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# Riverwalk Festival celebrates with an abundance of entertainment

By Dan Schneider

he big happening in downtown Lowell last Friday and Saturday was the annual Riverwalk Festival.

Clouds threatened Friday night but only Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores and city manager Dave Pasquale got wet. And they were soaked to the bone sitting under the flush tank.

The main event that night was the celebration of the Lowell Showboat's 25th birthday on the Riverwalk Plaza. Dick McNeal played some music on the calliope, which has been around since 1937. Then the Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence was recognized for their efforts in refurbishing the showboat this spring/ summer.

Ivan Blough was officially named "Mr. Showboat." He led the restoration work this year in addition to

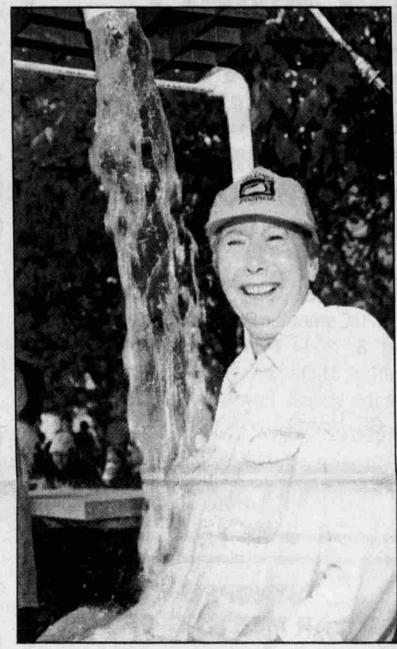
having built the 25-year-old boat. In his acceptance speech, he praised the volunteers who helped restore the Robert E. Lee, saying they were evidence that Lowell's civic enterprise would be in good hands for years to come.

Sweet Willie Singleton of the Bob Taylor Dixieland Band played happy birthday to the showboat on his trumpet, then joined the rest of the band to wail out some dixieland numbers.

Pontoon boat rides with Flat River history, duck mascot antics, caricature drawing and duck race ticket sales were all going on last Friday night at the Riverwalk Plaza.

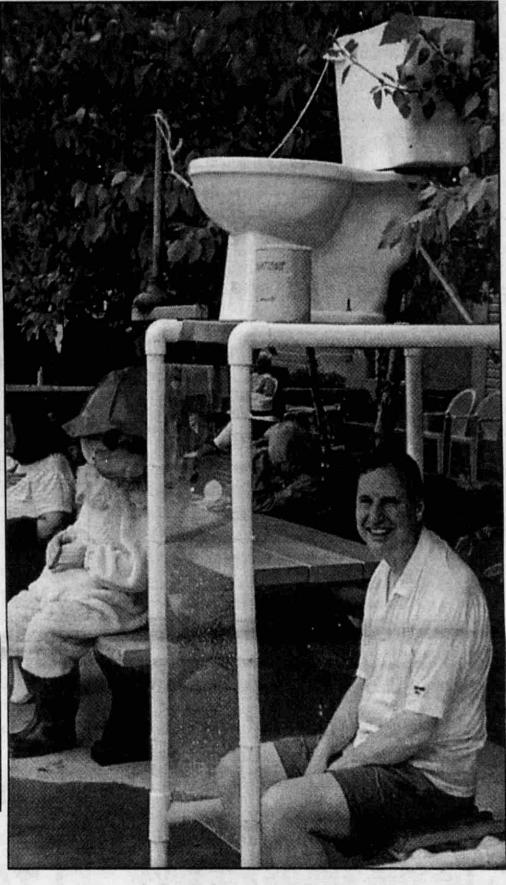
Saturday morning, things kicked off with the FROM the Heart parade along Main Street. Clowns collected a pickup-truck full of food for Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry. Meijer donated an additional 12 shopping carts full of food.

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Mayor Jeanne Shores and City Manager Dave Pasquale survived repeated drenching during the Riverwalk Festival on Friday night.

Photo of Shores submitted by Bruce Doll



# New businesses in Lowell signal positive growth

By Dan Schneider

n just one year's time, new business starts have outpaced business closings in the city of Lowell. And the result is fewer vacant retail spaces and buildings. Since last July, 22 new businesses have opened in Lowell while 12 businesses have either closed or left town.

"This is the most since I've been here," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale. "Particularly in the last five or 10 years there's been a lot more growth in the downtown and a lot more interest in the downtown."

"I think in the last 10 years we have seen things consis-

tently improve," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker said. "It started with the streetscaping of the downtown with the DDA and at the same time the historic district commission was established."

The city underwent a revamping of its downtown infrastructure in 1996. This involved improved sidewalks, streetlights and parking lots. Baker also credits the Lowell Area Community Fund as being a catalyst for the improvement of downtown Lowell.

"It has made an incredible impact on this community," she said. "It's a gift that a lot of communities would die for."

Nine new businesses have opened in the downtown historic district since last July. The older buildings seem to hold an appeal for certain types of businesses.

"I had a lot of people talk to me about building a new storefront in Lowell but that's just not as interesting to me," Shannon Parnofiello said.

Her business, Hearthstone Design Studio, L.L.C., opened in March in the former State Savings Bank building.

"It was important to show that I could do that kind of historical restoration," Parnofiello said.

New businesses, continued., pg. 3

## Hoping to cut down on vandalism, developer seeks street name change

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

treet signs can disappear for a number of reasons: They get hit ... Mother Nature is a bit too strong ... or, in the case of High Street, people simply just take them.

Sundry Development hopes to curb the sign-taking

seeking to have the name of the street changed to Highland Hill. The change would affect only that portion east of James Street which enters into Sundry's new development, also called Highland Hill.

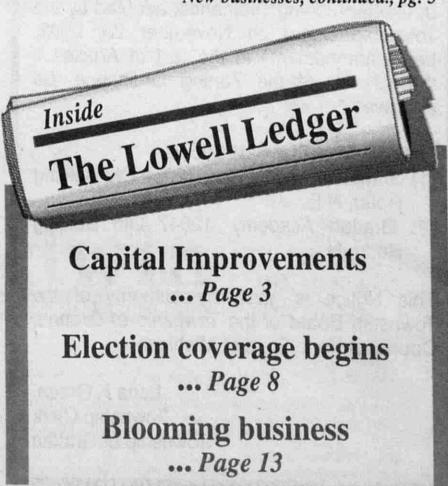
The reason, as stated in a letter presented to the Lowell City Council at last week's meeting, is to help create a

for the street. With the street signs gone, it becomes difficult for people to locate what they are seeking. The name change would help reduce the need for the city to constantly replace the signs, Sundry stated in its letter. The developer noted that only one family would be affected by the change, requiring them to have an address change withventures on High Street by consistency in identification out really moving.

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Councilman Jim Hodges said he didn't see why the family should have to change their street address and that perhaps the road could have a dual name for the time being. A public hearing has been set on the matter for July 19. Property owners along High Street, east of James

High St. name change,



## **OBITUARIES**

CAMP - Mrs. Marjory Camp, dren; several nieces and nephaged 79, of Grand Rapids, ews. Marge was past presiwent to be with her Savior dent and sergeant at arms of Wednesday, July 7, 2004. She the Women's Auxiliary was preceded in death by her Amvets Post 126. She was a beloved husband Fred B. loving and devoted mother Camp; son Peter B. Camp; and grandmother. A Mass of brother Leo Joseph Bouchard, Christian Burial was held sister Patricia Bouchard Monday at the Immaculate Hirzel. She is survived by her. Heart of Mary Catholic daughter Susan A. Simonds Church. Interment Rosedale Bilski; grandchildren Eliza- Memorial Park. beth A. Perdok of Lowell, Fred L. (Brenda) Bilski of Wyo- MERRITT - Kenneth Earl ming, Aaron J. Bilski of IL, Merritt, aged 62, of

Joseph D. Howland of Wyo- Lakeview, passed away July ming; five great-grandchil- 7, 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents Earl and

Kenneth Phenix, nephew Rob- Lee (Barb) O'Neal of Grand She was preceded in death by ert Wiersma Jr.; niece Jodie Rapids, Steven (Lea) O'Neal her husband Ken. Survived Phenix, Dorothy (Dan) five great-grandchildren; four of Lowell; grandchildren Jeff Spickler; many nieces and sisters-in-law Nancy E. Hovinga, Emily (Nathan) nephews. Funeral services O'Neal, Ruth Bolthouse, Ann Brander, Jill (Cris) Deamud; were held July 8 at Roth-Gerst Molhoek, Linda Kalin; aunt great-granddaughter Abigail

children Pattie Jo O'Neal and be appreciated. Kevin O'Neal, brother Buddy L. O'Neal. Surviving are his SMITH - Annie E. Smith, ton, W. Virginia to Emmons was held Tuesday at Stony

Rash. He is survived by his of Alto, Laurie Stevens in by her children Mike Smith sisters Lois Johnson, Sharon France; nine grandchildren; and Carol (Al) Hovinga, both Funeral Home, Lowell, Pastor Laura McDonald; several Deamud. Funeral services Curt Mudgett officiating. In- nieces, nephews and cousins. were held Tuesday at the Rothterment Rosedale Cemetery. Mr. O'Neal was a member of Gerst Funeral Home, Dr. Memorial contributions may the Centennial Country Club. Roger La Warre officiating. be made to the March of Dimes. In keeping with his wishes Interment Oakwood Cemcremation has taken place and etery, Lowell. O'NEAL - Jerry W. O'Neal, a memorial service is to be ship, passed away Monday, flowers, memorials to the Stetler, aged 84, passed away

wife of 50 years, Nancy aged 79, of Lowell, passed

wife, mother and grandmother United Methodist Church. who was also an active mem-

Crystal Merritt; brother-in-law O'Neal; three children Jerry away Saturday, July 10, 2004. ber of the Stony Creek United Methodist Church where she cherished her church family and friends. They moved to Michigan and raised four surviving children Gerald Stetler of Charlotte, NC, Charlene (Jerry) Trail of Milan, Kirk (Rhonda) Stetler of Ypsilanti, Keith (Caron) Stetler of Lowell; eight grandchildren Jeremy, Katie and Ryan Stetler, Rik (Lisa) Stetler, Brad (Dawn) Stetler, Shelly (Jeff) LaRue, Kim (Richard) Rhoney, Matt (Terrie) Trail; aged 73, of Cascade Town- held at a later date. In lieu of STETLER - Dorothy L. 10 great-grandchildren; five sisters-in-law Peggy, Betty, July 5, 2004 at his home. He American Cancer Society or Saturday, July 10, 2004 at Francis, Nancy, Mary all of was preceded in death by two Hospice of Michigan would Heartland Health Care Center MI, Kay Simmons of Seattle, in Ann Arbor. She was born her children Charles "Doug" October 28, 1919 in Charles- and Diane. Funeral service and Ruby (Matthews) Creek United Methodist Simmons, On June 18, 1938, Church with Rev. Peter Harshe married C. Wesley Stetler ris officiating. Burial in in Kentucky and he preceded Marble Park Cemetery, Milan. her in death on November 13, Memorial contributions may 1988. Dorothy was a devoted be made to Stony Creek

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## NOTICE TO THE QUALFIED **ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP** OF GRATTAN

OF THE AUGUST 3, 2004 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the Township of Grattan, on Tuesday, August 3, 2004, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Local Time, ir conjunction with the State primary election, to vote on the following Ballot proposition:

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

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

List of Polling Place Locations:

- (1) Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, N.E.
- (2) Grattan Academy, 12047 Old Belding Road, N.E.

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

> Lana F. Green, Township Clerk Township of Grattan

## LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE FOR TESTING **OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the August 3, 2004 Primary Election will be conducted Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell.

> Linda S. Regan, clerk Lowell Charter Township

## **SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

June 21, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the May 17, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices was also approved.

Motions approved:

- Motion to allow Trustee Nauta to abstain from deliberation and voting on his Private Road application
- Motion to approve Nauta Private Road subject to contingencies
- Motion to withdraw from Kent County Hazardous Materials Program
- Motion to hire a college student/summer intern for cemetery project

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org, or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is July 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177, 898-DE

Estate of ALEX C. OPACKI D.O.B. 2/24/17

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: JOHN D. MITUS The decedent, ALEX C. (P-31244) Grand Rapids, Michigan (616) 774-4001 died June 24, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DOROTHY

DZIERWA c/o JOHN D. MITUS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this

July 8, 2004

OPACKI, who lived at 410 Bridge Street, N.W. 1544 Bridge St., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504

> DOROTHY DZIERWA, Personal Representa-1483-10th St., N.W.

> > Evening

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

## 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

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ay Time Telephone:		
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# Capital improvement project list sets goals for city

and checking it twice with the ments for city streets, the King, Lafayette, Deborah, day with a capacity of 1.75 said.

realistic as possible," Pasquale funding. The remaining masaid. "It is subject to annual given our current tight budgets and sometimes a new pri- considered by the city coun- Street for looping and to im- of repairs are new windows gravel and grade its main road. on its east side (\$9,300). ority comes up pushing some- cil. thing back. Still it provides a plan, a realistic one."

proposed for the 2004-2005 only project, cover a number year with this plan helping the of streets in the city. Hunt, city formulate its budget, Elizabeth Dean, Heffron, which staff just completed for Sibley, Grand, Roberta Jayne, Reports indicate the plan is the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Four businesses closed in

contained an antique store.

trict, 13 new businesses started.

Credit Union and Video Gal-

lery, built their own buildings.

larly on West Main," Pasquale

"If there is a continuing

where in Lowell.

Lowell, continued...From Page 1

Outside the historic dis-

built a new branch building

Lowell Charter Township.

Most of the projects are complete mill and resurface- partment. N. Jackson, Amity, Washing-

New businesses in

the downtown historic district developed in Lowell, as well.

since last July. New businesses Pur-forms Inc. and Preferred

Daisy's Floral and Crooked trict, eight businesses either

Tree Gallery and Gifts. The closed or relocated out of

antique store closed. The latter town. One of them didn't

two businesses moved else- move far-Fifth Third Bank

This included the largest new Vennen Chrysler, Dodge and

business to come to town, Trac- Jeep has occupied the former

tor Supply Company. Two new Tuffy Auto Service Center.

businesses, River Valley The dealership is using the

demand for Lowell as a spot to cant commercial spaces in

push new building ... particu- district and six throughout the

Outside the historic dis- just west of the city limits in

front at 219 E. Main Street turing building.

cal streets. Most of the major Gail, Beech, Faith, Maple, the demands of the plant's ex- (\$20,000) and continues to streets are pending federal Ridgeview, Riverside, North, panded WellHead Protection pursue its goal of construct- boundary fences. list that the city complies with funding or a bond issue. The Avery, S. Division, and Eliza- Program, according to the ing a new cemetery office/ city is looking at a complete beth are all on the list for As Lowell city manager reconstruction of Gee Drive repair. "It is less expensive," goals it would like to accom- about \$564,300. Both of these last longer before we have to

prove water flow. A detail Local street capital im- water distribution map is an provements, which will be a ongoing project for the de-As for expansion of the

Water Treatment Plant, it is unlikely for the near future.

Third Base gas station. The

only complete building to be

left vacant since last July is

the building recently occu-

pied by First Class Auto Cen-

the numbers for this article.

growth just west of the city

limits-actual and speculated-

may reflect Lowell's business

climate. On East Fulton Street

a Goodwill store is under con-

the foundation in for a seven-

- C.G. Jung

in Lowell Township, the Fifth

space primarily for in-house Third Bank branch was built,

There are currently 11 va-struction, and a developer has

Though not included in

do everything, especially Sibley (\$155,000) are on a mains on High Street, rent DPW facility] before we of the building. bond issue currently being Shepard Drive and Foreman build another." Among the list

Under capital improve- ton, High, Pleasant, Front, averaging 600,000 gallons per and repairing walls, Pfaller In upcoming years, the airport board plans to continue to im-Lowell City Council giving roads are broken down into Howard, Grant, Brook, million a day. Some expan- The city is looking to put prove the airport to meet genits blessing. This isn't a Christ- two categories: major and lo- Broadway, James, Laurie sion may be necessary to meet top coarse on all of its roads eral utility standards which includes the addition of two

The Parks and Recreation capital improvements report. maintenance building capital improvements are The Department of Public (\$50,000). The building is one many over the course of the David Pasquale describes it, from Foreman to Alden Nash, Pasquale said about the mill- Works is looking to construct of those items that has been next couple of years. Among the list is more of a plan to roughly\$891,000, and Bowes ing and resurfacing project, a new storage building that put off due to budget con-them this year is the lighting help the city stay on track with Road starting at Valley Vista, "plus it allows the roads to would house vehicles, equip-straints. "It's something we at Burch Field (\$3,800) and ment, sand, salt, flammable would like to do," Pasquale gravel to the boat launch in plish. "We try to make it as projects are awaiting federal do any major work on them." materials, posts, street signs, said. Currently, cemetery Stoney Lakeside Park Capital improvement fencing and lumber. Council- workers must use a port-a-jon (\$1,440). Other improvejor street projects - work on goals for water distribution man Jim Pfaller would like to with the only running water ments are slated for Stoney review. Sometimes we can't Grindle (\$313,000) and include installing several see the city "maintain [the curbeing a faucet on the outside Lakeside Park, including the addition of a pavilion (\$6,500) The airport is looking to and the paving of parking lots

## COLLEGE NEWS

sity lists 6,107 degree candi- Glover,

DenHouter, Stephanie Ellison, Richard Ford, John McMahon. Fox, Joseph Giuliano, Kyle Hines, Michael Lechner, Some new industry has rest of the city. These include Penninga and Jason the building at 516 E. Main St., which formerly held the have replaced three of them. In Engineering set up shop in Lowell Area Chamber of

that time, the now-vacant store- the former Newell Manufac- Commerce, and the former Lori Bessey, Sarah Cooke, between 3.25 and 3.64.

Michigan State Univer- Jessica Farver, Melanie dates for spring 2004 semes- Luetkemeyer, Todd Maines, Caroline Nelsen, Colleen From the Lowell area are Nelsen, Jason Peabody, Jennifer Adams, Amanda Lysandra Porritt and Matt Jennifer Trierweiler.

From the Ada area is Kara

Graceland University in Katherine McAlpine, Jer- Lamoni, Iowa, has announced emy Moerdyke, Lisa its spring semester honor lists.

Dana Geldhof, of Alto, was named to the dean's list From the Alto area are for spring 2004, earning a GPA

ell, received honor's list recognition, achieving a GPA between 3.65 and 3.99. A total of 2,376 people Jennifer are on the official list of those

who received degrees from

Amanda Willits, of Low-

Western Michigan University in April at the end of the spring semester of the 2003-04 academic year. From the Lowell area are Kamau Daye, Cherie Gillman, Lauren Pinardo,

and Heather Sprague. From the Alto area are Jennifer Blauwkamp and Sarah Meekhof.

Ainsley Smit, Jennifer Sobie

From the Ada area is Amy

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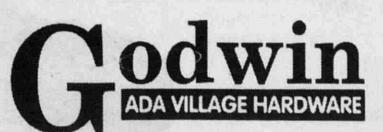


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# Rescue techniques reviewed by Lowell Light & Power linemen

By Dan Schneider

The line workers for Lowell Light and Power went through a refresher course in emergency rescue techniques last Friday morning at the "pole yard" at the north end of Washington Street.

They used a 160-pound dummy to practice pole top rescue and bucket-to-bucket rescue.

Techniques for getting a decapacitated lineman down from the top of a pole included pole climbing with spikesnecessary when emergencies happen on poles not accessible by lift truck.

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time this summer.

"We do have some poles screwdriver pounded into the off the road that you can't get pole with a rope looped over to with a truck," Lowell Light it. Plumbos said it is imporand Power operations man- tant to understand several difager Jeff Mullins said. "The ferent rescue methods; cirguys don't get a lot of climb- cumstances sometimes preing time, so it's a good re- clude easy methods. fresher for them."

men used pulleys to lower the bucket of a lift truck. The main dummy to the ground. Bob challenge here is dealing with Plumbos, a trainer from the the weight of the person unas-Michigan Electric Coopera- sisted. tives Association, demon-

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Bucket-to-bucket rescue From the top of the prac- is used when a lineman betice pole, 45 feet high, line- comes decapacitated in the

In both types of rescue, strated a few techniques for the important thing is to get lowering someone from a pole. the accident victim down to One of these required only a the ground. This must be done in four minutes or less, Plumbos said. The lineman must be on the ground before his vital signs can be assessed and first aid, such as CPR, can be administered. It's also important to have the lineman on

> lance arrives. Line workers always work in groups of two so someone is there to assist in the event of an accident.

"Any time someone is working in the air on energized lines, there's someone on the ground keeping an eye on things," Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards said.

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Jon Francis, an apprentice lineman with Lowell Light and Power, cuts a rescue dummy free before using a pulley to lower it to the ground. The exercise was part of Lowell Light and Power's annual emergency rescue training, which took place last

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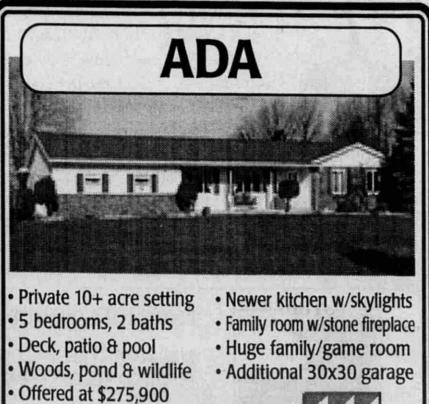
cation of the requested ized the verbiage on the sign,

Dan DesJarden said the disappearing signs on High Street have been a problem for a while. Already this year, the city has had to replace five, rooms," said councilman Jim most of them at the intersec- Pfaller who acknowledged tion of N. Washington and that the vandalism of High High streets, DesJarden said.

Several of the council lem. members were surprised to learn that High Street had such

Street, would receive notifi- a problem but quickly realparticularly the word "high" Public Works director is what the culprits are after.

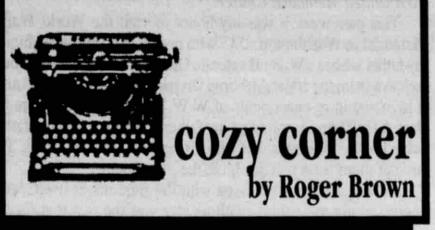
> "There is a certain segment of the population who would like to have [these signs] hanging in their Street's signs has been a prob-







# Viewpoint.



I've got to make this fast. My grandson Boog is asleep in the next room. If he happens to wake up before I have a column whipped out, there will be no column. Five-year-old Boog is the Del Griffith of the adolescent world.

To refresh your memory, Del Griffith is the John Candy character in the movie, "Trains, Planes and Automobiles." He was the borish traveling shower curtain ring salesman who never shuts up. Del Griffith drove Steve Martin's character, Neal Page, to the edge of insanity with his non-stop babble. That's Boog, non-stop babble. And yes, he can drive you to the edge of insanity.

Now you know why I have to make this fast. If Boog gets up before I'm finished, there is no way I'd be able to concentrate on writing. If I were a stenographer or court recorder it might be amusing to simply copy a few minutes of his babble. Unfortunately, my hunt and peck typing skills would only get down a word here or there. I'm afraid the humor in Boog's his tyranosaurous rex. This suggestion would open the door to rants would be lost if so abbreviated.

Boog talks whether you are in the conversation or not. He dinosaurs ... according to Boog. almost always has an action figure, dinosaur or vehicle in one or both hands. If you tune him out, no problem, he talks to, or narrates the activity, of whatever is in his hand. Lately his favorite has been a plastic tiger shark.

If he were up, and I were trying to tune him out to write this, the scene would be something like this. There would be a green tiger shark swimming around my coffee cup with Boog describing every detail. The shark would eat my coffee cup. Boog would pester me with the news until I acknowledged that my coffee cup had been eaten by a shark. Then it would be my

computer mouse. Then my spelling dictionary. There is no end to it. The little guy is relentless.

If you try to change the subject or divert his attention, you simply open the door to another horizon of his imagination. For instance, if I suggest he get his Spiderman action figure, he might leave you alone long enough to go find it. Before leaving, he would take the opportunity to explain the hierarchy of the entire action hero community... according to Boog. Superman can beat up everybody. Spiderman and Hulk are about even. Then comes Batman, followed by Captain America,

Don't ever make the mistake of disagreeing with Boog's rankings. We argued for days about who was tougher, Spiderman or Hulk. That's why they are tied in his ranking system. I'm still surprised he allowed me even that conces-

Boog and his dad went to Grand Rapids yesterday. They got out of the car and dad shook his head saying that Boog never shut up for the entire hour and a half. His mother simply said, "Welcome to my world."

So, once I had heard the entire ranking system for super hero toughness, Boog would return with his Spiderman action figure. Spiderman would then destroy my coffee cup, with non-stop play-by-play from Boog. Then I would be told, in minute detail, that Spiderman had destroyed my coffee cup. Then Spiderman would go after my computer mouse, and so

I might get another brief respite by suggesting Boog find a lengthy dissertation about the who-can-eat-who hierarchy of

Once he returned with his dinosaur, the T-rex would eat my coffee cup, complete with play-by-play narration from Boog. Then I'd be apprised to the situation. Then my mouse would be attacked. Then my speller. It never ends.

The doornob just turned. The door creaked open. In came Boog, plastic tiger shark in hand. The shark is currently circling my coffee cup. Boog is talking the shark through the attack. Do I know my Boog ... or what?!?!?

Obviously, I'm done for this week.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am amazed! I put on a uniform and cover a night shift and two days later I see in the Sound Off column a complaint about overweight police officers.

To my co-workers, I apologize for bringing this negative attention to our department.

Dear Editor:

Just yesterday I was accused of using "inflammatory language." Poppycock. Such people would not last 10 minutes in Ottawa or worse, Warren. Pleasantries aside:

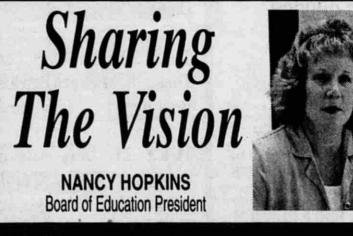
Term limits are a uniquely American invention. Kent County voters approved them to amend the Constitution in 1992. I have the results by precinct, and out-county went for the initiative pretty heavily.

Look, however, at far off Byron Township where there is a supervisor for life. He distinguishes himself with mediocrity, casual regard for state law, and a vast taste for public works at federal expense. Byron voted for term limits - for somebody else's politician.

Now comes the Lowell Township Board. Our jurisdiction also weighed in for term limits and the opportunity to act on vocal principle is now at hand. Look at the personnel. Which ones think the township would go belly-up without their services? Who is in need of a dress code?

So, my fellow townshippians, you believe in term limits,

G.M. Ross Lowell



Summer finds many families moving into new homes and communities. The Board of Education extends a special welcome to every new family and student settling into Lowell this summer. The following information may be of interest to families new to the district (and a reminder to those of us who have called the Lowell community our home for a longer time.)

• NEW STUDENTS: Each Lowell Area Schools building handles its own enrollment of new students. To attend school in Lowell, a student must reside with a parent or legal guardian who lives within the district. Residents new to the district this summer may contact the Lowell Area Schools Administration Offices at 897-8415 for specific building assignment information.

• DISTRICT FOCUS: The district focuses on the belief that every child can learn and proudly offers a comprehensive, visionary curriculum with coordinated, sequential outcomes, goals, and objectives, pre-K through 12. It encourages youth Sharing the Vision, continued, pg. 16

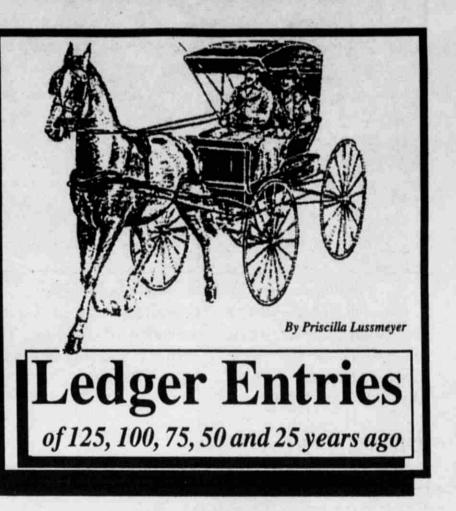
to become lifelong learners, proficient in the process of seeking and applying knowledge, from pre-kindergarten through adult and community education.

• BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Board of Education is composed of seven people elected from the community and guides the 400 plus employees of Lowell Area Schools. The board consists of Nancy Hopkins, president; Mark Lessens, vice president; Jim Reagan, treasurer; Pat Nugent, secretary; Peter Haefner, trustee; Dan Brubaker, trustee; and Maureen Fleet, trustee.

Schedule of Regular Board Meetings: 7:00 p.m., Board Room, Administration Office, 300 High Street. Advance notice will be given if it is necessary to add additional meetings or change a meeting date or location. July 26, 2004; August 9, 2004; September 13, 2004; October 11, 2004; November 8, 2004; December 13, 2004; January 10, 2005; February 14, 2005; March 14, 2005; April 18, 2005; May 9, 2005; June 13, 2005.

Schedule of Board Workshop Sessions: 5:30 p.m., Board Room. For in-depth discussion of issues and/or to obtain additional topical information. No board action is taken at a workshop. July 26, 2004; August 23, 2004; September 27, 2004; October 25, 2004; November 22, 2004; January 24, 2005; February 28, 2005; March 28, 2005; April 25, 2005; May 23, 2005; June 27, 2005.

The board welcomes your comments and questions. You can email the LAS Board of Education at boardofed @lowellschools.com.



## 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 16, 1879

The Island is a popular place, especially when Rickert is there with his frozen food. Detroit, Pontiac, Port Huron, etc., had a wicked storm last

Thursday. Mercury struck 100 degrees yesterday without half trying.

Farmers are paying \$2 a day for harvest helpers. F.W. Wurzburg of Grand Rapids is closing out its summer

goods at cost.

## 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 14, 1904

A Grand Trunk freight ignores the Pere Marquette rightof-way signal and derails six cars at the crossing.

Christopher Bergin and L.P. Thomas start building a bean elevator at Bridge and Hudson.

H.H. Reed of Grand Rapids has opened a second-hand

furniture store in the Hiler Building. King Milling Co. and the Lowell Cutter Co. are making

extensive repairs to the dam and shutes on their respective sides of the river.

The Russo-Japanese war is much in the news.

## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 18, 1929

Wesley Goul dozes off driving Harvey Callier's ice truck and tips over. Passing motorists right the truck, which loses its gas, oil and most of the ice.

The annual Florida tourist picnic is held at Townsend Park, with over 200 attending from this area.

Horse races at Recreation Park this Saturday, with trot, pace and run races, and a purse of \$325.

President Hoover cracks down on the liquor smuggling along Detroit's border. The editor reminds subscribers that it is illegal to write

checks for less than a dollar. He gets lots of them in payment

## 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 15, 1954

The vote was close but Dr. Thomas Hill is elected to the school board

wheat to King Milling Co. River levels are kept low while the band and shop addi-

Orvie Stahl of Ionia County delivered the first load of

tions are being built to prevent seepage.

The Lowell Ground Observer post receives a model F86 jet plane as reward for good work. Frank Battistella, chief observer, will arrange its display in downtown stores.

Village Council bans sidewalk concessions around Showboat in the interests of safety.

## 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 18, 1979

The sixth annual Gus Macker Basketball tournament has five divisions (one girls) and 800-1000 persons attending.

The Showboat parade next Monday to kick off opening night will start at 7 p.m. Roger Kropf is elected president of the school board.

Greenfield Village arranges an exhibit of more than 60 antique fire engines.

"Jaws" is playing at the Strand Theatre.

## Shattuck/Lavallee



Nathan A. Lavallee and Tashia L. Shattuck

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lavallee, son of Laurie Shattuck of Lowell are pleased Lavallee of Belding. The to announce the engagement couple is planning an August of their daughter, Tashia L. 2004 wedding. Shattuck to Nathan A.

## Burke/Nanninga



Matthew Nanninga and Cassandra Burke

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Michael T. Conklin First United Methodist Church

This past week it was my honor to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. with my brother, his two sons and my father who is a W.W. II veteran. One nephew, Ryan was home on leave from the 101st Airborne Division, and his brother Aaron is involved in re-enactments of W.W. II battles. Ryan wore his class A Uniform, Aaron wore my father's uniform, and my father

has a replica uniform jacket with his rank and unit insignias. The

three of them were a major hit at the monument.

Although I was impressed with the monument itself, what impressed me more than anything else was the fact that for the

whole time we were there, total strangers came up to talk to the three of them. Many people talked to them, had their pictures taken with them, or simply thanked them for what they did or what they were doing. I have been reflecting on that day at the monument, and I

wondered what it was that attracted people to these three uniformed and partly uniformed people. Partly it was the uniqueness. They were the only uniformed people outside the park service rangers. But more than anything else, I think it has to do with commitment. People are drawn to those events, people, and symbols that reflect commitment and honor. We show honor and deference to people who, at some visible moment in their lives, offered themselves sacrificially to some effort or cause that improved the human condition.

It is something for us to remember in the life of the faith son of John and Kris Clore of community. God has called us to be part of the visible unfolding of God's kingdom in the world. Jesus turned to four fishermen by the Lake of Galilee, and said simply to them, "Follow me!"

> What is it that makes a church, a particular faith community, attractive or not? I believe that it has little to do with whether our worship services are high tech and entertaining, or low tech and country-chapelish. People are drawn to other people who live committed and purposeful lives. "Follow me," said Jesus, "and I will make you fish for people!" People want to look inside a church community and see the distinctive energy of people who are on fire to shape their lives according to God's purposes. What better moment could we anticipate in our lives of faith than to have someone walk up to us and say, "Thank you for the faith you are living. You have made it possible for me to be a better Christian,

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Tulecki, Alexander Stiles.

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Beth Berry.

JULY 21: Dara Anchors, Stephanie Wade, Carolyn Mercer, Jeff Gurney, Kelly

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your -Robert Frost

# Middle school kids "Celebrate the City/ Experience the Country"

borhood of Grand Rapids are scenes. taking part in a summer "city/ cess Center (FLPC) on Fri-

Civilian Eric S. Cooper,

son of Mary E. and Stephen

C. Cooper of Ada, recently

participated in the U.S. Na-

val Academy's week-long

summer seminar program in

During the program,

Cooper was introduced to

7:30 p.m. Donations will be

accepted for the program, part

of the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC) and the

Blue Lake International Ex-

members of the Orchestre

d'Harmonie while visiting

Lowell, according to FLPC

music director Sister Mary

orchestra accepted our invi-

tation to visit Lowell," said

Sister Mary Margaret. "The

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MOVIE GUIDE

Will Farrell

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residents to attend."

The

"We are very pleased the

Margaret Delaski, F.S.E.

Local families will host

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Annapolis, Md.

dents who live in the Garfield baking, outdoor grilling, and Jefferson SE. An open house sees this project as an antidote ther from memory or partici-Park/Burton Heights neigh- a field trip to sketch country is slated for July 28 at 7 p.m. to boredom and crime. "Youth pate in organized walking field

country" art experience which ing the summer art project. painting of a 109-foot exte- mural segments which they Nature Center, churches, resi- tion in their neighborhood, and began Monday. Ranging in Each of the participating youth rior mural in the same Garfield designed and painted. It gave dential homes, and other comage from eight to 12 years, received an art kit and sketch Park/Burton Heights neight them a sense of identity." these youth will sketch the book; one location sketch from city landscape during two each student's portfolio will Monday sessions, and then be turned into a large scale travel to the country location painted piece to be displayed of the Franciscan Life Pro- through Labor Day at City

academy life through a regi-

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Cooper currently attends

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French wind orchestra

d'Harmonie of Vierzon, groups that will visit Michi-

France, will perform at the gan during 2004 as part of

ter on Monday, July 26 at change Program.

to perform in Lowell

Twelve middle school stu- days for a farm tour, music, Hope Ministries, 1975 borhood a few years ago, and

John Knight, art director who are now in their late teens trips to see what's happening

The youth will sketch ei-The FLPC is coordinat- at the FLPC, coordinated the still point out with pride the at Garfield Park, a nearby affirm the need for participa-

this project is expected to increase each student's awareness of their unique talent,

## McAlpine inducted into the **National Society of Collegiate Scholars**

McAlpine, of Lowell, ac- second-year undergraduate assisting in the review procepted membership in The students who excel academi- cess of a new chemistry book National Society of Collegiate cally. Scholars (NSCS) and will be honored during a campus cer- ing in scientific writing, is State University.

Founded in 1994, the

math and science with her of Lowell.

M. NSCS recognizes first- and writing ability. She is currently being written at Michigan McAlpine, who is major- State University.

McAlpine is the daughter emony this fall at Michigan combining her strengths in of Paul and Sally McAlpine



Katherine M. McAlpine

## COLLEGE NEWS

of Lowell High School, was grade point average or better listed on the Michigan Inter- for the entire school year. collegiate Athletic Association's academic honor roll for the 2003-04 academic year. Meyer, who is a member of the Albion College basketball team, is Valley State University in achieving distinction on the April. MIAA academic honor roll Lowell Performing Arts Cen- Blue Lake's International Ex- for the first time. To be listed, Brian W. Driesenga, Chris an individual must have

Blair Meyer, a graduate sport and maintained a 3.5 Meyer is the daughter of Lienesch and Teresa L.

> Meyer of Grand Rapids. More than 2,300 students earned degrees from Grand

Thomas Meyer and Barbara

From the Lowell area are

Jamie L. Tegg and Annie M. Zalokar. From the Alto area are Cecy L. Bailey, Joseph L.

Parcheta, Marsha K. Redd.

Tasha C. Yeiter.

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Great fun - I had a three-week birthday right up to the 27th. (Everyone please note for next year). If it were not for Patti I would not have achieved what I have. I also want to thank those people in Lowell who have been so kind since I arrived in the U.S.A. Particularly I need to mention Lori and Tom Zbikowski, Lyle Vanvuren and Karla Racine at Riverview, Greg Canfield, Charlie Bernard and staff at Ace, Bob at Hahn Hardware, all the staff at Meijer, Joan Baty, and all the residents at Center Court and many more too numerous to mention... in fact most of the people in Lowell. Now that Center Court is sold I will be working out of Coldwell Banker Hoppough and Patti is retiring for now. Call in at Coldwell Banker - you will be welcome. I will help you sell your home or buy a home.

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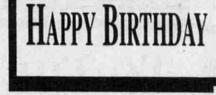
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# Several seats contested in Bowne Township election

First in a series of three articles on township elections. Lowell Charter and Vergennes townships will follow.

By Dan Schneider

for all offices in Bowne Township this year. Candidates are 26 years at Lowell High elected to four-year terms. Since there are no democrats in the field, the Aug. 3 republican primary will decide who ship for 30 years. He's been takes office at the township's 3 is the only day to vote for dren. Bowne Township offices.

descriptions of the different board of appeals (ZBA) from retired township offices and the candidates running for them.

Supervisor candidates:

The Bowne Township supervisor is the executive of- 2000 election for supervisor. from 1992 to 2000. ficer for the township, in tion. The supervisor's job is ber of things," Siler said. visor, a member of the Alto a non-voting member.

The supervisor chairs township board meetings, must be involved in the activities of the township and tries he said, "My goal is to con- asked him to. to resolve the concerns of the tinue to develop communica-\$20,000.

Pete Siler, 58, is com- work with our planning com-

pleting his first term as Bowne mission to upgrade our mas-Township supervisor. Siler, a ter plan to have an accurate It is a contested election teacher for 32 years, taught vision for the future of our agri-science and biology for township

Siler has lived in the town-

1978-1981 and a member of

"Over the last four years

creating an overlay district to make happen sometimes." raise and standardize construction requirements.

School; he was also the FFA of all is keep things going in the right direction.".

married 36 years and has two lived in Bowne Township 62 to stop growth, it's to try and Nov. 16 board meeting. Aug. children and three grandchil- of those years. He went to direct it-keep it in an orderly work as a dairy farmer after fashion so we don't waste a township," Kowalczyk said. Siler was secretary of the completing high school at lot of land area in doing it." The following are brief Bowne Township zoning Middleville. He is now semi-

Wenger served 12 years the township planning com- on the Bowne Township board

charge of its overall opera- we've accomplished a num- time. I didn't see any big of the cemeteries and is secrechanges, just trying to main-He counts among them tain our status as it was, or is," Annual salary is \$27,000. running smoothly. The super- negotiating a Renaissance he said. "I'm not into making zone with the Magna- big promises because it's easy Downtown Development Au- Donnelly Corp. that kept 700 to make promises but when thority, attends township plan- jobs in Alto, adopting and en- you get into the political world ship clerk. She has held the ning commission meetings as forcing a noise ordinance and they can be kind of hard to

> Wenger lost the 2000 election but is running this year If elected to another term, because several people had

citizens. Annual salary is tion with our residents ... and more unity in the board again, Andel and at the Michigan to increase the enforcement they seem to have some dis- State University extension ofof our zoning ordinances, content among themselves fice.

township will face is from de- it and I'd like to see that con- to conserve that." velopment pressure.

"I think that zoning is one

of the big changes coming up .. there's going to be a lot of "What I want to do most people wanting to change it and we're going to have to deal with that by whatever extravagant." means we see fit at the time.' Chris Wenger, 68, has he said. "My point really isn't

Clerk candidates:

The Bowne Township mission from 1975-1977. He of review and 15 years on the clerk takes minutes at meetwas chairperson of the ZBA planning commission. He was ings, handles elections and from 1999 until he won the supervisor for eight years, voter registration, and keeps "It was a pretty mellow addition, the clerk is in charge ily roots in the township. tary for the township office.

> Sandra Kowalczyk, 61, Miller said. is the current Bowne Townoffice since 1976. She has lived in the township 39 years, cade Township.

Kent County Board of Educa-"I'm hoping to get a little tion, as secretary for Jay Van

# NOTICE TOWNSHIP

Township Board on July 19, 2004, at 7:00 p.m Dr., Lowell.

Cascade Rd., Grand Rapids, are requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to place a mobile home for temporary residence during construction of a permanent residence on property they own at 841 Montcalm, located on the south 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 24 in Vergennes Township. They intend to remove the unit after the home is complete. The request is permitted as a Special Exception Use under Section 201.415 C, Accessory Dwelling, of the

p.m. July 19, 2004.

and we try to take care of the people in our township and provide them with the best things we can without being

She said her experience would benefit her if elected to Annual salary is \$25,000. another term.

"I have the history of the "You have to be here to see how things have developed and what has taken place and that's what I've been doing."

Jeff Miller, 37, has lived in Bowne Township for six years. Before that he lived in track of township records. In Ionia County but he has fam-

"I live on part of my grandfather's farm and I've been coming to Bowne Township since the day I was born," its own billing.

His great-grandparents are buried in the township's and I like working with fig-Ouaker cemetery. Miller is a landscape ar-

having moved there from Cas-chitect. He graduated from the five-year program dedicated She has worked for the to that profession at Michigan State University. This is the first time he has run for a

He said the township needs to start getting input She is running for another from its residents early in the planning process. He used the example of a township recreational plan to demonstrate why this is important.

recreational plan," Miller said. "Currently we don't have that so when funds become available, decisions are made by a She has taken classes in acfew people, a few board mem- counting at Davenport Uni-

He would like to see the accounting classes. township develop broaderperspective plans for the fu- that (run for treasurer) and I

to be more reactive than pro- to do and I could be more active," Miller said. "We're involved in the community at a critical juncture in our and could keep an eye on the township as far as develop- growth that's happening," she ment pressure and I think we said. need some planning tools put in place to direct it.

"We have the most agri-

term, she said, because "I am cultural land as far as percent-Wenger believes the most very proud of Bowne Town- age per township of anybody immediate challenges the ship and the people that are in in Kent County and we need

"We're very conservative Treasurer candidates:

The Bowne Township treasurer collects taxes, keeps track of bank accounts, and invests township funds. The treasurer also does the sewer billing for the village of Alto.

Sally Johnson, 64, is the current Bowne Township treasurer, nearing the end of her fifth term. She has lived in the township nearly 39 years. Having studied at Davenport University, she worked as an accountant for Lowell Light and Power before retiring to raise her children. She has also worked as a teacher's aide at Alto Elementary.

As treasurer, she oversaw the transition this year when the township began handling

"I love my community and I love working with people ures," Johnson said. "Our accounts have grown, I've invested, so we have good interest-bearing accounts."

Her goals if elected to a "just keep doing my job to the best of my ability."

Tammi Wingeier, 45, is running for Bowne Township treasurer. She has lived in the township for 29 years. For the last five, she has owned the Ice Cream Caboose outside of "We need to establish a Alto. Previous to that, she worked for Timpson Orchards and as a sales representative for a check-printing company. versity and correspondence

"I was approached to do thought about it and thought, "Our current board seems 'that's the kind of job I'd like

> Bowne Township election, continued, page 9

## NOTICE **VERGENNES** TOWNSHIP **PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

A public test of the voting equipment to be used in the August 3, 2004 Primary Election in Vergennes Township will be held on Friday, July 23, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI

Mari C. Stone

# Election, continued...

She said the township ship board, trustees evaluate raises sheep and sells antiques. Culbertson said. "I'm intersee and where we'd like to \$75 per diem. see it go so we already have something in place and aren't minute."

Trustee candidates: As members of the town-

needs to "do some advanced and vote to accept or reject planning of what we'd like to ordinances. Trustees receive

just scrambling at the last running for Bowne Township her family in Bowne Town- tant to keep what we have." fessional pursuits. In addition

Eagle Scout in the "pits"

Paul Mundt stands at the south side of the pair of horseshoe pits he constructed at

Stoney Lakeside Park for his Eagle Scout project. Materials for the project were

donated by Stock Lumber and Earth Tech. The idea to make horseshoe pits for his Eagle

project came about because other members of his troop had recently built them at

Fallasburg and Creekside parks and he thought Lowell could use one near the lake.

Mundt, 17 and a senior this fall at Lowell High School, expects to get his board of

review this fall. A member of troop 102, he's been a boy scout since 1996. In addition to

the 12 merit badges required for the Eagle ranking, Mundt earned 21 other badges. He

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Kim Culbertson, 47, is trustee. She has various pro- ship since 1993.

present. She has lived with

to working at J.C. Penney's for a long time and we're comphone center for 18 years, she mitted to the township,"

Culbertson has served ested in farmland preservanine years on the board of tion because Bowne Townreview for Bowne Township, ship has the most farmland as chairperson from 2002 to left of anywhere in Kent County so I think it's impor-

She said she is running "We intend to live here for trustee because of an interest in the township's direction and in representing what Bowne's residents want and what the township needs.

"Everything needs to be judged on its own merit and can promise that as a board trustee," Culbertson said. "I am promising to be impartial, objective and honest with the decisions that need to be made."

David Fuss, 43, is completing his first term as a Bowne Township trustee.

"Four years ago I noticed that at a lot of the meetings it was a unanimous vote on everything, not much was discussed," Fuss said, "Since I've been on, we've kind of found out that there's been a 3-2 split on quite a few of the main issues."

Fuss, who graduated from Lowell High School in the class of 1980, was a dairy farmer until about six years ago. Now he drives a dump truck for O.E. Bieri and Sons

Excavating.

residents involved in Bowne Township's government.

"If every citizen of the in Illinois. township would come to at better idea of what goes on in ment in the area," Fuss said.

To that end, Fuss said the board needs to focus on getting better office and meeting space. He said the current meeting hall, now used due to mold problems in their previous building, can only hold about 12 people.

tendance) would be six and the high would be 20," Fuss cerned with what their local ship government government is doing."

ship, has been married to her husband Brian for 15 years and has three children.

division of Amway Corp. for His main focus in running 10 years. She currently owns for trustee is to try to get more her own embroidery business and works part time as a retail merchandiser for a company

In a statement faxed to the least one or two meetings a Ledger, she said, "My goal as year, they would have a lot trustee is to work with fellow board members to accomplish the township and what we are a common goal: to do what is facing in terms of develop- in the best interest of the residents of Bowne Township."

> Jovce Revnhout has lived in Bowne Township for six years. She and her husband, James, own Horizons Lawn Maintenance there.

She has taken business courses at Davenport Univer-"I would say the low (at- sity and Grand Rapids Community College.

Her reasons for running said of the board's meetings for trustee stem mostly from during his term. "I think her desire to get the commuthere's just more people con- nity more involved in town-

"I think there should be more information in more places for the public to see," Karen Kowalczyk- Reynhout said. "I would like Hendrick is a current Bowne to find ways to draw more of Township trustee. She is a life- the township into the meetlong resident of Bowne Town- ings ... get a bigger consensus when decisions are made.

"I want to feel comfortable with the direction the She was a project special- township is going and I want ist in the international sales to be the voice of the commu

# still have more work to do...

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## CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main St. Lowell, for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Section 4.20F (Private Streets) of Chapter 4, "General Provisions" of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.
- Proposed renaming the section of High Street, east of James Street, to Highland Hill Drive.

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

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



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk 616-897-8457

# **VERGENNES**

regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes

Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Mari C. Stone

A Public Hearing will be held an d a Special Exception Use Permit will be considered at the at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey

Duane and Carolyn Fitzgerald, 5575

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Comments will be received at the Public Hearing or in writing by forwarding to the Clerk at the township offices or by e-mail at clerk@vergennestwp.org. Written comments should be received by 7:00

# Riverwalk festivities, continued...From Page 1

June Rollins and her horse- his tractor brigade.

The Ionia Free Fair float drawn float took second. Third

won first place in the parade. place went to Leo Bowen and were rolling into the Lowell Cruise-In. The longest trip 120 classic cars showed up Star Terzes and Caitlin Fairgrounds for the Brian was from Hart. Some antique for the event. tractors also showed up, some

motorcycles, and a number of cycles rumbled along Main registration fees for Flat River line first. Anderson won low.

Meanwhile, classic cars Mead Memorial Riverwalk Outreach Ministries. About \$1,000. Ducks purchased by Kosheba took second and All the cars and motor- third place, respectively.

That about wrapped kids' bicycles with some im- Street, mid-afternoon. Then things up until nightfall, when ducks were launched from the fireworks exploded in the sky Dale Sweetland, of Division Street bridge and over Stoney Lakeside Park. Gowen, won the 350 Chevy taken by swift current down From the fairgrounds, the motor, the door prize at the to the fairgrounds. The duck bright explosions were viscar show. The cruise-in raised belonging to Bev Anderson ible above the treeline while more than \$400 from day-of of Lowell crossed the finish fireflies danced around be-



Parade Grand Marshal Jim White pulls his weight in the parade.

The Riverwalk Duck, tailed by Charles Myers, hams it up during the FROM the Heart parade last Saturday morning.

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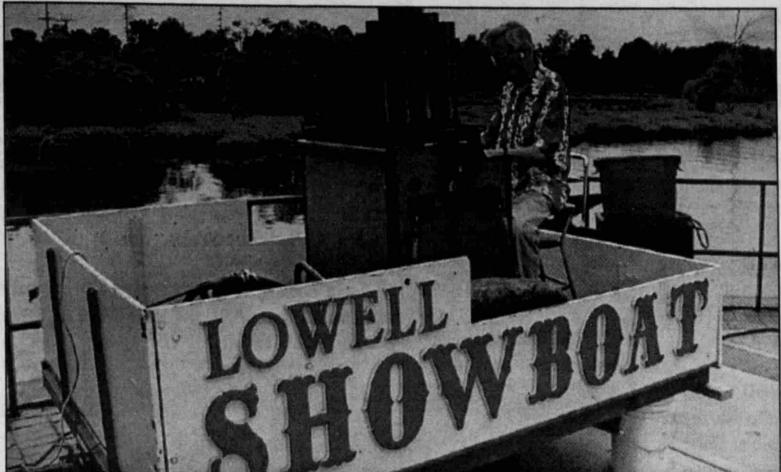
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Alex Jacobson and his cowboy puppet wave to the crowd during the parade. The pair were on one of two Kackle's Orchards trailers in the parade. The trailers later shuttled people back and forth between Riverwalk Plaza and the fairgrounds.



More Riverwalk Festival views...



Dick McNeal played some tunes on the showboat calliope before the birthday celebration for the Robert E. Lee.



Gordon Gould hands the microphone to Ivan Blough. Bough gave an acceptance speech after being officially named "Mr. Showboat."

## Rumbling the Fairgrounds: Classic cars roll into Lowell

By Kelsay Myers Lowell Ledger Intern

Vintage cars lined the fairgrounds last Saturday before rumbling through Main Street in celebration of Lowell's Riverwalk Festival.

the show's organizers. His sponsors and dealerships shop, L.A. Trim, does a lot of chose two cars they liked best. work for hot rodders. He said the show was in honor of last Participant's Choice award, one-third more attended this year than last, with estimates of 120 cars officially registered by the end of the show.

The main reason for the end in the summer, but Low- 10 car shows per year. Craig large crowd was the \$3,000 motor built by MORE this year. POWER in Sparta, auctioned teen awards were given, such as the oldest vehicle and Dale Dawson was one of youngest driver, and several

Coupe. The Pressey's try to attend a car show every week-

Winners of the year's chairman, Brian Mead, Larry and Betty Pressey of hue for their Chevy, the is from Stanton, and his green who died this spring. About Spring Lake, proudly showed Pressey's wanted to stand out. and white 1954 Cadillac off their "Raspberry Pearl" 1941 Chevy 5 Passenger

Craig and Chris Yeiter.

ell is only their fourth stop Yeiter fixed the Ford him-Buying the car two-and- which he had done by L.A.

off as a door prize. Seven- a-half years ago, Betty Trim. The Yeiter's like to sup-Pressey was attracted to the port Lowell, which is why round fenders on the striking they entered the Riverwalk car. Her husband Larry made car show with friends from lots of improvements, includ- the area. ing redoing the bottom of the car and repainting it.

> Betty Pressey said, "We Fleetwood, powered with a wouldn't see another car with 331 motor, appears at three that color. It's unique."

Adaresidents, own ared 1929 garage sale in Cadillac. He "About half of them actually ing for 150 cars. We already Ford A Tudor Sedan with a said, "I always liked the rumbled through town. I have plans to make it even 355 Chevy engine. Craig style." He liked the colors would have liked to see more better next year, and we're Yeiter said, "I like the Model too, keeping them the same of them stick around," Dawson open to any suggestions." A body, and the price was as the original after repairing said.

Yeiters purchased the car

self, except for the upholstery

Like the Yeiters, Mitch Evans heard about Lowell' In choosing the hot pink car show from a friend. Evans or four shows a year.

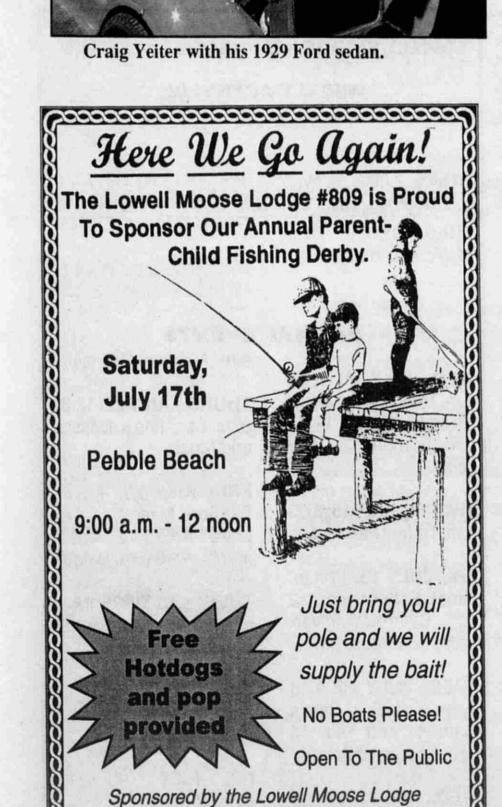
the car himself 23 years ago.

At 3:30 on Saturday af- happy with how it turned out. the classic car show a suc-

Larry and Betty Pressey with their "Raspberry Pearl" 1941 Chevy. The beauty won Participant's Choice.

22 years ago and attend about ternoon, the cars hit historic It's pretty much what we ex-cess.

Evans bought the car at a downtown Lowell in a parade. pected, although I was hop-Dawson added that numer-He added, "We're pretty ous volunteers helped make



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league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. 5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome. 975-9977.

EVERY MON.: LHS Fel- EVERY TUES.: Take Off Conservation Club trap & lowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

**EVERY MON.:** Women's over 30 drop-in basketball. (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. p.m.

3RDMON.: Fallasburg His- 1ST TUES.: Adults with Women's Club meets at torical Society board AD/HD at Calvin College, 12 p.m. in Schneider Manor meetings at chamber of 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle Community Room, 725 fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. at 897-6325 or 248-2423. Bowes Rd. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building. 300 High Street.

ship Historical Society meeting at Historical Museum, 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. call 1-800-651-6000. Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

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

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

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash 4 Health Wellness Center, S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 3RD TUES .: Parents of 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST TUES .: Grattan His- Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call torical Society meets in Linda: 874-5662; teen O'Brien Room of Grattan group: Sarah 281-6588. Township Hall, 12050 Old

6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S port group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., Ages 8-13. 897-8694. 725 Bowes Rd.

ing Events" are free of charge - Mothers of Preschoolers ALANON meets at Lowell Fuller Ave. NE ... because mothering mat- Congregational Church upin the Lowell, Ada, Alto & ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Saranac areas. We prefer Impact, a Wesleyan such notices to be kept brief Church, 1070 N. Hudson. EVERY WED.: Rotary and to be submitted by mail, Call 897-8304 for details.

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter coln Lake Ave. of the American Sewing SUNDAYS: Tri-town Con- Guild, D.W. Richardson EVERY WED.: Lowell servation Club trap & skeet Center, 5255 Grand River meeting & program. Olga, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., ages 5-

> Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry Heights Mobile Home Park 754-7104. Public welcome. for information. Community Bldg. Weighins 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUES .: Flat River at 7:30 p.m., King Memo-7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Woodcarvers meet at the rial Youth Center at 4-H Elementary. Call Dave LAAC from 6:30 - 8:30 Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

dinner will be provided.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowel

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2ND & 4TH TUES.: 2ND WED.: Support group Needlers, for Peripheral Neuropathy, 2ND MON.:Lowell Board needleart/quilting bee 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglimeets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 can Catholic Church, Health Wellness Center in Grand Rapids. Call Dor-Saranac. For all or part othy 897-9794. time; Anyone is welcome. 2ND MON .: Bowne Town- Contact Bev or Melissa, EVERY THURS .: Weight

642-6466 for info. A light Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights Register 1/2 hr. before the of Columbus #7719 meets meeting. For information

2ND TUES .: Lowell Ma- EVERY 2ND THURS .: sonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 Loyal Order of the Moose, p.m., Masonic Center, 119 men's meeting 7:30 p.m. - p.m. ? All members in good standing are invited.

Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look EVERY THURS.: Saranac Memorial Fire Station, 315 Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Room. 3RD TUES.: Saranac Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Scrappers, scrapbooking/ Call Kathy Maatman at journaling group meets at 897-5981.

Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. EVERY THURS .: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

children w/AD/HD at St. EVERY THURS.: Luke's Lutheran Church. St.Mary's Pregnancy Cri-32156 4 Mile NE/ E. sis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: Belding Rd. Public invited. EVERY OTHER WED.: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST TUES .: Diabetic Sup- Girls Club - Calvary Chris- 1ST THURS .: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation tian Reformed Church. support meetings, 7 - 8:30 Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Spectrum Health p.m. Call Pat or Judy at WED., JULY 21: 10 p.m. Bingo. Kent Community Campus

club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. meets at noon at Lowell Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Masonic Temple, 119 Lin-2ND THURS .: Ada His-

torical Society at 7 p.m. Averill Historical Museum, tem. 7144 Headley, Ada. Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School 12 years. Call 897-8800.

EVERY WED.: Tri-town

skeet league, 5616 Dunn

2ND WED.: Kent County

Youth Fair Board meeting

2ND WED.: Lowell

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

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama

Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden 9346. Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

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

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 roe. Call 647-3920. Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30

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-

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

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

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THURS .: 9:00 a.m. Walk/

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FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at

a.m. Advisory Council.

THURS., JULY 22: 12:30

p.m. St. Anne's Dessert

FRI., JULY 23: 9 a.m.

Farmers' Market; 11 a.m.

Lowell Area Fire Depart-

ment; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

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WED., JULY 28: 8:30

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SAT. ALL SUMMER: 3RD THURS.: 4 Health Open bowling at Lowell Lanes, 4-7 p.m. 1/2 of fees for shoes & lanes go to Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry.

FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment, 676-

> LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. & Sun.1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3: 5-17 \$1.50: members free.

REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 3RDTHURS.: VFW #8303 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

> ENGLEHARDT LI-BRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri.:9:30-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Mon-

MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk

TUES .: 9:00 a.m. Walk

WED., JULY 14: 8:30

a.m. Traveling Breakfast

"Brandy Wine": 12:45

p.m. Gilmore Car Mu-

THURS., JULY 15: 8:30

a.m. Trufant Flea Maket

FRI., JULY 16: 11 a.m.

p.m. Birthday/Anniver-

sary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

TUES., JULY 20: 9:15

a.m. Visit Eva Cain's

Gardens and Tea: 12

.m. Soup and Salad

Janet Scheeringa; 12

at Woodland Mall.

at Woodland Mall.

The Fallasburg Cubs gave

The score after nine innings was 10 runs to one in favor of the Cubs.

Hulst, Phil Kyers and Mike game.

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# Fallasburg Cubs win

the Royal Oak Wahoo Base Ball Club a thorough drubbing last Saturday at Fallas

Jon Gallup, Brandon

Page each had four hits in the "The highlight of the game

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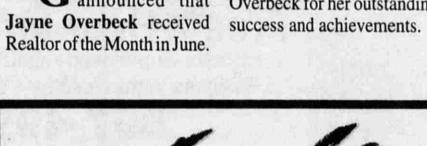
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## Florist wants flower buyers to stay local

By Dan Schneider

St. in the beginning of May. candy bouquets, balloons, She had been located in a downtown storefront since last fall, but wanted more space to design floral arrangements for weddings and funerals, two larger areas of her business.

"I'm new, so I've been getting the leftover weddings," she said.

Still, she and the two other designers working in her shop stay busy.

"I usually do about two (weddings) a weekend," Heaton said. "I've done three before, it just depends on the

Two weddings per weekend is about full capacity for Daisy's Floral right now. Roth-Gerst Funeral Home is one of Heaton's clients dur- vices.\*\*\* ing the week.

The shop, which has two drivers for deliveries, drives to Grand Rapids as well as local areas.

"We do a lot of our business in Lowell, some Saranac ... we get a few Alto people," Heaton said. "I'm trying to get more Saranac business." Heaton would like to see

more people buy their wedding flowers locally, rather than from towns to the west all the time. That's one of the main reasons she started her florist's shop here

Heaton likes to do more ambitious, unusual floral arrangements when she can, though a lot of her business is more conventional.

"This year a lot of people are choosing roses, just clumped together, nothing else in them." Heaton said.

In her shop Heaton has a scented candles, and various large, glass front display re- decorative items. Large items Stephanie Heaton moved frigerator full of stem flowers for events, such as arbors and her flower shop, Daisy's Flo- and some pre-arranged bou- gazebos, can be rented at ral, westward to 505 W. Main quets. The shop also sells Daisy's Floral.

## **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.

Volunteers are needed to help build a playground at Murray Lake Elementary School on Thurs., July 22 through Sun., July 25 beginning at 7 a.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Glenna Bunn at 897-8827 or just show up at the school, located at Lally and 4 Mile.

\*\*\* During the month of June, shoppers at the Flat River Outreach Ministries thrift store helped provide 47 families with food and 27 families with emergency ser-

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We have previously looked at the three "pillars" of self-esteem. These are: the practice of living consciously; the practice of self-acceptance, and the practice of self-responsibility.



The fourth "pillar" of self-esteem is the practice of self-assertiveness. Of all the pillars, this one takes the most courage. We need courage to be assertive, especially when it is not easy to do so. When we do the hard stuff, we grow into greater levels of self-esteem.

First of all, what does self-assertiveness mean? Nathaniel Branden gives this definition, "Self-assertiveness means the willingness to stand up for myself, to be who I am openly, to treat myself with respect in all human

What does it mean to "treat myself with respect?" Don't we just naturally have self-respect? Unfortunately, we do not and, in fact, many of us lack this and it shows up when we spend our lives trying to live up to someone else's desires. When we claim our own identity, we learn to set boundaries to make sure we are the only one responsible for what we do. We then set our own agenda rather than living our life at the whims of another. We become more self-assertive when we realize we are not on living purposely. Remember that self-assertiveness is this earth to live up to someone else's expectation.

vidualism," where self-expression is valued, social mores and social acceptance often inhibit self-

assertiveness. Women are still often penalized when they practice the natural self-assertiveness that is their birthright as human beings. Initially, there is fear of disapproval when one becomes self-assertive. The fear of disapproval and/or rejection can be so great that we choose not to share who we are. The presence of this kind of intimidation can make us feel that we have no right to even occcupy the space we're in. An example of this is when a wife does not want to "rock the boat" in her marriage because she was taught that a good wife was never to disagree with her husband. So she remains silent. This becomes a way to betray one's own individuality. No amount of admiration of another can justify the sacrificing of one's healthy self-assertiveness. Courage here is so important, since by exercising courage we become more self-assertive and, thereby, increase our level of self-esteem.

Next month, we will address the importance of the willingness to stand up for one's self, and to treat Even though America is known as the land of "indi- yourself and your opinions with self-respect that translates into a deep sense of worthiness and happiness.



## SIZZLIN' CONCERT

This Thursday at the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, The Willeys (Folkwave) will perform from 7-9 p.m. Bleacher seating is available or bring your own lawn chair; admission and parking are free.

### 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.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you would like to help build a new playground at the Murray Lake Elementary School, July 22-25, contact Glenna Bunn at 897-8827 or come to Lally and 4 Mile. Building starts at 7 a.m.

## **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, normally held the second Monday of the month, will be Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at 300 High St.

## **BOWL/HELP THE FOOD PANTRY**

Open bowling at Lowell Lanes every Saturday dur-

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ing the summer from 4-7 p.m. Half of the fees for shoes and lanes go to Flat River Outreach Ministries food

## CLASS OF '79 REUNION

The Lowell High School class of 1979 will have their 25th reunion at Annalaine's Banquet Center on Sept. 25 from 6 p.m.- midnight. Write to P.O. Box 121, Lowell or call 897-0461 for more information.



Stevens Puppets, a favorite with people of all ages, will perform at the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. Dan Raynor and his puppets will perform"The Wizard of Oz."

Registration is required for this program, part of the Summer Reading Club 2004. Call 647-3920.

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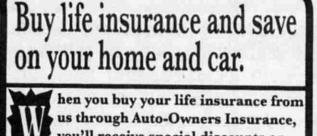
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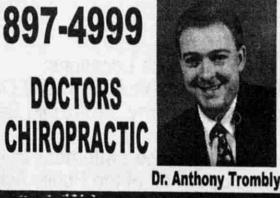
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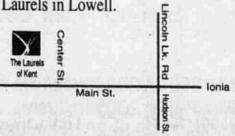
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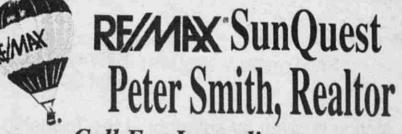


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Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the Township of Grattan, on Tuesday, August 3, 2004, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Local Time, in conjunction with the State primary election, to vote on the following Ballot Propositions:

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

Shall the increase in the Township of Grattan tax rate limitation, currently .9377 mill (\$0.9377 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied in the years 2004-2008, both inclusive, and shall an additional .0623 mill (\$0.0623 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be approved and levied to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the level of 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable property in the Township?

The purpose of this levy is to provide fire protection within the Township, including the operation of the Township fire department and the acquisition and maintenance of fire and rescue vehicles and apparatus and real property and improvements used for fire protection purposes. is estimated that a levy of 1.0 mill would provide revenue of \$113,999 in the first calendar year, of which \$7,574 would result from the additional .0623 mill. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Township of Grattan.

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

Shall the increase in the Township of Grattan tax rate limitation, currently .4688 mill (\$0.4688 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed and levied in the years 2004-2008, both inclusive, and shall an additional .0312 mill (\$0.0312 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be approved and levied to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the levy of .5 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable property in the Township? The purpose of this levy is for acquisition of fire and rescue vehicles, apparatus and equipment, and real property and improvements for fire department purposes. It is estimated that a levy of .5 mill would provide revenue of \$56,993 in the first calendar year, of which \$3,793 would result from the additional .0312 mill. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Township of Grattan.

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List of Polling Place Locations: (1) Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, N.E. (2) Grattan Academy, 12047 Old Belding Road, N.E.

The following is the statement of the Kent County Treasurer, given as provided by Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1933, as amended:

## Statement of Kent County Treasurer as to Voted Increases

, Kenneth Parrish, Treasurer of Kent County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of June 16, 2004, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Grattan Township, Kent County Michigan, is as follows:

By Kent County:

By Belding Area Public Schools: By Rockford Public Schools: By Lowell Public Schools:

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Date: June 16, 2004

Kenneth D. Parrish Kent County Treasurer

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

Lana F. Green, Township Clerk

# Rescue techniques, continued...From Page 4

mistakes when working with Mullins said. power lines are often fatal.

"Usually, when you're dant clothing on the job. They working with high voltage you don't get a second chance and if you do, you're probably in- Lowell Light and Power's what we do, there's some jured for life," Mullins said.

line accident in 1953. Since accidents.

"We've got a pretty good Mullins said. safety program in-house and

The stakes are high ... our guys are safe workers,"

Linemen wear fire-retargo through extensive training to learn to do their work safely. Lowell had a fatal power gram lasts at least two years.

> "The whole point of the safely with high voltage," since 1999.

The linemen also have monthly training days to learn safety practices related to things like vehicle operation and underground work.

"Basically any aspect of lineman apprenticeship pro- safety concerns," Richards

Lowell Light and Power then, accidents have been lim- apprenticeship is getting them has been doing the pole top ited to utility-vehicle traffic to know how to work and work rescue training once a year

# Sharing the Vision, continued...From Page 5

ADMINISTRATION: Our administrative team, composed of Superintendent Shari Miller; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Mark Kasmer; Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Personnel Connie Gillette; and Director of Edu-

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stock exchanges-and certain types of stocks are more likely to be found in one exchange than another. Therefore, you might find it useful to become somewhat familiar with the downs of the market. But you can be assured that the NYSE, following exchanges:

· New York Stock Exchange-Also known as the "Big it meets the listing requirements. Board," the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is probably the best-known exchange in the world. Of all the U.S.-based exchanges, the NYSE has the most stringent set of stipulations for listed companies. For example, all NYSE-listed companies must meet certain minimum requirements covering market capitalization, operating cash flow and earnings.

shingles. Shingles is not contracted from another person.

elderly, and in people who may be immunocompromised. An

immunocompromised person is someone who may be receiv-

ing chemotherapy, or someone whose immune system is

worn down. A person's immune system can be temporarily

worn down from emotional stress or physical stress, like

however it can cause chicken pox in those who have never had

chicken pox. Shingles may also be contagious to someone

who is immunocompromised. Therefore, it is important that

a person who has shingles avoid those who: have not had the

chicken pox, may be receiving chemotherapy, may be ill, or

your health care provider immediately. There are antiviral

outbreak, but they must be started within the first three days

Exposure to someone with shingles will not cause shingles,

lying dormant in the body.

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to be effective.

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NYSE companies also must provide shareholders with certain voting rights.

The NYSE contains some of the biggest and best-known Actually, distinct differences exist among the various companies from a variety of industries. In other words, the NYSE contains big, strong, established firms. Yet, an NYSE listing does not mean the stock is immune to the ups and before listing a company, will examine it to help make sure

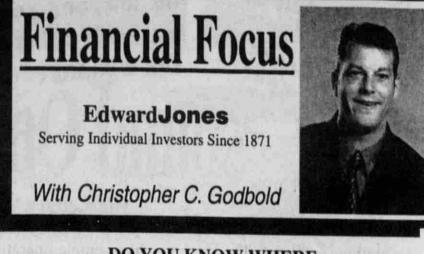
· American Stock Exchange - The "Amex" began as an alternative to the NYSE. Today, the Amex operates in much the same way as the NYSE, but Amex-listed stocks tend to be small-and mid-capitalization stocks that don't generally meet the NYSE's qualifications.

Of course, this description of Amex-listed stocks might lead you to believe that the Amex is a more "risky" exchange than the NYSE. Yet, you can find many well-known names on the Amex. Also, the Amex trades many Nasdaq-listed stocks. (In 1998, the parent company of the Nasdaq purrather it is a reactivation of the chicken pox virus that has been chased the Amex.) An outbreak of shingles tends to occur more often in the

• Nasdaq - Unlike the NYSE and Amex, the Nasdaq does not have a trading floor on which buyers and sellers converge; all Nasdaq trading is done via computer and telephone. A great many technology stocks, including some big names, have found their home on the Nasdag.

• Over the Counter Exchanges - In years past, "over the counter" (OTC) referred to any trading system without a trading floor-so, under this definition, Nasdaq would be considered OTC. But as the Nasdaq has grown in prestige, the term "OTC" has evolved to refer to those stocks that don't meet the listing requirements of any of the major exchanges, including the Nasdaq. Consequently, today's OTC market primarily includes "penny" and other marginal stocks. As If you think you may have shingles, it is important to visit such, OTC stocks are quite risky.

Ultimately, you probably don't want to let a stock's medications which can decrease the severity and length of the listing determine whether you buy it. But by knowing where your stocks are listed, you may be able to get another perspective on your portfolio's diversification-and, as you know, diversification can be a key to investment success.



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Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road,

within the Township on Saturday, July 31,

2004 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to receive

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This Notice is given by authority of the

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> MARK YOUR CAL-ENDAR: The first day of the 2004-2005 school year is Monday, August 30. Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to a successful school year for

invitations, etc.

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# Fifty Years Of Beauty Milestones

its time. And the beginning of the 21st century is shaping up to be the age when the beauty industry aggressively harnessed the technological advances in science and medicine to help people look their best. That's the conclusion of a new survey by Cosmetic Executive Women, Inc.

blisters by the second or third day.

Conducted to celebrate CEW's 50th anniversary, the survey looked back over the past five decades and provides an intriguing history lesson that identifies industry 'firsts' and innovation breakthroughs.

Here's a look back at some of beauty's milestones: The 1950s: Peace and post-war prosperity prevailed. Color exploded onto the scene-from bright red lipstick to rich, bold hair color. The introduction of the mascara wand revolutionized beauty routines. The 1960s: Space exploration was the inspiration for Twiggy's "mod" style-including pale, pearlescent lips and false eyelashes. The 1970s: The women's liberation movement caused a backlash against the ladylike look of the 1950s-reflected in Farrah Fawcett's sexy shag, the decade's most memorable hairstyle, according to the survey. The 1980s: Exaggerated and heavy, expertly-applied makeup symbolized the highmaintenance mentality of the era. The 1990s: Minimalism replaced the decadence of the 1980s. Cellulite creams and wrinkle-fighting serums became popular. As women today balance a career, home

In every decade, one and family-and are deter- beautiful doing so-many more "firsts" are expected in the beauty trend seems to define mined to look young and exciting science-and-beauty next 50 years.

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## **SYNOPSIS BOWNE** TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Board Meeting June 21, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

Minutes of May 17th board meeting were approved. List of invoices were approved.

Motion to accept bids for base unit and generator maintenance agreement.

Motion to deny kennel license to Darlene Good.

Motion to approve the library millage resolution.

Motion to award paving of parking area behind Alto Library to Superior Asphalt.

Motion to deny bill for repairs to museum.

Motion to amend budget removing \$15,000 from Roads and putting it in Township Operating for selective law enforcement.

Motion to award bids for museum repairs and

Motion to pre-purchase LP Gas for 2004-2005.

Motion to table bid from LSL re master plan update.

Motion to proceed with engineering work on Snow

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE, PO Box 35. Alto. MI 49302

Next meeting July 19, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

# GARAGE SALES

## GARAGE SALE

Thurs., Fri. & Sat., July 15, 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Riverbend Campground, 8293 Bluewater Hwy., Saranac. Clothes. housewares, toys, furniture, kids bikes, sure to have something for everyone!

## YARD SALE

Friday, July 16 only, 9-6. 2 cribs, CD's, DVD's, golf balls, treadmill motorcycle for parts, riding lawn mower- needs repair, bicycle parts Lots of misc. Nickless, 36th/Pratt Lake Ave.

## **MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

Sat., July 17, 9-5 p.m. 823 Avery St., Lowell. Microwave, dressers, wardrobe closets, and much more! Rain or shine!

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## FIRST ANNUAL KEY HEIGHTS

Sat., July 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at community building, 11335 E. Fulton, Lowell. (M-21 between Lowell & Ada)

## **GARAGE SALE** 1216 Jane Ellen Dr., Fri. & Sat. July 16 & 17, 9-5 p.m.

ADA/LOWELL GARAGE SALE Lots of educational homeschool books & supplies, girls bike, tagalong bike, tools, toys & much more

July 15-16, 1270 Hawthorne Hills

(off Fulton between Sargent &

Settlewood).

## YARD SALE

Cheap prices, 1/2 off sale. Clothes 11355 Shiela, Key Heights. Tues., Wed. & Fri.

## YARD SALE

Sat., July 17, 10-4 p.m. Small kitchen appliances & misc. household items 2335 Segwun.

## GARAGE SALE

2584 Lowell View Ave, (S. of Grand River). July 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m Plus sizes, kitchenette (not toy), riding lawn mower, Barbies, toys, smaller children's clothes, lots of misc. items

## GARAGE/CRAFT SALE

July 16 & 17, 9-5 p.m. 201 Valley Vista Dr. No early sales.

## GARAGE SALE

13025 Burroughs. Fri., 12-4 p.m. & Sat., 8-5 p.m. Kids clothes, toys & Barbie Jeep

## **ESTATE MOVING SALE**

Want to tell us

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for a change!

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I want to see more election coverage of both political

parties so that community members can be informed

about the issues that matter to them for the

November elections.

Editors note: Stay tuned ...

We will be covering local candidates and issues starting this week.

Would you please remind your delivery people not to

litter with the plastic straps that bundle the Buyers

Guides together. Thanks very much.

Thanks, Lowell Chamber and Laurels of Kent

for the wonderful Riverwalk Festival and fireworks.

**GREAT Job!** 

Thanks to Roger Brown for the exciting trip in

his Stearman. It was a fun ride!

What this town could use is another grocery store.

Bravo! Bravo! To everyone who put on the

Riverwalk Festival. Please keep it the weekend after

the fourth. That way we enjoy two weekends of fun.

You did a great job.

Stop the rumor mill! This breeds humiliation and

hatred. Use this forum as a healthy conversation

starter - not for individual attacks.

To those people who have had "I Support Lowell

School Staff" signs stolen from your property, please

call 897-8170 and a replacement sign will be

delivered to you. Thanks for your support.

St. Patrick's Festival in late June was a blast! More

people should go to this. Good old-fashioned time

with all the trimmings. Can't wait for next year!

Job well done Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Liz

Baker and all volunteers. The Riverwalk Festival

was a great succes, the music, food, and not to forget

the fireworks! Looking forward to next year.

Lowell Board of Education and Superintendent,

please think of our children. We had a wonderful

school district, let's keep it that way. We are losing

too many respected and experienced teachers.

Our children should come first. Their education

cannot be sacrificed for the lack of communication.

Please work together for the good of the

community and education.

I'm disappointed with how many people don't stand

when the American flag goes by during a parade.

The parade was great! The town provided

great entertainment as well as providing a

great service to the community.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

To the young lady who noticed my flash light on my

bumper after the firewoks...Thank you!

People like you are why I love being in Lowell!

Thank you Laurels of Kent for another wonderful

night of fireworks. We all appreciate your efforts.

Thurs., July 15 thru Sat., July 17, 1201 Whites Bridge Rd., Lowell, N. of Sayles. Furniture, various const. equipment, tools, books, etc. Too many items to list. Everything must

## GARAGE SALE

July 16 & 17, 9-5 p.m. 652 Birchwood Ct. Lots of clothes for the whole family, and some household

## SORTED THROUGH 47 YEARS OF **TREASURES**

& electrician w/too many light fixtures. Some of everything & lots of some things. July 15 & 16, 8:30 -4p.m. 10800 Foreman, Lowell

## **BIG GARAGE & MOVING SALE**

10920 Woodbushe, Friday & Saturday, July 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Fishing boat & trailer, lots of fishing equipment, riding lawn mower, Troy-Bilt rototiller, Craftsman table saw, tools, toys, household & lots of odds & ends. No early sales.

## GARAGE SALE

4 family, namebrand kids & adult clothing, furniture, toys, horse tack, household items & lots more. Fri., July 16, 9-4 p.m. 7303 Centerline Rd.

## MULTI-FAMILY SALE

5665 Riverside Dr., Saranac, July 15 & 16, 8:30 - 4:30. Something for everyone! Fishing tackle, toys, household, glassware, collector knives, car seats,

## **ESTATE CLEARANCE**

Furniture, linens, dishes, quilting pieces & material, toddler items & much more! Thurs., July 15, noon to Mon., July 19, 5 p.m. 6450 Snow Ave., Alto. Between 60th & 68th Streets.

## GARAGE SALE

July 15 & 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. & July 17, 9 a.m. - noon. Furniture, lawn & garden, clothes, bikes, farm utility trailer, housewares, gun, portable basketball hoop, Longaberger & more. 11485 Bell Rd., Clarksville.

## **MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

July 16 & 17, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10976 Spicewood Dr. Treadmill, furniture, clothes, appliances & more!

## GARAGE SALE

July 15, 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - ? 12350 36th St. New 18 ft. swimming pool, computer desks, sofas, lawn equipment, sewing machine, plus more.

## **BARN SALE**

Little Tikes toys, baby items, 10x10 dog kennel, name brand clothing, home school books & much more. Thurs. & Fri., July 15 & 16. 11310 Bailey Dr.

## **TOOL & GARAGE SALE**

1 day only, Sat., July 17, 9 a.m. - ? Large selection of tools & outdoor equipment. 2925 Alden Nash NE, N. of Arrowhead Golf Course

## MOVE IT OUT SALE

toys, boys clothes, books, variety of household & garage items, everything must go! July 16 & 17, 9 - 5 p.m. 241 Donna.

## 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.

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

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

## FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE - Shopsmith/Mark 5, \$500, firm. Many extras included, hardly used. Jeff -

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

FOR SALE - Laying chicken nest box, 5'x3' with 10 spaces, \$50; heavy duty 5' steel shop table, \$20; 24 cu. ft. chest freezer, \$75 or make offer: Call 868-7363.

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FOR SALE - Twin daybed, white metal, mattress in excellent condition, \$100

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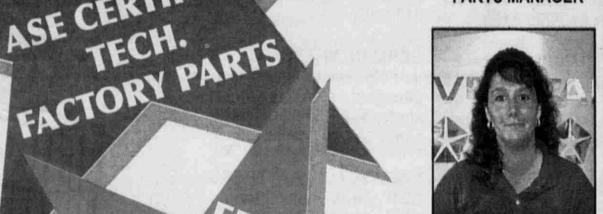
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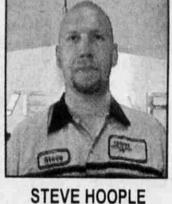
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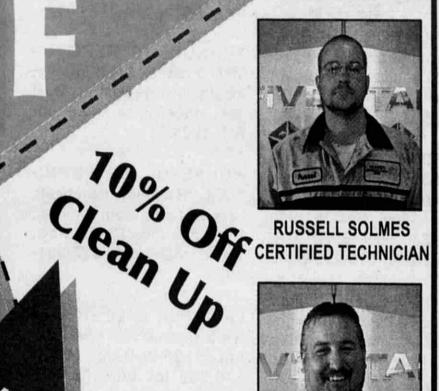
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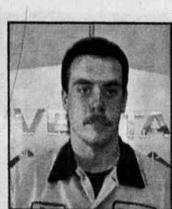


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