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Summer rocks to a musical start on the Riverwalk



rummer Rick Seese (from guitarist Mitch McMahon and bassist Chris Collins of the Great Lakes Band performed last Thursday for opening night of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' **Summer Concerts.**

The blues-rock band formed in the mid-1970s and gigged extensively around western northern Michigan. When disco came along, they broke up, but reunited to play the first-ever Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts in 2001.

This season's schedule features a wide variety of music styles, including new rock and roll concerts Friday. every fourth Thursday's act is the Crossroads Blues Band. Two bands, Smoody and Broken Sunday, take the stage Friday night for the first rock concert of the summer series.

Annual Pow Wow to be held this weekend at fairgrounds

By Dan Schneider

he Grand Valley American Indian Lodge brings its Restoring the Circle Pow Wow to the Lowell Fairgrounds this weekend.

It's the second year the fairgrounds have hosted the event. The lodge is glad to be returning, having had a successful Pow Wow here last year.

"Excellent, excellent, it was wonderful," lodge council director Lori Shustha said. "We had a really good crowd.

We'll be bigger this year because everybody I've talked to Pow Wow. said they're coming."

Last year, the Pow Wow was held on the same weekend as a Pow Wow in Lansing. Without the schedule conflict, this year should draw in even more dancers and crafters, and a larger audience.

The main event is the dancing. This year the dance circle will be located closer to Hudson Street. A Grand Entry is a ceremonial entrance of all the dancers, the first dance of the

"Grand Entry is when all the dancers come into the circle behind our flag bearers," Shustha said.

There will be three Grand Entries at this year's Pow Wow. The first is Saturday at 1 p.m., then at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday's is at 12 p.m.

The Pow Wow includes a variety of dances: traditional, more modern (less than 100 years old), fancy, grass, shawl

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Former postmaster leaves a legacy of service to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

he city of Lowell lost one of its most dedicated citizens over the weekend, when Charlie Doyle died of a heart attack Sunday morning at the age of 77.

Doyle, a lifelong Lowell resident and active Democrat, was among the last presidentially-appointed postmasters in the United States. He was appointed postmaster of Lowell in August of 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. He served for 25 years, retiring in 1990 at the age of 62.

"I used to tell him, 'Charlie, in Lowell being a Democrat is like being a whipping post," longtime friend Phil Schneider said. football together.

"But he hung in there as a Democrat and when Johnson got to be president, he got to be postmaster."

Being a staunch Democrat said something about Doyle's tenacious character.

"I think some of the reason he became such a good Democrat was because his brothers and all his relatives were Republicans and he wanted to be different," Schneider said.

Schneider and Doyle were longtime friends. In the Lowell High School class of 1945, Doyle, Schneider, Ray Houghton and Humphrey Johnson were known as the "gang of four." They played

In the summers during World War II, when they were 16 years old, Doyle and



Charles Doyle

Schneider worked as deck hands on package freighters. The ships moved jeeps and Doyle stayed for two

other military vehicles from Detroit to Buffalo, where they were put on trains to be carried to the east coast and then to the front.

"We worked on the same boat," Schneider said.

Schneider and Doyle both joined the Marines after high school and after World War II. They were stationed at the same base in South Carolina. Johnson joined the Navy and was killed in a plane crash at the age of 20. So Houghton and Schneider are the only members of the "gang of four" still living.

When Doyle Schneider got out of the Marines, both went to Michigan State University. years before completing his degree at Hillsdale College, where he met his wife, Dee. He shared with her his interest in politics, taking her to events like the

1964 Democratic National Convention where he was a delegate.

Doyle, cont'd., pg. 3



DOYLE

of Lowell, Lowell Light and Cable. Charlie is survived by

Throughout his life. Charlie Charles (Charlie) R. Doyle, was an active Democrat aged 77, passed away on and worked on a number Father's Day June 19, of political campaigns. He 2005. He was born May 4, was a member of the Lowell 1928, in Grand Rapids, the Area Historical Association, son of Charles and Gladys Lowell Rotary Club, Loyal (Stowall) Doyle. Charlie Order of Moose Lodge #809, was a community leader and Delta Tau Delta Fraternity served the city of Lowell for and a lifetime member of most of his life. He served in the First United Methodist the U.S. Marine Corps, and Church. He received many afterward attended MSU and awards including Rotary Hillsdale College where he Man of the Year, Postmaster met his wife Dolores (Dee) of the Year for Michigan, and Baut. They were married a United States Bicentennial for 52 years. Charlie was Award. Charlie is survived employed by the State of by wife Dee; children Sally Michigan in their social Littlefair Zarafonetis (Jim), welfare department in his Robert Dovle. (Diane), early career. Later he owned Maureen Doyle (Shelley) an automobile dealership. Michele Marino (Marty); In 1965, he was appointed nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Charlie Michigan, by the President of was loved by his brother, the United States and retired sisters, and in-laws, Anita in 1990 after 25 years of and Roland Hanson of service. Charlie was elected Hendersonville, N.C., and to the Lowell City Council Virginia and Jack Tornga for nine years, was State of Plymouth, MI, William President of the National S. Doyle (deceased) and League of Postmasters and Eunice Doyle, and Gloria served on the Board of the Roth Powell (deceased).

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Baut, and numerous nieces in 1945. He graduated from Humane Society. and nephews. A memorial the University of Michigan service will be held on in 1950 with a journalism Thursday, June 23 at 11 a.m. degree. He earned a at First United Methodist master's degree in education Rosenberger, aged 22, of Church in Lowell, Dr. from Western Michigan Michael Conklin officiating. University. Dirk taught Lord, June 16, 2005. He was A reception will follow at the English and journalism preceded in death by his Johnson; many nieces and church. In lieu of flowers, for the Kentwood Public great-grandparents Harold nephews. Memorial services memorial contributions Schools until his retirement and Nora Rosenberger, were held Tuesday at the may be sent to Lowell in 1988 when he became an Frank and Edna Brooks, Cascade Christian Church Area Historical Association adjunct professor of English Thomas and Mae Stafford. Chapel, Rev. Michael or First United Methodist at Grand Rapids Community He is survived by his infant Spitters and Rev. Raymond Church in Lowell.

aged 81, of Lowell, passed Fla., where they spent many (Laura) survived by his wife Katie; by his wife of 55 years, Madison; all of Lowell, Betty Lyons grandsons Dr. Michael T. Conklin of brother Victor. A memorial Taylor officiating. Interment the First United Methodist service was held at Fountain Oakwood Memorials may be made to Fountain Street Church 157, Lowell, MI 49331. Hospice of Michigan.

NEBBELING

78, of Caledonia, passed Box 101, Allendale 49401,

the following:

the City of Lowell.

Saturday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen

Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing

at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday,

June 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council

Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301

East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the

purpose of receiving comments from the public on

An Ordinance amendment to delete Section

12.05 C "All merchandise and related displays

and fixtures shall be located within ten (10) feet

of the front of the building of the related

business at all times when the related business

is closed to the public" of Chapter 12 of the

Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of

Copies of the proposed Ordinance amendment

are available for public inspection during normal

business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public

Library during scheduled hours Monday through

Interested persons may submit written comments

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to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, M

49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

purchased a retirement Rosenberger; Memorial Fund, 24 Fountain

NE, Grand Rapids 49503;

mother-in-law Alice Baut, High School in 1944 and Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL (Lena), Mark (Cheri), Kevin Donald served in the Army Air Corps 33952 or the Kent County

ROSENBERGER Jonathon "Jon" David College for several years. In son Braydon Matthew; Gaylord, Rosenberger away June 19, 2005. He is winters. Dirk is survived and their infant daughter children Richard Lyons, Lillian; son Mark T. (Vicky) special friend Andrea; Patricia Ann (Tricia) Stine, Barbara (Daniel) Nugent, Nebbeling of Jenison; grandparents Marvin and Cemetery. Blythefield Contributions in Dirk's be made to ALPHA Women Gardens. memory may be made to Center Lowell, P.O. Box

SMITH

Dirk M. Nebbeling, aged of West Michigan, P.O. 46, of Lowell, passed away Gerst Chapel on June 10. At unexpectedly June 17, her request cremation has away on June 11, 2005 The Unitarian Universalist 2005. She is survived by occurred; interment in Ionia. following a brief illness. Fellowship of Charlotte her husband Thomas II; Memorial contributions may Dirk graduated from South County, 1532 Forrest Nelson daughters Jess and Lori; be made to the American parents Richard and Doris Heart Association. Keener; brothers Alan

(Melissa), Dave (Carla), Rich (Leighanne); parentsin-law Tom and Lynne Smith; sisters-in-law Shawn Keener. Diana (Mike) Burchardt, Cindy (Randy) Lowell, went to be with his Scoble, Cheryl Smith; 1995, he and his wife Lillian his parents Mark and Judy Interment Bailey Cemetery. brothers Memorial contributions may Ormand L. (Bud) Lyons, home near Punta Gorda, Matthew James, Lucas be made to the Kent County

Humane Society.

aged 45, of Cedar Springs, Christopher Velda Rosenberger, Arlen formerly of Lowell, passed of Grand Rapids, Christine (Lisa), Corey; brothers and Maebelle Brooks; many away unexpectedly June 6. (Bruce) Packard of Walker; Cornelius of Okemos, aunts, uncles and cousins. 2005. She is survived by her brothers Glenn (Florence) John (Virginia) of Lowell; Jon enjoyed out of doors husband Bruce; stepchildren Lyons, Lloyd (Dorothy) sister Pauline Leversay hunting and fishing activities David (Melissa) Stine yons; sisters Ruth Hunt, of Kentwood; sister-in- with Justin, and watching Jan Stine; mother Marty Doris Geldersma, Margie law Elizabeth Nebbeling a good sporting event with Chrisman; brothers David Harris; seven grandchildren; of Grand Rapids; many Greg. Funeral services were (Connie) Chrisman; Daniel five great-granddaughters; nieces and nephews; furry held Tuesday at the First (Michelle) Chrisman; sister several nieces and nephews. companions Brandy and Baptist Church of Lowell, Susan (Daniel) Heinicke; The funeral service will Rajah. Dirk was preceded 2275 West Main, Pastor four grandchildren; many be held Wednesday at 11 in death by his parents Dirk David Sims, Pastor Burland nieces and nephews; a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, M. and Plonia Nebbeling, Margesson and Pastor W. Lee relatives and friends. Tricia devoted her life to caring for others and was a registered Church of Lowell officiating. Street Church on June 21. Memorial contributions may nurse for 24 years working with psychiatric and geriatric patients. She was an avid reader, enjoyed nature, loved collecting mice figurines. and Star Trek. A visitation The Freethought Association Lynne Ellen Smith, aged service was held at Roth-

LOWELL **AREA SCHOOLS**

In an effort to save the district approximately \$15,000, all buildings, including administration offices, will closed during the week of July 4, closing at the end of the work day on July 1 and reopening at the beginning of the work day on July 11.

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Fair apologizes for misunderstandings city sees fair as important part of community

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

city of Lowell and the Kent for another home. County Youth Fair have EarthTech to thank.

The the company to find out.

Oetman came before the manager Ron Wenger.

me involved, I probably

housewife, but he always

dealership in Lowell. Then

much a public figure as he

was a business manager for

the post office. As Ledger

publisher Roger Brown

remembers, he was not shy

Ledger back in 1975 Charlie

was the postmaster," Brown

said. "Publishers holding

"When I bought the

with the local media.

would have been a nice knew well.

council with a list of items he wanted the city to complete, Wenger said the board did

others and reading about the

Doyle, continued ... From Page 1

don't think I would have asleep at his desk. Charlie voice.

He and Schneider later never crazy enough to test Lowell."

ended up in because of his seldom failed to remind

he became postmaster of longstanding figure at Lowell

owned a Pontiac-GMC Charlie's resolve."

took me along and I ended father owned the neighboring Republic' and 'The Marine

up just as outgoing as he Saranac Advertiser. He once Corps Hymn' without a

was," she said. "He put me published a candid photo mental picture of the big

into a lot of things that I of the Saranac postmaster guy up front leading in full

college, Doyle worked for wish I'd never heard of the met him, for his booming

the state of Michigan in the Lowell Ledger. It was good-voice, gregarious personality

social welfare department. natured banter, but I was and devotion to his beloved

Rotary Club meetings.

appointee, Doyle was as Rotary's song leader. He the Lowell village council.

leaving the impression with not agree with the contents dialogue open between the It appears the Foreman some that if the city was not of the message or manner two groups. building will be getting a more supportive, the fair in which it was conveyed, new coat of paint, and the board would start looking and showing that, 15 of the said he encouraged the fair board members came to the board to come to the Parks After hearing from council meeting.

company, meeting, several shocked had a "mutually beneficial" which oversees the city's board members wrote a relationship for the past 70 have and work with the city wastewater plant, came letter of apology to the years and did not want to to reach those goals. "The forward after hearing a story council making it clear sever any ties with the city. fair is important to Lowell about the desire to have the "neither the Kent County The board recognizes the city and Lowell is important to building repainted before Youth Fair Board nor has been very supportive of the fair," said city manager the fair Aug. 8, but the city its constituency has any the fair and was looking into David Pasquale. "It has not having the funds to do plans to leave the current the matter of the 10 percent been here for 70 years and so. Although how EarthTech fairgrounds," according to lease profits owed to the we hope that it continues to learned about the need was the letter written by Steve city. Wenger also stated that not exactly the way the Kent Vickers, the fair board's Oetman has since resigned County Youth Fair wanted acting president. "We felt from the board. "We were believe that the incident like we had egg on our face quite surprised, to say the has helped to open lines of At the Lowell City because what was said here least," said mayor Jeanne communication between the Council meeting June 6, then at the last meeting was not Shores about the June 6 two groups and feels this fair board president Michael our intent at all," said fair meeting, adding that the will bring more positive city recognizes the benefits results for everyone.

never hear Charlie's favorite

me that if I ever pulled a remembered by me, and I 23 at 11 a.m. at Lowell First

Doyle's devotion to

postmaster appointment.

In the late 1950s, he was

Reading from the letter, of having the fair within the city and wants to keep

and Recreation meetings on Wenger said the fair has the second Saturday of the month to discuss goals they

Wenger said he does

a further six years from

1985 to 1991. Doyle also

served on the board of

member of the Lowell Area

A memorial service will

Historical Association.

Councilman Jim Pfaller

Tuesday 7-9 p.m.

please call 894-4667. For all ages; any musical ability

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. will sponsor a blood Station, 315 S. Hudson.

USED BOOK SALE

Friends of Englehardt Library will sponsor a used book sale on Friday, July 8, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, July 9, 10-4 p.m. All kinds of books plus tapes and CDs. Under the striped tent along the Riverwalk. Proceeds will benefit

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"Many years prior, my songs, 'Battle Hymn of the

When he finished stunt like that with him, I'd dare say, anyone who ever United Methodist Church.

Doyle was also a Lowell went beyond his

"Charlie was the Lowell elected for three years on

postmaster, a fact Charlie us out," Brown said. "I will

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SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

The beat goes on. This Thursday "Crossroads Blues Band" will be featured from 7-9 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza. Free admission, handicap/senior parking; bleacher seating is available or bring your lawn chairs!

FOURTH FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

"Smoody" and "Broken Sunday" will perform at Riverwalk Plaza this Friday from 7-9 p.m. First in the

TOWN BAND FORMING

If you are interested in being part of a town band,

BLOOD DRIVE

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"Charlie will long be be held on Thursday, June Englehardt Library.

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Mark Johnson

August.

This is in an effort to sound, according to Lowell Cable Television general director Tom Richards.

depending on the package each. Choices Gold will to help pay a marginal a subscriber receives: go from \$38.25 to \$40.99; contribution to the original Basic Cable will increase 5.7 percent from \$31.60 to \$44.25 to \$47.35. \$33.40. Several tier options are available with this, direct result of a cost-of- have occurred in the past,

\$24.25 to \$27.75. Choices utilities. Silver, tier three, will go The increases were a

increase by 7 percent, going done by Mark Beauchamp of the system running and, as With the increases, that from \$14.25 to \$15.25. Utility Financial Solutions, a a result, the company lost more than doubled to Lowell Cable Television Choices Bronze, tier two, firm specializing in analysis, money, Richards explained. \$100,000. has the highest increase of rate setting and financial

The increase will vary will go up about 7 percent individual service needs Choices Platinum, from system and an on-going maintenance program."

Choices Plus, tier one, will service study and rate review they were not enough to keep only a net profit of \$40,000.

The increase does give increase in their rates this 14.4 percent, jumping from planning for municipal-run the company more revenue, affordable compared which will be earmarked for competitors who charge The review determined improving the cable system's between \$43 and \$46 for keep the system financially from \$32.25 to \$34.85, an that the Lowell cable rates services, Richards said. As Expanded Basic, similar 8.1 percent increase, and were "too low to keep the an example, without the to Lowell's Basic Cable, Choices Gold, tier four, and system financially sound," increases, the company's Richards said. Choices Platinum, tier five, Richards said. "Each 2005-2006 budget showed

Cable rate increases will probably occur again when the company has to deal with premium channels increasing their rates. The new rates are still

At the first meeting in June, the council approved the Lowell Cable Company's budget and rate increases. Subscribers will get the August billings in July.

City raises water, sewer Even though in-creases charges temporarily while preparing for cost analysis

Water and sewer users will see a dollar increase in raised 20 cents per thousand said that a single family each utility starting with their gallons. This meant that using about 5,000 gallons July billing statements.

\$19.75 to \$20.75 and the increase will only be effective consumption charges,

the city rates should be. was councilman Charles 40 cents more with the study; the council supported Myers who supported the consumption study, but felt it was fairer to With the readiness-toincrease consumption charges serve and sanitary sewer so more of the financial debt increase, that same burden would fall on the couple would pay \$2 more higher users "like it should," per month. he said.

a proposal showing that for water bill go up by about fees. water and sewer consumption \$447.20 and its sewer

\$58,000 for the system, about \$3,890.64. charges would have to be

from \$12.50 to \$13.50. The Pasquale showed that with the year. increase. it.

A business with two sanitary sewer including City staff did put together accounts would see its hook-up fees and pool filling

charges to meet the needed consumption charge by

Interestingly, Pasquale water consumption charges would see no difference At its meeting last night, would have gone from if the consumption charge the Lowell City Council voted \$1.68 to \$1.88 per thousand or the readiness-to-serve 4-1 to raise the readiness-to- and sewer consumption and sanitary sewer debt serve charge for water from charges, from \$1.80 to \$2. charges were increased. It Through a chart, is estimated that this would sanitary sewer debt service city manager David bring in about \$58,000 for

Councilman Jim Pfaller for six months, until Dec. 15, those using more water made the motion that the at which time the city council would be hit harder. He city increase the readinesshopes to have the results from pointed out that an older to-serve and sanitary sewer a rate study to determine what couple using about 1,000 charges temporarily so the gallons of water and sewer city could have some time Objecting to the proposal each would only pay about to do a cost analysis and rate

> The new rate structure would be established by Jan.

New fees were also approved for water and

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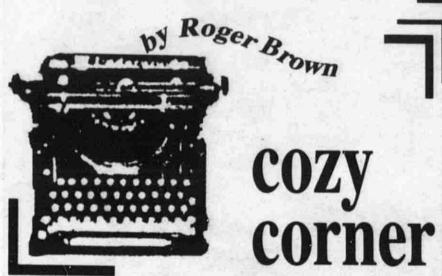
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My old biplane is looking rather forlorn these days.

About six weeks ago I made the executive decision to change

out engines. The day after a mechanic and I pulled off the

Florida Keys' summer sun with grass growing up around it

years. About ten years ago the engine blew up in flight

somewhere over Pennsylvania. I bought a used engine. Two

years later it developed problems and a top-overhaul was

performed. The engine ran fine after the "top", but it had

taken on the traits associated with all radial engines. Those

traits include the leaking, throwing and burning of large

quantities of oil. It had been a relatively dry engine before

the top-overhaul. My engine has now developed an appetite

of more than two quarts per hour. A quart or so is a nuisance.

long to, there was a notice about an engine rebuilder with a

a check was in the mail. According to the deal, we were sup-

posed to be hanging my new engine today. My new engine

is still in a few hundred pieces at the shop in Avon Park. It

reluctance to force the issue. I have this gut feeling that it

probably isn't a good thing to demand your antique airplane

engine be slapped together to meet an agreed upon comple-

tion date. I don't care how forlorn the plane looks parked

in the tall grass. It would look a lot more forlorn at the bot-

tom of the ocean because somebody was in a hurry putting

the engine together. Oh, and I'm not real keen on ditching

NEVER GIVE UP

and time remaining in the game would indicate certain loss

for the trailing team. Then, in the closing moments of the

contest, a series of surprising events propel the losing team

to victory. The same scenario can occur while fishing. Just

when it seems there are no fish in the lake, they suddenly

begin rushing the hook. Like someone said, it ain't over till

that on any given body of water the fish are always biting.

The trick, of course, is to find out when, where, and how.

Unless you have a friend who is benevolent enough to

supply that information or you just plain get lucky, it will

were dragging live bait rigs over a stretch of river that had

given up a limit catch the day before. After several hours

of trying the same technique, the only thing in the live well

was the "skunk." Then things got worse. The sun came out

bright and hot, the wind died, the water went flat, boat traffic

picked-up, and the electric motor faded. We decided to use

the remaining battery power to move slowly about a small

area and change to lead-head jigs tipped with half a crawler

and jig in four and five foot deep water. I was as surprised

as anyone when a good-sized walleye immediately grabbed

On a recent trip to the Upper Peninsula for walleyes, we

take time and effort to answer these questions.

A seasoned walleye tournament fisherman once told me

We have all watched sporting events where the score

The delay is a long story. Part of the problem is my

ain't going to be installed today, or any day real soon.

Over two quarts is a concern.

Outdoors

Dave Stegehuis

it's over.

Let's start with the engine. I've had the plane fifteen

and the engine and prop missing. It looks pretty sad.

of May. I assumed it would be okay to renew the lease or extend for a couple months. So much for positive thinking. The owner rents the place out to vacationers most of the year. He doesn't care if his renters have to park outside, so he makes a little extra cash from me. I also cut his grass as

part of the deal. While his kids are out of school this summer, the family is staying in the home. The son wants to play basketball in Priscilla my hangar space, so my plane was moved outside. I realize my plane is no prize. It's no museum piece like the "Spirit of St. Louis" or "Enola Gay." On the other hand, this kid is no Michael Jordan either. I wouldn't say I'm upset about the

As for the eviction. I rent a spot under a house on stilts

at a nearby airpark community. My lease ran out at the end

old engine, I got a call from my landlord. I was evicted. My eviction, but my attitude may explain why the Stearman is ratty old Stearman is now tied down out in the relentless parked in "tall" grass.

> I had intended to ferry the plane back to Michigan a month ago. I then postponed my trip until a small window of opportunity I have over the next few days. Since that window has gone the way of the moose, I don't know when I'll get the plane out of the sun and, more importantly, the threat of a hurricane. If we get a big blow down here, the whole plane may be "out the window."

To most of you, I'm sure all this time, effort and expense seems ... for lack of a better word ... STUPID! Hey, we all have our passions. Like a friend of mine once said, "Those golf courses would be really crowded if everybody liked that stupid game." He happens to be into off-road motorcycling. As they say, to each his own. I'll keep investing river. In a monthly e-mail from a biplane owner's group I be- my green fees in my old biplane.

All of the above rhetoric was prompted by a little piece Continental W-670 core. The rebuilder was looking to make I saw in my "Stearman Restorer's Association" magazine, somebody a "real deal" on a fresh engine. The price was "Flying Wire." The piece was credited to Pete Fusco. I don't certainly right. A few phone calls, and the next thing I knew know Pete, but he is obviously a Stearman pilot.

> The piece goes like this. "Indeed, were it not for the noise, the relentless hurricane-force wind sometimes mixed with bullets of rain in the face, the occasional bug in the mouth, the near impossibility of communication, the danger of hypothermia, the unshielded exposure to the sun's deadly gamma rays, the nonexistent baggage space, the low pressure airflow over the cockpits that can suck out cigarettes and charts, the dismal forward visibility, and its otherwise shameless impracticality, an open cockpit biplane might just be the most ideal aircraft ever conceived ... surely the most wondrous of all man's wondrous machines."

Couldn't have put it better myself!

the first jig I dropped over the side of the boat into the tannin trips in the USA last year. stained water.

It is easy to choose one method and stay with it, even if it doesn't produce results. This is especially true when fishing a spot that was productive in the past. This is called fishing memories.

The point is, it is usually necessary to change location, baits or presentation, and often all three to consistently catch walleyes. Wind direction, water temperature, bait fish and time of year must be part of the equation. Juggling all

The next time out on the water, don't get stuck in a rut. Try a change-up tactic. You may be pleasantly surprised at the results. Never give up.

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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your

Ledger Entries



THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 22, 2005 PAGE 5

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JUNE 23, 1880**

This is the last week of school. Archery is popular in Lowell now.

Ada has 1600 inhabitants, Grand Rapids, 80,000 according to the census.

The brick Train's Block has been painted, with white penciling between bricks.

Cross streets on the west side now have drains to the

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JUNE 22, 1905**

There is no microfilm of this issue, nor of any until Aug.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **JUNE 19, 1930**

Goldfish up to six inches long have been reported in the Grand River at Portland.

The new, improved-sound, redecorated Strand Theatre draws 800 on opening night.

Pete Mulder's Blue Mill gas station at M-21 and the railroad tracks, and the Fineis Oil Co. station at East Main and Jefferson have their openings.

Michigan farmers are invited to Michigan State College during July to tour the experimental grain plots.

There were 90,000 people who made scheduled airline

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 23, 1955

Tenth-grader Barbara Court has an all-A record throughout her schooling.

The VFW, American Legion, Rotary, Lions and other groups volunteer to paint the Showboat bleachers, thus adding \$700 to the swimming pool fund.

The old Malta Tower closes, where round-the- clock the variables make fishing walleyes and most other species levermen, and later, telegraph operators kept the crossing clear at Segwun for 50 years.

Six schools in the Cascade area start planning for a

The Runciman ad says that beans can still be planted for a few more days.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

JUNE 18, 1980 Sign up for being in the parade at noon, having a booth at Recreation Park or canoe racing on July 4.

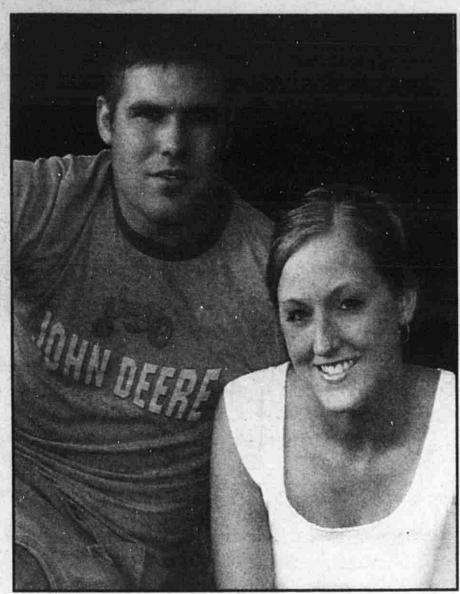
Delores Dev is named by city council to chair the Lowell Sesquicentennial Celebration next year.

Over a hundred applicants have been auditioned for the Lions Club-sponsored Amateur Night next week. Winners will perform one night at showboat.

Steel superstructure of the new Public Works/Fire Station is in place on South Hudson and ready for a roof.

The "Looking Back" feature is a picture of the old Central School building, 1861-1915 (north of Riverside School).

Zalokar/Oesch



Tom Oesch and Annie Zalokar

Parents of the couple are Alto.

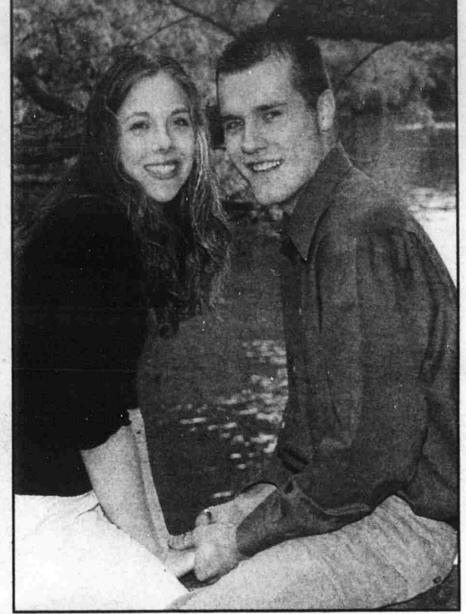
The marriage of Annie Karen and Jim Eckelstafer Zalokar of Lowell and of Lowell, Rick and Wendy Tom Oesch of Alto will be Zalokar of Rockford and celebrated on July 29, 2005. Tom and Michelle Oesch of



Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Christian Life Center

Most of us didn't know much about the space shuttle Columbia's amazing crew until the ship and the crew were lost in that awful re-entry tragedy in February 2003. But then we began to learn what truly outstanding men and women

Haybarker/Pullen



Brandy Haybarker and Andrew Pullen

Haybarker of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandy to Andrew

graduate of Lowell High wedding. School.

these people were, starting with their commander, Rick

clear that he was a magnetic follower of Jesus Christ. He words and God's ways, and a consistent life of Christ-like quoted from memory verses from Joshua 1 to prepare his love and purity. Someone may ask, "How do you know that's crew the night before the launch. He prayed with his crew what a father's supposed to be doing?" Look at Ephesians just before they met the press and boarded the shuttle. He 6:4: "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring molded his diverse crew into a bonded team.

his kids before he left. He made 17 videos for his daughter and 17 videos for his young son, each one a "devotional with Daddy" for each day he was scheduled to be gone - it was Daddy with the Word of God and Daddy praying with them. Can you imagine what a treasure that will be to them?

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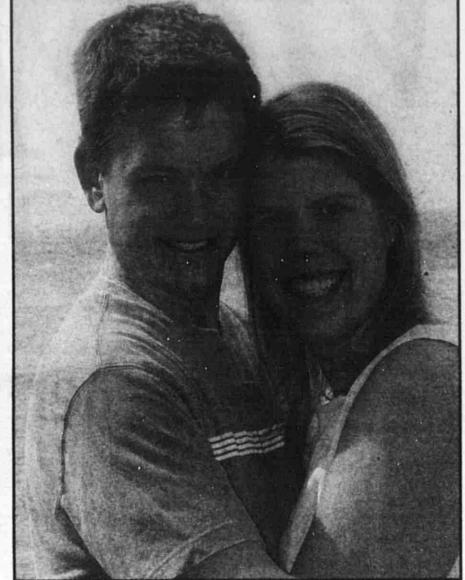
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SUNDAYS:

& "XL" Youth Sunday evenings

WEDNESDAYS:

Kremer/Gentry



Austin Gentry and Kristi Kremer

Mr. and Mrs. John The future groom is a Kremer of Belding announce graduate of Grand Rapids graduate of Lowell High the engagement of their Classical Academy and is School and ITT Tech. He daughter Kristi Diane to currently attending Grand is the son of Jim and Jenny Austin Eliot Gentry.

The couple are planning graduate of Lowell High Douglas Gentry of Lowell. The bride-elect is a a September 17, 2005 School and is currently attending Grand Rapids wedding is being planned. Community College.

Valley State University. He The bride-to-be is a is the son of Mr. and Mrs. An August 6, 2005

The future groom is a

The kind of gift a space shuttle commander left for his children is the kind of legacy God intends for every father Hearing from his family and friends, it quickly became to leave - a contagious love for Jesus, the teaching of God's them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." There What's really awesome was what Rick Husband did for are some guys who might say, "That's women's work."

Throughout the Bible - beginning with Adam - God makes it clear where the buck stops when it comes to spiritual leadership in a family. It stops with the man. But that's not

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Celebrating golden wedding anniversaries



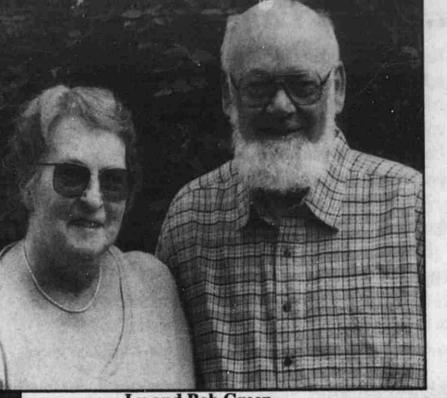
The Greens on their wedding day.

Bob and Lu Green of Lowell will celebrate 50 years of marriage with family and friends at Brann's and a trip to Northern Michigan. They were married on June 25, 1955.

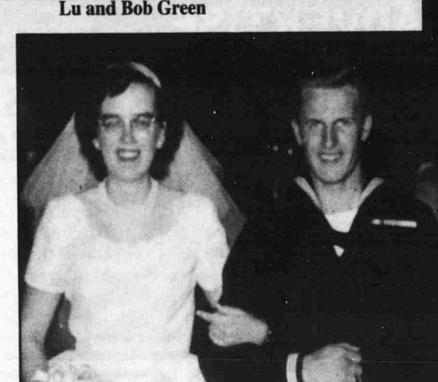
The Green's children

are: Don and Lynn Green, Jo and Scott Meyers, Bill and Sue Green and Doug and Wendy Green.

They have 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Lu and Bob Green



The Millers in 1955



Nancy and Alfred Miller

and Township; and David and Nancy E. Miller, of Joy Mueller of Hoskins, Lowell, will observe Papua New Guinea. 50 years of marriage on will celebrate the event grandchild. with family and friends on June 25.

Their children are John and Marjorie Miller of Wyoming. MI; Grace Miller of Memphis, TN; Thomas Miller of Gaines

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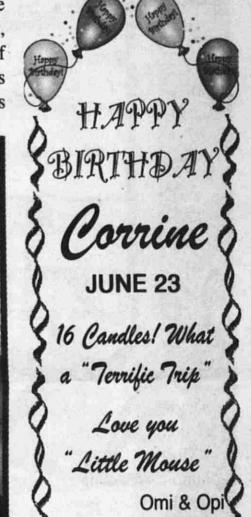
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The Miller's have 10 June 26, 2005. They grandchildren and one great-



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> JUNE 27: Dylan Schneider, Aaron Kroemer.

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JUNE 29: Ben Zoodsma, Stephanie Yonker, Jackson Simmons, Trevor Wernet.

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supposed to be a bad thing. It means that a man can leave remember when they think in working on our spiritual a legacy for his children that of you? Will they remember legacy. can literally change their a praying man? Will they Husband modeled this God- man who loved and lived given assignment of being by the words of God? It's coach when he left God's give them. We never know your living God! Word for his children along when our own mission on with hearing him talk with earth will end, which means People!

What will your children we can't waste another day The greatest gifts you

lives and last forever. Rick remember a Godly man? A will leave your children will not be in your will - they will be in your life ... as you pass your children's spiritual the greatest legacy you can onto them your living faith in

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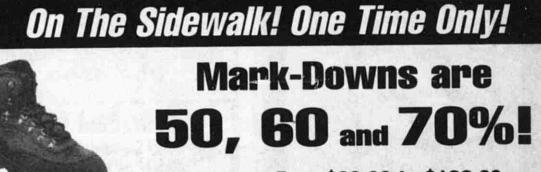
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and jingle dress. During the veterans' dance, all veterans are • Refrain from taking pictures when a fallen eagle feather invited to join in. Everyone in attendance at the Pow Wow is invited to join in the Intertribal dances.

Larry Plamondon is the master of ceremonies. His job is to explain the dances and traditions, and tell stories during lulls in the dance. "Larry's a real good story teller," Shustha

Plamondon will also instruct the audience on proper lodge. etiquette for observing and participating in the Pow Wow. Following are some of the guidelines:

· Stand quietly, remove hats and refrain from taking pictures during a Grand Entry, flag song, veterans' song sure everything is done correctly in the circle." and any honor song. Plamondon will announce when one of these is about to take place.

is being retrieved from the dance circle.

· A dancer's clothing is called "regalia" or "outfit," not a Photographers should ask permission before taking

pictures of dancers outside the dance circle. A full list of etiquette guidelines are printed by the

Bill Vandegriff is the head veteran at this year's Pow

"He is the main lead dancer," Shustha said. "He makes

Admission, parking and camping are free. The lodge

received a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund to cover the cost of renting the fairgrounds, for promotional printing and other costs related to the event.

"We get a lot of support from the town," said lodge treasurer Frank Murphy. "I think they just go out of their way to help us."

An auction of native/miscellaneous items will be held at 9 p.m. Saturday. It is a fundraiser for the lodge's food pantry. Part of the proceeds also help pay the cost of putting on the Pow Wow.

Craft booths open at 10 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday with a closing ceremony on Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Fundraising efforts and donor search in place to help local girl

By Skye Fisher and National

Marrow Donor Program

The search for a bone marrow donor for Anna Organek is not yet over, and you could be the missing piece.

More than 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. are diagnosed with diseases for which a blood or marrow transplant can be a cure, but only 30 percent will find a matched donor in their families.

Anna Organek, age 8, of Lowell, has been diagnosed with a rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. The national Bone Marrow registry has been reviewed and a match for Organek has not yet been

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A Bone Marrow drive will be held on Tuesday, July 12 from 12 to 8 p.m. at Lowell High School in an effort to find Organek her match. Potential donors must be between the ages of 18-60 and meet health requirements in order to be considered. All potential donors will have to complete a brief health questionnaire and sign a consent form to have their tissue type listed on the national registry.

Those being tested will be asked to contribute a minimum of \$20, but will not be turned away regardless of the contribution amount.

There will be several

Anna Organek

Larkin's "Other Place" will be hosting a benefit dinner fundraising events to help Friday at 5 p.m. The dinner but are unable to because of raise money for the \$125 buffet will commence at age. screening per person, which .6 p.m. and continue with

will also be held. On Saturday, June 25, The event kicks off at 9 This 4-person scramble will payable to the Michigan person is \$85. Sponsors are reference "Anna". still being sought for this

Also on Saturday, an Angel Walk will take place at Cherry Creek Elementary beginning at 9 a.m. for youngsters who want to help,

Students from Cherry is not covered by insurance. a cash bar and DJ until 11 Creek, Bushnell, Alto and

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This weekend will mark p.m. Donations of \$15 per Murray Lake schools will be the start of the events, when person and \$25 per couple participating in this Walk-A- to the Bone Marrow Drive will be excepted at the door. Thon for Organek. Pledge are tax deductible and can Raffles and a silent auction forms can be downloaded be mailed to: Michigan on the Help-Anna website. Community Blood Center,

If you haven't yet 1036 Fuller NE P.O. Box there will be a golf outing pledged a student, there is 1704, Grand Rapids, MI at Byron Hills Golf Course. still time. If you would like 49501. A receipt will be to make a donation to the mailed to you once payment a.m., with 18 holes of golf. drive, please make checks is received. include a Pig Roast and Community Blood Center visit Organek's website at prize drawings. The cost per and in the "Note" section, www.help-anna.org.

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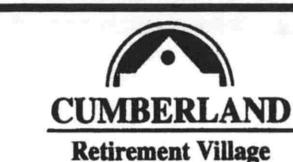
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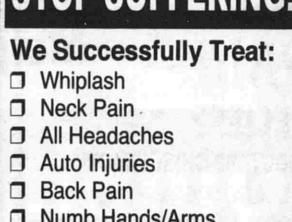
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By Dan Schneider

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Since then, she has early age. churned out paintings at a of her living room and also right so I quit," she said. color the walls of the Lowell offices at 300 High St.

recent interview. "I did four her life. or five of them this week."

room was so full of paintings, colors and lines. There are she was running out of room swirls, silkworm-looking to walk around.

has a penchant for dramatic said language. She's written a lot of poetry, some of it racy and dark--especially when she was in college.

conventional, but that was they act like people.

Gretchen Settle moved when she was 44. She's to Lowell last November 87 now. Born in Gratiot with a few of her paintings County in 1918, Settle was discouraged from art at an

"My grade school prodigious rate ... so much teachers were very rigid and so that they crowd the walls they said I couldn't do things

Settle picked up a administrative paintbrush many years later at the age of 39. She "I can't quit when I'm estimates she has painted doing it," she said during a more than 1,000 paintings in

Her paintings are wild At one point, her living conglomerations of shapes, shapes, a few people. She once painted an American

"I don't know why, I

representational.

"Personality is what I try to get at," Settle said. "The kids couldn't "These are people ... only doing on the bottom side, likes to paint portraits, but believe I could write such they're not people. They I'll turn it around and work they are the farthest thing there are so many people Design on E. Main. things because I looked so look more like animals but on a different side," she from representational.

don't even know how," she like swirling, lightly-ordered will do one or several full horns or whatever, I'm just The portraits are not them methodically, turning completed. the canvas as she applies Settle has had very little

"If I don't like what I'm evening art classes. She here.

Eventually, the painting they have two horns or five

chaos. But Settle approaches 360-degree turns and be after the shape, that's what it's about," she said.

She likes Lowell and

here interested in art," Settle "I don't care whether

Gretchen Settle with some of the paintings that crowd the walls of her apartment.

said. "This whole outfit, this art outfit (Lowell Area Arts Council), they're great."

"I love this town because

Her paintings are on formal training, just a few all the art events that go on display through Labor Day at 300 High St. Some of her work is for sale at Chimera

Bowne Center full of interesting history

Hall, the Bowne Center of the Bowne Center Schoolhouse and the Ladies Methodist Church's Ladies a cemetery with headstones present site. It now houses years of the 19th century.

The Ladies Aid Hall as the Bowne Center Ladies was once home to chicken Aid Historical Museum.

The Bowne Township Ladies Aid Historical Museum is open the first Sunday of

Church, the Township dinners and other activities Aid Hall. Across the street Aid Society. Ten years from the Township Hall is ago, it was moved to its dating back to the earliest an assortment of antique objects collectively known

sided in white vinyl but still displays the rectangular proportions of an old time building. Inside is the collection of local-history artifacts the historical society has amassed since the church donated the building. There the desk that belonged Leonard Johnson, for nstance. Johnson was former township clerk and held other offices in the township. The museum also contains the Elmdale post

of local history, mainly,'

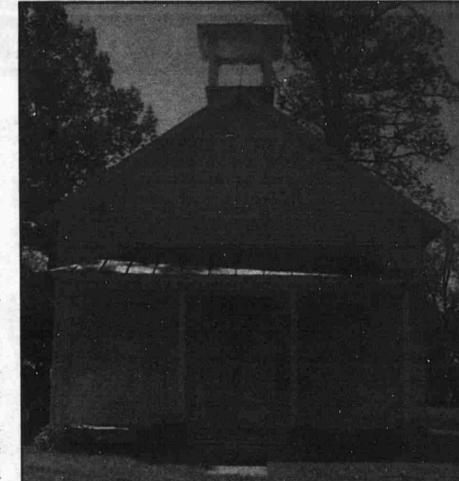
The building has been

cubbyholes inside. "Elmdale's not in the township, it's just across the line and there's nothing there anymore," said historical society treasurer Sandra Kowalczyk.

office, which is just a glassdoored cabinet with 26

But the rest of the museum is all Bowne artifacts. There's a picture of Levi Skidmore, the farmer who donated the land on which Alto was built. There is a wall of promotional calendars from past Alto businesses, such as Rosenberg and Sons General Merchandise which

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The one-room schoolhouse stayed in use until 1963.





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Lowell started at the First in other locations, such as and baby formula. Baptist Church and ended on Greenville. Riverwalk Plaza, Saturday,

More than 100 people participated, raising almost Women's Center. The center offers educational materials on options available to as clothing, diapers and

Women's Center is in Grand

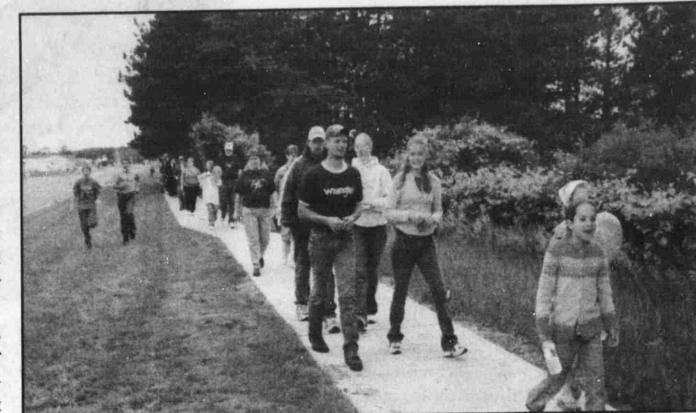
necessary items for new use of a house, rent-free, for and expectant mothers, a future Lowell satellite. the Christian organization The steering committee for offers pregnancy tests and counseling about sexually Lowell hopes to have one transmitted diseases.

and charity. Bible study groups are offered. New The main Alpha health. They can exchange 5648.

The Life Walk in Rapids, but satellites exist the bucks for diapers, clothes

The First Baptist Church In addition to providing of Lowell has donated the establishing the center in open by October. They are The center's mission is currently working to build a combination of education up community support for

For more information, mothers can earn "alpha contact committee member bucks" by attending classes Deb Karasiewicz at 894and watching videos on 4488 or Ken Ford, pastor at topics such as parenting and Alton Bible Church, at 897-



Participants in the Lowell Life Walk make their way east on Main Street Saturday. The walk raised money for the Alpha Women's Center.



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Brady Allen Alexander

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Public Hearing of June 13, 2005

PROPOSED 2005-2006 BUDGETS - The Board conducted a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on the proposed 2005-2006 budgets to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing. PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: Melissa Casalina - GT Coordinator cut, Carolyn Lane -GT Coordinator cut, Kim Lum - Requested the 2005-06 Budget be posted on the school website, Jennifer Johnson - GT Coordinator cut

Regular Meeting of June 13, 2005

RETIREES AND 30 YEAR STAFF MEMBERS -

Nancy Hopkins and Shari Miller announced the names of the following staff members who are retiring and who have achieved 30 years with Lowell Area Schools:

Retiring: Alto - Sara Blanchard, Mary Bont, Bill Stouffer, Bushnell - Gail Vidro, Cherry Creek - Karen Corbett, Mary Dewey, Gary Heitz, Sandy MacDonald, Claudia Raber, Jean Seman, Marie VanBuren, Middle School - Ken Akers, Sue Beute, Karen Briggs, Gary Butts, Sandy Michael, Carrie Pelon, Craig Smith, John Sterly, High School - Nancy Bloem, Bob Garcia, Curt Kaeb, Marsha LaHaye, Jack Ogle, Ginny Weber, District-wide - Jackie Schnackenberg, Sue Stouffer

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

PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The Board recognized Lynda Wright from Cherry Creek Elementary who received the Paraeducator of the Year Award at the Kent County Education Association's 23rd Annual Spring

Awards Banquet. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT -

Justin Quist, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, thanked Board members for the opportunity to serve on the Board. He also thanked Board members for helping to hastily distribute diplomas at the graduation due to stormy weather. Justin then introduced Brooke Liu who was elected Student Council President and will serve the Board next year as Student Representative. Brooke gave a report on a change to the band program next year with auditions being required for symphonic band. The Student Council will look at ways to improve and will add community service projects for high school students. An email contact will be posted on the school website for students and community members to leave comments and ideas for improvement.

STUDENT RECOGNITION Board members recognized Justin Quist for serving as the Student Representative on the Board of Education for the 2004- Marlene Heemstra, Larry Mikulski, and Barry Hobrla 05 school year. Also recognized was Unity High School student

Esther Porritt who took 1st place in the MAEO STARS for

Bushnell Elementary School Improvement Activities: Karen Burd presented a video clip of the many activities taking place at Bushnell Elementary targeted toward improving the

Cherry Creek Elementary School Improvement Activities: Principal Moe Dorough along with several of her staff performed a skit to the music of Gilligan's Island and showed a PowerPoint Lane - GT Coordinator cut, Jennifer Johnson - GT Coordinator of the emerging areas of improvement at Cherry Creek.

High School Career Interns Program - School to Career and Service Learning Coordinator, Carla Stone, shared information on the career internship program that took place this year with 13 seniors. The experience these students received was invaluable, and 44 students have signed up for next year's program. **ACTION ITEMS** –

Accepted the following gifts:

- Alticor donation of used computers and monitors valued at \$2900 and server cabinets valued at \$2000 to be used by the Technology Department.
- · Jeff & Miki Guinn donation of books, games and toddler toys valued at \$50 to be used by TOTS and the Curiosity Corner Preschool
- \$110 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
- Scott & Jayne Pollie donation of infant/toddler toys, books, and stuffed animals valued at \$50 to be used by the TOTS

Approved the Budget Appropriations Resolutions for 2005-2006. CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

 Minutes for May 9, 2005 Regular Meeting, May 16, 2005 Special Meeting and Closed Session, May 23, 2005 Special Meeting and Closed Session, and May 23, 2005 Board Workshop and Closed Session

Workshop and Crosta Storion	
 The following payment of bills for April 2005 	
GENERAL FUND	\$941,833.97
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$ 57,799.82
B. Athletic Fund	\$12,206.22
2004 Construction Fund	\$29,715.72
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$35,354.59
MHSAA Annual Membership Resolution	

- Food Service Lunch Prices \$2.00 for secondary, \$1.85 for elementary · Administrative Stipend for Additional Duties for Scott Vashaw,

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on the curricular projects for the summer. Areas to be reviewed are: Elementary and High School - Math, ELA, Social Studies; Middle School – Math and Social Studies; Pre-Kindergarten

- Align and coordinate Handwriting Without Tears, Harcourt Series and Zoo Phonics. A new elementary social studies textbook is being researched.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: Jessica Marks - GT Program Coordinator cut, Carolyn cut, Kelly Taylor - Potential class size due to teachers retiring, Kim Lum - Budget cuts and need for improved communication. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller announced that the varsity boys basketball team was named "Honorable Mention Academic All-State" by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan with a cumulative GPA of 3.227 Budget cuts and staffing have been reviewed by the principals at several meetings prior to being incorporated into the 2005-06 budget. Principals will continue to look at potential staff reductions, and a full report will be given at the July Board meeting regarding the results of the teacher severance program Shari reviewed the budget process, including the fact that potential budget cuts were publicized in early May, followed by a public hearing on the potential cuts. Shari invited retirees to · Peggy Covert donation of various garden tools valued at come in and meet with her to share their ideas and perspectives. Equity among building class sizes in the elementary buildings is the goal for the fall enrollment. A diversity workshop presented by Dr. Steve Robbins was held last week for community members with a follow-up workshop planned in August. The workshops are funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund. Thank you to staff and parents for all their hard work during the 2004-05 school year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Board Meeting followed by a Board Workshop Monday, June 27, 2005 - 5:30 p.m. -Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

Organizational Board Meeting Friday, July 1, 2005 – 7:00 a.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, June 13, 2005 - 7:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room Please visit our web page at www.lowellschools.com

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Paving in Lowell Township to progress in three phases

By Dan Schneider

The paving of 36th Street east of Segwun will have to wait at least another

Township meeting Monday night, the board voted to delay paving 1.75 miles of the road until next construction season, pending a review of the township budget next February. The project would

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would pick up the rest of the project's \$831,000 price tag. If township finances allow to At the Lowell Charter in three phases over three township.

except for possibly a three- of Cascade Road and Alden year deal ... do a third of Nash Ave. are currently the project every year for zoned light industrial. The three years and get it done," board approved initiating seepage. Part of the area is before development of a township supervisor John the process of rezoning it Timpson said.

cost the township \$457,000

to do all at once. Kent County

already paid to have the stretch of road surveyed.

The board also voted pursue the rezoning the project to get underway of a parcel of property in supporting next year, it will progress the southern half of the of Lowell's wellhead

to industrial planned unit

the Grand River.

discussion of a resolution a checklist of waterrelated permits would be protection area (WPA). for site plan review. The closed Fridays throughout Approximately 240 The WPA is an area around intent of the checklist is to July. Timpson suggested this "We couldn't afford it acres on the southwest corner the city's drinking water help township engineers since the offices are getting wells within which special quickly make sure that all little use due to construction precautions are taken to necessary groundwater- on Alden Nash. prevent or monitor pollution related permits are in place

Bowne history, continued...

The township has development. The rezoning located in the portion of property. Township trustee process includes a public Lowell Township north of Richard Huver objected to the checklist being applied Under the resolution, to site plans township-wide when the WPA only covers a small part of the township.

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occupied the storefront that schoolhouses that served township Bowne Township. is now the Alto Library.

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trunk marked with the see upon entering the Center and Alto. Large black name Kasper Seibert von schoolhouse is the 18-foot books contain class pictures Maur is the oldest item flag, folded in a box, that from each school. on display. The trunk is the Ladies Aid used to upstairs, with some display hang across Alden Nash here and look for pictures of cases devoted to wartime for the Fourth of July. mom and dad and grandma artifacts. These include a Also in the entry way is and grandpa," Johnson said. newspaper clipping about the schoolhouse's drinking Vernon Yeiter's Avenue of fountain. This consists of corner of the school room Flags from the 1970s. Also a small overhead (to a first contains a weighty collection upstairs is a red-and-white grader) water tank with a of scrapbooks. There are also quilt put together in 1999 spigotted pipe and small to celebrate Bowne's 150th porcelain bowl attached. Four of the desks that by Linda Ruesink. anniversary as a township.

room schoolhouse was built closed still sit in the rows. nor the schoolhouse have in the early 1890s, shortly They have been refinished after the original one burned and painted a light shade go along with the objects on down. The schoolhouse of olive green. A number display. But a member of the remained in use until of other desks of varying historical society is always 1963, when the Lowell vintages have been donated on hand during open hours school district opened Alto over the years to fill in the to answer questions. The

Now, the Bowne Center schoolhouse is devoted as much history as could of every month from 2 to 4 to the history of the eight be gathered on the eight p.m.

People Student Ambassador Program

Student selected for People to

Star, McVean, Lowe, Logan, The first thing to Harris Creek, Curley, Bowne

From Page 11

"Kids like to come in

A bookshelf in one a few binders full of history gleaned from the Alto Solo

much explanatory text to museum and schoolhouse Bulletin boards tell are open the first Sunday

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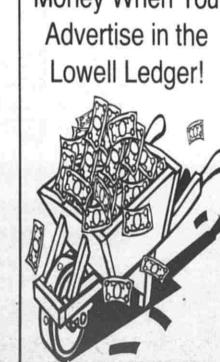
Kyra Marks, a fifth orientation meetings with grade student at Murray program leaders and fellow founded in 1956 during Lake Elementary, has been delegates to learn about her Eisenhower's presidency. accepted into the People to destination. By participating He believed that ordinary People Student Ambassador in this program, the fifth citizens of different nations grader can earn academic could make a difference Program, an educational

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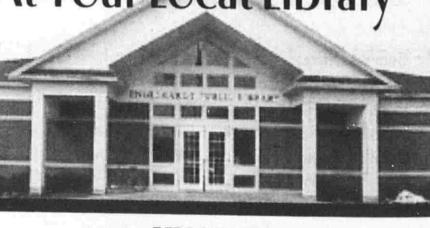
travel program founded credit as well as get to know where governments could by President Dwight D. the culture, history and not. Eisenhower. She will explore people. Australia for two weeks this summer as a member of the West Michigan delegation.

Marks will attend several

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BIRDS OF PREY

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The Alto branch will ofof Prey" will be offered by fer the program on Wednesthe Michigan United Con- day, June 29, at 2 p.m. servation Club at several (647-3820); the Englehardt KDL branches this summer. branch, on Tuesday, July 12,

No boundaries for these Murray Lake skiers

By Cliff Yankowich

lived on Murray Lake since the boundaries of being in 1953. During the summer on a wheelchair to the fun and Thursday nights, something freedom of water skiing. amazing happens out in front of their beautiful lakefront has been available to Val property.

The happening involves Romeo of the Kentwood Kropfs so sports-minded have put him in a wheelchair, participates. He loves to go Bob and Jan Kropf have Walsh, who moved from

The Kropfs' property

athletes, one being Ken Recreation Department for people like Walsh can pursue it didn't slow him down. several years. Romeo heads their passions. up the inclusive programs

Ken Walsh regularly skis on Murray Lake.

chair sits. The tow rope from from falling off. the boat attaches to the front of the sit ski, but the skiers hour skiing session on have the option of grabbing Murray Lake, he was full of the handle themselves once praise for the program and the ski is moving on top of the volunteers who make his

- it is a riot."

His wake jumping is getting closely on their jet skis. better as his arms gain strength each time he skis.

up north and hunt deer with ago his family and is active in Walsh, the owner of he learned of the water the Wheelin' Sportsmen which are geared to people Walsh Construction, lost the skiing program during a group. He went on a deer with impairments. She and use of his legs in a work-rehabilitation session at hunt in Alabama as a part a host of volunteers spend related accident four years Mary Free Bed and signed of the group. He also snow every Thursday night at the ago. While the accident may up. Skiers without the use skis at Cannonsburg and has of their legs use a "sit ski" fit an Arctic Cat snowmobile described as a very wide with some rails along the slalom ski on which a short side of the seat to keep him

> At the end of his half desire to water ski a reality. "I drank lots of water "I'm lucky we have people getting the hang of it," Walsh like this," he noted. "It's said with a laugh. "I love it nice that these people donate all their time for others."

> Watching him from a The program is very boat last week, he looked concerned about the safety like a skiing hot dog. He of its skiers and has a total grabbed the rope handle and of six volunteers in and started cutting back and forth around the water for each across the wake throwing skier. Romeo is required to a respectable rooster tail of get a special permit from the water and catching some air sheriff's department so her as he jumped over the wake. people can follow each skier The 10 weeks of

> watching Walsh and his Water skiing is not the water skiing friends is an only sport in which Walsh 'inspirational occasion.

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SWIMMER'S EAR

Swimmer's ear (otitis externa) is a painful condition of the visible or outer portion of the ear and ear canal. Because this condition occurs most often during the summer while swimming, it has become known as swimmer's ear. Water from the bath or shower may also trigger this condition. Men and women of all ages are affected, but children and teens most frequently develop this type of infection.

The skin lining the ear canal and outer ear serves as a barrier against infection. Any break in the skin lining can lead to infection, allowing bacteria of fungi to invade the outer ear. This barrier can be broken down several ways. Attempting to clean your ears with cotton-tipped swabs may break the skin. Excessive moisture in the ear canal from showering or swimming can also alter the acidic environment of the ear canal. Chemicals such as hair dyes, bleaches and shampoos may irritate the ear canal, resulting in infection.

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Swimmer's ear usually needs to be treated by physician, because over-the-counter drops are not strong enough to treat the infection. A physician can easily diagnose swimmer's ear by examining the outer ear and ear canal with an otoscope. Treatment of swimmer's ear involves a course of antibiotic drops placed into the ear for a certain amount of time. Oral antibiotics are rarely needed, unless the infection is severe. Applying heat to the ear sometimes controls pain, and if you are not allergic, you may try over-

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Alto PTO -What a great job you have done this year! We will miss the members that are not returning next school year.

Summer is great!

G.M. Ross, am I the only one who can't understand anything you write? Please use layman terms; you'll get your point across to more.

> It's strawberry season in Michigan. Use Twinkies for your shortcake. Yum!

I was at the theater and there were 30 minutes of previews and ten minutes of advertisements. This seems excessive to me. - Ed Roth

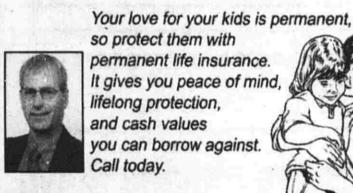
Gary's Meats has the best, respectful, friendly young men to help you with your purchases! What a joy to shop there.

> Why doesn't the Ledger print anything about these road constructions?

To Jeana and girls - Thanks for the beautiful surprise lunch. It was great and much appreciated.

> Why isn't there a road closed sign from Segwun to Alden Nash?

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College News

Emily Myers, a 2001 Elwyn and Martha Wellfare raduate of Lowell High School, was one of 24 Knox College students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most society. She also has been named to the dean's list for winter term. Selection re- ten Alters, Courtney quires a grade point average of 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

Myers is a senior majoring in philosophy at the college in Galesburg, Ill. She is the daughter of William and weiler. Karen Myers of Ada.

Audrey Converse, a 2003 Lowell High School zak. graduate, has been named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2004-2005 school year at Hope Col- The spring semester ended lege. To qualify, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. She is the daughter of Anderson, Indiana, has an-

Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Ind., conferred Lee. an Associate of Arts degree to Molly R. Fitzpatrick of Lowell during the May 7 commencement.

Gregg and Marsha Converse

of Lowell.

Alma College announced its degree candi- scale of 4.0. dates at its April 23 commencement ceremony. Kyle Wellfare of Alto was a candidate for a bachelor of music degree. He is the son of liott School of International

Central Michigan Uniand public policy. He curversity's spring semester rently works at the National honors list includes the folprestigious academic honor lowing students from the Nuclear Security Administration Office within the De-

> mantown, Maryland. Baker, Andrew Benedict, Jacquelyn Benedict, Ja- of Lowell High School, is mie Cardani, Jeremy Goff, Joseph Patterson, Nichole Platte of Ada. Straub and Lyndsey Trier-

From Lowell are Kris-

From Ada is Jacqueline of Lowell, was awarded a Cress.

Bachelor of Science degree From Alto is Jessi Olc-

To qualify, a student must have earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average. in May.

Anderson University in nounced its dean's list for the spring semester of the 2004-2005 academic year.

line Vos. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a

James E. Platte of Ada graduated from The George Washington University El-

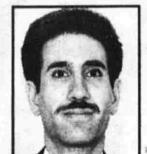




Affairs in Washington, DC, in marketing from Northon May 22, 2005. He re- ern Illinois University at its ceived a Master of Arts de- May 14 commencement cergree in science, technology emonies. The United States

Achievement Academy announced that Janette Wilson from Lugoff, S.C., has partment of Energy in Gerbeen recognized for academ-Platte, a 1997 graduate ic achievement as a U.S. National Honor Student Award the son of Dana and Gayle winner.

> Wilson, who attends Leslie M. Stover, is the granddaughter of Jim and Ardie Briggs of Lowell.



Daniel Jacob Guider,

Legal Ease

With Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN:

What happens if I die owning real estate in another state? From Lowell is Kristen JONATHAN SAYS: If that out of state real property is owned in your name alone at the time of your death, then From Alto is Jacque- that property will need to be probated in that other state. This is known as ancillary probate. If that property is owned in joint names with another, where there are survivorship rights or owned by your trust, then ancillary probate would not be required of that property.

> DEAR JONATHAN: I own two pieces of real estate. The first one is my home which I own with my second wife. The second piece is a cabin, which my brother and I own as tenants in common. What happens to those properties upon my death? Do my children have any claim against my home? Does my interest in the cabin automatically pass to my second wife?

JONATHAN SAYS: Upon your first death, your home would go to your second wife free and clear of any claims of your children, assuming her name is actually on the title to that property.

As for your cabin, since you own that with your brother as tenants in common, then upon your first death, your onehalf interest in that cabin would pass to whoever you will it to. If you fail to leave a will, then your one-half interest would pass to your heirs under state law; what amount your wife would be entitled to under this scenario would be determined by Michigan Law. If you want to make sure that your wife receives your one-half interest in the cabin, then you want to make out a will saying so. Better yet, if you want your wife to get your interest in that property, as well as have that interest avoid having to be probated upon your death, then you can create a living trust and then transfer your one-half ownership interest in that property to that trust during your lifetime.

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6347 Gould Rd., Saranac, June 24, 25, 26, Fri. & Sat., 9-5 p.m.; Sun., 9-12 p.m. Pinball machine, dressers, electric down riggers poles, reels, tackle, mirror, home interior, holiday items, crafts and sewing materials, sleeping bag, sheets, books, clothes (adult & kids), much more.

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Thurs. & Fri., June 23 & 24, 9-5 p.m. 829 N. Jefferson, Household items, books children's clothing.

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GARAGE SALE

June 24, 9-5 p.m.; June 25, 9-12 p.m. 6659 Fairoaks, Alto. off 68th St. between Morse Lake and McCords.

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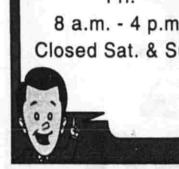


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SERVED FROM 12-5 PM — TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE
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