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Robert E. Lee celebrates 25th birthday

A history of the latest and greatest Lowell Showboat

By Dan Schneider

In 1935 the program for the Lowell showboat boasted of "Six end men—all new jokes."

The back page of that program was a collection of beer advertisements, such as for Stroh's Bohemian Beer, then brewed in Detroit, with the slogan "Served Wherever Quality Counts."

Another Detroit brew, Pfeiffer's Beer, claimed to be "The Showboat Favorite" on the back of that program for the first Robert E. Lee on the Flat River.

It was the first Robert E.

Lee but not the first Lowell showboat. The first was the George Washington, a sternwheeler. Built in 1932 on 55-gallon barrels, the boat was a town effort to raise spirits during the Great Depression. All local talent—song and dance—and the end men would tell jokes in blackface in between.

The second Robert E. Lee was completed in 1948. At that time, a farmer could go to the Tractor Mart on S. Division in Grand Rapids and buy an Oliver Cletrac, gas or diesel. The tractor is now popular on the antique farm equip-

ment circuit. It was advertised in the showboat program that year.

In 1967, Walter V. Graham Builders advertised: "We're proud to have been selected to build the new showboat" and "Member of Grand Rapids Home Builders Association for over 20 years. Incidentally, we do build homes . . . showboats built only once every 30 years."

That boat, the third Robert E. Lee and fourth showboat, was completed in 1968

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Above: A recent photograph shows the Lowell showboat, the Robert E. Lee, taken from the unique perspective afforded by a kayak. The showboat celebrates its 25th birthday Friday evening to kick off the Riverwalk Festival.

Left: Contractor Ivan Blough and his crew built the Lowell showboat in 1979. Note the vertical two-by-fours along the edge of the bottom deck. These helped give the Robert E. Lee the illusion of a classic riverboat sag. Also note the Army surplus pontoons visible at the waterline.



City works to protect water supply

Lowell completes first stage of state program

By Dan Schneider

By establishing a wellhead protection area, the city of Lowell has taken the first steps in a program to protect the city water supply.

Michigan's Wellhead Protection Program is voluntary and was designed in response to amendments made to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in 1986. It is administered through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The first step in the program is to identify the

wellhead protection area (WHPA). This is the area around the city's well site through which contaminants can travel into the water source.

The first city well for Lowell was located on N. Washington Street. It was replaced in the 1950s when the city's water demands outstripped what the Washington Street well could produce. Lowell began fluoridating its water in 1955. That year, Bob Steward became the city's first water superintendent.

Lowell's water treatment plant and city wells are now located on Bowes Road. The city drilled three wells there in 1976 after giving up on its wells located on Foreman Street.

"Those wells were extremely high in iron and therefore the water was unacceptable," explained water treatment plant superintendent George Regan. He is also chair of the Wellhead Protection Committee.

The new wells went into service the following year. In 1990, the city drilled a fourth

well at the Bowes Road site to increase the volume of its water production.

The WHPA is based on the water table concept. The water that feeds the city wells starts out on the surface as rain or irrigation. It takes time to percolate through layers of soil and flow over underground geological formations. From the perimeter of the WHPA, it takes 10 years for a water particle to travel

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OBITUARIES

CONNOR - Doris Conner, aged 88, of Ionia, formerly of Saranac, passed away July 1, 2004 in Ionia. She was born May 25, 1916, in Easton Twp., the daughter of Noah and Hazel (Goodwin) Bishop. She graduated from Saranac High School in 1934. She married Ward Conner in 1935 who preceded her in death in 1984. Doris is survived by her sons Richard and Pat Conner of Ionia, Roger and Geri Conner of Lowell, Michael and Wanda Conner of Ionia; daughters Patricia and Ben Frazer of Saranac; Glennis Lockhart of Saranac, Debra and Rob Detar of Florida; sister Dorothy and Kenneth Blumerick of Traverse City; 22 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two granddaughters Debra and Hope. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Saranac Com-

munity Church with Rev. John Madvig officiating. Interment Easton Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make a memorial contribution to Saranac American Legion or Saranac Fire Department.

KELLER - Fred M. Keller, aged 94, of Clark Retirement Community, died June 27, 2004. Surviving are his wife Bernedine; daughter Kathy (Bill) Muir of East Grand Rapids; son Fred P. (Linn) Keller of Alto; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Mr. Keller was born in Muskegon, received his schooling and attended Hackley Manual Training School there. He started Middleville Engineering and Manufacturing in 1945 and bought Paragon Die and Engineering in 1962. His greatest love was the Keller Foundation, which he formed in 1980 and has contributed to

many civic, religious and humanitarian efforts. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church; served on several boards, one being the board of Clark Retirement Community and contributed funds to their foundation as well as to the building which is named the Fred M. Keller Center and the new Clark of Keller Lake Community. The memorial service was Thursday, July 1 at First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Gary Haller officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Clark Foundation, 1551 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids 49506 or to First United Methodist Church, 227 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids 49503.

WINCHEL - Alda (L.D.) John, aged 76, of Middleville, passed away on July 3, 2004 at his home surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Florence Winchel. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Virginia (Maynard) Winchel; his children Karen

(Bill) Wheeler of Rockford, Sharon (Joe) LeMaire of Wyoming, Larry Winchel (Amy and children) of Hastings, Nancy Winchel (Marc Nelms) of Texas; grandchildren Sheila Wheeler, Marcy (Jack) Moore, John Heacock, Tammy (Aaron) White, Sean (Wendy) Wheeler, Corey Heacock, Ryan (Kim) Winchel, Shana (Wilton) Wheeler, Ronnie (Dusty) Burns and Jennifer Wheeler-Ingram; 16 great-grandchildren; brother Howard (Janet) Winchel of Hesperia; sisters Donna Moore and Charlie of Lakeview, Virginia (Ed) Galvin of Mecosta; sister-in-law Janice Winchel of Sparta; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and his many wonderful friends. Family would like to especially thank Hospice Visiting Nurses of Grand Rapids for their loving assistance. Friends and relatives may meet with the family on July 9 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 10 at 1 p.m.

Summer heat may endanger senior citizens

Last year, the world was shocked when thousands of elderly men and women in France died as a result of a heat wave in that country. Here at home, the 1995 Chicago heat wave led to more than 700 deaths in that steamy city.

Heat-related illness can be a very serious problem, especially among older men and women. Health concerns may make it difficult for older people to handle high temperatures.

"Heat-related illnesses and their problems begin to develop when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees for more than two or three days," said Mark Supiano, M.D., director of the Geriatric Research and Education Clinical Center at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. "When this is coupled with high humidity, the risks to older people are even worse."

There are a number of physiologic reasons why older people are at particular risk of complications from high heat and humidity. First, older people's ability to sense heat is impaired. And second, although younger people are able to discharge excess body heat, this ability is impaired in older people.

Supiano says that poor circulation is one barrier to adequately discharging excess body heat. Sweating is the other major method we use to discharge heat and this ability, too, can be impaired in older people.

There are a number of factors that are critical to preventing heat-related problems in older people. The first is education. Once awareness is there:

- Make every effort to stay cool.
- Do what you can to get out of a hot environment.
- Stay in the shade.
- Limit outdoor activities.
- Use fans or air conditioning.
- Take a cool bath.
- Wear loose fitting clothing in lighter colors.
- Drink plenty of fluids and consume adequate nutrition.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Increase salt and electrolytes intake, such as through eating salty foods or drinking sports drinks like Gatorade.

Supiano points out that many older people are alone and vulnerable, requiring a community response to these preventable heat-related illnesses.

Barton house makes way for more fairground

By Dan Schneider

After more than 100 years and a number of floods, the Barton house fell to a demolition crew last Tuesday.

It was the last remaining house on the east side of Hudson Street, between the Grand River and Main Street. The Barton family lived in the house for 64 years.

Maynard Barton bought the house for \$800 in November of 1938. He and his wife Mable raised six children in the house. He worked in a spring and wire factory in Grand Rapids and she worked for a time as a cook in the Lowell schools.

"They lived in an apartment or tenant house or whatever you want to call it at Highland Hill Dairy until they bought the house," Loren Barton said. He grew up there, the oldest child, born the same year the family bought the house.

"We were outside the city limits the whole time I was growing up," Barton said.

The field behind the house was cattle pasture before the waste water treatment plant was built. Barton used to hunt rabbits with his friends back there when he was young.

It was an old-time house, built sometime in the 1860s by Barton's estimation. Right up until it was torn down, the house never had any insulation. It was never hooked up to city water or sewer, either.

"They didn't have indoor plumbing until I was in later grade school," Barton said. That would have been in the late 1940s or early 1950s.

He remembers his grandfather, A.J. Barton, trying to bring back honeycombs from the outhouse.

"I can remember the honeybees used to nest out there and he took some of those

honeycombs out and brought them up to the house but my mother wouldn't let him take them in," Barton said.

The house was frequently surrounded by water during the Grand River's flood season. Barton remembers at least a dozen floods before up-river dams put the river under control.

"He (Maynard Barton) would put cement blocks all the way to the road," Barton said. "We had a bridge and a rowboat to get back and forth to the highway."

During the major flood in the 1940s, Barton said, "We rowed from the house up to Main Street and over to my grandma's house and tied up to the porch."

His grandmother lived on the south end of Division Street.

The water often surrounded the house and flooded the basement.



An excavator with a demolition claw pulls a load of debris from what was left of the Barton house last Tuesday.

Though the neighbors often got flooded out of their homes, the Barton house was built on a little higher ground. Sometimes it was close, however. One year, about a half-inch of door sill was all that kept the water from coming in through the back door.

A.J. Barton drilled a hole through Loren's bottom-story bedroom to see how high the water had gotten in the basement.

"The water came up like Old Faithful and there was a marble which happened to be

there and my mom stuck that in the hole and that's what kept the water in," Barton said.

Maynard Barton lived in the house until he died in 2002 at the age of 97. The house sat abandoned until it was torn down. The city bought the property in late May for fairground use.

Kent County Youth Fair president Ron Wenger said the spot should be recovered from the demolition by the time this year's fair starts Aug. 9.

"We're gonna get it all

cleaned up and seeded and fenced in, and it's going to be part of the fairgrounds," Wenger said.

The Grand Valley American Indian Lodge will probably hold next year's Restoring the Circle Through the Buffalo Pow Wow on and around the property. This is because it is on higher ground and more visible from the road.

The rest of the year, it will be additional parking for fairground events.

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School board organizes for 04-05

The Lowell Area Schools board of education held its organizational meeting last Thursday evening. Five members were in attendance to approve officers, including new board members Dan Brubaker and Maureen Fleet.

The board's officers remain the same with Nancy Hopkins, president; Mark Lessens, vice president; Pat Nugent, secretary; and Jim Reagan, treasurer.

The board president is the officer most closely involved with the day-to-day operation of the schools, working with superintendent Shari Miller

and school administrators. The president also presides over the meetings and is the public voice of the school board.

The vice president fills in when the president is not available.

The secretary takes the minutes of board meetings and makes official recordings. The secretary is also in charge of making official postings in a timely manner as required by law, such as posting the date of the school board elections.

The treasurer reviews the district's monthly financial statements.

The next school board meeting will be July 26, not July 12 as printed in last week's Ledger.

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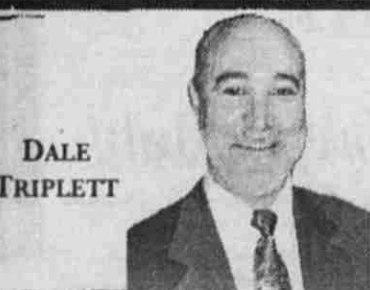
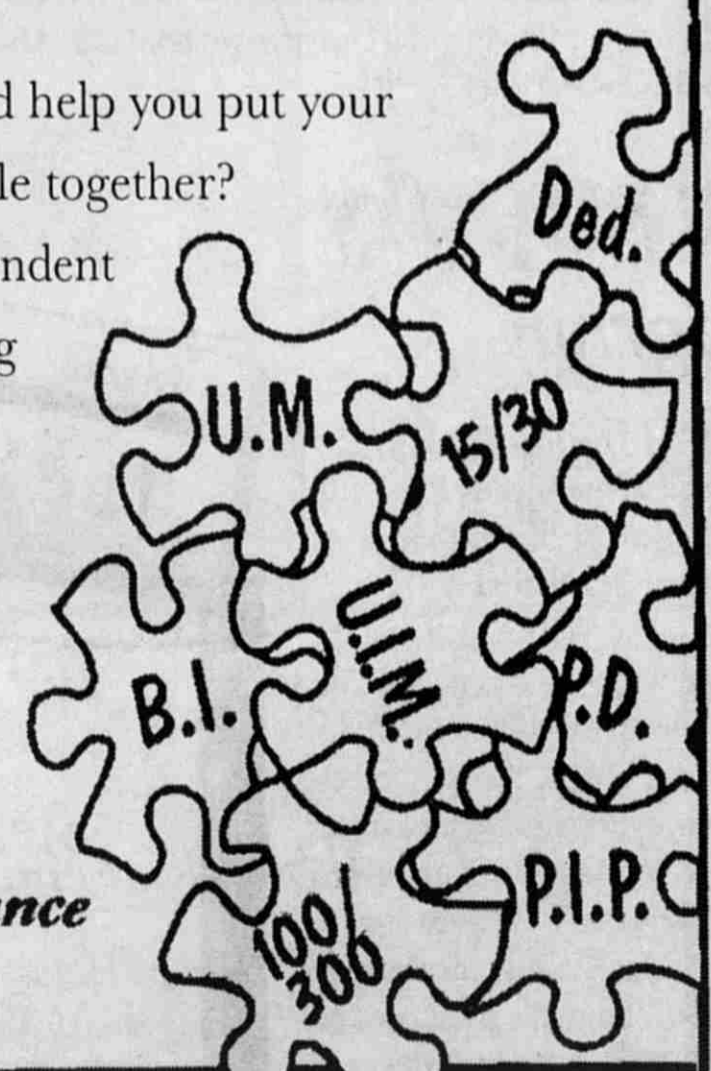
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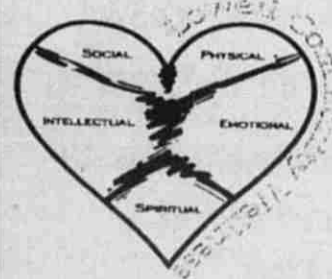
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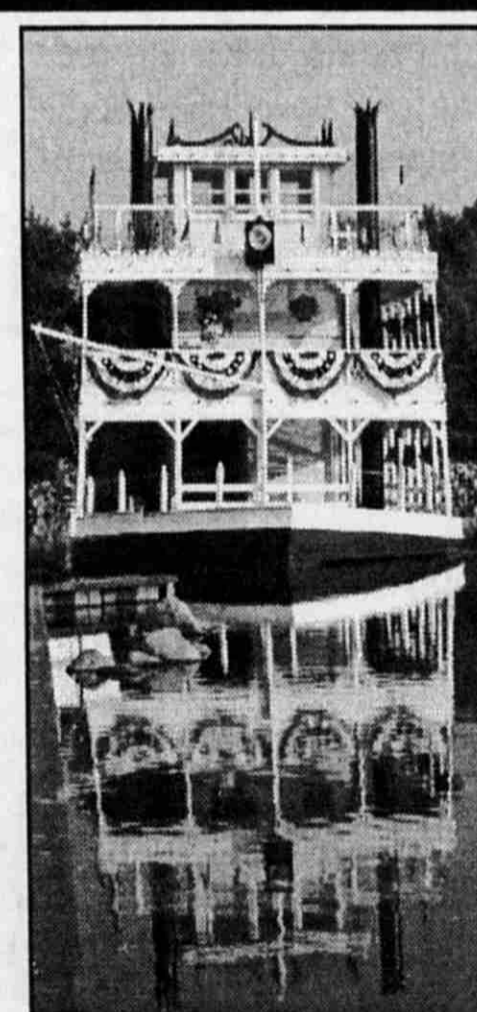
Help us celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Lowell Showboat the "Robert E Lee"

July 9, 2004 • 6:00 to 9:00 PM • Riverwalk Plaza

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CITY OF LOWELL

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2004

To: Mayor Shores, Members of the Lowell City Council and citizens of Lowell

The State of the City address provides the community to assess our condition as a municipality. What events occurred this past year which impact Lowell? What are the challenges and opportunities? As a City, how do we respond?

The budget process was completed just two weeks ago. Very difficult decisions had to be made. Property tax revenues are projected to rise \$67,000, while total General Fund revenues will increase just by \$36,000. Expenditures, in an effort to hold the line, have decreased \$6,000. Overall, the General Fund balance is just over \$50,000.

This situation is caused by the slow economy and the after effects of job losses. Also, State Revenue Sharing continues to decrease.

As stated last year, my pledge continues that fiscal restraint will be utilized in all funds the City has.

Several positive economic trends continue. The downtown has attracted several new businesses. Through the Downtown Historic District Commission, grants have been provided on a matching basis through assistance given by the Lowell Area Community Fund for rehabilitation of structures.

Elsewhere, plans for nearly one hundred homes in the City have been approved. This is the single largest number of dwellings built in one year in recent memory.

Also, PURforms, Inc., a plastic molding manufacturer and Preferred Engineering, providing plastic stadium seats, have started their businesses in the old Newell Building. Initial estimates show employment could reach ultimately one hundred positions together.

The River Valley Credit Union has moved into a new facility on West Main Street, while Tractor Supply Company is now occupying the old Family Fare Supermarket.

The City celebrated July 12, 2003 as the dedication day for the City Hall renovation and Police Station construction project giving a cornerstone to downtown restoration efforts.

While there is much encouragement, the City must be proactive to ensure economic vitality.

The following are the goals to be pursued:

- Continue to support the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Historic District Commission as key economic development tools. The DDA as a first priority will assist in projects which provide business growth or retention. In addition, aiding in promotions for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has been of importance. The Downtown Historic District Commission has through grants received funding from the Lowell Area Community Fund, provided assistance on a matching

basis for 46 building renovation projects totalling \$265,000. This has given new impetus for businesses in the downtown.

- Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce as an important part of the City's economic development strategy. As a coordinator of events such as the Summer Concert Series (with the Lowell Area Arts Council), Riverwalk Festival and Christmas Parade, the Chamber acts as the voice of local businesses and industries.

- Be in communication with organizations such as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Right Place Program, which can promote the growth of businesses. Efforts are being made to visit community manufacturers.

- Promote a concerted effort to continue to upgrade City streets. Under Federal funding, Foreman Road will be reconstructed. In concert, the first 500 feet of Gee Drive from Foreman will also be reconstructed. South Center and Clarke Streets will be undertaken for improvements coordinating a housing development. Also, the upgrading of Grindle Drive is planned in 2005.

Sidewalks, particularly with school walks and in conjunction with street construction projects, need to be emphasized. Walks on Foreman and Gee will be completed this Summer.

- Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Lowell Area Arts Council and the YMCA as important resources to the City's quality of life.

- Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport, thereby qualifying for State assistance. The attaining of air easements and cutting of trees is scheduled by the Fall.

- Continue to cooperate with the Lowell Area Schools along with Lowell and Vergennes townships on recreational matters. As part of this cooperative venture, a community walking trails study has been completed. The starting of a trail system is planned by this Fall.

- Plan for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment and Water Treatment Plants. A Wellhead Protection Program and Water Reliability (Master Plan) Study have been started and are toward completion.

As mentioned in previous years, while projects have been provided in our goals, the City places prime responsibility for service to the citizens of Lowell.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Pasquale
City Manager



Local girl gets Disney wish



Jennah Cupp with Snow White at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. The Lowell girl was able to take a trip to Disney World through a wish granted by the Kids Wish Network.

By Dan Schneider

Thousands of kids go to Disney World in Orlando, Florida every year. For four-year-old Jennah Cupp of Lowell, the trip was a wish come true.

Jennah has had serious health problems all her life. She was born with a congenital heart defect, liver disease, asthma, hypospadias urethra and malrotation of intestines. She had the first of two open-heart surgeries when she was five months old and has had a total of eight major surgeries.

Jennah has curly brown hair and big brown eyes. She's an upbeat and easily excited girl despite her health problems. Recently she was particularly excited when she was able to see some of her fairy tale heroes from Disney movies up close and personal. Her favorite has always been Cinderella.

"The whole reason she chose Disney World is Cinderella," said her mother, Kristy Cupp. "She likes all the princesses but Cinderella is her favorite."

Jennah got the chance to meet Cinderella, Snow White and the seven dwarfs, and a whole cast of fantasy characters on a wish trip granted by the Kids Wish Network. Through her father, Jason Cupp's investigation of the organization, Jennah, her mom and dad, and four brothers and sisters enjoyed a trip to Orlando June 23-27.

At Disney World, she liked the kiddie roller coaster in addition to the princesses.

"I thought she was scared ... she screamed the whole time," said Kristy Cupp. "When we got off she said, 'Let's do that again,' so then her dad went with her."

She also had dinner with pirates at Pirates Dinner Adventure Theater and saw animals at Animal Kingdom and Sea World.

"I think she was a little disappointed with Animal Kingdom because she didn't get to pet an elephant but she loved the safari," Cupp said. "She loved Sea World, she wants to be a seahorse."

"We thought she might want to be a whale trainer, but no, she wanted to be a seahorse."

The Kids Wish Network, which made Jennah's trip possible, is a nonprofit organization in Oldsmar, Florida. Its mission is to infuse hope and create happy memories for children. Anyone who knows a child in need of wish granting services can call the Kids Wish Network at 1-888-918-9004.

The Lowell Women's Club and the Lowell Moose Lodge contributed to Jennah's trip. The Moose Lodge will have a steak fry July 23 to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation, an organization with a mission similar to the Kids Wish Network.

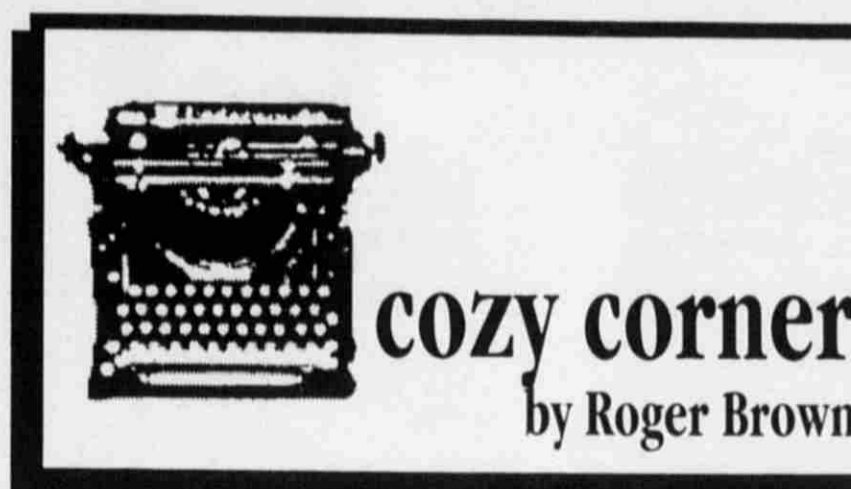
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Viewpoint . . .



It's time to wrap up Eddie and Roger's excellent cross-country Stearman adventure. If I'm tired of writing about our escapades ... you must be very tired of reading about them. I left you last week on the ground in Westerly, Rhode Island. We had just completed a very cold, early morning flight from New Jersey paired with a nomadic banner-tow pilot. He had led us through some of the most densely controlled air space in the world with no radio or transponder. The entire time we were fueling and saying our good-byes, I was waiting for the cops to come and cuff us.

It's difficult to exaggerate how cold you become in an open cockpit when the temperature is well down into the fifties and you are sitting there in the wash of a 102-inch propeller turning at 1,900 r.p.m. As mentioned earlier in this series, we were woefully short of warm clothing because of limited baggage space. We put on a sixth layer of T-shirts from our dirty laundry and took off for Massachusetts, another state on my list to visit in the Stearman.

Fortunately this leg would be less than an hour to Plymouth, MA, site of the famous landing of the Pilgrims in 1620. Ed had previously visited the actual "rock" and assured me it wasn't much to see. We had selected Plymouth because of Plane Jane's Cafe on the field there (a tip from the banner-tow pilot), and the promise of steaming bowls of New England clam chowder for lunch.

Our flight took us across Rhode Island Sound, over Newport and then the picturesque New England countryside. These sights from an open cockpit at low level on a crisp, clear spring day were spectacular.

At Plymouth we happened to stumble into their annual fly-in. We were parked in the front row with the other antiques. Eddie and I de-planed, then bolted past fly-in officials and curiosity seekers on our way to the cafe where we huddled over chowder and coffee.

Sufficiently warmed and nourished, we looked around at a flea market held in conjunction with the fly-in. Ed and I would have paid dearly for a sweatshirt or jacket, but had no luck. We saddled up and headed west for a stop in Connecticut, the last of the six states I needed to claim Stearman landings in every state east of the Mississippi River.

We were now ending our coastal portion of the trip. From here on, our route would be a straight shot to Michigan. I wish I had the writing ability to adequately describe the 1,200 miles of coastline we had traveled in our unorthodox way. If I have opened the window for your mind's eye, run with it, because the flight was every bit as picturesque as you can imagine.

Flying back over Massachusetts, Rhode Island and on in to Connecticut was still very cold. To make matters worse, we were fighting a headwind for the first time. The countryside below us was hilly, lush and green ... much more rural looking than I had imagined these states to be. We landed at the airport at Wilimantic, CT. We took on fuel and I logged the landing to complete my list. Yahoo!

We motored on into New York state where we landed at

a strip near Poughkeepsie looking for lodging. There were no motels nearby, but we did score sweatshirts sold at the airport office. We flew for another hour or so and landed at Sullivan Co., NY.

Our 75-year-old cabbie told us on the way to the motel that this was the site of the famous Woodstock Music Festival in 1969. His main remembrance of the festival was the fact he couldn't get out of his driveway for four days. I told Ed we finally made it, alluding to the fact my VW, our only mode of transport, had blown up before we could get to Woodstock 35 years ago.

At the motel Ed headed for the bar. I soaked in a hot tub for the better part of an hour. He was warming from the inside out and I was warming from the outside in.

The next morning was again cool, clear and bright, but we had our sweatshirts. We even had a tailwind. Our first leg lasted nearly three hours as we swept over the upper reaches of the Appalachian Mountains. We saw mostly big hills, deep gorges and trees. If you didn't already know it, take it from Ed and me, this is one big country!

We landed at Clarion Co., PA, where we fueled, dined from the vending machine and mounted up. I was determined to take advantage of this tailwind and get home. Another long leg carried us over Pennsylvania and on into Ohio. We ducked under Cleveland's airspace and angled northwest to Toledo for our last fuel stop.

At an airport southeast of Toledo we fueled and I got a glimpse of the weather ahead on their computer. There was a line of ugly yellow and red stuff moving in off Lake Michigan and heading into the Grand Rapids area. I didn't think I could beat it to Lowell, but we ran for the plane anyway.

Somewhere around Jackson, MI, the sky began looking very black up ahead. I selected Mason Co. Airport as my bailout if the weather got too bad. We flew about three miles past Mason and into rain, wind and lightning. We turned tail and landed just as it was moving in. A good samaritan with extra space in his hangar waved us over. We pushed my tired old Stearman in just as the worst of it hit.

As luck would have it, we had made our turn right over the house of friends who own a Stearman and keep it at Mason Co. They drove over to see if I needed help. We let ourselves in to the vacated airport office, made coffee, ate cookies and watched the storm on the computer and out the window. We swapped stories for an hour or so and before we knew it, the storm had moved through.

Ed and I thanked everybody, mounted up and high-tailed it for Lowell before another batch of stuff moved in off the big lake. I'm not sure what phenomenon caused it, but we caught a tailwind on the backside of that storm that whisked us to Lowell. I was indicating up to 144 knots on my G.P.S. That's nearly sixty knots faster than normal cruise and fifteen knots faster than I'd ever seen before. I think the old Stearman wanted to be home worse than we did.

I greased a landing in the grass. Sod is much preferred by tail dragger pilots, and this was the first landing in grass of the entire trip. We were all glad to be home ... me, Ed and the Stearman.

We had traveled over 2,500 miles, landed in fifteen states (to include the six I needed for my list) and seen some incredible sights from just a few hundred feet in a sixty-three year-old open cockpit biplane. All this in five days and four nights. Even a month later and having logged the highlights of the trip here ... it still seems like a blur to me. Oh, but what a wonderful blur it is!



There are many remarkable places to see when traveling around Michigan. Scenic views are commonplace and historic sites are interesting to visit. Michigan citizens share diverse cultures, which can be experienced by all at restaurants, shops, and festivals. One can make an excursion visiting lighthouses around our Great Lakes or seeking out waterfalls in the central Upper Peninsula.

Another way to take advantage of the state's many resources is to make a deliberate effort to view native

wildlife. You could start looking in your backyard, of course, but there is a way to seek out specific birds and animals in their natural habitat. Go to the Department of Natural Resources website at www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on "Wildlife & Habitat" or purchase a book titled "Michigan Wildlife Viewing Guide." The guide is available through the above website or can be purchased at bookstores. The guide and website will give the locations of viewing sites as well as additional information such as the ecology of the area and facts about resident species. The logo posted at the 121 viewing sites in Michigan is the image of a binocular. This logo is used nationwide, so look for sites in other states as well.

Serious viewing requires some preparation. A set of county maps is a great help when traveling off the beaten path. Maps are available at some chain stores, outdoor gear outfitters and at bookstores. Binoculars will help locate hard-to-spot creatures and afford a closer look.

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

125 YEARS
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
JULY 9, 1879

Some farmers are harvesting wheat this week. Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" was illuminated on canvas at Music Hall Friday and Saturday.

The Sentinel reports 241,000 pounds of wool purchased at Ionia this season.

The three-column Lowell News started as a daily a few weeks ago, became a tri-weekly, then stopped publishing this week.

This month the post office will remain open until 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
JULY 7, 1904

"Graduates, get your diplomas framed at Hakes' Furniture Store."

The band concert was rained out Wednesday so will be held Friday on the West side.

H.W. Hakes will leave Monday for Atlantic City, New Jersey, to attend the Imperial Council of North American Nobles of the Mystic Shrine as a delegate from Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids.

President Theodore Roosevelt has been nominated for a second term.

The Fallsburg correspondent names the half-dozen young people who attended the Grattan Music Hall dance Monday night.

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO
JULY 11, 1929

The American Legion band will perform at the Strand Theatre Thursday, along with the all-talking picture, "Alias Jimmy Valentine" to raise funds for their new uniforms.

The Fineis Oilers will again play the Colored Giants of Grand Rapids here next Thursday. They are even-up so far.

July 4 horse races at Recreation Park were a success, with more than 800 out to watch.

Rural Letter Carrier Fred Barnes retires and his route is divided among the five remaining carriers.

King Milling's east-side mill is repaired, uncovering original 82-year-old oak timbers still in good shape.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
JULY 8, 1954

A large number of unregistered dogs is recorded by the Scout census takers, and Council debates compulsory yearly rabies shots.

Dan Wingeier, Dr. Thomas Hill and Theron Richmond are running for the two school board vacancies.

Campfire Girls and Bluebirds are enjoying day camp at Townsend Park. Council donates bus transportation.

Esther Fahmi, village treasurer, announces taxes due and payable at 411 W. Main.

The Strand Theatre features movies in Technicolor and air conditioning.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
JULY 11, 1979

The brand new Robert E. Lee makes its maiden voyage Friday night, with crowds to watch and celebrate.

Buck Matthews wants to borrow home movies of past showboats for a special to be shown on WOTV during Showboat Week.

The week of July 9-15 will be called the Gus Macker Tournament Festival Week.

PM Charlie Doyle reminds that as of July 15 no cards or letters may be smaller than 3 1/2 by 5 inches.

Village Council holds a long discussion about whether to replace the Division bridge and if so, how much.

Reflections Of Faith

Michael T. Conklin
First United Methodist Church

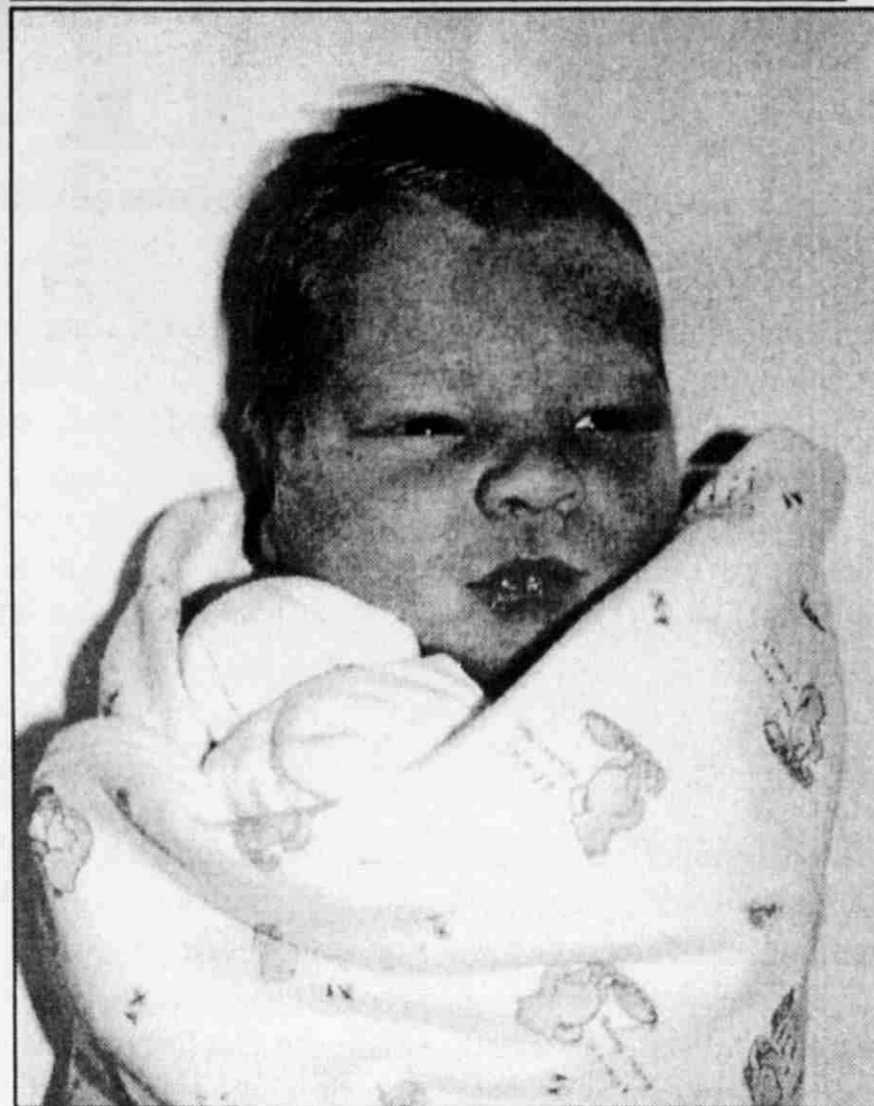
As you read this I will have come off a wonderful July 4 celebration. It began at the Showboat on Thursday with a wonderful concert. It followed Saturday in Marshall with another concert, a picnic lunch, a family wedding, a birthday celebration, and family gathering throughout the weekend. All in all, it's the kind of celebration that John Adams imagined. In a letter to his wife Abigail, John declared that Independence Day "ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of the Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." This is one of the most well-known quotations from Adams' letters.

But in a letter written to her earlier in the day, he also noted the perils that lay ahead. "It may be the Will of Heaven that America should suffer Calamities still more wasting and Distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good Effect, at least: it will inspire Us with many Virtues, which We have not, and correct many Errors, Follies and Vices which threaten to disturb, dishonour, and destroy Us.—The Furnace of Affliction produces Refinement, in States as well as Individuals."

As I sat listening on Thursday evening, it occurred to me once again that God has so richly blessed us as a nation. And it occurred to me—again—what a tremendous responsibility those blessings imply. When Abraham first heard the call and the blessing of God (they are one and the same), the Lord told him that he was being blessed so that he could be a blessing to the whole of the world. In God's realm, responsibilities and blessings are bound together. It is a notion that is reinforced again and again in the teachings of Jesus. In Matthew 25, we are reminded that the blessings of faith lead us into a deep and abiding concern for the least and the lost. "As you have done it to the least of these who are members of my family, you have done it to me."

When I see debates raging in the news over our public policies, even to the point of anger, I am not deeply disturbed. In fact, I am greatly encouraged. It reflects our struggle to live into the ideals that we profess as Christians and as Americans. It is in both faith and national life that we are called to struggle to embrace more fully the ideals that we find in our founding documents. In both faith and public life we are yearning to become the people that God has called us to be.

AREA BIRTHS



Chris and Shannon Goggins of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Kenneth. He was born June 24 at 6:58 a.m. at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Kenneth and Linda Vos, Ron

and Ann Wittenbach, all of Lowell, and Pat and Peggy Goggins of Pierson. Great-grandparents are John and Barb Vos, formerly of Lowell, Carol Kelly and the late Larry G. Kelly, Bob and Velma Perry, Annabelle Wittenbach, all of Lowell, and William and Twyla Schmidt of S. Carolina.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 8: Jason White, Tony Stencil, Ryan Vashaw, Jessica Tulppo.

JULY 9: Elaine Haines, Leo Pfaller.

JULY 10: Barb Rivette, Pete VanLaan, Austin Bieri.

JULY 11: Dina DeCator, Jodi Hutchinson.

JULY 12: Cole Burdette, Samantha Bellah, Jill Taylor.

Hayley Fritz, Georgan Watrous.

JULY 13: Travis Thomet, Cheryl Doyle, Justin Craig, Janet Burns, George Miles, Esther Newell, John Jones.

JULY 14: Ernestine Bundy, Katie Stouffer, Richard Ellison, Mindy Tykocki, Bethany Kaczanowski.

Pfallers celebrate 50 years



Leo and Madelyn (Cole) Pfaller, of Lowell, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on July 9. They were married on July 10, 1954.

Their children are Bob and Gay Pfaller and Jim and Beth Pfaller of Lowell. Grandchildren are Jeff, Brian, Rebecca, George, Thomas and Andrew.

Geigers celebrate 65 years



Ernest and Evelyn (Sparks) Geiger of Smyrna observed their 65th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2004. They will celebrate the event with family and friends on July 10.

Their children are Terry and Sharon Webb, Glenn and Marcia Geiger, and Susan Geiger Hessler. They have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

'HARDT HAPPENINGS



MAGIC TRICKS
Renee Hudson will perform magic that mystifies you one minute and leaves you laughing the next with her program "Abracadabra Magic." This audience participation program, presented at the Alto branch on Wednesday, July 14 at 2 p.m., includes magic tricks, juggling and a motivational message. Registration is required. Call 647-3820.

WRITTEN IN STARS
"A Mystical Journey" will be held at the Enghardt Library on Tuesday, July 20 at 4

p.m. Teens are invited to discover what the stars can tell them about their life, how their birthdate affects who they are and what the lines on the palms of their hands really mean. This program is for youth, ages 13 and up. Registration is required. Call 647-3920 for information or to register.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
Summer Craft Day will be held at the Enghardt branch on Thursday, July 22 for children ages six and up. The program, at 11 a.m., will give kids a chance to make projects that represent the discoveries of Lewis and Clark. This free program is part of the Summer Reading Club 2004. For more information call 647-3920.

KDL asks for your support

Kent District Library is asking the community to vote on two proposals Tuesday, Aug. 3. Proposal #1 is to renew the 2000 millage. This millage of 0.88 mills will be in place for 10 years and comes at no additional cost to taxpayers. A yes vote means that all 18 branches will remain open. Proposal #2, if passed, will enable KDL to meet the current demand without cutting hours, services or staff. The cost of 0.12 mills for an owner of a home valued at \$100,000 is 0.50¢ per month, or \$6 per year. Demand for library services has grown 24 percent in the last four years.

COLLEGE NEWS

Northwood University recently announced its dean's list for spring term. To achieve this recognition, a student must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale. From the Lowell area is Ashley Rickert. From the Alto area is Kelley Jackson.

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the winter 2004 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

From the Lowell area are Barbara Antles, Anne Beenen, Kelsey Capps,

Katherine Cornish, Ryan Curtis, Jennifer Dec, Betsy Eldridge, Nicole Elliott, David Gerst III, David Johnson, Kelly Odell, Crystal Porritt, Kayla Ritenburgh, Kelley Shannon, Jamie Tegg and Joseph VanLaan.

From the Alto area are Megan Buys, Christina DeVormer, Patrick Gavin, Holly Hawkins, Shawne Isaac, Justin Johnson, Matthew Lautenbach, Allen Lenartz, Joseph Lienesch, Amanda Sinning, Kelli Wagner, Christopher West, Melissa Wingeier and Lindsey Wyma.

From the Ada area are Megan Gillett, Tasha Yeiter and Katie Yeo.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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

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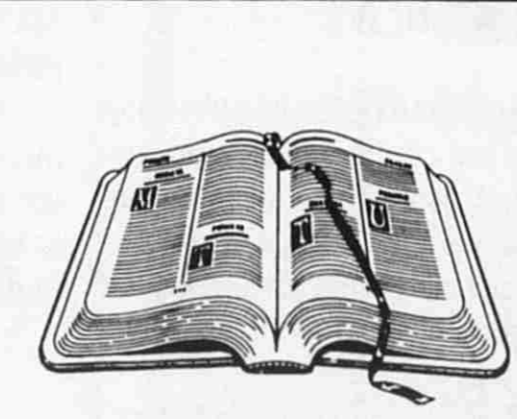
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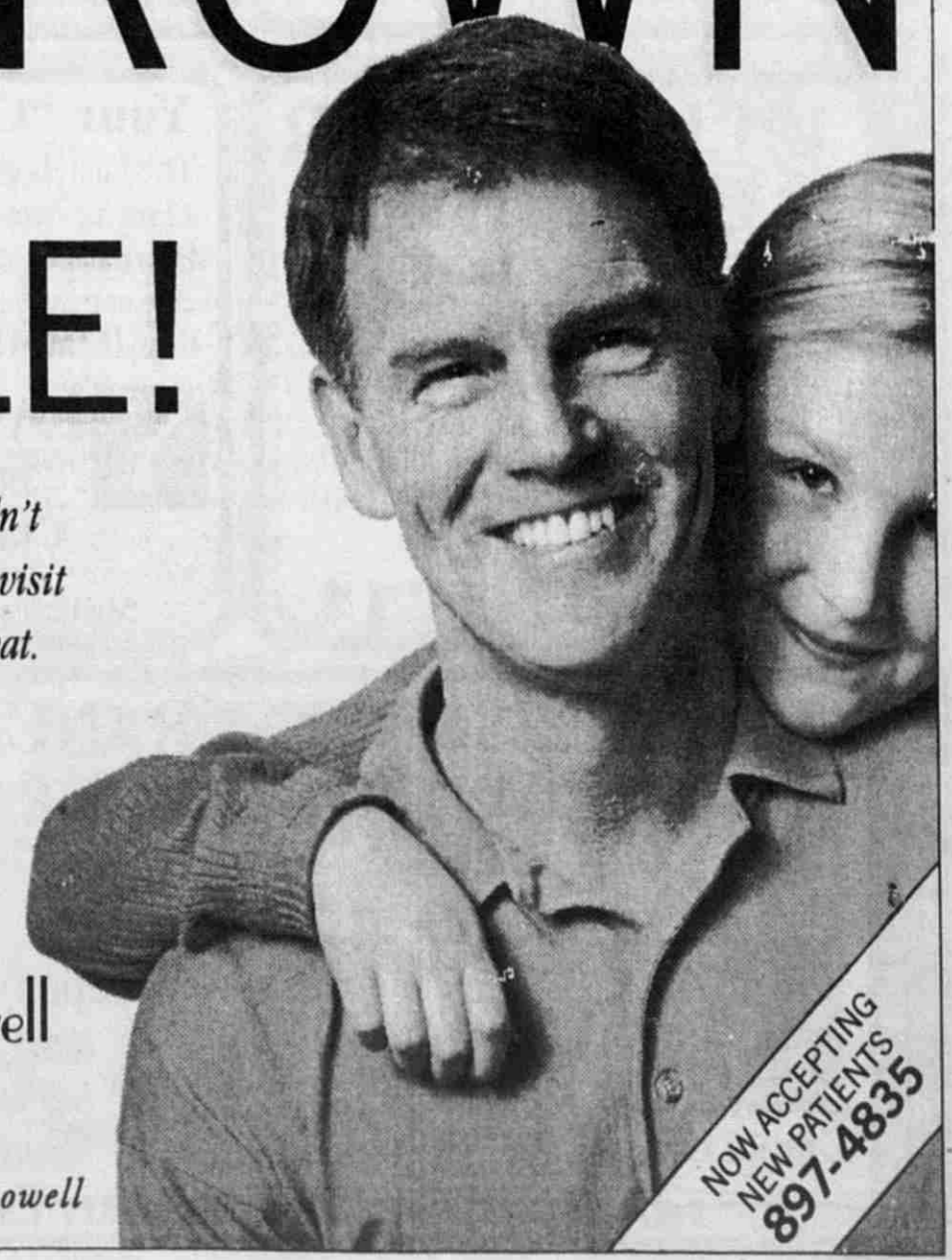
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Declare Your Financial Independence

Monday, we celebrated the independence of the United States. But isn't it time for you to declare your financial independence? To accomplish this, you don't need to revolutionize your life - but you do need to march in the right direction.

To become financially independent, your first - and probably most important - step is to control your debt. And debt is a serious problem for many Americans. Just last

year, personal bankruptcies hit a record high, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute. And, in the fourth quarter of 2003, credit-card delinquencies also reached a record high, according to the American Bankers Association.

What can you do to avoid the "debt trap"? For starters, consider some good advice your parents or grandparents might have given you: *If you can't afford to buy something, don't.* Far too many of us

follow the "buy now, pay later" philosophy - only to regret our decisions when "later" finally arrives.

Even while you're lowering your debt, you can seek opportunities to boost your savings and investments. And you don't even have to find massive amounts of money to put away. Look for the small things you can do: Bring your lunch once in a while, skip the expensive espresso a few times a week, avoid purchasing new clothes you don't really need, etc. If you can come up with just \$50 a month in savings, and you invest this money, you can really help yourself.

If you're skeptical about how much good \$50 a month can do, consider this: If one were to invest \$50 a month for 30 years in a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA, and the investment earned a hypothetical seven percent rate of return, compounded annually,

the money would grow to approximately \$60,000, a nice little chunk for retirement. (Keep in mind that this calculation is merely an illustration; it does not represent an actual investment.)

Of course, the more money you save, the sooner you can reach your desired level of financial independence. But, as you know, after you pay your bills, it's not always easy to find money with which to invest. That's why you need to *pay yourself first*. Consider setting up a bank authorization to automatically route a certain amount of money each month into a growth-oriented investment. As your salary increases, boost the amount of money you put away.

Here's one more move you can make toward financial freedom: Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Your 401(k) offers you two key tax advantages. First, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, so they will accumulate faster than they would if placed in an investment on which you pay taxes every year. Second, you typically fund a 401(k) with pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. If you can't afford to put in the maxi-

mum amount (which, in 2004, is \$13,000, or \$16,000 if you're 50 or older), at the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's "match," if one is offered.

Financial independence doesn't come easily or quickly. But you can achieve it - by making a determined effort. And the best time to start is today.

Business news

It was recently announced by the Diocese of Grand Rapids that David Baerwalde, formerly of Lowell, has been hired to serve as director of stewardship and development.

Baerwalde will lead all diocesan efforts to raise awareness about stewardship among members of the 102 parishes and missions in the 11-county diocese. He will also manage the diocese's annual Catholic Services Ap-

peal as well as planned giving and work for the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan.

Baerwalde earned his bachelor's degree in 1983 from Michigan State University-James Madison College, and a master's degree in management in 2001 from Aquinas College. He and his family reside in Hilliards, south of Grand Rapids.

Secretary of State, Sheriffs impressed with vertical IDs

Michigan's vertical driver's license program is getting positive reviews since it was launched last year to help protect our young adults, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said.

Since the Vertical Identification program began on July 1, 2003, more than 361,000 vertical driver's li-

censes or state IDs have been issued to residents under 21. This includes the traditional horizontal driver's licenses that were voluntarily exchanged for the new versions. With approximately 736,000 drivers and ID card holders under 21, half of Michigan's minors are benefiting from the

new vertical driver's license. "The new vertical driver's license is protecting our youth by making age verification easy for law enforcement and retailers," said Land. "I'm pleased that this program is being so well received. And we are just getting started." The new design gives par-

ents peace of mind knowing that their children carry licenses designed to ensure their well-being. The cards clearly state when the license-holder turns ages 18 and 21, and include tamper resistant features to thwart alterations. The vertical format of the license also gives front-line retailers

and law-enforcement officers an instant visual cue so they can correctly identify a license-holder's age. The health and safety risks are enormous when alcohol and tobacco fall into underage hands," said Terry Jungel, executive director of Michigan Sheriffs' Association.

"This program is so successful that my only regret is that we didn't do it sooner."

The redesigned format is issued to residents under 21 who receive new licenses or IDs, as well as renewals or replacements. Land expects all underage drivers to have vertical licenses by 2008.

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Jaws of life demonstration this Saturday at Lowell Fairgrounds

The Lowell Area Fire Department will demonstrate the Jaws of Life Saturday. The demonstration will take place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

"We set up a couple of cars and show people how we get the doors off," said Lowell fire chief Frank Martin.

The firemen will also demonstrate how accident victims are safely extricated from their cars, possibly using members from the audience.

"Last year, we got some people out of the crowd, packaged them up and put them on a backboard," Martin said. "So people get a good idea of what we're doing instead of just destroying their car."

Prowess exhibited on baseball field

Josh Drake (right), representing Lowell Little League, competed on June 26 at Comerica Park in the Team Championship round of the Pepsi Hit, Pitch and Run competition. Drake earned first place in each of the following: the Lowell competition, the Sectional competition in Portland, and the Detroit Tigers Team Championship in the 11-12 year-old-division.



Water...Continued From Page 1

Next steps are public education and emergency response planning

to the city's well sites. This is why the zone is also called a 10-year capture area.

On a map, Lowell's WHPA looks like a distorted boomerang. The one-year capture area is relatively circular, with a radius being the approximate distance between the water treatment plant and M-21. The five-year capture area is shaped like a thumb, taking in the Valley Vista subdivision, then hooking west to include Cherry Creek Elementary School and its nearby pond.

The 10-year capture area, the WHPA, basically follows the boundaries of the five-year until it gets to Foreman Street. At Foreman, it jogs northwest dramatically, including the southwest corner of Red Arrow Stadium before ending south of Vergennes Street and west of the high school.

The area was determined through geological analysis and monitoring private wells within the region. It includes open fields, residential and forested areas. The knowledge of how water flows through the soil will inform future efforts toward water quality improvement and protection.

"The key thing is protecting our water," Regan said. "If we do have a spill that's, say, out by Foreman Street or something, with the Wellhead Protection we know how long we have to act on that before it gets into our wells."

The next step is to develop contingency plans for how to respond to contamination within the WHPA, and to educate the public on how to prevent such contamination. Signs will be posted on the boundary along major roads. Homeowners in the

area should be especially careful to keep their septic systems in good working order, for instance, and to apply lawn fertilizers according to manufacturers' regulations. This second precaution is required by law, anyway.

"Basically, don't dump anything on the ground that you don't want in your drinking water," Peter Kaczor said. "Dispose of household chemicals properly, notify the city of any unused wells on the property and the city can get those taken care of through the MDEQ."

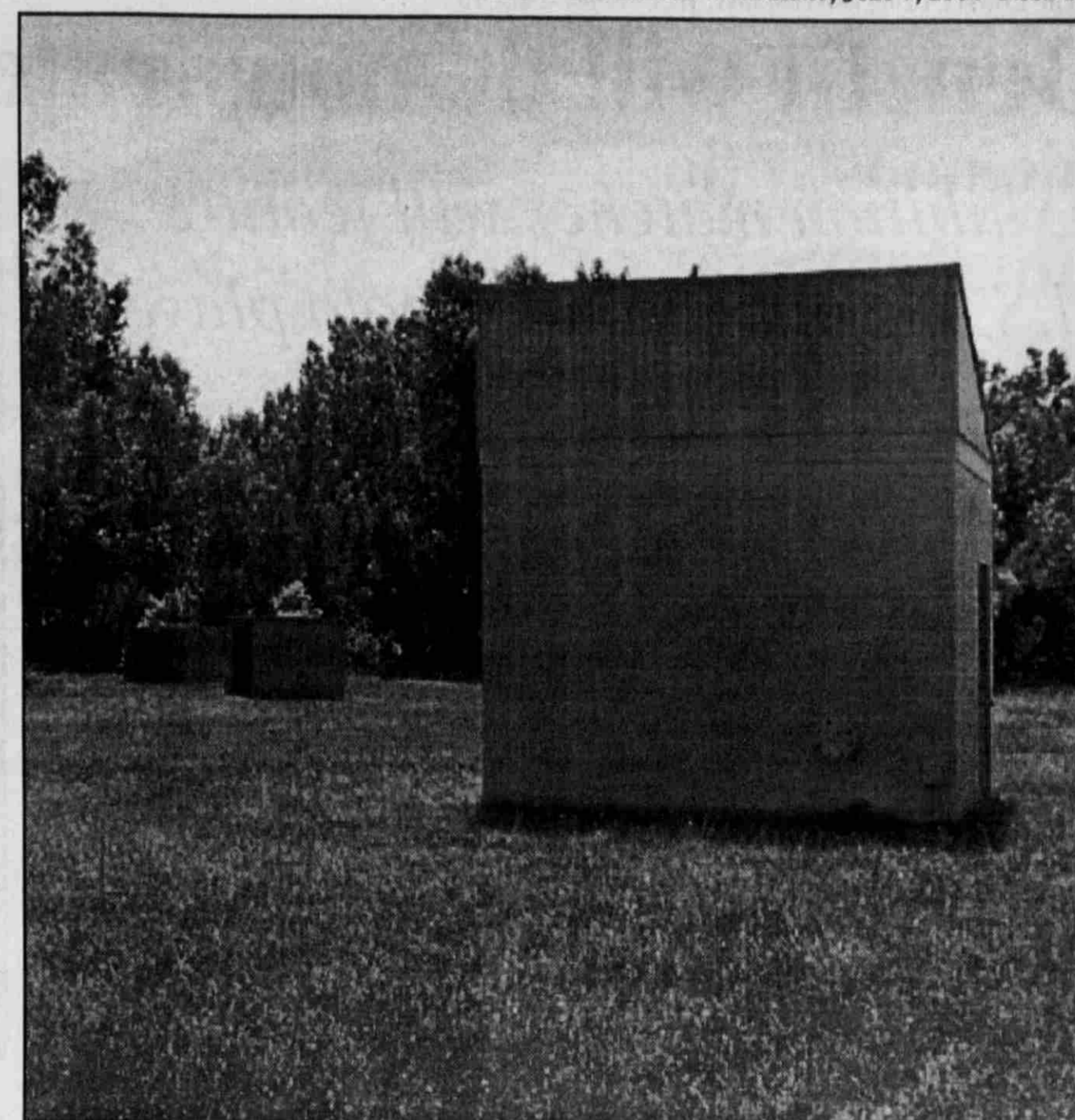
Kaczor is a hydrogeologist with Peerless-Midwest, the Indiana-based company the city contracted to do the scientific work of determining the WHPA boundaries.

Open, abandoned wells pose a particular threat to groundwater. They are a direct route through which contaminants can get from the surface into the water table. The MDEQ offers information about how to find abandoned wells and how to seal them. There are also programs available to have wells sealed off at no cost to the homeowner.

"This (WHPA map) could be something for planning commissions to take into account," committee member Paula Blumm said. "You wouldn't want, for instance, a business that stores a lot of chemicals to be in that area."

Blumm, a Lowell Charter Township trustee, said that although only a sliver of the WHPA is in the township, its residents should still be concerned because they use water from the city's wells.

Lowell's WHPA is part of a bigger watershed called the Southern Michigan/Northern Indiana Clay Plains. This area receives water from a large portion of southern Michigan. Much of it reaches Lake Michigan through the Grand River. So the water protection efforts undertaken in Lowell can benefit in some small way the ecosystem of the Great Lakes.



These buildings house three of the four city wells at Lowell's water treatment plant. The city has approved a wellhead protection area to prevent contamination of the city water supply.

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Lowell: 4 Acres!

One year old home on 4 private wooded acres, close to town or expressway. The front foyer is dramatically elegant. The oak tones in the trim and real hardwood floors glow. The 2,800-sq. ft. floor plan is practical and spacious. The kitchen countertops are Wilson Art solid surface and double ovens for the busy baker. The master suite includes tray ceilings, big whirlpool tub, huge closets and a private sitting room. The lower level has plenty of daylight windows and an extra stairway entry from the garage. With 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths this might be the perfect home for you! \$359,900 Joice Smith

Lowell: Perfect Starter Home!

Nice starter or rental on a quiet street in Lowell. Newer roof and siding. New carpet and paint throughout. Washer, dryer, stove and brand new fridge stay! Why rent when you can own for less? Don't wait, at this price in Lowell it won't last long! \$74,900 Pat & Toni Schaefer www.patschaefer.com

Lowell: Bedroom!

Lovingly maintained 4 bed, 2-bath ranch w/over 1700 sq. ft. Home sits on the end of a cul-de-sac that offers privacy. Property is nestled in on 2 sides by wooded open space and has French doors at the walkout level. This great home also features an oversized 2-car garage, fresh paint & new windows! Close to schools & shopping. Call for a private tour! \$142,900 Joice Smith

Ada/Lowell: Reduced!

If you are looking for some privacy, this is it! You must see this impressive 3,700 sq. ft. with contemporary design. Home is very secluded on a beautiful 5 acre wooded lot in popular Hawthorne Hills. Featuring an open floor plan 4 bedrooms, master suite, walk in closets throughout and main floor laundry. Enjoy the outdoors on one of the large multi-level decks where you can look out over your professional landscaping and underground sprinkling in your immaculate yard! Or entertain in the finished daylight basement with rec room, wet bar and another bath. All of this can be yours. \$299,900 Mark Christiansen

VACANT LAND

Lowell:

4.5 acre hilltop setting. Great walkout site cleared for building. Secluded wildlife abounds, perked & surveyed. \$67,000 Pat Schaefer www.patschaefer.com

Lowell:

These are three fantastic buildings sites in Lowell schools. Very nice nearly square pieces of property that offer both seclusion & wildlife. This is an old tree farm that offers pines & hardwoods. Nice rolling terrain presents walkout possibilities. Property sits on a short private drive that adds to the seclusion and offers safety for kids and pets. Current private drive is being improved. \$25,900 Pat Schaefer www.patschaefer.com

Lowell: Private 5 Acres!

If you're looking for privacy this is it! 4 bedroom, 2 bath on a fantastic 5 acre setting where the kids can play in the woods or out in the big yard. Grape arbor & rhubarb down front & gigantic lilac bushes in the back. Two bedrooms, bath and family room down perfect for teenagers. Big sliders off dining area. Two storage sheds. Between 36th and 38th street just off snow where you can be shopping in Cascade or downtown in no time. \$219,900 Joice Smith

Lowell: 10 Acres & Stream!

Truly an awesome 3-year-old ranch on 10 acres just north of Lowell! This is a great family home with a huge master suite and 2 other large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and open floor plan. Custom cabinetry & built-ins throughout, beautiful kitchen & dining area, MFU, finished walkout basement, cathedral ceilings, large windows throughout, and a 2-stall attached garage. Grounds are breathtaking with Marble Creek meandering through! This is truly a magical setting that you won't want to miss! \$249,900 Pat & Toni Schaefer www.patschaefer.com

VACANT LAND

Lowell: Birds Eye View!

Fantastic property! One mile to the city limits and it feels like an escape back to nature. High on top of this sandy 4 acres you will find a few large beautifully shaped pines. The rest of the property is scattered with mature hardwoods. Only 200 feet to the north you'll be happy to hike miles of state game grounds. NO ASSOCIATION just private property. One of a kind! He who hesitates. \$69,900 Joice Smith

Lowell: Special Touches

Only 2 years old and priced under appraisal. Home is barrier free and has over 2,300 sq. ft. on the main w/9' ceilings. The kitchen has ample cabinets and center island with cook top. Big four seasons room. The lower level has four-foot sliders off the future family room. All decking is made with vinyl composite. The additional 30x40 garage is insulated, heated and has water that also includes a half bath. Underground sprinkling, meticulous yards. Nature's Place includes 30 acres of commons area. \$334,500 Joice Smith.

Ada Township: 3.5 Acres!!

This property has been waiting just for you. It has everything. The current owner has been taking such good care that it looks like a park. Mature trees and open area all with a gentle roll to accommodate daylight or maybe walkout basements. It has excellent soil conditions for drainage. Can you believe the owner mows all this property with an exception of the back corner woods! Close to Ada and a short drive to G.R. \$90,000 Joice Smith.

Saranac: Great Opportunity!

Wow! Take a look at this manufactured home on over an acre. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-stall attached garage. Great rental or investment property in an area of higher priced homes, in Tanglewood, which makes this a wonderful buy. Saranac schools but Lowell school bus at corner if school of choice is exercised. This home is definitely worth a look and could be a great opportunity! \$89,900 Mark Christiansen

Lowell: New Construction!

3 bedroom, 2 bath walkout offers instant equity. Open flowing floor plan, living room with fireplace, dining area with sliders to large deck and a master bedroom with private bath! Walkout with family room & potential 2 more bedrooms and bath. Attached 3-stall garage. Great wooded 1 acre site surrounded by 23 acres of conservancy and across the street from community park. \$249,900 Pat Schaefer www.patschaefer.com

Lowell: New Listing!

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Benefit will demonstrate what polo is all about

Exhibition matches will feature U.S. Open and junior polo players

By Dan Schneider

There will be a polo exhibition Sunday, July 18, at the Flat River Fields consisting of two matches. It is a benefit for the Michigan Intercollegiate Polo Club, now in its second year at the University of Michigan. It is also a chance to find out what polo is all about.

The first match begins at noon. It is a four-chukker exhibition match featuring junior members of the Grand Rapids Polo Club. A polo game is divided into periods called "chukkers." Each chukker is seven minutes long.

At 1 p.m., the Grand Rapids Polo Club plays a match against a polo club from Cleveland. The match in-

cludes two U.S. Open polo players, Scott Devon and Steve VanAndel. This is a 10-goal match. Polo players are rated according to a system similar to handicaps in golf. Players fall on a scale of -2 to 10 goals, with a 10-goal player being the best. There are only 12 of these players in the world, the rest fall somewhere in between.

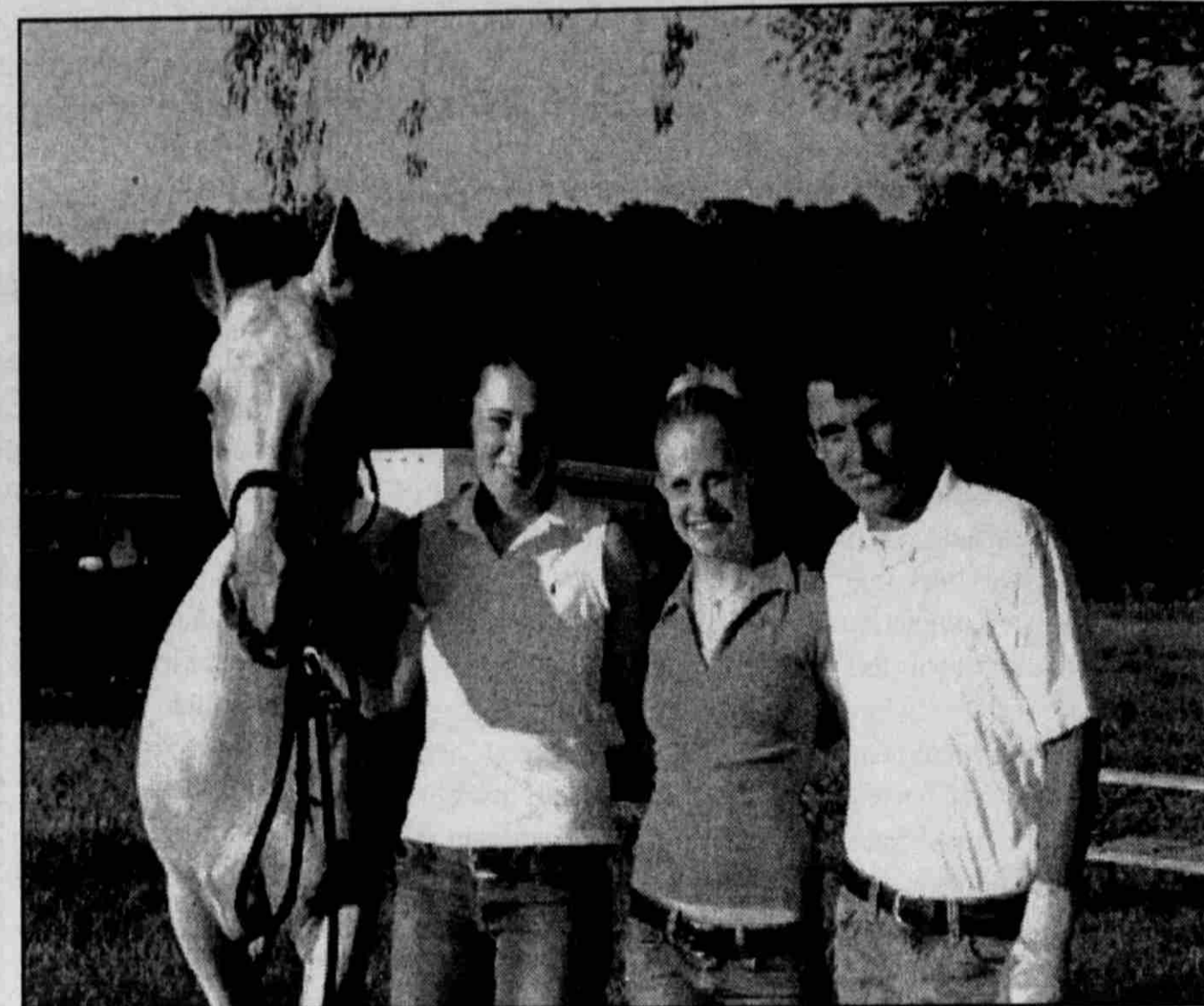
The sum of the ratings of players on each team in the Grand Rapids versus Cleveland match is 10, which is why it is called a 10-goal match. There are four players on each team, as in most outdoor polo matches.

"You have a lot more space outdoors," Kate Heggen said

Heggen will be among the junior members playing in the exhibition game. She started the Michigan Intercollegiate Polo Club last year as a freshman and is used to playing polo indoors, where space limits team sizes to three players. Heggen, who graduated from East Grand Rapids High School in 2003, played polo throughout high school and before, and wanted to take the sport with her.

"When I got accepted at Michigan and Michigan State, I wanted to play polo but I wanted to go to Michigan so I decided we needed a polo team there," Heggen said.

M.S.U. already had an established intercollegiate polo team. The Michigan team will be able to travel there to play them this winter, in part due to the money raised at last year's polo exhibition, which allowed the team to buy a trailer. The Michigan club had four active members through-



Polo pony Chickasaw is shown with, from left, Kathryn Heggen, Kristen Keye and Colin Tyrell. A polo exhibition Sunday, July 18, will benefit the Michigan Intercollegiate Polo Club. Heggen started the club last year as a freshman at the University of Michigan.

out last year's season. Heggen said more are expected to join for the coming season. U of M has a well-established equestrian club, from which she has recruited some interested people.

The intercollegiate

matches take place in the winter because that is when ponies are available. The area's top polo players travel in the winter to play polo in Florida. They often leave behind some of their lesser polo ponies, which the intercollegiate clubs board in exchange for their use.

Heggen also hopes to acquire some donated ponies for her club. Though these would likely be older and a bit less responsive than prime polo ponies, they are still good for teaching newcomers the ropes of polo.

"At the level we're playing, those are fine horses," Heggen said.

There is a \$5 entry donation to get into the polo exhibition. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and coolers. There will

be a concession grill and beverages, a gift basket raffle and a foot mallet race for kids. Spectators will also have an opportunity to try out their polo swings on "Woodie" the plywood polo pony.

Despite its relative obscurity as a sport, polo has a history in the Lowell area. The Grand Rapids Polo club has played at the three Flat River Fields since 1977.

"The fields where we'll be playing Sunday have been around for at least 60 years and have produced some well-known players," Heggen said.

To get to the Flat River Fields, take Lincoln Lake Avenue north to Fallasburg Park Drive. Turn right and drive through Fallasburg Park and up to Ike Street. Turn right on Ike and follow signs to the polo fields.

Fallasburg Cubs play Saturday

The Fallasburg Cubs vintage base ball team will play a game Saturday. Their opponent will be the Wahoo Base Ball Club from Royal Oak, Mich. The game starts at 1 p.m. at Fallas Field, located across the street from the Fallasburg Schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Road.

A club nine from Ada backed out of the game originally scheduled for the same time, so Cubs manager Dan Stevens got a game going with the Royal Oak team.

The Cubs' next contest after this home game is Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at Beery Field in Douglas against the Douglas Dutchers.

The Cubs host the Fallasburg Fall Finale Tournament at Fallas Field on Sept. 25, with four teams playing round-robin. The tournament begins at 10:30 a.m.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined.
—Henry David Thoreau

Showboat...Continued From Page 1

but it wouldn't last 30 years, barely 10.

On Saturday, Aug. 19, 1978, a storm with "a tornado, or at the very least, an incredibly strong wind" struck Lowell, as reported in the *Ledger* at the time. The National Weather Service ruled out the possibility of a tornado, but the winds were enough to upend the showboat and smash it to splinters atop its own stage. This was less than a month after the completion of that year's showboat performance.

The storm wreaked considerable havoc on the rest of the town as well, tearing down the steeple of the First United Methodist Church and blowing down tree limbs, whole trees and power lines.

The town pulled together and got things back in order. The *Ledger* reported the sounds of chainsaws buzzing throughout the afternoon, working on the downed trees. The Methodist church was put back together enough to host a wedding later in the day.

People's attention turned to the showboat. On the Monday following the storm, the Attwood Corporation made a donation of \$2,000 toward the construction of a new showboat. They would be the back-

page advertisers on the program when the fifth Robert E. Lee staged its first performance:

"Attwood is proud of its hometown ... Lowell, 'The Showboat City.'"

Hometown fundraising began immediately with a funeral procession for the showboat. A parade float carried some of the showboat's wreckage and wound up at the fairgrounds for a wake. Between a chicken dinner and hot dog sales that day, \$2,100 was raised toward the new Robert E. Lee. Various other fundraising projects were undertaken, and money came in from corporate donors and showboat fans from around West Michigan.

"We kind of got caught up in the fervor of rebuilding the thing," Jim Hall said. "Even though it really wasn't

a wise business decision."

Hall would be the designer of the new showboat. He was a designer at Steelcase, Inc. at the time and the maintenance chair of the showboat committee. As reported in the 1979 showboat program, then-president of the Showboat board, Chuck Lippert, had instructed "Get out your hammer and nails, Hall, this one could take some time."

"The storm came at a bad time for the showboat, which was still paying for new spectator stands built a few years earlier. Times were changing for the performance part of the showboat."

"We were at the tail end of when entertainment was affordable, before the big venues, so it was a tough thing to keep going," Lippert said. "But we wanted to see it stay afloat so that's what we did."

"We immediately set about raising the funds necessary to build it. Unfortunately, we fell considerably short of the amount of money we needed to actually build it."

The fundraising efforts pulled together a total of about \$60,000. It would take almost \$67,000 to build the showboat.

"Some of us as private individuals had to go to the bank and co-sign on a loan to get the rest of the money," Lippert said. "It was a tough project."

But the project started. Hall made up some drawings based on the only riverboat he'd seen.

"The drawing was based on five photographs that I had taken in 1965 in Disneyland in California of the Mark

Twain," Hall explained.

The completed showboat looked strikingly similar to Hall's original drawing, as published in the *Ledger*. Variations occurred only in slight details of the deck railings and smoke stacks.

Like the George Washington, the new Robert E. Lee would be a sternwheeler. Hall designed it for serviceability and convenience.

"It was a more finished boat, so some simple flags and red, white and blue bunting would pretty much take care of the decorating," Hall said.

The sidewheelers had been decorated with glued-on glitter and colored aluminum foil.

"Every show that we had, the boat would have to be decorated and the sidewheeler required a huge amount of work to make it presentable for the show."

The current Robert E. Lee was the product of three imaginations: Hall, who drew the boat; Bill Barber, who built a scale model based on the drawings, and contractor Ivan Blough, who built the full-sized boat from the model. The model is on display at the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Blough had done contracting work for Lippert, both in his home and at his drugstore. Lippert asked Blough if he could build a showboat.

"I don't know," said Blough. "I've built houses, I guess I could build a boat."

He looked for plans for riverboats at museums in Atlanta and New Orleans. He found lots of line drawings, but no plans with measure-

ments. Still, he learned a lot about the aesthetics of riverboats.

"I found that two things were common about riverboats," Blough said. "They were narrower on top, about five degrees, and they all sag in the middle."

Blough used the model to calculate the materials needed to build the boat, and what it would take to float it: Army surplus bridge pontoons.

The group looked through salvage and surplus magazines, finding four of the pontoons in Lansing and two in Arkansas. The pontoons had been designed to get tanks over rivers in a hurry. Sixteen men on a side could carry the pontoons into the water. Tanks could drive across wood decking attached to the top. Six of the pontoons would float 90 tons on the Flat River. The showboat was going to weigh 70.

Work began in the spring of 1979.

"On April 2nd we set up all the pontoons on Lafayette Street," Blough said.

Bieri Brothers Construction Company welded the pontoons together with a structure made of steel I-beams. Blough and his crew nailed down the decking for the main floor. They pushed all that into the river and the framework began.

"In my mind, I had built it once, we had built the model once, and making the bill of materials I just about built it in my mind again," Blough said. "A lot of the problems we were going to run into, I had already encountered in my mind."

The biggest challenge was

making the square and level steel I-beam structure conform to the sagging-riverboat ideal. Blough accomplished this by making optical illusions of the boat's trim. His crew snapped chalk lines every two feet across the deck of the boat and nailed two-by-fours, cut to appropriate heights, at the chalk lines along the curve. They cut the side boards to conform to the two-by-fours.

"There were some overall dimensions on the drawing, but there weren't any engineered drawings," Hall said. Despite this, the work progressed smoothly. A tractor error resulted in a paddle wheel segment with one too few spokes. This was quickly remedied, and the showboat still boasts the 12 spokes it was meant to have.

The boat was done in time for its first show: Leslie Uggams. The recording and television star had started her career at the Apollo Theater. She was an opening act for Louis Armstrong, who had graced the showboat stage years before her.

As a congressman, Gerald R. Ford had promised to be on board for the new Robert E. Lee's maiden voyage. He made good on his promise, but had several secret service agents with him. By that time, Richard Nixon had appointed him vice president.

"I do remember being on stage getting things put together for the show, and Gerald R. Ford was on the showboat and everyone was on the starboard side of the boat," Lippert said. "Of course it's very shallow there and the boat got stuck so they had to come on over the P.A. system and tell people to move to the other side of the showboat so it could balance out and get moving again."

When Hall completed the drawings of the re-floated showboat, he boasted to the Grand Rapids Press that the showboat would last up to 20 years before it needed replacing. Despite its awkward first steps, the showboat has graced the Lowell Riverfront for 25 years. It's now painted bright white again, thanks to an extensive volunteer project this spring and early summer.

This weekend's Riverwalk Festival will kick off with a birthday celebration for the showboat. This takes place Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Aboard the Robert E. Lee, the Lowell Area Historical Museum has installed a photographic history of the showboat from 1932.

SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LOWELL
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the June 7, 2004 meeting were approved as written and the accounts payable were approved.

The following items were presented:

- City Manager David Pasquale presented the sixth State of the City Address.
- Joel Annable of Peerless-Midwest, Inc. and Hydrogeologist Peter Kaczor and Mike Chapman presented the Wellhead Protection Program.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the 2004-2007 Police contract effective July 1, 2004.
- Motion to approve the bid of \$10,269 from Mid State Security for a new security system at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Motion to approve the quote from Pro Line Printers LLC at a cost of \$5,568.22 to restripe Bowes Road.
- Motion to go into closed session at 8:39 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.
- Motion to return to open session at 9:13 p.m.
- Motion to increase the wages of City Manager David Pasquale by 1%.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, July 6, 2004.

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

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The Cubs host the Fallasburg Fall Finale Tournament at Fallas Field on Sept. 25, with four teams playing round-robin. The tournament begins at 10:30 a.m.

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COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

3RDMON.: 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.

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

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

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

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481.

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

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene 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.

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LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 Sr. 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. Cecelia'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.

THURS., JULY 22: 12:30 p.m. St. Anne's Dessert and Music.

FRI., JULY 23: 9 a.m. Farmers' Market; 11 a.m. Lowell Fire Dept.; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

TUES., JULY 27: 12:45 p.m. Lena Meijer Children's Garden.

Two acts make Showboat sizzle Thursday



J3, above, is composed of two sisters, Janel Badder and Jill Secen, and a close friend, Jenny Almy. They have been influenced by a wide variety of musical genre-Christian, country and pop-to create their own signature sound and style. J3 won the Inspirational Music Category of Ed McMahon's Next Big Star Competition in 2001 performing their music composition, "Power to Believe."

The second act of the evening, pictured at right, will be the AP Quintet. This group is comprised of some of the best up and coming jazz musicians in Michigan. All the members are from the award winning Western Michigan University Jazz program. They perform all styles of music ranging from straight-ahead jazz to funk and ballads. They have a wide repertoire of originals, standards, and modern classics, adding their own special touch to it all.



Tips on the new SAT

Some say that success happens when preparation meets opportunity. So it's no surprise that students who want to be successful on the new SAT, scheduled to debut March 12, 2005, are asking questions about how to prepare.

To assist with that preparation, the experts suggest the following:

- *The new SAT will include an essay.* This means you'll need to practice writing a structured essay on a topic you've probably never encountered before. The essay should address the top in an original way and be relatively error-free and legible.

- *Grammar will be tested.* To write a good essay, you need to catch and correct mistakes in your own writing, but on the new SAT, you'll also have to spot them in the writing of others. Use your computer's grammar checker to spot mistakes you typically make.

- *Math will include harder concepts.* Fortunately, this may mean less than you think. The math that will be tested will be Algebra II, which most students complete by the 10th grade.

- *Analogies and quantitative comparisons are going away.* This means memorizing "SAT Words" will be less important. However, having a good vocabulary will still help you in other parts of the test. The new SAT will con-

tain shorter reading passages, so you'll need to understand complex text, distinguish the author's point of view, and draw conclusions.

The SAT is still a standardized test, which means that if you know what's on the test and build the skills the test measures, then you have a big advantage. Knowing

how the test is scored is also important. Many students believe they have to try all the questions in order to score well, but you can miss almost half the questions and still score better than most test takers. So you are better off spending time on the easier questions and ignoring the tough ones.

Some dream of doing great things, while others stay awake and get on with it.
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Patriotic summer sounds



The vocal doo-wop group Inspirations (above) sang a capella last week at the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer concert. They sang doo-wop standards and some newer songs in doo-wop style.

The music of The Voices of Freedom (above right) matched with the red, white and blue bunting on the Showboat. The group sang a selection of patriotic songs.

It was the first ever all-vocal Sizzlin' Summer performance.



BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Optech Computer Program Testing for the Primary Election is Friday - July 23, 2004, 12 Noon at the Township of Bowne Offices - 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI.

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Did you ever wonder why the police and firemen have to take rigid tests to get in but then get way overweight later.

NOTICE

The Lowell Police Department is in the process of re-establishing a Community Child Watch Program. The department is actively seeking volunteers to participate in Child Watch. If you are interested in becoming a Child Watch Volunteer, please complete the following information, then mail or drop the form off to the Lowell Police Department, 111 North Monroe Street, Lowell, MI 49331

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Time Telephone: _____

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Available for training: Daytime Evening



What do you do if there are gangs in the school? Does Lowell have this problem?

Why have the 4th of July fireworks in Lowell been given to the Riverwalk Festival? Is a festival now more important than celebrating our Independence?

To the 30 something boy chasers. How will you feel someday if a married woman approaches your son? Our son does not lie to his parents.

I am boycotting Riverwalk fireworks this year. Fireworks belong on the fourth of July.

Is anyone else ticked off that Lowell chooses to celebrate Duck Races with fireworks instead of Independence Day?

I am tired of going to stores only to first have to walk through the cigarette smoke of the employees hanging out by the door. Do you have no respect for your customers?

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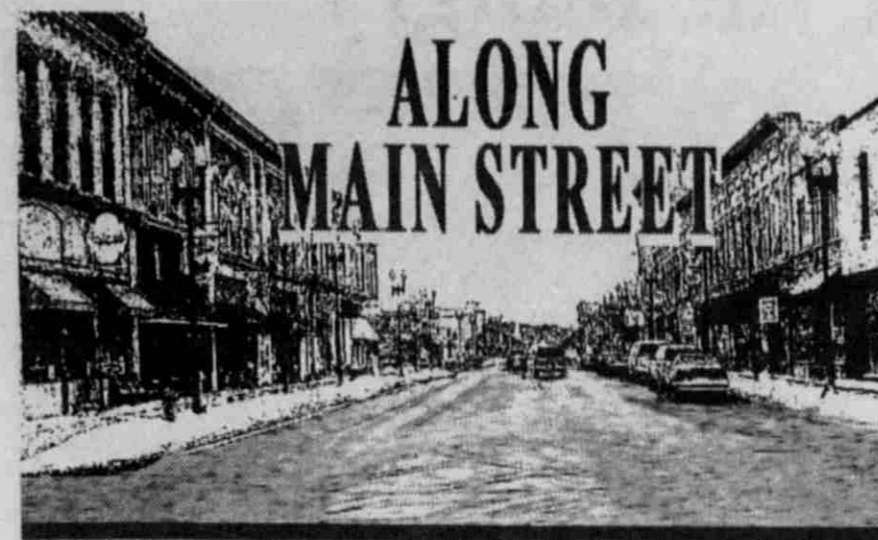
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BLOOD DRIVE TODAY
The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program this Wednesday, July 7, from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

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.

Radio club hits the great outdoors

The Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (A.R.G.Y.L.) held a Field Day at Fallasburg Park on June 26 and 27. The contest involved making contacts on amateur radios of emergency power.

Thirteen members or "hams" (amateur radio operators) from the Lowell club set a new personal record contacting 38 states, six Canadian provinces, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The A.R.G.Y.L., under the supervision of team leader Al Eckman, used high frequency antenna systems plus two antennae.

Water safety tips for Summer

If you're planning on some fun in the sun this season, you may want to refresh your knowledge of water safety before taking that big plunge.

"Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to 14," noted Bernard J. Fisher, director of Health and Safety for the American Lifeguard Association (ALA). "Most drownings and near-drownings occur in residential swimming pools and in open water sites."

To help parents and kids keep water safety at the top of their minds, the ALA offers the following tips for safe water fun:

- Always swim near a lifeguard when possible.
- Make sure children wear approved safety life vests.
- Children should never go swimming alone.
- Never dive into shallow water.
- Always obey posted warnings, guidelines and rules.
- Always exit the water quickly at the first sign of thunder or lightning.
- Avoid swimming at night or without proper lighting.
- Avoid running, pushing or any horseplay around slippery surfaces or near the water's edge.

FROM THE HEART PARADE

Bring a non-perishable food to the parade on Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m. and help out the Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry. Clowns will be walking in the parade to take your donations.

USED BOOK SALE

Look for the striped tent at the Riverwalk Festival on Saturday, July 10 from 9-5 p.m. Lots of books for all ages. All proceeds support library programming.

FALLASBURG CUBS VINTAGE BASE BALL GAME

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

ANNUAL BIKE TOUR THIS SUNDAY

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; homemade cookies will be at the rest stops. Call Kerry at 897-7161 for more information or email at CBBT@att.net.

FREE FOOD

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H fairgrounds, Foreman

Bldg., on Saturday, July 17 from 10-11 a.m. or until food is gone. Bring a box or bag to collect your produce.

ENTER A DRAWING AT GOLDWORKS

Bring a bag of groceries to Goldworks for the Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry during July. You'll be entered in drawings every day and a final drawing for a 1/2 ct. diamond.

CLASS OF '99 REUNION

RSVP to Kaily 485-3231 if you are interested in attending the '99 LHS class reunion Aug. 6, 6 p.m. \$25/person at Applause Banquet Center.

SCHOOL BD. MEETING

The Lowell School Board meeting will not be held on July 12 this month but rather on Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at 300 High St.

BOWL/HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

Open bowling at Lowell Lanes every Saturday during the summer from 4-7 p.m. Half of the fees for shoes and lanes go to Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry.

It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspokenly precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence to never practice either of them.

GARAGE SALES

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9-6 p.m. July 7, 8, 9 & 10, 10216 Cascade Rd. Kids' clothing, sizes 4-10; adult clothing, hunting stuff, furniture, toys: Game Boy accessories & games, V-Tec, Quantum pad & lots of Hero rescue toys; kids' motorized vehicle, rabbit cages & lots of misc.

ONE DAY SALE

Sat., July 10, 8-3 p.m. 660 Forstrom, off Vergennes. Exercise bench, toys, children's clothes, jewelry, a lot of misc. stuff.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

July 10 & 11, 9-6 p.m. 1/2 off clothes, 11389 Ann St., Key Heights.

HUGE MOVING SALE

July 16 & 17, 9 to 5. Lots of kids' clothes & household items. 13950 84th St., Alto.

MOVING SALE

July 8th & 9th from 8-4 p.m. 1808 Birmingham, Lowell, near new Goodwill or Meijer. Washer & dryer & other household items.

3 FAMILY SALE

July 9 & 10, 9-5 p.m. 617 N. Washington. Housewares, furniture, clothes, girls 0-6m, boys 2-3, books, organ, other misc.

BIG MOVING SALE

Nature's Place subdivision off 28th St., Lowell. Fri. & Sat., July 9 & 10, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Clothes, furniture, housewares, dishes, too much to mention.

5-FAMILY YARD SALE

Porcelain dolls, toys, A1 clothing, infant - plus sizes, lots of misc. items. July 8 & 9, 9-? 14000 Grand River, east of Division St.

GARAGE SALE

Oak table, reloader (12 ga.), misc. July 8, 9 & 10, 10-5 p.m. 319 North St., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE

July 9 & 10, 9-5 p.m. 819 Lincoln Lake. Clothes, glassware, toys, tools, water heater, collectibles, and more.

MOVING SALE

6014 Linfield, Alto. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., July 8-10, 9-5 p.m. Rain or shine.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Furniture, household items, clothes, books, toys. July 8 & 9, 9-6 p.m. 11353 60th SE, Alto.

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897-4022

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

Monday, July 12, 2004

at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E.

At this hearing, the property owned by 11630 East Fulton, LLC located at 11630 East Fulton S.E., PP# 41-20-04-401-012, will be considered for a special use permit to allow a car wash and oil change facility.

The special use permit application and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Linda S. Regan
Lowell Township Clerk

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Mail information to The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or drop it off at The Ledger office.

All items **MUST** be brought in **NO LATER THAN 5 p.m. ON THE MONDAY** before that week's issue.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO US ELECTRONICALLY.

Clowns for the hungry



Phyllis Bender and Roger La Warre will be clowning around at the FROM the HEART Parade. But they're serious about collecting non-perishable food items for the Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry. The parade starts at 11 a.m. Saturday. "Look for us, and bring food," La Warre said. There will be four clowns collecting food donations from parade spectators. In addition to the bright wigs and large shoes, the clowns will have heart-themed face paint and large paper hearts pinned to their chests.

5 People You JUST HAVE to meet!!

Sometimes entire lifetimes are defined by moments. This summer encounter the truth of five lives that had a moment that changed the face of their world.

If your reach is for more than the beach... check out IMPACT this summer.

IMPACT
Service times:
9:15 & 11:00am
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FOR SALE

MATTRESS SETS - Brand names, large selection. Brand new, still in plastic. Twin & full, \$80, queen \$115, King \$150 & up. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

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

25 BUNK BEDS - bought from university, 4 years old, very sturdy, solid oak, \$99/set. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

FURNITURE - From Parade of Home displays. Bedroom, dining, leather living room, canopy beds & more. Call for items. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

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.

DINING ROOM SET - Solid oak, butterfly leaf table, 6 chairs (2A 4S) new in boxes. Must sell, \$800. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

FOR SALE - 1994 Dodge Grand Caravan, 162,000 miles, \$2,500 obo. Call 897-2775.

1996 SUZUKI INTRUDER - 1400 cc, 3500 miles, black & red, new parts, \$4,200. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$59/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

FOR SALE - 1976 20 ft. camper, \$3,000. Call 550-0240 or can be seen at 6014 Linfield in Alto.

AIRBED - Why pay mall price?? Dual chambers, remote control & warranty. Brand new, name brand. Queen at mall \$1,500, sell \$700; King \$950. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

HORSE TRAILER - 1985 WW 4H, straight load, step, 31Lx6wx7 tall. \$3,800. 676-0699.

FOR SALE - Xerox workcentre M040, 3 in 1 color printer, color copier & scanner. Enlarges & reduces. Commercial grade for business or home. New in box, Xerox sells \$439, now \$215 while supplies last. Call 897-0833.

MEMORY CELL MATTRESS - NASA developed, 20 year warranty. Brand new. Queen Cost \$1,800, sell \$650, king \$950. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

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.

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

SEALY, SERTA, STEARNS & FOSTER MATTRESS SETS - New, shipping damage. Full, queen, king sizes. From \$99 each piece. 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 evenings 269-367-4900. Phil Bishop.

TRACTOR - Satoh Beaver, 2 cylinder, diesel, 4WD, backblade, category "0", 3 point, runs great, \$1,500, 676-0699.

GENERAL ELECTRIC WASHER/DRYER SET - 5 years old, runs great, large capacity, guaranteed. \$75 each. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

BRAND NEW FIREPLACE - Vent-free, includes unfinished oak facade & mantel & unopened LP gas logs, originally \$1,300, asking \$650. Call 897-4986.

BED - Complete w/frame & headboard. Includes mattress, box, hotel quality, firm & pillowtop available, \$75. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

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

\$110 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED - w/pillowtop mattress set. Bought, never used. Still in plastic. 989-227-2986.

FOR SALE - Bedroom suite, full head/footboards, dresser, wardrobe & night stand, \$400 obo. 897-7266.

\$150 BERBER CARPET - Beautiful oatmeal, 40 yards (new, still in plastic). 517-719-0451.

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

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

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

450 INTERNATIONAL HAYBALER - Great shape, field ready, \$1,800. Call 897-0443.

PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - New, in plastic, queen \$110; king \$165. 517-719-8062.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE - 1996 Dutch, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, all appliances included. Must sell, \$15,000 obo. Call 987-4402.

6 PIECE AMISH BEDROOM - Complete bed w/head, foot, log rails, cedar post, hand built, \$475. 517-719-8062.

HOUSEFUL OF FURNITURE - 3 rooms, appliances, kitchen table, bedroom set, 2 months old. \$2,500, new sell \$1,300/best. 517-204-0600.

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

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MEMORY FOAM BED - Mattress, box. Space age visco nasa foam. Tempurpedic style, queen, never used. New \$2,600, sell \$595. 517-204-0600.

2-YEAR-OLD REGISTERED PINTO - Tri-colored, show quality filly, very pretty, loves attention, U.T.D. on everything, and coggins. \$800 obo. Lyons 989-855-2367.

CHILD'S BEDROOM SET - Dresser, bed, mattresses, stands, very clean, used very little, \$150. 517-719-0451.

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

FORD TRACTOR - 8N, runs, needs rebuild, manure scoop, needs hydraulic cylinder for dumper. \$1,100 obo. 676-0699.

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FOR SALE

APPLIANCES - Refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves. Reconditioned, guaranteed, over 100 to choose from, \$59 and up. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

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 \$0 for \$5. Call 897-8520.

BOAT - 1986 Cobalt Conduire 22.5, 350 Merc Cruiser, 260 HP, Alpha, Cuddy, power steering, Eagle trailer, stored inside, \$5,200 obo. Call Tony at 889-9767.

LEDGER OFFICE HOURS:
Mon - Thurs. 8-5
Fri. 8-4
Closed Sat. & Sun.
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EVENTS

DON'T FORGET! - Bring an item of canned or boxed food to the F.R.O.M. THE HEART PARADE Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m. Look for the THRIFT STORE float. Give your food to one of the F.R.O.M. clowns. Help the Food Pantry!

HELP WANTED

TRUCK DRIVER - Tractor trailer flatbed experience required. Minimum 3 years exp. + good driving record. CDL-A required, home weekends, most weekdays, comp pay, "hub miles," assigned equipment, weekly paychecks, life, medical & dental insurance. Apply in person, D&D Trucking, 2485 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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.

LAND WANTED - Developer looking to purchase vacant land. J.T. Scott Co., broker 616-540-8950.

WANTED - Vanity and dresser for girls room. Call 897-5711.

LAND - 5-20 acres for growing family. Land contract desirable. 987-4219.

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.

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom duplex, nice yard, basement laundry hookup. No smoking or pets. 957 Lincoln Lake. \$575/month + deposit. 897-8504.

CARD OF THANKS

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Thank you so much to everyone who attended my 80th birthday party at Deer Run. I am truly grateful for all of the cards, gifts and good wishes from my friends and family. Special thanks to my children and grandchildren for the beautiful birthday party.

May God bless each of you,
Carol Stevens

LOST

REWARD - Lost Teddy Bear. Purple tipped white fur, has gold ribbon embroidered on one foot. Plays Brahm's Lullaby. 7-year-old girl's birthday present, she's heartbroken. Please call Dawn at 862-8841.

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.

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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.

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Lowell's Riverwalk Festival 2004

Friday, July 9th • Saturday, July 10th

Come spend time with us and enjoy this family fun festival in Historic Lowell along the Flat River

Activities On the RIVERWALK:

FRIDAY, JULY 9TH

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Watch for the flags at selected merchants.....7:00 to 10:00 PM

FLUSH TANK famous Lowell personalities.....6:00 to 9:00 PM

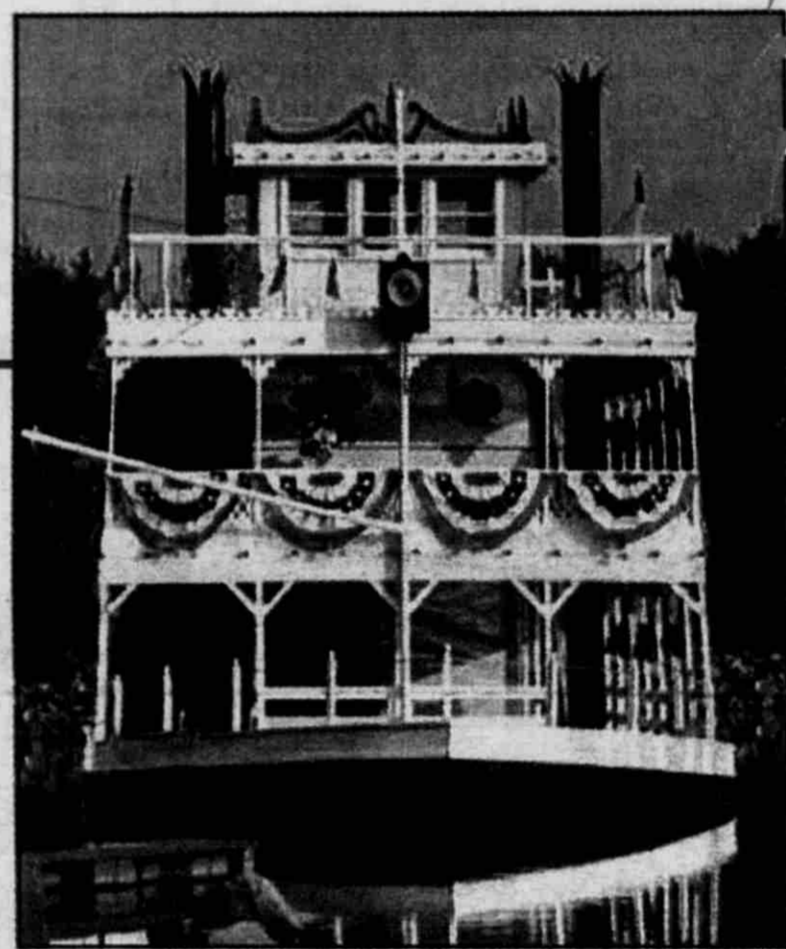
PONTOON RIDES

on the Flat River at the boat launch.....6:00 to 9:00 PM

FOOD BOOTHS on the Riverwalk Plaza.....6:00 to 9:00 PM

CONCERT ON THE RIVERWALK PLAZA

featuring The Bob Taylor Dixieland Band Music.....6:00 to 9:00 PM



**25TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**
for Lowell
Showboat, the
Robert E. Lee
6:00 to 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH

ARTS & CRAFTS,

Children's Area, Food Booths, Chainsaw Sculpture,
used book sale, & kayak rides on the Riverwalk. . 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

LOWELL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Lowell Police Station Garage & Avery St.10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

FAMILY FUN FITNESS WALK..... 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

FROM THE HEART PARADE - BRING A FOOD ITEM

along Historic Main Street..... 11:00 AM

KAYAK & CANOE RACE

on the Flat River..... 12:00 PM

ENTERTAINMENT ON THE RIVERWALK PLAZA STAGE THROUGHOUT THE DAY

HISTORIC WALKING TOURS

from the Riverwalk Plaza Tours at ...noon, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM

RUMBLE THE RIVERWALK

classic cars and motorcycles along Historic Main St..... 3:30 PM

PONTOON RIDES

on the Flat River at the boat launch.....4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

GRILLING & CHILLING

on the Riverwalk Plaza..... 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

ROCKING THE RIVERWALK CONCERT

featuring Great Lakes Band 6:30 PM till Fireworks

Activities At Other Locations On

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH

BRIAN MEAD MEMORIAL RIVERWALK CRUISE-IN cars, motorcycles
& tractors at the Lowell Fairgrounds..... 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

JAWS OF LIFE DEMONSTRATIONS

at the Lowell Fairgrounds.....1:00 to 2:00 PM

PET PARADE at the Laurels of Kent.....1:00 PM

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

at Larkin's on the patio..... noon to 3:00 PM

DUCK RACE ON THE GRAND RIVER

Adopt a Duck Two Bucks or 3 for Five Bucks!..... 5:00 PM

FIREWORKS at Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Rd.....10:15 PM

SHUTTLE RIDES TO AND FROM THE
LOWELL FAIRGROUNDS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

*The Riverwalk Festival Fireworks
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