 3, Brookshire Farms; thence South 00°48'13" East 10 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89°49'41" East 75.00 feet to the point of ending.

Also commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 4, said Brookshire Farms; thence South 89°49'41" East 20.06 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 07°40'11" East 166.09 feet to the point of ending.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2004

Signed,
ROGER G. LANINGA
COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER OF
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Cherry Creek Staff Member of the Month



Beth Ball

Beth Ball, an office assistant at Cherry Creek Elementary, was chosen as May's staff member of the month.

Staff members who nominated her said, "She goes above and beyond her job description. She is always willing to help out, and is very flexible with her schedule."

She has been working at Cherry Creek for five years. "I feel very lucky to have been given the chance to join the Cherry Creek staff," said Ball. "The teachers and support staff are wonderful people to work with. I love my job and enjoy seeing the kids each day. This job keeps me on my toes; no two days are ever the same."

Ball can often be seen greeting parents in the office, getting band-aids or ice for injured students, or answering phone calls. She and her husband Greg have four children, two who have graduated from Lowell.

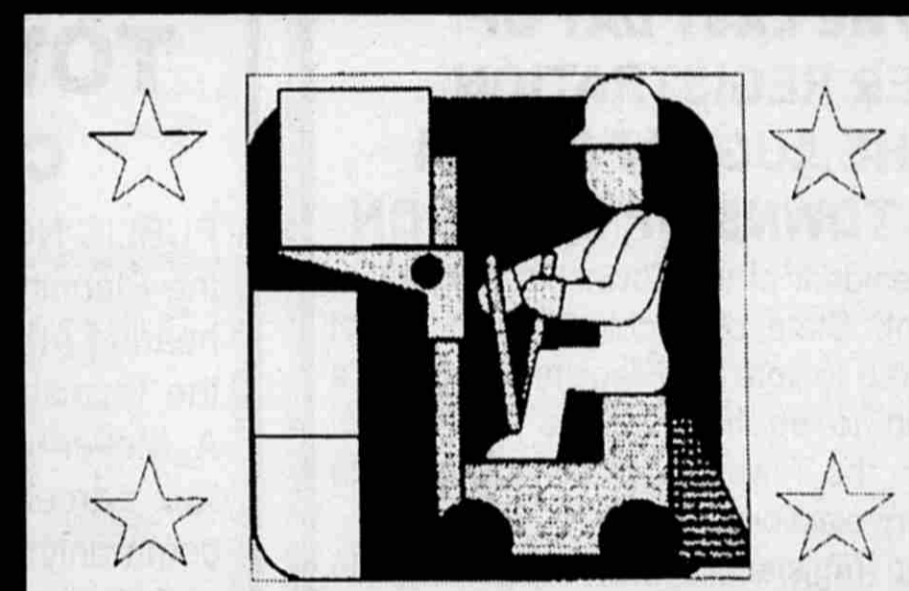
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Lowell High School junior Katie Serne, 4th, from left, was elected Region V FFA treasurer.

Lowell junior elected to regional FFA office

Katie Serne, a junior at Lowell High School, has been elected to serve as the Region V FFA treasurer. Her term of office began on June 5 with 11 other officers from throughout the region. The process included two levels of interviews at the local and regional levels, and a two-minute speech to her peers at the Region V chapter officer retreat held on June 4 and 5.

Serne, an honors student, is involved in the PALS program, band and National Honor Society. She is also involved in writing for the Kent County Farm Bureau newsletter and is employed by Cumberland Retirement Village. Her educational goal is to study pre-veterinary medicine.

Serne is the daughter of Pat and June Serne of Lowell.

Moore to join nationwide Full Force Exhibition Team

Mariah Moore, 10, a student of Sensei Aaron Bailey and Lowell YMCA Ro-Ken Karate, was recently selected among only nine other students nationwide to perform with the Young Champions Full Force Exhibition Team.

Full Force performs martial arts demonstrations using swords, spears, and fans both individually and as a synchronized team to music

year round at tournaments, malls, fairs, amusement parks, parades and schools to encourage the art and athleticism of martial arts and self-defense for young people.

Chicago in March when she nearly swept her division with five first-place trophies and one second-place in the six events she entered.

Its 10-team members were hand-picked from nearly 2,000 students in Michigan by Jason R. Hoard, chief instructor of Young Champions of Michigan. Hoard saw Moore perform at the Quad State National Tournament in



Mariah Moore, 10, with her many trophies.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN OF THE LAST DAY OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004 SPECIAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Any qualified resident of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan, who is not already registered to vote may register to vote in a special election to be held on the 3rd day of August, 2004 in the Township, in conjunction with the State primary election.

The last day to register for the August 3, 2004 special election will be: Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

The Ballot Proposition to be considered at said election is as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN REFERENDUM ON 2002 AMENDMENTS TO THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 25, 2002

Shall the 2002 amendments to the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance, adopted by the Township Board on November 25, 2002, being amendments to the text of Articles 1 through 16 of the Zoning Ordinance, be approved?

The Township Clerk shall be at the Clerk's office located at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to receive voter registrations.

This Notice is given by authority of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

Lana F. Green, Township Clerk
Township of Grattan

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Pamela L. Ciganik and Lori A. Meyer for a special land use for a private road to provide access to two parcels of land. The private road would be located on lands commonly designated as 7777 Tiffany Avenue, and legally described as follows:

That part of the SW fractional 1/4 commencing 725.59 feet N 0D 00M 00S along the West section line from SW corner of said section, thence S 89D 49M 40S E 381.12 feet to the centerline of Tiffany Ave., thence Northerly along said centerline 602.26 feet to the North line of the SW fractional 1/4 of the SW fractional 1/4, thence West along said North line 447.01 feet to the West section line, thence South along the West sec line 600.01 feet to beginning, Section 6, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

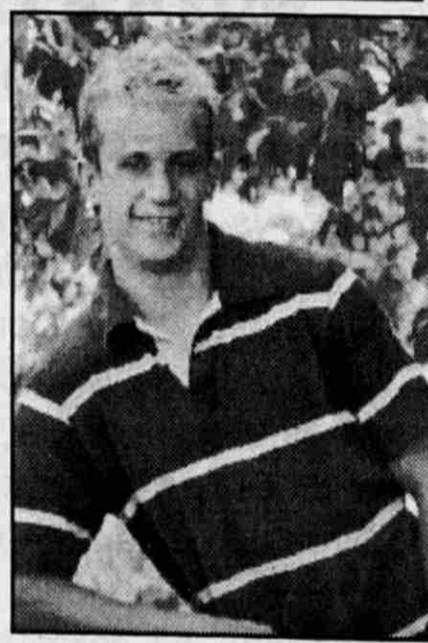
The private road, if approved, would provide access to and from two parcels of land located adjacent on the north side of the north Township boundary line, such parcels thus being located in Cannon Township.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809; up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: June 17, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COLLEGE NEWS



Chad James Dillree

Chad James Dillree has been accepted at Ferris State University for fall semester. The former Lowell resident graduated on May 30 from Morley-Stanwood High School. He is the son of James and Mary Dillree of Stanwood, and grandson of Al and Dot Lacie of Lowell.

Ryan Ward has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio, to begin classes in the summer session where he will be majoring in the automotive diesel technology program. Ward, the son of William Ward and Susan Ward of Lowell, attends Lowell High School.

Local teens introduced to American politics

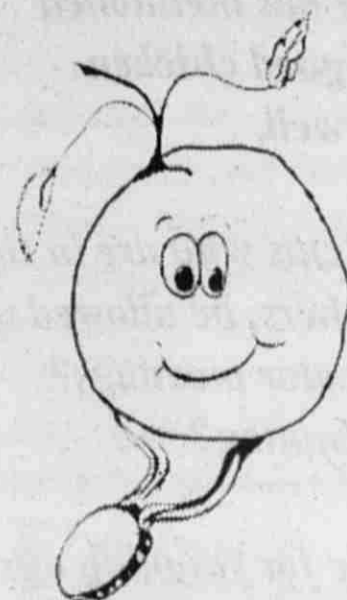
More than 200 Michigan teenagers from almost 60 counties participated in Michigan Farm Bureau's annual Young People's Citizenship Seminar June 14-18 at Alma College.

Farm Bureau were Katie Ward, Marie Wade and Katie Serne from Lowell and Kelly Foote from Alma.

The students were part of the 40th annual conference, which aims to educate young people to take an active role in the American political system.

"YPCS strives to promote future citizens and leaders in our local communities, both rural and urban," said seminar organizer Matt Smego. "The seminar is designed to foster students' interest in taking positions of leadership. Our goal is to send them home with a greater sense of what it means to be an American, and an interest in participating in our democracy."

Notable past YPCS participants include former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers.



Cherry Creek 5k Run/Walk Results

PLACE	NAME	CITY	AGE	TIME
1	Steve Peabody	Belding	41	18:29.2
2	Keaton Dilly	Lowell	15	18:53.1
3	Robert Insley	Belding	43	18:59.7
4	John Farrell	Byron Center	25	19:11.8
5	Mike Bashlor	Alto	21	19:31.8
6	Kent Riddle	Lowell	46	19:52.2
7	Scott West	Grandville	42	19:57.0
8	Jonathan Riddle	Lowell	16	20:06.0
9	Judith Larson	Grand Rapids	30	20:17.2
10	Craig Wittenbach	Lowell	52	20:46.7
11	Eric Mundt	Lowell	15	21:01.2
12	Charlee Verduin	Ionia	34	21:02.3
13	Timothy Lungar	Grand Rapids	45	21:09.4
14	Cedar Springs	14	21:14.6	
15	Rich Challenger	Saranac	53	21:25.5
16	Monica Fitzpatrick	Ada	15	21:35.0
17	David Tackmann	Lowell	34	21:42.1
18	Gena VanderMeulen	Shelbyville	36	21:47.6
19	Vernon Spears	Grand Rapids	31	21:48.5
20	Nicholas Huizinga	Ada	17	21:51.9
21	Karen Judd	Alto	15	21:54.0
22	Douglas Kenyon	Ada	61	21:56.5
23	Craig Duerr	Modesto CA	42	22:02.7
24	Doug Sage	Saranac	60	22:07.0
25	Jerry Elkins	Byron Center	56	22:08.0
26	Brittany Dietz	Lowell	16	22:09.8
27	Curt Steinebach	Cedar Springs	32	22:16.3
28	Hayley Getzen	Ada	14	22:37.9
29	Brian Ray	Saranac	31	22:40.0
30	Lindsay Scigliano	Cannonsburg	22	22:40.9
31	Erica Huizinga	Ada	16	22:49.9
32	Bernie Burgette	Fort Wayne IN	60	22:51.1
33	Andy Retberg	Hudsonville	28	23:00.3
34	Ely Hauschild	Lowell	14	23:13.7
35	Justin Anes	Lowell	28	23:32.2
36	Jenny Lungar	Grand Rapids	17	23:34.2
37	Garrett Glover	Grand Rapids	20	23:40.6
38	Mike Persak	Grand Rapids	61	23:42.2
39	Jim Anton	Comstock Park	54	23:43.6
40	Abby Haystead	Saranac	18	23:58.1
41	Gordon Carpenter	Comstock Park	62	24:18.4
42	Shelly Abbring	Lowell	48	24:23.1
43	Marvin Dietz	Lowell	60	24:26.5
44	Zachary Hall	Alto	18	24:48.1
45	Charles Pomarius	Rockford	51	24:56.0
46	LeRoy Johnson	Lowell	50	24:59.4
47	Spencer Endres	Grand Rapids	9	25:06.1
48	Robin Egan	Lowell	27	25:11.0
49	Sara Roberts	Lowell	30	25:12.8
50	Janet Edwards	Lowell	46	25:22.0
51	Wendy Jeffrey	Lowell	38	25:24.5
52	Cindy Ortiz	Rockford	39	25:24.8
53	Jimmy Hodges	Lowell	25	25:25.3
54	Roger Foster	Byron Center	16	25:29.2
55	Matthew Weirenga	Belding	13	25:38.0
56	Katie Riddle	Lowell	14	25:39.9
57	Randy Slater	Belding	55	25:41.3
58	Ken Willmarth	Lowell	55	25:52.2
59	Sarah Rusch	Lowell	27	25:57.4
60	Pamela Iler	Lake Odessa	29	26:09.7
61	Kristi Foster	Byron Center	14	26:22.8
62	Todd Foster	Byron Center	43	26:23.0
63	Cindy Cook	Lowell	26	26:27.8
64	Janice Myers	Greenville	45	26:28.1
65	Fred Ray	Lowell	55	26:35.3
66	George Goodspeed	Lowell	69	27:02.6
67	Sarah Haystead	Saranac	21	27:11.5
68	Phillip Getzen	Ada	11	27:17.3
69	Patty Wade	Lowell	39	27:43.6
70	Damon Shattuck	Grand Rapids	23	27:47.5
71	Amy Austhof	Grand Rapids	29	28:17.2
72	Delores Visser	Marne	45	28:26.5
73	Marvin Adams	Grand Rapids	7	28:35.2
74	Carah Schalow	Ionia	13	28:43.8
75	Suzanne Kozioski	Grand Rapids	54	28:55.8
76	Kris Russ	Sparta	24	29:01.9
77	Joe Frain	Lowell	33	29:08.8
78	Robert Grable	Grand Rapids	57	29:17.0
79	Hunter Race	Ada	9	29:33.5
80	David Race	Ada	42	29:35.9
81	Rachel Stadt	Lowell	34	30:00.9
82	Robert Woodward	Clarksville	55	30:01.6
83	Bill Endre	Grand Rapids	4	30:14.9
84	Danielle Hulst	Lowell	32	30:40.7
85	Reah Anes	Lowell	29	30:41.1
86	Hunter Meriwether	Grand Rapids	57	30:45.2
87	Calle Blair	Grand Rapids	42	31:22.1
88	Candace Strong	Lowell	49	31:28.1
89	Haleigh Timmers	Lowell	12	32:18.3
90	Amy Christensen	Lowell	38	32:22.0
91	Cassey Wildey	Alto	15	32:35.6
92	Holly Jackson	Grand Rapids	30	32:53.4
93	Brent VanPolen	Chesapeake VA	32	32:54.2
94	Annette Lally	Lowell	53	35:40.2
95	Susan Riddle	Lowell	46	36:19.8
96	Danielle Rosenberg	Middleville	13	36:32.8
97	Natalie Wierenga	Belding	34	37:03.0
98	Carla Schut	Jenison	55	37:17.9
99	Brian Vanderark	Caledonia	41	38:38.8
100	John Wilcox	Lowell	30	38:39.4
101	Marcia Rickert	Saranac	59	38:50.0
102	Jade Mull	Lowell	7	39:02.2
103	Michael Mull	Lowell	32	39:02.6
104	Susan Scoles	Lowell	56	39:19.2
105	Guy Roberts	Lowell	37	39:29.3
106	Martha A. Bush	Saranac	65	40:52.7
107	Ryan Timmers	Lowell	9	42:07.3
108	Maegan Malone	Belding	23	42:36.6
109	Ron Nead	Lowell	64	42:46.2
110	Mike Timmers	Lowell	40	42:50.4
111	Deborah Brooks	Lowell	48	43:13.7
112	Patricia Moore	Saranac	54	45:52.9
113	Susan Johnson	Saranac	50	45:53.2
114	Toffie Abbasse	Kentwood	75	47:31.3
115	Brian Abbring	Lowell	19	47:31.7
116	Sandy Darling	Lowell	55	47:48.0
117	Denise Simpson	Rockford	48	48:32.5
118	Ronda Timmers	Lowell	39	48:43.9
119	Rosemary Jerrils	Alto	54	48:50.2
120	George Blocher	Lowell	88	53:38.0

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL LAND USE HEARING
JULY 8, 2004
7:30 P.M.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH S.E.
ALTO, MI 49302

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following request:

Article 5 - Agricultural District, Item 5.04 (f) home occupations in an accessory structure. Jim & Kim Culbertson of 9449 Wingeier Avenue S.E. would like to place an Antique Shop in an accessory building. Article 14.01 (K) Special Land Uses requires review by the planning commission. Parcel #41-24-27-200-002.

All written comments may be sent to James Oosting, Chairperson Bowne Township Planning Commission - 8240 Alden Nash S.E., P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035.

James Oosting
Chairperson BTCP

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL JUNE 7, 2004

Minutes of the May 17, 2004 meeting were approved as written and the accounts payable were approved.

The following items were presented and discussed:

- Waste Management - Service Review

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to adopt the budget amendments for 2003-2004 as presented.

- Motion to increase the fees for yard waste and trash bags to \$1 each.

- Motion to adjust the water and sewer rates by \$1 for the readiness to serve and \$1 for the debt service per month.

- Motion to set the millage rate at 15.83 mills in addition to the .25 mills for the Lowell Area Historical Association.

- Motion to adopt the 2004-2005 Operating budget as presented.

- Motion to approve the waiver request for using a registered survey rather than engineer for the application regarding 911, 925 and 951 Grindle Drive.

- Motion to approve waiver request lengthening the private road to 850 feet.

- Motion to approve the waiver request of 16 feet of width with valley gutter as well as the entire application for the private road.

- Motion to approve a \$2,500 budget for Dixon Engineering Services to undertake the Water Treatment Plant clarifier repainting engineering services.

- Motion to approve the bid from Ron Meyer and Associates in the amount of \$150,877.90 and the agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Foreman Road project.

- Motion to disband from the Kent Area Hazardous Material Alliance.

- Motion to adjourn 8:47 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be on Monday, June 21, 2004.

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



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell

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

I think it is a shame that the Lowell Schools is losing great teachers. Teachers make the schools!

To the 30 something married party girls, you should spend more time with your husbands & families, and less time fooling around with our 20 something sons! You should be ashamed! Grow up!

I think you people at Sound Off are doing an excellent job. Keep up the good work.

Love your column. I'm not driving to Ionia to get chicken - there are plenty of places to eat here.

Who paid for the "Support Staff" signs? The union?

My pet peeve is when you get an answering machine that says "Hi, we're not coming to the phone right now." That really burns me.

Congratulations to our two new school board members.

Let's all back our teachers in Lowell! We want our schools back on track.

People should not be allowed to bring their dogs to the concerts and not pick up the doggie doo - doo.

Just got back from Grand Rapids where gas was \$1.74, filled up my gas tank, got into Lowell and all the stations in Lowell were \$1.94. Doesn't make any sense.

I don't know if anyone has mentioned this but...we need a good chicken place in Lowell.

Why can't parents of students who are in the district, who also are teachers, be allowed to attend Key Communicator meetings? Is this discrimination?

To the person responsible for shooting our cat on the eve of 6/15. You have no idea how much this cat meant to our family. This was heartless and despicable.

To the person who told me to get a grip. That sign, is a \$23,000 digital sign for 350 kids. As apposed to a sign for 1200 kids. Now you get a grip.

International travel tips from AAA

For international travelers, a little homework done now can mean an A+ trip later.

As you travel:

- Order your passport at least three months before your departure date.
- Investigate health care coverage. Consider trip insurance and a personal protection policy.
- Familiarize yourself with the language and local

currency. Study the customs of the places you plan to visit.

- Request a letter from your doctor detailing medical information, including medications and copies of your prescriptions. Carry an extra pair of glasses, and prescriptions of eyeglasses and contact lens.
- Photocopy your passport, airline ticket, travelers checks, medical info,

itinerary and emergency contact addresses and phone numbers with country codes. Carry two extra passport photos.

- Leave valuables at home. Avoid gold and gold-tone jewelry. Use a money-belt or necklace purse instead of a fanny pack.
- Whenever possible, travel with a group. Keep information about your hotel and room number pri-

vate. Alert fellow travelers to your destination and return time.

- Know where you're going. Carry a piece of stationery with the hotel name and address. In any building, note the location of exit doors.

- Register with the U.S. Embassy. Arrange for an international phone card.
- Say "no" to drugs. The rights we have in the U.S. do not apply when you leave the country. Most countries do not differentiate between those who use and traffic in drugs. Punishments for violating drug laws can be severe. For additional travel tips, go to the web site at <http://www.state.gov>.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA OF THE LAST DAY OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004 SPECIAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Any qualified resident of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan, who is not already registered to vote may register to vote in a special election to be held on the 3rd day of August, 2004 in the Township, in conjunction with the State primary election.

The last day to register for the August 3, 2004 special election will be: **Tuesday, July 6, 2004**

The Ballot Propositions to be considered at said election are as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 1 MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION 1.0 MILL FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES

Shall the increase in the Township of Grattan tax rate limitation, currently .9377 mill (\$0.9377 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied in the years 2004-2008, both inclusive, and shall an additional .0623 mill (\$0.0623 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be approved and levied to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the levy of .5 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable property in the Township?

The purpose of this levy is to provide fire protection within the Township, including the operation of the Township fire department and the acquisition and maintenance of fire and rescue vehicles and apparatus and real property and improvements used for fire protection purposes. It is estimated that a levy of .5 mill would provide revenue of \$113,999 in the first calendar year, of which \$7,574 would result from the additional .0623 mill. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Township of Grattan.

Yes _____
No _____

PROPOSAL NO. 2 MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION 0.5 MILL FOR ACQUISITION OF FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, AND REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PURPOSES

Shall the increase in the Township of Grattan tax rate limitation, currently .4688 mill (\$0.4688 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied in the years 2004-2008, both inclusive, and shall an additional .0312 mill (\$0.0312 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be approved and levied to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the levy of .5 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable property in the Township?

The purpose of this levy is for acquisition of fire and rescue vehicles, apparatus and equipment, and real property and improvements for fire department purposes. It is estimated that a levy of .5 mill would provide revenue of \$56,993 in the first calendar year, of which \$3,793 would result from the additional .0312 mill. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Township of Grattan.

Yes _____
No _____

The Township Clerk shall be at the Clerk's office located at Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, N.E., in the Township, on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to receive voter registrations. This Notice is given by authority of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

Lana F. Green, Township Clerk

Survey of adults shows life-long consequences of ADHD

Adults with ADHD may have grown up with the condition but have they outgrown it? A new national survey, "Capturing America's Attention," shows that adults with ADHD may experience far-reaching consequences that greatly impact educational and professional achievements, as well as affect personal relationships.

While the exact number of adults with ADHD is not known, it is estimated that four percent of the adult U.S. population is affected by ADHD. The survey of 1,001 adults found that ADHD leads to consequences throughout life that restrict adults from reaching their full potential.

Survey highlights

- Are three times more likely to suffer from stress, depression or other problems with emotion.
- Are less likely to express a positive self-image. Only 40 percent of the adults with ADHD "strongly agree" that they have a bright outlook on their future.
- Are more likely to engage in harmful or antisocial behaviors, like smoking and drug use. In addition, people with ADHD are twice as likely to have been arrested.
- Have less stable relationships than those adults without ADHD. People with ADHD are twice as likely to be divorced and/or separated,

and are less likely to be "completely satisfied" with their current relationship partners or loved ones.

- Tend to report lower educational achievement. They are less likely to be high school or college graduates.
- Have generally had more jobs over the course of the past 10 years. On average, those with ADHD had 5.4 jobs compared to adults without ADHD who had 3.4 jobs.

Among adults with ADHD, 43 percent report that they lost or left one or more of those jobs in some part because of their ADHD symptoms.

- Are more likely to report "lost days" when they are not fully engaged both

physically and emotionally. About one in four (24 percent) of adults with ADHD said that on 11 days per month, on average, they were prevented from normal activities, such as work, due to poor mental or physical health compared to only nine percent of adults without ADHD.

"By determining how people's lives are impacted starting from childhood, we can begin to help people take control of their lives and reduce the potential for life-long impairment," said Stephen V. Faraone, PhD, Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital.

ADHD is a neurobiologi-

cal disorder that manifests as a persistent pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity-impulsivity that is more frequent and severe than is typically observed in individuals at a comparable level of development. Proper diagnosis and effective treatment can help improve self-esteem, work performance and skills and social competencies.

The most common behaviors exhibited by those who have ADHD are inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. While hyperactivity is present in some adults that are diagnosed with ADHD, typically adults with ADHD are much less hyperactive compared to children with ADHD.

People who have ADHD, or who know someone they think might have ADHD, should contact a health care professional. Although there is no "cure," there are accepted treatments that specifically target its symptoms, including educational approaches, psychological or behavioral modification and stimulant drug therapy.

There are many reliable resources available for people who have ADHD, as well as those who have a loved one with ADHD.

For additional information, visit: www.ADHDsupportcompany.com.

In adults, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder can strongly affect quality of life.

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MAY SMILE OF THE MONTH:

May "No Cavities" Club Members

Meredith Lane	Amanda Waltz	Hayden Suttan
Jasmine Peters	Conner Bergen	Alex Brandt
Spencer Lyon	Freddie Griffith	Alexis Higley
Evan Swanson	Marissa Polinder	Margaret Griffith
Dakota Holford	Mathew Schuitema	Kayleigh VanKeulen
Sarah Dec	Cossette Czarnopis	Zach Diamond
Kristina Boyer		Dylan Mankel

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GARAGE SALE PAGE

GARAGE SALE
Friday & Saturday,
June 25 & 26, 8
a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bernard's Ace
Hardware, 1601 W.
Main in Lowell.
Don't drive all
around town! You
may find over-
stocks, discounted
items and seasonal
closeouts! Deep
discounts on all
kinds of great
items. Don't Miss It!

GARAGE SALE
Sat., June 26.
Toys, collector
dolls and Barbies,
name brand J.R.
clothes, desk,
computer table, TV
stand, tons of
books, teen books
and romance
novels. 754
Godfrey, just west
of ITM.

**FAMILY &
FRIENDS SALE -
A GARAGE FULL
OF TREASURES!**
Sailboat, Broyhill
sofa, bedroom set,
backpacks, jew-
elry, folk art, small
appliances, nice
clothes, home
decor, collector
dolls & furniture,
kitchen, cedar
chest, end tables,
radial arm saw,
and many unique
things. June 24,
25, 26; 9 a.m. - 7
p.m. 865 Lincoln
Lake NE (just north
of Fallasburg Park
Rd.)

**AFTER MOVING
SALE**
at 1376 Grand
River SE, Lowell.
June 25-26, 10
a.m. - 5 p.m.
Everything goes.

GARAGE SALE
Household and
outdoor items; also
sporting goods.
June 24, 25, 26, 8
a.m. - 6 p.m. 332 N.
Washington St.,
Lowell.

YARD SALE
Sat., June 26, 8 - 4
p.m. Evergreen
Missionary Church,
10501 Settlemore.
All proceeds go to
Missions.

**HUGE RUMMAGE
SALE**
New items each
month. Free
drawing for Corner
Landing Restau-
rant gift certificate
and a 50/50 draw-
ing. Safe Haven
Humane Society,
330 Fourth St.,
Ionia, located off
M-21. Office and
home furniture,
clothing, books,
vintage cassette
tapes, electronics,
holiday decora-
tions and much
more. Saturday -
July 3, 8 a.m. - 3
p.m. at SHHS.
616-522-1611

ESTATE SALE
Antiques, dishes,
collectibles,
furniture, books,
baby items, yard
tools, over 60
years of collecting,
1986 Pontiac 4 dr.
w/low miles. Fri.,
June 25 & Sat.,
June 26, 9 a.m. to
6 p.m. All items
will be 50% off
original price on
Sat. 1913 Kelsey
Hwy., Ionia. No
Presales.

JUNE 24 & 25
8-6 p.m. Rain or
shine. Mini blinds,
ceiling fan, large
mirror, much more.
7309 Kettle Lake
Dr., Alto, near
Kettle Lake School.

**FOUR FAMILY
GARAGE SALE**
Thurs., Fri. & Sat.,
June 24-26, 9-6
p.m. Pebble Beach
Apts., Bowes Rd.

GARAGE SALE
June 25 & 26, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Antiques,
furniture, books, records, dishes, toys - stuff
for all! 7594 Peddler Lake Rd., Clarksville.

GARAGE SALE
One day only, 6/25/04, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Huge
5 family sale. Name brand clothes from
infant boys to plus size women & everything
in between. Cabinets & household items
including the kitchen sink. 10300 Bennett,
corner of Parnell & Bennett, 1 mile S. of
Vergennes, 2 miles E. of M-21 on Bennett.

**ADULT GARAGE
SALE**
No children or baby
stuff. Books, CDs,
candle making
equipment, art
supplies, jewelry,
jeans & T-shirts (M-
L), outdoor motor.
11352 Kirby St.,
Alto. June 23-27,
10-5 p.m.

1675 GEE DR.
Kids clothes,
women's casual
business, fresh
bouquets, etc.! Sat.,
June 26,
9 - 3 p.m.

MOVING SALE
11513 Depot St.,
Alto. Thurs., June
24 & Fri., June 25,
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

YARD SALE
Fri. & Sat., June 25
& 26, 9 - 6 p.m.
Lots of old railroad
items - lanterns,
signs, pictures,
calendars, phones,
pins, keys, oil can
& much more. Old
records, fishing
tackle box w/ lures,
pitcher pump, rag
dolls, hayrake &
heating stove. Also,
dishes, tools,
corner cupboard,
radios, fans, snow-
blower, cement
mixer, table saw,
vice, new centrifu-
gal pump, used
cinder blocks. 30
years of teaching
materials - books,
pictures, posters,
bulletin boards, etc.
Old books, col-
lectibles & lots of
fun stuff. 2898
Gulliford Dr.,
Lowell.

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Find great items
at VERY low
prices and have a
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money at the
same time! Rum-
mage sale and 50/
drawing to benefit the home-
less animals of
Safe Haven
Humane Society.
Office and home
furniture, clothing,
books, vintage
cassette tapes,
electronics,
holiday decora-
tions and much
more. Sat., July
3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at
SHHS, 330 Fourth
Street, Ionia. 616-
522-1611.

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GARAGE SALE
Sat., 9-3 p.m. 281
Jane Ellen. Enter-
tainment centers,
couch, love seat,
children's clothes/
toys, lamps, orien-
tal rug & lots more.

BARN SALE
11407 36th St.
Baby stuff, toys,
furniture, antiques,
odds & ends. June
24 & 25, 9 to 4 p.m.

**GRASSED IN
GARAGE SALE**
at Millcreek Apt.
300 & 320 Summit
at 203 Parsonage,
Saranac. June 24,
25 & 26, 9-5 p.m.
Wide range of
things. Look for the
signs.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs., July 1, 9-5;
Fri., July 2, 9-?
302 Roberta
Jayne. Lots of kids
toys & clothes,
women's clothes,
books & lots more.

GARAGE SALE
June 24, 25 and
26, 9 a.m. - ? 9269
Morse Lake.
Quality kids
clothes, bikes,
tools, household
items. 1999 BMW
K1200 LT motor-
cycle.

**DAYCARE GA-
RAGE SALE**
Thurs., June 24, 9-5
p.m.; Fri., 25, 9-4
p.m. Daycare is
needing to clean
house. Little Tikes
climbing toys,
books, movies, toys,
toddler beds, twin
bed, juvenile com-
forters, many name
brand children's
clothes, water skis
& boogie boards.
Also baby mini lop
bunnies. Don't miss
this sale. 13289
36th St., Lowell,
between Segun &
Pratt Lake.

GARAGE SALE
June 24 -25, 8-4
p.m. Camp stove,
toddler bed, baby
furniture, baby-
adult clothing,
Fisher Price jeep &
quad, misc. items.
8621 Elm Lane,
Saranac. M-21 to
Woodland
Dr., follow signs.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., June 25, from
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Misc.
items. 12584 5 Mile
Rd.

**MULTI-FAMILY
SALE**
Fri. & Sat., June
25 & 26, 9 to 5
p.m. Two gas
grills, antiques,
furniture, house-
hold items, cloth-
ing, something for
everyone. 4466
Causeway,
Murray Lake.

YARD SALE
Fri., Sat. June 25
& 26, 9-5 p.m.
13386 Forest
River Dr., north of
Vergennes off Flat
River Rd. Dining
room set, micro-
wave cart, TV
stand, twin head-
board, tons of
toys, tons of
books, fishing
stuff, adult & kids
clothes, Nascar
stuff, misc. stuff &
a rabbit and cage
too.

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condition, great transporta-
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APPLIANCES - Maytag,
Whirlpool, GE, washers, dry-
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Distributing 989-224-4822.

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table with 4 chairs and
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\$125 AMISH QUEEN LOG
BED - w/pillowtop mattress
set. Bought, never used. Still
in plastic. 989-227-2986.

'99 JEEP CHEROKEE - 4x4,
50,000 miles, red, 4 dr.,
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FREEZER - \$75. Call 868-
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BUNK BED - Oak, has mat-
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Good condition, \$60. Call
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BOAT MOTORS - 3 hp
Evinrude, \$200; 4 hp
Johnson, \$275; 7 hp, \$175;
7 1/2 hp Johnson, \$275; 15
hp Evinrude, \$300; 15 hp
Sears, \$350; 9.6 Sea King,
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\$25 QUEEN, FULL & TWIN
MATTRESS SETS - Previ-
ously owned. Hurry for se-
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bedroom/2 bath. Country
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on wagon, in field. Call 868-
6091; Morse Lake & 196
area.

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

FOR SALE: Used Yamaha
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1 year warranty at Meyer
Music. \$375 obo. 897-6517.

FOR SALE

PROPERTY FOR SALE - 2.2
acre lots for sale. M-21 to
Hayes Rd., Muir, North 1/4
mile. Lots are on West Side
of road. Look for signs. For
more information call eves
269-367-4900. Phil Bishop.

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4767 or 293-6160. Can deliv-
er.

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Monark 17 ft., 98 hp Mercury
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4x4, 60th anniversary edi-
tion, 55,000 miles, 4 door,
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\$2,500 obo. Call 682-2055.

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frigerator, unfurnished. \$400
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deposit. Call 616-636-8967.

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HELP WANTED: Local area
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I would like to thank
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Thanks for all the
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Sincerely,
Winnie Snieder

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EVENTS

ADA TOWNSHIP INDEPEN-
DENCE DAY FESTIVAL
CRAFT SHOW - Date of Fes-
tival 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 Amway flag display. For
application Call Pat Kain,
(616) 682-9553.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT -
Christian Life Center is of-
fering a free no cost service
to parents who need a break.
Fri, June 25, 6-10 p.m. Ages
3-12. RSVP to 897-1100 by
Wed., June 23.

**ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MAR-
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400 exhibitors. Rain or
Shine. Seven bldgs plus
outside canopies. 7:30 am
to 4:00 pm, located at the
fairgrounds, right in
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10-YEAR REUNION - Lowell
High School Class of 1994,
Sat., Aug. 7 at The Other
Place, Main St. in Lowell.
Buffet dinner beginning at 4
p.m. DJ at 7 p.m. \$20 per
adult in advance, \$10 kids
ages 5-10. Call Shannon at
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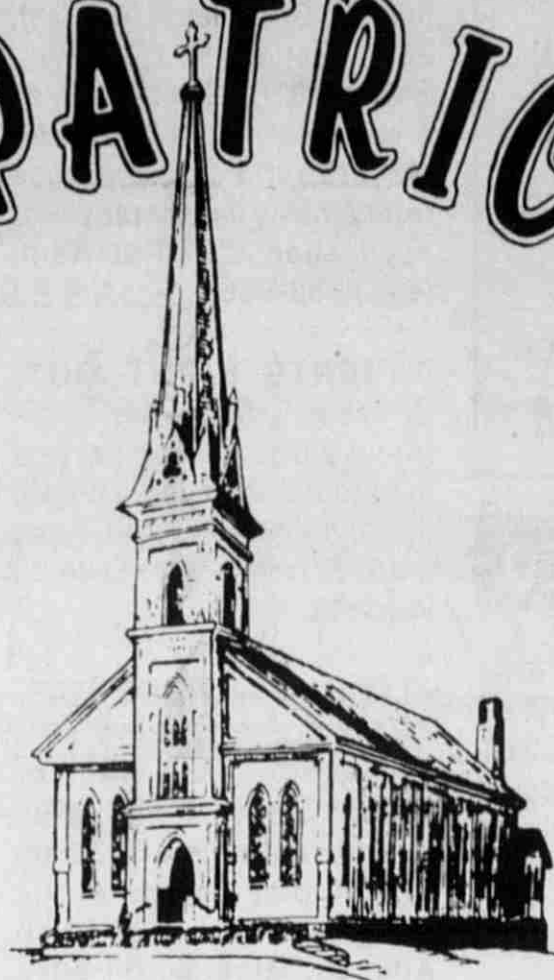
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PARISH FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday

June 26 - 27, 2004

Parnell Road at 5 Mile, N.E.

5K RUN (SATURDAY, JUNE 26)

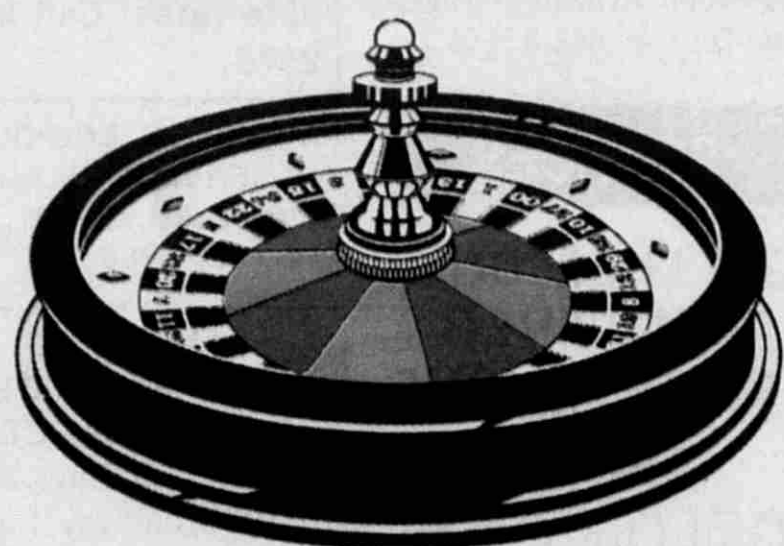
8:00 REGISTRATION - 9:00 RUN/RELAY - FAMILY WALK - REFRESHMENTS

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. PATRICK'S ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

CHICKEN BAR-B-Q DINNER (SUNDAY, JUNE 27)

SERVED FROM 12-5 PM - TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

ADULTS \$7.00 CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$3.00 PRESCHOOLERS \$1.00



LAS VEGAS

Saturday

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CASH RAFFLE

Drawing June 27, 2004 at 6 pm

St. Patrick Parish Grounds

Grand Prize: \$20,000

2nd Prize: \$2,500.00

3rd Prize: \$1,000.00

4th Prize: 500.00

Plus \$500 & \$250 Early Bird Drawing

June 11, 2004 9:00 AM in the Parish

Office

Ticket Price: \$5.00 per Ticket

Raffle License No. C22847

Raffle Tickets Available at the Buyers Guide Office



BINGO

Sunday

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY FAMILY FUN

Children's Games • Kid's Tractor Pull • Horse Rides
Petting Zoo • Moon Walk • Live Music • Beer Tent
18th Annual Custom Classic Car, Truck & Antique Tractor Show

Music By:

Phoenix Rose

Saturday -

8:00 - Midnight

Virgil Baker

Polka Band

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00