

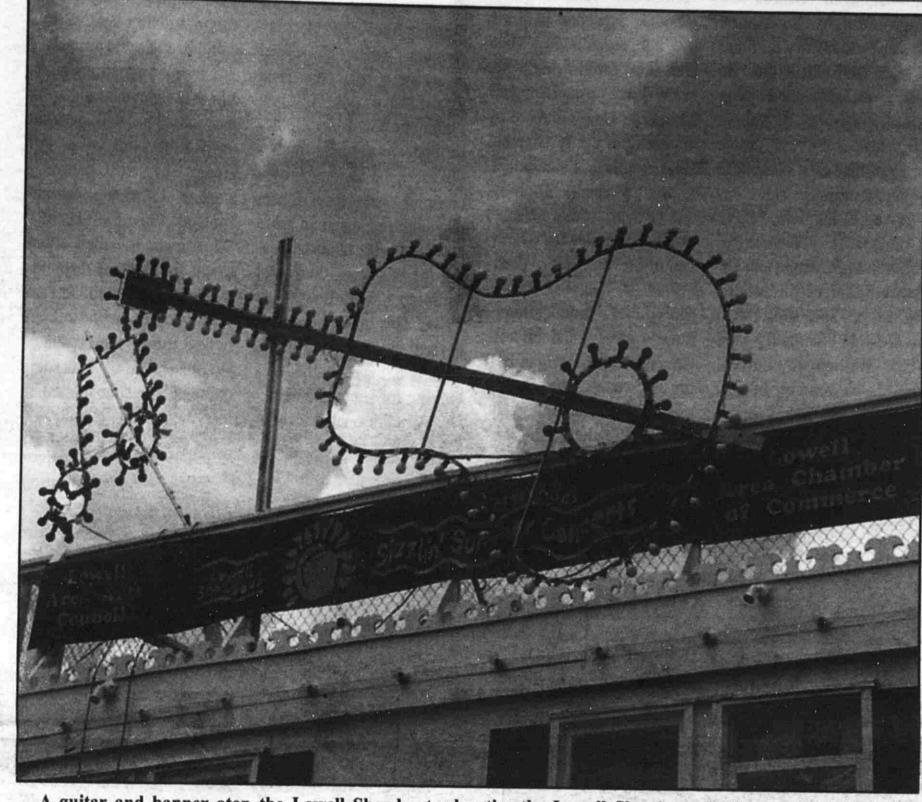
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Music on board for "sizzlin" summer concerts

By Dan Schneider

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The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts starts Thursday.

A lot of changes are coming this summer: there's a new stage, new acts, new nights and new business sponsors. What remains the same is the location (Riverwalk Plaza) and the time (7 p.m.).

New as well will be "Fourth Friday Rock Series" starting June 24 with "Smoody and Broken Sunday". Next month, July 22, "Vanishing Point" will play; "Ragnarokc and Jonesy" end the series on Aug. 26.

Another addition to the concert series is a Folk Festival on Saturday, Aug. 6. Hawks and Owls will start the event at 4 p.m. followed by Josh Rose, Blue

A guitar and banner atop the Lowell Showboat advertise the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, beginning Thursday.

Watching that speed on Main Street

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Police Department put its new speed board through its first paces last Thursday on Main Street.

"I think it worked very well," was police chief Jim Valentine's assessment of the new speed enforcement tool. "The studies that have been done on speed boards (say) you get a lot of voluntary compliance."

The speed board has a sign on top displaying the speed limit on whatever stretch of road it's placed, and a light-up display showing drivers' actual speeds. The unit is powered by batteries, with a solar panel on top as a secondary power source.

Thursday Last afternoon, the speed board was situated just east of the corner of Main Street and Riverside Drive, monitoring eastbound traffic. Most cars came through town in packs traveling at or below the speed limit. Solitary cars would occasionally come through above the speed limit.

A BMW going 35 mph

flash his speed in red. At the time, the board was set to flash red at anyone traveling more than five miles per hour above the speed limit. It normally displays numbers in yelloworange.

The police department is augmenting the speed board with squad cars.

"For those who want to ignore the speed sign, there will be traffic enforcement in place along with it," Valentine said. "People won't always know if there is just one radar going or if there is a second one that will write them a ticket."

The unit will be placed around town, with heavy emphasis on Main Street.

"We will bring it in on a regular basis on Main Street but we'll be using it throughout the city," Valentine said. "You don't want to overkill so they become complacent because they see it all the time."

The unit also collects traffic data. It counts cars, breaking down traffic volume by time. It also breaks down traffic speed by time, which will help police pinpoint the best times to send patrol cars to certain streets for speed enforcement.

Downtown Development Authority and the Lowell Area Community Fund paid for the speed board. The department bought a demonstrator unit, and were able to save enough money to upgrade the

cause problems, but we were able to upgrade everything," Valentine said.

The squad cars now have front and back radar antennae.

"Now we can monitor traffic in two different



radar systems in the patrol cars.

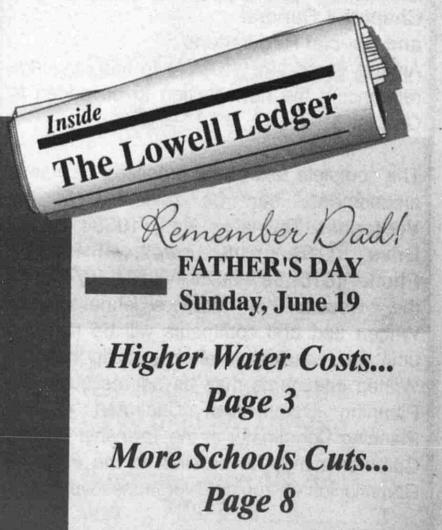
directions, and that's going to be an absolutely handy tool downtown," Valentine Dahlia and Fonn Mor.

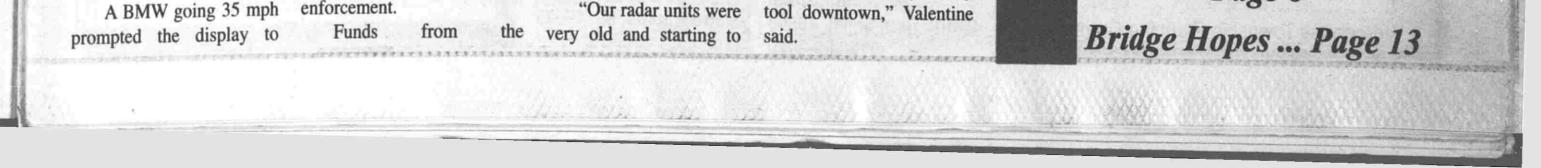
The new stage features a white roof that was manufactured in Indiana.

"I think it's going to be quite striking against the showboat," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker.

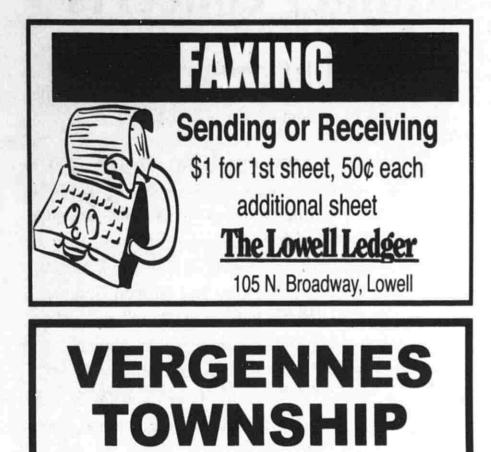
Another transformation to the Riverwalk will be several triangular signs displaying the names of sponsors.

"Because of the business sponsorships, we've increased the concerts this summer," Baker said. The Thursday night band schedule is: June 16, Great Lakes Band (Blues/Rock) June 23, Crossroads Blues Band June 30, River City Jazz Ensemble (Big Band) July 7, Root Doctor (Rythm and Blues July 14, Jim Cummings Band (Funk, Rhythm and Blues) July 21, Edye Evans Hyde with Roger MacNaughton Ensemble (Jazz Vocals) July 28, SeaCruisers ('50s Rock and Roll) Aug. 4, Java Jive (Swing Tunes) Aug. 11, Reggae Boyz--this show is at the Lowell Fairgrounds during the Kent County Youth Fair. Aug. 18, Sweet Willie and the Dixieland Stompers





DYKGRAAF Tuesday, June 7, 2005. He Harriet (Jim) Kuipers; sister- and grandchildren, and he was preceded in death by his in-law Nellie Dykgraaf; lived his life by example Larry (Myra) Dykgraaf of Memorial contributions may Alto, Paul (Diane) Dykgraaf be given to Crossroad Bible of Kentwood, Lorna (Doug) Institute. Schripsema of Seattle, WA;



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amend R-A District, Section 201.304 (B) (1); to further describe permitted uses for farm related buildings and property.

Amend R-A District, Section 201.304 (C) (10) to add a new section requiring a special exception use permit for free-standing farm buildings located on parcels not contiguous with property with a farm dwelling. There are conditions for minimum acreage and use restrictions.

Chapter 4 General

and Special Regulations

Amend Section 201.402 (A) to add language referencing the new section to be added t Chapter 3.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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birthday, June 4, 2005, of a kidney transplant nearly after a lengthy illness at 20 years ago. Those planning the University of Michigan expressions of sympathy are 15 grandchildren; nine Hospital. He was formerly asked to consider The Gift Lawrence Jacob Dykgraaf, great-grandchildren; brother of Rockford and presently of Life Organ Donation born January 6, 1925, went Everett Dykgraaf; sisters lived in Destin, FL. He was Program, 2203 Platt Rd. to be with his Lord on Caroline (Edwin) Fredricks, devoted to his wife, children Ann Arbor, MI 48104. oldest daughter, Carol Jean several nieces and nephews. with a strong moral and John Robert (Bob) "Smitty Entingh; brothers William The funeral service was ethical lifestyle. He was a Smith, aged 68 of Lowell, and Martin. Lawrence's held Friday at Providence graduate of the University went to be with his Lord, memory will be cherished by Christian Reformed Church of Michigan School of Wednesday, June 8, 2005. his wife of 59 years, Johanna; with Pastor Randy Ledeboer Engineering. Mr. Newcombe He was preceded in death children Judy (Rocky) officiating. Interment in was an avid history buff and by his parents Ray and Getting of Davenport, IA, Winchester Cemetery. a U of M football fan. He Gertrude Smith, his wife was a veteran of the Korean Iva, and granddaughter conflict serving in Japan. Christina. He is survived by Mr. Newcombe was active his children Cathy Ciganik organizations. survived by his wife Marye Ted (Robin) Smith, Michael (Comstock) Newcombe; Smith, Kathleen (Daryl) children Dr. Cynthia and Dr. Onan, Steven Smith; sister-Edward Marcus of Fishers, in-law Lucille (Stub) IN, Cherri and Tom Davis Melville; 11 grandchildren; of Lowell, Kimberly and three great-grandchildren. Mark Hartley of Lowell, He worked at Michigan Bell Paul J. Newcombe of FL; for 30 years. The funeral grandchildren Benjamin, Michael, Patrick, June 12, at the Roth-Gerst Matthew; sister Jeness Chapel, Lowell. Interment Fowler of Tucson, AZ. Alton Cemetery. Memorial Honoring Mr. Newcombe's contributions may be made request, cremation has taken to Hospice of Michigan. place and a memorial service

will be held at a later date Mr. Paul A. Newcombe Destin. Mr. Newcombe was passed away on his 75th one of the earlier recipients

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 05-179,685-DE

• LEGAL NOTICE •

Estate of DORIS M. WING, deceased

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DORIS M. WING, who lived at 1488 A. RIPSTRA, who lived Gridley N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49544 died 05/24/2005. **Creditors of the decedent** are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JUDY R. DOODY, named personal representative or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49503, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

06/08/2005

Craig Avery (P10311) 3875 West River Dr. **Comstock Park, MI** 49321 (616) 784-5080

> Judy R. Doody 627 - 79th Street 616-698-0420

COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 05-179.706-DE Estate of JOSEPH A. RIPSTRA, deceased Date of birth: 05/19/1926 Date of birth: 02/04/1920 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOSEPH at 4920 Webber Ct. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525 died 04/13/2005. **Creditors of the decedent** are notified that all claims

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against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JUDITH GRABLE, named E. personal representative or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 4880 Webber Ct. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Judith E. Grable 4880 Webber Ct. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49508 Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Bear sightings in Kent County

An additional bear sight-

Bear sightings are be- ing came into the dispatch a home. Because the sight-Sgt. James Loughrin ing was about six miles from was traveling on West River the Plainfield Township lo-Drive a week ago, Tuesday cation, officials believe this

In most situations when River Drive and Verta, in a bear is sighted by a citizen, Plainfield Township. He de- the situation will resolve scribed it as a young, smaller itself if the animal is left black bear, with some brown alone. They will naturally coloring to the face. A sec- attempt to evade human ond sighting came in from contact. When the Sheriff's a citizen who reported see- Department is called about ing the bear near the Hyser a bear sighting, the respond-Museum at 6440 West River ing deputy is sent to the area Drive. This information was to help make sure the animal passed along to the DNR is free from public contact. who had been in the area No one should try to corner, looking for signs of a bear. chase or "tree" the animal.

If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to. **Dorothy Parker**

Thank You oors, friends and relatives of Ida Elnora

we want to thank you for your visits, alls to her home, Pennock Hospital, n Health (Butterworth) Hospital Fender Care Nursing Home.

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called and Mercy Ambulance for from Tender Care to Butterworth tors and nurses at Pennock and

pitals and Tender Care Nursing Home a and staff at Koops Funeral Home for

ncern and care.

George Speas for the comforting words service and at the graveside service. the people who brought food to our home and to the luncheon after the service. And for the plants and flowers sent and brought to the funeral home.

To the ladies of the First Congregational Church Women's Fellowship for serving the luncheon.

We thank you all.

Betty Erickson and Family, Richard and Delores Hazel and Family, Lee Jr. and Roxie Hazel and Family, Roger and Diane Catt and Family, John and Terri Catt and Family, and Larry and Jean Catt

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Budget review has city considering increase in water & wastewater services

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell's wastewater and service rates are going to increase. The question is whether it will be the readiness-to-serve charge or will go up.

data collected by city staff, will make that decision at its serve charge. regular meeting, June 20 at City Hall.

city staff had recommended that the readiness-toserve charges for both water and wastewater be would pay less, he said. increased by a dollar. The increase to \$13.50 and the use a tremendous amount of

water service to \$20.75 water or wastewater, felt the Dave Austin, who works per month. Consumption proposed increase was fair. charges (wastewater - \$1.80 and water - \$1.68) were is unreasonable," Shores the increase but generally, proposed to stay the same.

supposed to vote on that it was an eight percent the matter, along with increase for water. Myers, if the city needs to conduct amendments to the service too, supported looking at an analysis on the rates for connections and a new fee increase in the consumption water and wastewaterthe consumption charge that structure, when several charge, since the readiness- similar to what Lowell council members raised to-serve increase primarily Cable Television just The Lowell City questions about increasing hit city residents and not did-to determine if the Council, after reviewing the consumption charge those in the townships. instead of the readiness-to-

felt it would be fairer to users to-serve charge was an city to complete the study During budget reviews, if the consumption charge were increased. Those who the revenue coming in. as it would give the city use more water would pay more; those who use less consumption charge, there is

Mayor Jeanne Shores, wasterwater charge would who indicated she didn't

"I don't feel a dollar "There is a drop at first from said, even after councilman consumption does return The council was Charles Myers pointed out back to normal," he said.

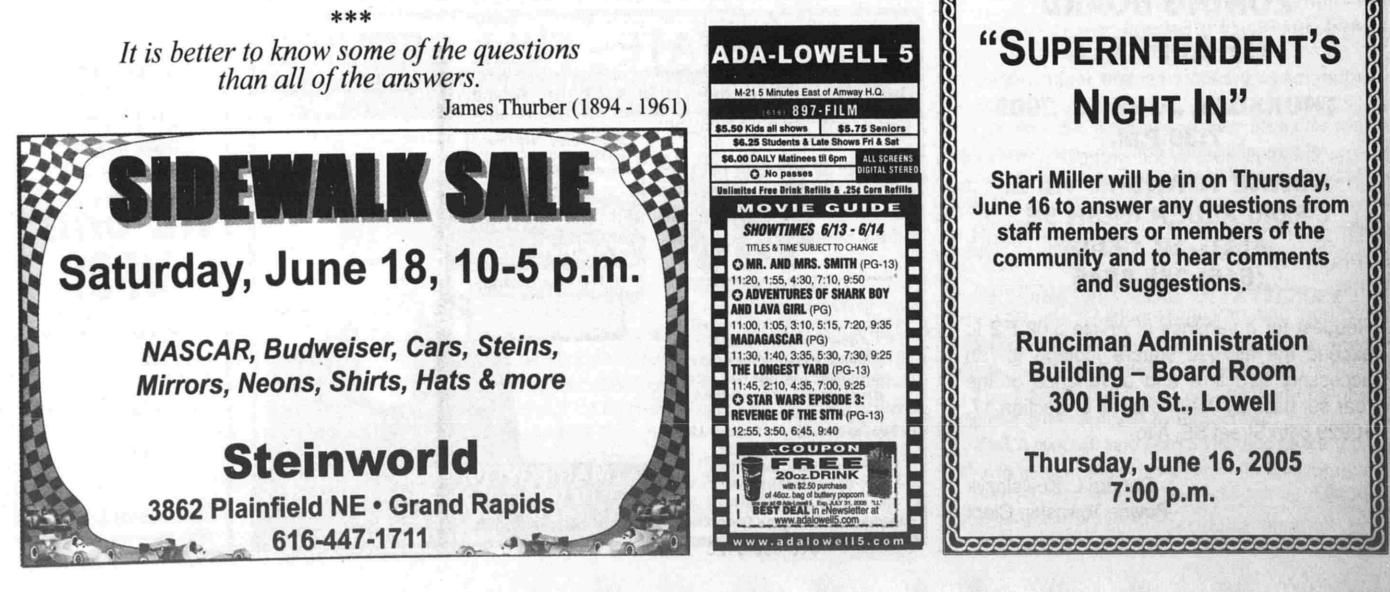
Treasurer Sue Olin said it needs to maintain and she had always been told that improve the system. He Councilman Jim Pfaller an increase in the readiness- strongly encouraged the easier way to determine before making an increase When cities increase the credibility for the increases. a good chance water usage bring back recommendations will go down, Olin said.

Not so, said city resident for the council to consider.

Golf outing raises over \$5,000 for charity



Organizers of the annual Rex Collins Memorial Golf Outing presented a check for \$5,500 to the Lowell High School Athletic Boosters at the club's June 6 meeting. Pictured, front row, left to right, are boosters' secretary Kim Hettinga, president Diane VanEck, and outing organizers Jody McMahon and Dode Collins; back row are LHS athletic director Barry Hobrla, boosters' treasurer Greg Foster and outing organizer Dick Cooper. In two years, the golf outing has raised a total of \$10,500 for the athletic boosters. This year's event took place May 17 at Boulder Creek Golf Club in Belmont; 76 golfers participated. The outing was established in memory of Rex Collins, who was a talented multi-sport athlete during his years at Lowell High School. A number of businesses sponsored holes and people donated gifts for the golf outing. "Without their contributions, it wouldn't have been the success that it was," Cooper said. The third annual outing is planned for mid-May of next year at Boulder Creek Golf Course. Anyone interested in participating can contact Cooper at 897-2741.



for Williams and Works. Austin said it sounds as city is getting the revenue City staff is expected to on consumption increases



LIFE WALK

Alpha Women's Center annual Life Walk th Saturday, June 18. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell. Contact 894-4488 or 897 5648 for more information.

COMMUNITY CPR

The Lowell branch YMCA will host a commun CPR class on Wednesday, June 22, 6-9:30 p.m. Call 897-8445 for details.

60TH REUNION

The LHS class of '45 will host a reunion on June 30 a 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Bring your memories.

LHS CLASS OF 2000

Please contact lhs_class_of_2000@yahoo.com. with your address for upcoming five-year reunion.

ADULT TENNIS

Adults interested in playing informal league tennis Monday and/or Wednesday 7-9 p.m. at the high school courts should call 676-2072. Also lessons are offered Tuesday 7-9 p.m.

LHS 69TH REUNION

Class of 1936 reunion at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd., on July 8 at 1 p.m. Bring own service/dish. RSVP to Pauline LaDue, 897-7136. Classes of 1929-1939 invited.

TOWN BAND FORMING

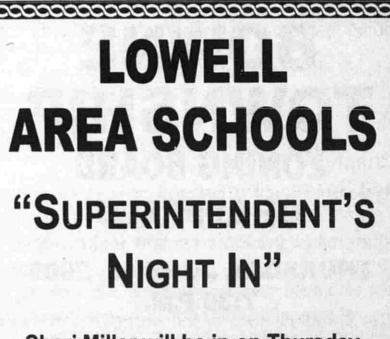
If you are interested in being part of a town band, please call 894-4667. For all ages; any musical ability welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. will sponsor a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center on Wednesday, July 6 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.



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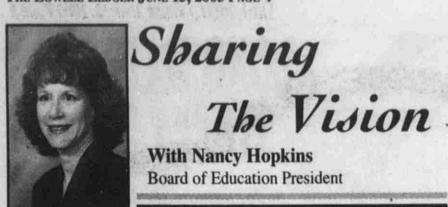


Shari Miller will be in on Thursday, June 16 to answer any questions from staff members or members of the community and to hear comments and suggestions.

> **Runciman Administration Building – Board Room** 300 High St., Lowell

Thursday, June 16, 2005 7:00 p.m.

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To our students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators and entire Lowell community - you've done it again! Thank you for another great year. The collective school year very successful.

with new challenges and changes. But at the same time, Education YES! much important and good work has been accomplished that



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

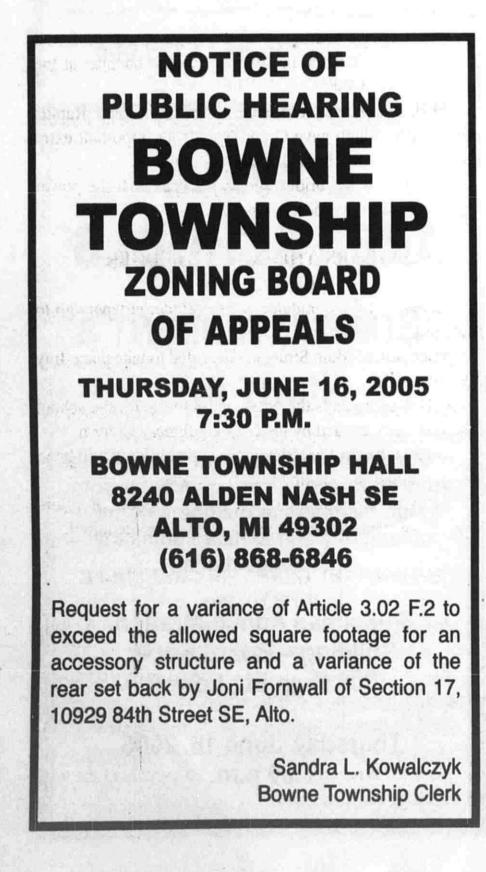
Recently there has been a flurry of activity surrounding the issue of introducing gray wolves into the Michigan ecosystem.

Wolves had all but disappeared from the Michigan landscape when, in 1992, a wolf recovery plan was implemented in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The plan was successful. The protected wolf population has grown to well over 300 animals in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The objective was to establish a sustainable population of 100 individuals in Michigan and Wisconsin for a period of five years. This goal has been reached, so the wolf could be removed from the threatened list which would allow the state to independently manage the animals.

Our wolves, however, were part of a larger plan making delisting a problem because wolves in other regions included in the original plan are not doing as well. There is some federal red tape to unravel, but the issue will eventually be resolved so we, in Michigan, can continue to share our state with a relatively new resident.

The wolves are doing so well that the population is steadily increasing. That would indicate they found the habitat suitable, so the limiting factor for the animals will probably be the tolerance of humans for living with a large predator.

The grizzly bear has had a similar experience in the west. Special protection provided for by the same Endangered Species Act allowed the bears to expand their range well beyond the national park system. Grizzlies feed on natural prey animals such as young deer and elk and also consume grasses, berries and other plants. When frost grips the high



benefits and improves our students' education experience. We've implemented changes, made difficult decisions and moved forward toward new opportunities that will serve have been added to make technology more accessible to everyone in the district - student, teacher, staff, parent and our students and teachers. The Arts are flourishing with resident.

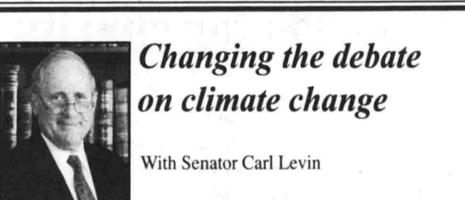
We are already experiencing the positive results of our school music curriculum. efforts. Our students' MEAP scores improved again this year and exceeded both state and county averages. Our curriculum has been analyzed with consistency in instruction and assessments as a focus area. We are implementing specific progress our students make as learners and as responsible interventions to assist students that find reading and/or math young citizens. effort of many groups of people has made the 2004-'05 challenging. A structure has been implemented to involve all teachers and administrators in school improvement with For some, this may have been an exhausting year filled plans updated to meet the needs of No Child Left Behind and believe that even more success is in our future.

Professional development has provided staff with boardofed @lowell schools.com.

country, the bears descend to lower elevations in search of vegetation which is often found around farms and ranches. A bear, like the wolf, will occasionally kill a calf or sheep if allowed the opportunity. The bear's long-term survival will that present serious problems can be removed by trapping depend on how people react to their presence.

predators like the bear and wolf. There will always be some risk when living and working around bears. The wolf poses little threat to humans, but can threaten livestock. A major technology driven world, wildlife is able to maintain problem with bears and wolves is the phobia humans have somewhat normal life cycles. These animals were here developed through fairy tales and campfire stories. Do you long before we were and can add a special dimension to emember Little Red Riding Hood?

Predation difficulties can be minimized by providing



For years, almost all scientists have agreed that human actions are causing temperatures around the world to increase. Experts also agree that this global warming will lead to environmental problems and economic hardship. But there has been no consensus in the United States about what we should do to stop climate change.

On one end of the spectrum is the Bush administration, which downplays the threat and only wants to pursue a few voluntary initiatives that are unlikely to work. At the other end are those who want the U.S. to reduce greenhouse gas emissions even at great economic costs and without similar reductions by some other key countries. The threat is real and growing, and the longer we wait to reach a reasonable consensus, the more painful the solutions will be.

I believe two major policy changes are needed at the federal level: support for a new, binding international treaty that includes all countries, and a massive new federal investment in research, development and commercialization of new technologies. Both of these steps would provide real environmental and economic benefits while being fair to American workers.

First, we must address climate change on an international basis. It doesn't help the environment to push down greenhouse gas emissions in one country only to have them pop up in others. The goal is to lower emissions overall.

The United States, however, has become allergic to international treaties. The Kyoto Protocol, the leading

international agreement on climate change, does have significant problems, but the United States should have worked to improve it instead of pulling out altogether. We need to be a part of an effective international treaty on climate change that binds all countries so there is no incentive to move jobs and emissions from a country with high environmental standards to one with low environmental standards.

Second, to develop leap-ahead technologies we need a massive infusion of resources and a level of leadership from the federal government similar to the effort that put a man on the moon. We need our own "moon shot" to develop alternatives to oil and to make more efficient use of all forms of energy. We need a new commitment on the part of the federal government to develop advanced hybrid electric and fuel cell vehicles and technologies using renewable energy sources in conjunction with private industry and academia in an effort that is significantly larger than anything on the drawing boards.

Federal government investment is also essential to push the market toward greater use and acceptance of advanced technologies. For example, expanding the requirements for the federal government to purchase advanced technology vehicles will help provide a market for advanced technologies.

We also must have far greater tax incentives for advanced technologies than have been proposed by the Bush administration or included in either the House or Senate energy bills. There are several other wellintentioned proposals on climate change, but I believe they would take us in the wrong direction.

One prominent effort is the Climate Stewardship Act, which would take a unilateral approach to a problem that can only be solved globally. Its effect would be the loss



additional tools in literacy, bully prevention and appreciating diversity. Labs and computer work stations the addition of orchestra and a more comprehensive high

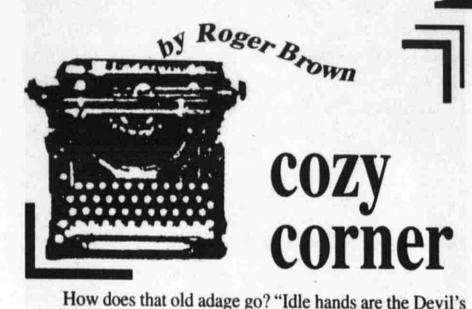
With the support of many staff, parents and community members, these efforts have worked. We're doing a lot of things right, and that will continue to be reflected in the

The Board of Education is proud to recognize all of the people who have helped create this success and we Comments may be made to the Board of Education at

special protection for young livestock. There are funds available to cover the monetary loss of farm animals due to wolf and grizzly bear predation. Once delisted, animals or killing under special regulations. Proper storage of food We must be educated about how to live with large and trash that attract the animals will help to minimize close human contact.

It is remarkable that although we live in a fast-paced our lives if we can learn how to live with them.

Changing the debate, cont'd., pg. 17



workshop." Or is it idle minds and a Devil's playground? Whatever... you still get the idea. We've all heard a variant of that dogma at least once in our lives. Some of us heard it a lot more than others.

Over the past couple months the Brown family has come together in an effort to help our mother and grandmother in her battle with cancer. The jury is still out on whether all this togetherness is a good thing. It is my conviction that dysfunctional is today's "normal" when it comes to families. If that is true, we are exceptionally normal. As one of my nieces said the other day, "We put the FUN in dysfunctional." the opinions seem to be split pretty evenly. So far we're operating pretty well together.

With all my mother's treatment appointments and her need for constant care at home, the family has pitched together in an all-out effort to see her through this thing. That is especially true for me and my siblings. Of those, the one I see the most is my next youngest brother Eddie. He and I cab issue. have spent a lot of time together over the past few weeks. Sometimes there is not much to do except watch mom doze. Which brings us back to the idle hands thing.

During one of these down times, Ed mentioned that he was thinking of selling his 1928 Ford Model A pickup. When I asked why, he said he was sick of looking at the thing taking up space in his garage. He went on to say he was reluctant to pull the trigger on actually selling it because of sentimental reasons. He and our late father completed the Model A's restoration as a joint effort. I could understand the dilemma.

Just to make conversation, I mentioned that I needed to peddle my antique Harley Davidson. It is a restored 1965 Electraglide. I have some sentimental attachment to the old bike as well, but only because I shepherded it through the restoration process. When he asked me why I wanted to sell it, I told him I was sick of looking at the thing taking up space in my garage.

One of us joked that we should just swap titles. For no good reason that I can comprehend, the idea actually grew legs. We continued to joke around about such a swap by

setting up conditions and parameters for a deal. One of those conditions was that we had to make the deal at my mother's house in Saranac. That would require we each get our respective clunker running good enough to make the eight or ten mile trip. Sounds easy, but you have to consider that we're talkin' two vehicles with a combined age of 117 years.

One day last week, I was at my mother's house. We had returned from her daily radiation and chemotherapy treatment. She was snoozing on the couch and I was doing a crossword. I heard a putt-putt-putt coming down the driveway and the sound of an "oooogahh" horn. Oh Oh! Eddie had made good on his part of the bargain.

His wife had followed him in case of a breakdown. He had carried extra water because of a faulty water pump. But there she sat in my mom's driveway, a green and black Model A pickup. I have to admit, it is a pretty thing.

That night I rose to the challenge and hooked the Harley up to a battery charger. The next morning I got it fired up and rumbled off to Saranac. I roared into the driveway and parked it in the garage next to the old Ford. They sat there together for several days. Everyone who stopped by had an opinion of who is getting the better end of this deal. The good thing is,

The editor suggests that Lowell should have a cannon, We spent last Saturday morning putting a new water and asks who will pass the hat. pump on the Model A. I drove it home that evening, but Another census enumerator, R. Hunter Jr., has been still experienced an overheating problem. Also, the steering added, now that Lowell has two districts. needs help, the brakes are weak and I find that I am extremely cramped in the cab. Eddie and I had talked about the small The marshal will impound all horses and cattle found wandering in the village at night.

The rear of the log drive has passed; 100 million feet of Our dad had a 1930 Model A pickup when we were kids. pine, including some logs four to five feet wide at the butt. We drove it all the time. Eddie said he didn't remember the The Lowell Cornet Band is the best-drilled band in cab on that one being so small. I asked him if he had tried on Michigan and has the trophy to prove it. his high school varsity jacket lately.

Eddie relieved me at my mom's on Sunday afternoon. **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** He had his wife drive him there, and he planned to ride the old Harley home. Even on that short trip I'm sure he found JUNE 15, 1905 that the generator isn't working, the brakes are soft and it Photographs show the Main Street damage from last shakes the rider exactly like a forty-year-old motorcycle is week's flood. designed to do. My guess is he too thinks there should be a The annual alumni banquet is called off, due to the flood mechanic involved in this deal somewhere. Goodness knows and smallpox in Grand Rapids neither one of us are so inclined. Common Council plans a bond issue of \$12,000 to

It has taken the swap several weeks to evolve this far. We actually exchanged titles yesterday. Despite the Bridge streets last week, to be voted on June 26. little mechanical problems, it appears to be a done deal. It The editor reminds residents to do a thorough cleaning/ is probably best if neither of us has too much idle time to disinfecting/whitewashing of their flooded premises. dwell on the wisdom of this trade. I think we'd find there Farmers report considerable crop damage from the just isn't a whole lotta wisdom there. Yup, we put the FUN severe rains. in dysfunctional.

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

At this time of year, teachers often feel tired and unappreciated. But recently the community of Lowell pulled together to make the first annual perennial fundraiser for the teachers an enormous success.

Over a three-day period, nearly \$1,000 was raised for the "Teachers' Classroom Fund" by selling donated plants. What is especially remarkable about this is that the plants ranged from 50 cents to a few in the \$3 range.

We appreciate the school staff, parents of students, the city of Lowell, F.R.O.M. and local businesses, and all those who donated plants and their time to make this happen. We are also grateful to the many, many plant lovers who bought the plants and the folks who have already signed up to donate plants for next year's sale.

Teachers of Lowell, you may still be tired, but know that you are really appreciated!

Karen Waid

Dear Editor,

In terms of social evolution, "Howard farm permanently preserved ..." should have been at the top of the page in the issue of the 8th. This enrollment in the Purchase of Development Rights program in Vergennes was deemed so important that faraway Bowne Township got involved. My Even though the American Way of Growth comes clothed in subversive instincts say/, What the hay/let the AmericanWay/ of [Growth] devour the smiling countryside. The twentysecond century can then expend a lot of scholarship and poetry in mourning, stuff of Wagnerian epic. On the other hand ...

Congressman Ehlers properly was in attendance given

the Federal participation which has its roots in the New Recently retired druggist Will Winegar and editor Frank Deal. On the cool, cloudy morning, he quickly shed suit coat Johnson are honored at the Board of Trade banquet at the and rolled up his sleeves. I suspected he was going to start Morrison Lake Club. pitching the hay bales, then remembered that contemporary M.B. McPherson challenges the East Grand Rapids American politicians like appearing that way. Ike and census tally, which gave Grand Rapids an important extra Kennedy would not be caught dead. The real work, however, vote on the County Board, on several counts. was done by the bureaucrat Carla Gregory photographed The new, wider bridge and approaches near the power with coat on. house at the dam are nearly finished.

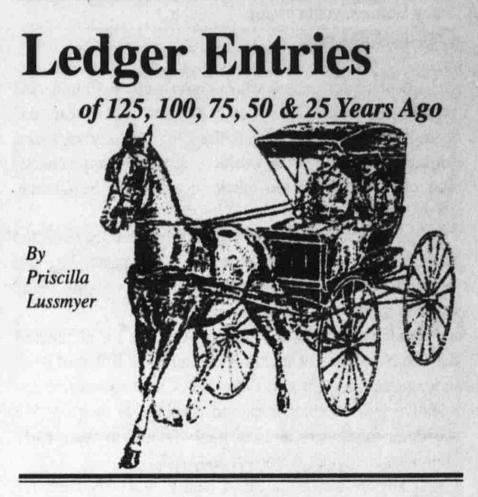
According to my sources, Commissioner Horton received too little congratulation in the article. This first for **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** Kent County happened on his patch and apparently swam **JUNE 16, 1955** politically upstream. There has been a blizzard of interest in Seventy seniors graduate and 77 kindergarteners go to the program. Conservationist Gregory said 78 applications first grade. have been received in approximately two years (73 in the Widening of Main Street is scheduled to take place July article), and in an enterprise where so little county money is 1 to August 15. required, the Howard farm is the first.

C.H. Runciman is the only person to file for the school In Stalin's day they were called "wreckers." The board vacancy created by his expiring three-year term. P.D.R. program is not popular with the present Board of None of the Arthur Schneiders' eight children will be in Commissioners and the invisible hand of the Homebuilders' school this fall, for the first time in 33 years. Association is barely visible. Every politician enjoys saying Auto manufacturers cut back on the number of colors his jurisdiction is on board with bells on. It looks good in available on new models - too much inventory required. print. Then there are two traditional ways of spiking an initiative whilst pretending to support it: a) gut funding, 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER b) sand bag with opponents. I was shocked (?) to hear JUNE 11, 1980 the business-husband of a prominent State official was a The Michigan Sheriff's Posse will come to Lowell considerable force in obstructing Kent County's P.D.R. Saturday for the 18th annual Pony Express Day. Where are those "moral values" I hear too much about?

The Chamber of Commerce billboard has been completed in time for the Pony Express Day. laissez-faire, in fact it requires pots of public money either YMCA pool will have Open Swim from noon to 5 p.m. up front or in subsequent quivering slabs. This farmland Friday, in honor of school being out for the summer. preservation is important for "our children," yes, yes, but State Aid is reduced by \$54,000, 1.1 percent of the total is also fiscal prudence for about three and a half levels of school budget for next year. government. and a second state of the second



G.M. Ross, Lowell Twp.



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repair/replace the three bridges washed out on Main and

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 12, 1930

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Stacy Holmes, youth pastor Christian Life Center

"A place for people who've given up on Church, but not necessarily on God." I recently heard that slogan, and it grieved my heart. Why is the Church today seen as a stigma, something to be avoided, instead of appreciated? Too often we're far too quick to trash-talk the Church, especially Christians.

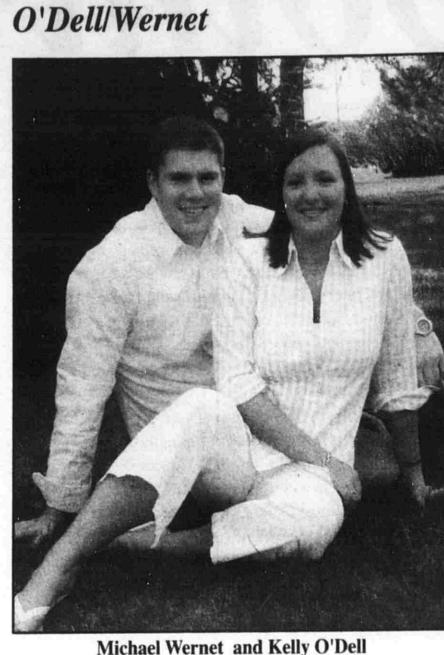
There are plenty of reasons why people feel disconnected from their local church. Even being a young pastor, I've still heard just about every possible scenario for why the whole "church thing" just doesn't work.

Studying through the book of Acts, we see pictures of the first New Testament churches. Luke, the author of Acts, hides nothing. We watch these new Christians expose the negative junk in their lives and continue to develop. We see Paul, missionary and spiritual "father" to these early churches, gently teach, correct and guide.

If anyone had a reason to hate church, it's Paul. He saw everything from adultery to witchcraft, betrayal to beatings. This man should never have walked through the doors of another church, and yet, catch a glimpse of Paul's perspective in Acts 14:26. "From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed."

Why is that important? Paul's ministry spanned three missionary journeys; each one launched from Antioch. Or rather I should say, each journey launched from the church in Antioch, Paul's home base. No matter how bad things got or how frustrated Paul became, he always went back to his home base. Just like the children's game of "Tag, you're it," there's always a home base to find refuge, rest and safety.

those most committed; they've seen the good, bad and ugly. We start to point fingers and grumble when we step away from home base. Whatever your frustrations may be with the Church today, choose to be as Paul, who stayed committed to his home base, the Church. After all, if Christ loves the Church, shouldn't we?



Don and Judy O'Dell and Tom and Laurie Wernet, all of Lowell, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kelly Lynn and Michael John.

The bride-to-be is a

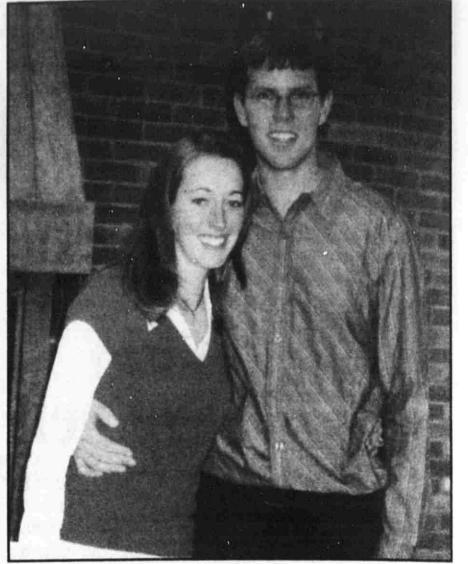
State University. The groom-elect is also a graduate of Lowell High School and Aquinas

School and Grand Valley

College. The couple is planning

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Announcing their plans Stevens of Mt. Pleasant for a July 23, 2005 wedding at and Jim Newman of Carson St. Patrick Church in Parnell City. are Amorena Newman and The future groom graduated from Lowell Michael Wojciakowski, both High School and Aquinas

of Grand Rapids. uated from Carson City a cross country and track High School and Kendall coach at Aquinas College College of Art and Design. and concessions manager She is currently employed at VanAndel Arena. He is as an interior designer at the son of Ed and Sally Integrated Architecture. She Wojciakowski of Lowell. is the daughter of Shelley

June 22 at 6:30 p.m. Edwards' "Like Water Drumworks."

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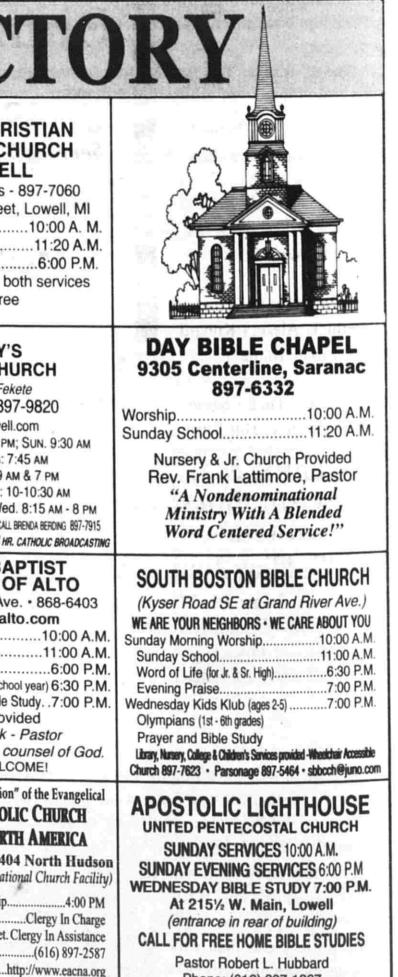
Amorena Newman and Michael Wojciakowski

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WEST AFRICAN DRUM AND DANCE

Ryan Edwards will share the fine art of West African drum and dance at the Englehardt Library on Wednesday,

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Country Sonata: a fresh bouquet of music, art and edibles

In celebration of event will offer guests a the summer solstice, the chance to stroll the center Franciscan Life Process and explore five stations at Center and St. Cecilia Music various locations. Society are partnering for an evening of music, art Kathleen Asselta, and Roger and culinary delights. The and Susan Griffioen, the benefit, sponsored by Wege evening will include taste as pottery and watercolor, to Foundation, will take place treats from fresh bread with on Saturday, June 18, at strawberry jam and salads to the Franciscan Life Process pinwheel veggie wraps and Center, 11650 Downes St.

The 5-8 p.m. outdoor

Hosted by Tony and sugared bundt cakes.

The main food attraction and violin are just several will be a pig roast.

Artisanswillbescattered throughout the center's grounds. Crafts include spinning and quilting as well name a few.

Music will also be offered at each of the five stations: bluegrass and American colonial, bagpipes

Sterzick joins American Angus Association

Kirk Sterzick, of cattle registry association in and mate the best animals in Lowell, is a new member the world. Its computerized their herds to produce high of the American Angus records include detailed quality, efficient breeding Association, reports John information on more than cattle which are then Crouch, executive vice 14 million registered Angus. recorded with the American president of the national The association records breed registry organization ancestral information and in St. Joseph, Mo.

Association, with more than members. These permanent high quality beef for U.S. 34,000 active adult and junior records help members select consumption. members, is the largest beef

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Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise

Individual tickets are available for a \$25 weaving, basket making, contribution. Couple

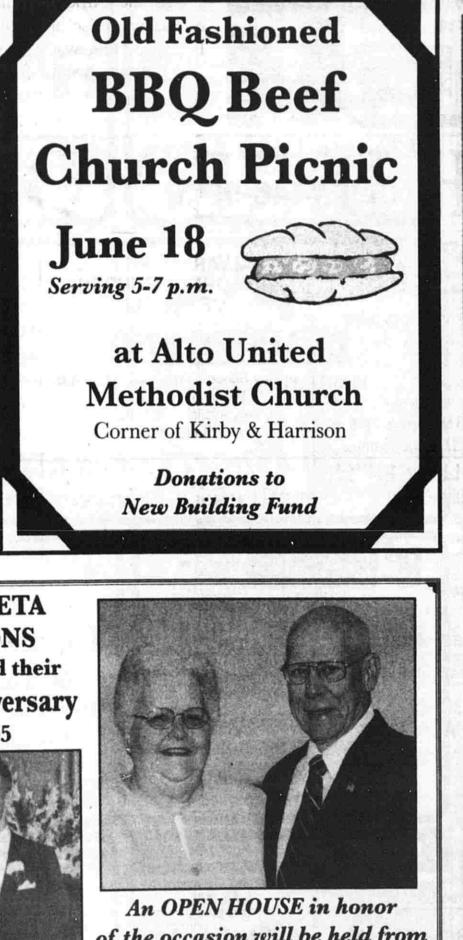
presented.



Aaron Sterling was the recipient of this year's Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 William J. Nowak Scout of the Year Award. The award was established in 1984 in honor of Nowak, who died that year after 19 years as the troop's scoutmaster. It recognizes scouts for regularly attending meetings and outdoor activities, displaying scout spirit in the community, and advancing a rank during the course of the year. "It's recognizing him as being a good scout, a leader in the troop, performing above and beyond what normal boy scouts do," said troop committee chairman Dirk Ritzema. "He was very active in the leadership all year."

IUNE 22: Michael Korte, Byron Pat Brenk, Jim

left) and Ritzema.



of the occasion will be held from 2-4:30 PM on SUNDAY, JUNE 26 at Lowell United Methodist Church for family and friends (no gifts, please).

Clark & Greta's children are Dave & Angie Young, Brian & Cheryl Doyle, Mike & Merlene Baker, Jeff & Kristin Parsons and Mark & armen Reynolds, They have 17 grandchildren & two great-grandchildren.

JUNE 16: Roger Raymor, Heather Brown, Jimmy Francis I, Ken Stager III. Michael Pretzel, Orin Brown, Sean Briggs. Comdure, Jean Bishop Mike Kenney.

JUNE 17: Marjorie Potter, Cody Kastanek, Tricia McGovern, Cyndi Dalga, Louise Ryder, Doug Green, Logan Wilcox, David Ryder.

JUNE 18: Marcia Baird, Jessica Vezino, Lindsay Anderson, Whitney Patnode, Nancy Jane Kunard, Elizabeth Mol.

JUNE 19: Matt Stone. Randy Ossewaarde.

JUNE 20: Fritz Ball, Gladys Metternick, Aleacia Kunard Owen, Monte Knapp.

JUNE 21: Thad Kraus, Dennis McClure, Bill Burtt,

CLARK & GRETA (NASH) PARSONS of Lowell celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 14, 2005



of the differing music to be

dinner items and Proceeds benefit various all tickets, call St. Cecilia FLPC and SCMS.

and family tickets (up to Music Society at 459-2224 four individuals) are \$50. or Franciscan Life Process The ticket price includes Center at 897-7842.

entertainment. To purchase music and art programs of

Scout of the Year

Sterling earned his Eagle Scout rank this year and served as assistant senior patrol leader. Pictured is Sterling with Troop 102 scoutmaster Tim VanderWulp



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School board approves \$1.4 million in budget cuts for 2005-2006

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education approved a slate of budget cuts totaling more than \$1.4 million at its Monday meeting.

several programs in which it will make cuts for the 2005-2006 school year. In most cases, it has not yet been determined what changes will be made to individual programs in order to achieve board secretary Pat Nugent projected savings.

For instance, the budget includes of cuts to the Wittenbach Center, but the district hasn't decided how those cuts will be made.

totally determined at this LAS assistant point," superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette said. "But we are incorporating that as part of our budget cuts."

The budget is still subject to changes. Some The district identified factors are unknown at this point, such as the state funding picture and student count for the 2005-2006 school year.

> be amending it in the fall," said. "This budget is going to be a document that we're more times this year."

Included in the cuts

the early retirement.

The district plans to align staffing for student numbers. During public comments at the end of the board meeting, Kelly Taylor spoke in opposition of any staffing changes that would result in larger class sizes.

"My husband and I have talked about going to different districts and the thing that keeps bringing "I know we're going to us back is the class sizes," Taylor said.

> Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller

teachers took advantage of students to Murray Lake the WINGS program, said district will save money on Elementary.

The budget decision that drew the most criticism from parents at Monday's meeting today because you all made was the restructuring of a very impersonal decision the WINGS program. LAS about something that is very assistant superintendent for personal to me," she said. curriculum and instruction "This is too drastic." Mark Kasmer said plans to give was not singling out WINGS of district teachers additional training establish differentiation to within classes.

Parents worried that such a system wouldn't

she thought the district made a rash decision.

Miller said the district students.

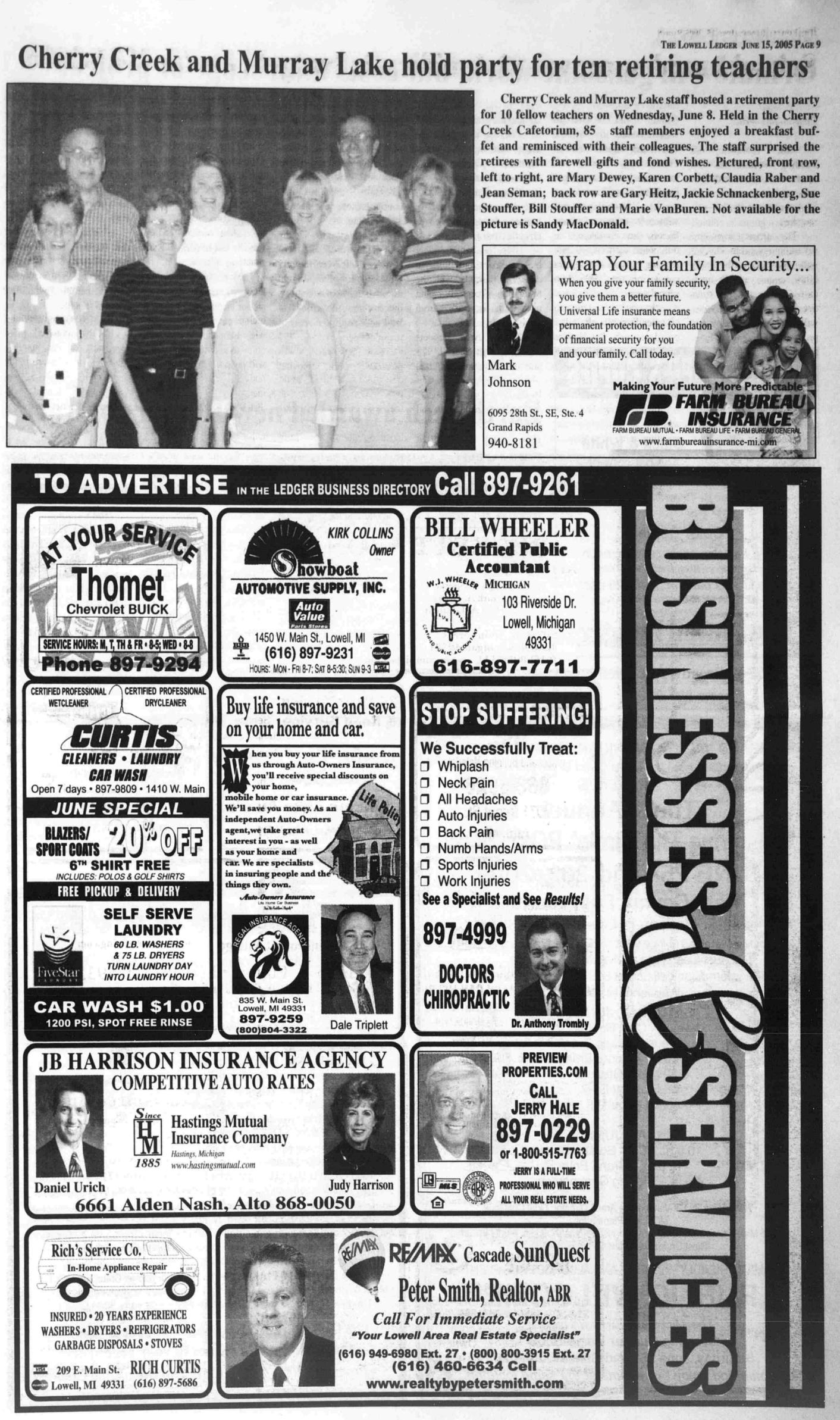
budget faired well from and tiered lessons to allow all of the kids in our district, outlets for gifted students all of them are important ticket receipts. In a consent grouping, including the gifted and talented students," she said. the board approved price Other general fund cuts increases for hot lunches. later said the smaller class adequately challenge their will occur, as well. The The cost of a lunch at the going to see two or three sizes at Cherry Creek and children and that it would budget calls for managing high school will be \$2 and Bushnellaredisproportionate put too much strain on media services with one the middle school will to the class sizes at Alto and teachers. Jessica Marks, districtwide director. One charge \$1.85 for the 2005was the severance plan for Murray Lake elementaries. who brought in a picture of elementary literacy position 2006 school year.

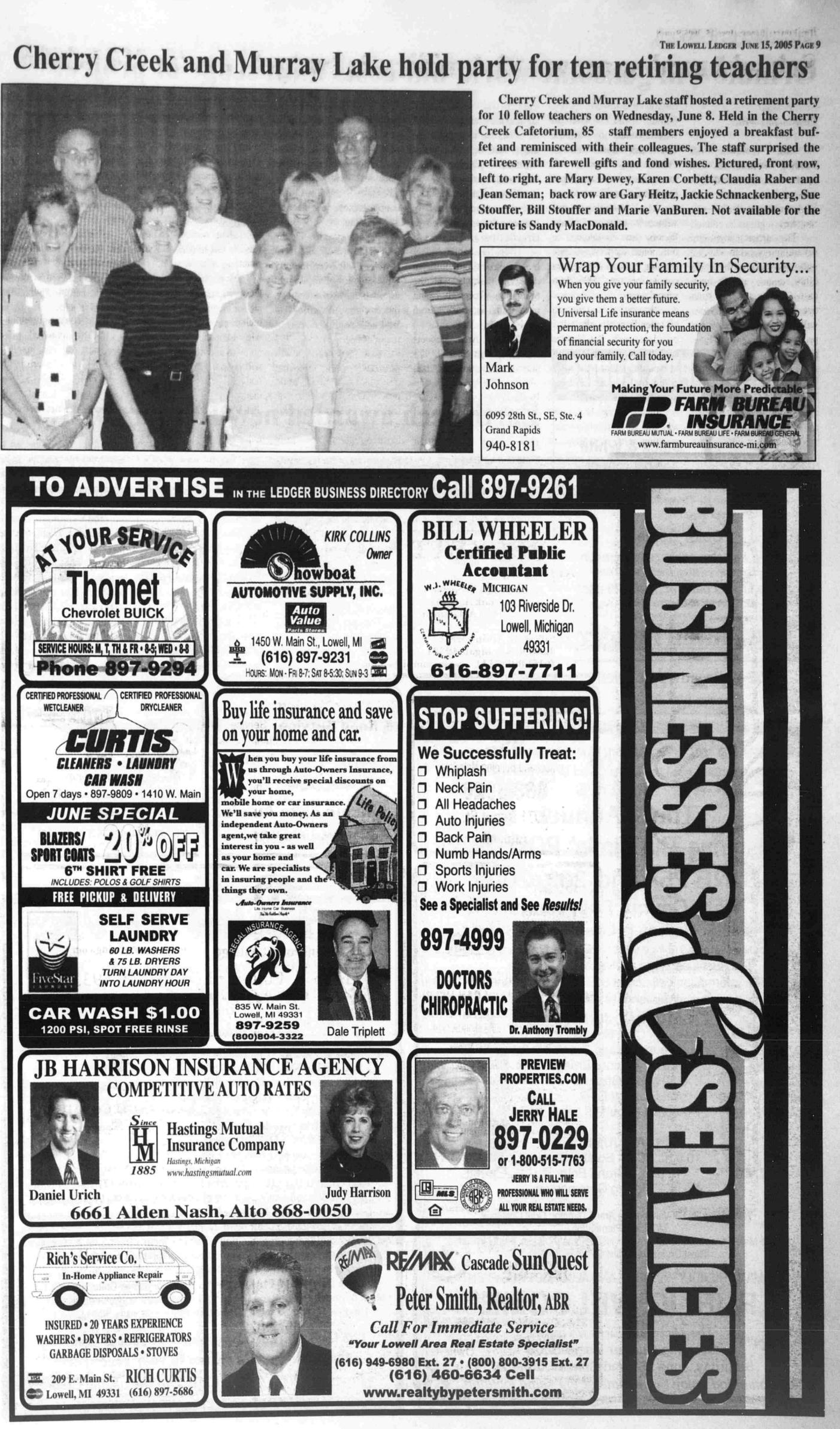


"I'm very disappointed

its bus fleet maintenance by reducing its parts inventory through just-in-time delivery of parts. An employee at the district's central receiving department who took a job elsewhere will not be replaced.

Because of the success many Lowell High School sports teams this "We want to be fair to year, the school's athletic





Grindle will get some work, but costs limit scope of project

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

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After reviewing its bonding situation, the city of Lowell has decided will improve some, not all, sections of Grindle Dr.

At its regularcity council meeting earlier this month, the council voted four to one to accept Diversco's bid for improvements on Grindle. Out of five, Diversco was the lowest bidder with a cost of \$459,799.75. This included

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James, James to Grindle be changing it at the same project that would connect Councilman Jim Pfaller, big problem on Grindle that Court, and Grindle Court to Fun Street.

After city manager David Pasquale reviewed the city's bonding status with city attorney Richard Wendt, the city decided to only bond up to \$300,000. was proposed that the council reduce the scope of the project to reflect that amount

"So basically, as you are

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time," said Dave Austin, of the Highland Hill project Williams and Works, the city's engineering firm.

City staff recommended, and the council agreed to, reducing the project to cover Grindle from Jackson to east of Division, where there are pavement and drainage concerns, Pasquale said. The other section to be completed with drainage issues is from James to Grindle Court.

Those two projects would cost about \$293,753 and include about \$42,000

Grindle from Jackson to signing the contract you will for the watermain looping to the city's system. The total cost is approximately \$378,000; this includes contingencies, engineering and bonding.

> Pasquale said if the project goes well and there is money left over, the city will hopefully be able to do other parts of the street, but for now the city is at least addressing the areas of major concern.

Not everyone was come in and fill up City Hall moving and say no." with pleased

Earth Tech awarded new 10-year contract

Deciding it has been a mutually benefiting agreement and seeing few Pasquale said the committee others who could manage the looked at several scenarios city of Lowell wastewater treatment facility, the city council unanimously decided to award a new 10year contract to Earth Tech. The current contract

with councilmen Jim be insurance, Pasquale said. a service we felt we year period of the contract.

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Hodges and Charles Myers was formed to examine the

contract with Earth Tech. City manager David which included the city running the plant itself, for competitive request proposals, and retaining the services of Earth Tech

The cost would actually expires July 1 and since be higher for the city to run the city is in the process of the plant (\$310,156) than reviewing its contractual Earth Tech (\$294,396). A big the plant, Pasquale said. services, a subcommittee expense for the city would

that many who especially are familiar with Michigan issues," said Hodges.

The general consensus was that the city has had a good relationship with Earth Tech over the past 16 years. The company has taken increases less than the cost of living and the city doesn't have the problems it had before Earth Tech took over

Black & White By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer 15¢ per copy or 10¢ per copy if more than 10 of same page **Color Copies** 81/2 x 11 size paper.....95¢ each discounts for 10 or more of same page 11x17 size paper.....\$1.25 each discounts for 10 or more of same page The Lowell Ledger Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893 105 N. Broadway, Lowell Phone 897-9261 GRAND VALLEY AMERICAN INDIAN LODGE with a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund PRESENTS The ^{7th} Annual "Restoring The Circle" POW WOW JUNE 25th and 26th, 2005 Kent County Fairgrounds 224 S. Hudson in Lowell, MI 49331

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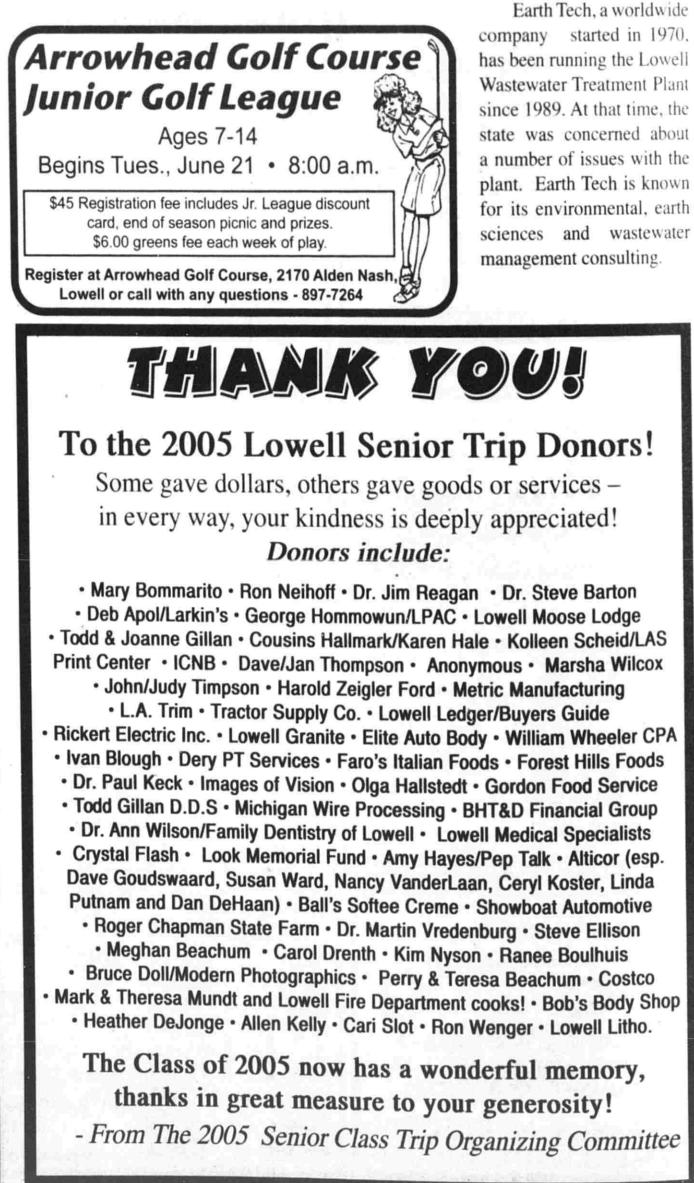


SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH 10 a.m. - Craft Booths Open 1 p.m. - Grand Entry 4 p.m. - Dinner Break 6:30 p.m. - Grand Entry Close at Dark Auction (around 9 p.m.)

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forward on the project. voting no, supported a special assessment. He noted city did a special assessment gutter, this area voted not to be a part of that, and now the city has to deal with the

problems it has created. Councilman Al Mathews said the city could try for a special assessment. but he already knows what will happen: "They will

Mathews said there is a needs to be addressed and pointed out that it isn't just that in the past, when the city residents using the street. but people from the Lowell on such projects as curb and Township developments, as well

It was also pointed out that the watermain looping hastotakeplaceby September per the Department of Environmental Quality. The council decided to move forward on the project and get bids for the bonding.

"We did look at other have always had a good

competitors and there are not relationship with and have always received value for our money," said Myers. The council agreed,

deciding not to go with the proposed five-year contract. but rather with a 10-year contract, locking in the \$294,396. The contract also allows for a \$200,000 loan from Earth Tech for various project improvements as needed, said plant supervisor Mark Mundt. The city can "This is, for one, pay the loan off over the 10-

> Earth Tech, a worldwide company started in 1970, has been running the Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant since 1989. At that time, the state was concerned about a number of issues with the plant. Earth Tech is known for its environmental, earth sciences and wastewater management consulting.



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WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE GOOD **INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES?**

Back in first grade or so, you learned that U.S. territory ended where Mexico's or Canada's began. Geographically

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This fact shouldn't surprise you. After all, we all buy a great many products produced outside the U.S. - and the companies making those items are likely listed on a stock exchange somewhere. But there are a lot of foreign companies. How can you know which ones offer the best investment potential? And when you buy shares of international stocks, is there anything special you need to know?

Lowell chiropractors say chiropractic care can help that splitting headache

the most common health complaints - after all, almost everybody has had just a "bad headache" and headaches at times in their that they are often treatable. lives. More than 45 million Americans (about 1 in 6) spend more than \$4 billion suffer chronic headaches every year on over-theeach million Americans - 13 headaches, Dr. Paul Tuthill percent of the population and Dr. Anthony Trombly, - suffer from migraines, two chiropractic physicians of these types of headaches headaches characterized by from Lowell, want to inform throbbing head pain often migraine headache sufferers accompanied by nausea and sensitivity to light and sound. What you might not know is that your chiropractic physician could help you make that pain go away.

According to the National Foundation (NHF), time painlessly treated many lost from work and resulting patients suffering from produce "markedly superior greatly reducing and often possibilities out there. medical expenses due to headache pain with great results" over amitriptyline eliminating headache pain." headaches are estimated to success. There is also a large (one of the most commonly cost American businesses quantity of research showing prescribed medications for approximately\$50billionper that chiropractic care is very headaches) in the treatment year. In an effort to educate effective in the treatment the public about the impact of headaches, including The study also noted that and severity of headache, migraines." the NHF has declared June 12-18, National a recent Australian improvement by decreasing Headache Awareness Week. clinical trial showing that This year's theme - Stop 72 percent of migraine

importance of educating the percent of their symptoms public that migraines are not reduced during the course of

Noting that Americans year. Twenty-eight counter pain relief for that there is an alternative to just popping a pill and hoping the pain goes away.

"There's a conception of headache. that chiropractic is just for a bad back. Nothing could be further from the truth, " Headache Dr. Tuthill said. "We have Report,"

This research includes Migraines Before They Stop sufferers experienced either

improvement after a series of chiropractic treatments.

Ninety-five percent of spine). all headaches are "primary" migraine or cluster show

Headache found of tension-type headaches. chiropractic treatment produced "sustained

headache frequency and

Headaches are one of You - communicates the "substantial" (more than 60 severity" as noted in the treatment of cervicogenic headache (headaches where treatment) or "noticeable" the primary contributing structural source of the headache is the cervical "Americans

are headaches, such as tension, becominglessandlessactive; spending more and more headaches. The vast majority time in one fixed position or posture, such as at a desk in are caused by muscle front of a computer," noted tension in the neck. Studies Dr. Trombly. "This will that chiropractic inevitably lead to increased physicians are extremely joint irritation and muscle effective at treating this type tension in the neck and upper back, causing the head One of these studies, to ache. Spinal mobilization the "Duke [University] improves function of the neck Evidence and upper back, alleviating



Dr. Michael Flohr M.D. Decades of accidents teach us that fireworks are dangerous. Over 9300 fireworks-related injuries occurred in 2003, resulting in nearly 2000 eye injuries.

Although illegal fireworks, bottle rockets and Roman candles account for the majority of injuries, seemingly harmless sparklers The typical victim is a teenager, at home, unsupervised, with a group of friends. also cause numerous injuries each year. Playing with fireworks, the chances are one Sparklers accounted for the most injuries to of them will end up in the emergency room children under the age of five. Fascinated by with an injury to the head, eyes or hands. the bright sparks, children find these sticks Losing your sight or losing a finger is a of fire - burning as hot as 1,800 degrees (hot tragic price to pay for a few minutes of fun enough to melt gold), irresistible to touch. with fireworks.

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work with an investment professional - someone with the experience and research capabilities necessary to evaluate investment opportunities in an unfamiliar environment. But, whether you work with someone or not, keep these points in mind:

• Special risks - Every investment - no matter where it originates - carries some type of risk. But if you're evaluating a foreign stock, you have to consider the usual risk factors - strength of management, competitiveness of products, etc.

- and then look at some special risks, including considerable changes in market value, lack of liquidity, political Before investing in global equities, you may want to instability, currency fluctuations, economic climate, foreign taxes and differences in financial reporting standards. Talk to an investment professional to learn about other potential risks associated with international investing.) As you'll notice, most of these elements share a high degree of unpredictability, so you can't plan for them in your assessment of a foreign stock's overall risk. But you can at least factor in these uncertainties when making investment decisions.

> · Diversification - Some investment principles are universal - and diversification is certainly one of them. By investing in foreign stocks, you can help diversify a portfolio that may be exclusively devoted to U.S. companies. But even within your global stocks, you can diversify - by company, industry and country. This last time is particularly important; if a country is going through some type of turmoil, the effects can drag down the entire economy and all industries.

> • "Hot" regions - Every so often, a particular region grabs the attention of market watchers. The Pacific Rim, Latin America, Western Europe - all have taken their turns as, "hot" regions in which to invest. However, by the time you get around to investing in these areas, they may already have begun to cool off. And, in any case, a "hot" region does not guarantee a sizzling investment. Evaluate special risks and your diversification needs before jumping on the bandwagon of a particular country or region.

Limit Foreign Holdings

Ultimately, you'll probably want to limit your foreign holdings to no more that 10 percent to 15 percent of your overall portfolio. But don't ignore international stocks. that stress on the nerves and Keep in mind that the U.S. represents only 30 percent of the chiropractic was shown to muscles and, in the process, world's economy - so you have several continents' worth of

In an effort to reduce these preventable injuries, Eye M.D.s across America encourage families to attend local public fireworks displays instead of using fireworks at home this Fourth of July This recommendation is made as part of Fireworks Eye Safety Month sponsored by today! the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Attending a professional public fireworks display on the Fourth is a safe way to honor our tradition of independence.

"One of the reasons fireworks injuries continue to occur is because people don't understand how dangerous these devices can be. As many as 400 Americans lose vision in one or both eyes due to fireworks injuries," said Dr. Flohr, an Eye M.D. in

"The risk of losing an eye is not worth the excitement of handling fireworks."

Dr. Booher states, "The safest and most spectacular way to view fireworks is to attend a professionally conducted, community sponsored display."

For more information on eye health or to schedule an examination, call 896-7000



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Grattan Township breaks ground for new firehouse

By Dan Schneider

Grattan Township broke ground for a new firehouse Saturday.

will replace the current one which was built in 1954. A better firehouse has been a goal of the township board for the last two and a half years. Population growth and the resultant increase in fire calls in Grattan have caused the fire department to outgrow its current space.

The department has two pump trucks, a tanker, a rescue unit and two wildfire units parked in the existing 4,000-foot space.

"We have one wildfire truck parked outside because there's no room." Grattan fire chief Lou Kirkbride said. "We're door to door in there,

you can barely find room to walk through."

"We will expect this new fire station will take The new, larger structure care of the township's and the community's needs for the next 20 years," township board trustee Paul Knoerl

> OnApril 11, the township board awarded a contract to Tailored Building Systems, one of four bidders. The new facility will be located on Belding Road, on the east side of township hall.

The Fire Administrative Safety Committee township board decided not to renovate the existing firehouse. The cost bringing that structure up to current codes, according

to the township, would be about \$500,000. Officials factored in the potential sale (\$100,000) of the current firehouse into their decision to build a new one.

The firehouse, Knoerl said, is estimated to cost about \$830,000. The township will finance the project with a 15-year installment loan. Annual payments will come from the existing township fire department millage.

The new facility will be 8,700 feet in size and have three bays. Amenities include a room for meetings and training, a fire chief's office, general office, kitchen, lounge, showers and storage rooms for equipment and flammable materials.



Pictured, from left to right: Rep. Dave Hildenbrand, Frank Force-Grattan Twn Supervisor, Lou Kirkbride-Grattan Twp Fire Chief and Ann Ward-Grattan Twp Deputy Fire Chief. On the easel is a drawing of the proposed new firehouse.

New hunting legislation designed to help feed the hungry

recently approved Rep. Dave fortunate. Hildenbrand's legislation

House to assist those who are less hunt as part of a family Department of Natural

giving hunters and fishers there to assist those who the opportunity to help fund are less fortunate, and this a program to feed the hungry. program, Sportsmen Against House Bill 4701, and a Hunger, can help fill that companion bill HB 4145, gap," said Hildenbrand, Rallow hunters and fishers Lowell. "Hunting is a sport fund within the Department donations will help cover the to voluntarily contribute - and some hunt for the thrill \$1 when purchasing their of the hunt, some to eat wild overseen by the Michigan hunting and fishing licenses game and fish, and others

legacy. Some, who hunt or Resources. The department "We saw a need out fish, don't care to eat the will contract with a nonprofit meat but want to help those organization through a bid who do. That's why this fund process to administer the is so important.

Sportsmen Against Hunger will be a designated the purchase of licenses or of Treasury that will be costs of processing the meat web

fund.

Money raised through and distributing it to shelters to aid the less fortunate. Since 1991, the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) has been working to create a relationship between donors, wild game

entirely by sportsmen and in the community.

sportsmenagainsthunger. is a great way to continue org/index.html) Michigan the legacy of assisting those leads the nation in hunting in need." license sales. It also led the nation in the increase Senate for consideration. of working poor families with children from 1975





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that feed needy individuals. helped facilitate more than MSAH is an all volunteer 50,000 pounds of wild game organization with no paid donations (mostly venison) staff persons and is operated to those less fortunate.

"This is a real group women concerned about of individuals who care making a positive difference about the community and enjoy being in Michigan's According to their outdoors," Hildenbrand site (http://www. said. "Establishing this fund

HB 4701 now goes to the

Group fears enthusiasm waning for bridge project

By Dan Schneider

Leadership Institute for want to work with us, it's Volunteer Excellence class just a real slow process," (LIVE 5) still hope to build said Betsy Davidson, who a bridge in the Cooper is LARA's treasurer and the Woodland Preserve.

The 100-foot wooden bridge was to become part of an easement on the Wege the first section of the Lowell Foundation property is less Area Trailway, from Lowell certain. High School to Cherry Creek Elementary. LIVE 5 secured properties is considered full funding for the bridge the best and safest one. It from ICNB.

to organize community safety, while staying clear work sessions throughout of the busy roadways. These the month of May to build factors are of particular a bridge in the Cooper importance for this stretch Woodland Preserve, but of trail. It would likely see the project is on hold while a lot of use by high school the Lowell Area Recreation students traveling to school Authority (LARA), which from town, and younger is responsible for the trail's children traveling to see development, works to athletic events and other secure easements for the activities at the high school.

LARA needs easements from the Lowell consider a different route Education and the Wege Foundation. ways. With such a route The education foundation change, a bridge would no owns the Cooper Woodland longer be required. Preserve, which includes the small creek the bridge will the easements. But LIVE 5 span. The Wege Foundation is concerned the delay will owns the property on the dampen enthusiasm for the west side of the bridge, through which the preferred route for the Lowell Area momentum going through Trailway will go.

build anything," secretary Al Halbeisen. "Some of the easements we thought would be easy turned build the bridge if they get out to not be so easy.'

It is a matter of time until the education foundation through e-mail right now finalizes the easement with LARA.

"It's not like the Members of the Lowell education foundation doesn't LIVE 5 class chairperson.

The procurement of

A route through both would allow users to be out The group had planned in the open and visible for

Without the easements, trail LARA would have to Foundation using county road right of

> LARA still hopes to get bridge project.

"We've had so much the project," Davidson said. "Until we have the "We had the community fired up and the community LARA involved and we're losing some of that, I think."

> LIVE 5 is still ready to the chance.

"We keep in contact and everybody is still real excited." Davidson said.



This year's Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence class still hopes to build a bridge over this stream in the Cooper Woodland Preserve.

"I can still see everybody getting together to build the

are already

I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority.

E. B. White (1899 - 1985)

You have made us very proud! We love you, Dad, Mom & Cassidy

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drawn up for the bridge. New Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regulations will require some changes. But they will actually lessen the cost of the project. The 12-foot wide bridge. The new MDEQ regulations allow only a 10-foot bridge, which will cut down on the



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original plans call for project's lumber costs.

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SIGNS OF SKIN CANCER

Avoiding sun exposure is the best way to reduce your chances of skin cancer. While that's not always possible, it's important to use sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 if you must be in the sun. The best way to find skin cancer early is to keep an eye on your skin, especially moles. It's a good idea to do a monthly selfexam of your skin. Look for any changes in an existing mole or the appearance of a new mole. Any moles that



appear after age 30 should be watched carefully and shown to your doctor.

The following ABCDE • A mole that bleeds rules can help you remember • A mole that grows fast what to look for when you're • A scaly or crusted growth checking for moles.

A for asymmetry: A • A sore that won't heal mole that when divided in half, doesn't look the same • A place on your skin that on both sides.

B for border: A mole with edges that are blurry or above signs or changes in jagged.

in the color of a mole, successfully if it's identified including darkening, spread early.

color, loss of color, or the appearance of multiple colors such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray.

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

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

You should also watch for these changes to your skin:

on the skin

• A mole that itches

feels rough like sandpaper. If you notice any of the

your skin, visit your doctor. C for color: Changes Skin cancer can be treated

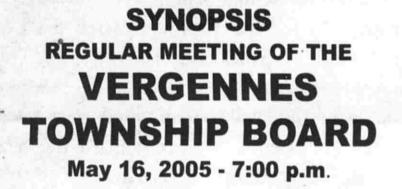
Giving the bus drivers a nod



Bus drivers at Alto Elementary were greeted by a fun banner in recognition of "Alto Bus Driver Appreciation Day." The annual event took place on June 8 and each driver received a colorful paper ice cream cone with a gift certificate to an area ice cream/food shop.

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

B. F. Skinner (1904 - 1990)



Minutes of the April 18, 2005 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved.

Motions approved:

- Motion to approve and enter into an agreement with Lone Pine Development LLC to re-zone property at 875 Alden Nash SE from R-1 to R-2, subject to the completion of the terms and conditions of the development agreement for the proposed Alden Nash West development.
- Motion to approve split for Chris Miles of Downes Rd.
- Motion to send correspondence to owners of property located at 11427 Lally St. requesting clean up and boarding up of property
- Motion to table Transfer of Development Rights ordinance discussion and/or action
- Motion to approve blanket permit for Kent County Road Commission right-of-way repairs

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

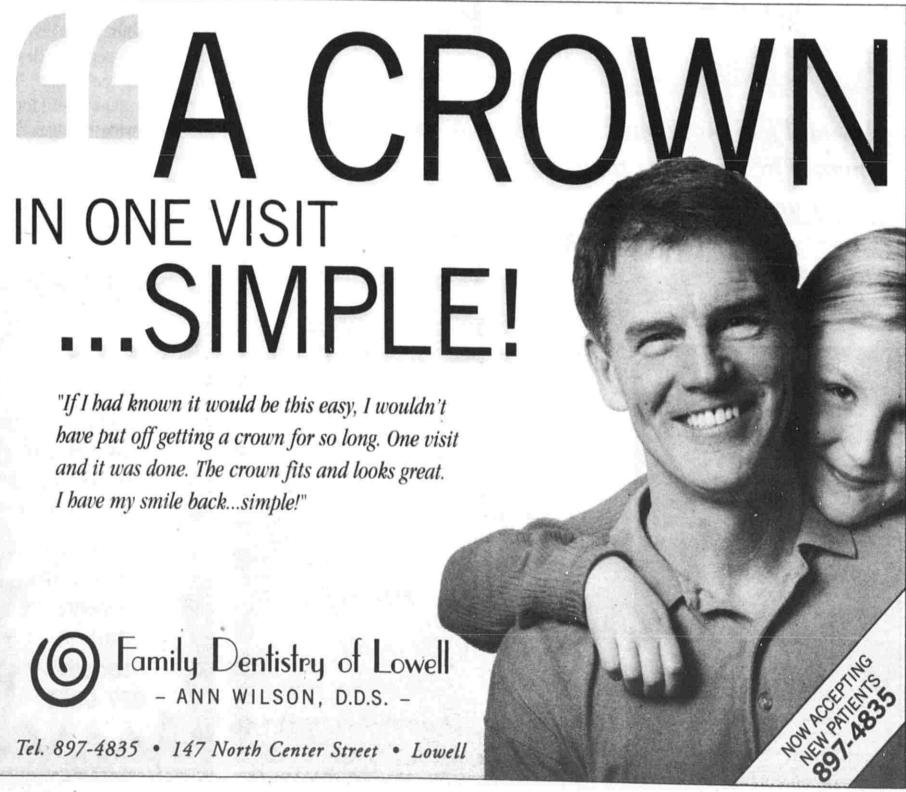
The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is June 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and **Bailey Drive.**

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

Recycling is elementary



As part of a service learning project, fifth grade students at Murray Lake Elementary collected recyclable plastic. The plastic is used to make picnic tables for schools and parks. Murray Lake will be receiving two such tables. Over 400 recyclable containers were collected for the project, which is part of the science curriculum standard that deals with the effects humans have on the environment.







Red Arrows compete at state track meet held in Rockford

Two Lowell athletes competed in the pole vault 11'6" before, so he's happy in the state, but added a half event at the state track and field finals June 4 at Lowell coach. Rockford High School.

outside the top eight at the his vaulting height since his meet, but cleared 12'0" for freshman season. his third consecutive time.

said Lowell track coach much I know about pole Russ Stevens.

new level of competition, year, he's right on his way to with a higher starting bar 14 feet." height.

"He's never started at finished outside the top eight with himself," said the

Eric Dean finished year, Dean added two feet to

"He's pretty excited," on his own; there's only so 10'1". vaulting," Stevens said. "If The state meet was a he can go another foot each

Rebekah Woods also

inch to the school record she set earlier this year. At the Finishing his sophomore state meet, Woods cleared 10'1.5". On May 5, against Cedar Springs at Red Arrow Stadium, she broke the old "He did a lot of that school record by clearing

> "Rebekah's going to Hope for college and she's going to vault there," said Lowell girls track coach Robin Briggs.

Alguire receives Morse scholarship







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Lowell's Rebekah Woods clears the bar in the pole vault event at the state track and field meet.

Emily Alguire, a student at Lowell Middle School, is pictured with principal Linda Warren and Lowell Area Historical Museum president Jim Doyle. The seventh grader received the Benjamin Morse Scholarship this year, which was established at the museum after the Benjamin Morse Society at the middle school disbanded. The society, with now-retired history teacher Jack Misner as its adviser, used to meet after school to study a variety of American history topics. The society raised funds for annual trips to sites related to the history they studied. Funds left over after the society disbanded were used to establish the scholarship at the museum. Alguire will use her \$75 scholarship to attend Knollcrest Music Camp at Calvin College this summer. She plans to take classes in music technology and dance, and will participate in a music theater ensemble. The Benjamin Morse Society was named after Morse, a Civil War hero from Lowell who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

Lowell Junior Arrows gymnast demonstrate thier skills

Performing May 31 in the auxiliary gym at Lowell High School were the Junior Arrows gymnasts. These young athletes are in the highest level of classes offered through Lowell Community Education. In it, they put the skills they've learned in previous classes with routines for vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

Twice a year, the young gymnasts, ranging from second to eighth grade, perform for a registered high school gymnastics judge, who scores them by Michigan High School Athletic Association standards. The May performance was the second of those opportunities this year.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Kaezi Bladey, Lauren DeHaan, Michelle Foote, Andrea Coffey and Ally Young; back row are: Jenna Sullivan, Emily Borup, Alexis Balczak, Becky Chamberlain, Sara Tarchala, Kelsey Teft and Allison Warren.

Top all-around finishers were Michelle Foote (first place), Emily Borup (second place) and Andrea Coffey (third place).



LASSO teams successful in big tournament

Four Lowell vouth soccer teams took home boys red team, coached by first-place finishes from the Shane Stokes, placed first in Canton Cup Invitational the gold bracket. The under-Tournament over Memorial 12 girls, coached by Mark Day weekend

The tournament started Friday evening, May 27, and lasted each age group. through the evening of May 29. The Lowell Area coached by Bob Schultz and took place June 9. Kannon Select Soccer Organization Ramsey Charrouf, took first (LASSO) sent nine of its 10 active teams.

into divisions from platinum down to copper.

LASSO's under-11 Hopkins, placed first in the three-day gold bracket. Gold was the second-highest bracket in

place in the silver bracket. Lowell's under-10 girls Each age group at the took first place in the copper tournament was divided bracket, coached by Mickie Montgomery and Steve McVey.

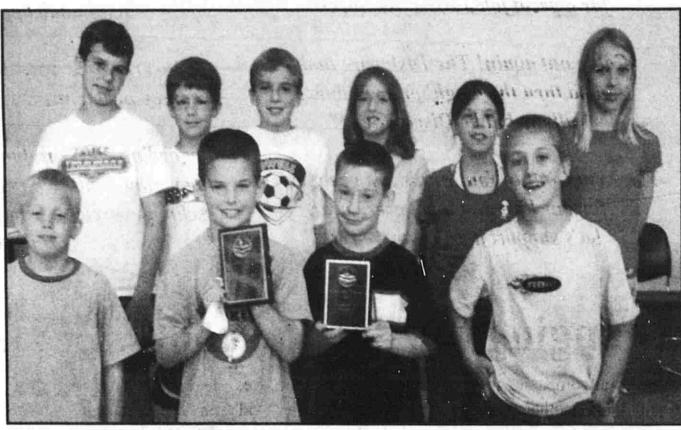
Invitational Tournament was Games were played on 37 a huge event, drawing 443 fields in three locations in teams from Michigan, Ohio, Canton, Mich.

The Canton Cup Indiana, Illinois and Canada.

Murray Lake geography finalists

The Geography Bee at The under-12 boys team, Murray Lake Elementary Dean was the champion: Scott was the Justin runner-up. Both are fourth grade students.

Pictured are the finalists ... back row: Kyle Rogers, Andrew Light, Matt Kyllonen, Kyra Marks, Alexis Noffke and Kelsey Mankel; front row: Spencer Plattner, Kannon Dean, Justin Scott and Joey Senneker.







LASSO is holding River Drive in Lowell tryouts Wednesday at Township. The program is 5:30 p.m. at Grand River open to boys and girls, ages Riverfront Park on Grand seven years and up.

Lowell softball falls to Jenison at regionals in Rockford

By Dan Schneider

softbal The Lowell advanced regional finals Saturday at Rockford, where they lost 9-1 to a tough Jenison team.

Lowell's run was scored in the fourth inning. Becky Plummer hit a base hit, then Katie McElroy batted her in with a single.

It was still a close Kentwood, 4-0. game after five innings. The Wildcats scored one run in the third, two in the fourth and one in the fifth. So

was a 4-1 game going into the sixth inning.

"I just wanted to keep close, and then they just exploded in the sixth and scored five runs," said Lowell coach Bob off with a walk. Andrea Rodenhouse. "They were Dewey just hitting shots."

Jenison made it the final by winning a 15- the first run. Then Brittany inning game against East

Lowell beat Muskegon Reeths Puffer 4-1 in the semifinal. The Red Arrows

scored two in the first and two in the third.

The two scoring innings progressed in similar manner. In the first inning, Ashleigh Inman led sacrifice-bunted her to second. A double to by Plummer drove home Bueche drove in Plummer with a base hit.

> The third inning started two wild pitches. with Inman on base again. This time she got there with a base hit. Then Dewey SoftballCoachesAssociation



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Kudos to the high school administration for graduation. Great job. The seniors had a great time and felt that their graduation would never be forgotten. Uptight parents, this wasn't about you!

> Thumbs up to the fire department for a great job during the storms.

Cable out again! The Dish sure looks good thru the neighbor's window. Will my bill be Discounted??

The Kent County Youth Fair is a great event for our kids and town every year, let's support it any way we can.

Why does Meijer's have the metal detectors at the doors if the staff does nothing when a person sets them off as they walk out?

I bought a used car from a local dealer in Feb. '04. It looked like a new car it was so clean. I bought another used car from the same place, it was no where near as clean What happened?

Look at the labels on the things you buy because I think it would be a great idea to put a picture of the next job you lose might be yours. No wonder the person on the handicapped sticker they use. our economy is going to pot, everybody is buying That way you could tell if it was someone else things made in China, Taiwan, Mexico. - not handicapped - using the tag. Offshore, that's where it's going.

I just read the article on the 2005 graduation commencements. One word ~ disappointment.

Regarding 2005 graduation: What a disservice to the young adults who couldn't express their high school experiences with their speeches because of the weather.

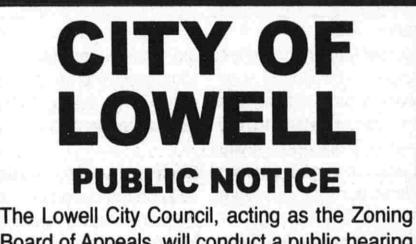
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imposed on companies that can easily pick up and move, leave a brighter future for our planet and a more secure it would add another incentive to do just that. That would environment for future generations. hurt our economy, and it would not help the environment. Likewise, tinkering at the margins of the climate change problem with higher Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards won't produce significant results.

In addition, there are inherent discriminatory features in the CAFE system that give an unfair competitive advantage to foreign vehicle manufacturers and which do not benefit the environment. We don't get more fuel-efficient vehicles on our roads, but we do get fewer jobs in our manufacturing plants. Put simply, there is no environmental gain, just plenty of economic pain.

By constructing the two pillars of a new climate change policy - participation in a broad and binding international treaty including all countries and a moon-shot sized federal investment to develop leap-ahead technologies - we can





Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting or Monday, June 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

Zann Travis wishes to locate a swimming pool in her front yard at 209 Lincoln Lake (northeast corner of Lincoln Lake and Chatham). Under Section 4.17C, pools may not be placed in the front yard. Also a six-foot-high fence has been proposed where three feet allowed.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.



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sacrifice-bunted her to second again. Plummer hit a triple this time to score Inman, then scored a run herself on a wild pitch.

Inman. Plummer and Bueche each had two hits in the game. Plummer struck out four batters and allowed only two hits.

The Rockets scored their run in the sixth inning on a base hit, stolen base and

Lowell made honorable

final rankings. Jenison was strikeouts she threw against

of our kids for performing the way they did this year." Rodenhouse said. "Jenison is just a very good team."

The Red Arrows 24-7 on the mound.

school records to the books, broke her own record for we're ready to do it again," strikeouts in a season with mention in the Michigan 263 this year. The three

second in the state rankings. Reeths Puffer put her over "I was just so proud the mark. She also broke the records for lowest season run average, runs earned allowed and earned runs allowed. At the plate, she broke the record for triples finished the season with a in a season with 15. Inman 27-9 record. Plummer was broke Jacqueline Benedict's career double record. She hit Plummer, adding new 29 doubles over her career.

> "It was a great year and Rodenhouse said.

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

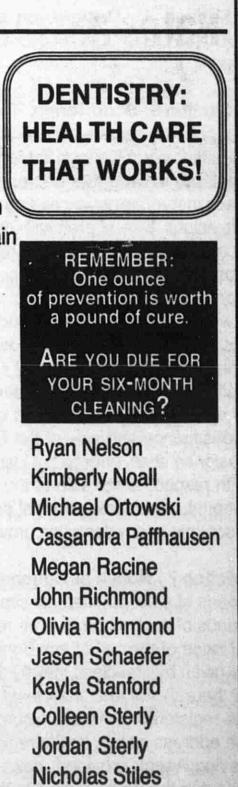
Learn from the 2005 graduation commencements. Administrators, have a plan B, even if it is to have a rain date.

The eighth grade dance was awesome this year! Thank you to all the students and staff who worked hard into putting it together!

> What kind of idiots close a road they're not working on?

These children achieved DENTAL HYGIENE EXCELLENCE For The Month of May 2005 **DR. J.E. REAGAN** 207 W. Main - Lowell 897-7179

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS, THE PUBLICATION OF AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Paying Agent to redeem said Bonds. Michigan (the "City"), hereby determines that it is necessary and in the public interest to undertake the reconstruction, repairing and improving portions of Grindle Drive between Jackson Street and Fun Street within the City (the "Improvements") in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the City's engineers, Williams & Works, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Improvements (including engineering, legal, financial and bond issuance costs), is estimated to be not less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000); and

necessary to borrow the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000), and issue its bonds therefor as authorized by the provisions of Act 175 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1952, as amended ("Act 175"); and

WHEREAS, the Improvements are in accordance with the purposes enumerated in Section 13 of Act 51 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1951 ("Act 51"), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has through Resolution No. 6-05 adopted April 14, 2005, pledged its full faith and credit subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations as security for the bonds to be issued for the Improvements pursuant to Act 175: and

WHEREAS, the revenues received by the City from the State of Michigan (the "State") from State collected taxes returned to the City for road purposes pursuant to Act 51 during the fiscal year next preceding this borrowing are more than sufficient to comply with all the requirements specified in Section 4 of Act 175, and the City, by the issuance of these bonds, will not pledge for annual debt service, an amount, together with any other borrowing for which State collected taxes returned to the Agent. City for road purposes are pledged in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the revenues received during the fiscal year next preceding this borrowing; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to the authorization and issuance of the bonds described herein under the provisions of the constitution and laws of the State, including specifically Act 51 and Act 175, have been done, and the City Council is the benefit of other parties (the "Participants") in the book-entry-only transfer system now empowered and desires to authorize the issuance of such bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Plans and Estimates. The plans and estimates of the cost of the Improvements as referenced and set forth in the preamble hereto, are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. Period of Usefulness of the Improvements. The period of usefulness of the Project is in excess of sixteen (16) years.

Section 3. Estimated Cost of the Improvements. The Improvements are estimated to cost Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000).

Section 4. Bonds Authorized. The City shall borrow the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) and issue bonds of the City therefor (the "Bonds") pursuant to the provisions of Act 175 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of the Improvements, including the payment of legal and engineering fees, bond issuance costs and other costs and expenses incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Section 5. Designation of Bonds. The Bonds shall be designated as the TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS, SERIES 2005 (General Obligation Limited Tax).

Section 6. Bond Terms. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form without coupons as serial and/or term bonds (with or without mandatory redemptions) and substantially in the form set forth in Section 13 hereof. The interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed five and one-half percent (5.50%) per annum. The Bonds shall have maturities not exceeding sixteen (16) years and may have optional redemption provisions with a premium or premiums not exceeding two percent (2%) of the principal amount of any Bonds to be redeemed. The underwriter's discount on the Bonds shall not exceed two percent (2.00%) of the principal amount thereof and the Bonds shall not have an original issue discount. Within the limitations of applicable law and this resolution (including specifically this Section 6), the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized, with respect to the Bonds, to approve the date, principal maturities, principal payment dates, interest payment dates, interest rates, optional and mandatory redemption provisions, redemption premiums, the place of delivery and payment and other matters and procedures necessary to complete the issuance and sale of the Bonds as permitted by law. The City Manager or his is hereby authorized and directed to deliver said Bonds to the original purchaser(s) designee shall, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, file with the City Council a report with respect to the sale of the Bonds. Such report shall include the date, principal amount, maturities, principal payment dates, interest payment dates, interest rates, discounts and redemption provisions of the Bonds.

Section 7. Notice of Optional and Mandatory Redemption. If less than all of the Bonds of a certain maturity shall be subject to optional or mandatory redemption, the Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be determined by lot.

Notice of the call of any Bonds subject to optional or mandatory redemption shall be given by first-class mail by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent (identified in Section 12 hereof) not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owners of record of the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, at the address shown on the registration books of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/ Paying Agent; provided, however, that failure to give such notice by mail, or any defect in the notice mailed to the owner of any Bonds, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Bonds. The notice of redemption shall specify the Bonds to be redeemed, the redemption date and the place or places where amounts due upon such redemption will be payable and, if less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the numbers of such Bonds to be so redeemed, and, in the case of Bonds to be redeemed in part only, such notice shall also specify the respective portions of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, whether a new bond or bonds to the registered owner of the bond or his or her properly presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Bond Registrar/

Section 8. Payment of Bonds and Record Date. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable by the City to the holder thereof in lawful money of the United States of America upon delivery and surrender of the Bonds at the office of the Bond Registrar/ Paying Agent (identified in Section 12 hereof). Interest on the Bonds shall be paid when due by check or draft by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent by first class mail to the registered owners thereof at the addresses shown on the registration books of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent as of the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the month a payment of interest WHEREAS, to finance the cost of the Improvements, the City Council deems it on the Bonds is due, provided, however, that if such day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State, then to the registered owners at the addresses shown on the registration books as of the close of business on the day next preceding such fifteenth (15th) day of the month which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State (the "Record Date"). All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. The person in whose name any Bond is registered may for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, be deemed and treated by the City and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent as the absolute owner thereof.

> Section 9. Denominations and Numbering. The Bonds shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof within a single maturity, not exceeding the principal amount of the Bonds maturing in such year. Each Bond shall be numbered by the Bond Registrar/ Paying Agent (identified in Section 12 hereof) in such a fashion as to reflect the fact that it is one of the Bonds, and to identify the owner thereof on the bond register of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/ Paying

> Section 10. Book-Entry System. Initially, one fully-registered bond for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate amount of such maturity, shall be issued in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), for of DTC. In the event the City determines that it is in the best interest of the City not to continue the book-entry system of transfer or that the interests of the holders of the Bonds might be adversely affected if the book-entry system of transfer is continued, the City may notify DTC and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent (identified in Section 12 hereof), whereupon DTC will notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of bond certificates. In such event, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall deliver, transfer and exchange bond certificates as requested by DTC and any Participant or "beneficial owner" in appropriate amounts in accordance with this resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the City and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law or the City may determine that DTC is incapable of discharging its duties and may so advise DTC. In either such event, the City shall use reasonable efforts to locate another securities depository. Under such circumstances (if there is no successor securities depository), the City and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall be obligated to deliver bond certificates in accordance with the procedures established by this resolution. In the event bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this resolution shall apply to. among other things, the transfer and exchange of such certificates and the method of payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such certificates. Whenever DTC requests the City and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent to do so, the City and the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall cooperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the Bonds to any Participant having Bonds certified to its DTC account or to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the Bonds.

> Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Bonds and all notices with respect to the Bonds shall be made and given to DTC as provided in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations between DTC and the City.

> Section 11. Registration, Execution, Authentication and Transfer. The Bonds shall be registered on the bond register of the City kept for that purpose by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent (identified in Section 12 hereof). The Bonds shall be signed in the name of the City by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk by original or facsimile signature, to the extent permitted by law, for and on behalf of the City and the seal of the City shall be affixed or printed thereon. Upon the execution of said Bonds, the same shall be delivered to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent who thereof, upon receipt of the purchase price therefor, plus the accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Manager (the "Authorized Representatives") are hereby also authorized to execute other certificates, affidavits, offering materials or other documents or instruments as may be required in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

> In the event that the Bonds are not in book-entry-only form, any individual bond shall be transferable on the bond register maintained with respect to the Bonds upon the surrender of the individual bond together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon receipt of a properly assigned bond, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new bond or bonds in equal aggregate principal amount and like interest rate and maturity to the designated transferee or transferees. Any individual bond may likewise be exchanged for one or more other bonds with the same interest rate and maturity in authorized denominations aggregating the same principal amount as the bond being exchanged. Such exchange shall be effected by surrender of the individual bond to be exchanged to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent with written instructions signed by the registered owner of the individual bond or his or her attorney in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon receipt of an individual bond with proper written instructions the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver

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designated transferee or transferees or attorney.

The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bonds during the period fifteen (15) days next preceding any interest payment date of such Bonds, nor to transfer or exchange any Bonds after mailing of a notice of redemption of such Bonds and thereafter through the date of redemption.

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the transfer of interests in the Bonds shall be the sole responsibility of DTC and its participants and neither the City nor the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall have any responsibility with respect to such transfer.

Section 12. Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., is hereby designated to act on behalf of the City as paying, registration and transfer agent (the "Bond Registrar/Paying Agent") with respect to the Bonds. In such capacity, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall, upon receipt of sufficient funds from the City, make timely payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, authenticate the Bonds upon their initial issuance and subsequent transfer to successive holders, act as registrar of the Bonds including the preparation and maintenance of a current bond register of registered owners of the Bonds, coordinate the transfer of individual bonds between successive holders, including printing and transferring new certificates, and all other duties normally performed by paying, registration and transfer agents.

The one or more Authorized Representatives are hereby authorized to enter into a bond registrar/paying agent agreement on behalf of the City with the Bond Registrar/ Paying Agent upon such terms and conditions as shall be consistent with the terms of this resolution and as shall be acceptable to bond counsel to the City. All reasonable fees and expenses of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall be paid by the City.

The City may designate a new Bond Registrar/Paying Agent by notice mailed by first-class mail to each registered owner of the Bonds as shown on the register for such Bonds not less than sixty (60) days prior to the change.

Section 13. Bond Form. The form of the Bonds shall be substantially as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto with such necessary and appropriate immaterial variations. omissions, corrections and insertions as required.

Section 14. Security for Bonds; Debt Retirement Fund. For the purpose of providing moneys to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds herein authorized, and in accordance with the provisions of Act 175, the City hereby makes an irrevocable annual appropriation of amounts sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due from the moneys to be derived from State collected taxes returned to the City for road purposes pursuant to law which have not been heretofore specifically allocated and pledged for the payment of indebtedness. The City Treasurer is hereby directed, during each year that any of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds remains outstanding and unpaid, to set aside in a separate fund, to be designated Transportation Fund Bonds, Series 2005 - Debt Retirement Fund (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), sufficient moneys from revenues received during each such year from the State pursuant to law to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due. At the time of issuance of the Bonds. (i) accrued interest, if any, on the Bonds from the date of the Bonds to the date of delivery thereof and (ii) premium if any, paid on the Bonds shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund.

Principal of and interest on the Bonds are also secured by moneys, including investment income (to the extent not required to be rebated to the United States of America), in the Debt Retirement Fund and the hereafter identified Project Fund.

Section 15. Pledge of Limited Full Faith and Credit as Additional Security for Bonds. Pursuant to the authorization of Act 175, the City, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the members-elect of its City Commission hereby affirms its pledge of its full faith and credit to the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. The pledge of the City shall be a first budget obligation of the City, and the City shall advance from its general funds a sufficient amount to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due. If necessary, the City shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the boundaries of the City, however the authority of the City to levy such tax is subject to charter, statutory and constitutional tax limitations. The City's pledge shall continue until payment in full of all the Bonds, or until the Bonds are defeased pursuant to Section 18 hereof.

Section 16. Improvement Fund and Payment of the Cost of Project and Is suance of the Bonds. There is hereby established with the City Treasurer, a fund to be designated the Transportation Fund Bonds, Series 2005 - Improvement Fund (the "Improvement Fund"). The net proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, after deducting the amount of accrued interest and premium, if any, paid on the Bonds required to be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund pursuant to Section 14 hereof. shall be deposited in the Improvement Fund. Money in the Improvement Fund and investment income realized from the investment of such money shall be used by the City to pay the cost of the Improvements and the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 17. Improvement Fund Surplus. Improvement Fund surplus shall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund where said surplus shall be applied by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent to pay principal of the Bonds or to redeem the largest portion of Bonds in inverse order of maturity at the earliest redemption date, in accordance with applicable law and in a manner which will not cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of bondholders for Federal income tax purposes

Section 18. Defeasance. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay, at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall have been deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains

thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided herein.

Section 20. Additional Bonds. The right is reserved in accordance with the provisions of Act 175, to issue additional bonds pledging moneys derived from State collected taxes returned to the City for road purposes pursuant to Act 175 and subject to the limitations contained therein.

Section 21. Covenants Regarding Use of Bond Proceeds. The City hereby covenants to make no use of the proceeds of the Bonds, or any other funds which may be deemed to be proceeds of the Bonds pursuant to Section 103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations thereunder (collectively the "Code"), which, if the use had been reasonably expected on the date of issuance of the Bonds, would have caused the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of the Code, and will comply with all requirements of the Code and applicable regulations throughout the term of the Bonds necessary to assure that the interest on the Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.

Section 23. Investment of Funds. Moneys in the Debt Retirement Fund and the Improvement Fund, including the moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds deposited in such Funds, may be invested in obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States or certificates of deposit, subject to the limitation, if any, provided in the Act 175, provided, however, investment of moneys in the Debt Retirement Fund shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America bearing maturity dates before the date of payment of the next principal or interest payment. All investments shall be subject to the applicable limitations imposed by arbitrage regulations, including proposed and temporary regulations, issued pursuant to Section 148 of the Code. In the event such investments are made, the securities representing the same shall be kept on deposit with the financial institution having on deposit the funds from which such purchase was made. Income received from such investment shall be credited to the fund from which said investments were made.

Section 24. Refunding Bonds. The City shall have the power to issue refunding bonds pursuant to Act 175 and other applicable law to refund all or a part of the Bonds for purposes authorized by law.

Section 26. Use of Credit Facility. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and arrange, as and to the extent deemed necessary, for the use of an irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond, insurance policy or other credit facility as security for the Bonds.

Section 28. Internal Revenue Code Requirements. The City has consulted with its bond counsel and understands that the Code contains certain requirements on (i) the expenditure of proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, (ii) the investment of the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds and (iii) the rebate of interest earned on the investment of the proceeds of the Bonds under certain circumstances. The City hereby covenants to comply with such requirements as applicable.

Section 29. Resolution Subject to Michigan Law. The provisions of this resolution are subject to the laws of the State.

resolution.

Section 19. State Tax Exemption. The Bonds provided for herein are authorized by the constitution and laws of the State, and in particular by Act 175, and the Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation whatsoever by the State or any taxing authority within the State except estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

Section 22. Approval of Michigan Department of Treasury. The Bonds herein authorized shall not be issued until the Department of Treasury of the State ("Treasury") has approved such issuance or unless the City is granted qualifying status by Treasury pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended, MCL 141.2101, et seg.

Section 25. Execution of Documents. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to execute such certificates, affidavits or other documents or instruments as may be required in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds

Section 27. Negotiated Sale. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to negotiate such sale with Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., Detroit, Michigan (the "Underwriter"), and to sign a bond purchase agreement on behalf of the City with the Underwriter in a form approved by bond counsel to the City, all in accordance with this resolution. Selling the Bonds through a negotiated sale gives the City greater flexibility in structuring the Bonds and permits the City to enter the bond market at an advantageous time.

Section 30. Section Headings. The section headings in this resolution are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this

Section 31. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution.

Section 32. Prior Resolutions. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 33. Publication and Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution shall be published in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and shall become effective upon such publication.

2004 Water Quality Report for City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township

This report covers the drinking water quality for The City of Lowell and Lowell Township Water for the calendar year 2004. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2004. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells, each over 87 feet in depth, drawing from the Grand River watershed. They are located at 1596 Bowes Road in Lowell behind the water plant. The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to very-high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderate. (See Table 1.) We have no significant sources of contamination. We are making efforts to protect our sources by developing a wellhead protection program. A copy of the full Source Water Assessment can be obtained by contacting George Regan at the Lowell Water Treatment Plant, 1596 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331 or call at 616-897-5234.

- · Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- · Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water Distribution System Regulated Contaminant from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- · Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
- T Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

T Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring o result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

and residential uses.

T Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

T Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2003 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2003. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

Water Supplier: Define only the terms you use in the table below. Delete any you don't use. Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the . allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• N/A: Not applicable ND: not detectable at testing limit ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

• Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated. Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Higheet Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Viciation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.9		6/08/05	No	Run off from fertilizer use and erosion of natural resources
Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	0.080	0.080	0.0232		8/02/04	No	Organic and chiorination by-products
Fluoride (ppm)		4	1.3		5/30/04	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizar and aluminum factories
Padoactive Contemport	NCL	arcie S	Highest Lover Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15	D	9		10/31/00	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Rs226/228 (pCI/L)	8	None	<1	1.000	5/13/03	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Co	nteminant	Single Sample Test	Range	Sample Date	Typical Special Monitoring and Source of Contaminant				
Sodium (ppm)		19		6/08/04	Erosion of natural deposits				
Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	90% of Samples <this:level< th=""><th></th><th>Sample Date</th><th>Number of Samples Above AL</th><th>Typical Source of Contaminan</th></this:level<>		Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminan			
Lend (ppb)	15	2	NA	6/23/04	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits			
Copper (ppb)	1300	38	NA	6/23/04	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Brosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives			

** Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 positive monthly sample (5% of monthly samples positive)	0	D	No	Neturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	Routine and repeat sample total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive	٥	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste

Table 1

Source Water Ass	sessment	÷.			
Sample point	Test Result	Analyte Name	Tested	Limit MCL	Rpt Limit
Plant Tap	0.0030 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes	6/17/05	0.08 mg/l	0.0004 mg/l
Sample Hydrant	0.0232 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes	8/02/05	0.08 mg/l	0.0004 mg/l

Chlorine Residuals:

"Maximum residual disinfectant level, or MRDL, means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.'

"Maximum residual disinfectant level goal, or MRDLG, means the level of a drinking water T Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants."

Chlorine (ppm)	J	<i>F</i>	М	A	М	J	J 	A	<i>S</i>	0	N	D
Bacteriological sample site #1	.583	.573	534	585	573	177	110	252	506	569	540	502
Bacteriological sample site #2	.183		.188									
Bacteriological sample site #3	.593		.566								10.0	
Monthly average of samples	.453		.429		.400							1.5 . 5 . 5
RAA computed quarterly			.440			.401			.349			.456

amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements: The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all monitoring and reporting requirements for 2004.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, Michigan and at Lowell Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Lowell City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell,MI. Lowell Township meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact George Regan at 897-5234. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa. gov/safewater/.



Notices in the "Coming TUES .: Cub Scout Pack league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6- of the Moose, men's meet-Events" are free to any 3188 at 1st United Methnonprofit organization in odist Church, 6:30 p.m. the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Cubmaster Bruce Doll, Saranac areas. Keep no- 897-9782/email: bruce @ tices brief; may submit by imagesofvision.com. mail, but will accept no-

tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- TUES .: Women's Commu- 2ND WED .: Kent County 5 p.m. Call Larry at nity Bible Study. Free

SUN.: V.F.W. Post 8303 11:15 a.m./women only at grounds. Call 897-6050. Bingo. Doors open:11:30 7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian a.m.; 1st game: 1:30 p.m. Reformed Church. Call 2ND WED ..: G.R. Chapter at Lowell Veterans Center, 897-7060 or 897-7555. 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every Sunday except 1ST TUES .: Grattan Hisholidays.

Christian Athletes & Public invited. Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

MON.: Overeaters Anony- Schneider Manor Commumous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. Mobile Home Park Com- 897-2760 or 897-9160. munity Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weight 1ST TUES .: Adults with ins.

MON.: Women's over 30 at 897-6325 or 248-2423. drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek El- 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Rapids. Dorothy. 897-9794. ementary. Call Dave LionsClub, 6:30 p.m., Look (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. Memorial Fire Station, 315 3RD WED .: GR area a.m. - 3 p.m. Round Robin

MON .: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 of N. Washington St. Call p.m. New members are Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

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

1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post Call 897-8304. #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON .: Bowne Town- needleart/guilting bee, 5ship Historical Society 8:30 p.m., meets 7:30 at historic Wellness Center, Bridge museum,84th/Alden Nash. St., Saranac. All are wel-

torical Society board dinner is provided. meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. 2ND&4THTUES .: Knights All invited.Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

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

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Linda: 874-5662; teen Community Rm., 725 group: Sarah 281-6588. Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

boat Garden Club is finished for the summer will resume in the fall.

American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. 7:30 p.m.

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

Woodcarvers meet at ins welcome. Call Jan 897-SUN .: Tri-town Conserva- LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 5759.

754-7104. Public welcome. nursery and preschool

torical Society at O'Brien Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/ Room of Grattan Township MON.: LHS Fellowship of Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd.

> 1ST TUES .: Diabetic Sup- more information. port group, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle

S. Hudson St.

Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club. welcome.

- Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, 4 Health come. Contact Bev or 3RDMON .: Fallasburg His- Melissa, 642-6466. Light

> of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY OTHER WED .: 3RD MON.: Lowell Show- 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694.

4TH MON .: Clark-Ellis WED .: Rotary meets at noon, Lowell Masonic

> WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON Monterey Grill at 7 p.m. upstairs at 1st Congrega tional Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

tion Club trap & skeet 2ND THURS .: Loyal Order

10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED .: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 -9:30 p.m.Round Robin tices by phone at 897-9261. TUES .: Flat River open play, all levels, walk-

> Youth Fair Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., King Memorial story hour/craft time 9:45 - Youth Center, 4-H Fair-

> > of the American Sewing Guild. Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River program: Carol Beard - how to handle and sew on Lycra fabric. Olga 616-975-9977/ June 231-780-1249 for

2ND WED .: Lowell Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Commu-

2ND WED .: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand

Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Round Robin open play, all levels. walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

THURS .: Weight Watch-2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

THURS .: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents.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. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750 Fuller NE.

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

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Alto Lions Club meets at

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

ing at 7:30 p.m.

3RD THURS .: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. "Family Team Building Activities and W. Main. 897-8565. summer picnic. 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info. and to preregister.

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

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, nity Room, 725 Bowes Rd. Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women. Ada 752-8300.

> 2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe. Knapp's Corners, 10 open play, all levels, walkins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pator Judy at 897-7842.

2ND SAT .: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM Tues., Sat. & Sun.1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free.897-7688.

647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

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

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

3RD THURS .: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn at 862-8841.

3RD THURS .: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116

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

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

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artscouncil.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

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.

SAT., JUNE 18: Alpha Women's Center annual Life Walk. Registration Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m. begins 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Call 894-4488 or 897-5648 for info.

> MON., JUNE 20: Sister Sue Traccy will talk at Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. following lunch at noon in Senior Room. Topic" Hee Hee Healing, the Power

of Laughter." Sponsored by Family, Friends and Neighbors of Grattan.

WED., JUNE 22: Community CPR class hosted by Lowell YMCA, 6-9:30 p.m. Call 897-8445.

SAT. & SUN., JUNE 25 & 26: St. Patrick's parish annual festival at 4351 Parnell FLAT RIVER OUT- NE. 5-K run/walk/relay. Chicken bar-b-cue, bingo, live band, raffle.

> THURS., JUNE 30: LHS class of '45 reunion at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor.

THURS., JUNE 30: Lowell Rotary Club bus trip to Tigers game vs. White Sox. \$57. Call Charlie Doyle at 897-7532 for details.

WED., JULY 6: Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station. 315 S. Hudson.



LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

897-5949

MON.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall: 10 a.m. Out & About.

TUES .: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall: 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JUNE 15: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast at Steak & Shake; 12:45 p.m. Buffalo Barn.

THURS., JUNE 16: 8:30 a.m. Trufant Flea Market.

FRI., JUNE 17: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 3 p.m. Bowling.

MON., JUNE 20: 9 a.m. Tour Jiffy Mix Plant.

TUES., JUNE 21: 4:30 p.m. Terrific Tuesday.

WED., JUNE 22: Bosnia

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THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

Shoppers 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer

THURS., JUNE 23: 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Fire Mountain

FRI., JUNE 24: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JUNE 27: Noon Center Shower and Pot Luck.

TUES., JUNE 28: 5 p.m. Swiss Steak Dinner by Karen.

WED. JUNE 29: Noon Potato Bar.

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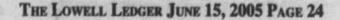
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