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70th year for Kent County Youth Fair begins Saturday

By Dan Schneider

The 70th annual Kent County Youth Fair begins this Saturday at the Lowell fairgrounds.

Dog showmanship starts at 9 a.m. in the beef arena with dog obedience at the

Reath Barn, followed by exhibit judging in the stage tent.

The official opening ceremony is Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the stage tent. A precursor is the pork dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the event tent. The ceremony will feature a

keynote address by inspirational speaker and humorist Tim Cusack and the coronation of the youth fair royal court.

Judging starts at 9 a.m. on Monday and at 8 a.m. every day thereafter. There are a total of 8,298 entries in every 4-H category, and that doesn't include the horse events entries. There are 1,776 4-H'ers in the fair this year.

The midway opens to the general public at noon each day. It's a new midway this year from Jules and Beck Combined Shows and will include bumper cars. Bumper cars have been absent from the fair for the past two summers.

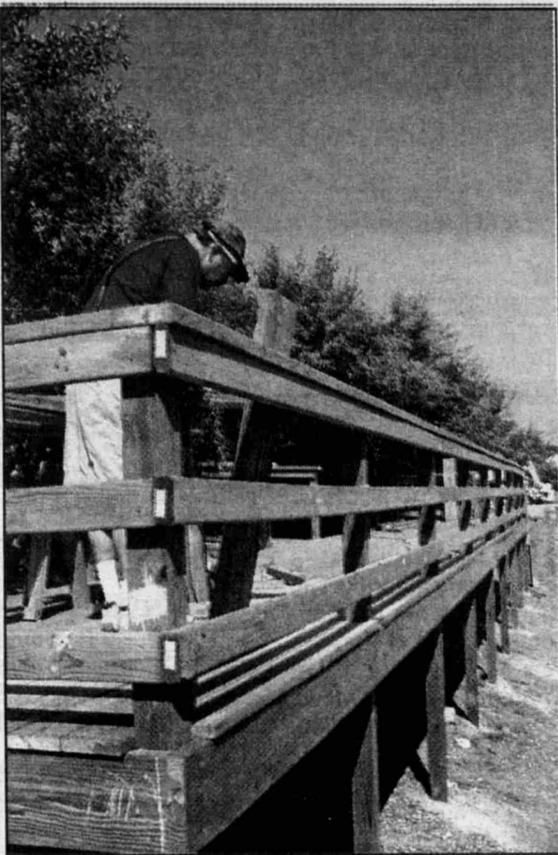
The midway will be open to readers only from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 10 for the Reading for Rides Free Ride Party. Also, from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Aug. 13, the midway will be open to people with special needs.

Events during the week include chainsaw sculpture most weekdays, horsedrawn wagon rides from the parking lots through the fairgrounds every day, helicopter rides, and the Scholastic Book Fair. The children's barnyard, an animal petting zoo, will feature playground equipment.

VFW Bingo will occur twice a day, at 1 and 6 p.m.



Rhonda Delnick waters the flowers outside some of the livestock show barns on the fairgrounds. The buildings will be full of animals when the fair starts this weekend.



Joe Hart measures a board for the new wheelchair-accessible observation deck at the fairgrounds. The deck will offer a good view of the horse events at this year's fair.

City looks at giving local merchants a slight edge when bidding on city projects

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

When it comes to bidding out a city project, the lowest bidder is generally the winner—when it comes to the city of Lowell.

There have been several occasions in the past when the city has not opted for the lowest bidder due to experience or familiarity with the city or project, but, in general, the lowest bidder rule has applied.

Such was the case for two bids the Lowell City Council dealt with at its regular Monday night meeting. One was for the leasing of two Lowell

Police Department cruisers; the other for repair of the Burch Field lighting control cabinets.

In the case of the police cruisers, Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids beat out bids from two Lowell businesses with a bid of \$11,935.70 for three years and a \$1 purchase at the end of the lease. The Berger bid was about \$2,000 less than the other bids.

The Burch Field lighting control cabinet contract went to Rickert Electric, Inc., in Lowell, which had the low bid of \$3,430, about \$400 less than the other bidders. Rickert also discovered some code violations, needing to be re-

placed, that the others did not notice, adding an additional \$1,050 to the bid, said Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden.

The two separate bids raised the question from councilman Charles Myers that perhaps the city should look at setting a policy in which local merchants, who are taxpayers to the city, would have more consideration because they are local. Myers suggested the city set a definable number that a local bid could be higher from the lowest bid, but still be considered the bid winner.

City manager David Pasquale said he would have

There will be a silent auction for wood carvings Tuesday to Saturday in the Foreman Building.

Antique tractors, mules (full-size and mini mules), horses, and garden tractors will pull a weighted sled down the track throughout the week.

The annual livestock sale is Thursday, Aug. 12 in the

Reath Barn. Small animals start at 2 p.m. with large animals at 2:30 p.m. Last year's 4-H'ers raised \$300,000 selling their livestock; four percent went to the youth fair.

The teen barn dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

The fair is adding an extra day this year. Saturday, the 14th, will include a draft horse show in the horse arena.

It is the fair's second year of having draft horses and there are at least 13 horse teams signed up to participate.

A bluegrass festival will take place on Aug. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. Apple Blossom and The Williams Family will perform.

A complete fair schedule is available at the Ledger office and several other local businesses and organizations.

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OBITUARIES

GROVER - Jacob J. Grover, aged 61, of Solon Township, passed away at his home on Friday, July 30, 2004. Jacob is survived by his wife Riley M. (Smith) Grover; a step-daughter Carol Jean (Dale) Richards of Alto and three step-grandchildren Jeffrey, Crystal and Jacob; his brother Al (Connie) Grover; several step-brothers and step-sisters, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Bliss-Witters Cedar Chapel, 13603 Northland Dr. NE, Cedar Springs with Rev. Richard Nichols of Cedar Creek Community Church officiating. Honoring Jacob's wishes cremation has taken place. Inurnment at Solon Cemetery. Memorial contributions for the family's intentions have been suggested.

LEWIS - Mr. Gordon G. Lewis, aged 66, of Alto, passed away unexpectedly and went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Saturday, July 31, 2004. Gord was preceded in death by his father Gerald. He is survived by his loving wife Alice; mother Marian; children Timothy and Francene, Steven and Dawn, Mark C., and Jonathan; grandchildren Brianna, Christian, Reuben, Noah, Eli; brothers Ronald

Lewis, Russ and Wendy Lewis; sisters-in-law Rev. Peter and Carol DeJonge, Patricia Brock; nephews, nieces and many friends. Gord liked to putter around in his garden, putt around on the golf course, and motor around the countryside in his MG. He will be sorely missed. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville S.E., Alto, with Rev. Roger Bultman officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday as well as one hour prior to the funeral service at the church. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Reformed Church Home Missions.

MURPHY - Pearl F. Murphy, aged 81, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard, sister Dorothy Doering. She is survived by her children Patrick (Shirley) Murphy of Lowell, Janet R. (Lynn) Baker of

Owosso; sister Eleanor (John) Greywatz; six grandchildren Hayley (Dan) Holmes, Lesley Murphy, Jody (Julio) Imperial, Barack, Morgan, Shanon; one great-grandson Lenny. Following Mrs. Murphy's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

NORA - Mrs. Jane L. Nora, aged 59, of Wyoming, passed away unexpectedly and went home to be with her Lord Thursday, July 29, 2004. She is survived by her husband Jim; children Leanne (Ron) Miller of Forest Hills, Jim Jr. (Kristy) Nora of Lowell; grandchildren Corey, Alec, Kyle, Rachael and Allyson; sister Roseanne Hammill of Jackson; mother-in-law Vera Nora of Norway, MI, sister-in-law Sharon (Tom) Sepic of Iowa; several nieces and nephews. According to her wishes cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life was held Monday at Kentwood Christian Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of your choice.

REED - Mr. Ray E. Reed, aged 88, passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Heartland Health Care Center after two years of declining health. He was born on November 15, 1915 in Traverse City, the son of Herbert and Birdie (Dunn) Reed. Mr. Reed worked for Reed Manufacturing and succeeding companies as a tool and die journeyman until retiring from General Tire in 1980 after 43 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening, but most of all, he dearly loved his eight grandchildren and 13 great-grand-

children. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 50 years Nora (Tafel), and three brothers. Surviving are his three sons Philip (Mary Beth) Reed of Lowell, Bill (Carol) Reed of Stanton, and Thomas (Karen) Reed of Ionia; half-sister Joy Roberson of Alma. The funeral service was held July 29 at the Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home with Pastor David W. Bogda of St. Johns Lutheran Church officiating. Interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Ionia. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation, 1501 NW 9th St., Miami, FL 33136 in memory of Mr. Ray E. Reed.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO KNOWN HEIRS - LOCATION UNKNOWN

FILE NO. 01-171974-DE

Estate of SAMUEL ENOCH

TO: JOHN MELVIN MUSCOVALLEY ANTHONY RAY ENOCH TRINA LOUISE ENOCH MORGAN ENOCH

NOTICE TO HEIRS AT LAW:

To the above named heirs at law, be advised that an evidentiary hearing will be held before the Honorable Janet A. Haynes on August 31, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 2500,

Grand Rapids, Michigan on an objection to inventory filed with the court. You have a right to attend and participate in the hearing should you so choose. Copies of the inventory and objection to inventory can be obtained from the court or Terry E. Heiss, Attorney for the Personal Representative, 6440 East Fulton Street, Suite 201, Ada, Michigan 49301, 616-676-3850.

TERRY E. HEISS (P36687) Attorney for Personal Representative 6440 East Fulton Street, Suite 201 Ada, Michigan 49301

JACQUELINE ENOCH Personal Representative 3150 Morley NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505

SYNOPSIS BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Board Meeting July 19, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

Minutes approved with corrections for June 21st board meeting.

List of invoices were approved.

Motion to accept bid from LSL for Master Plan Update.

Motion to proceed with WWTP repairs.

Motion to appoint Sandy Graham to DDA for 4 yr. term.

Motion to get insurance coverage for fall festival.

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

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

City considers raising fee for signs, fences, and zoning permits

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

The city's latest look at raising fees comes down to an old adage: Time is money and in this case, who is going to pay for it.

For more than 20 years, as estimated by city officials, the

city has charged \$1 for a sign permit within its limits. Temporary sign permits and fence permits have never had a fee.

Doug Hopkins, of Imperial Municipal Services and also the city's building inspector, began to review the amount of time he spends on sign and fence permits. In a

letter to the council, Hopkins said his company, IMS, collects about \$22.50 for issuing and inspecting signs. The city council reviewed Hopkins' recommendation at its Monday night council meeting.

"I believe the city should try to cover these costs and would suggest a minimum \$25 fee for these permits," Hopkins said.

Sign permits would jump from \$1 to \$25. Temporary sign permits have a refundable \$200 deposit. City manager David Pasquale said the recommendation is to make it \$225 with only \$200 refundable. In his letter, Hopkins recommended that any additional fees such as extra inspections and letters to get a temporary sign removed be subtracted from the \$200 deposit with the net returned once the sign has been removed.

Fees for fences would be \$25, again to cover the cost of inspecting. Pasquale also recommended that the city have a \$25 fee for site plan reviews to help cover the cost of staff time in preparation for those reviews. Currently there is no charge for a site plan review. Councilman Charles Myers said before he could discuss the issue and vote on it, he wanted to see comparisons from other municipalities on whether these fees are charged and if so, how much is charged.

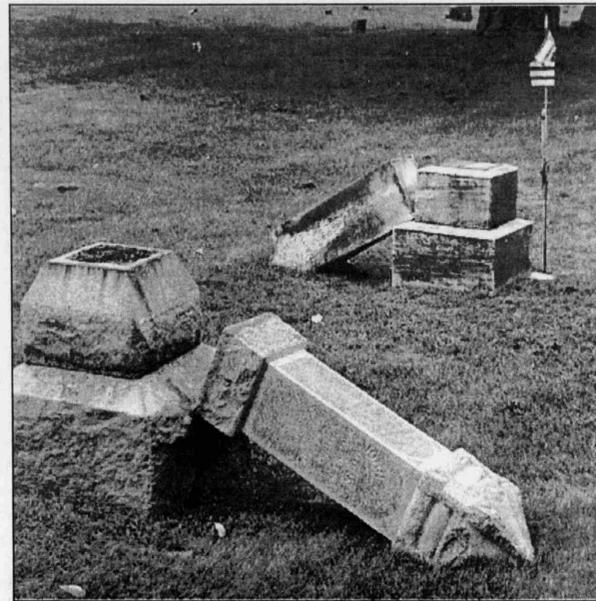
"This is a significant increase from a dollar," Myers said. "I'd like to see some

research on it." Pasquale said that the proposed fees were "modest." Most communities are charging more for this, but he felt since the city hadn't had such fees before, they should remain low.

The council tabled the issue until its next meeting, Aug. 16.

After the meeting, Pasquale said tightening the budget has forced the city to look at its revenues. In the end, the general fund is subsidizing an individual for the costs of getting a sign or fence, he said.

Police hope to apprehend those responsible for cemetery vandalism



Twenty-five headstones were knocked over Saturday night in the oldest sections of Oakwood Cemetery.

By Dan Schneider

Oakwood Cemetery fell victim to vandalism during the dark hours of Saturday night.

"Some unknown persons went through the Oakwood Cemetery and toppled several headstones in two of the oldest sections of the cemetery," said police chief Jim Valentine.

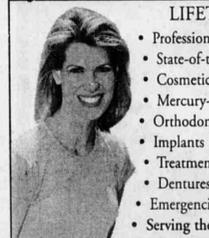
The vandals knocked over 25 of the older headstones in the areas known as the "Old Part" and the "First Addition." Some of the taller headstones were broken apart. Valentine discovered the damage while on routine patrol early Sunday morning.

Putting the stones back in place will require a lift truck, Lowell sexton Don DeJong said. The headstones can be repaired, though some not to their original condition. "You can repair some of the broken pieces but not all of them," DeJong said. "It's very discouraging. It's the worst that's ever happened since I've been here."

At its Monday night meeting, the council expressed its disapproval of the destruction at the cemetery. "It is an emotional place to begin with and then to have that happen," said Mayor Jeanne Shores.

The police have no suspects or leads as yet in the case. Anyone with information should call the Lowell Police Department at 897-7123.

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Resource Directory now available

The first edition of the Lowell Community Resource Directory, compiled by Lowell Community Wellness, is now available.

The Resource Directory contains the contact information and brief program descriptions of businesses, organizations, and support groups within the Greater Lowell area that promote

wellness on a social, physical, emotional, intellectual or spiritual level.

Free copies are available by contacting Lowell Community Wellness. Families of students K-5 attending Lowell Area Schools will receive a copy in their September "Friday Folder."

For multiple copies, con-

tact Jessica Johnston at Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781.

Underwriting for printing of the Community Resource Directory was received from the Look Memorial Fund. Lowell Community Wellness is grant-funded through the Lowell Area Community Fund.

★ ELECTION RESULTS: ★

The Ledger was unable to obtain election results by our print deadline. Next week we will include a full account of the issues for our readers.





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SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL JULY 19, 2004

Minutes of the July 6, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following item was presented:

• Bob Eleveld was present to announce his candidacy for the office of State Representative, 86th District.

• Dave Austin of Williams and Works presented an update on the Center/Clarke Street project and the Foreman/Gee Drive project.

The following motions were made:

• It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Pfaller to approve the Private Street ordinance amendments with the added wording of City specifications". Motion approved.

• It was moved by Hodges to take no action on changing a portion of High Street east of James to Highland Hill. There was no second. Motion died from lack of support.

Mayor Shores turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Myers.

• It was moved by Hodges, seconded by Shores to undertake no action at this time.

YEA: 2. (Councilmembers Hodges and Shores)

NAY: 3. (Councilmembers Mathews, Pfaller and Mayor Pro Tem Myers.)
Motion denied.

Mayor Pro Tem Myers turned the meeting back over to Mayor Shores.

• It was moved by Myers, seconded by Mathews to deny the request to change a portion of High Street east of James Street to Highland Hill.

YEA: 3. (Councilmembers Mathews, Myers and Pfaller).

NAY: 2. (Councilmember Hodges and Mayor Shores).
Motion approved.

• It was moved by Myers, seconded by Hodges to support the Kent District Library millage request.

YEA: 4. (Councilmembers Hodges, Mathews, Myers and Mayor Shores).

NAY: 1. (Councilmember Pfaller).
Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 2, 2004.

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



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



DRUMMOND ISLAND

Drive all the way to the east end of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, look across the water and you will see islands scattered to the horizon in northern Lake Huron. The largest and most populated is Drummond Island located at the mouth of the St. Mary's River. Drummond is reached by a short ferry ride across the channel from the dock at Detour Village. This area is popular with boaters and fishermen. Lake freighters, some a thousand feet long, pass through the channel

going to and from the Soo Locks and Lake Superior. The protected water around Drummond provides anchorage for transient sailors. Several marinas in the area offer dockage, gas and pump-out service for area boaters.

Caution is required when boating around the islands, especially since the water level in all of the Great Lakes has dropped so low. Passages once safe for even deep draft craft now demand extreme caution. Low water levels must be accounted for if one is using non-current navigation charts.

Harbor Island sits in the middle of Potagannissing Bay and is used as a natural harbor for boaters on the move. The horseshoe shaped island has a relatively narrow opening which leaves the shallow interior bay protected from wind and waves.

Fishing opportunities in the area run hot and cold. Serious and determined anglers catch walleye and northern pike. Salmon show up in the Detour channel later in the summer and usually provide exciting fishing. The

same goes for herring which move in by July for the May fly hatch and are pursued from one location to another by an armada of fishing boats.

Summer homes surrounded by stands of fir trees and large rocks occupy some of the islands in the group. Most islands are uninhabited except for gulls and other shore birds. Flocks of cormorants unfortunately have made inroads on the perch populations.

The Maxton Plains on Drummond feature alvar grasslands which support rare flowers and grasses on the thin layer of soil over the limestone subsurface scoured flat by glaciers long ago. These alvars are the largest on the earth. Sandhill cranes and deer are common sights on the plains.

The Drummond area is off the beaten path enough so even during the tourist season crowds are not a problem. The area is scenic and unique and would make at least a great day trip while spending time in northern Michigan.

Clear skies will provide visitor nights in Aug. at Veen

The James C. Veen Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Rd., will be open to visitors every Saturday during August but only if the sky is clear enough to permit telescopic observations.

Telescopes will be trained on Jupiter, star clusters and nebulas, and the

moon when visible. There will also be periodic audio-visual presentations about the Veen Observatory.

Admission is \$2 general, \$1 for children under 17. Visitors Nights will be Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 8:30-11:30 p.m. This is in collaboration with the Grand Rapids Chaffee

Planetarium and members of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association.

When sky conditions are uncertain, call 456-3663, option #6 after 7:30 on the night in question, or 897-7065, or consult the website at www.graaa.org.

2nd annual "Golf for Evan" planned for August 21



Sharon MacDermid signs up Kathryn Bredwell for the second annual Golf for Evan charity outing during last week's concert on the Riverwalk Plaza. Kemal Hamulic and April Teets await their turn. The golf outing will be a four-person best-ball scramble with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug 21 at Deer Run Golf Club. The event is in memory of MacDermid's son, Evan, who they lost to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in August of 2001. The outing includes golf, lunch, buffet dinner and prizes. Proceeds from the event benefit Tomorrow's Child, an organization that provides support for families coping with SIDS and funds research for a cure.

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Lowell Area Schools would like to offer a sincere Thank You to all the parents, teachers, and community members who participated in the Murray Lake Playground Community Build. By doing the community build, close to \$30,000 in labor costs were saved.

The following is a list of all of those who helped make our playground a reality:

Nancy Russell	George Hommowin	Tom DeKubber
Larry Mikulski	Anna VanderHart	Mary Mooney
Denise Washburn	Matt Gillhespy	Lind Huisman
Larry Burton	Holly Borth	Jerry Huisman
Shayne Bunn	Blake Spoelman	Dave Ligman
Dakota Bunn	Sue Kruse	Chuck DeVries
Deanna Bunn	Chris Robinson	Karla Byrne
Quinten Bunn	Dan Sorensen	Alex Dlovy
Bruce Stockwell	Linda Lane	Mike Fillman
Bill Rhodes	Karen Eldridge	Rod Barthalamew
Dan Shores	Natasha Buck	Tim Dimmick
Eric Wold	Nancy Anderson	Brian LeWallen
Rob Volmering	Nick Gillhespy	Jaimie Hagerman
Nancy Breuker	Angela Denison	Samantha Hagerman
Grant Breuker	Joan Weeber	Mackenzie Roerig
June Dilly	Alicia Weeber	Denise Lane
Jamee Willenstien	Chris Nelson	Jack Lane
Phil Beachler	Dave Emeland	Marilyn Conley
Jill Dean	Kelly Bowers	Alex Hutton
Christine Beachler	Baylie Mooney	Paula Flexman
Karen Woodhead	Allison Mooney	Kevin Flexman
Brian Woodhead	Kris Hubert	Kimball Douhy
Brent Noskey	Stock Lumber	Bill Rhodes, Jr.
Tom Bush	(for donations made to the project)	Kevin Higgins
Mark Russell	Deb Rogalke	Jeff Fuller
Steve Otaskas	Chad Reynolds	Gary Acker
Ned Miller	Wayne Willemstein	Cathy Acker
Sue Wilterink	Joe Hubert	Kendal Khodi
John Wilterink	Jack Vulpetti	Cindy Wissman
(Special thanks to John & Lowell Granite for the use of their crane)	Jeff Denison	Terri Doll
Carol Webb	Amy Bush	Kris Endres
		Marie Petersen

A special thanks to Chairpersons, Glenna Bunn and Brad Mooney who volunteered countless hours to this project.

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Viewpoint . . .

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We would like to commend Dr. Roger and Bonnie Wall for their dedication to the youth Summer Tennis program in Lowell. Along with other wonderful coaches, Dr. Rog and Coach Bons have made "tennis camp" an activity our children look forward to a great deal each summer.

Tennis skills are taught in a fun and organized fashion, and lots of encouragement is given all along the way. It's no wonder that our kids now know how to play tennis and love it! Judging from the upbeat atmosphere around the tennis courts during the camp, it seems that there are many other kids from this area who are having the same experience.

Dr. Rog and Coach Bons and all the other instructors not only love the game of tennis, but delight in teaching it to others. We also greatly appreciate the Englehardt Foundation's contribution which makes this program affordable. This financial backing allowed dedicated, positive people to make a lasting impact on our children and over 160 others in our community this summer alone. What a terrific partnership!

Tim and Lori Gerard

Dear Editor:

To the citizens of Lowell Township. In response to Mr. Ross' ad in the Buyers Guide (August 2). As with most misdirection it contains some truth. Fact: I was appointed to the Oakfield board. Fact: I did not vote in the last election. Fact: I did have to re-register just prior to handing in my petition.

Now for the rest of the story. I made every meeting I possibly could while on the board and on the planning commission in Oakfield Township. I took great pride in serving that community. Unfortunately, when I took a new job and moved from Oakfield Township I could no longer serve them. I was voted off the board.

In the process of moving, there was some confusion with my voter registration that I was not aware of until I started my campaign. As for not voting in the last election I apologize to the citizens of Lowell Township. Regardless of the outcome of this election, Lowell Township needs total support from us all and I hope this will continue to be the case. Thank you again,

Respectfully,
Kurtis Parks

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter with great concern after attending the Lowell Area Schools board meeting last week and I'm appalled at what the board is offering to the teachers to settle their contract. They want teachers and support staff to reduce their insurance coverage, increase their deductibles, increase their insurance co-pays, while offering a 0 percent raise for three years! The board will tell us that administrators pay insurance co-pays, they fail to tell us that administrators also receive a stipend to offset the entire cost of the co-pay. Administrators already received a two percent pay increase last year; why are the teachers and support staff not being offered the same?

Teachers are required by the state of Michigan, in order to keep their jobs, to continue their education with very minimal or no financial help from the school district. Administration and the board want them to continue to update and stay current in their learning for the betterment of our children, yet they do not give them a raise and ask them to also pay for their benefits and their courses.

The top three administrators of our school district have no vested interest in our community. Only one lives in this district, and none have children attending Lowell schools. It's too bad that our board members and citizens are getting the majority of their information from those same administrators and it's tearing our community apart.

Parents of children in the district have a responsibility to ensure that their children have a quality education. We've lost too many excellent teachers and support staff over this contract dispute. I urge you to become aware of the truth and contact your school board members to ensure that we reach a fair settlement before we lose any more of our excellent employees.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Smith

To the Editor,

As an avid reader of the Lowell Ledger, I was very sad at your coverage of the River Walk Festival. Is this not one of the biggest events put on in Lowell each year? So many people from Lowell and the surrounding area put in so much work and effort to make this a success, and a success it was. Bigger this year than last. And yet, the backbone publication of Lowell passed it by, only producing two pictures of the event in your paper. Maybe the people of Lowell should boycott the paper for a month to prove the point that, when they work so hard, they should be rewarded by at least one column.

During the school terms, you cover your pages with long diatribes about this wrestling match and that football game and other such school activities. But don't you feel it would be somewhat kinder and more appropriate to give equal coverage to the Riverwalk Festival?

Maybe the time has come for your paper to catch up with the world of today. You put many interesting articles in your paper and then do not back them up with other content. Why not have a children's page with puzzles and perhaps a short article from a youngster or an interview with a group of children? You might also put in an article on motoring in the form of a road test by one of the local auto distributors. What about a recipe page for the family cook or tips on things to do around the home? Maybe the price might have to increase a little but increased advertising revenue and wider circulation would no doubt take care of that.

One could continue but that might appear an over critical contribution and, while I believe you could give a better service to the people of Lowell, I still enjoy much of the paper on a Wednesday.

Thank you for reading this.

Yours truly,
Nick Gent

Editor's note: I feel I must direct this reader to the July 14, 2004 edition of the Ledger. Not only did we cover the event on the front page but it also continued to the center with several pictures of the parade and other events. We will, however, take note of his many suggestions.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 6, 1879

Enos Bradfield & Co's new horse-sale stable has been painted.

Many gardens have entirely dried up.

Steve Arleth has come back to Lowell and will make cigars here again.

A steam thresher boiler exploded in Ottawa County last Friday, killing three people.

Kalamazoo won the base ball game with Battle Creek, 10-4.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 4, 1904

"M. Langworthy recently presented his daughter, Minnie, with a fine upright piano."

The Ledger has acquired a new Fox typewriting machine.

The Bergin and Thomas elevator is nearly enclosed with steel and Pere Marquette is building the railroad siding.

No Parnell column last week because the writer wasn't home and her dog wouldn't let the mailman pick up the letter.

The editor explains that most of the paper is printed on Tuesday and Wednesday; only pages 1 and 8 are printed Thursday, and any last-minute correspondent's locals can't be included.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 8, 1929

The Ledger will publish Thursday mornings instead of afternoons; slow rail mail service now results in rural households receiving Ledgers (and ads) Saturday afternoon instead of Thursday.

The New Strand Theatre will present Siamese twins Daisy and Violet Hilton on Saturday in their song-and-dance act.

The editor complains about Sunday drivers who amble along at ten mph, piling up long lines behind them.

A New Jersey man has bought a new Ford, paying for it with 58,850 pennies he saved up.

The Robert Irwin Co. of Grand Rapids holds their annual picnic at Fallasburg Park with 1000 attending. Christiansen's serves refreshments for the "best ever" and Irwin will be back next year.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 5, 1954

Village Council authorizes purchase of a two-way radio for the police cruiser for \$480. This way, the cruiser can be contacted no matter where it is.

Only 78 cases of polio were reported in Michigan last week, as compared with 95 the same week in 1953 and 159 the year before.

Showboat receipts are down 10 percent from last year.

The large Lowell Loan Co. sign fell Friday night before the windstorm came along. Only the sign was damaged.

The primary vote was light: 458 votes in Lowell, 195 in Vergennes.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 8, 1979

The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair is one of only five remaining in Michigan.

Lowell Light and Power joins the Michigan Public Power Agency, a cooperative with 17 other municipal power companies.

Richard DeVos' yacht, Windswept, takes first place in the Chicago-to-Mackinac Sailing Classic.

The Ledger can't find out anything about the new store, "Riverfront Clothing Inc., Opening Soon" in the old Wepman's Clothing store. Nobody there.

Roger Rollins is the Michigan winner in the All-American Youth Bowling Championship.

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Reflections Of Faith

By Rev. Bob Roush
Friendship Country Chapel

"Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly at heart and you shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:28-29

The common response received from many people these days when asked how they are is that they are tired. Ours is a tired society of people who are caught on the merry go round of life and don't know how to get off. Our society has more gadgets and gimmicks to make our lives comfortable and pleasurable than any nation in the world, yet the products of this "better life" are a road rage, up tight, unhappy people, many of which walk around with a line drawn in the sand just challenging you to cross it.

For 35 years I was one of those people. I tried to fill my days with what I thought would bring me happiness, always knowing I fell far short of the goal I was aiming at. Although I occupied my time doing what felt good to me I was unable to shut out the nagging question that dogged me, and at night when I laid my head down on my pillow, just before the lights went out, I knew there was something more, a hole in my soul that no matter how much I acquired would not be satisfied through the means I sought. I believe it was St. Frances who said, "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person that cannot be filled until it is filled with God."

Jesus said to His disciples one day, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not like the peace of the world is the peace I give to you, let not your heart be troubled." It appears that Jesus indicated that there was a peace the world offered, but it had no comparison to the peace He was offering them. His is a peace that surpasses all human understanding. It's a peace that makes you know that everything is all right between you and your creator. It's a peace that lasts long into the night and wakes with you in the morning. It's a peace that cannot be purchased or gained through good behavior. It is freely given to all who trust and believe in what God accomplished through

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ENGAGEMENTS

Roth/Golczynski



Michael Golczynski and Ryan Roth

Announcing a September 18, 2004 wedding are Ryan Lynne Roth, formerly of Lowell, and Michael John Golczynski of Grand Rapids.

Parents of the couple are Nancy Roth and Rick Roth, both of Lowell, and Mike and Dianne Golczynski of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and attended Grand Rapids Community College.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and is currently attending Grand Rapids Community College.

Mercer/Valentine



Keith Valentine and Sara Mercer

Maury and Linda Thornton of Midland, Texas, and John and Barbara Mercer of Charlotte, North Carolina, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth Mercer to Keith James Valentine, the son of Jim and Chery Valentine of Lowell.

The bride-to-be is an April 2004 graduate of the University of Florida and is employed by Midland Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse.

The future groom is a December 2003 graduate of the University of Florida and is employed as a police officer by the city of Midland, Texas.

The couple will exchange vows on October 23, 2004 in Lake Odessa.

COLLEGE NEWS

Central Michigan University lists approximately 3,500 May graduates.

From the Lowell area are Deanna J. Anchors, Jason M. Grover and Benjamin P. Richmond.

From the Alto area is Sarah M. Claire.

Molly M. Carl and Brandy Autumn Fedewa, both of Lowell, have been awarded departmental honors from Grand Valley State University.



Brandy Autumn Fedewa

Carl received an honor in Group Science Biology. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of David and Catherine Wisner.

Fedewa received an honor in Psychology. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of Barbara L. Bussell.

To be considered for the award, the undergraduate recipient must have senior standing with a 3.5 minimum grade point average. Students were selected for the award by faculty in their major.

IN THE SERVICE

Steven Childs, a 2005 senior at Lowell High School, recently enlisted in the Marine Corps' Delayed Entry Program. The DEP allows high school seniors to enlist and defer going to recruit training until after graduation from high school.

Childs enlisted for five years and is scheduled to re-

port for recruit training in San Diego, Calif., in June of 2005. He is the son of Brad and Kim Barber of Lowell.

Marine Corps Cpl. Joshua J. Van Alstine, son of Peggy and Mark Johnson of Alto, and more than 2,200 marines and sailors assigned

to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit recently deployed to Iraq.

Van Alstine's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

The unit will stop at March Air Reserve Base in California for specialized training in patrolling, operating vehicle checkpoints and responding to threats.

Hosts celebrate golden anniversary

The family of Joe and Marcia Host, of Lowell, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004.

Their children, Jim and Mari Stone of Lowell, Fred and Jeanne Host of Grand Rapids, Dennis and Jeanne Wiest of Caledonia and Mark and JoAnne VanSlooten of Grand Rapids, will host a party in their honor that evening.

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AUGUST 9: Pamela Esparza, Steven Burrows.

AUGUST 10: Madeline Scott, Arnie DeLoof.

AUGUST 11: Mike Wilzcewski, Jordan Warren.

Health



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

MONO

Mono is a flu-like illness caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. It is a disease that tends to affect adolescents and young adults. Symptoms of mono include fever, headaches, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, loss of appetite and fatigue.

The virus is found in saliva and is passed from one person to another via close personal contact. Kissing, coughing in close proximity to, and sharing beverages with another person can transmit the virus. Signs of infection often do not develop

for four to six weeks after contact with the infected person. Typically, once you've had the virus, you're immune to it.

Diagnosing mono is usually based on a person's history of recent exposure to the virus, and their physical exam findings. Blood tests can also be used to diagnose the infection.

Because mono is a virus, antibiotics do not work against it. Symptoms of mono typically last two to four weeks. The main treatment for mono includes rest, drinking plenty of liquids, controlling the fever and sore throat. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and Ibuprofen (Motrin) are both good medicines to use for the fever and throat pain. Aspirin should be avoided in children because of the risk of a serious disease called Reye's syndrome.

It is important that a person who has been diagnosed with mono avoid strenuous exercise and contact sports. This is to prevent the rare but serious complication of rupturing the spleen. The spleen often becomes enlarged during an infection with mono. When the spleen becomes enlarged, it becomes more prone to rupture from blunt trauma to the abdomen.

If you feel you may have the symptoms of mono, it's important to visit your health care provider. They can provide you with a prompt diagnosis, so that you may take the precautions necessary in treating mono.

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Christ when he died on the cross. The peace that God offers goes into the emergency ward, the hospital room and the funeral parlor. Nothing acquired on this earth offers that, it is only distributed through God.

Lee Iococca had it right when he said, "No one on their death bed will say I wish I had spent more time at the office." I completed my 66th trip around the sun in February and realized how very true that is. I am so thankful that 31 years ago I found the true meaning to life and made peace with God. May you complete your journey around the sun this year in His peace. Shalom

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Everything's black and white at new downtown shop

By Dan Schneider

A new store is opening this week in downtown Lowell and it sells black and white things ... from charcoal grills and dinner plates to modernistic floor lamps and bath products, all in black and white or shades of gray.

Owner Renee Bowen has a bachelor's degree in interior design from Kendall College of Art and Design and was a longtime employee at Herman Miller Inc., an office furniture company with a design reputation. She thought up the idea for the store after reading an inspirational book called *Purple Cow*.

"It's about how companies try to find their niche in the market and stay unique," Bowen said. "So I wracked my brain trying to think what I could do that was unique, and this is what I came up with."

"Because I love black and white, and I think it's very difficult, when you go

shopping in West Michigan, to find."

Available are products for all rooms of the home: kitchen, dining, bath and bedroom as well as storage and outdoors. A lot of the items are modern in design. Bowen said there is an apparent connection between modern design and a bi-chromatic color scheme.

Bowen started her business on the web, at www.theblackandwhitestore.com, in February. She was eager to have a storefront so she could display a better visual idea of the products she sells. She looked at spaces in Rockford and Grand Rapids' Eastown before deciding to open her store in Lowell.

"Everybody says Lowell's the up-and-com-

ing place so here I am," Bowen said. "I really like the local arts council. I would love to get local artists to sell work here on consignment in black, white or gray."

The store is located at 218 W. Main Street in the former Hill's shoe store. Bowen is keeping the old lighting and shelves, which surround the entire sales floor from floor to ceiling. She plans to build up her inventory over time.

"It's going to be several months before the shelves really start to fill up," she said, after which she added she will continue to look for new black and white items to sell. Some of her products in the store come from as far away as Poland and Germany.

At right, Renee Bowen, owner of The Black and White Store, with some of the products she has for sale.



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BUSINESS MATTERS

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Lowell's MEAP scores better than state average

By Dan Schneider

Lowell students' scores on last year's Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests, despite some falls compared to last year, continued to stay above state averages.

Taken in February, the MEAP tests students' abilities at different grade levels. The areas tested are math, science, social studies, English language arts—consisting of reading and writing—and listening.

"They are indicators for our school district of how well our students are doing based upon the standards and benchmarks set by the state of Michigan," Lowell Area Schools superintendent for curriculum and instruction Mark Kasmer said.

Lowell's test scores compared to the state average can be more informative than test scores compared to previous years' scores alone. The state averages reflect year-to-year changes that can affect a test's difficulty in a given year.

Fourth graders' scores improved in math and English language arts from 2003 to 2004. The scores stayed ahead of state averages in both areas, though state math scores improved at a greater rate. Fourth grade listening scores remained the same for Lowell schools while the state average made up some ground.

Listening is an optional test this year, but will be required in the '05-'06 school year, when significant changes in the state's test structure will take effect.

Fifth graders were tested in science and social studies. The scores fell slightly in both subjects compared to 2003. State averages rose in both subjects. However, Lowell scores stayed ahead. The scores on the social studies test, both for Lowell and for the state, have tended to be low over the five-year history of the test. This is at both the fifth and the eighth grade levels.

In seventh grade English language arts, both Lowell's scores and the state average fell this year compared to last. Lowell scores fell more than the state average, but stayed ahead. The state average fell more than the Lowell scores in listening.

Eighth grade math scores improved this year at about the same rate as the state average. Improvement in eighth grade science scores slightly outpaced the state average's growth. Lowell stayed ahead of the state average in social studies.

The state is still in the preliminary stages of scoring the 11th grade MEAP tests.

The district will receive more specific data about each school's performance in each

subject, Kasmer said. It will analyze that information in September and October and advise building administrators on making improvements.

It is currently evident, Kasmer said, that "we need to continue to focus on writing in the district across content areas ... in social studies and also in science and also in math."

Kasmer said the year-to-year comparison of scores is not the best way to analyze MEAP results. Rather, he said, "look for trends over time, then you can identify your strengths and weaknesses in relation to your district's instruction, your district's assessments and your district's curriculum."

One way to measure trends is by looking at cohort data. This compares a group of students' performance one

year with the same group's performance on the same subject in a later year.

For instance, this year's eighth grade class did significantly better on the 2004 social studies test—with 40 percent of students passing—than they did in 2001 as fifth graders, when only 25 percent passed requirements. This growth outpaced considerably the state average for those grade levels.

The 2004 seventh grade class scored lower on the reading test than they did in 2001 as fourth graders. The scores fell slightly more than the state average, but remained ahead.

The math scores fell for this year's eighth grade class, with 82 percent passing requirements compared to 86 percent passing when they were fourth graders in 2000.

The state average for their cohorts fell more significantly. The Lowell class was ahead by 19 percentage points.

The eighth grade class improved significantly this year compared to their scores in 2001 as fifth graders. They also jumped ahead of their state cohorts. The state average and the Lowell scores were even at 50 percent passing in 2001. Lowell and state scores were 82 and 66, respectively, on this year's test.

What the cohort data says, according to Kasmer, is "the longer they're in Lowell schools, they're growing faster than the state."

"There's pretty good reason to say that Lowell school students improve at a greater rate than their cohorts in the state in the four core areas," Kasmer said.

Along with the MEAP test, the state issues annual Education Yes grades. These are letter grades for each school building in the district based on criteria including student achievement and achievement change.

Alto Elementary improved from a B in 2003 to an A this year.

"Alto School should be congratulated, they did an outstanding job on MEAP last year," Kasmer said.

Cherry Creek's grade stayed at B while Bushnell Elementary and the middle school both improved from C to B.

All schools met adequate yearly progress requirements, staying ahead of a set of yearly benchmarks in the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Lowell Police department will hold discussion sessions on pedestrian safety

The Lowell Police Department will hold two information and discussion meetings for parents, especially those within the school walk zones.

Police chief Jim Valentine and at least one of the department's D.A.R.E. officers

will be on hand to talk about "what parents should be talking to their kids about (regarding) bike safety, pedestrian safety, and what your kids should know about avoiding strangers and what to do if approached by a stranger."

Both sessions will take the

form of open discussions with the officers present to moderate and answer questions.

The first sessions are Tuesday, Aug. 17 and Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. Both

will take place in the city council chambers at City Hall. More meetings will be scheduled during the school year depending on the turnout at the first two sessions.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of July 26, 2004

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Justin Quist, the newly elected Student Council President, will serve as the Student Representative to the Board for the 2004-2005 school year. Justin reported that the Student Council will be having a picnic on August 11, and the calendar for the group is being finalized.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Melanie Brim and Dave Thompson gave special recognition to Marsha Wilcox and Dan Brubaker for their years of service on the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation.

Racial - Diversity Report - Mark Kasmer explained that a Champions of Diversity committee has been meeting to address undesired student comments, intimidation and harassment regarding social, cultural, ethnic, physical and gender differences. Bonnie Siegers, Steve Korschnoski, Brooke Liu, and Joy Sargeant spoke about the need to provide support and an appropriate environment for a diverse population.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted/Awarded/Adopted
The following Tierney:
• Heidi Tierney donation of toys and preschool materials valued at \$75 to be used by the TOTS program.
• Carrie Pelon, Barb Schneider, and Kris Kropf donations of their laptop computers valued at \$300 each to be used by the Technology Department.

The Energy Bond Authorizing Resolution, which covers approval of the Honeywell agreement, and appoints a school administrator as the authorized officer to approve the sale of the bonds.
The resolution declaring official intent to reimburse project expenditures with bond proceeds.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:
• June 8, 2004 Workshop, June 14, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, June 22, 2004 Workshop and Closed Session, June 28, 2004 Workshop and Closed Session, June 30, 2004 Special Meeting, and July 1, 2004 Organizational Meeting

GENERAL FUND	\$1,206,605.84
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$60,727.42
B. Athletic Fund	\$9,145.05
2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$21,614.68
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$78,783.67
Scholarship Fund	\$300.00

- New Hires:**
- Rachel Millhisler - Murray Lake - Reading
 - Amber Weber - Cherry Creek - Special Ed
 - Nicholas Blough - High School - Social Studies
 - Ainat Rodriguez - High School - Spanish
 - Mary Price - Bushnell - Kindergarten
- Parent Advisors for Special Education:** Sandy Justifer, Donna Rozman, and Richard Jean
- The addition of Lacrosse as a Lowell High School sport**

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT - Larry Mikulski reported on the activities being planned for transportation safety due to the new walk zones. On August 26 there will be a "get out and walk" night. Volunteers are being lined up as "watchers" for the walk zone. A new Creekside Security person will be hired for a 2 hour time span both a.m. and p.m. to watch out for youngsters. On Aug. 7, Al Eckman will have a bicycle rodeo and a local merchant has donated 3 bikes as giveaways.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Shari Miller reported on the progress of Murray Lake Elementary. The dedication for the building is scheduled for August 26 at 7:30 p.m. Brent Noskey praised the many volunteers who worked at putting the playground equipment in at Murray Lake saving the district approximately \$35,000.

BUDGET AND NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that Title monies will be cut by \$75,000 with a possible cut for at risk funds. The State Aid is currently at \$6700 with a possible proration during the 2004-05 school year. Connie reported on the negotiations to date

with LEA and LSPA groups. Another mediation is scheduled for August 17.

MEAP DATA AND ED YES REPORT CARD - Mark Kasmer shared the latest scores for MEAP and the Ed Yes Report Card gave the following grades for district buildings: Alto - A; Bushnell - B; Cherry Creek - B; and Middle School - B. Each met the AYP requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: Tracey Loughlin - lack of communication, Bonnie Meiste - contract negotiations, and Carmon Campbell - summer educational needs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller gave thanks to those who addressed the board. A bike rodeo will be held on August 7 from 10-2 with information being printed in the Lowell Ledger, Buyers Guide, and on Cable TV. The SMS (Student Management System) is progressing. Grades and attendance along with other student information will be on-line. Parents will be able to view their own child's information. A request has been made to reactivate the school calendar previously published by the LAS Ed Foundation. A "Y" day care will be housed at Runciman with top priority being given to LAS staff members. Shari welcomed Justin Quist to the Board. A Cost Containment Committee has been established to help look at ways to cut costs. If members of the community are interested in serving, please contact Shari.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Board Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2004
Runciman Administration Building
Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

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Bad year for blight in this year's wheat crop

By Dan Schneider

This time of year, wheat trucks waiting to unload at King Milling Company are usually lined up all the way back to the Grand River through the fairgrounds.

This year, however, it's rare to see four or more trucks in line because of high vomitoxin levels in Michigan's wheat harvest.

"It's probably the worst we've ever had in our memories as far as volume," said King Milling president Brian Doyle. "Every mill from here on down to Kentucky has the same problem."

Vomitoxin is a byproduct of fusarium head blight, commonly known as scab. It is a fungal disease that hit wheat crops especially hard this year.

King Milling has to reject wheat with too high a level of vomitoxin, which is toxic to humans as well as plants.

"Anything over three parts per million we have to turn away," Doyle said.

The federal Food and Drug Administration requires that finished wheat products for human consumption have one part per million or less vomitoxin. The cleaning and milling process cuts vomitoxin by up to 50 percent. King Milling can further reduce the levels by blending in cleaner wheat.

This year, that cleaner wheat will have to come from far away. King Milling usually brings its wheat in from within 50 to 100 miles away. With fusarium head blight affecting wheat crops throughout Michigan and to the south, King Milling plans to bring wheat in from as far away as Idaho. That wheat will be harder on King Milling's bud-

get than wheat grown locally.

"It's going to be a year that we earn our keep," Doyle said. "It's going to be a lot of work."

Most farmers in the area send samples of their wheat to the mill for testing before sending a truckload. Still, some loads are rejected after testing at the mill.

"I took three loads up to Newaygo so far because they wouldn't take them here," Leon Donaldson, a trucker for Sackett Ranch in Stanton, said last Thursday.

Places like Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc. in Newaygo will buy wheat with higher vomitoxin levels. That wheat will eventually become livestock feed.

Terry Nugent has grown wheat for the last five years on his farm on Lincoln Lake Avenue. He planted 80 acres of wheat this year and only half made it under the three parts per million threshold at the mill.

"It's the first time we haven't been able to market it wherever we want," Nugent said. "We ended up having to sell most of it for chicken feed."

Farmers get lower prices selling their wheat for feed. Last Friday, King Milling was paying \$3.09 per bushel for white wheat with vomitoxin levels three parts per million or less, and \$3.69 per bushel for wheat with one part per million or less. Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc. was paying \$2.27 or less for wheat with higher vomitoxin levels. Caledonia Farmers Elevator Co. was paying \$2.07 per bushel, regardless of vomitoxin levels.

Ken Roth planted 96 acres of wheat on his Vergennes

Township farm and had to sell all of it for feed.

"Hopefully, I'll get something out of crop insurance so that will make it not such a blow," he said.

Fusarium head blight hits especially hard in years like this, when there are heavy rains in May and June. That is when the wheat plant is heading and flowering and most susceptible to the disease.

"Rain does two things," said Dr. Rick Ward, associate professor in the department of crop and soil sciences at Michigan State University. "It promotes the growth of the fungus and the production of spores that get in the air, and it makes wheat more susceptible, so long as it's coincident with flowering."

Other crops besides wheat, most significantly corn, can harbor fusarium head blight fungus. Planting wheat with no-till planting that leaves cornstalk fragments from the previous year will likely cause a crop to become infected. Spores can also travel airborne from nearby fields where there is cornstalk debris.

Fusarium head blight first became a widespread problem for Michigan's wheat fields in 1996.

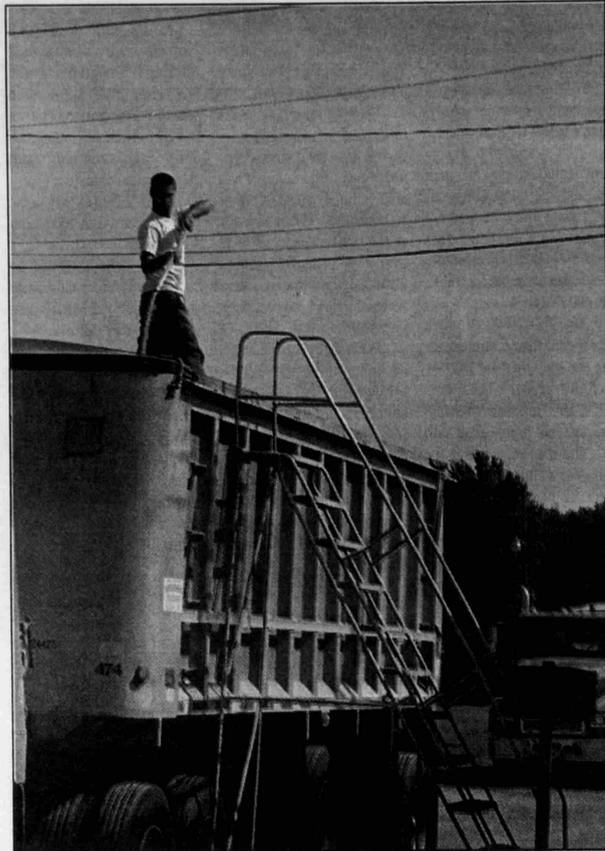
"In that year the cereal industry declared that it would not knowingly use any Michigan wheat in its products," Ward said.

Also in that year, King Milling accepted wheat up to nine parts per million vomitoxin. It was a mistake they learned from, which is why they set the threshold lower this year.

"That was the worst year and we took in more than we should have that year," Doyle said. "It took us three years to blend that off."

"We lost our shirts on that one."

Ward is working with an international research group to find a way to eliminate fusarium head blight. The group's web site is www.scabusa.org.



Jay MacDougall takes a test sample from a truckload of wheat before it unloads at King Milling. A lot of the wheat harvested in Michigan this year was too high in vomitoxin to be suitable for flour milling.

Local cooperative art show displays life in "dying" art form

By Dan Schneider

Printing is the new exhibit featured on the walls of two locations in and around Lowell.

This is the third cooperative summer show between the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Franciscan Life Process Center, and the first time either has undertaken an exclusively printmaking show. It's not something that happens that often, as printmaking is something that often falls through the cracks of collective art consciousness.

"Printmaking seems to be one of those dying art forms," said artist Lisa Price. "It's been around for so long but not a lot of people know a lot about it."

But enough artists are still doing it to have made a significant visual impact on the walls of the two art venues. This is how the prints are distributed: 30 at the Arts Council Gallery and 13 at the Life Process Center.

"It's not something that is normally featured," said John Knight, FLPC director of art residency programs. "They came out of the woodwork. These people are creating something that most people no longer do."

"It seems like with printmaking there has to be

some sort of skill that goes along with it, like a trade," artist Jenny Pope said. "You have to know how to make a print. Somebody has to teach you."

Pope made a series of eight prints last summer to sell in order to finance a study abroad trip to Tasmania. A print called "A Safer Place Of Rest" is in the show at the Arts Council. It's full of deep orange and green colors and composed of two animals that are part ostrich and part prehistoric fish.

"The subject is two different animals put together to make a different animal," Pope said. "I think it's fun to

create creatures that can't exist and even if they did exist, it would have to be by human doings or whatever."

Pope used a printmaking process called color reduction woodcut. It involves printing with a block that has first a rough idea of the final picture cut into it. The number of prints in the edition must be determined at this point, usually it's about 10, because the printer won't get another shot at printing that color.

More detail is cut into the block before printing the second layer. Some of the original shape is lost.

"You print your first

collagraph method involves pasting scraps onto a mat board, which becomes a printing plate after it is inked.

"You can use any type of scrap thing," Bowen said.

Bowen used Tarlittin cloth, usually used for wiping excess ink from printing plates. The resulting prints look strikingly like actual cloth. And Bowen achieved a



Jenny Pope's "A Safer Place Of Rest" was made using the color reduction woodcut method.



"She Chose To Fly," an etching on silk by Kolee Kellogg.

color, and whatever you want to stay that color you cut away," Price said. "You have to kind of think backwards in the process, much like a lot of other processes in printmaking. I find it very meditative."

Price did two color reduction prints, only she used linocut—cutting the block out of a material that's basically linoleum—instead of woodcut. Price's prints are of wildflowers, wisteria and lady slipper. The two prints are split between the venues.

Lee Bowen did a pair of collagraphs, in color and black and white. The color print is reminiscent of farm fields and textile roadways: golden fields and brownish cloth. The

wide range of colors—from rusty yellow to brown, using only two colors on the plate. Because the glued-scrap plates are somewhat too fragile to make several trips through a roller press, collagraphs are often printed in small editions.

Kolee Kellogg printed an etching called "She Chose to

"I made the first layer kind of see-through so that people can see there is something underneath that they can access," Kellogg explained.

The etchings were created using ferric acid to eat into a copper plate. This is done in such a way as to make some areas more deeply etched than others. The

deeper etchings hold more ink and result in darker shades of black.

The show includes a number of monoprints. These are made by manipulating ink or paint into shapes, pictures, etc. on a sheet of glass or plexiglass. Paper is put on the glass and pressure applied with a roller. The resulting image is one-of-a-kind, unlike most prints which are made in editions.

The show runs through Sept. 2 at both locations. There will be an artists' reception, also at both locations, on Sunday, Aug. 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Visitors to the exhibitions will have the opportunity to cast votes for people's choice awards.

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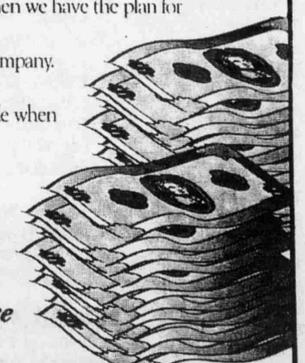
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SUNDAYS: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., ages 5-12 years. Call 897-8800.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

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

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

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

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac, Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Parenting issues, educational topics. Call 642-6466 for information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday and a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

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

THURS., AUG. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor activity room. Program: Lowell

Area Historical Museum. Hostesses: Donna Wilkinson, Treva Johnson, Barb Briggs.

THURS., AUG. 5: Summer concert features Truth in Jazz w/Ginny Dusseau, 7-9 p.m. on the Riverwalk.

THURS., AUG. 5: Lowell Youth football sign-ups at Burch Field, 6-8 p.m. Call 897-7896 with questions.

SAT., AUG. 7: Bicycle safety/rodeo at Bushnell Elementary, 10-2 p.m. Lowell Area Schools & Lowell Police Dept. event.

SAT., AUG. 14: Drawing for '04 Honda quad runner & trailer at fairgrounds during Kent County Youth Fair. Tickets \$5; available at businesses in town or call Ron Wenger 897-6050.

SAT., OCT. 30: Crafters are needed for the 3rd annual Family, Friends and Neighbors craft show at the new Grattan Academy High School campus in Greenville. Call Dianna 691-6504 with questions.

Kent County PDR program is awarded \$625,000 federal grant

Preserving Kent County prime farmland and distinctive rural character will be aided by a USDA Farm and Ranch Lands Protection program matching grant covering 50 percent of the cost to purchase the development rights of three area farms. In April 2004, the Board of Commissioners approved the Agricultural Preservation Board's application to the USDA for matching funds for the purchase of development rights on five properties recommended by Kent County's Agricultural Preservation Board. The USDA approved funding for three properties: the 64 acre Merriman farm in Lowell Township, the 156 acre Seif farm in Grattan Township and the 106 acre Howard farm in Vergennes Township. The total grant is \$625,275.

Through the generous support of several local foundations as well as Bowne and Grattan townships, 100 percent of the funding has been secured to complete the PDR transactions on these properties. However, participation in the program is still questionable for the Seif and Merriman properties as those landowners and the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board work

through concerns regarding appraisal amounts and property splits on those parcels. The county has until Sept. 30, 2009 to complete the transactions but hopes to schedule a closing on the Howard farm as soon as possible. The Kent County Purchase of Development Rights ordinance established a goal to preserve 25,000 acres of prime and unique farmland by 2013. In the 2003-'04 application cycle, 44 farms totaling over 5,300 acres from 11 townships applied to the Kent County PDR program. Kent County is also

working to hold another application cycle beginning in the fall. An informational forum for landowners interested in applying to the PDR program will be held in late August or early September 2004 in the evening at the Kent/MSU Extension office. Challenge grants from the Steelcase Foundation and Frey Foundation have been issued to support PDR in 2004-05. The Steelcase Foundation will match all donations from Kent County residents on a dollar per dollar basis up to \$200,000. The Frey Foundation's 2:1 challenge grant for up to \$200,000 toward PDR in

Kent County's Fruit Ridge townships: Alpine, Sparta and Tyrone is contingent on the Preservation Board's ability to secure two dollars from Fruit Ridge landowners or local units of government for every one dollar from the Frey Foundation. Individuals wishing to help meet the challenge grants may make a tax-deductible donation to the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Fund by making out a check payable to the Kent County Treasurer with a memo note "Farm-land Preservation" and mail to attention Kendra Wills,

staff person to the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board at Kent/MSU Extension, 775 Ball St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. PDR programs have preserved prime agricultural lands in 20 states. Kent County's PDR program, a permanent means for protecting land while compensating landowners for their development rights, was formalized through an ordinance passed in November 2002. If you have questions about the program, contact Wills at 336-3265.

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Come to Burch Field at the fairgrounds on Thursday, Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m. to sign up for Lowell Youth Football League. All new sign-ups must bring a copy of birth certificate. Questions call 897-7896.

LHS 10-YEAR REUNION

There will be a Lowell High School 10-year reunion at Larkin's The Other Place, 301 W. Main on Aug. 7. Buffet: 4 p.m.; DJ at 7 p.m. \$20 per adult in advance, \$10 kids 5-10. Call Shannon at 616-437-6329.

CLASS OF '79 REUNION

The Lowell High School class of 1979 will have their 25th reunion at Annaline'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.

L.I.V.E. CLASSES BEGINNING IN OCT.

Lowell Leadership is accepting names of individuals that would like to attend an eight-session program, receive exposure to community volunteer opportunities, community organizations, and improve leadership skills. Please call Liz Baker at 897-9161 or visit our website at www.lowellchamber.org to sign up or for information.

BICYCLE SAFETY/RODEO

Lowell Area Schools and Lowell Police Dept. will sponsor a bicycle safety/rodeo at Bushnell Elementary, Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

QUAD RAFFLE

The Kent County Youth Fair will raffle a 2004 Honda quad runner and trailer on Aug. 14 at the fairgrounds. Tickets (\$5) are available at Keiser's, LACC, Backwater Cafe, Ledger, Equine Medical, Blue Ribbon Feeds, TSC, ICNB.

Great Lakes Longbow Invitational next weekend

The Michigan Longbow Association (MLA) will be holding its second annual Great Lakes Longbow Invitational (GLLI) at Historic Charlton Park in Hastings the weekend of Aug. 13-15. The invitational is the world's largest longbow event and in its 20th year.

The GLLI is a weekend full of longbow shooting and archery vendors' displays as well as shooting events for all ages and skill levels.

If you are planning to shoot, this is a longbow and wooden arrow event, so leave your other bows at home. The

MLA believes in passing on the tradition of archery and has loaner equipment for kids and also allows children to shoot recurve bows. Plus, children 16 and under shoot for free. Camping is available; there is a \$5 per adult gate fee for the weekend.

The MLA website is michigan-longbow.org or call Ken Scollick at 248-634-0845. For park information call 269-945-3775 or visit www.charltonpark.org.

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Featured Artist Dan Rook

By Dan Schneider

Photography started for Dan Rook when he was a young kid and his mother gave



A photograph of Dan Rook photographing some Stargazer lilies. He does photography with his wife, Marie, who took this picture.

him an instamatic camera. He walked around shooting things with it. Then, for his 16th birthday, he got a Polaroid.

During the Vietnam War, he was in the U.S. Air Force and bought a 35mm camera. He shot the landscapes of Vietnam.

Now he does his photography with his wife, Marie.

"A lot of times we'll go some place with the intent of spending an afternoon/evening shooting," Rook said. "We do a lot of nature, landscapes, sunsets, floral, anything else that peaks our interest along the way."

Some of Rook's photographs from this past year are currently on display at Huntington Galleria, located at 414 E. Main Street. They are color photographs taken digitally; three are from around Lowell.

"We find that Lowell and the surrounding communities have a lot of unique beauty and things that are interesting

to bring the cameras out to," Rook said.

Another spot is Grand Haven where they shoot natural water and sunsets and man-made piers.

"I feel that water, it's very peaceful for one thing, and one of the things I like to convey in my photography is an image of serenity," Rook said.

One of his images is of a fisherman's boat at sunrise off Mission Point in the Grand Traverse Bay. Rook likes freezing time in moments like that, one of the handy aspects of cameras.

"Fifteen minutes after shooting that shot, that scene would have changed completely," Rook said. "It had to be then or not at all."

There's no fisherman visible in the fisherman's boat,

just the outboard motor. The fisherman might have been bent over unangling a line or something, but he's not in the picture.

"Generally, I like to shoot people-less," Rook said.

Yet a lot of his pictures feature man-made things juxtaposed with the natural scenery—the Grand Haven lighthouse and sunset, a main street Lowell streetlight and the moon, red and white bobbers tangled up on fishing line on a leafy tree branch.

"I'll try to convey how there is a sense that man can live, cohabitate, and complement the nature around him," Rook said.

Rook's photographs will be on display through Aug. 30.

LHS student participates in engineering workshop

Kristen S. McAlpine, a sophomore at Lowell High School, participated in the Women in Engineering workshop at Michigan Technological University.

The workshop provides high school freshman, sophomore and junior women who are talented in mathematics and science the opportunity to investigate careers in engineering and science.

Informational sessions and discussions were led by practicing women engineers from industry and the government, educators and university faculty. Each session includes a laboratory exercise, a team engineering project and time to interact with role models and talented peers.

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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



you create will own all of your assets at the time of your death. Consequently, you want to have a last will and testament to cover those assets that may still be titled in your name alone at the time of death. Typically, the last will and testament would name your trust as the beneficiary of your assets upon the completion of probate; in other words, upon the completion of probate, those assets that were probated would be distributed to your trust, which assets would then be distributed pursuant to the terms of your trust.

DEAR JONATHAN: Some time ago I read an article on living trusts and I remember it saying that if one prepares a trust and fully funds that trust during lifetime, then at death no probate will be required of that person's estate. I know that last will and testaments are only involved when one has a probate estate. My question: If I prepare a living trust and transfer all my assets to that trust, why would I need a will?

JONATHAN SAYS: You are correct that if at the time of your death all of your assets have been transferred to a trust you created during your lifetime, then no probate of your estate will be required because you did not die leaving any assets in your name alone. However, what would happen if you died prior to fully funding your trust, or you acquire new assets after you have created your trust and you forget to place them in the name of your trust? Since you cannot predict when you are going to die, you really can't say with any degree of certainty that any trust

DEAR JONATHAN: I am a widow with four adult children. Since my husband and I never got around to making our last will and testaments while he was alive, I think it is about time that I put one together. I am also thinking about preparing a living trust. My dilemma is how to treat my children. They will be the beneficiaries of all my assets, but I want to treat them differently - some are more well off than the others, so they need less, and some are more mature than others and would be able to handle an outright distribution, where certain others would blow their inheritance right away. Can I treat my children differently, or do I have to treat them all the same? If I had a small estate, I wouldn't care so much, but my husband left me well taken care of and they will each inherit a substantial amount of money.

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes, you can treat your children differently based on their needs and maturity levels. If you decide to treat your children differently, however, I recommend that you tell them what you are going to do so that they are not surprised at the time of your death. By communicating with your children now, you could possibly avoid hard feelings and strained relations among your children later on.

As far as how to go about making distributions to your children, you could make some of the distributions outright, some of the distributions could be made in trust on a child's behalf, or you could do a combination thereof. You can be as creative as you want to be and there are many different dispositive schemes you might want to consider.

Also, regarding outright distributions of cash, it would make more sense to define the distribution as a percentage as opposed to a cash amount to better accommodate fluctuations in the size of your estate.

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Is it really crabgrass?

Crabgrass is one of the most prevalent grassy weeds in Michigan lawns. But every weedy grass isn't crabgrass, and the same control approaches don't work for all of them.

Knowing when crabgrass is likely to be present is key in proper identification and control. Homeowners often complain about crabgrass in lawns in April and May, but what they're usually seeing is tall fescue, nimblewill or quackgrass. Crabgrass grows from seed each year, and germination doesn't usually begin until the soil warms to 62 degrees F. usually in mid-to-late May, well after forsythia blossoms have dropped.

Chemical control for

crabgrass involves the use of pre-emergence herbicides - weed killers that affect seedlings before they push through the soil. If they're properly timed, they can be very effective against crabgrass. They are not at all effective, however, against established plants.

The appearance of crabgrass in a lawn may indicate some underlying problems with the growing conditions there.

Open and weak turfgrass areas are prone to crabgrass infestations because of higher soil temperatures, which enhance germination. So the best defense against weed invasion, especially by annual weeds such as crabgrass, is a dense, healthy turfgrass

stand. A thick turf canopy shades the soil and reduces the number of seedlings that can get established.

Proper mowing is also key. Setting the mower blades at a height of 2.5 to 3 inches and mowing frequently enough that you remove no more than one third of the grass blades at a time. Scalping - cutting the grass close to the soil - weakens the grass plants and reduces their ability to compete with weedy species. Good mowing combined with judicious fertilization will increase turfgrass vigor and thicken the lawn, and make it difficult for weeds to get a foothold.

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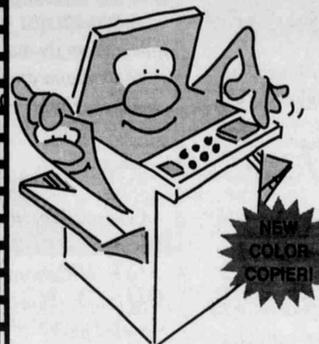
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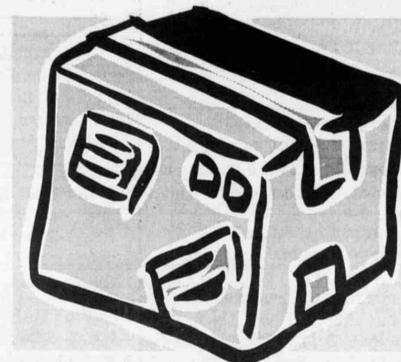


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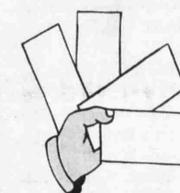
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5877 Goodmote Rd., Lake Odessa, Aug. 5 & 6, Thurs. & Fri., 7 - 5 p.m. Everything must go. Cascade Rd. E. to Nash Rd., S. 1 mile to Portland Rd., E. to Jackson, S. 1 mile to Goodmote (corner of golf course).

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Thurs., Aug. 5, 9 to 5 p.m. 10763 Grand River Dr. (near Kissing Rock Rd.)

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GARAGE SALE
Sat., Aug. 7th, 9-5 p.m., 525 Wildview Pvt. (off Vergennes, west of high school). Barbies, girls bike, little girls toys, black plastic truck tool box, antique stove, books, misc. household.

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Did someone do the RIGHT thing for a change!



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Racial diversity training needs to begin at home. Most parents we know need the training worse than the kids. Set the example of today, not 50 years ago. (I'm as white as they come)

To the idiot in the green Explorer. Your response validates the claim. Turn the radio up! Beltone and the Lowell Police are looking for you.

Hey jerk in the green Explorer - I too have a green Explorer with a large system. After reading the complaint about the loud music, I now turn mine down when I'm in the city. Why don't you do the same?

To the person who put the Kia comment in... You do realize that Kias are "Korean" owned and made cars.

I apologize for the news report about race at Lowell from WOOD TV 8 on 7/26. It goes to show that the media REALLY does twist around some facts from interviews.

A big thanks to Bob Ford for all of the spectacular umping that you do on Monday nights! You are truly the WHOLE PACKAGE Bob! Keep up the good work!

We love hearing from you but remember "Be brief."

When calling Sound Off PLEASE keep your comment to one or two sentences. Extremely long remarks are either severely edited or cut out entirely.

I was not the only one irritated by this show of disrespect!

I wish something would be done about the skateboarders at the Methodist church, they fly out in the road and one of these times someone will get hurt.

A suggestion: Why don't Lowell turn part of Richards Park into a skateboard park? It would give them a safer place to go and there is plenty of room there.

Why can't the city repave Gee Drive? There are about 100 patches on it that come out weekly.

I think people should change the answer on their answering machines more often. Not you guys at Sound Off - but other people out there.

I'm calling about a local resident that was attacked near Center Court apartments. We were not warned and haven't read anything about it.

Businesses in town that advertise particular hours should be open those hours. Many times a certain business was closed when their ad says they should be open.

The police should walk or ride bikes around the neighborhoods once in awhile and ticket the owners of barking dogs.

The westbound lane in front of Rite Aid is NOT a right turn only lane. It is NOT marked, neither on the road nor with a sign. But I agree, no one should be speeding.

The Softee Creme flower garden is beautiful!

It's about time something is being done about cars with loud music. When I'm sitting in my living room, I shouldn't "feel" someone's music from a passing car.

Please be aware that the Buyers Guide is dated for Monday. It can be delivered anytime over the weekend as long as you have it by Monday morning.

Loud music is disrespectful! I was at a funeral a few weeks back & someone with loud music drove by. The bass rumbled my seat!

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EVENTS
10-YEAR REUNION - Lowell High School Class of 1994, Sat., Aug. 7 at The Other Place, Main St. in Lowell. Buffet dinner beginning at 4 p.m. DJ at 7 p.m. \$20 per adult in advance, \$10 kids ages 5-10. Call Shannon at 616-437-6329 to RSVP or request more information. It's not too late!

EVENTS
KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR RAFFLE - You could win a 2004 Honda ATV w/ trailer. Drawing Sat., Aug. 14 at the Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$5 each (only 4,000 to be sold). Need not be present to win. Winner is responsible for all taxes & license fees. Buy your tickets at the Buyers Guide office, 105 N. Broadway.

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

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

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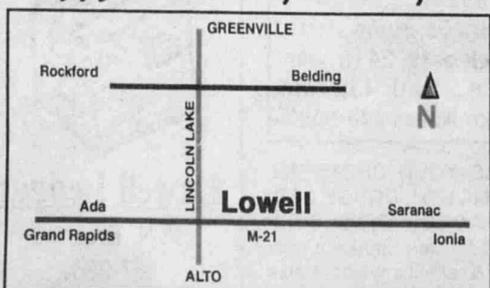
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