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Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Riverwalk Festival 2005

By Dan Schneider

Lowell hopping this weekend cars and floating ducks.

The River Rogues Jazz Band kicked people milled around at various craft booths their rally, as well. and the book sale, sponsored by Friends of the Englehardt Library.

Fairgrounds for the third annual Brian Mead Chevy 3100 series pickup.

"It's completely customized from front pedestrian crossing on Main Street. to back," the Gowen man said of his truck.

and hand-formed panels on the bed. The ducks. motor rumbled and the truck's chrome shined.

"Rumble the Riverwalk" cruise.

At 11 a.m., the "F.R.O.M. the Heart" \$200. parade traveled along Main Street. clowns, collected non-perishable food items Lakeside Park. along the parade route. F.R.O.M. board

chairman Roger La Warre said the parade he Riverwalk Festival kept provided a good boost for the food pantry.

"We got a good amount in the parade, with music, a parade, classic and then from the motorcycles we got a whole barrel (of donated food)," La Warre said.

Motorcyclists, whose chrome machines things off Friday night with music while also graced the fairgrounds, donated food at

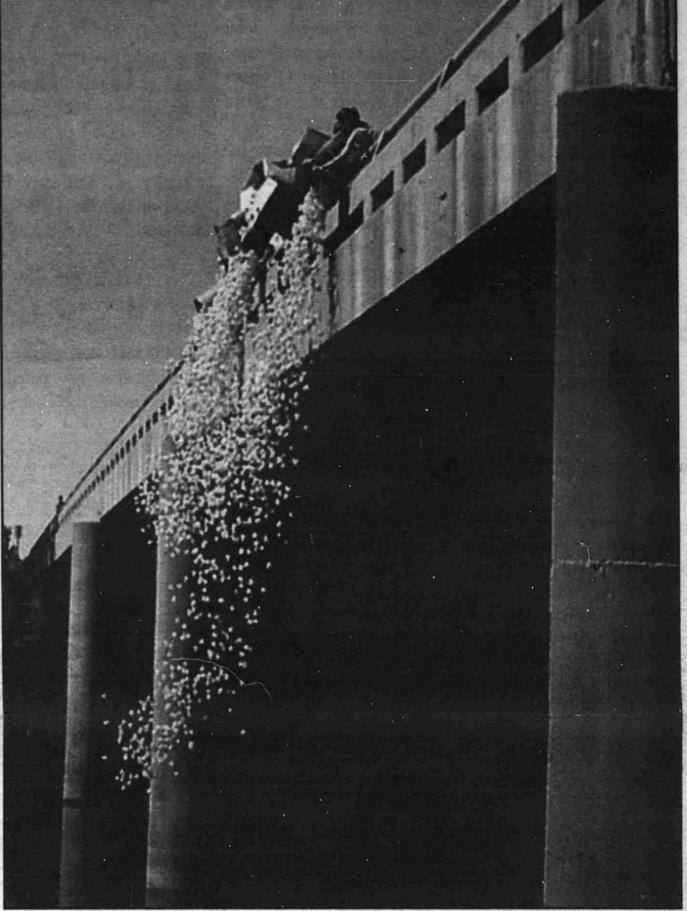
Riverwalk Plaza had kayak races and food vendors available. People learned About 120 cars rolled into the Lowell about fitness at the Health and Fitness Fair in the Lowell Police Department. A tractor Memorial Riverwalk Cruise-In. Dennis pulled people back and forth between the Miller won the Participants' Choice Award fairgrounds and Riverwalk Plaza in a wagon for his black-on-fire orange metallic 1950 trailer. Lowell police chief Jim Valentine spent the entire afternoon directing traffic at a

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Customizations included a 454 engine volunteers continued to sell small plastic

The ducks were later dumped off the Division Street bridge into the Grand River. The first ever antique fire truck The first duck to make it to the finish line muster drew six fire trucks to Lowell. at the fairgrounds' boat launch belonged to They congregated by the Grand River and Lisa Mills of Belding. She won \$1,000. Brad ran their water pumps. Later the sound of Potter of Lowell won \$300 for his duck, hand-cranked sirens could be heard on the which finished second. Heidi Barron's duck took third place, winning the Ada woman

"Alive and Well" provided music Volunteers from Flat River Outreach Saturday night on Riverwalk Plaza. After Ministries (F.R.O.M.), some dressed as dark, fireworks lit up the night at Stoney

More pictures of the festivities on page 11



Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce volunteers dump ducks off the Division Street bridge at the start of the annual duck race.

Neighbors help to free local man trapped under tractor

hen Elaine Brinkert's husband, Charles, 44, had a tractor roll over on him last Tuesday evening, the first number she called was her neighbor's.

"I called the Rasches and told them to get their men and their tractors and come over here because the tractor had fallen on my husband," she said.

Then she called 911. It took more than 20 people about an hour and 45 minutes to free Charles Brinkert from beneath the tractor. That number included 14 firefighters, two paramedics and three of the Brinkert's neighbors.

"No doubt it was a

community effort to get the guy out, even though it took as long as it did," said Lowell Area Fire Department fire investigator Ron VanOverbeek, who was the first firefighter on the

Brinkert's neighbors assisted the rescue with tools and knowledge of tractors.

"It was just a good sign of how people in the community get together when something happens to somebody next door," VanOverbeek said.

The tractor flipped over on Brinkert at about 5:30 p.m. last Tuesday. He was

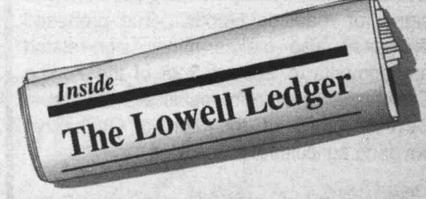
using the 1940s-vintage Allis Chalmers tractor to pull a stump on the property of their McGee Homestead Bed and Breakfast in Vergennes Township.

Elaine Brinkert was watching from the back deck of the house when the tractor overturned.

> Tractor accident, cont'd., pg. 8



Rescuers and neighbors work to free Charles Brinkert from below his overturned tractor.



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BISHOP

Joseph Bishop, Jr., aged Mrs. Tillie M. Cooke, aged 90, formerly of Lowell, 84, of Byron Center, passed passed away July 5, 2005. away Saturday, July 2, 2005. He is survived by his She was preceded in death daughter Judith A. (Bill Surviving are her children Morgan) Harrington of St. Melvin (Wanda) Cooke Marys, Fla.; son Ronald of Ada, Clarence (Barb) Jr. (MaryAnn) Bishop of Cooke of Grandville, Roger Lowell; four grandchildren (Sue) Cooke of Alto, Julie Chuck (Bernice) Parker, (Paul) Fye, Rose Cooke James (Rhonda) Parker, all of Wyoming, John Troy Bishop, Lisa (Shawn) (Angela) Cooke of Florida; services were held July 9 Rinard, Bertha (Ray) Small at Luther Village Chapel, all of Wyoming; sister-in-Grand Rapids, Rev. Rebecca law Ann Cooke of Hopkins. Ebb-Speese officiating. Funeral service was held Interment Pleasant Plains July 6 at Stroo Funeral Cemetery in Harrison, Mich. Home, with Chaplain Jim Memorial may be made to Hospice of MI or Lutheran Village.

COOKE

years, Mabel; by her husband Clarence. great- 16 grandchildren; 11 greatgrandchildren; sisters Marie contributions VanderSchaaf officiating Interment in

Words of Thanks

A grateful thank you to all my friends in Lowell and the area for all words and deeds of kindness offered to my family and me at the time of Charlie's death.

Your belpful words of sympathy and encouragement were very much appreciated. I am sure if Charlie could see all of this, it would make him bappy to know the people be touched throughout his life appreciated him. I would like also to thank my wonderful children. their families, Charlie's two sisters and spouses, his many, many friends, Lowell Rotary Club, Gerst Funeral Home, the Methodist Church, Dr. Mike Conklin, Bill Zinke, Heidi Twig and the U.M.W. for all of their belp. All of these acts of kindness and your attendance at Charlie's memorial made it a wonderful celebration of bis life.

Gratefully appreciated, With love to all, Dee Doyle and the Doyle families

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on August 3, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Dld Belding Road, within the Township, on a proposed ordinance to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance amends Section 16.05 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering signs in agricultural districts. addressed by the amending ordinance include the type, size and dimensions of signs permitted in the agricultural districts, as well as requirements pertaining specifically to signs for roadside stands. The proposed ordinance also makes minor, sign-related amendments in Section 3.28 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering roadside stands, and in Section 13.15 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering agricultural processing.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinances Written comments concerning the ordinance may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: July 8, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN contributions may be given two sisters Carol Seif, Ruth to the Criminal Justice Speyer, brother Walter Kent. Chaplaincy.

PEDLEY Mr. Walter R. Pedley, aged

the Lord on Saturday, July Graveside service was 2, 2005. Walt is survived held on July 11 at St. Mary by his wife of 57 years, Cemetery. MaryLou; children Dave and Karen Pedley, Mary Jo and Rich Kerr, Amy and Dave Melvin Rogers, aged 84, of Johnson; grandchildren Lowell, passed away July Tony, Dustin, Casie Pedley, 8, 2005. He was preceded Garrett, Paula Johnson. Walt in death by his wife Mirt was a WWII veteran serving and three grandsons. He with the U.S. Army. The is survived by his children funeral service was held July Bud (Jan) Rogers of Lowell, 5 at Van't Hof Chapel with Jim Rogers (Kathy) of TN, Rev. Lee Ausema officiating. David Rogers of FL, Dale Interment in Greenwood (Angela) Rogers of Lowell; Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, six grandchildren; five memorial contributions in great-grandchildren; sister memory of Walt may be Ruth Braggs of CA; brothers made to Bethany Christian Dick (Letta) Rogers of CA,

RICHTER

Robert Richter, aged 72, of drove bus for North Star bus Lowell, passed away July lines, worked for the city 7, 2005. He was preceded of Lowell Water Treatment in death by his parents Plant until he retired. Mel George and Grace Richter, volunteered his time to the

He is survived by his sister Helen (Jack) Tromp of Lake Odessa: brother William (Betty) Richter of Baldwin; 80, went home to be with many nieces and nephews.

ROGERS

community where he enjoyed RSVP, delivered meals to seniors that were homebound, also driving Lowell seniors to and from their daily or weekly trips Upon his wishes cremation has taken place, with private family graveside A memoria gathering was held Tuesday, July 12 at Schneider Manor. Memorial contributions may Raymond (Lil) of NV. Mel be made to a charity of one's was a well-known face to Lowell and loved by all. He

ZYLSTRA

Mrs. Lucille Ann Zylstra, aged 85, of Grand Rapids, passed away on Sunday, July 3, 2005 at Bishop Hills Elder Care Community. She was a member of St. Mary

and was devoted to her faith. Family was important to Mrs. Zylstra and family gatherings brought joy to her heart. She is survived by her children Judith and Daniel Igrison of Warren, Genie Southwick of Lowell, Richard and Sharon Zylstra of Pentwater; grandchildren Jenna Igrison of Warren, Kimberly Southwick of Lowell, Holly and Jeff Parish of Rockford, Eric Zylstra of Pentwater; greatgrandchildren Zachary. Caitlyn, Matthew, Nicholas, Hannah; twin sister Mrs. Wanda Stachowiak: nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband George Zylstra and granddaughter Francine Zylstra Kimmel. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Thursday, July 7 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Kentwood, with the Rev. Mark Mitchell presiding. Interment in Oakgrove Township Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Visiting Nurses

Magdalene Catholic Church

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FILE NO. 05-179,826-DE

Estate of JOHN ROBERT SMITH deceased

deceased

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-179,829-DE

Estate of CAROL

ANN VANDER PLOEG

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Date of birth: 12/23/1936

Date of birth: 12/09/1946

TO ALL CREDITORS:

49331 died 06/08/2005.

representatives

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Michael J. Tummino Jr.

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07/05/2005

Julie Janeschek

Kathleen Onan

10590 Potters Rd.

Lowell, MI 49331

5595 Snow Ave. Alto, MI 49302

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CAROL The decedent, JOHN ROBERT SMITH, who ANN VANDER PLOEG, who lived at 3747 West lived at 1298 Valley Vista Drive, Lowell, Michigan River Drive, Comstock Park, Michigan died

decedent that all claims against the estate will be forever the estate will be forever Janeschek barred unless presented to Craig Avery, named personal representative or proposed personal both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, both the probate court at Grand Rapids, MI, and 5595 Snow Ave., Alto, MI named/proposed 49302 and 10590 Potters the personal representative within 4 months after and the named/proposed personal representative the date of publication

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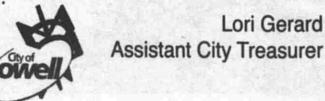
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WATER/SEWER SERVICE CUSTOMERS

Effective July 1, 2005 whenever water service is disconnected due to nonpayment of either water service charges or sanitary sewer service charges, a fee of \$35.00 plus any amount due on the account must be paid before services will be reinstated. The City will no longer issue past due letters. Please review your monthly bill for due dates and amounts. Arrangements for payment must be made prior due date at City Hall.

Any questions, please contact City Hall at 897-8457



Santiago, Dominican Republic shopping for fire trucks in Lowell

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Saul Abreu, project manager of a large industrial park in Santiago; Yenem Cordero, purchasing director for the

city of Santiago, Steve Boyer, vice president of the Michigan chapter of Partners of the Americas, Lowell mayor

Jeanne Shores, Lowell city clerk Betty Morlock, Lowell fire chief Frank Martin and Santiago fire chief Alexis Moscat

By Dan Schneider

of trafficking emergency Santiago in the Dominican Republic.

one of its ambulances from the Lowell garage to the city in the Caribbean. The vehicle was due for replacement, but in a developing

Republic, it was better than old Engine Number 3. The what they can get on their

representatives Santiago visited Lowell to have a look at the Lowell country like the Dominican Area Fire Department's

1984 Chevy fire truck is outdated by U.S. standards, Thursday, and is unlikely to be salable to another fire department

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SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

This Thursday, July 14, the summer concerts will feature the Jim Cummings Band: Funk/ Rhythm and Blues, from 7-9 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza.

FOODMOBILE

Free food, mainly produce, will be available at the Foodmobile on Saturday, July 16 from 10-11 a.m. Bring your own box or bag. For those people living in the Greater Lowell area. Distributed by F.R.O.M.

YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

Flag football, youth football, 78ers and cheerleaders can sign up at Burch Field at Lowell fairgrounds Saturday, July 23, 10-2 p.m.; Tuesday, July 26, 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, July 28, 6-8 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-8 p.m. All new sign-ups must bring a copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896 with questions.

17TH ANNUAL FARM FEST

The Franciscan Life Process Center presents "Opening Doors to Creativity" on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 6-10 p.m. Tickets: \$50. Proceeds benefit scholarship fund. Call 897-7842 for more information.

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB

New location at Lowell City Hall on the second floor . in the council chambers, 12 p.m. Public is welcome.

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Lowell Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature the Jim **Cummings Band this** Thursday at Riverwalk Plaza from 7-9 p.m. funk and rhythm and blues band

members: Cummings (bass, lead vocals), Jim Klein (guitar), Roger Roberts Taylor (drums), Bill Bastian (keyboard) and Yeshwua drum), not pictured. They offer a variety of music that keeps their sets fresh and full of surprises.

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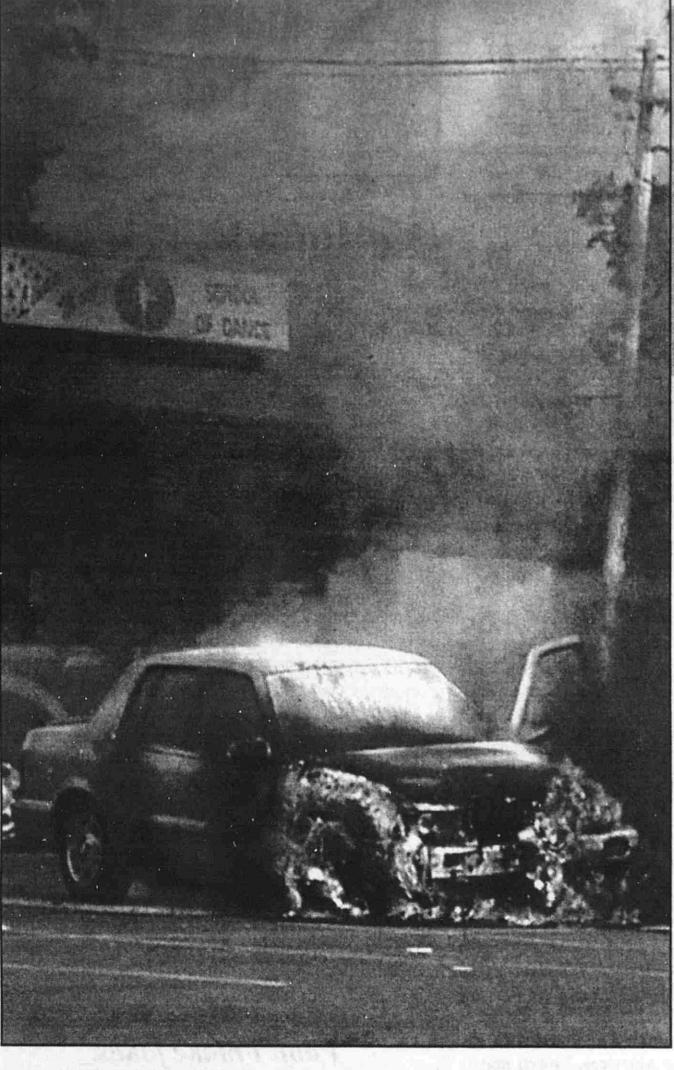
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Car fire on Main Street

This Dodge Spirit caught fire shortly before 11 a.m. Tuesday in front of Little Caesars at 505 West Main. The fire started under the hood. Flames shot out from under the engine, melting the tires and the paint from the front body panels. According to Lowell fire chief Frank Martin, Sharon Stiles, the owner of the vehicle, had just parked the car. "She said she heard a popping noise and next thing she knew, it was on fire," Martin said. No one was injured in the fire. The cause has not yet been determined.

- Photo submitted by Tim Rogers of West Lafayette, IN

Fire trucks, continued...

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new," Steve Boyer said.

Boyer is vice president another part of Santiago, of the Michigan chapter of forcing 100 families out Morlock have both traveled Partners of the Americas. The of their homes. The city to Santiago in support of works with U.S. businesses in Cien Fuegos, which now to address needs in South has more than 100,000 and Central America and in people living in it and of Lowell Rotary Club, the Caribbean. Michigan is is the poorest district in plans to seek funds from partnered with Belize and the Santiago. Dominican Republic.

population of more than Bloomfield 900,000, is larger than Detroit, outside of Detroit last Rotary helped with the but it has only five fire trucks. week to look at another fire donation of the ambulance Santiago's mayor is working engine. to change that

for a new fire department

"They gotta do something in the part of Santiago because they with it, so the strategy is ... to known as "Cien Fuegos," building the new fire house send it to the Third World, which means "100 Fires." in a month," said Yenem somewhere where they don't The neighborhood was Cordero, purchasing director have the wherewithal to buy established 25 years ago for the city of Santiago. after a fire destroyed

"We're trying to get Construction is planned one as soon as possible

Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores and clerk Betty organization government resettled them Partners of the Americas missions; Morlock multiple times. Morlock, a member Rotary clubs around West Representatives from Michigan to place a bid on a the city also traveled to Engine Number 3 in hopes Township of sending it to Santiago. last year.

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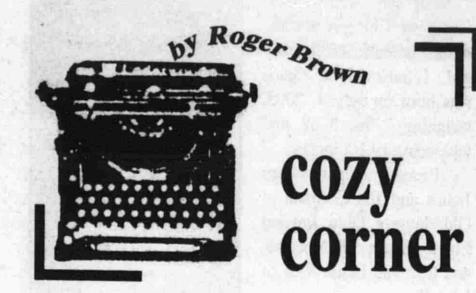


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Viewpoint-



Old Grandpa is tired. We put our grandkids on a plane yesterday. Maddie (Jim Smith) is eight years old. Zach (Boog) is six and a half. When you're young you've got to count those age fractions. I wish we could somehow freeze them in time right where they are. They are way too much fun and still think hanging with grandparents is really cool.

As often mentioned in this space, my grandkids live in China. Consequently, we only get to see them about three times each year. This visit was stretched to nearly two weeks because of a glancing blow from Hurricane Dennis. The airport was closed and their flight was rescheduled. A couple extra days with my grandkids made all that storm preparation worthwhile ... I think.

The visit was planned for a period between producing issues of our monthly publication. We were able to concentrate pretty much all our time and energy on making sure the grandkids were having fun. Oh yeah, my daughter was visiting with the grandkids. We had to entertain her as well, but she has become a low priority. I hope she

So, how do you entertain six- and eight- year-old kids the house to patch up my face. for nearly two weeks? That's easy, you just get down to their level and go for it. Everything is FUN!

They drove my car. We live four miles off the highway on a little-traveled road. The kids took turns on my lap and steered as I operated the gas and brake. They got pretty good at it. They drove the boat. Throttle, steering wheel ... the works. We had some pretty wild boat rides.

The kids even took turns driving my scooter, though this was much trickier than the car or boat. I'd let one of them stand on the footboards in front of me and operate the

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national holiday. But why not also use this occasion to think

about achieving more kinds of freedom in your own life?

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attain your own financial independence?

throttle while "helping" to steer. Old Grandpa really had to be on his toes during these rides.

We have a blow-up swimming pool that we set up when the kids are here. It is ten feet in diameter and a couple feet deep. We spent hours in that thing. Big old grandpa can cannonball a lot of water out of a small pool like that. Of course the kids had me do it over and over.

I even took them SCUBA diving. I rigged a tank and regulator, then gave them some lessons in the little pool. After a few minutes of training, they were ready for the ocean. We went out off the dock where I waded in chest deep water. I held the tank while they swam and dove as deep as the hose would allow. They saw fish, lobster, sponges, etc. It was like "Spongebob Squarepants" or "Finding Nemo", only for real. Grandpa scored a big hit

We fished off the dock. When they asked why snapper were called snapper, I showed them. I had Boog hold out the front of his T-shirt and held the snapper up to it. The fish snapped at the shirt and sunk its teeth into the material. I let go and the fish hung there, flopping around like crazy. The kids screamed and went nuts. They always wanted me to "do it again Grandpa" every time we caught a snapper.

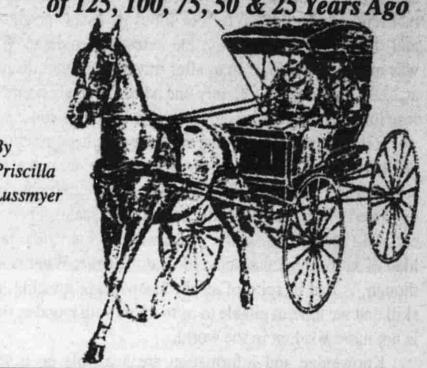
We did everything together. Jim helped me make eggs for breakfast nearly every day. I let her do all the cooking while I helped with the preparation and coached.

She loves doing "grown-up" stuff. One day I let her shave me. She did a great job, no nicks or cuts and a nice close shave. She even used my little battery-operated trimmer and groomed the hair in my ears. I tipped her five bucks. Thankfully Boog didn't take an interest in barbering. I'm afraid there wouldn't have been enough band-aids in

In the evening we'd watch great old movies like "Stand By Me", "Young Frankenstein" and "Airplane." You know

That is how it went. Day after day, we had nothing but fun, fun, fun ... morning until night. If the grandkids lived closer, and we saw each other more often, I doubt I could keep up the pace. It sure is a great time when we do get together. All I know right now is, after two weeks with the kids, the Fourth of July holiday and a hurricane, old Grandpa is pooped. I've got to get back to work to rest up.

Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JULY 14, 1880**

Subscribe to the Journal for a year and receive a valuable

The thermometer registered 103 degrees in the shade yesterday afternoon. Sojourner Truth, on a lecture tour that included Grand

Rapids recently, is over 100 years old. Presidential candidate Garfield has a nephew, James

Garfield, living in Ottawa County. Wheat harvest hands are receiving two dollars a day in

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 13, 1905 All of the issues now until Aug. 10 are missing.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER A ND THE ALTO SOLO

JULY 10, 1930 Lowell and Segwun have a combined population of

Six family reunions are announced for this week.

Great Britain gives the country of "Irak," the former Mesopotamia, its independence.

The Morlock quadruplets of Lansing come home after 44 days in incubators.

The Hessian fly is probably the worst and most costly pest in U.S. agriculture.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 14, 1955

Construction planning for the new elementary school is halted until Aug. 8, when another special election, this time with regulation polling hours, is held. Apparently, that was the reason for invalidating the first vote.

As trees topple for the Main Street widening, the telephone system is changed to a metropolitan numbering plan. The name? Twinoaks.

Orvie Stahl of Clarksville brings in the first new wheat

It finally happened: the stock room of the Kroger store collapsed into the river Tuesday, just after the 6 a.m. delivery

C.H. Runciman is elected and begins his 38th year on the school board, 30 of them as president.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 9, 1980

Amway's donation assures replacement of the Ada Covered Bridge, burned by vandals. Kent County Road Commission and the Ada Covered Bridge Committee got

City manager Ray Quada says Lowell's population is bigger than the census figures; some people did not

The Lowell First United Methodist Church celebrates its 125th anniversary with eight present and former pastors

MI Department of Transportation takes bids on timber that must be cut to make way for new highway construction.

announced that Ann nizes Wittenbach for Wittenbach received heroutstanding success Realtor of the Month in and achievements.

We would like to thank all the

people who came to our home to

Ken, Andy and John Rasch for getting

there so quickly. It made us feel better just

knowing you were there. It didn't look so

The Lowell rescue team who arrived

quickly but carefully assessed the accident so

as not to cause any additional injuries. You

were wonderful! We thank you so very much.

The Lowell EMTs. Thank you for making

The AeroMed team for getting Chuck to

Sally Rasch for the ride to the hospital and

We really appreciate everything you all did for us.

You are all wonderful.

THANK YOU

Elaine and Chuck Brinkert

Chuck as comfortable as possible in a difficult

The Kent County Sheriff. Thank you.

the hospital so quickly. Thank you!

everything else you do. Thank you!

help Chuck when he flipped his tractor.





In The Ledger



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ARE YOU HEADING TOWARD FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE?

What are these steps? Consider the following: Reduce your debt load - Try to do whatever you can to pay down your debts - especially the high-rate credit card debt. The more you have to pay on your credit cards or other consumer loans, the less you have to invest. · Build an emergency fund - Try to create an emergency

fund consisting of six to twelve months' worth of living expenses. Because you may need quick access to these funds, you'll want to put them in a liquid vehicle, such as a money market account. If you don't have an emergency fund, you might constantly end up dipping into your investments to pay for big-ticket items, such as a new appliance or a major car repair. And the more you cash out your investments for short-term needs, the slower your progress toward your

important long-term investment goals.

• "Max out" on retirement plans - Ultimately, your financial independence should culminate in a retirement in which you can do pretty much what you choose. But to reach above, you may speed up the journey.

that point, you will need to accumulate sufficient financial resources. Consequently, you will want to try to contribute the maximum amount each year to a traditional IRA, which provides tax-deferred growth of earnings, or a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free earnings, provided you meet certain conditions. Also try to contribute as much as possible to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored, tax-advantaged

Pay yourself first - After paying all your bills, you may find it hard to come up with extra money to invest for the future. So, pay yourself first. Consider setting up a bank authorization to automatically route a certain amount of money each month into an investment. As you get salary It's Independence Day - time for fireworks, parades increases, increase the amount of money you put away. and picnics. Of course, it's enjoyable to celebrate this

Build a diversified investment portfolio - Many people think they can become financially independent by buying "hot" stocks and getting rich quick. But, in reality, that hardly ever happens. By the time you buy a hot stock, it may already be cooling off. Furthermore, if you're constantly selling some types of stocks in pursuit of those big gainers, you'll rack up big commissions and other fees. We believe in building a diversified portfolio of quality stocks, bonds, and other investment vehicles - and then holding them for the long-term. Consider selling if your investment goals change or the investments consistently

fail to meet your needs. Try to protect yourself from large financial risks - Injury, illness and infirmity can rob you of your ability to earn income and preserve your assets. That's why you may want to purchase the appropriate protection vehicles, such as disability insurance to replace lost income or long-term care insurance to cover the enormous costs of an extended nursing home stay.

It will take many years for you to reach the point where you can truly feel as if you've reached financial independence. But by following the suggestions listed Dr. Michael Conklin, pastor First United Methodist Church

It was with a sense of wonder that I watched, and then watched again, the collision between the NASA probe and the Tempel 1 comet. It was a wondrous moment as the comet temporarily flashed to four times its usual brightness and the debris plumed from the celestial wanderer. What was most amazing was that, after traveling all that distance at 23,000 miles per hour, only one adjustment, six hours before impact, was required to accomplish the mission.

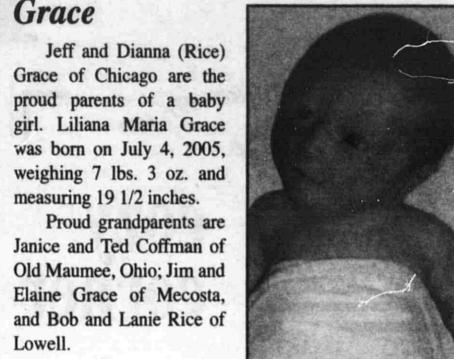
It is astounding to me that there are people smart enough and knowledgeable enough, not only to imagine such a mission, but then to fling this thing so far, so fast, and so accurately into this little comet (little on a cosmic scale). There are certainly many folks in the world who have a whole boatload of knowledge that most of us don't have. What is sad, though, is that in spite of all the knowledge, learning, and is not more wisdom in the world.

Knowledge and information are available on a scale need never before seen. Wisdom, it seems, remains a rare com

modity. General Omar Bradley, in a speech delivered late in 1948, said, "The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants."

Never in history has our need for a wisdom that is greater than our knowledge been needed more. We live in a world and an age when access to information has never been more open and free. Unfiltered and untested "facts" flow like water through a burst dam through the air waves and along the paths of the Internet. How shall we know what is worth remembering and what is worth running through the proud parents of a baby

There is a Proverbs that declares, " The Lord by wis- was born on July 4, 2005, dom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew" (Prov. 3:19-20). Wisdom, the writer says, "will be life for your soul and adornment for Janice and Ted Coffman of your neck" (Prov. 3:22). It helps if we remember where and from whom true wisdom flows. It helps us to make sense of things if we remember that God created a good world and gave us the gift of life, and that it is God's intention that we, Lowell as human beings, should become more fully what we are meant to be. Around our church, when we send our youth or adults off on a work camp or ministry project, we invite them to remember who they are and whose they are, that skill that we have available to us to fill us with wonder, there they are through whom God has chosen this day to speak to the world. It's all the information that they, or any of us,



Liliana Maria Grace

When I was born I was so surprised I didn't talk for a year and a half.

- Gracie Allen (1906 - 1964)

College News

Ashley Rickert, of Lowell, received her BBA have announced that 68-(4-year Bachelor of Business Administration) degree from honors for the winter 2005 Northwood University in semester (ended in May) at Midland. She is the daughter Ferris State University and of Jeffery and Julie Rickert Kendall College of Art and of Lowell.

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University students received academic

the Lowell area are: Audrey Bailey, Emily Cyrocki, Brandon Duprey, Robert Ford, Christine Harwood, Seth Hay, Samantha Johnson, Michael Mastrovito, Kimberly Seaman

Jenny Stever and Michael doctorate degrees at Ferris School. To qualify, a student

are: Paula Cronk, Jaime Ekkens, Thomas Forsberg, Michelle Lindale Patrick O'Connor.

undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average in no Schultz. fewer than 12 credit hours of Dawn coursework during the given Patrick Vogel.

State University, Kendall From the Alto area College of Art and Design and the College of Professional and Technological Studies for the semester that ended

> From the Lowell area Anchors, Ford, Robert Justin Soyka, **VanderZiel**

in May 2005.

Timothy Vezino has Some 1,435 students been named to the dean's average on a 4.0 scale. completed the requirements list for two consecutive for certificates, associate, semesters at the University

must have a 3.5 grade point



Timothy Vezino

A member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, Vezino is

fraternity participated in DP Day Volunteer through the Detroit Project to clean up

the Michigan Chapter. The

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bachelor's master's and of Michigan Engineering the V.P. of Scholarships for Lowell. Shellenbarger, AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Vezino, a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School. is pursuing a degree in Operational Engineering. He is the son of Jay and Saralyn Vezino of

(www.cdc.gov/travel/diarrhea.htm).

JULY 14: Ernestine Bundy, Ken Willmarth, Marian Katie Stouffer, Richard Mayou. Bethany Kaczanowski JULY 15: Mari Stone, Borton. VanDyke, Keenan Hacker.

Wayne A. Christenson

this diarrhea.

physician.

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

stomach cramps being present.

TRAVELER'S DIARRHEA

Traveler's diarrhea can occur when you travel to

foreign country, usually a developing country. Regions with

the highest risk include Africa, South Asia, Latin America

and the Middle East. Anyone can get traveler's diarrhea,

although it does tend to be more common in younger

children. About half of all people traveling to developing

countries from developed countries will get it. Germs in

food and water sources (from unsanitary conditions) cause

least three loose stools in a 24-hour period. One or more

other symptoms are also present, including fever, vomiting,

stomach cramps, or bloody stools. A milder case also may

occur, with the main symptoms of watery diarrhea and

You may also take loperamide (Imodium), but this shouldn't

be taken without an antibiotic if bloody diarrhea is present.

People at risk for dehydration (elderly, children, pregnant

women) should drink rehydration solutions. If your child

has a fever higher than 102F, has blood in the stool, or is

vomiting several times, he or she should be seen soon by a

in four to five days. Treatment with an antibiotic and

loperamide often will improve symptoms within 24 hours.

If you are no better after treatment with an antibiotic, you

should be rechecked by your physician. More information

about traveler's diarrhea can be found on the CDC website

Left untreated traveler's diarrhea usually will go away

Traveler's diarrhea often is treated with an antibiotic.

You probably have traveler's diarrhea if you have a

Ellison, Mindy Tykocki, JULY 18: Dianne Scanlon, Bette Haybarker, Emily

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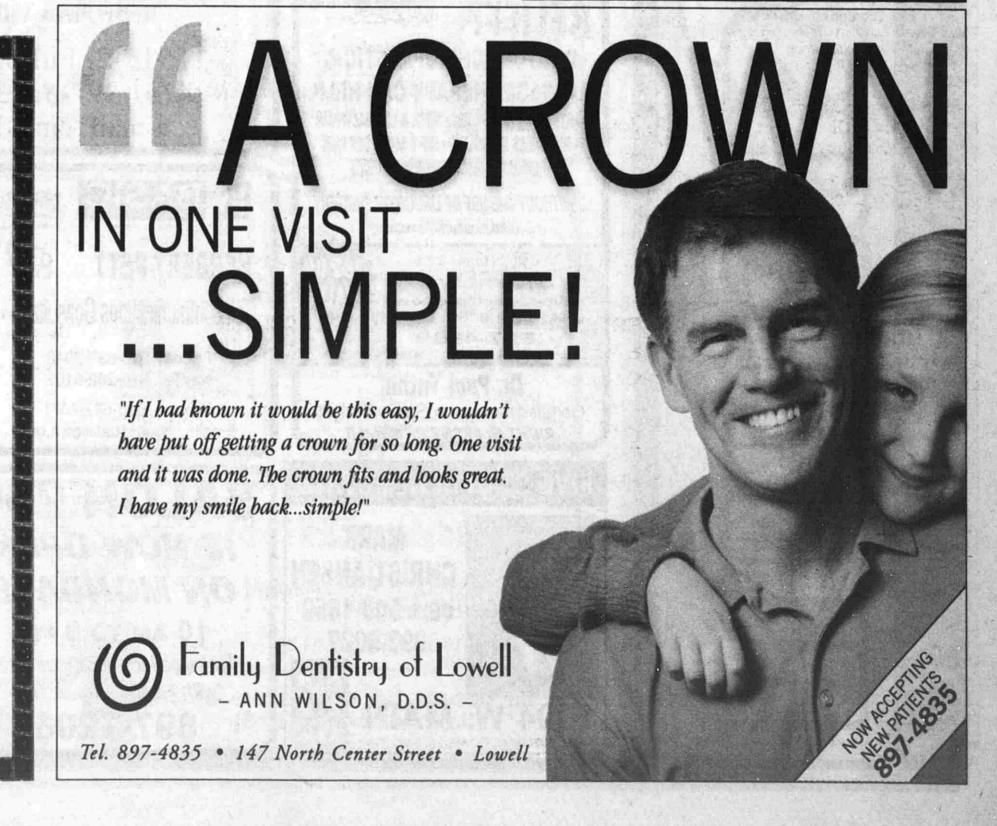
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JULY 19, 2005 NOTICE TO CORRECT **PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS**

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of General Property Tax Laws, provides for correction of clerical errors and errors due to a mutual mistake of fact with respect to assessment roll figures, and correction to homestead exemptions, upon verification of the local assessing officer and approval by the Board of Review at a meeting called for that purpose, on the Tuesday following the third Monday in July.

On July 19, 2005, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 8:00 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

> Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk



Tractor accident, continued ... From Page 1

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it went back," she said.

The tractor flipped backwards, striking a 125year-old brick outhouse. overturning completely. Brinkert's left foot was

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credited the outhouse with head first. preventing the tractor from

"He went forward a the arms of the three-point his head was bleeding. He little bit and it did just a hitch. Dan Forman, the Kent had been struck by bricks small little bounce and then County Sheriff's deputy who knocked off the outhouse investigated the incident, wall. She attended to his

"His head was quite bloody at the time," she When Elaine Brinkert said. "He said, 'Honey, get trapped, pinned under one of ran to help her husband, the tractor off my foot."

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from the seat. The steering wheel of the tractor rested on Brinkert's chest, not putting pressure on him, but preventing rescuers from

Rescuersused an electric his foot," Elaine Brinkert saw to cut the steering wheel said. "The cutting took a lot off the tractor.

The arm of the threepoint hitch had impaled completely Brinkert's foot. At the end of the arm was a three-fingered metal claw. Rescuers feared the spring-loaded claw had VanOverbeek said closed inside Brinkert's foot. A cutting torch was brought his foot were still working. down from Kropf Orchards

A number of factors to cut through the metal arm Lowell sent two tow trucks complicated the rescue. and free Brinkert from the to help stabilize the tractor while firemen worked to They wrapped the arm free Brinkert.

> "We offered to pay and Brinkert's foot with towels, continuously wetting and they said forget it," VanOverbeek said. them with a garden hose to

Brinkert was taken cool the metal. Still, it was by Aero-Med to Spectrum "They couldn't cut for Health Butterworth Campus. very long because it would The metal piece fell out of his foot as he was being heat up and it would hurt loaded onto the helicopter.

Brinkert had two

operations on his foot longer than they wanted to." last week, including the installation of five screws conscious and a plate. He was throughout the procedure, scheduled to receive skin grafts Monday. The injury when the arm heated up. is expected to heal, though he'll likely walk with a limp the rest of his life.

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Outdoor display ordinance now in place By Dan Schneider The new zoning ordi- with pedestrians on city si- Commission. It also elected unnecessary, since the plan- are usually held for issu-

must now keep any outdoor merchandise and displays a distance of 10 feet from front lot lines.

nance was approved last dewalks. Businesses in Lowell Tuesday by the Lowell City Council. The ordinance also mously approved the new pro tem Charles Myers and the matter. Myers further ordinance mainly applies to

dictates that merchandise ordinance as it was presen- councilman James Hodges stated that public hearings businesses. displays shall not interfere ted by the Lowell Planning said the hearing would be

to forego a public hearing on ning commission had alrea- es affecting city residents, The council unani- the new ordinance. Mayor dy held a public hearing on while the outdoor display

Credit approval for the city

The council approved such as expenses connected more. Myers explained that issue the credit card passed a limit of \$10,000 and only purchases made with it.

"It's a credit card that's required by state law. through a local bank and it treasurer Sue Olin.

for official city business, projects that cost \$2,500 or

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the issuance of a city credit with attending conferences, the higher limit would be by a 4-0 vote with Myers card through Ionia County seminars and the like, and beneficial in some cases, National Bank. The card has for purchasing day-to-day such as when a large group goods and services. Its use of city officials travels to a a credit card from Citizens city manager Dave Pasquale is subject to the terms of a conference. The motion to Bank. is authorized to sign for city credit card policy that was approved in 1996 as

Councilman James gives us added flexibility Pfaller questioned why the with our spending," said city credit card should have such a high limit, when the The card will be used city is required to bid out

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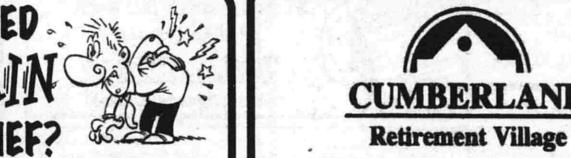
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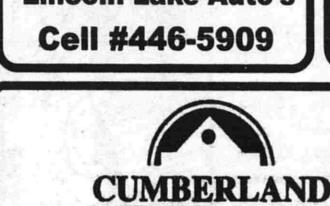
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Lowell garden tour stop loaded with lilies

By Dan Schneider

"El Desperado" is light yellow with dark maroon flower. stripes, a heavy bloomer.

a lot, but has pink-colored All American daylily, but flower plots at her home on off McCords Ave., in like something from outer giant petals with rough edges Brenda Angelo has had one Springside Drive in Lowell Caledonia Township. That space. Angelo also has two ... an interesting-looking in her garden for about four Township.

is light maroon with bright approximately 160 varieties there are so many beautiful flowers, ornamental grasses expensive, doesn't bloom yellow stripes. It's the 2005 of daylilies in Angelo's kinds," said the master and a labyrinth. The garden tour will be open Saturday

> gardener. And she doesn't even principles of feng shui. consider herself among the

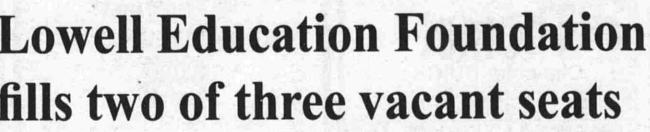
Michigan State University combinations. Extension (MSUE) "Stuck

These are just some of variety is so hard because as aesthetic plants, wild way to growing 30 feet tall.

tour. Another near Lowell Even gone to seed, as they msue.msu.edu/kent. is on Enchantment Drive, have already, the plants look

garden, developed for water big patches of Miscanthus "Picking a (favorite) conservation, features herbs Gigantus, a grass plant on its The 10 gardens on the

was designed using the from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 Angelo uses mostly p.m. Tickets are \$10 with major collectors of daylily natural, non-chemical means proceeds benefiting the to grow her flowers and Kent MSUE Junior Master "I like the purples and keep them free of weeds. A Gardener program. The maroons, you'll see a lot of wildflower garden is getting program teaches young that in my garden," she said. established. In some parts of gardeners current, research-Angelo, familiar to her garden, the plants have a based gardening knowledge Lowell will of their own. Daylilies at to apply to volunteer work as a receptionist at City the north side of the property in their communities. There Hall, has her garden in have seeded themselves and is no charge for children weekend's Kent crossbred in some interesting 15 years old and younger. Tickets are available at In addition to the lilies, the Kent MSUE office. on Gardening" garden she has hundreds of other 775 Ball Ave. NE in Grand tour. She's been a certified plants including 65 different Rapids or at any of the tour master gardener since types of hostas. A few sites on the days of the tour. 2001, when she graduated aliums are recent additions. A full list of tour sites and from the MSUE program. to the garden; these look addresses is available online Angelo's garden is one like exploded pink fireworks by selecting the "Jr. Master of 10 on the countywide when they are in bloom. Gardener" link at www.



Sterling Massey.

David Thompson and Teresa active in the district as a co- year term.

TheLowellbusinessman has also served on the Heart of West Michigan United Way advisory investment council and as a champion

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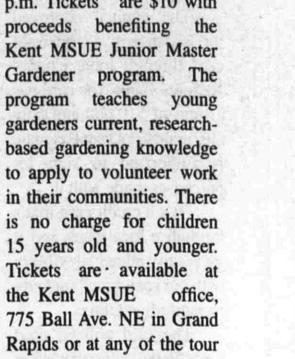
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"I have three young schools. Over the last two a non-chair role capacity.

> Massey, who has resided in Lowell for the past 10 years, has three children in the school district. He fills a seat voided by Liz Baker who stepped down from the McKendrick has been board after serving a three-

> > interested in community activity around and education," Massey explained.

of the district diversity committee. The Lowell Education Foundation has one empty seat on its board. Anyone interested in serving should foundation



Lowell Education Foundation fills two of three vacant seats

of Dee McKendrick and McKendrick

agreeing to complete one the school's budget.' of the two terms vacated by LEF board

Education the board in March after Board, I can help supplement

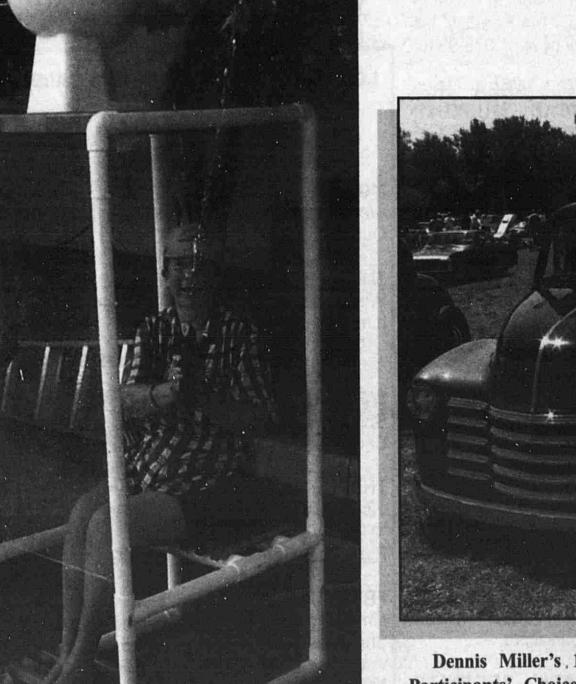
Beachum. The Lowell chairperson of the Family resident, in June, accepted Links group at Cherry Creek a three-year term with the and Bushnell elementary Lowell which relates to kids



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Office located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan 49302 for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the renewal of the natural resources removal permit for Morse Lake Sand & Gravel located in Section 20 of the Township.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk



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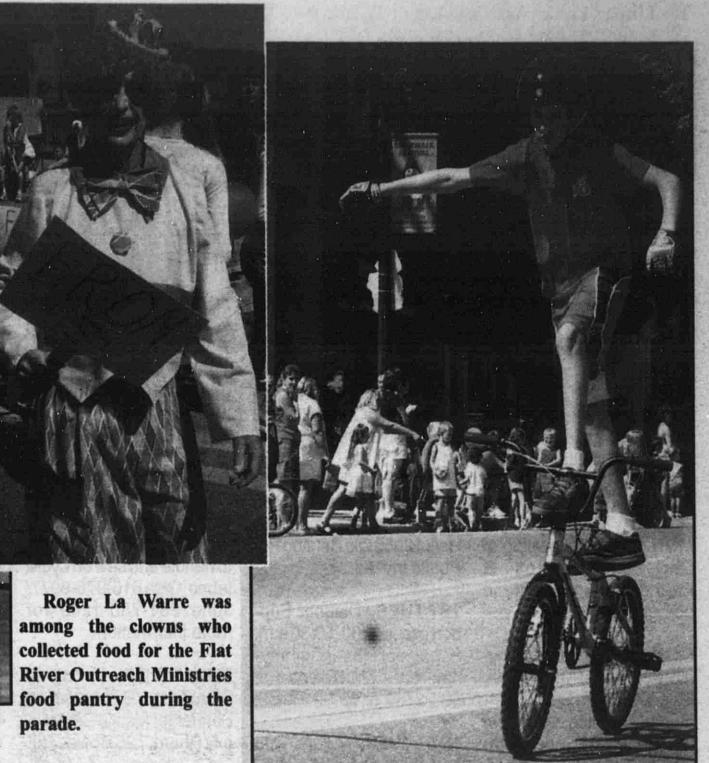
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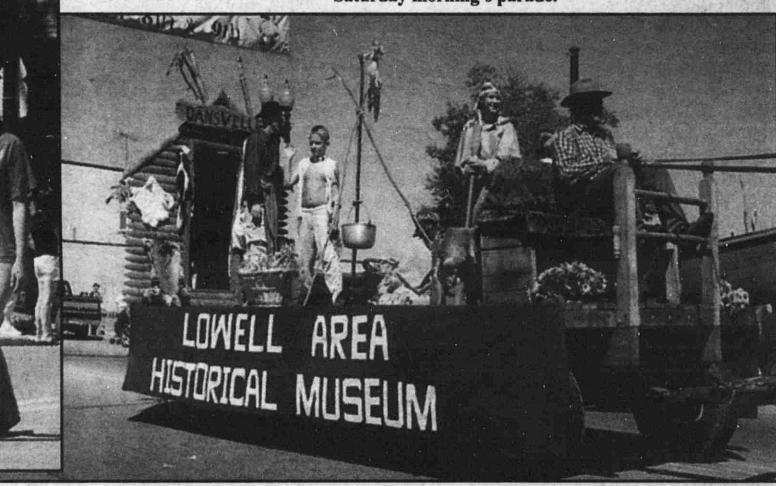
Lowell police chief Jim Valentine worked as a crossing guard all afternoon Saturday

during the festival.

Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores had a squirt gun to



A BMX stunt rider does a balancing act during Saturday morning's parade.



The Lowell Area Historical Museum's float depicted the early settlement days of Lowell.

Above, left, John Erickson, fresh from winning first place in the Lake Odessa Walking Parade, brought up the rear of the parade with his tribe of goats.



Dennis Miller's 1950 custom Chevy pickup won Participants' Choice at the Brian Mead Memorial Riverwalk Cruise-In.



Dr. Harry Trumbell, a resident of Cumberland Retirement Village, enjoyed participating in the parade.



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Youth Fair Board meeting.

2ND WED ..: G.R. Chapter

of the American Sewing

Center, 5255 Grand River

Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/

program: Carol Beard-how

to handle and sew on Lycra

fabric. Olga 616-975-9977/

Women's Club, noon in

Schneider Manor Commu-

2ND WED.: Support group

4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican

Catholic Church, Grand

3RD WED.: GR area

tion Club trap & skeet 897-7060 or 897-7555. league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 1ST TUES .: Grattan His- Guild, Plainfield Senior 754-7104. Public welcome. torical Society at O'Brien

MON.: LHS Fellowship of Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Christian Athletes & Public invited. Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

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

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

MON .: Boy Scout Troop Tim Vanderwulp at 897- welcome. 4302 for more info.

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

1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post Impact Church, 1070 N. #8303, 3116 Alden Nash Hudson. Call 897-8304. S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Bowne Town- Saranac ship Historical Society needleart/quilting bee, 5- 7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy meets 7:30 at historic 8:30 p.m., 4 Health Maatman, 897-5981. museum,84th/Alden Nash. Wellness Center, Bridge

3RD MON.: Fallasburg His- come. Contact Bey or torical Society board Melissa, 642-6466. Light meetings at chamber of- dinner is provided. fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m. 3RD TUES .: Parents of women/adolescents, 11

3RD MON .: Peripheral Luke's Lutheran Church, Neuropathy support group, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Linda: 874-5662; teen Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794. group: Sarah 281-6588.

3RD MON.: Lowell Show- EVERY OTHER WED.: boat Garden Club does not 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. meet in the summer - will Girls Club - Calvary Chrisresume in the fall. tian Reformed Church.

Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. 4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at noon, Lowell Masonic 7:30 p.m.

TUES .: Take Off Pounds WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Monterey Grill at 7 p.m. Sensibly Tops MI#372 upstairs at 1st Congregameets at Key Heights Mo-

bile Home Park Community Hudson St. Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. WED .: Tri-town Conserva-TUES .: Cub Scout Pack tion Club trap & skeet

3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. 10 p.m.Larry 754-7104. Cubmaster Bruce Doll. 897-9782 / email: bruce @ imagesofvision.com.

TUES .: Flat River 9:30 p.m.Round Robin 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Saranac areas. Keep no- nity Bible Study. Free 2ND WED.: Kent County tices brief; may submit by nursery and preschool mail, but will accept no- story hour/craft time 9:45 - 7:30 p.m., King Memorial tices by phone at 897-9261. 11:15 a.m./women only at Youth Center, 4-H Fair-7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian grounds. Call 897-6050. SUN .: Tri-town Conserva- Reformed Church. Call

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1ST TUES .: Diabetic Sup- June 231-780-1249 for port group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. more information. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 2ND WED.: Lowell

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

S. Hudson St.

Scrabble Club at Schuler's 102, 11 & up or completing 2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua-Bookstore, Alpine NW. 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Round p.m. at Scout Cabin, end 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 Robin open play, all levels, of N. Washington St. Call p.m. New members are walk-ins welcome. Call Jan

2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS THURS .: Weight Watch - Mothers of Preschoolers ers at Lowell Nazarene ... because mothering Church, 201 N. Washing-Administration Building, matters ends for summer; ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register will start back up in Sep- 1/2 hr. before the meeting. tember, 9:15-11:30 a.m. at For info. 1-800-651-6000

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THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers 2ND & 4TH TUES .: practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-

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

All invited.Call 897-7161 for 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights THURS .: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant children w/AD/HD at St. a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

> Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call 1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750

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

Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at

tional Church, 404 N. 2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E., 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

2ND THURS .: Loyal Order league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6- of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1ST WED .: GR area 2NDTHURS .: Genealogy-Scrabble Club at Schuler's Alto Family Tree Club

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center Saranac. "Healthy Athletes of all Ages. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info. and

to preregister.

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

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

boat Sizzlin' Summer 3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Concerts from 7-9 p.m. Franciscan Life Process on Riverwalk Plaza. Center, Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, 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 -3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

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

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 appt. 676-9346.

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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. Salad & Sandwich; p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-12:45 p.m. Petra Exhibit Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - meets at Alto Library from 7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. at Calvin College.

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THURS., JULY 14: Jim Cummings band at Show-FRI., AUG. 5: Hawaiian festivities at annual Senior Neighbors All-Agency Picnic at Grandville High School, 9:30 - 2 p.m. \$3 SAT., JULY 16: donation. Deadline July 29. Call 897-5949 for more Foodmobile, free food from 10-11 a.m. at Lowell information.



LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 897-5949

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

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

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

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

WED., JULY 20: 8:30 a.m.

Traveling Breakfast "Ionia

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p.m. Food Pantry "A-N"

THURS., JULY 21: 12:45

p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart 8

FRI., JULY 22: 12 p.m.

Birthday/Anniversary

12:45 p.m. Bingo; 3 p.m.

Sav-A-Lot.

Bowling.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JULY 13: Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., JULY 14: 12:45 p.m. Food Pantry "0-Z". Visit St. Mary's Pregnancy Center.

FRI., JULY 15: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 12:45 p.m. Shop Costco.

MON., JULY 18: 10:30 a.m. Hackley Hume Historic Site. TUES., JULY 19: 12

MON., JULY 25: 12:45 p.m. Rockford Shopping & Stop at Rosie's Diner.

TUES., JULY 26: 12 p.m. Brat Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Games on the Lawn with YMCA Child Care.

Lowell Xtreme Girls Softball Club took three teams to Northview July 8 and 9 for their first fast pitch softball tournament of the summer.

In the 12-under division, the Lowell Red's won their championship while the Lowell White's finished in fifth place. The 10-under team representing Lowell captured second place in their division.

The club completed its first year July 1, starting out last summer with only one 10-u team.

Throughout the winter, the club drilled on the basics of throwing, catching and fielding. Out of 82 players who attended an MSU Girls Softball Hitting Clinic last February, 13 were from the club. A lot of the players were in Lowell Little League this spring, and they also scrimmaged a Grand Rapids Blaze "B" team in early

Upcoming tournaments include Wyoming (SKRA) on July 16, Byron Center on July 23 and the First annual Lowell Girls Softball Tournament at Creekside Park on July 30.



Pictured above are the 12-under champions: front row - Taryn Morris, Bailey Allen, Kaylee Westerhuis, MJ Vietzke and Brianna Richardson; back row - Jeff Phillips (asst. coach), Jenna Smith, Lindsey Crawford, Kyliegh Newman, Emma Duvernay, Hannah Vanderhorst, Leann Paiz and (head coach) Jill Callihan.

Placing second, at left, are the 10-under players: front row - Bethany Dean, Samantha Kooiman, Morgan Allen, Elena McKendrick and "Jackson" (team mascot); back row - James Hinton (head coach), Kendra Campbell, Schlyer Lambert, Haley Muller, Allie Hinton, Michaela Kozal and Nicole Lang.

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By Dan Schneider

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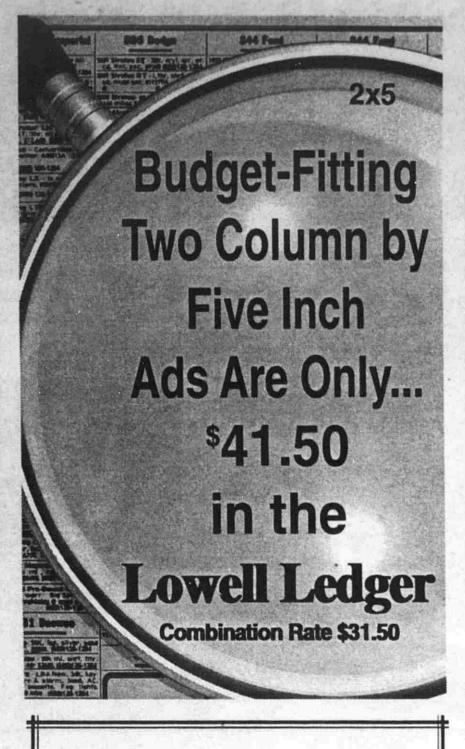
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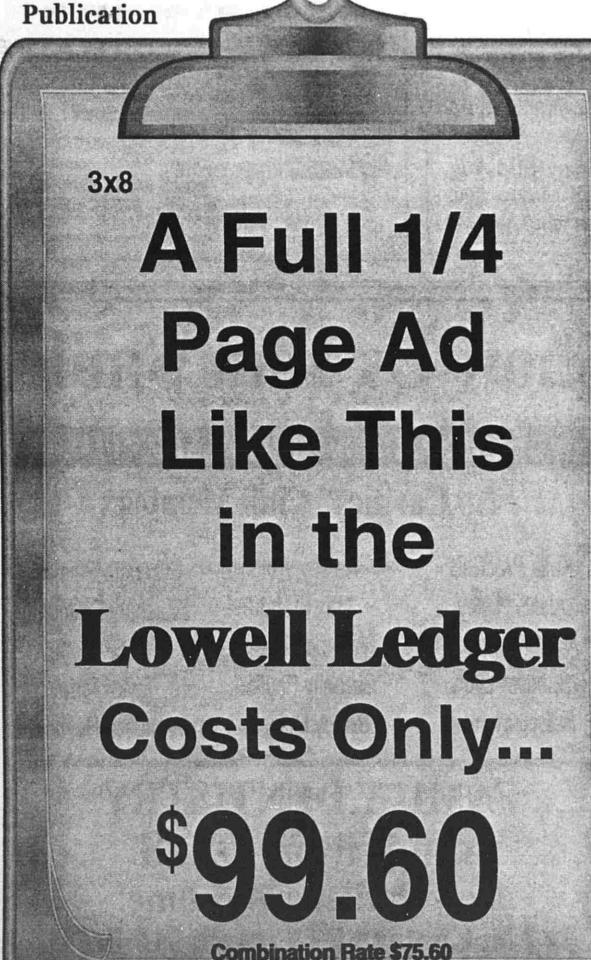
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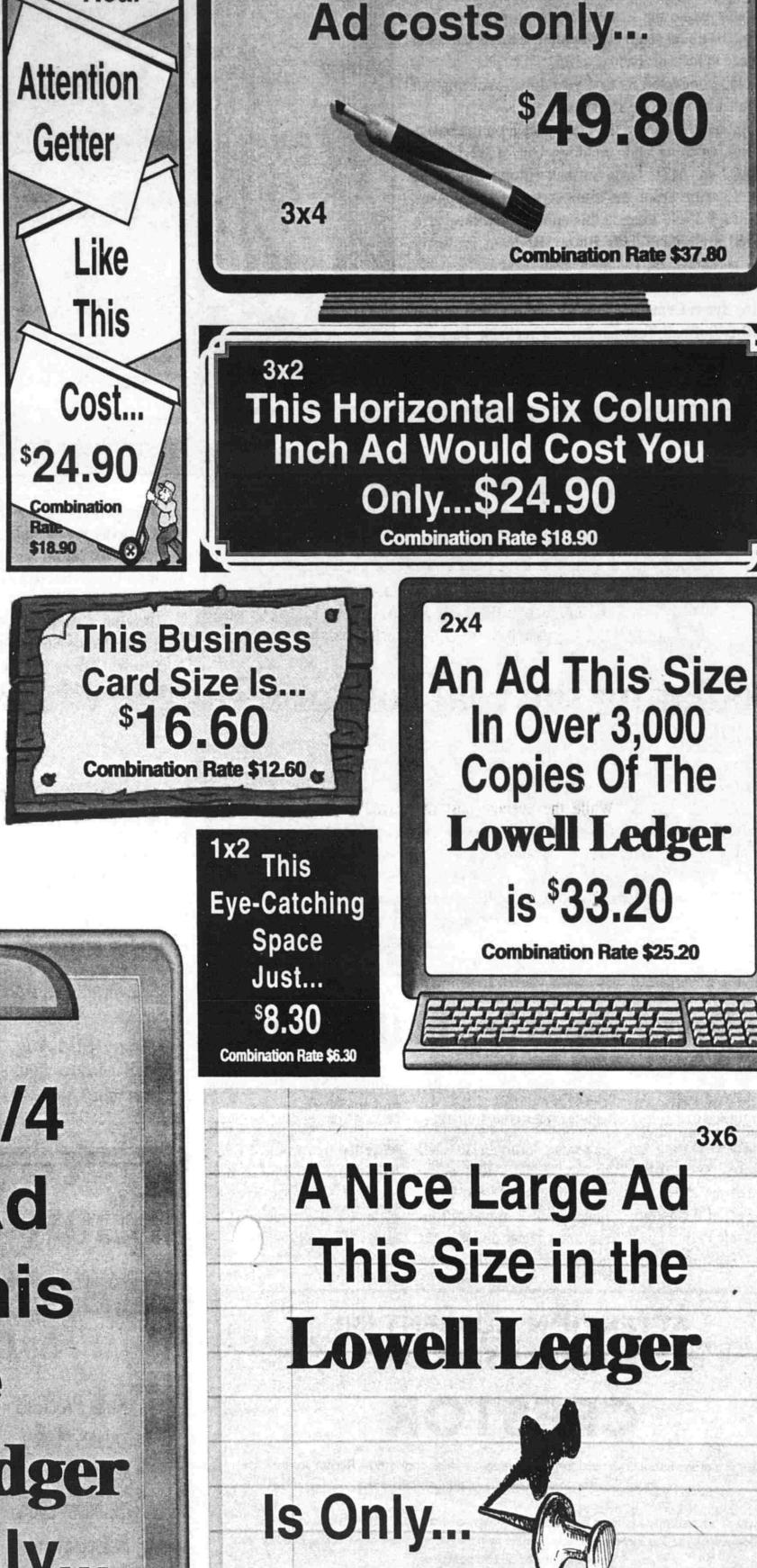
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Lowell Little League wins district nine baseball championship

By Dan Schneider

A team will raise a championship pennant at the ball fields of Creekside Park for the first time in Lowell Little League history.

The Lowell Junior Boys (13-14 year olds) won the District 9 class C team tournament championship June 30 at the Southern Little League Complex in East Grand Rapids. defeated Pinery Park in the championship game, 10-4. To advance to the championship game, Lowell bested Western Little League. B.C. Pizza is the sponsor.

The Lowell Meijer team made it to the final four of the Division 9, class E Junior team

District 9 covers the area from Saugatuck in the southwest to Lowell in the northeast.



The Lowell Little League Junior Boys team, pictured front row, left to right, are: Stephen Gillhespy, William Burtt, Jacob Gould, Mike Taylor, Jordan Potter and Kyle Dedonado; back row are: assistant coach Joe Gillhespy, Mitchell Malling, Jeremy Drake, Jesse VandenBosch, assistant coach Daniel Boon, Jordan Boon, David Stevens and head coach Jason Knapp. Mark Johnson is not pictured.

Calculating the real cost of a college education

Barbara A. Pietrangelo Prudential Financial

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Second, take advantage about the cost of a college the way you save can make of tax-advantaged savings plans such as Coverdell First, it makes sense to ESA and Section 529 more affordable than you save in your name rather College Savings plans. than in your child's name. These allow for tax-deferred

is to encourage children your assets versus as much withdrawals to pay college percent from \$107.6 billion to attend public schools. as 35 percent of money expenses. As an added the previous year, and has While the average cost of saved in your child's name. bonus, these accounts are more than doubled overunder federal aid rules.

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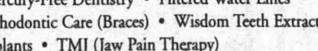
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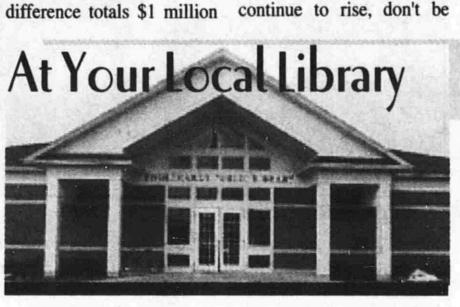
The Costs are Justified by the Benefits

It's been well known for investment look good. The that the more expensive the years, that individuals with payoff from graduate school college your child attends, a four-year college degree is even bigger. Individuals the more likely you are to earn considerably more than with advanced degrees earn get help and the greater those who only graduate two to three times as much the amount you'll probably from high school. Over a over their lifetimes as those receive, particularly if you working lifetime, the typical without a college degree and college graduate earns about increase their average total 75 percent more than a high school grad does.

So, while college costs difference totals \$1 million

dismayed ... the real cost of a college education may be far less than you think.

This article gives general information for the subject matter covered. It is not intended to give tax or legal advice. An individual's circumstances should be discussed with a personal tax or legal



STREET THEATRE

Traveling Street Theatre appeal to all ages. performers will be at the Englehardt Library on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30

p.m. The group performs folk and fairy tales in high-The Master Arts energy productions that

Registrationis required; call the Englehardt branch at 647-3920 to sign up.

The Alto branch invites young people, ages 11 and up, to a "Fencing Demonstration" Wednesday, July 20 at 4 p.m. Students and instructors from the West Michigan Fencing Academy will provide a demonstration of the weapons used in competitive fencing. Call 647-3820 for more

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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LOWELL CHARTER

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The Lowell Charter Township Planning FT TO A PT ON S LINE OF N 231 FT ON NE Commission will hold a Public Hearing to 1/4 WHICH IS 663.31 FT W ALONG SD S consider the rezoning of property located south LINE FROM BEG TH E 663.31 FT TO BEG & and west of Cascade Road and Alden Nash EX N 450 FT OF E 450 FT OF NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Avenue to the Industrial Planned Unit ALSO NE 1/4 NW 1/4* SEC 28 T6N R9W Development District. This land is currently 99.61 A. Zoned AG-2, Rural Agricultural and LI, Light Industrial. The property consists of 238.51 acres. This rezoning is being proposed by Lowell Charter Township in order to implement the recommendation of the Township Master

LOCATION & LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The property consists of five parcels located south and west of Cascade Road and Alden Nash Avenue. These parcels are legally described as follows.

Parcel 41-20-28-100-005 (Zoned LI) SE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX STL US 16 RELOCATED* SEC 28 T6N R9W 31.00 A.

Parcel 41-20-28-100-012 (Zoned AG-2) NW 1/4 NW 1/4 EX E 16 A. OF N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 & EX COM AT NW COR OF SEC TH S 89D 50M 26S E ALONG N SEC LINE 252.61 The proposed rezoning request and a FT TO W LINE OF E 16 A. OF N 1/2 NW 1/4 preliminary site plan are available for review at NW 1/4 TH S 0D 28M 07S W ALONG SD W the Lowell Charter Township Offices. 2910 LINE & SD W LINE EXT 836.16 FT TH N 89D Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 50M 26S W 256.44 FT TO W SEC LINE TH N during normal office hours on Monday. 0D 43M 50S E ALONG W SEC LINE 836.19 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling FT TO BEG ALSO THAT PART OF SW 1/4 897-7600. NW 1/4 LYING N OF N LINE OF STL US 16 RELOCATED/I-96/EX S 33.11A.

Parcel 41-20-28-200-019 (Zoned LI) N 1/2 NE 1/4 EX S 220 FT OF E 160 FT & EX N 231 FT OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4 & EX COM AT SE COR OF N 231 FT OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 TH S ALONG E SEC LINE 521.0 FT TH W PAR WITH N SEC LINE 662.98 FT TH N 521.0

Parcel 41-20-28-100-008 (Zoned LI) S 1024.83 FT OF W 643.50 FT OF THAT PART OF SW 1/4 NW 1/4 LYING N OF N LINE OF STL US 16 RELOCATED/I96/*SEC 28 T6N R9W 15.14 A.

Parcel 41-20-28-200-004 (Zoned LI) S 1/2 NE 1/4 EX STL US 16 RELOCATED SEC 28 T6N R9W 59.65 A.

The hearing will be held as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2005 TIME: 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI. 49331

Dave Simmonds, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

College News

recently area students.

sophomore and junior and talented peers. women who are talented in opportunity to investigate will be a senior this fall.

Crimmins, careers in engineering and science. Practicing women participated in the Women engineers from industry in Engineering Workshop and government, educators, at Michigan Technological and university faculty lead University with a number of sessions which include a laboratory exercise, a team The workshop provides engineering project and time high school freshman, to interact with role models

Crimmins mathematics and science the Lowell High School and

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 05-4 ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY **COUNCIL ON July 5, 2005**

Ordinance No. 05-4 amends Section 12.05 of Chapter 12 of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. Such amendment eliminates the requirement that merchandise and related displays and fixtures must be located within 10 feet of the front of the building of the related business.

Ordinance No. 05- 4 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



trust and a testamentary trust.

Legal Ease

DEAR JONATHAN: All I seem to hear about today are "living trusts." Back in 1975, my wife and I each set up a testamentary trust. Is there anything wrong with that? JONATHAN SAYS: It is really not a question of wrong or right, it is a question of preference. The best way to answer your question is to examine the differences between a living

A living trust is a separate document apart from last will and testament; can revoke the trust without revoking the will; it is a private document (this is because a living trust does not need to be filed with the county probate court); and assets are held in living trust at death to avoid probate.

A testamentary trust is not a separate document but rather part of a last will and testament; cannot revoke the trust without revoking the will; it is a public document (because a last will and testament is required to be filed with the county probate court); only receives assets after completion of probate; there is no opportunity to avoid probate with a testamentary trust.

Based on the differences set forth above, in most cases it is going to make more sense to implement a living trust than a testamentary trust. In essence, a living trust has all the benefits of a testamentary trust without any of its drawbacks.

You mentioned in your question that you and your wife created testamentary trusts back in 1975. That was a long time ago and there have been many law changes in the past 30 years. Further, your personal and financial circumstances have probably changed dramatically over that same period of time. Consequently, I would highly recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney for the purpose of reviewing the testamentary trusts you and your wife created. as well as whatever other documents you have in place and who, after examining those documents and your personal and financial circumstances, can make recommendations to you as to how to go about creating an estate plan to fit your circumstances and objectives.

DEAR JONATHAN: Do I have to name a family member as my agent under a durable power of attorney for financial matters or as my fiduciary under any other estate planning documents I am considering, i.e., a last will and testament, trust, health care power of attorney, etc.? There is really no one in my family I would trust to act as my fiduciary in any of these positions. I would much rather name a close friend

JONATHAN SAYS: No, there is no legal requirement that you name a family member to act in any of those

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Controlling Mosquitoes in Your Backyard

With summer in full swing, people everywhere are looking for ways to control the mosquito population in their backyards. Mosquitoes loom as a source of much annoyance. But more importantly, these pests can pose a serious health threat to families and pets. Homeowners need to develop a plan for controlling these potentially dangerous insects in their backyard.

Time is of the essence, since mosquitoes can develop from egg to adult in as little as four to seven days. Larviciding offers consumers a proactive option for controlling mosquitoes. The process involves killing mosquitoes during their formative stages before they become breeding, biting adults. Convenient and ready larvicide tablets are ideal for treating standing water in ornamental ponds, water gardens, birdbaths, water troughs, gutters, pool covers and fountains.

In addition to larviciding, minimizing the amount of standing water can significantly reduce mosquitoes around the home. Homeowners should:

• Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets and similar water-holding containers.

• Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outside and cover trash containers to keep out rainwater. Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis.

Change water every week in birdbaths and wading pools.

Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.

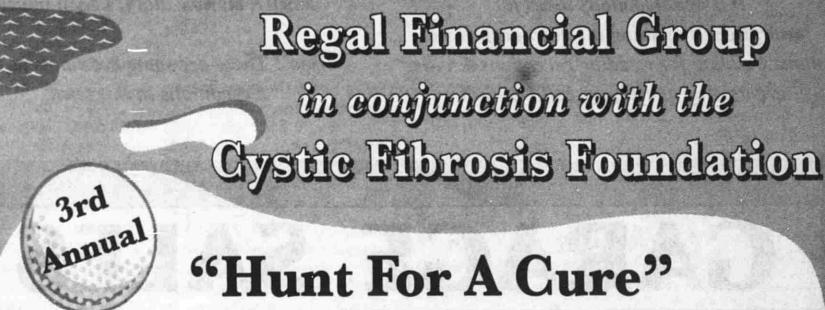
Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used.

Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps and arrange them so they drain properly.

Clean animal troughs weekly.

Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.

Since mosquitoes are known to carry diseases such as West Nile virus, canine heartworm and viral encephalitis, every preventative measure is important. With a little extra effort, summertime in the backyard can be an even more enjoyable



"Hunt For A Cure" Charity Golf Scramble

Friday, August 12th, 2005

Tee Time @ 10 a.m. • Registration @ 9 a.m. (pre-registration encouraged)

Quail Ridge Golf Course

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> Isn't it about time Main Street and Hudson had left turn only lights?

Heads up for the uninformed: The Strand is used for all plays the LAAC can do on the stage. It is donated many times for fundraisers (including the marquee). It's a unique building for wedding receptions & other events. Any questions - call Larkin's.

The Lowell Library has wonderful children's programs this summer. Crafts, juggling and magic and science. Thank you Kent District Library.

Lowell loses more money for not having fireworks during the 4th of July holiday! People leave town for the fireworks and then go on vacation!

How nice it is for John Erickson to have his goats in the parade. They are so nice and so many people get enjoyment out of it. Congrats.

The music sound system at the festival and concerts is great. Maybe it can be turned down a bit now that it's been improved.

Wow!! There are some hot moms in the Expeditions in this town.

I thought I understood G.M.'s letters until the last one in which he tried to describe his stuff. What was that all about? Of course, I think Rush is a hoot and the Simpsons rule. So who am I to judge?

The press reports that the 45 MPH signs in work zones are too confusing? I think the state could make a bundle in doubled fines for speeding down I-96!

> Liz Baker - you do a terrific job! We appreciate your efforts bringing interesting events to town!

To the person complaining about a business owner complaining - Are you in business? And how do you know they do not support their community? Get the facts before you ruin someone.

To the lady who was complaining about the lady who complained about the cable, then complained about it herself. Wait...I'm confused.

I wish people wouldn't smoke at the concerts, parades etc. Even outdoors it's offensive to those of us that are allergic to it or even just concerned for our health. Thanks for not smoking.

If you want to see beautiful flowers. See the corner of S. Jackson and Front Street. They're beautiful every year. Way to go girls!

Kudos to the businesses that sponsored the Riverwalk Cruise-In. Also, a big "Thank You" to the local and county authorities that made it possible for the "Rumble the Riverwalk" cruise. Nice Job!

The Foreman building at the fairgrounds looks beautiful. Thanks to all who contributed!!!

> I need a date, can any one out there help me out?

To the older man at Meijer. Just because I'm only 29 don't yell at me for being handicapped & parking in the spot. I've had 16 surgeries on my feet. How many have you had?

Who is the blonde girl in the lightning bar truck? I see the truck around Lowell & at the fairgrounds. No one has come up with who the guy is?

I understand Buckley & Will who are intelligent enough to inform both sides of the "Bellcurve" instead of just trying to impress the right hand. Unless, of course, the right hand sees it for what it is.

Humor is the great thing, the saving thing. The minute it crops up, all our irritations and resentments slip away and a sunny spirit takes their place. - Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

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July 13, 2002

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staff aided my speedy

recovery, and I thank all

their love, prayers and

much, much more at the

time of the loss of our

son Jon. Also even now

vou still hold us up be-

fore our Lord and we are

ever so grateful to you.

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of you for your support

flowers, cards, and letters and helped keep my spirits high. The staff at Laurels of Kent were ex-Puhalski (616) 235-0330. ceptional, and helped to make my stay pleasant. BIG STEPS LITTLE The combined efforts of my friends, family and

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Lincoln Lake, E. approx. 2 1/2 miles.

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