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Walk, run, bike or skateboard- be there!

2004 Riverwalk Festival promises lots of excitement

By Dan Schneider

Evidence of Lowell's annual Riverwalk Festival is visible all along Main Street, festooned with bright yellow banners and waddling ducks of the same color. The festival takes place Friday, July 9 and Saturday, July 10.

A birthday celebration for the famous Lowell Showboat will be Friday evening. Recently repainted and refurbished, the showboat celebrates 25 years this summer.

"It's the showboat's birthday, so the focus of the whole evening will be on the showboat," said Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director.

That includes calliope music, performed by Dick McNeal from 6-7 p. m. The instrument, a type of compressed-air organ, backed up

showboat performances throughout most of its history.

Then there will be a short program recognizing this year's class of the Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence. With the help of numerous volunteers, the group spent most of April and May scraping, painting and fixing up the showboat.

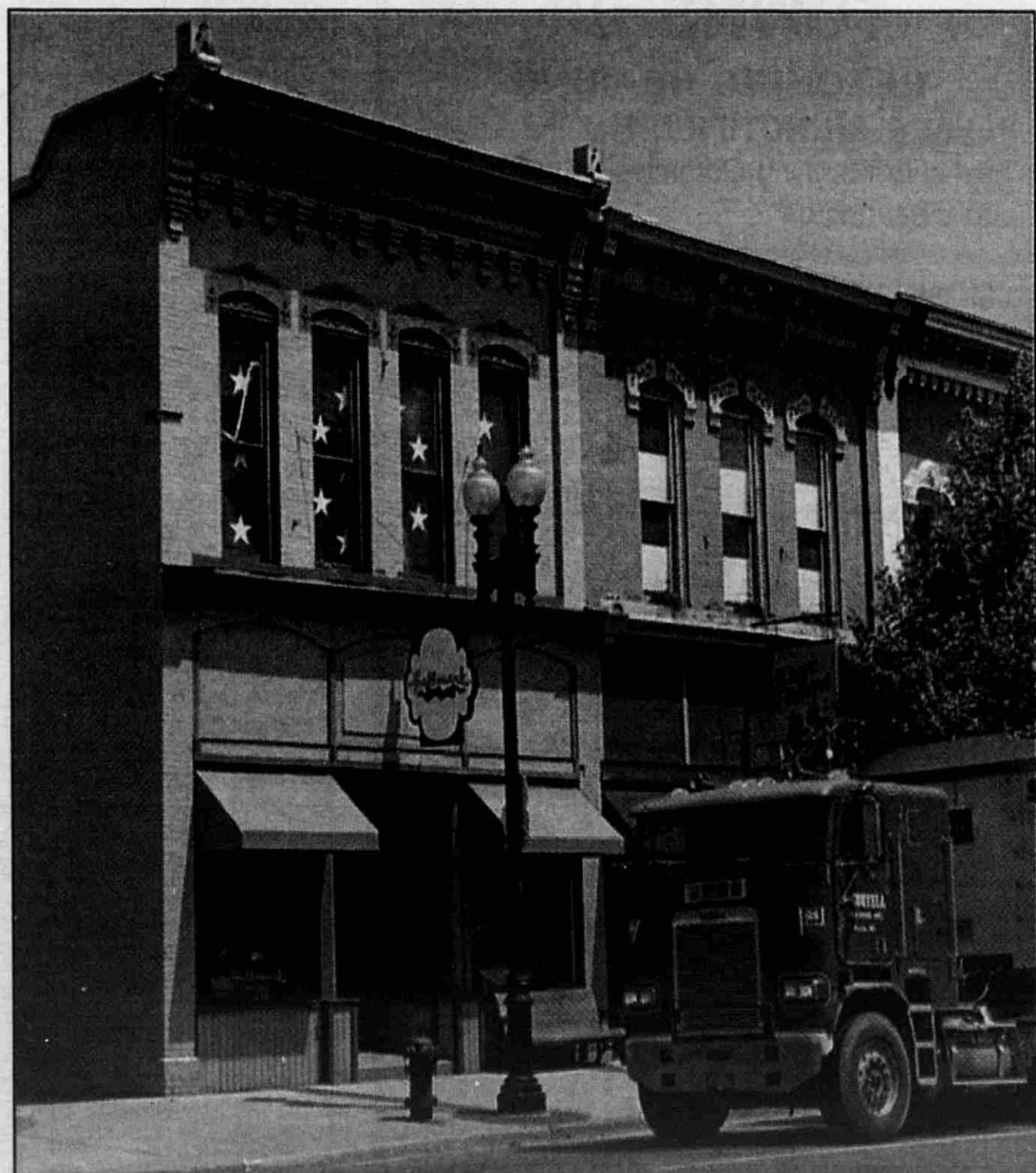
It was the first major refurbishing of the current Robert E. Lee, which was completed in 1979 after a windstorm destroyed the previous showboat. The refurbishing required nearly 700 hours of volunteer work. With that in mind, the Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation is raising funds for more regular maintenance of the showboat. At the festival, those who donate \$12 to the foundation

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Kevin Reeser ollies off the Riverwalk stage with the Lowell showboat in the background. The showboat will take center stage Friday, July 9 for a birthday celebration the first night of the festival.

Red, White & Blue on Main Street



A freightliner truck cruises by beneath the patriotic colors in the upper story windows of Cousin's Hallmark and River Hollow on Main Street. Mike Hale, who owns the stores with his wife Karen, constructed the flag out of painted plywood.

"It's scaled out like the flag was 53 feet long," Hale said.

A friend of Hales drafted the flag in that size on a computer. They laid it out on the boards and painted it red, white and blue.

"A year or so ago it seemed like a good idea," Hale said.

He put it up this year for Memorial Day, kept it up for the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion and for the death of former president Ronald Reagan. The stars and stripes remain relevant this fourth of July weekend.



*Have A Happy,
Safe Fourth of July!*

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OBITUARIES

DYKHOUSE - John (Vanderwal) Dykhouse. Dykhouse, aged 81, of Coral, passed away June 25, 2004 at Laurels of Kent in Lowell. He was born November 4, 1922 in Byron Center, the son of Barney and Stella

of the Howard City VFW Post#3306. John loved to drive around, look for deer, work in the garden and fish. Surviving are three sons Robert (Beverly) of Jenison, James (Jean) of Jenison, John (Gwen) of Grand Rapids; three daughters Marsha Morissey of Wyoming, Patricia Lemson of Coral, Sandra Dykhouse of AZ; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; several great-great-

grandchildren; two brothers Barney, Ike; four sisters Berniece, Martha, Stella, Alice; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Marion in 1997; a daughter Linda; three sisters Jenny, Freda, Emma. Services were held Monday at the Heckman Funeral Home with Pastor Bert Boes officiating with burial in the Coral Cemetery.

TRAVER - Alvin Leo Traver, born April 7, 1930, passed away June 24, 2004 at the age of 74. Preceded in death by his parents Leo and Jeanette

(Wilcox) Traver; brothers Douglas and Wayne Traver; son Thomas Traver. Surviving are children Ilene (Ken) Groen, Jim (Vickie) Traver, Cindy (Kevin) McNeil, Jim Wurm, John (Renee) Traver, Tom Wurm, Susan (Bob) Harold, Dave Traver, Phil (Laurie) Traver; 27 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister Jean; sister-in-law Frances (Ward) Wohlford; many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Monday at Lowell First United Methodist Church, Rev. Michael Conklin officiating

GROENENBOOM - Lena Groenenboom, aged 84, formerly of East Grand Rapids, went to her Eternal Home June 21, 2004. She was preceded in death by her parents Ori and Caroline Groenenboom; brother Ori (Helen) Groenenboom; brothers-in-law Ted Comdure, Paul Detmers, David Hansma. She is survived by her sisters Eileen (John) Essenberg of Ada, Elsie Detmers of Lake Placid, Fla., Elva (Jack) Middlebrook of Belding, Carolyn Hansma of NY; 14 nieces and nephews Carol, Lee, Susan, Orin, Joyce, Karlene, Berdie, Paula, Gail, Joann, Kent, Barbara, Ross,

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177,796-DE

Estate of
ELLA M. ROGERS,
deceased
SSN: 379-30-9131

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, ELLA M. ROGERS, who lived at 260 Marcell Dr., Apt. 12, Rockford, MI 49341 died 6/5/04.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to LINDA TURNER DYGA, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 21, 2004

CRAIG AVERY
P10311
3875 West River Drive
Comstock Park, MI
49321
616/784-5080

LINDA TURNER DYGA
907 Eagle Ridge Drive
Coopersville, MI 49404
616/997-4028

In loving memory of
DONALD G. WEEKS
who went to be with the Lord
June 28, 1978

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise
And find your eyes
All filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
And each time that you think of me
I know you'll miss me too
But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called many
name and took me by the hand
And said my place was ready
In heaven far above
and that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through heaven's
gates I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne
He said, "This is eternity and all
I've promised you today
For life on earth is past
but here it starts anew
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past."
So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart.

We miss you dearly,
You will be in our hearts forever.
The Family of Donald Weeks

Religious sign sparks review of city's signage ordinance

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Joshua Langdon wasn't too surprised by the letter he received from the city stating his religious signs on his property at 410 Hunt St. were in violation with the city's sign ordinance.

Even his father, Mike Langdon, who has put up similar signs in other cities, wasn't shocked since the issue of whether religious signs can be placed in residential areas has come up before in the small communities in which he has lived.

Lowell Planning Commission members were surprised to learn that the city could be in violation because its sign ordinance for the residential district may be too restrictive.

"My understanding is that we can't prohibit signage in

residential areas," said city manager David Pasquale. He discussed the issue with the city attorney's office after a complaint was raised and the Langdon's provided information from Supreme Court rulings that allow for such religious signs to be placed in residential areas. "There has to be some allowance for signage," they said.

Currently, the city's ordinance allows for a wall sign with an area of two square feet, which is basically a name plate, said Pasquale. Under the ordinance's rules, no other signage is allowed in the residential area.

Pasquale said, according to the city attorney's office, the city can have reasonable regulation on residential signage but cannot prohibit such signs. The planning commission needs to address

how big the signs should be, the number per house, the height, and duration, i.e., temporary or permanent.

Building inspector Doug Hopkins said he was not aware of other cities that allow residential signage; however Mike Langdon said he has dealt with such cities as Ionia, Cedar Springs, Grant, Fremont and Newaygo on residential signage, specifically religious signs such as the ones his son and he have placed in their yards.

Mike Langdon is a pastor for the newly formed Bible Believers Church in Lowell. One of the ministries he works with is the Wayside Scriptures, which created the Gospel signs for residential use. The signs are in all 50 states and several foreign countries with the purpose being to spread the Gospel. Langdon

said. In a letter to the planning commission, the Langdons said that the signs do fall under the protection of freedom of speech as decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

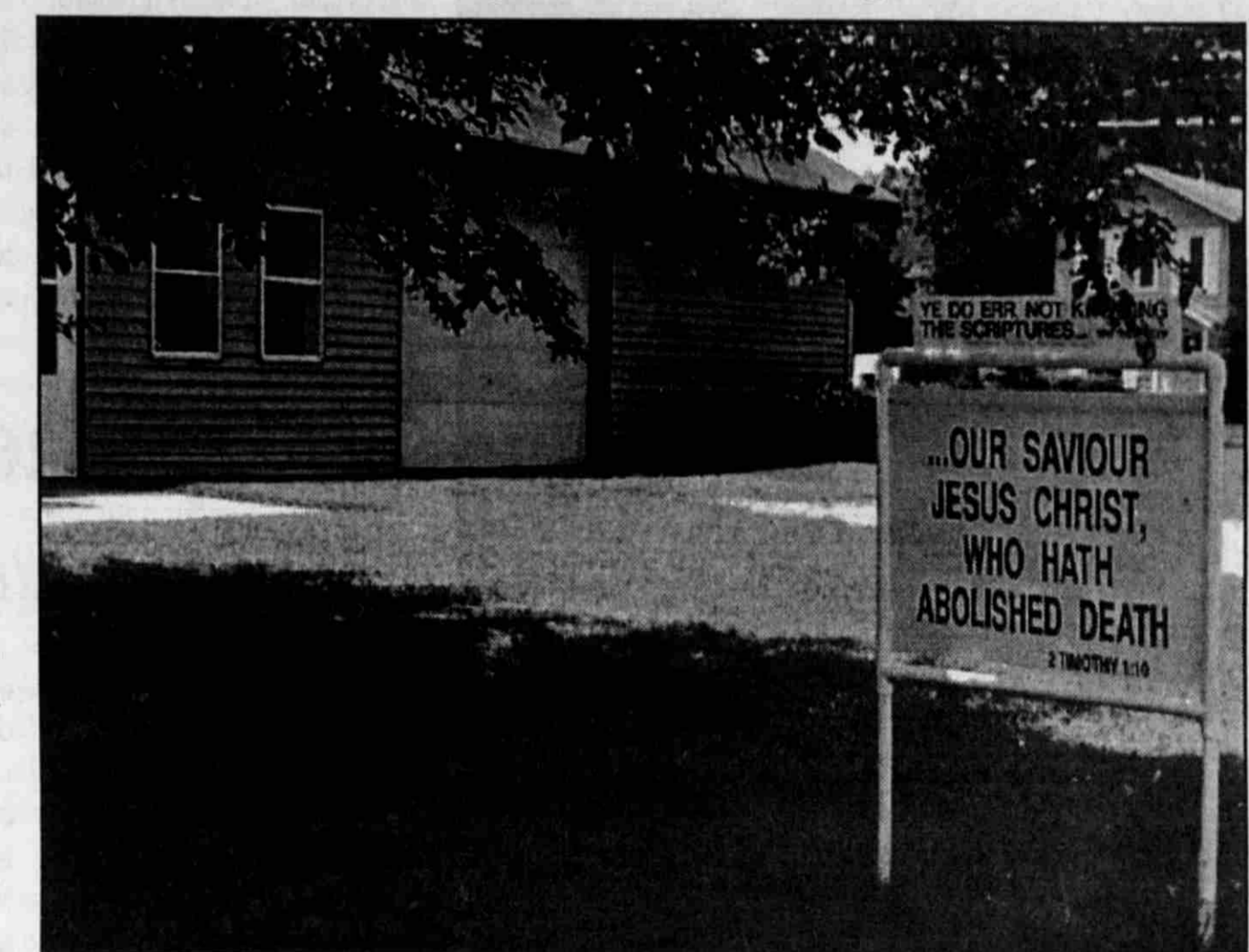
With that, several of the commission members pointed out that the city would have to allow people of various faiths

and beliefs the right to put up such signs if they revise the ordinance.

"If someone wants to put a sign in that says, 'I love the devil,' I could care less, just as long as I can put one up for the Lord," Joshua Langdon said.

Due to the fact the planning commission is review-

ing the residential sign issue, the commission, by consensus, sent a request to the city council for a moratorium on issuing letters or citations on any signage in residential areas only. The city council is expected to review that request at its next meeting, July 6.



One of the signs on Hunt Street that caused the city to look into its ordinance.

Read for free rides at the Kent County Youth Fair

A cooperative effort between the Kent County Youth Fair and Kent District Library will give summer readers a chance to get free rides at the fair this August. It's called "Reading for Rides" and here's how it works: a child fills out a form while he or she reads 10 age-appropriate books, the child's parent or guardian signs the form to verify the books were read, and the child redeems the form Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. to get a wrist band.

The wrist band allows the reader to get unlimited rides and exclusive access during the free ride party, which lasts until noon that day. The forms and more information are available at the fairgrounds' web site, www.kcfcg.org. Lists of books appropriate for different age groups are available at any Kent District Library branch including Englehardt and Alto branches, or on the KDL web site, www.kdl.org.

Jules and Beck Combined Shows is the company sup-

plying the midway for this year's fair. The company is donating the free ride time for the summer reading program.

"They have been very generous in working on this," project coordinator Kristi Caine said.

Also to encourage reading, there will be a scholastic

book fair booth set up throughout fair week in one of the exhibition buildings.

"All the proceeds will be turned back into books," Caine said.

For every book purchased at the fair, a book will be donated to Dickinson Elementary, an inner-city school in Grand Rapids.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CITY OF LOWELL RESIDENTS

Effective July 1, 2004, the cost for yellow trash bags will be \$10.00 per bundle (ten bags) and yard waste bags will be \$10.00 per bundle (ten bags) or \$20 per bundle (20 bags).

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2004 in observance of Independence Day.

Garbage & recycling for City of Lowell residents who participate in the city's yellow trash bag and recycle program, will be picked up ON THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAY (Tuesday or Thursday).

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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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 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable property in the Township?

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?

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

Dovetail Antiques: history repeated



Debbie Parks and Karrie Scudder are the co-owners of Dovetail Antiques, the most recent addition to Lowell's antique scene.

By Dan Schneider

When Debbie Parks and Karrie Scudder opened Dovetail Antiques last year, they were intent on reviving a Lowell tradition.

"At one time this used to be a town of antique stores," Parks said. "It was known for its antique stores and we wanted to bring that back."

Open since last Thanksgiving, Dovetail Antiques is the newcomer to the Lowell antique scene. After the closing of the Dam Store, it is one

of three antique shops in town. The store quickly filled the space at 211 W. Main after the Rare Finds furniture store closed and left the space open.

"It was a quick decision," Scudder said.

"We had booths in different antique stores around the Grand Rapids area and we just wanted our own space," Parks said. "We wanted more antique stores in town."

"We live here so we want to be a part of it," Scudder said.

Seven different vendors sell antiques at the store, working the counter with a frequency proportionate to the floor space their displays occupy.

"It's kind of like a co-op," Scudder said. "In order for it to work, we all have to be successful. If they put something into it, they're going to get a lot more out of it."

Parks and Scudder's particular interests are in primitive items—antiques from the 1800s that are handmade. The

store sells nothing newer than 1960.

"We're pretty picky about what comes in here," Parks said.

"We want to be an antique store, not a collectibles shop," Scudder said.

The store's regular hours are from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday, and noon - 5 p.m. on Sunday. The store will be open until 8 p.m. on July 9 and 10 for the Riverwalk Festival.

Everywhere a sign

City continues to remove temporary signage

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

No balloons. No banners. No flags. No pendants. It's time to deregulate a little, according to the Westside business owners who approached the Lowell Planning Commission about reviewing the city's current sign ordinance for its business district.

After getting repeated violations for signage that has become the standard for many business marketing campaigns, 11 of the businesses located on the city's west corridor along M-21 signed a letter requesting that the ordinance be reviewed and updated.

"We went to many small communities in Allegan, Barry, Kent, Ionia and Montcalm counties, and photographed various things that would be illegal according to the ordinance that we have on the books now," said Daryl Kuiper, of Vennen Chrysler, who was representing the district.

The focus of the photographs Kuiper showed the commission was on small communities because "small towns tend to lag a little behind" on changing regulations to fit current market trends, adding that he was born

and raised in a small town, Hudsonville.

Kuiper said the issue started when his company got cited for balloons, one of several issues that have come up over the past year with the car company. Balloons are allowed on a temporary basis; however Vennen, according to city staff, has not requested a temporary permit to have the balloons.

But items like balloons, pendants and flags do help attract potential customers to the car lot. Kuiper said Vennen spends \$100,000 a month advertising the dealership and the city of Lowell, along with \$5,000 a month maintaining balloons and other items designed to catch the eye of a potential customer. "For us to sell 150 cars a month we have to see 500 people," Kuiper said. "We sell more cars in a year than there are men, women, and children living in this town."

Mike Poll, of Wittenbach, said another example of the limiting ordinance is the small banner, 18 by 36 inches, his company has on a permanent structure. Because it is a banner, it falls under temporary signage, but to see it, a person would have to drive on the lot, Poll said.

"The city needs to give

the dealers a little more freedom," said Charlie Bernard, owner of Bernard's Ace Hardware, who added he receives a lot of business from the car dealerships and supports efforts to help the dealerships turn a profit. In his 21 years of operating a business in Lowell, Bernard said the only time he has had a problem is dealing with the city's ordinances.

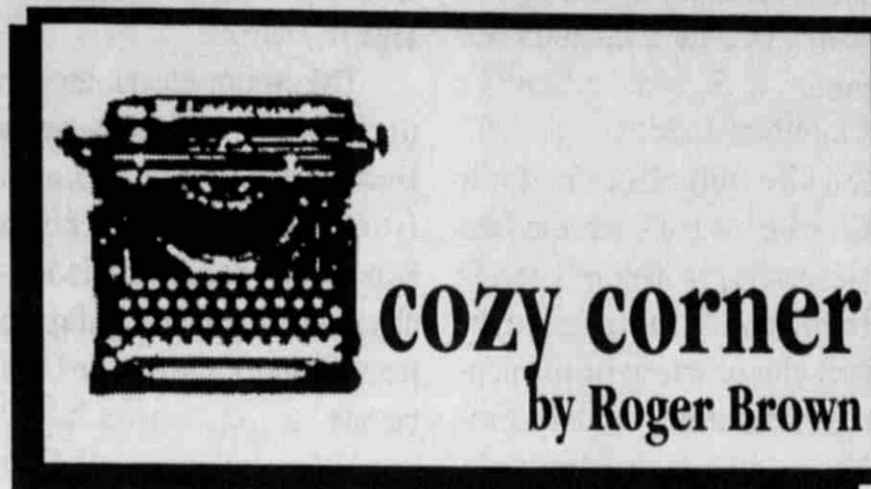
The planning commission, by consensus, asked the Westside Business District owners to come up with some ideas on what they want to see allowed and denied.

"There are some things that have been going on that I would simply not allow because we don't have an ordinance regulating it," said commission member Jim Hall. He and several others indicated they didn't like the flashing lights and open car hoods.

Chair Clark Jahnke said he would like the Westside Business District to come back with its suggestions on what to change. At the same time, the commission did not request any moratorium on signage in the business district, which means the city will continue with its pursuits on removal of such items as balloons, flags and other temporary signage.

the city needs to give

Viewpoint



Day three ... and maybe four, of Ed and Roger's Excellent Adventure:

Ed and I woke in Ocean City, Maryland in a steady rain. Ed went prowling for coffee. I rolled over for a few more winks.

Flight Service, The Weather Channel and a look out the window confirmed that we wouldn't be flying this morning. Ed and I went out to breakfast. I tried scrapple for the first time in my life. Don't have to do that again.

The rain had tapered off to drizzle, so we walked around. A few shops were beginning to open. One shop was "Pop's Joke Shop." The front was decorated with "Popeye" cartoon characters. My curiosity was killing me. "Pop's Joke Shop?" The door was open a crack. At least one light was on. There was a sandwich board on the sidewalk that said, "Open." An older guy (my age) wearing a sailor's cap and white shirt with tattooed forearms was locking his bicycle to the porch railing. He was obviously "Pop."

I hollered to him, "Hey, are you open?" He grumbled back (more like Bluto than Popeye) "Nope." I replied with, "Is that a joke?" Pop glared at me for a moment, then said, "Nope." It was one of those, "I guess you had to be there" moments. Ed and I found the exchange with Pop to be hilarious.

The "Is that a joke?" line took on a life of its own for the remainder of the trip. Ed would say something like "I see a plane at eleven o'clock." I'd reply with, "Is that a joke?" Or, a desk clerk would give us the room rate, and Ed would blurt out, "Is that a joke?" It obviously doesn't take much to humor the Brown Boys.

As promised by Flight Service, we were flying by noon. Our first flight was a 30-mile hop through the remaining scud to Sussex County, Delaware. On the ground I checked with Flight Service about the weather ahead and checked Delaware off my list of states visited with the Stearman.

Our next leg took us across the entrance to Delaware Bay and back to following the Atlantic shoreline. In this case it was the Jersey Shore. More expensive homes, many of which looked more like country clubs.

As we neared Atlantic City an onshore breeze had some low scud obscuring the shoreline. We opted for a track through the downtown area. Below 1,300 feet we were clear of the airport's controlled airspace above us. If I stayed over 1,000 above or away from any man-made things, I was legal. We dodged around Trump's big casino and other tall buildings. Again, "sneak" is a good adjective for my type of flying.

The weather improved and we followed the beach on up the Jersey Shore. We landed in Lakewood, New Jersey. I checked New Jersey off my list.

At Lakewood we got fuel, but more importantly, I was looking for local information. On our next leg we would somehow have to get through the incredibly complex airspace around New York City. The airport manager was very helpful, but Flight Service was reporting less than a mile visibility in places along the Long Island shoreline. It was mid to late afternoon by this time and the decision was made to lay up here for the night. A high-pressure system was moving in, and there would be totally clear skies in the morning. We borrowed some tools and put my battery on a charger for a couple hours while we went to a local pub with a banner-tow pilot. (The Stearman doesn't have a generator. That is not a joke.)

As it turned out, the banner-tow pilot was heading for Rhode Island early in the morning for a job he had there. We bought him a few beers and he offered to let us tag along. He even dropped us at a motel and picked us up in the morning. Best beers I ever bought!

We were at the airport around 7:30 a.m. As promised, the skies were clear and bright. Only one problem ... the system that had cleared things out had ushered in some arctic air. This was Memorial Day weekend and the temperature was in the low fifties!

If you remember, Ed and I hadn't packed any warm clothing because of limited baggage space in the Stearman. We put on four or five layers of T-shirts. I had a fleece jacket and Ed had a light windbreaker. I had been in this situation before, and I knew this would not be good.

The banner guy had assured me that the controllers around New York were so busy they didn't even want to talk to pilots below five hundred feet. No transponders, no radio talk, no flight plan ... my kinda flyin'. He was flying a highly modified Piper Cub that was even slower than the Stearman. We formed up after takeoff and headed toward New York City.

Our flight took us over Sandy Hook at the tip of New Jersey, across the Varazano Narrows and straight at Coney Island. The Manhattan skyline loomed ahead of us as we made a right turn and headed east along the southern shoreline of Long Island. Huge planes were landing and taking off from JFK, just a couple miles away. Our route took us over Jones Beach where the Blue Angels would be performing later that day. We also flew over surprisingly remote areas like Fire Island. It was a stunningly beautiful flight.

About an hour into the flight and halfway to our destination I was so cold I had a headache like you get when eating ice cream too quickly.

We finally cut across Long Island, out a finger of land and over the water to Westerly, Rhode Island. Despite the cold, this would have to be one of the most memorable flights of the hundreds I have logged in the old Stearman. I checked Rhode Island off my list.

I've gone extra long here in an effort to finish this thing up next week. We'll see about that. It's a long way from Rhode Island to Michigan ... and that is not a joke!



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
JULY 2, 1879

The Journal is 14 years old.

"A few fights Saturday - nothing worth mentioning." The firemen will have a party Friday night at Train's Hall. Complaints are being made about fast driving in the streets, which is strictly forbidden.

July 4 will be a big celebration and parade, complete with the Cornet Band, Saranac and Lowell fire departments and young ladies dressed to represent the states.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
JUNE 30, 1904

There were 163 alumni who attended the third annual reunion.

The Methodist church sanctuary has a new ceiling and lights, and has been repainted.

Look's Drug and Book Store advertises "Geen Death" Paris green, an arsenic compound for killing insects.

Benton Harbor had an auto accident, so is planning to invoke speed limits.

Start saving now: \$10 a month at three percent interest will yield \$647.70 in five years.

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
JULY 4, 1929

An estimated 4000 were in town for the end of Better Business Days and drawing for a car at Recreation Park. The daughter of Bert Hefferan of Parnell won the new Essex.

The Finest Oils team is enjoying a successful baseball season.

The editor calls for fencing to keep children from a possible fall into the millrace from the bridge, where only a railing exists.

"Count Luckner, the Sea Devil" is the current continued story.

The "telephotograph" sent the first photos by wire to all newspapers having equipment, of the Hoover inaugural ceremony.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
JULY 1, 1954

A truckload of lumber and rubbish catches fire outside the Ledger office, and is thoroughly pictured on the front page.

Lowell is having a rash of dog bite cases, mostly small children.

The popular Moose baseball team draws an audience of 200 while defeating the East Fulton Merchants.

The Wednesday evening band concerts at Richards Park are well attended.

New curbing and repainted parking lines are done on Main Street, as well as preparing Showboat seating.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
JULY 3, 1979

The Division Street bridge is closed and there's talk of its being closed for good.

A parade, police auction, all-day bingo at the VFW hall, waterball, King Memorial pool open, and good eats at the fairgrounds are in store for tomorrow.

Cary's officially becomes West's Apparel with a grand opening.

A Grand Slam Garage Sale is planned citywide for Showboat weekend.

Residents of Thornapple River Drive ask to have it designated as a Natural Beauty Road.

The Lowell Ledger
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY, JULY 5
DEADLINE
for the July 7th edition
will be
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SATURDAY, JULY 3

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Fri., July 23 • 6-10 p.m.
Ages 3 to 12
RSVP to 897-1100 by Wed., July 21

Good Bye Lowell...

In the 4 short years we had the privilege of living in Lowell, we made many dear friends. We experienced unbelievable community support while I spent a week in the burn unit and again when we lost a family member. Our children received a great education they will benefit from for a lifetime. We volunteered for the school, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, our church, and a number of other groups. Hopefully we've left Lowell a little better.

While leaving this wonderful community was not our decision, we leave with our heads held high and take the small town spirit we grew to love in Lowell to another small town. We will always consider Lowell, MI our family's "Hometown" and look forward to visiting and maybe coming back for good. As community members, we have always been impressed with Lowell's responsibilities to its citizens. Many difficult decisions have been made for Lowell in the past, and many difficult decisions lay ahead. The end results have been and always will be the same... a stronger community doing what's right and taking care of its own.

Please keep in touch!
Most Fondly,
The Welsh Family

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LOWELL RESIDENTS
WASTE MANAGEMENT,
HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE
Trash & Recycling Service
will NOT change
due to the
4th of July holiday.
Your pick-up day will
be as normally scheduled
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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I believe the Ledger owes some equal time to another candidate for state representative.

Wayne Creelman is the person we need to represent us at the state House. Many people reading this have met Wayne via his door-to-door campaign. I have personally known and worked with Wayne since he moved to this area several years ago. Wayne began his community involvement immediately, demonstrating his concern over the well-being of the citizens of this district.

He is pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, and pro-family. As a physician and professor of the MSU medical school, Wayne has directly affected the lives of many people in this area.

I feel Wayne is an excellent leader and ideal candidate to represent the hard-working people of Lowell. He ran two years ago when our new 86th district was created, and as evidence of his persistence and desire, he is running again.

Those interested in more information about Wayne can check out his web site at www.waynecreelman.com.

I don't think we need another career politician or lawyer in the state House. On Aug. 3rd I will cast my vote for Wayne Creelman, and I ask your readers to do the same.

Sincerely,
Michael Olgren

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

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The Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Reflections Of Faith

Stacy Holmes
Assistant pastor
Christian Life Center

Nobody celebrates Independence Day like Americans. There is a deep-swelling sense of patriotism and gratitude for our military family. Meijer's stocks up with sparklers, OFF insect repellent, and plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers for all our holiday cook-outs.

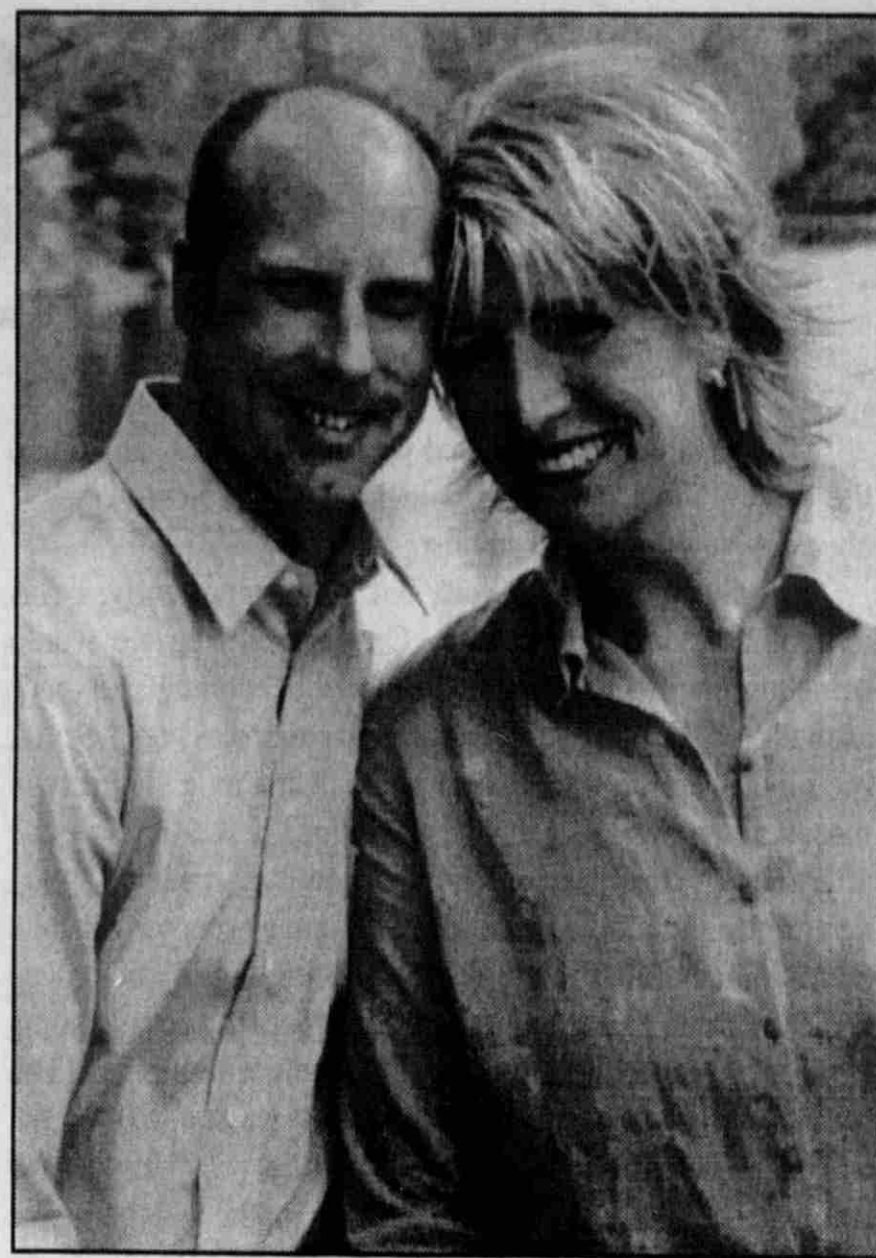
Independence. We treasure it. We live because we have it. We grieve for our global neighbors who only taste independence, yet never embrace it.

Yet for all our freedom, there are still millions of Americans living in slavery. Most live in the worst slavery of all - total unrecognition. Many of us do not understand that slavery is simply to be owned by someone or something. How many Americans are held captive by entertainment, work, sports, recreation, fitness, and even family?

See, slavery is a natural condition. It is normal to be a slave to someone or something. Jesus said in John 8:34 that "everyone who sins is a slave to sin." Independence, true freedom, is only a supernatural condition. Total liberation will never take place unless one is completely "enslaved" to God. The awesome divine paradox is that as we enslave ourselves to God, He liberates us.

Ironically, people often confuse following Christ as being a stifling, binding agreement, as if Christ holds us captive. But God did not send His only Son to keep us slaves. Galatians 5:1 says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." This is true freedom, an eternal independence.

Our nation is blessed every July 4th to celebrate the gift of freedom. The cost was priceless—the lives of countless soldiers. However, the price tag for your eternal freedom could never be obtained without the sacrificial gift of Christ. He already shed His blood for your battle, for your victory. It's your choice. Do you want to be free?



Wade Bernreuter and Nikki Gasper

ENGAGEMENTS

Gasper/Bernreuter

Nikki Nadine Gasper of Belding and Wade Wendall Bernreuter of Wyoming will marry in a July 23, 2004 ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Belding.

The future bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Jane Gasper. A graduate of Belding High School, she received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Salem Teikyo University in W. Va., and her master's in the art of teaching from Marygrove College in Detroit.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 1: Brandon Hewitt. **JULY 5:** Dave Burdette, Jacob Hiskey, Randi Ellis, Phyllis Condon, Brennan Page, Devinne Ossewaarde, Bob Canfield.

JULY 2: Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Lee, Logan Brenk, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne Roth, Mary Jo Buechler.

JULY 3: Alice Ryder, Jamie Capen, Maxin Ligman.

JULY 6: Marty DeYoung, Jason Barber, Amy Stencil, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page, Ed Walling.

AREA BIRTHS

Mark and Erin Anderson of Wyoming are pleased to announce the birth of their son Lucas Bryant, born June 19, 2004 at 1:27 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 1/2 oz.

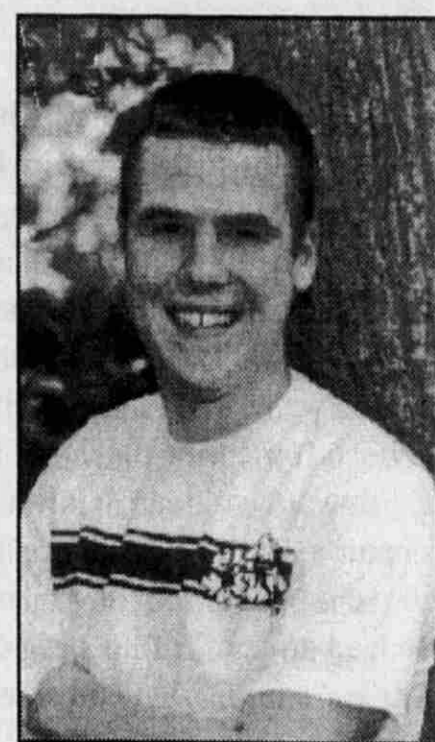
Welcoming him home is big brother Adam. Proud grandparents are Bill and Kathy Bryant of Lowell and Larry and Joan Anderson of Grand Rapids.

JULY 4: Anne Armstrong, Barb Austin, Zachary Rhodes, Tara Sherman, Peter Timinski.

JULY 7: Phil VanLaan, Elizabeth Gerard, Tim Tulppo, Zach Meiste.

Lowell grad receives grant from Comcast Foundation

Matthew Hansen, a 2004 Lowell High School graduate, has been recognized as one of Comcast's Leaders and Achievers with a \$1,000 grant from the Comcast Foundation. The Leaders and Achievers Scholarship program, funded through The Comcast



Matthew Hansen

Foundation acknowledges high school seniors for exemplary community service, leadership skills, positive attitude, and academic achievement. This year Comcast recognized 81 students in the state of Michigan.

Hansen will be attending the James Madison College this fall. He is the son of Teresa Hansen of Lowell.

Firmness of purpose is one of the most necessary sines of character, and one of the best instruments of success. Without it genius wastes its efforts in a maze of inconsistencies. —Philip Dormer Chesterfield

Expansion for education at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is expanding to accommodate more classroom space.

"We really need it now because we've got a lot of kids who are going to be reaching Sunday school age," pastor Joe Fremr said. "We felt it was time to emphasize Christian education more."

The new construction will add 4,000 square feet of mostly classroom space. The project includes aesthetic upgrades to the exterior, plus an improved entrance and brick walls. The church will say good-bye to the earth-berm that has defined the building's north side since its construction in 1986.

"We decided the underground bunker look was not what we wanted," Fremr said, noting the berm was the result

of the 1980s energy-efficient architectural philosophy. The sanctuary will basi-

cally remain unchanged except for the addition of a few windows. Air conditioning

will be added to go along with the new look. After subcontracted exca-

vation and foundation work is completed, the construction of the addition will be done by Laborers for Christ, a group of retired volunteers who travel around the country building Lutheran churches. The group built the existing Good Shepherd Church in 1986. It was the first Laborers

for Christ project in Michigan. Many others have been completed since.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will celebrate its 30th anniversary this October. The church started out in 1974 in a storefront at the corner of Segwun and Grand River Drive.



Pastor Fremr presides over the June 6th groundbreaking.

Drug discount card questions addressed

Michigan residents eligible for, but often confused by, the new Medicare drug discount cards that became effective June 1 can find answers to their questions about the program in two new free brochures developed by AARP, the national nonprofit organization for people over 50. The brochures are available by calling 1-888-687-2277 or by email: miaarp@aarp.org.

Card: What You Need To Know provides an overview of the new Medicare drug discount card program, explaining the different card options and what consumers should look for in choosing the best card for their needs.

Medicare Drug Discount Card: Helping Those With Limited Incomes explains how the discount cards give extra help to people eligible for Medicare with limited incomes.

10th annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour

The Fallsburg Historical Society will once again host its Covered Bridge Bike Tour, this year on Sunday, July 11. Registration is from 7-9 a.m. and riders have a choice of 12, 28, 50, 62 and 100 mile routes. Not only will bikers be travel-

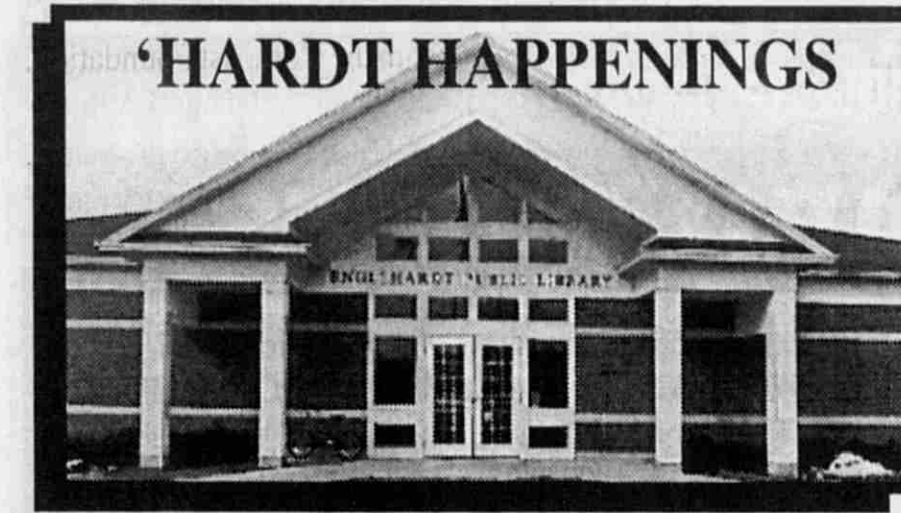
ing through some of West Michigan's most picturesque rural areas but they will be treated to homemade cookies and other goodies at the rest stops.

Kerry Schubach, head of the CBBT and director of the

Fallsburg Historical Society, said, "We are very proud of the fact that we have had 10 years doing the CBBT. Each year we ask the participants to evaluate our ride, and our overall rating on a scale of one - 10 consistently averages 8.7 or more. We have listened to the riders' suggestions and tried to improve each year. Our goal is to have the friendliest, safest and best bike tour in Michigan."

The Fallsburg Historical Society uses the proceeds from the tour to help preserve the Historic Village of Fallsburg which is listed on the National Register. This year, proceeds will go toward establishing an ongoing program for youth.

Call 897-7161 for information or an application or email: CBBT@att.net.



Get in style with duct tape at several of the library branches this July. Make wallets, CD holders, jewelry, purses and more! Let your creativity flow!

The program will be held at the Alto Branch Library on Wednesday, July 7 at 4 p.m. (647-3820); also at the Englehardt Branch Library on Monday, July 26 at 4 p.m. (647-3920).

Discover dinosaurs during July as several Kent District Library branches present "Dinosaur Dig." This free program, part of the Summer Reading Club, is for the whole family but registration is required.

The program at the Englehardt Library is Saturday, July 17 at 12:30 p.m. (647-3920); and at Alto on Wednesday, July 28 at 2 p.m. (647-3820).

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<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Summer Worship Services 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR</p> <p>Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlementwood • Ph. 897-7185</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-8475 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery</p> <p>Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Dave Noonan, Asst. Pastor Stacy Holmes, College & Twenties Brian Baber, Youth Pastor</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m. Generation Jacob Youth: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820</p> <p>www.stmary-lowell.com</p> <p>Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BEISING 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, ENTW FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p>(Nursery available)</p> <p>Joseph Fremr, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. AT 215 1/2 W. Main, Lowell (entrance in rear of building) CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES</p> <p>Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR LYN SMITH Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>SOUTH BOSTON BIBLE CHURCH (Kyser Road SE at Grand River Ave.) WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS • WE CARE ABOUT YOU</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Word of Life (for Jr. & Sr. High).....6:30 P.M. Evening Praise.....7:00 P.M. Clympians (1st-8th grades) Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday Kids Klub (ages 2-5) Library, Nursery, College & Children's Services provided. Wheelchair Accessible Church 897-7823 • Parsonage 897-5464 • sbccbch@juno.com</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org</p> <p>Rev. W. Lee Taylor & Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service. 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/JV.....Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free "You Matter To God"</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April)</p> <p>Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Megan MacNaughton.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>	

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11:25, 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25

THE TERMINAL (PG-13)
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INEVITABLE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Road work rolling along on Gee & Foreman

By Dan Schneider

The ongoing road construction on Foreman Street and Gee Drive will progress in three segments.

Rain delayed the start of the project. The first segment began a week late on June 21. Work includes water main replacement from Hudson to Beech Street on Foreman. Once the pipe is in place, the road will get an upgraded base and asphalt surface to accommodate the heavy truck and school bus traffic.

"We're probably a week behind our schedule but we're still going to try to make it up so we're on schedule at the end but it's weather dependent," said project manager Dave Austin, of Williams and Works.

Diversco, of Byron Center, is the contractor for the street improvements. The conclusion of the project is scheduled for Aug. 22, in time for the start of school.

In the meantime, the

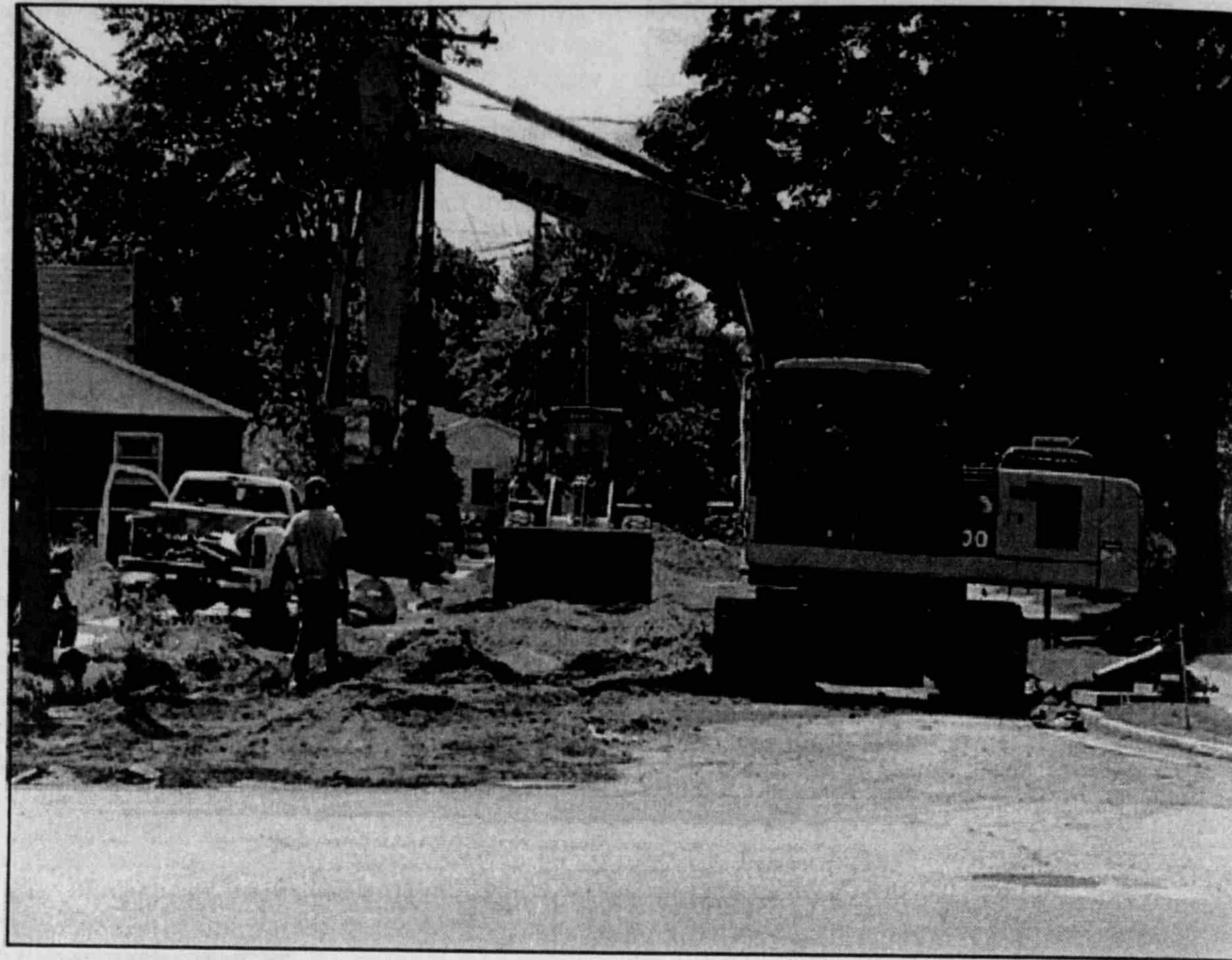
streets will be closed during construction. Residents and industrial traffic get detours, accessing Foreman by way of M-21 and Alden Nash.

"People really need to obey these signs," Austin said, pointing out that traffic citations can be issued for failure to comply with the "Road Closed to Through Traffic" signs.

The segments will re-open to traffic as work is completed.

The second segment of construction is scheduled to begin July 20. It closes Foreman Street from Hudson Street to just west of the railroad tracks.

The third and final segment is scheduled to begin July 30. It includes new base and asphalt paving on Foreman, which will be closed from just west of the railroad tracks to Gee Drive. During this segment of construction, Gee will get new pavement, and curbs and gutters to Creekside Park.



Workmen put a length of water main in place under Foreman Street. Foreman and part of Gee Drive will be under construction for most of the duration of the summer.

The Lowell Ledger, Buyers Guide & Lowell Litho Offices will be CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5, in observance of the Fourth of July. Early deadline of Friday, July 2 at noon for the July 7 edition of The Lowell Ledger

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Public Hearing of June 14, 2004

PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGETS - The Board conducted a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed 2004-2005 budgets to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Rita Reimbold addressed the Board regarding the reading program at Lowell Middle School.

Regular Meeting of June 14, 2004

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - The Board added a resolution to the agenda dealing with contract negotiations.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the following students:

Alto Elementary - The following students were recognized for "Always Looking to Help Others": Paige Schmidt, Jessica Kansman, Morgan Groom, Skye Thebo, Josh Buechler, Emmalee Blough, Ryan Nanzler, Max Forton, Hayleigh Borton, Dayna Crumback

Cherry Creek Character Award Winner - Taylor Flanagan, 5th grader.

Middle School Character Award Winner - Mikhayla Hall, 6th grader.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Shari Miller announced that Beth Ball was named Cherry Creek's Staff Member of the month.

RETIRES AND 30 YEAR STAFF MEMBERS - Shari Miller announced the names of staff members who are retiring and who have achieved 30 years with Lowell Area Schools:

Retiring: Rick White, High School Science Teacher (retired at the beginning of 2003-04); Marcia Ebling, High School Administrative Assistant; Cheryl Blodgett, Middle School Counselor; Jack Misner, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher; Pam Benson, Bus Driver; Bev Covell, Bus Driver; and Jim Zywicki, Bushnell Custodian.

30 Years: Gary Butts, Linda Decator, Ed Hull, Jack Ogle, Bev Reid, Barb Roth, Barb Schneider, Gail Vidro, and Jackie Tousley.

Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club Report - Al Eckman, sponsor of the Amateur Radio Youth Club, introduced members of the club and explained the certification/licensing of members and their activities.

Vision in Action - Shari Miller presented information on

specific activities that have occurred this year to support the district vision.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted/Awarded/Adopted

The following gifts:

- Lowell Community Fund donation as follows: \$400 for 5th Grade Program, \$500 for Academic Boosters, and \$500 for Lowell Athletic Boosters
- Rick and Debbie Walendzik donation of desk and bookcase valued at \$60 to be used by the Lowell Middle School art/drama department.
- Susan Frasier donation of \$300 for a volunteer scholarship for Anthony Pedley (Class of 2003).
- The Cooper Family donation of tool bench with tools and toddler book valued at \$30 to be used by the TOTS program.

Budget Appropriations Resolutions for 2004-2005. Resolution to lay off designated employees for the 2004-2005 school year.

Sagebrush bid in the amount of \$55,829.19 for Murray Lake Library books to be paid from bond money.

Honeywell Performance Contracting bid.

Gee! Communication bid for phone system upgrade and voice mail in the amount of \$191,972.58 to be paid from bond money.

Failed - Resolution to implement the Board of Education's last best offer regarding health insurance to the LEA and LESPA.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- April 26, 2004 Special Meeting and Closed Sessions, May 3, 2004 Special Meeting and Closed Session, May 10, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, May 24, 2004 Workshop Session and Closed Session
- The following payment of bills for May 2004:

GENERAL FUND.....\$959,827.83

SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

A. Food Service Fund.....\$57,618.01

B. Athletic Fund.....\$2,905.75

2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$ 656,733.40

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$25,838.57

Scholarship Fund.....\$303.68

MHSAA Annual Membership Resolution

Personnel Report

Installation Purchase Agreement for a bus

State Aid Borrowing Resolution

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT - Larry Mikulski reported on the activities being planned to help students with safety issues due to the new walk zones.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Shari Miller reported that Murray Lake Elementary is nearly complete. Staff will be able to move in after July 15.

BUDGET AND NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported a Special Meeting will be held on June 30 for the purpose of amending the 2003-04 budgets. June 28 is the next date set for mediation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: John Schut - general, Carmon Campbell, Suki Fleet - general/music boosters, Dawn Crook - general, Bob Rice - Instrumental Music Dept, Carmen Beddows - contract, Lynn Rocca - contract, Mary Roth - FFA/athletics/contracts, Julie Quist - general/music boosters/musical, Rebecca Lecuru, Ann Mulder - community unity, Greg Canfield - contract, Martha Hayden, Sue Groom - busing, Laurie Summerfield - contract negotiations, Fred Maier - contract negotiations, Kristi Alguire - club sports, Diane Heikkila - curriculum issues. Correction from last month's Board Briefs: Sharon MacDermaid addressed the Board regarding the middle school pilot program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller reported that Commencement Exercises were very nice along with the Baccalaureate Ceremony. The district will be involved with Champions of Diversity and will work with ministers in promoting the acceptance of people. The district is committed to cost containment and will be developing a new committee to deal with this. Summer School classes are in place and bus transportation will be provided through funding from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

CLOSED SESSION - The Board met in closed session to discuss negotiations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop

Monday, June 28, 2004

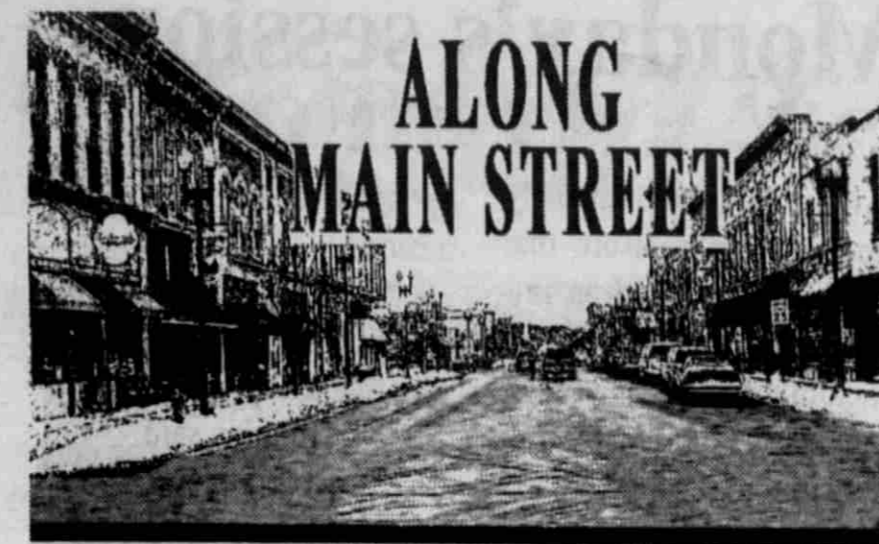
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LEDGER OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The Lowell Ledger office will be closed on Monday, July 5 to observe the 4th of July holiday. Deadline for the July 7 Ledger will be Friday, July 2 at noon.

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 (VanderGalien) Hall at 616-554-8056 or email at sixhallstreet@sbcglobal.net.

SIZZLIN' CONCERTS

Inspirations (vocal patriotic) and Voices of Freedom (doo-wop) will be at the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts this Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday,

July 7 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

CLASS OF '89 PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for LHS 15-year class reunion on Thursday, July 8 at Flat River Grill at 6 p.m.

F.R.O.M. THE HEART DONATIONS

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to the F.R.O.M. the Heart parade on Saturday, July 10. Clowns will be walking in the parade to collect them.

RIVERWALK FESTIVAL

Visit downtown Lowell on Saturday, July 10 for the festival and health fair taking place all day along the Riverwalk. There will be a parade, kayak races, food and craft booths. A display of fireworks will be at dark.

ANNUAL BIKE TOUR COMING SOON

The 10th annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour will be Sunday, July 11 with registration from 7-9 a.m. Riders have a choice of routes and homemade cookies at the rest stops. Call Kerry at 897-7161 for more information or email at CBBT@att.net.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED

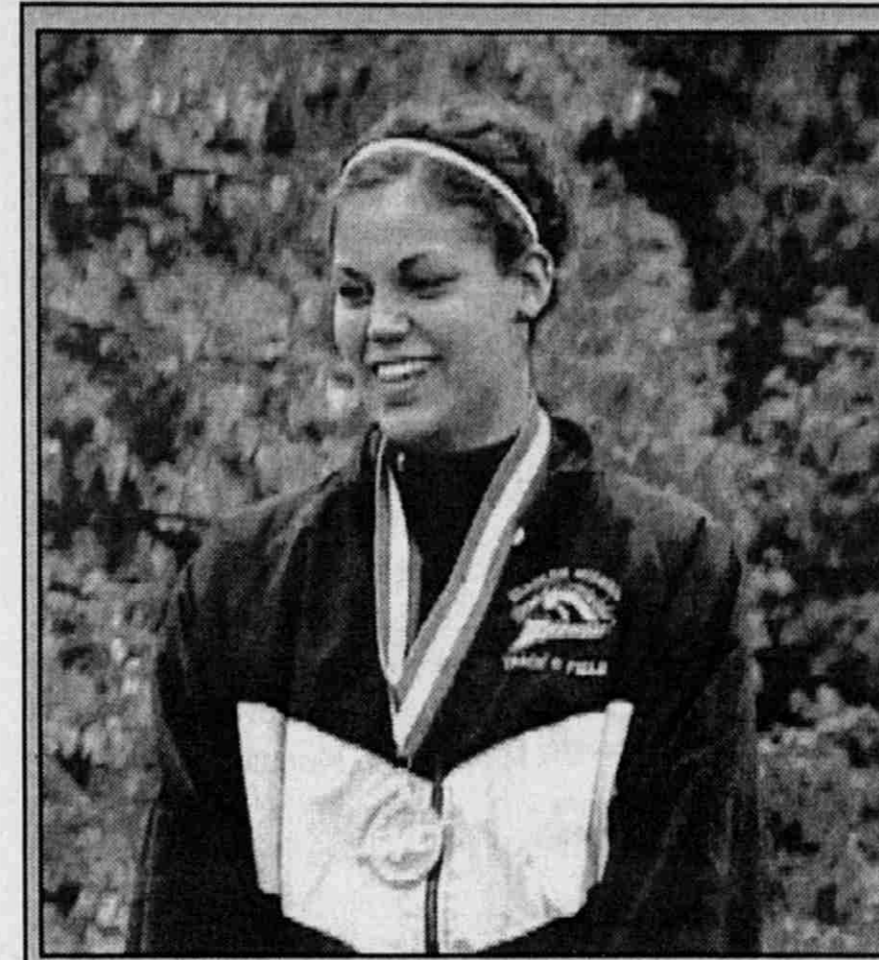
With the Covered Bridge Bike Tour comes home-baked cookies. If you are able to bake a batch of cookies for the rest stops along the bike routes, or would be able to give a little of your time the day of the tour, July 11, call Kerry at 897-7161.

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If you love base ball and history, come watch the Fallsburg Cubs vintage base ball game against a fledgling team from the Detroit area on Saturday, July 10 at 1 p.m. in Fallsburg. Call Kerry at 897-7161 for more information.

Ford is Runner up at MAC Outdoor Track Championships



Kristi Ford competed in the 2004 (MAC) Mid American Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 13 and 15 for Western Michigan University. Competing in two events at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Ford was able to place second in the hammer throw and third in the high jump. She is the only athlete who has ever placed in both events at a MAC championship.

The second place finish earns her a spot on the All MAC second team. She was the top point scorer for the WMU team, helping the Bronco's to a seventh place team finish out of 13 teams.

Ford also competed in the hammer throw at the NCAA Division I Regional in Baton Rouge, La., on May 28, recording the highest place for WMU, finishing the day with a 13th-place showing.

Ford, a 2001 Lowell High School graduate, is the daughter of Bob and Mary Ford of Lowell.

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LEA union presents formal proposal at Monday's session

By Dan Schneider

Union representatives from the Lowell Education Association (LEA) and Lowell Education Support Professionals Association (LESPA) brought a formal proposal to the table during Monday's mediation session.

It was the first formal proposal from the unions since October. LEA president Doranne Truax was not at liberty to discuss details of the proposal.

"I felt like it was good progress," she said of the bargaining.

The mediation lasted about three hours. School board president Nancy Hopkins, board member Jim Reagan and board member-elect Dan Brubaker sat in on the session. The district bargaining team wanted to take

the proposal to the full school board before responding. This was done at a board workshop Monday night.

"What they proposed was outside the parameters that we had been given by the board," said Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel. "So we discussed with the board how they wanted us to go and respond."

"We do expect to give them a response the next time we negotiate, which is on the 14th (of July)."

Hopkins said, "They brought forth a formal proposal and we were glad to see that effort was made. Based on the type of dialogue, I think we're heading in a more positive way toward resolving the contract issues so it was a positive experience."

Gillette was glad to have received a formal proposal. "I think it's good that they put their proposal into something formal so we feel it's something we can respond to," she said.

Despite the protracted nature of the negotiations, Gillette said the tenor at the

bargaining table has remained civil throughout.

"It's never been a hostile environment, it's never been confrontational from either side," she said. "I think both sides have handled themselves professionally and respectfully."

At its last regular meet-

ing, the school board narrowly voted down a measure that would have declared an impasse on the contentious issue of health insurance payment. Some viewed this as a 30-day extension period. Hopkins said the board did not consider it this way, however. The issue will not necessarily come

up again at the next board meeting.

"There is no official 30-day time period associated with that resolution being defeated," Hopkins said.

The next regular school board meeting is July 12.

Final site plan with Sundry approved

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Kevin Rude, of Sundry Development, was at Monday night's Lowell Planning Commission meeting for review and approval of the company's final site plan for the Grindle Court (754 Grindle Ct.) project, one of two parcels of land the company is developing.

Discussion centered on the sidewalks with several commission members raising concerns that two of the homes in the project would not have sidewalk. Commission chair Clark Jahnke said he could see where requiring sidewalk on at least one of the homes could create a hardship, with the company coming back to seek a waiver.

Rude said the company was granted a variance on sidewalks on its original plan.

Since then, however, the company has sought to use the city's open space preservation ordinance which does require sidewalks.

City manager David Pasquale said the ordinance states sidewalks are to be placed in the cluster development and extend to the public right-of-way; several commission members felt Sundry's sidewalk design met that requirement.

The commission approved the final site plan with several conditions: that a copy of the conservation easement be provided; that the private road access easement and maintenance agreement be provided; and that a performance guarantee be secured.

Rude said the conservation and private road access would be set up the same way as the Highland Hills (751 Grindle) project which has already met with the city attorney's approval. Pasquale said the issue is more that the city has that paperwork for review.

There was some discussion about the sediment collecting on Grindle Drive, which, according to Pasquale, was a problem even before the Highland Hills project began. Pasquale said the city is looking at reconstructing Grindle with new curb and gutter to help solve that problem.

Rude said his reason for bringing up the issue was to point out that "not all of it is coming from our project."

In the meantime, the Sundry developer is willing to work with city staff to redirect the water coming down the street so it flows to a culvert his company has. The water would then be redirected toward another city culvert, helping to reduce some of the water and sediment issues, he said.

Rude discussed briefly with the commission about changing the portion of the newly constructed High Street to Highland Hills. The commission quickly referred him to the city council, which makes decisions on street names.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of June 21, 2004, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 03-2004, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment is summarized as follows:

[C, General Commercial District]

Section 1: The Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Lowell is hereby amended to amend Section 4.1.1, Table of Use Regulations and Section 4.1.2, Table of Bulk Regulations for the C, General Commercial Zoning district and Section 4.1.2, Table of Bulk Regulations for the I, Industrial Zoning district.

Section 2: The Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Lowell is hereby amended to amend Section 5.4.1 as follows:

Section 5.4.1 D. a *Delete* requirement for a 60 feet setback from right of way line for a drive-in restaurant.

Sections 5.4.1 G. a & b *Delete* requirement for minimum lot size of one acre with 200 ft. of lot width for an open air business

Sections 5.4.1H. b. c & d *Delete* requirement for a minimum lot size of 20,000 sq.ft. with 120 feet of width and a 40 feet front setback and a 25 feet side setback for an auto service station

Section 5.4.1 I. a. *Delete* requirement for a minimum lot size of one acre for a carwash.

Section 5.4.1 K. a. *Delete* requirement for a minimum lot size of 5 acres for elderly housing.

Section 3. The Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Lowell is hereby amended to add to Section 5.4.1Q to read as follows:

Q. Façade Requirements for All Commercial Buildings
The Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Lowell is hereby amended to add Section 5.4.1 Q to read as follows:

Structure Façade - At least eighty percent (80%) of that portion of a structure or building, be it a front, side, or rear, which faces a public or private street, including I-96, shall be finished with face brick, wood, glass, stone, or fluted cement block, or stucco-like material. In recognition of developing technologies in building materials, the Planning Commission may agree to approve other materials provided that they are compatible with surrounding properties, and further provided that such materials shall comply with the architectural, safety and other requirements of the Township building code, fire code and other applicable Township Ordinances.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective July 7, 2004. A copy of the amending ordinance may be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during Township office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

"Huzzah!" for Lowell's Fallasburg Cubs

By Dan Schneider

The Fallasburg Cubs are in their second season as a ball club.

This is baseball played on a ballfield that could easily be mistaken for a hay field; in this case, the field across the street from the historic Fallasburg schoolhouse.

"They didn't have groomed fields back then," manager Dan Stevens said. "You find an open field of

grass, stake your bases down and play."

Named for the Cubs team that played in Fallasburg during the Great Depression, the Cubs play a style of baseball that's much older. The Fallasburg Cubs club nine plays by rules set down for baseball in 1860, during the civil war.

People used to yell "Huzzah!" not "Yay!" and this current crop of old-style baseball players tries to keep in character.

"I do try as best I can to keep the young guys in tune and remind them that in the 1860s they weren't bumping chests and high fiving and things like that," said Michael J. Page.

He is the old-timer on the team at age 54. "Compared to the other guys on the team, I guess that's old," Page said.

Most of the players, called "ballists" in the 19th century, are in their 20s on the current Cubs team.

Page usually plays either hurler (pitcher) or behind (catcher). He is a member of the Fallasburg Historical Society and is descended from a family who helped settle the area in 1836. Page Creek in Fallasburg Park is named after his ancestors. He plays on the vintage baseball team because of that history and because of his love for the game.

"I would guess that my ancestors, if they were playing anything, were playing baseball," Page said.

Baseball was played differently in the 1860s. Equipment was different for one thing—batters back then would swing just about anything wooden they could find—

"from an axe handle to a wooden wheel spindle" according to Page ... and they played in pants resembling today's work pants.

"They wore long sleeves because they didn't want to offend any women-folk who might be watching by baring their arms," Page explained.

The players of the 1860s did not wear gloves. Even when the rules changed in 1967 to allow gloves, several players didn't wear them.

"It was a new concept," Stevens said. "A lot of guys thought it was ungentlemanly."

The baseballs, fortunately, were softer.

There are also differences in the rules. There were 90 feet between bases on 1860s ballfields compared to the more manageable 60 feet modern base runners enjoy.

"The base difference is big, it gets tiring running 90 feet instead of 60 feet, that's for sure," Joe Sarber said. Sarber lives in Fallasburg

Park and plays rover (short-stop) for the new vintage Cubs.

Once on base, runners had to stay on base or within a few feet of it until the ball was hit—no stealing bases.

Infielders had to stay near their bases, as well, which left lots of room between, to hit the ball through. Outfielders had to play straight away from home plate. The line for the right fielder was drawn from home plate through the midpoint between first and second base, for instance.

Batters were out if a hit was caught on the first bounce, but base runners could advance a base. If a ball is caught on the fly, the runner got to return to base for free. Fair or foul was determined by the first contact of the ball with the ground.

The new vintage Cubs have won one game in the history of the club on June 12. It was against the House of David Echoes club nine in the Silas K. Pierce Tournament at John Ball Park in Grand Rapids. The score was 4-1.

Their next game is scheduled for July 10 at 1 p.m. at Fallas Field, possibly against a team that is forming in Ada. Or it might be an exhibition before a West Michigan Whitecaps game.

Swans guard their turf on the Flat



A pair of mute swans with their young offspring paddle serenely on the Flat River. Recognizable by their orange bills, mute swans were brought over from Europe the latter part of the 19th century.

"Subsequently, a lot of these birds have escaped to the wild and have grown into a viable breeding population," said Nick Kalejs, DNR wildlife biologist at the Muskegon State Game Area.

The swans can create some problems for native wildlife.

"They are a highly territorial swan, in most cases, especially during breeding season," Kalejs said. "It does

vary by animal but some mute swans are very aggressive toward other nesting birds."

There are two species of swans native to Michigan. The tundra swan nests in Canada, but in mid migration, large flocks spend time in Michigan's larger inland lakes during the fall. Tundra swans have black bills; trumpeter swans as well. They

are the largest swans native to North America. Loss of habitat and hunting have driven down trumpeter swan numbers, but the Michigan DNR and Fish and Wildlife Service are working to restore the population. Trumpeter swans get their name from their distinctive, loud noise. Like mute swans, they are solitary animals—they don't hang out in flocks.

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Featured Artist

Nan Nickson

By Dan Schneider

Nan Nickson has been around the country a bit and her paintings reflect that. On the way, natural colors found their way into her paintings.

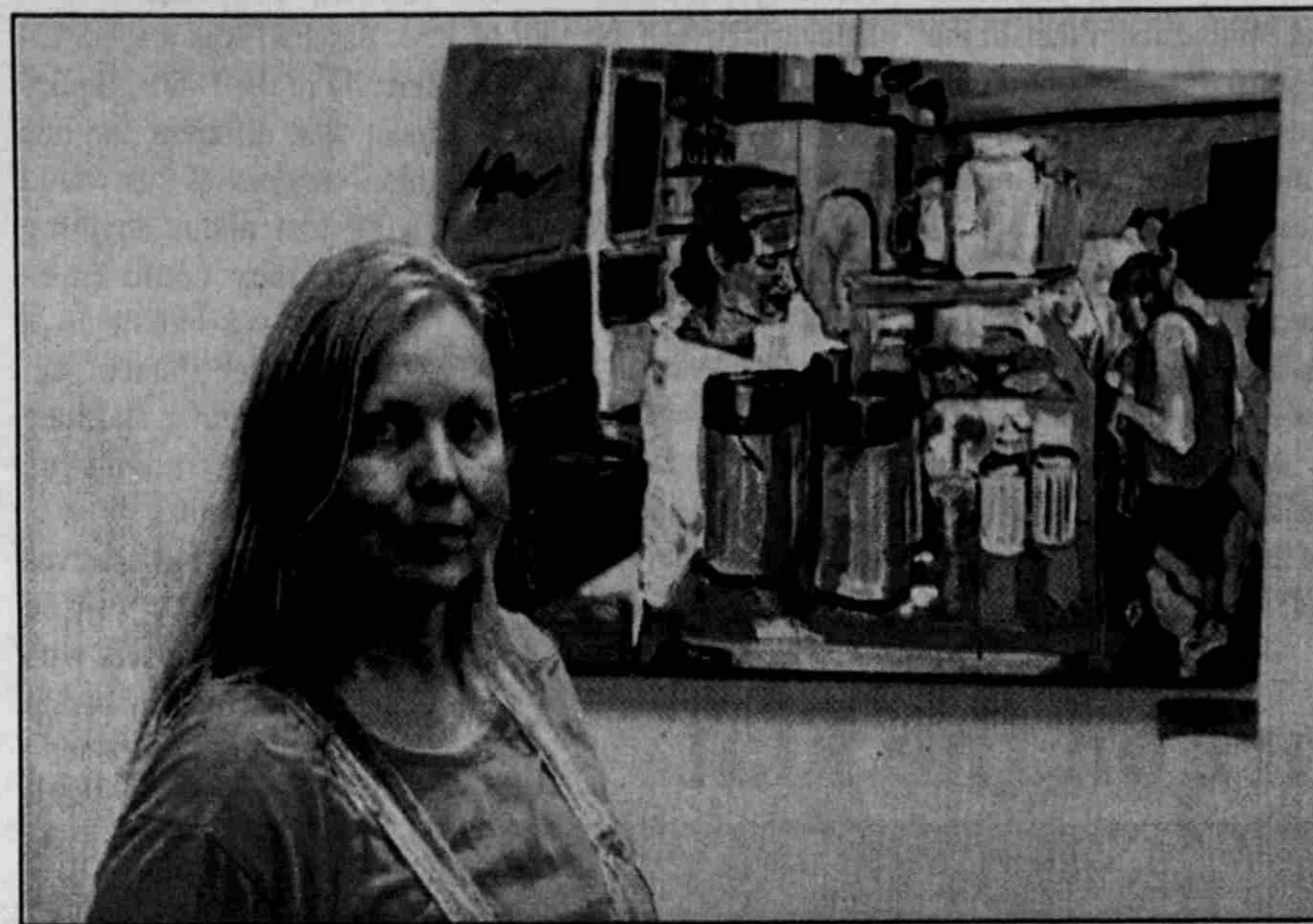
"I've really become more of a landscape painter and my palette has shifted to mostly a lot of earth tones," Nickson said. "I got more interested in subtlety."

Ten years ago, while doing her undergraduate art studies at the Massachusetts College of Art, her work was bright, almost garish. An ex-

ample is a painting of a coffee shop worker. It has red and yellow—very bright colors.

"My color was like this—very bright, unreal colors," she said about the painting. "And I have slowly

school and Syracuse, New York for graduate studies in fine art. She moved to Lowell when she married Rob Corbett, director of trail management for the North County Trail Association on E.



Nickson with one of her paintings currently on display at the Huntington Galleria. It is one of her earlier artworks in the show featuring 10 years of her work.

Syracuse and Lowell and also New Hampshire," Nickson said.

The artist painted Wright pond, a pond about a half mile away from Walden pond. She said it retained the same visual aspect Walden pond probably had in Thoreau's time. Thoreau's pond has been fenced in to keep sight-seers at bay. Paintings of a frog on plaster, of the Flat River; on the old shingles from the Bookabout/barber shop/Touch of Country; of fragments of bicycles—all are on display.

The Flat River plays a big part in Nickson's paintings since moving to Lowell.

"Everything I've painted here so far has been the Flat River," Nickson said. "That's kind of like where the whole life rotates in this city, it's also where I walk every day by the river and it's my backyard."

"And I like out by the Boy Scout cabin."

Nickson enjoys doing sculpture as well. "I also do

sculpture but there's none of that in the show this time," she said.

Nickson forms figure sculptures out of crocheted jute yarn and beeswax. Sometimes she casts them in bronze; others remain the more organic materials.

"I like the jute because it's a natural color and it can pass as skin," she said.

Nickson is also an art teacher. She taught drawing and painting as an associate professor at Syracuse University for three years. She has also taught continuing education classes at Kendall College of Art and Design.

This fall, she will teach a children's mask-making class and a mixed media class for adults through the Lowell Area Arts Council. Next spring, she plans to teach a drawing and painting class from aboard the Lowell showboat. She is especially excited about the showboat class because of the contrast in views afforded from up there...north to south and natural to urban.

Riverwalk Festival, continued...From Page 1

will receive a commemorative glass suncatcher ornament. Galaxy Signs and Awards in Lowell created the pieces and produced them in a limited edition of 800 pieces.

Bob Taylor Dixieland Band will take the stage at 7:15 and play until 9 p.m.

Also part of the showboat celebrations is the unveiling of the pictorial history of the showboat by the Lowell Area Historical Museum. The exhibit will be displayed on the actual walls of the showboat.

Flat River Grill will bake a birthday cake for the showboat, to be eaten for free on a first come, first serve basis. The restaurant will also set up a cash bar and have appetizers on the showboat. Food will also be available from booths along Riverwalk Plaza.

Other happenings during the showboat's birthday celebration include a flush tank full of Lowell's finest personalities and pontoon rides on the Flat River. The pontoon rides are for a donation to the chamber.

On Saturday, several activities will take place throughout Lowell.

Along Riverwalk Plaza, there will be arts and crafts, chainsaw sculptor Scott Shotwell, a used book sale and kayak rides.

The FROM the Heart parade heads down Main Street at 10 a.m. Spectators are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for Flat River Outreach Ministries. A team of clowns will collect the donations along the parade route.

Back at the Riverwalk Plaza, classic country radio deejay AJ Wilson will start off the entertainment at noon. His "The Oldies Show" can be heard Sundays on WTLN-100.7 out of Lansing. Musical acts to follow include the Lowell Music Ensemble and Hawks and Owls.

Again this year are the canoe and kayak races on the Flat River, starting at noon, as

well as a horseshoes tournament on the patio at Larkin's.

Laurels of Kent will host a pet parade at 1 p.m. Pet owners can bring their pets to parade them in front of the residents. Contact Cathy Thebo at the Laurels of Kent, 897-8473, for more information.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present two opportunities to get historically acquainted with Lowell. Walking tours of the downtown historic district will start from Riverwalk Plaza at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. The tours last about 45 minutes and focus on the history of the buildings and the businesses and people who built and occupied them.

"They point out what is there now and what was there in the past," said museum director Judy Straub.

Dale Kropf will be on board one of the boats giving pontoon rides—which go from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday in addition to the Friday boat rides. Kropf will talk about the history of the Flat River and its relationship to Lowell. This includes the Indian settlements to the north of town as well as the industrial impact of the river in such areas as flour milling and sawmilling.

The Brian Mead Riverwalk Classic Car Cruise-in will begin at 9 a.m. at the Lowell Fairgrounds. The event was renamed this year in honor of Brian Mead, the originator of the cruise-in, who passed away this spring.

In addition to the classic cars, this year's event will feature motorcycles, antique tractors and custom bicycles. Registration is still open for the event: contact Dale Dawson (897-6546) for more information on classic cars and Mark Schmaltz (897-9061) for motorcycles.

At 3:30 p.m. the cars and especially the motorcycles will "Rumble the Riverwalk." This consists of a cruise down Main Street from Bowes Road



A banner across Main Street advertises Riverwalk Festival days.

to Division Street, then across the bridge to the staging area at the fairgrounds.

Tractor-pulled hay wagons will get Riverwalk Festival goers back and forth between the Riverwalk Plaza and the fairgrounds. The shuttle is free.

Baker urged drivers to be cautious on Main Street during the festival.

"We want people to slow down on Main Street on Riverwalk day because we want to make our city pedestrian-friendly," she said.

The health fair will take place this year in the garage of the Lowell Police Department headquarters and on Avery Street. The children's area has moved to the same vicinity, occupying the playground next to the Runciman Building.

The duck race on the Grand River begins at 5 p.m. Two bucks buys a duck and \$5 buys three. Duck tickets are available at various locations in Lowell before the festival, at the Riverwalk Festival information booth, and at the cruise-in during the festival.

Bob Ford of Hahn Hardware is once again in charge of corraling the ducks at the finish line.

"It's just a case of not having your plastic ducks get by down the river," Ford said.

To accomplish this, he floats six-inch PVC pipe in a triangle formation on the river. At the apex of the triangle is the duck containment device—three-inch PVC, just wide enough to allow the ducks in single file in the order of their finish. The rest of the ducks get netted into a nearby boat.

More than 1,000 ducks have been sold so far. The owner of the winning plastic duck will get \$1,000; second place will receive \$300; third place, \$200.

The Great Lakes Band

starts rocking the Riverwalk at 6:30 p.m. During this time, "Chilling and Grilling" will be happening.

The rock, grilling, etc., lasts until after dark when fire-

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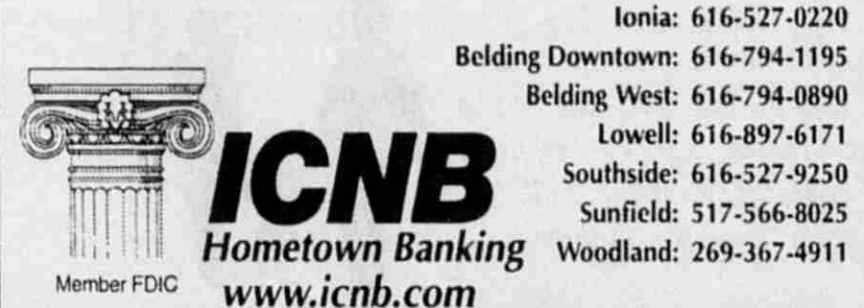


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transitioned to doing more landscape paintings and figures—I was doing a lot of coffee shop scenes (back in art school)."

Nickson grew up in southern California. She moved to Maryland to study philosophy at St. Johns University, then to Massachusetts for art

Main St.

Some of Nickson's paintings are on display now at the Huntington Galleria. They cover the whole scope of her geographic and palette changes.

"There are paintings in the show from Walden pond in Massachusetts and from

Cousin's Hallmark will host July holiday party

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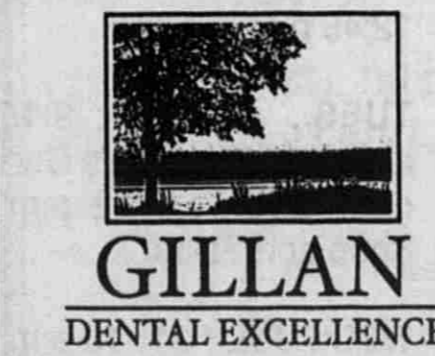
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EVERY MON.: LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

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 Scrapppers, 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 Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 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.

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

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

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

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

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 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: Used book sale under the striped tent, 9-5 p.m. during Riverwalk Festival. Good selection of books, videos/ tapes for all ages. All proceeds to support library programming.

SUN., JULY 11: Need cookie bakers for 10th annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour. If you can donate homemade cookies or would like to help during the day, call Kerry at 897-7161.

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TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

FRI., JULY 2: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JULY 5: Center Closed.

TUES., JULY 6: 12 p.m. Potato Bar Lunch; 4:45 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

WED., JULY 7: 10 a.m. Blood Pressure & Eye Glass Adjustment; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., JULY 8: 12:45 p.m. Shop K-Mart & Sav-A-Lot in Ionia.

FRI., JULY 9: 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbor Lunch Carl Marko Patriotic Program.

MON., JULY 12: 12 p.m. Pizza Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Travelogue by Dave Miller.

TUES., JULY 13: 11 a.m. Box Lunch at St. Cecilia's

WED., JULY 14: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Brandy Wine"; 12:45 p.m. Gilmore Car Museum.

THURS., JULY 15: 8:30 a.m. Trufant Flea Market.

FRI., JULY 16: 11 a.m. Janet Scheeringa; 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

TUES., JULY 20: 9:15 a.m. Visit Eva Cain's Gardens and Tea; 12 p.m. Soup and Salad.

WED., JULY 21: 10 a.m. Advisory Council.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2004 IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS OF KENT COUNTY



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| City of Cedar Springs | Algoma Township | Grattan Township |
| City of E. Grand Rapids | Alpine Township | Lowell Township |
| 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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Representative in Congress

State

State Representative

Township

Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Trustees

County

Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
Clerk/Register of Deeds
Treasurer
Drain Commissioner
Commissioner(s)

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:

- Bowne Township: Alto Downtown Development Authority
- Byron Township: Local Development Finance Authority
- Cascade Charter Township: Downtown Development Authority
- Gaines Charter Township: Local Development Finance 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
- Walker, City of: Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Wyoming, City of: Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority

**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 _____

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 \$18,638. The tax increment authorities within the District of the Kent District Library include the following:

- Bowne Township: Alto Downtown Development Authority
- Byron Township: Local Development Finance Authority
- Cascade Charter Township: Downtown Development Authority
- Gaines Charter Township: Local Development Finance Authority
- Grandville, City of: Downtown Development Authority
- Kent City, Village of: Downtown Development Authority
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- Wyoming, City of: Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority

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

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact their City or Township Clerk. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired may place a call through the Michigan Relay Center TDD# 1-800-649-3777.

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SIGNS OF SKIN CANCER

The best way to find skin cancer early is to keep an eye on your skin, especially moles. It's a good idea to do a monthly self-exam of your skin. Look for any change in a

mole or the appearance of a new mole. Any moles that appear after age 30 should be watched carefully and shown to your doctor.

The following ABCDE rules can help you remember what to look for when you're checking for moles.

A for asymmetry: A mole that, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides.

B for border: A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged.

C for color: Changes in the color of a mole, including darkening, spread of color, loss of color, or appearance of multiple colors such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray.

D for diameter: A mole larger than 1/4 inch in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser).

E for elevation: A mole that is raised above the skin and has an uneven surface.

You should also watch for these changes to your skin:

- A mole that bleeds
- A mole that grows fast
- A scaly or crusted growth on the skin
- A sore that won't heal
- A mole that itches
- A place on your skin that feels rough like sandpaper.

If you notice any of the above signs or changes in your skin, visit your doctor. Skin cancer can be treated successfully if it's treated early.

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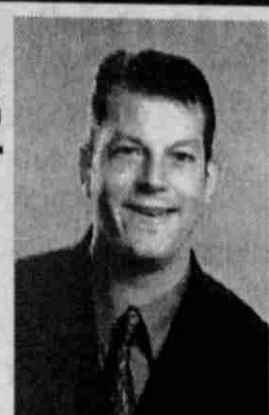
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TIME TO BRING HOME SOME INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS?

As you go through each day, you probably come into contact with many products manufactured by foreign companies. In fact, from your German coffeemaker to your French yogurt to your Japanese car, you may be contributing, in some small way, to the bottom line of dozens of foreign businesses. So, why not invest directly in them?

By investing in international stocks, you can gain at least two key advantages:

Diversification - You may already know how important it is to diversify your portfolio among an array of high-quality stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles. By spreading your dollars among a range of investments, you can help reduce the chances of being hurt by a downturn that primarily affects just one asset class. International invest-

ments can add to that diversification, because foreign stocks may not always move in the same direction as U.S. stocks.

Growth potential - The U.S. equity markets may well be the best-known in the world—but that doesn't mean they are the best-performing. In fact, the financial markets in other regions can frequently do better than ours. Of course, it's impossible to predict which specific area—Europe, Asia, South America, etc.—will be leading the way in any given year, but if you've got some international holdings in your portfolio, you can be prepared to take advantage of the foreign markets that happen to be doing well.

Some words of caution—

While you may be able to benefit from adding international equities to your portfolio, you need to be aware that these stocks also carry some unique risks. Here are a few to consider:

Political risk - In the United States, political decisions can have some effect on the stock market. But in some foreign countries, the very stability of the government may occasionally be jeopardized - and that can certainly threaten the fortunes of your investments.

Currency risk - If you're going to profit from your foreign stocks, you need them to increase in value - but you

also need a favorable currency exchange rate. For example, if you invest in an Italian stock and it goes up 10 percent, you might think you are doing pretty well. However, if the value of the Euro drops 20 percent against the American dollar, you will lose ground. (Conversely, though, if the dollar weakens against the Euro, you'll come out ahead).

Market risk - Corporate reporting by U.S. companies is strictly legislated—but this diligence does not always exist in international markets. As a result, some of the information you might get on foreign stocks may not always be as reliable as you'd like. Also, foreign accounting practices may differ from ours, making it somewhat difficult to compare foreign stocks against American ones.

While you need to pay attention to these concerns, you shouldn't let them scare you away from foreign investments. But be prepared to hold your international stocks for the long term—given the added risks involved, foreign equities are not good short-term investment possibilities. And don't overload on international stocks—as a general rule, they should make up no more than 15 percent of your portfolio, if that.

Finally, don't go it alone. Just as you'll gain valuable insights into a foreign country if you have a guide, you'll learn more about the pitfalls and possibilities of foreign investments when you let an experienced financial professional show you the way.

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Lowell graduate receives top academic scholarship



Aaron Jay Benmark

Aaron Jay Benmark, of Lowell, is one of 18 high school seniors from throughout the country to have been awarded Michigan State University's top academic scholarships for 2004.

A recipient of the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship (ADS), Benmark will receive full tuition, room and board, books and other academic expenses for up to nine semesters of undergraduate study. The total value of the scholarship is nearly \$60,000.

Selected from more than 1,100 high school seniors who applied to MSU and came to

take an intensive general knowledge examination, Benmark was selected by a committee of faculty and administrators based on results of the scholarship examination, high school program and achievements, other standard-

ized test scores and interviews with the finalists.

Average high school grade point averages are 4.2 on a 4.0 scale; the average ACT score is 34 (out of 36) and the average SAT score is 1530 (out of a possible 1600).

Benmark's academic interests include mathematics, history, English and chemistry. Activities in which he participated include band, hockey and World Studies Council.

Benmark said, "I chose MSU because the overall

package they offered, even before the scholarship, was the best I found anywhere."

The 2004 Lowell High School graduate is the son of Rusty and Terri Benmark of Lowell.

COLLEGE NEWS

Some 6,138 University of Michigan students received degrees on the Ann Arbor campus at spring commencement on May 1.

From the Ada area is Susan Clark, a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School, who received a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology.

Phi Sigma Theta recently announced that Brian Pfaller, the son of Robert and Gay Pfaller of Lowell, has become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Western Michigan University.

This national honor society recognizes academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.

Kyle Marshall Perkins, of Alto, graduated from

Anderson University, Anderson, Ind., on May 8. The university is a private four-year liberal arts institution with 2,600 students.

Central Michigan University recently announced its spring honors list. From the Lowell area are Jacquelyn Benedict, Abigail Conklin, Abbey Goff, Nichole Straub and Jennifer Wisner.

From the Alto area are Stacey Babcock, Sarah Claire, Jessi Oleczak, Kindsey Pentecost and William Pentecost.

From the Ada area is Alexandra McMahon.

To be recognized on this list, a student must earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average. The spring session ended in May.

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

Tips for safe outdoor activities

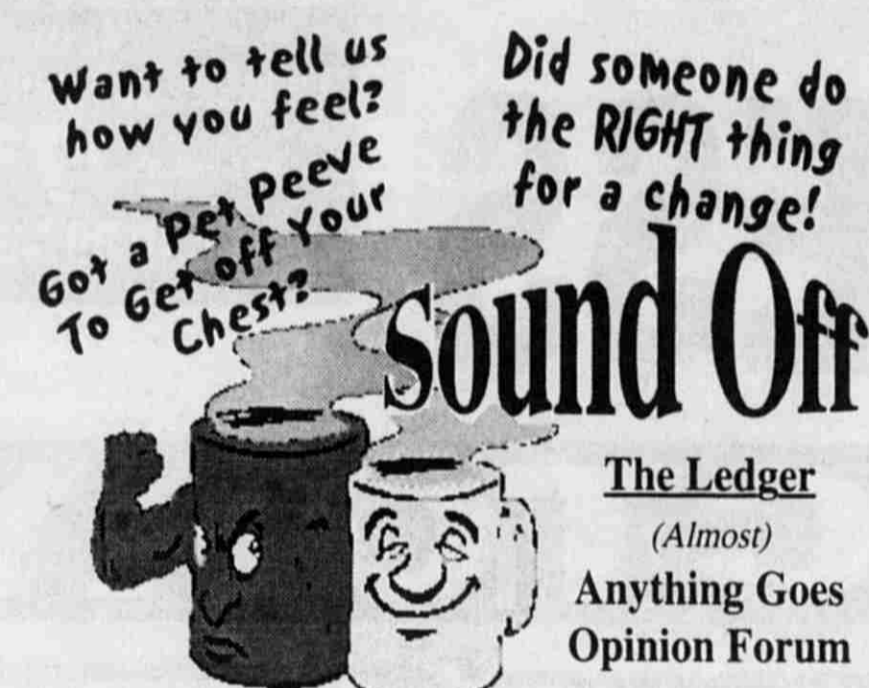
As summer temperatures continue to warm Michigan's lower peninsula, Consumers Energy reminds parents and youngsters to be aware of overhead and underground electric facilities when participating in outdoor activities.

The utility offers four basic tips for safe outdoor activity:

- Make sure children do not climb trees that are located near overhead power lines.
- Do not attempt to trim branches away from power lines yourself.
- Never allow metal ladders, antennas or sailboat masts to come in contact with overhead power lines.
- At least three working days before you plant a tree or shrub or do other digging around your property, call MISS DIG, Michigan utilities one-call protection service at 1-800-482-7171. For no charge a Miss Dig employee will identify and stake the location of underground facilities on your property.

If you are planning to plant a tree in your yard, be aware of the power lines that provide electricity to your home and carry it throughout your neighborhood. Avoid planting tall-growing trees such as Silver Maple, Norway Maple, Oaks, Colorado Blue Spruce, White Spruce and most pine trees near or under power lines.

Additional details regarding planting and caring for trees and shrubs can be obtained by contacting local landscape firms, tree service companies, county extension offices or the Consumers Energy website at www.consumersenergy.com.



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Well, I see it takes an occasion for you to clean up that back yard of yours. Hope you keep it that way.

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

F.Y.I. the definition of rumor: To talk or opinion wildly without knowledge of the truth. I've lived in this town all my life. I've been hurt and seen others hurt by rumors. You individuals who take it upon yourselves to talk about others should be ashamed. You make assumptions and form opinions about people you know very little about.

The new checkouts are bad. I keep getting charged for items I did not purchase. Watch out for your groceries.

Branches from bushes and trees are covering sidewalks. Please cut your bushes and trees back.

When will the Teachers and Staff join the rest of us and start paying toward their insurance? Most of us have been contributing for years. Start paying before more lose insurance.

Schneider Manor is a place for seniors but some seniors are blessed to have families who want to visit them. There may be children who play with toys that may be left in the halls.

Well, one of the beauty shops that I've gone to for a long time has the sloppiest girls there that cut hair. They don't clean up the hair all over the floor and customers have to walk in it. I hope it comes to a stop.

Why pick on the cigarette smokers? Put a high fine on drinking and driving and speeders. Make them carry some of the load - they too are dangerous to the public health. By the way, I'm not a smoker but I believe in fairness.

To all you KFC chicken wackos - why not invest in a KFC franchise here in Lowell, then you can eat all the fried chicken you want!
We're sick of hearing about it in Sound Off!

Has anyone ever tried to place an In Memory of ad in the GR Press? The average price is \$40-\$50. I'm willing to pay the Ledger's cost, which is dirt cheap compared to \$40-\$50.

I have to pay for ALL of my family's health insurance, which is not cheap! Everyone is getting hit hard - why should my tax money pay for ALL the teachers insurance? They can afford \$50 a month!

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RECOGNIZES THIS SEMESTER'S HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Lowell High School Honor Roll 4th MARKING PERIOD

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Matthew Amidon
Eric Anderson*
Katherine Anderson
Chelsea Babler
Kathryn Bailey*
Brittany Bailey*
Scott Beatson*
Marissa Bergy
Corrine Bieber
Kameron Blake
Jordan Blanchard
Jessica Bouman
Adam Bowers
Kevin Brechbiel
Haley Briggs*
Rachel Brinks*
Erin Bronckella
Brittany Bueche*
Danielle Calkins
Christin Cardani
Emily Childs
Kelsey Crowley*
Hannah Dalton
Eric Dean
Andrew DeDonado
Edward Dickerman
Regan Doyle
Miranda Drier
Brenton Dubridge
CJi Eickhoff
Sarah Eickhoff
Shane Elliott
Jennifer Ettinger
Alexander Fleet
Austyn Foster*
Ian Fowler
Garrison Fredline*
Nichole Freed*
Amanda Geelhoed*
Steven Geelhoed
Aaron Geer
Hannah Gerig
Hayley Getzen
Mary Gillhespy
Rebecca Green
Michael Griffioen
Hollie Gunderson
Shay Hacker
Brandon Hall
Kassandra Hanrahan*
Justin Harden
Charlie Hathaway*
Troy Heimer
Mallory Hines
Travis Hippey
Justin Hochstetler
Matthew Hodges
Lindsay Hoogaboorn*
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Laurinda Horsley
Allen Huber
David Huffman
Cameron Huisman
Lindsay Huver
Ashleigh Jack
Stacey Janeschek
Julie Johnson
Lisa Johnson
Lindsey Jousma
Karen Judd
Stephanie Kempker*
Genevieve Kendall
Tyler Kent
Gary Kilgore
Joshua Kleczynski
Michael Kleinpaste*
Kelsey Koewers*
Kelli Kowalski
Kaylyn Koza
Samantha Kozlik
Ashley Krolewicz
Kyle Kropf
Cody Krueger*
Gwyndd Lammass*
Samantha Lancaster
Anna Lane*
Brian Langlois
Kelsey Ligan
Brooke Liu
Brittany Lyman*
Andrew Mark
Jessica Maughan
Michael McElroy
Marek Mikesell
Leslie Morrison
Eric Mundt
Rebecca Myers
Tasha Nauta*
Jessica Nelson
Keith Nichol
Michael Nichols
Bradley Nordman*
Andrew Nozal
Lisa Nugent
Joshua O'Connor
Timothy Oberlin
Andrew Oesch
Morgan Olin
Evan Ormiston</p> | <p>Karri Ort
Ryan Padgett
Sapna Patel
Suraj Patel
Zabrina Peck
Bethany Penninga
Lance Perkins
Cassandra Phillips
Jamie Phillips
Margaret Pratt
Kelsey Quain
Culver Redd
Deborah Reinbold*
Colin Rich*
James Richardson*
Samantha Rinke*
Adam Rios
Megan Risner
Kathleen Rissi
Christopher Ritz
Michael Roth*
Kathryn Rottier*
Victoria Ruesink
Allison Schneider
Patrick Schoenborn
Taryn Schumacher*
Jacob Seaman
Raymond Seese*
Amanda SeEVERS
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Brittney Shellenbarger
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Ashleigh Smit
Erin Soules*
Heather Spratt
Kory Stevens
Hannah Stewart
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Margaret Tichelaar
Lindsey Trierweiler
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Lauren VanderMark*
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Scott White
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Karina Hernandez
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Brett Hobria
Andrew Hopkins
Ashley Hundley
Greg Huysier
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Kristin Johnson
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Cory Jones
Ryder Jones
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ADULT GARAGE SALE
9:30-4 p.m. July 2 & 3 at 2985 Bewell. Household goods, art, clothes, lanterns, sporting goods, tools, furniture, vintage records, 35 mm camera outfit & photo lights, golf stuff.

ONE DAY ONLY YARD SALE
Sat., 8-7 1530 Pinckney Rd., off M-21. Some furniture, clothing, toys, antiques, lots of stuff.

MONSTER GARAGE SALE
July 1 & 2, 8 am - 5pm, 12350 36th St., Lowell, New 18 foot swimming pool, nice washer & dryer, TVs, lots of furniture & many other goodies. Come see us & buy!

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

PLEASE NOTE EARLY DEADLINE FOR JULY 7 EDITION! IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JULY 2 AT NOON!

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LARGE YARD SALE
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GARAGE SALE
Thurs., July 1, 9-5; Fri, July 2, 9-7 302 Roberta Jayne. Lots of kids toys & clothes, women's clothes, books & lots more.

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Lincoln welder, table saw, acet. gas torch with cart, boat trailer, 3 deer stands, die maker tool with Kennedy box, lots of tools and furniture, 10 guns. Thurs. - Sat., 6931 Rix St., Ada. Phone 676-1906.

GARAGE SALE
July 1 and 2, 9-5 p.m. 11855 McPherson. Old mowers, furniture, trampoline, toys, housewares, name brand kids clothes, lots & lots of misc.

DAYCARE GARAGE SALE
Daycare is needing to clean house. Little Tikes climbing toys, books, movies, toys, toddler beds, twin bed, juvenile comforters, many name brand children's clothes, water skis & boogie boards, Apple Valley collector dolls. Don't miss this sale. Thurs., July 1 only, 9-5 p.m. 13289 36th St., Lowell, between Segwun & Pratt Lake.

Safely disposing of old computers

Many people don't realize that the way they dispose of old electronics could be hazardous to their health. The toxins found in old computers, televisions, cell phones or digital music players can harm children and the environment if they're not safely disposed of. Fortunately, there are safe alternatives.

Electronic waste, or e-waste, has grown to be a major problem in recent years. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 250 million computers will become obsolete in the next five years. Mobile phones will be discarded at a rate of 130 million per year within the next few years, resulting in



65,000 tons of waste. And according to the International

Association of Electronics Recyclers, about three million units of consumer electronics will be scrapped in the next decade.

Some discarded electronics end up in U.S. landfills, but many are shipped to Third World countries. Children and other workers sort through the e-waste searching for parts and are paid several cents. They often do this without gloves, masks or goggles, suffering exposure to harmful chemicals, glass and other sharp objects.

In addition, discarded electronics contain substantial amounts of lead, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, mercury and brominated flame retardants.

As a company that successfully makes a living selling personal technologies, they want to help minimize the problem. The first step is to inform consumers about the hazards of improper electronics disposal and providing resources and a location to properly handle their waste.

Recycling creates 100 more jobs than disposal. Valuable materials such as steel, glass, plastic and precious metals can be recovered from recycling. Recycling also prevents toxic materials from damaging the environment. Donation to charities, nonprofits and schools are other options for passing on electronics.

Correction

In an article in last week's edition, the Ledger incorrectly made reference to the water treatment plant. The mistake was made in the lead paragraph and headline, which should have read "New security system in the works for water treatment plant."

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of June 21, 2004, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 04-2004, and amendment to the Lowell Charter Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amends Section 3.8, Industrial Planned Unit Development. The ordinance broadens the list of allowable uses, specifies lot sizes and building setbacks and sets forth development standards for landscaping, parking, lighting, unloading and similar standards as well as procedures to review an IPUD rezoning request.

This ordinance shall become effective July 7, 2004.

A copy of the complete text of the amending ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., during regular Township hours or by calling 897-7600.

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- Alcohol can only be shipped to an address in Michigan. No out of state shipments.
- Any package not in a corrugated cardboard box will incur additional charges.
- Oversize packages will incur additional charges
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FOR SALE

2001 JEEP CHEROKEE - 4x4, 60th anniversary edition, 55,000 miles, 4 door, black, loaded, \$9,700. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

1982 HONDA 450 FOR SALE - 6,600 miles, runs & looks great. Must see to appreciate! Blue Book - \$1,065, asking \$850 or make offer. Call 940-1856.

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

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

DINING SET - 42" round table, laminate top, 4 chairs, iron base w/padded seat, \$249; bar stools, 3 bar height, iron base, like new, \$50 each. Best offer. 897-6577.

ZERO DOWN - 8 abandoned repos, 3 & 4 bed, 2 bath, all in West Michigan. Must sell by July 13th. Some have land. Call 1-800-615-1224.

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

1997 CHRYSLER SEBRING LX - 6 cyl., excellent condition, very clean, lady driven, non-smoker, low miles (75,000) remote starter, AC, power windows, locks & seats. \$5,600. Call 987-9294 or 889-1957.

FOR SALE - 2001 camper trailer, 21 ft., ends fold out & side slides out. Sleeps 7. Screened in awning. Hitch included. \$9,500 obo. Call 897-2134.

VICTORIAN COUCH SET - Circle in center back, 2 armed chairs, 3 white marble topped end tables & another matching chair, \$1,000. Call 897-6626.

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

1989 DODGE DAYTONA - \$1200 obo. Call 897-6675.

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

SATURN - 1992 very good condition, great transportation, no rust, \$700, 676-2654.

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

QUEEN HIGH BED - Dark wood, armoire, 2 dressers, mirror, nightstand, Serta box & mattress. \$500. Call 897-6626.

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

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

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.

'99 JEEP CHEROKEE - 4x4, 50,000 miles, red, 4 dr., auto, loaded. \$7,200. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

MUST SELL - First \$500 down gets 3 bed/2 bath, country settings. Immediate occupancy, EZ terms. Call 1-800-615-1224.

FOR SALE - Jenny Lind crib w/mattress & matching changing table, dark walnut, \$130; classic (Winnie the Pooh) crib bumper pads, quilt & wall hangings, \$95. Call 897-5047.

ANTIQUE 1930'S VANITY - with mirror & chest of drawers, very ornate. \$300. Call 897-6626.

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

FOR SALE - Vintage dresser w/mirror, good condition. \$100 obo. Call Laurie at 897-5768.

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

HUD APPROVED 3/4 BED-ROOM - 2 bath, only \$619 a month. Good credit, bad credit. Free approval. Call 616-647-2563.

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

'98 CHEVY PICKUP - Long box, 2 wd., new tires, brakes, etc. \$4,200. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

1996 AMERICAN STAR FIFTH WHEEL - 31 ft., large slide, new tires, includes California add-a-room. All in good condition. \$10,500, 616-897-8783.

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

WICKER SET FROM PIER I - 2 large chairs w/ottomans & upholstered cushions & coffee table. \$200. Call 897-6626.

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - Name brands: Titleist, Nike, Strata, Top Flite & many more. All perfect condition with no scuff marks, you select your own dozen, all brands only \$4 per doz. Practice balls 50 for \$5. Call 897-8520.

'97 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN - White, 350 cu. in., loaded, CD, PW & PL, 120,000 hwy miles. \$4,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

PUPPY NEEDS A GOOD HOME - Border collie/black Lab mix, 10 months old, up to date on shots, neutered. 868-6659, 616-218-4850.

CLASSIFIEDS

TO PLACE AN AD

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

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

FOR SALE - '99 Mercury Cougar. 92,000 miles, red, excellent condition. Loaded. Must sell. \$7,000. Call 481-2818.

OUTBOARD MOTOR - 1998 Johnson 25 hp, excellent condition. All controls electric start, new battery, gas tank & hose all included. \$1,800 obo. Call 616-527-4342.

1977 LAYTON TRAVEL TRAILER - Sleeps 6, good shape, hitch included. \$2,500 obo. Call 682-2055.

'97 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN - White, 350 cu. in., loaded, CD, PW & PL, 120,000 hwy miles. \$4,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1/2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

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

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

FOR RENT - House in City, 2 bedroom, no pets, no smoking. Newly remodeled. \$800 plus utilities. Call 897-9317.

FOR RENT - 846 Montcalm, Lowell. One bedroom mobile on Flat River near Fallsburg with stove & refrigerator, unfurnished. \$400 per month, \$400 security deposit. Call 616-636-8967.

EVENTS

LOVE TO PLAY GOLF? - We've got the job for you! Tyler Creek Golf Course, in Alto, is looking for rangers to work 5 to 6 hours a week. In return you get free golf at our course. Contact Duffy at (313) 885-7264 or fax (313) 885-7200.

ATTENTION SENIORS - Love to play golf? We've got the job for you! Tyler Creek Golf Course is looking for rangers to work 5 to 6 hours a week. In return you get free golf at our course. Contact Duffy at (313) 885-7264 or fax (313) 885-7200.

WANTED

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

SEEKING ROOM - Will be visiting Lowell for a one week stay. Seeking room at reasonable rate. Date not yet determined; mature male. Call Terry at 520-294-8003 any time.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE - to help build a small building. With a little experience. Call 897-8541, leave message.

BUYING DNR PATCHES - Deer, Bear, Fishing, etc. Also hunting licenses, button or what have you. Up to \$40 each. 957-0526.

EVENTS

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 616-437-6329 for more information.

PERSONALS

THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY flag display will not take place this July 4th.
The Flag Lady
Lynn Seese

HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY, JACKSON!
We are so proud of you and love you very much!
Mom, Dad & Sammy

LEDGER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 4TH OF JULY. THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY 7 EDITION OF THE LOWELL LEDGER WILL BE FRI., JULY 2 AT NOON!

SERVICES

ALTO AREA DAYCARE - has immediate openings for 18 mos & older. Fenced in backyard. Access to all Lowell Area Schools. CPR certified. Call 868-0752.

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

DAYCARE OPENING FOR 3 - 2-5 years. Fenced in backyard. Lots of outside & inside activities. Food program & 4C's. 5 a.m. - 6 p.m. 897-4389.

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

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

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

\$275 IS A LOT OF MONEY!! - Most people I work with save at least \$275 per month! Call me to find out how much I can save you! Chuck Lupton, 617-1862 or 897-2800. Freedom Financial Group Inc.

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

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

LAMINATING AVAILABLE AT THE LEDGER OFFICE! Next Day Service. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell

LICENSED DAYCARE - Many openings, ages 1 month - 10 years. Food, friends, animals, indoor/outdoor play equipment. 897-4570.

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

NOW SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS - for senior photos. Portraits by Valentina Fleet. Great photos at great prices. Call 897-2587.

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

NEED A COMPANION? - Adopt a cat! Loveable spade/neutered. Kitty Koop. 897-5898.

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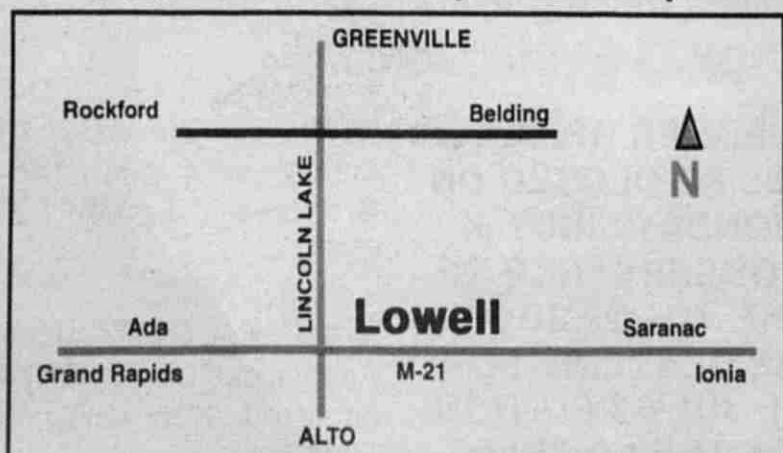
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