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# Walking safely through Lowell

By Dan Schneider

visible hoping some additions on Main Street will make pedestrians more visible to motorists.

First, there's the new crosswalk lines that were put down across Main Street at three intersections. Monroe Street, Riverside Drive and North Broadway now have designated crosswalks for the first time.

Then there's the red banner over Main Street at Riverwalk Plaza. The banner reads "Protect Our Pedestrians," with the O in "Our" in the octagonal shape of a stop sign. The Downtown Development Authority funded the banner at the request of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's merchant

Yet to come are two

pairs of metal road signs, in one pair for each side of downtown. They'll say something to the effect of "Pedestrian Crossings, next 1/4 mile."

> "I'm hoping it makes people more conscious of pedestrians," Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said of the banner. "It seemed like in the old days, if you were standing there, and there was a line of cars going by, someone would stop and let you cross."

Now, some feel drivers are more intent on getting through town than on paying attention to pedestrians on their way. Cliff Yankovich, owner of the downtown business Chimera Design, has long been outspoken in favor of improving the situation for pedestrians in the business district.

"Every week I get at least one customer (complaining) about not being able to cross the street," he said.



Business owners downtown are hoping this banner will draw motorists' attention to pedestrians trying to cross Main Street.

He hopes the banner will help.

"It certainly can't hurt," Yankovich said. "I'm hoping that it will draw the drivers' attention to make them more aware of people crossing the street.

"But I still want a light," he added, referring to a traffic signal at Monroe Street that the Michigan Department of Transportation has so far not allowed.

"I'd like to see our city officials bug the state until

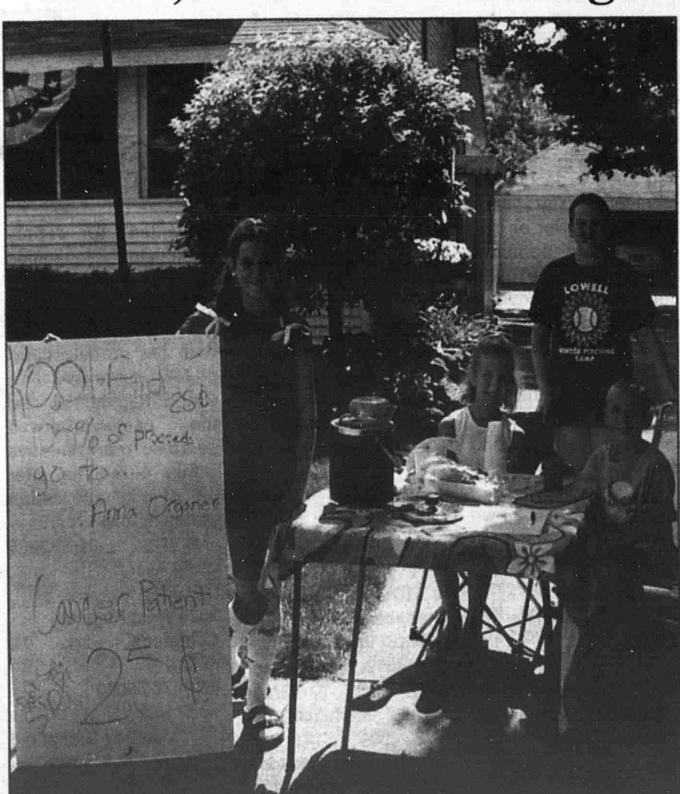
It remains to be seen whether the new visuals will be effective.

"I'll be interested to see when we put the speed board back out there if the

we get one," Yankovich average speeds are going down," Valentine said.

> Though he said traffic volume, rather than speed, is most responsible for pedestrian lengthening crossing times.

# Over 1,000 tested during drive to find marrow donor



From left, Kyleigh Newman, Brynlee Pomper, Mattie Newman and Keaton Pomper as a fundraiser for the marrow drive. Heather Organek. ran a lemonade stand last Thursday as a fundraiser for the marrow drive.

By Dan Schneider

Tuesday's marrow drive for Anna Organek at Lowell High School drew more than 1,000 people, even one from Alaska.

"I saw the poster in the gas station, at the Wesco station in Belding," Cynthia Ingraham said.

The 44-year-old woman from Soldotna, Alaska, was on vacation visiting relatives in Belding. "I wanted to get on the national registry," she said.

Soldotna is in rural Alaska, she explained, and she never saw any bone drives around marrow there.

By 1 p.m., about 150 people had registered, and blood samples had been taken in the high school cafeteria. By the end of the day, 1,117 people had given blood samples.

"We just thought it was so wonderful that people would come out for our daughter like this," said

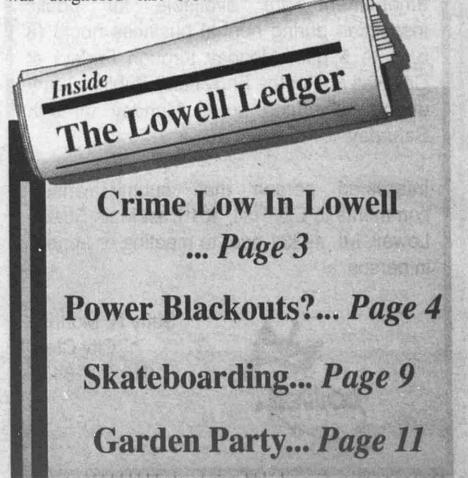
It shows what can happen when Lowell gets behind a cause.

"It was a great day, people were there to support the community, the drive and to try to be a match for Anna," said drive chairperson Brian Krajewski. "It was pretty

Anna Organek, an eight-year-old student at Cherry Creek Elementary, was diagnosed last Nov-

ember with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. In May, doctors discovered the cancer was in her immune cells and she would need a bone marrow transplant. A match couldn't be found on the national bone marrow registry, so Anna's friends and family organized a drive in Lowell.

> Searching for a donor, cont'd., pg. 11



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meeting of Monday, July 25, 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 the

An Ordinance to amend Sections 2.14 of

Chapter 2 and Section 17.04 C of Chapter

17 Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance of

the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell

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83, of Zeeland, died 58 years, Wanda; children Wednesday, July 13, 2005 James and Linda Atman at Spectrum Butterworth of Fennville, William and in Grand Rapids. He was a Joanna Atman of Saugatuck, veteran of the Navy serving Nancy Atman of Holland; with the Pacific Fleet daughter-in-law Becky and during W.W.II and was a Peter Chase of Concord, member of the American CA; two grandchildren Legion Post 258. He was a Kelly and Frank Swecker, developer and homebuilder Kim and Jeff Glover; two in Grand Rapids and the great-grandchildren Alicia owner of Shangrai-La Motel and Cameron Glover; sister and Mobile Home Park in Jackie White of Lowell; Saugatuck. He was preceded brothers and sisters-in-law in death by his parents Ted and Shirley Jarmuloski Albert and Gertrude Atman of Grand Rapids, Charles

and a son Robert Atman. He Eugene Atman, aged is survived by his wife of Ottawa County.

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Judge George S. Buth

this case.

and Donna Jamoloski of 22, 1946 in Whitneyville Jane Everett. A celebration Lakeview, Joseph and Liz Methodist Church. As a of her life was held at Snow Charlene G. Wiersum joined Jarvis of Vancouver, BC, Marine Corp wife, Bobbie United Methodist Church her loving husband Robert Florence Rendall of South served as a Grey Lady for on July 15. Interment in heaven on July 12, 2005. Haven, Helen Eaton of Grand the Red Cross in military Whitneyville Cemetery. In Char was a loving gracious

in their motorhome. She Norman L. Smith, aged 61, Roh (Bruce) Buchanan of was affectionately known of Saranac, passed away Caledonia and their children as "Nene" by her children Thursday, July 7, 2005 at Shannon (Alex) Esselink, Barbara Alene (Bates) and grandchildren. She was his home under the loving Jason Roh, Annie, Kari and Doezema, aged 79, went a loving wife, mother and care of his family. The son Rich Buchanan; Mary Beth home to be with her Jesus at grandmother. She taught us of DeVere and Athel Smith, (Pat) Reaser of Middleville her home in Greenville, after all how to love. She was he was born September and their children Brian preceded in death by her 1, 1943. Norm enjoyed (Jessica) and Ashley; Robb parents William and Birdella woodworking, creating Wiersum of Grand Rapids; by) was born and raised in Bates; sisters and brothers- musical instruments that Margaret (Brian) DeHaan Cascade Township. She and in-law Dorothy (George) he also loved to play. His and their children Taylor, Lowery, Beulah (Richard) drums, banjos and dulcimers Travis and Trevor; great-Rawlings: brother-in-law are treasures to many nieces granddaughter Buck Everett. Bobbie is and nephews who loved to brother Burt (Joan) Brown survived by her husband hear his strong, booming of Grand Rapids; sister-Lt. Col. Richard Doezema voice sing along. Norm in-law Marlene Wiersum USMC (retired); children lived a straightforward life of Ocala, FL: best friend Robin and Allen Barton, and was always willing to Roma (Jack) Warmington; Sharon and David Brewer, give someone a hand. He many nieces, nephews and Dawn and Doug Seeley; touched many lives with friends. Char graduated grandchildren Matthew his generosity and caring from Creston High School her husband Richard went to Barton, Rebecca and Chris nature, and was a devoted and was active in the Molly school at Whitneyville grade Hirt, Dillon Seeley, Dana sponsor. He was preceded Booth Guild. She worked school and graduated from Seeley, Scott Brewer, in death by his parents. He alongside her husband Bob Caledonia High School. Stacy Brewer; three great- is survived by his children at the Middle Villa Inn. She They were married June grandchildren; sister Mary Scott and Crystal Smith of loved spending time with her Sunfield, Steven and Heidi family, golfing, gardening Smith of Sunfield, Kristen fishing, playing cards. and Bryan Terry of Saranac; dancing, sun bathing and five grandchildren; beloved spoiling her grandchildren. longtime friend Betty Those Smith of Lansing; sisters expression of sympathy Donna Hopkins of Lake are asked to consider the Odessa, Barbara and Alger following: Thornapple Area Daggett of Barryton; many Enrichment Foundation loving nieces and nephews. for the RKW Working There was no visitation or Student Scholarship Fund service. The family suggests Alzheimer's Association or memorial considerations a charity of one's choice. to Alcoholics Anonymous Funeral service was held July

#### WIERSUM

Rapids; many nephews, hospitals across the country. lieu of flowers, the family wife, mother, grandmother, nieces, cousins and friends. When Dick retired, Bobbie requests donations given great-grandmother, sister, An open house celebrating worked at Kent Community to Snow United Methodist aunt and friend. Surviving the life of Eugene Atman Hospital in Physical and Church or Brazil Mission are her children and was held July 15 at the Sandy Occupational Therapy. Society (an orphanage for grandchildren Chuck (Janie) Cove Villa at Oak Crest Bobbie never met a stranger needy children): Brazil Wiersum of Alto and their and some of her happiest Mission Society, P.O. Box children Courtney and contributions may be made times were serving others 5086, Georgetown, TX Heather; Steve (Susan) Wiersum of Middleville and their children Jessica, Amy, Christina and Ken; Karen

# Summer brings cool relief from crime

By Dan Schneider

Coinciding with the heat wave of the last few weeks has been a not-muchcrime wave.

"We've kind of hit a lull now," said Lowell police chief Jim Valentine. "It's

The year got off to a busy start, with the department making 245 arrests by the weeks have been a welcome

like assisting people who by the end of June, compared Valentine said. locked their keys in their to this year's 245. cars, accidental 911 dials,

abandoned car last week. "It's just been assisting A few party busts distorted just kind of day to day police people mostly," Valentine the number. There were 29 say, 'Boy, that was a nice

For the Lowell Police related charges such as Department, the last few

people cited for alcohol-

minor in possession. "They came across a

p.m. along the Riverwalk.

Meijer Gardens.

Evan Hyde (drums).

Edye Evans Hyde

performs this week

Jazz vocalist Edye Evans Hyde will appear at the Lowell

Evans Hyde has been performing jazz, blues and pop

Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts this Thursday from 7-9

music for over 20 years in both Los Angeles and West

Michigan, where she currently lives. She is well known in

this area, having performed in Lowell on several occasions,

opening for Ray Charles when he performed in Grand

Rapids several years ago, and performing at Frederik

Accompanying her on July 21 will be Roger

MacNaughton (keyboard), Charlie Hoats (bass) and her son

end of June. But things have reprieve from a busy first couple of parties where they slowed down in recent weeks half of the year. Last year, arrested 13 or 14 kids, so that means incidents only 198 arrests were made that bumped our arrests up,"

It has been slow so far The month of June had this month, but police aren't a few warrant arrests, an the highest one-month arrest counting on things to stay total so far this year with 60. that way.

> "We'll look back and reprieve," Valentine said.

Last year, the busiest months for arrests were August and October.

SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN'

SUMMER CONCERTS

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This Thursday, July 21, the summer concerts wil feature jazz singer Edye Evans Hyde from 7-9 p.m. on

#### FOURTH FRIDAY ROCK

Don't miss the bands "Vanishing Point" an "Playground Legends" along the Riverwalk this Friday from 7-9 p.m. It is part of the summer concert series.

#### 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.

#### **ROTARY CLUB**

City Hall, council chambers, is the current location for Rotary meetings on Wednesdays at noon.

# "Vanishing Point" & "Playground Legends" at Fourth Friday Rock series

"Vanishing Point" and "Playground Legends" will be new additions. The group brings a passion for rock and roll featured this Friday on Riverwalk Plaza.

Vanishing Point, a local contemporary Christian rock band, is back together with some former members and some

and a musical message to the audience in their Fourth Friday Series appearance. They take the stage at 7 p.m.

Playground Legends is a five-piece rock-and-roll band made up of "20 somethings" from the Lowell area. They've been playing together for over a decade. Their "yard sale" approach to rock music ... some soft, some hard ... is easy listening. They will perform at 8 p.m. for the second half of the series.

**Edye Evans Hyde** 

# City looks at creating fee structure for Showboat

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

written contract for anyone wishing to rent the Lowell Showboat.

The issue came up during the event. This was

Riverwalk Festival and the will split the revenue. Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.

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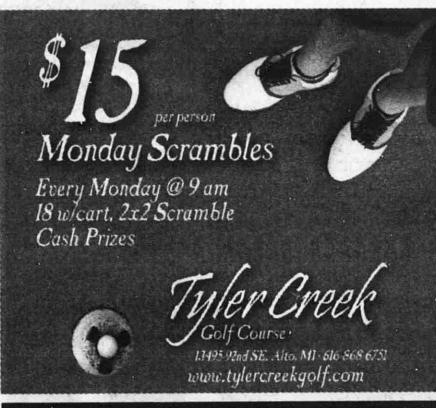
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executive director Liz the chamber given rights Baker, the Lowell Chamber to manage the facility. In of Commerce receives 15 the contract between the percent of the revenue from chamber and the city, it the Flat River venture which states there will be a fee is used to help fund the structure and the two groups

Baker said there really isn't a specific fee structure But several council in place. At one time, city manager David Pasquale and she worked on developing a contract and had discussed River Grill was using the for-profit groups that wish a fee of \$150 to rent the to rent out the showboat for showboat. Pasquale said there was an insurance issue The ownership of the with the city's carrier stating agreed to earlier this year. In showboat was transferred that whoever rented the boat

Carrying insurance really isn't that feasible for Showboat, cont'd., pg. 8



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(616) 784-5080 **Jeffrey Brakefield** 

Lansing.

The blackout stretched from Michigan to New breakdowns. And Lowell is emergency. Minimizing over large areas of the part of that process. During times of peak reduce strain on the system, and Power is part of the possibility of happening,"

days of summer, the power another major blackout. transmission system is under a lot of stress. A major to investigate and starting Independent breakdown at a generating conversations with our Operator (MISO). MISO

line failure near Cleveland.

across the country, including are looking for ways they Transmission Operator their customers' power systems in the event of an and distribution of power response to a real threat.

station or a transmission line major customers," Lowell services Michigan, Ohio, Lowell, which is a minor even be aware of it would be failure can trigger a chain- Light and Power general Indiana, Illinois, Missouri player in the power grid, On August 14, 2003, reaction of breakdowns in the manager Tom Richards said. and Kentucky. the lights went out in eastern system. The 2003 blackout "Especially those that would Michigan and as far west as started with a transmission have the ability to shut down breakdown in the power like Lansing or Grand that Now, power companies their business."

"We're just starting connected to the Midwest Dan Cooper said. System

without major impact on grid, MISO could require the Haven. MPPA to lower its system Lowell Light and Power, are now part of Regional require its members to lower can quickly reduce power groups. These groups help consumption. But this is more consumptions on their orchestrate the generation of a contingency plan than a

power consumption would power grid. Lowell Light breakdown) is a very remote pain. power use, usually the hot reducing the likelihood of Michigan Public Power Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA), which is Agency engineering manager

And if it did happen,

of small schools (OK Silver)

unlikely," Richards said.

The utility would start In the event of a major in the MPPA's larger cities with the major customers without any impact on "What we like to do is their operations. The city Most power companies load. Then the MPPA would to be even-handed about it water treatment plant and and so that's why we are wastewater treatment plant. talking about a percentage for instance, have their own

> do a three percent cut, Power would proceed to the "We think it (a system then we're all sharing the customers who could shut down with the least impact A three percent cut on their operations. The would have a smaller utility is currently working impact in Lowell than in on finding out which customers those are.

# MEAP scores, sports options discussed at school board meeting

By Dan Schneider

Michigan Assessment Program (MEAP) test this year.

to be solid in the district." said Mark Kasmer, Lowell assistant superintendent for score jumped 20 points to 74 Scott Vashaw reported on

state averages. Lowell did state and county averages. year, is considering two composite of reading and 49. Lowell's science score as the current structure, with fall and Sparta will leave. writing tests.

Intermediate School District average, and 11 points while the state average junior year. declined slightly. Lowell's

county average was 54.

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Lowell High School Lowell scored 76, eight The state average dropped falling into three tiers based OK conference. points higher than the Kent two points to 49 while the on school size. That structure county scored 56.

For all tests, county higher than the state average. averages were not available tier 1, four divisions of mid- be part of that rather than "Our growth continues Lowell's score on the writing for 2004. The high school test spiked upward this year MEAP test is taken in the White) in tier 2 and a division she said. High school principal in tier 3.

> and the state score dropped proposed changes to the under consideration is to supported allowing the four positions vacated by a point to 47. This year's OK athletic conference for place all the divisions in City League schools into retiring teachers at the end On the math test, Lowell The committee governing would contain schools of she said, school districts were 25 teachers who took

displayed the school's scores improved compared the conference, of which similar size and would have in Ottawa County have advantage of the district's scores relative to county and to last year and relative to Vashaw is president this more autonomy. especially well compared Lowell's score was 66, options for structuring the Forest Hills Central and on the matter again next who retired under the terms to those two averages in Kent County averaged 53 conference this fall. The Forest Hills Northern will be spring English Language Arts, the and the state average was first is essentially the same added to the OK White in the

> Vashaw said the second structure, with all divisions did not have much to report being considered for the in the same tier, would on the school budget, jobs. provide more flexibility if the indicating that the state that could happen is if Grand unclear. Rapids city schools were

the larger cities.

has one division of the largest more diversity to schools (OK Red Metro) in community and we need to LAS superintendent it becomes law.

"That people would

would be less affected than

Shari Miller said the The other possibility district has strongly is still working to fill the coming school year, the same tier. Each division the OK conference. But, of last school year. There Whichever is chosen, OK conference will vote incentive and three teachers

> Connie Gillette, LAS assistant superintendent

The state house of schools in Grand Rapids the state. It would also grant retirement incentive.

On the reading test, dropped two points to 68. divisions named by color and would be allowed into the an additional \$25 per student to districts like Lowell whose per-pupil allowance is less than \$7,200. The district currently gets \$6,700 per student. The bill still needs sized schools (including OK just letting it happen to us," to pass in the state senate and may see changes before

> Lowell Area Schools resisted the proposal. The one-time severance-package of their contracts.

"We really have some candidates," for finance and personnel, Gillette said of the teachers

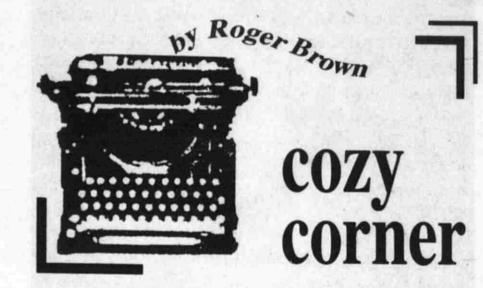
LAS received more than conference grows. One way funding picture was still 2,400 responses to online job postings placed this spring.

Gillette said after the allowed to join. Cherry Creek representatives did pass hiring process is completed, Elementary second grade a bill that would increase the district will provide an teacher Kim Lum expressed the per pupil foundation analysis of the actual savings hope that the city and private allowance by \$175 across to the district from the early

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

- B. F. Skinner (1904 - 1990





I was given a speeding citation a few weeks ago. What is it Homer Simpson says? Something like, "Doh!!!"

Actually, it was my first traffic violation in a few years. I've either been good or lucky. A Florida State Trooper wrote me for sixty in a forty-five. He nailed me in a section of four lane divided highway right where the speed limit goes from forty-five to fifty-five. Doing sixty, you are usually being luck ran out.

The cop didn't cut me any slack. The ticket got into my pocket for a hundred and fifty and change. That's bad enough, but there were three points assessed. Ouch!

I was given a chance to get back at this particular cop. About two weeks after the incident I was working a traffic light with a bunch of fellow Rotarians. Each time the light turned red we ran out to the stopped cars. With red, white and blue containers in hand, we unabashedly begged for donations to our annual July 4th fireworks display. At one cycle of the light, guess who pulled up to my portion of the intersection? I couldn't believe my luck!

I ran up to the trooper's window and said, "Dig deep, you owe me Pal!" When he tried to plead innocence I said, "Yeh, it was you. You cost me a hundred and fifty bucks ... now get into your wallet!" To my surprise, he did get out his wallet. The Rotary Club got five dollars from the cop's donut fund. Made me feel better.

school. If you cough up about forty bucks to attend a fourhour class on driving safety, you are awarded a diploma. You then send the diploma to the clerk of the court and no points are assigned to your driving record. It's a wonderful thing!

I have attended two of these courses in the past. The diploma is only good once. Kinda like a "Get Out of Jail Free" card in Monopoly. One class was in a cramped motel conference room and the other was held in a ghetto community center. Both were crammed with traffic citation recipients with really bad attitudes. These classes are actually sort of fun. Something like serving detention in high school put it if she did. with a bunch of other bad apples.

the course on-line or send for a DVD version. Since I'm still Internet challenged, I opted for the DVD. You know how some ideas aren't as good as they seemed on the surface? This DVD course was one of those instances.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute

actually stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

I hope you have noticed the honor guard pays meticulous

attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times. You

probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies,

teaching this around 1955 in public schools ... some of you

out there might remember. The first fold of our flag is a

symbol of life. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in

eternal life. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance

of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace

throughout the world. The fourth fold represents our weaker

nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him

we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His

divine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for

in the words of Stephen Decaur, "Our Country, in dealing

with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still

hearts that, "We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United

States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,

one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our

Be surprised at the following only because "they" quit

To The Editor

To the Editor from the flag lovers,

but we learn something new every day!

our country, right or wrong.'

The DVD gathered dust on my desk until my deadline for doing something with it loomed. I tackled the project Sunday evening. Before the four hours were over I was contemplating the whereabouts of a Government .45 I keep around the house. I was either going to do an "Elvis" on the TV, or mercifully put the gun to my temple.

answer 40 multiple choice test questions. So, watch it, I did.

camera to write on the board, there appeared to be a handcuff case on his belt. The guy obviously never met a donut, beer or rack of ribs he didn't like.

He wore a shirt and tie from about fifteen years ago. The passed by most of the other drivers along this stretch. My tie bore a printed wildlife scene with a wolf and some trees ... nice ... very GQ. The shirt collar and knot of the tie pretty much disappeared beneath one of the guy's multiple chins. I don't think his hair was fake, but it was groomed to look like a rug. He had a Hitler-like mustache and he continually had to push his bifocals back into place. I mention all this because I had to stare at this clown for FOUR HOURS!!!

> Unfortunately, the video was the good part. The audio was unbearable. The lecturer was reading from cue cards that obviously had no punctuation. He would stop mid-sentence and start again. He would talk right on through a sentence and on into the next. He'd catch himself making these mistakes, repeat the sentence, often making an even bigger mess of things. His cadence and pace made Ben Stein sound like an auctioneer. It was simply awful!

at a podium and pretended he was speaking to an audience. The fact he was in a room with just him and a camera was completely obvious, yet he pathetically kept up an act of Here in Florida they have a wonderful thing called traffic glancing around at a room full of traffic violators. You would certainly have heard some snoring if there had been people

The high point of the entire four hours was a demonstration that involved a volunteer from the pretend audience. A blonde floozy appeared on camera with the lecturer. I'm guessing she was the traffic school secretary. She wore a stick-on name badge that said she was "Rita." The demonstration was the old reaction time thing where you drop a dollar bill between someone's thumb and index finger and they try to grab it. Rita never caught the bill, but my guess is she'd know where to

I did get through the course. My test paper is in the mail. This time around I discovered that you can now take Since there's a good chance I'll get another ticket down the road, I did learn something from this experience. The next Park traffic school will be back to the live version. I just know I'd dig out that old .45 if I had to suffer through another session like this last one.

it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and

of death, that we might see the light of day. The ninth fold is

a tribute to womanhood, and mothers. For it has been through

their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character

of the men and women who have made this country great has

portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and

glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac

and Jacob. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity

and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son

and Holy Spirit. The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely

on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the

soldiers who served under General George Washington, and

the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul

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rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes

motto, "In God We Trust."

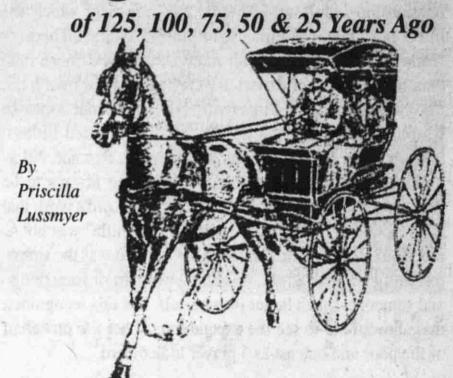
now you will know why.

The DVD was designed so that you pretty much had to watch it. On the accompanying test form there were 35 "validation" answers you could only get by watching the program. You could fast-forward to these answers, but then you'd miss information in the lecture that was needed to

The lecturer was a big, heavy-duty guy of about fifty. I think he was a cop because when he turned his back to the

The hilarious part of the DVD was that the lecturer stood even sometimes at \$3 a day.

# Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 21, 1880

Rickert & Robertson, dentists, have a "handsome show case of samples" at their office.

"The elegant casket for the remains of Mr. Abel Ford, from Kopf & Lang's establishment, attracted much attention." (News item)

All kinds of political conventions are going on, Republican, Democrat and Greenback. Cascade's mineral springs are popular in this very hot

weather with the city people. Farmers are having trouble hiring enough harvesters,

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 20, 1905

All issues until August 10 are missing.

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 17, 1930

Fineis Oil Co. announces installing another pump for its "Nevr-Nox Ethyl," a new high-power gasoline.

Wm. Mueller will open a new Sunoco service station at Fox's Corners (present-day Vergennes/ Lincoln Lake intersection) this Saturday. The Fineis Oils base ball team becomes the Lowell

Merchants with new manager Tony Gazella. Motorists, please stay off the race track at Recreation

The Michigan Weed Train makes stops around the state to instruct people on how to use chemical weed killers.

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 21, 1955

our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within The Village Council passes an ordinance keeping trucks or without the boundaries of our republic. The eighth fold is tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow

in one lane within city limits, i.e., no passing. Showboat replicas are on view in the display windows

of Avery Jewelers, Christiansen Drugs and Gamble Store. Mabel Barton and Johanna Conrad are in charge of the VFW dinners offered each day of Showboat Week next

The 10th fold is a tribute to the fathers, for they, too, have Michigan's peach crop will be 10 days early, and eagerly given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country awaited, since the southern peach crops were frozen. since they were first born. The 11th fold represents the lower

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 16, 1980

Showboat Week will kick off with a parade next Monay folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's evening before the first performance.

Two-to-three thousand spectators show up for the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Tournament. Trophies are awarded in men's and women's divisions, and to 10 MVP's.

Twelve amateur acts are chosen (two for each night of Showboat), out of 30 on Amateur Night, selected from over 100 applications.

in the armed forces of the United States, preserving for us the Editor Roger Brown buys an air conditioner for the Ledger offices, this ensuring that the heat wave will go away There are some traditions and ways of doing things that and it won't be needed. have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and

William J. Donley, Jr.

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Dr. Michael Conklin First United Methodist Church

Toward the end of her life, Mother Theresa spoke of her relationship with Jesus. She said, "My little story, which was like a fairy tale, has turned into prayer." Mother Theresa's "little story" was filled with more content and more faith than most of us ever expect to experience in our own lives. Yet there is something inherently powerful about someone who has the perspective on life that she reflected in hers. It wasn't that she never regarded the work that she did as important work, but rather that she seemed always to be very clear that it was not her work, but the Lord's work that she was doing. Calling her powerful life "little" was not so much an effort to belittle herself, but rather it was the simple recognition that what she was doing was part of somethingand someone-much larger than herself. It is this recognition that allowed her to see the expenditure of her life on behalf of the poor and outcast as a prayer to her Lord.

# College News

Technological University Concrete Canoe team, which placed third in the nation ASCE competition.

a field of 21 teams that Huyser of Ada. had earned the rights to compete in the nationwide by the American Society of of Arts degree in materials Civil Engineers. Traveling engineering on April 30, to Clemson University in 2005 from Michigan South Carolina, the team Technological University. placed in the top five in She is a 2001 graduate of all of the events but one. Lowell High School.

Chris Huyser is a Teams were judged on member of the Michigan their presentations, the race results, their design report and their display.

Huyser, a 2001 graduate while at the 18th annual of Lowell High School, is currently majoring in civil This year, the team had engineering at MTU. He is its best finish ever amid the son of James and Karen

contest, which is sponsored Ada received a Bachelor

Engagements In the Beatitudes, Jesus talks about this way of relating to the world when he says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 5:3). "Poor" is not poverty in the literal sense, but rather a characterization that has been used to describe the true people of God in all times and places, the people who know that their lives are ultimately not their own, and whose true security is found in God and God alone. It is a word used to describe a people who have discovered that, however important their work for the Lord is, they are fundamentally a part of the great movement of the kingdom of heaven into the world and into the lives of people. It is not self-deprecation to see oneself as a little part of a great movement, a great hope. It is instead a proper recognition of how we fit into the whole scheme of God's work in the world.

We saw in our own community the effects of a little thing-the giving of a blood sample-becoming part of something larger and greater-an effort to bring new life and hope to Anna Organek. Whatever else I might know about that day, the one thing that I do know is than God was powerfully present among us in that time. The world and our lives are filled with little moments and small actions that become, as did Mother Theresa's life, a prayer. We don't always take time to notice, or to know that these moments are present. But when we do, we get one of those faith-giving glimpses into the powerful presence of God's kingdom in our midst. For some reason, this summer, more than any other in recent memory, has been one in which I have become more aware of the little moments and small actions that yield great hope and wonderful promise. It is indeed a time when the wonder of God's love and grace is revealed anew among us.

JULY 21: Dara Anchors, JULY 24: Nathan Bush.

Stephanie Wade, Carolyn Mercer, Jeff Gurney, Kelly JULY 25: Ella Tuinstra. Jana Marie Young of Tulecki, Alexander Stiles.

> JULY 22: Kelly Marie Roth. Richard (Dick) Roth, Laurie Geldersma. Fonger, Eric Shear, Noreen

Nathan Swift, Heather Wilson Pretzel, Robert Jahnke.

JULY 26: Elaine Gregers

JULY 27: Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander, Ed Roth Sr., JULY 23: Dave Fosburg, Jason Spencer, Paige Allyse

Wood/Williams

Hastings High School and degree in Youth Ministry.

Leah Wood and Brian Williams

Leah Wood, of Hastings, will graduate from Excel Williams, of Academy of Cosmetology exchange in September. marriage vows at First The future groom is

Baptist Church of Hastings the son of John and Barb The bride-elect is the graduated from Lowell daughter of David and Deb High School in 2003 and is Wood of Hastings. She currently attending Grace graduated in 2004 from Bible College working on a

# LHS Class of 1940

Class of 1940 celebrated Area Historical Museum. its 65th reunion on Friday, July 15 at the Lowell Area the start of World War II Chamber of Commerce. Of 77 members in the class, various branches. Of those, 15 attended along with 13 six were killed in combat, spouses or guests. Following the most of any class in a luncheon catered by Flat the history of Lowell High River Grill, the group toured School.

The Lowell High School the Showboat and the Lowell

The class graduated at and 25 members served in

Pictured are members of the LHS Class of 1940. Standing, from left to right, are: Barbara Dawson Shaffer, Bill Lalley, Esther Kamp, Bill Cannon, Jack Tornga, Inez Cole Craig, King Doyle, Carroll Kyser, John Jasperse, Austin Byrne and Gerald Hoover; seated are: Helen Clark Blow, Vivian Hale Dent, Marjean Fonger Brillhart and Howard Acheson.



# Bike rally for hope & hunger passing through Lowell

The 6th annual Rally for Hope and Hunger will be held this Saturday. Bike registration (\$20) and breakfast begin at Cannonsburg Ski Area at 9 a.m.; a one-hour motorcycle ride will conclude at Bertha Brock Park in Ionia.

Bikers who enter the Rally and participate in the ride will be entering Lowell around noon from Lincoln Lake Ave. and continue east on M-21 to the park.

Following the ride, around 2 p.m., a 2005 Harley Davidson Springer will be raffled off. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

In 2004, over \$54,000 was raised. This year, over 350 bikers are expected to participate and proceeds will again be divided between God's Kitchen and the VanAndel Institute.

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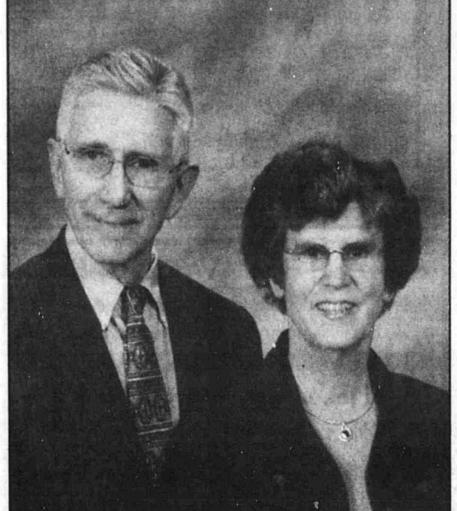
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Golden anniversary celebrated



Dr. Robert C. and Linda B. (Brainard) Hall of Fort Wayne, Indiana, celebrated 50th wedding anniversary on July 9.

The couple have one daughter, Kathleen Wilford, and three sons, Stephen, Martin and Brian. They also have 10 grandchildren.

Dr. Hall, a retired surgeon, lived in Lowell throughout his school years and graduated with the Lowell High School Class





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# Fourth phase of sewer maintenance program in the works

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

If approved next month,

The city of Lowell is scheduled to start the fourth system this year. phase of its project to check The project was started in we will then start back at the the sewer line project. The Bowes, S. Broadway, S. in their homes, some due to problems in the city's main televising."

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tape, clear roots and test ups do occur. and seal joints. Depending

completed the entire city, approximately \$97,000 on of Main Street including beginning," DesJarden said. first area completed was the Hudson, Ridgeview, S. "The next go around should Valley Vista, Donna, Sibiey, Valley Vista and West go faster since we won't be Jane Ellen portion of the Street.

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nament, company name on tee-box, listing in media guide.

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Dan DesJarden said he has what was taking place and joints, and sealed 288 joints the area directly west of the proposed \$35,000 to video to help when major back- to keep groundwater out. Flat River, which included

city will complete the video the city having only a few feet of sewer lines and clear Suffolk and Water. About the end of August. taping of its entire sewer minor problems, DesJarden roots from about 4,738 feet 316 joints were sealed. The

city in 2002. It cleaned and

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The cost was \$24,565.

of the line. The covered area The city has spent was mostly on the south side

Last year, 22,361 feet The city wanted a televised 13,383 feet of of sewer line was cleared This year, Department complete record of its entire sewer lines, cleared 1,482 and televised with almost of Public Works director sewer system to reference feet of roots, tested 425 3,343 feet cleared of roots in

total cost was \$41,066.42.

Amity, Beech, Chatham, for this year's sewer work In its second year 2003, Broadway, Elm, Foreman, to the next council meeting on how much repair work is project three years ago, back the city spent about \$31,126 N. Hudson, Lincoln Lake, Aug. 1. If approved, the needed will determine if the ups have dropped, with to clean and televise 20,343 Riverside Drive, Spring, work would begin toward

## Showboat, continued

... From Page 3

someone interested in using the boat for a wedding or Pfaller said similar function, Baker said.

gave a donation towards the events. facility, largely due to no enforceable contract.

"Wouldn't it be easier James Pfaller.

a fee to help funnel money Baker and bring something back into the boat for its back to the council in a maintenance. The city recently started charging \$50 for the pavilion at Creekside

mind if there were different She added that because fee structures for those of the amount of work renting, i.e., nonprofit and involved in preparing the for-profit purposes. He boat and checking it over also indicated he had no after an event, renting interest in charging entities isn't really encouraged, such as the chamber or the Last year, there were three Lowell Area Arts Council, weddings and only one which organize and run city

Baker said she could desire to have a contract to say to someone interested in place and didn't think in renting, 'Here, these are it would take much to do, your responsibilities, this especially since one was is what we do, and this is already started. Pasquale and the fee?" said councilman councilman Charles Myers said they would work on He promoted having the proposed contract with

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# With funding, a skateboard park is possible

By Dan Schneider

has been skateboarding in Lowell, when he can find a spot, for about a year. For

easier to find.

nearly a quarter of a year, find as Stoney Lakeside Park skatepark built there will he has been attending city on Bowes Road. The Lowell require some work-mostly Denny Denton, 14, council meetings, hoping to City Council approved that an estimated \$80,000 worth make a skateboarding spot location with a list of capital of fundraising. improvement projects two

It could get as easy to weeks ago. But getting a raise funds yet because we don't know what to do yet," Denton said.

> The Lowell Parks and Commission They've even agreed to put location at Stoney Lakeside up \$6,000 if the skatepark Park would be a good one idea becomes a reality.

"I thought that was something we could do and for a lot of people," he said. it would also show this group that we're committed," Parks and Recreation Commission

will have to organize the rest away. of the fundraising.

"It's up to that group, somebody who has a passion for it, to make it happen," Beachum explained.

He added it wouldn't hurt for the group to have some adult support, someone familiar with committee meetings and fundraising.

If the community shows enthusiasm for the skatepark, and Denton assembles a group of committed Beachum said the group

grants for up to half of the projected cost. That would leave the skateboarders and "We haven't tried to their supporters with about \$40,000 to raise.

"I think that a group with a passion for that could easily raise that kind of money," Beachum said.

Denton thinks for skateboarders.

"That'd be accessible The nearest privately

owned skatepark, where skateboarders can ride for a chairman Perry Beachum fee, is Modern Skatepark on 28th Street in Grand Rapids. But the skateboarders It's a 20-minute drive

What Denton envisions is a street-style skatepark.

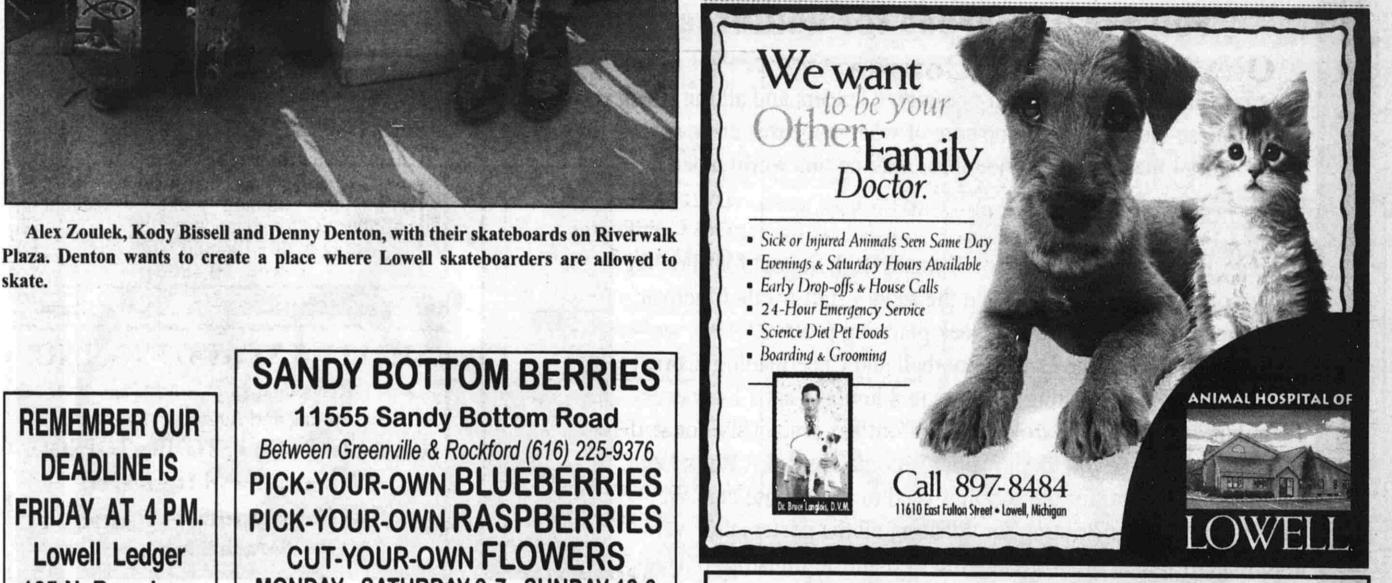
"We don't need ramps because nobody is inverted here," he said, referring to skateboarders who perform aerial tricks off curved

"Our idea is a flat slab with portable equipment on it," Beachum said.

The two visions are compatible, since most street-skating equipment is available in a portable variety. This includes rails for sliding and grinding and what Denton calls a "fun box," an up-and-over ramp with a flat top and integrated grinding rail. Now Denton just needs some help to make the idea a reality.

Eccentricity is not, as dull people would have us believe, a form of madness. It is often a kind of innocent pride, and the man of genius and the aristocrat are frequently regarded as eccentrics because genius and aristocrat are entirely unafraid of and uninfluenced by the opinions and vagaries of the crowd.

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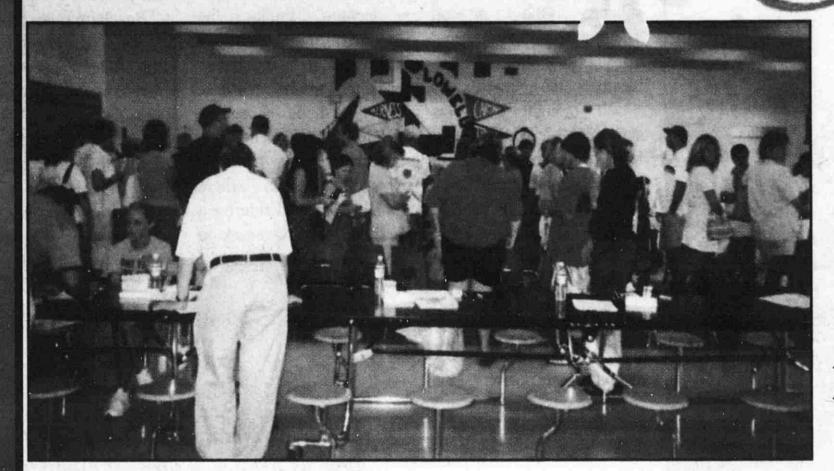
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We would like to thank everyone that participated in the Bone Marrow Drive on July 12th

1,117 people were tested.

Within 3-4 weeks the results of this drive will be filed on the national registry.

Statistics would tell us that 3-5 people will be matched throughout the nation from this drive. You are all Heroes for volunteering for such a worthy cause.

Special thanks goes out to our committee leaders and all the Black and Pink shirted volunteers that were seen at the drive. These individuals are the core of what made this drive successful - If you see a Black or Pink "Ask Me About

Anna" shirt - thank that individual for making this world a better place.

A Huge thank you goes out to - Lowell High School for allowing the use of the school facilities and the school staff for their help at the event and throughout the 6-week planning process. Also, we would like to Thank the Lowell Football and Cheerleading teams for their support in washing 308 cars in 8 hours (That's 1 car every 11/2 minutes)- of which Harold Zeigler Ford has graciously donated \$20 per car. Thank you to Showboat Automotive, L&A Rental and Harold Zeigler Ford for the supplies used to wash those cars. We can't forget Hooper Printing for donating all the posters that were used to help spread the word and the web-site administrator "Hank' who has kept us all up to date on our Bone Marrow Drive events.



Special Thanks to all of our student Babysitters who helped watch over 100 different children throughout the day.

Our Quest is not yet complete - at \$125/test we are obligated to pay \$139,625 of which we have raised \$88,237.

The committee, along with the family, has 30 days to make this payment to the blood center for the DNA testing.

Your help is still needed!!!

Visit our website at WWW.Help-Anna.org to see how you can help.

Thank You!! - Thank You!! - Thank You!!

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The Lowell Area Historical Museum's garden party was held at the home of museum director Judy Straub last Tuesday

Large hats were worn. Croquet was played on the lawn. Dinner and conversation were enjoyed by all. Straub hosted the event as a thank you for the museum's volunteers.

"We have so much programming and so much activity that we could never do it without all these volunteers," Straub said. "The volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization."

In each of the last five years, volunteers totaled more than 4,000 hours of work. Straub said the museum has a core group of about 45 volunteers; 40 o them attended the garden party.



# Searching for a donor, continued ... From Page 1

cover the tests, each costing and cheerleading teams \$125 to perform, ranged washed cars for more than from a Kool-Aid stand set up eight hours that afternoon. by some of Anna's friends High school students also

Fundraising efforts to drive. The Lowell football to a car wash the day of the volunteered to run a nursery

appearance at the drive, was

and everything."

from all over," Organek said help someone down the line. about the drive. "Even some A potential donor can stay of the nurses down at DeVos on the registry until the age tournament, a 5-K race on help-anna.org for updates. (Children's Hospital) have of 61. About one in every come, even parents of kids 200 potential donors on the out there who have different registry get the chance to types of cancer are coming donate

parents waited in line to be but Kies was still heartened to see the large turnout at Anna, who made an Anna's marrow drive.

"It adds hope," Kies excited by how many people said. "If it were Madison in

everybody gets a 'poke up to the marrow drive, prize,' that's something they volunteers used the slogan Krajewski said. made sure they were here posters promoting the drive. put up short-term, no-interest

old daughter Madison was people on the national diagnosed in January with bone marrow registry. But a nerve tumor in her neck. the drive organizers still Madison's treatment will not have a lot of work ahead

for children while their require a marrow transplant, Fundraising efforts before the route of the last Cherry

only hope for the same thing, that there would be a In the weeks leading

undergoes chances of finding a match the drive while fundraising and we are all pulling behind frequent blood tests for her for Anna from the potential donors tested last Tuesday "We've had support are small, those tested might

The drive was a huge Darcie Kies' one-year- success in terms of getting

and during the drive raised Creek Classic, and a pancake breakfast. The city is also on \$51,388 still needs to be board. The fundraising committee to find a marrow donor for Organek requested "At 6 or 6:30 (last and received permission to have a yard sale at Richards

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to convince the blood center Park July 28 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The council also apfundraise ... and we didn't proved signage as needed. "It is so fantastic that have to turn anyone away," our community is pulling Some local benefactors together for this type of The idea is that though the loans to cover the cost of Shores. "A person is in need

> continues. The group is her. This is why I live in raise the rest of the money, around town once the details including a Las Vegas night with a Texas Hold 'Em are in place. Check www.





Tashia Lavallee has a blood sample taken during last

Tuesday's marrow drive for Anna Organek while others

wait their turn in the background.

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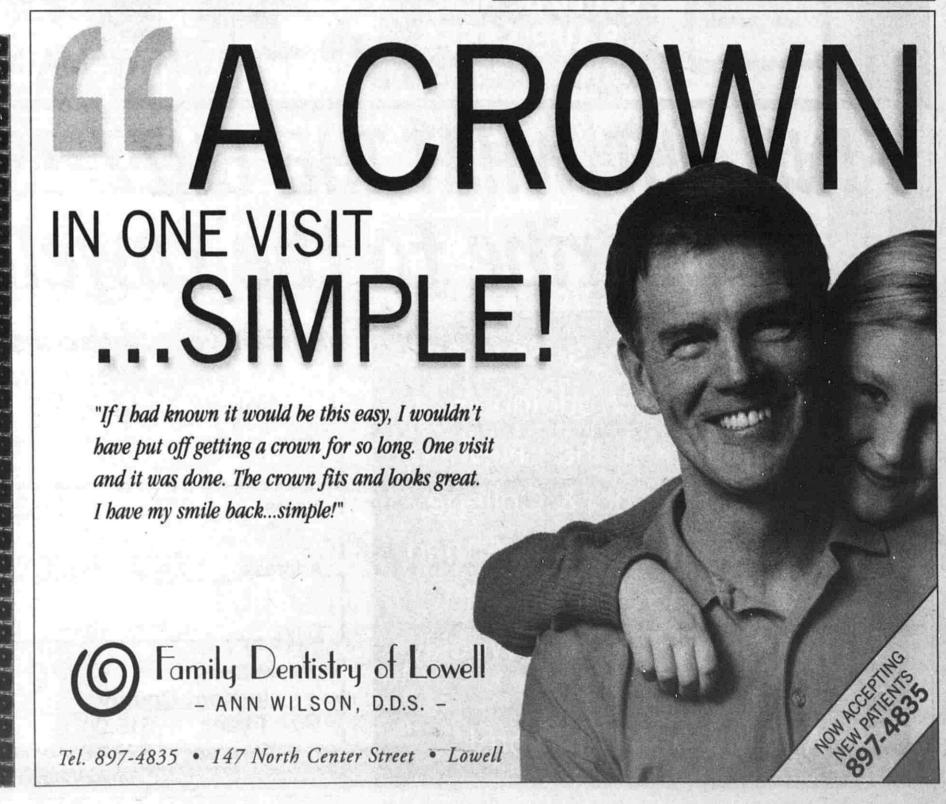
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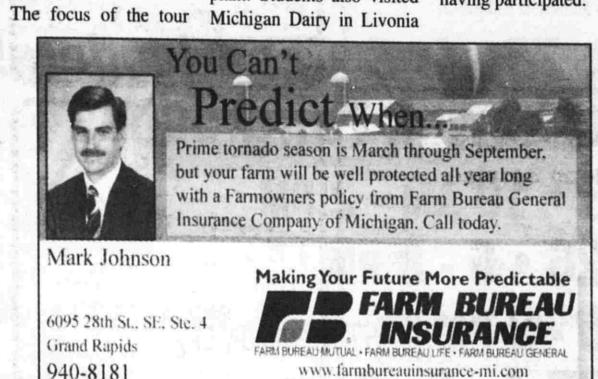
# Local student participates in MMPA milk marketing tour

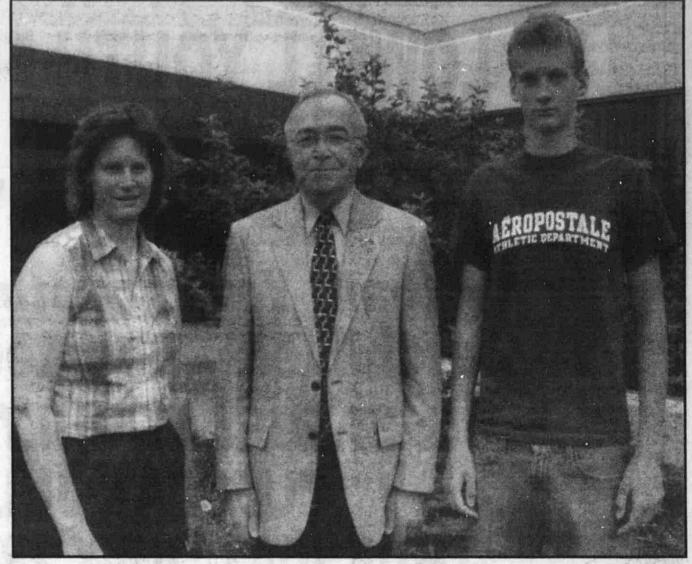
Michigan counties gathered of a dairy cooperative. A at Michigan Milk Producers professor from the food 28-29 for the 68th annual 4- explained how milk is

leaders of 4-H Clubs and milk marketing principles, firsthand what happens to FFA chapters from several and duties and operations milk after it leaves the farm. science department at Michigan State University headquarters in Novi on June Michigan State University Extension, is the longest

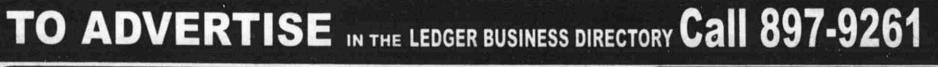
Members and adult is to educate students about where they were able to see The conference, co-

sponsored by MMPA and running 4-H tour in existence H/MMPA Milk Marketing processed through a dairy with over 4,000 students plant. Students also visited having participated.





Pictured, left to right, are chaperone Lynn Drown, Elwood Kirkpatrick (MMPA president) and Grady Drown, Lowell High School student.



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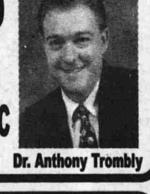
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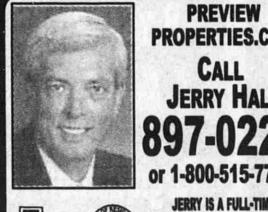
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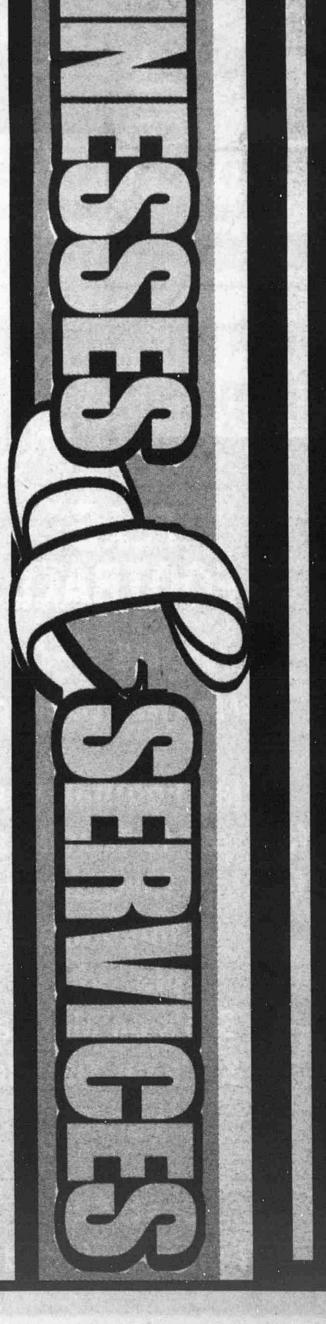
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# Preserving farmland among items discussed at township meeting

By Dan Schneider

of Development Rights

the owner for an easement under the program.

By J. Lobdell

three years.

Contributing Writer

Over the objections of

the Lowell Light and Pow-

er Board, the Lowell City

Council selected Biggs,

Hausserman, Thompson &

Dickinson to serve as the

city auditors for the next

for bid on a new auditor

contract with only Biggs and

former city auditor Rehmann

Robson responding. Biggs,

the lower of the two firms,

put in a bid of \$16,500 per

year to audit the city's gen-

eral fund, Light and Power

fund, and cable television

fund. Rehmann Robson had

proposed \$25,000 for the

first year, \$25,500 for the

second year, and \$25,750

to it, it is the dollar amount,"

"When it comes down

for the third year.

The city had gone out

Marsha Wilcox (54 acres on To expedite the planning was not enthusiastic about boundary to the bridge on library catalogue searches meeting Bailey Drive) and William and approval process for the the potential for another. Flat River Drive, and from the Vergennes Condon (61 acres on Three project, Culhane inquired But the board said it would Township Board approved Mile Road). Board trustee whether the township help the church with the four applications for the Vern Nauta abstained from would entertain the idea of zoning variances its design

Howard Farm on Parnell

Parnell Ave.), Steven Koning Impact Church. The addition petitioned acres on Four Mile Road), Lowell into the township.

said mayor Jeanne Shores,

adding that she and the coun-

cil have to be able to justify

annexing the property to the requires.

this application cycle were before the board to discuss Boundary Commission

Objections heard, council chooses city auditors

to residents spending the ad- board, concerns were raised

only councilman James pany had to comply.

two firms. Hodges supported with several electrical utili-

the Lowell Light and Power ties, including Holland

Board's proposal that its Board of Public Works, and

budget be audited by Rehm- met the qualifications that

"The reason I suggest out as much as we can, make The program seeks to Ave. in Vergennes Township annexing is, because it's it as painless as possible," became the first farmland in a church, the township township supervisor Tim development by paying Kent County to be preserved isn't losing any tax base," Wittenbach said.

general manager Tom Rich- Board felt were needed to

in dealing with some of the pare and include the Lowell

That fee would be \$750 for

tion to split the contract but

Auditors, cont'd., pg. 17

ards said from staff and the audit its books, he said.

The township board, a proposed amendment in agriculture. Applying to Progressive Architecture which is awaiting the ruling the township's Flat River annexation ordinance applies to: (Koning Dairy Farm, 60 would cross from the city of elsewhere in the township, the northern Lowell city

the STS power dam to the

The board delayed voting on the amendment in KDL board trustee Chuck "We'd love to help you order to continue discussions Myers said. Resources (DNR). The DNR has a process through which townships can establish such ordinances, after which the DNR contributes to their

> started with an annual report from the Kent District

enforcement.

Representatives from the library system talked Lowell and in the library system in general. Lowell Light and Power the Lowell Light and Power

The Englehardt Library, City staff did explore for instance, now has two teen-oriented programs.

"We've made a lot of advances in technology,

He mentioned i particular that the library now has several books available online for download onto home computers or PDAs.

Cheryl Garrison, the library system's assistant check-out technologies KDL is implementing. They involve radio chips in books which allow librarians to scan multiple books at once

The most noticeable change to the Englehardt Library is the new teen corner. This includes new walls, a computer, and new

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firm. "I know cheapest isn't audit any other electrical be split between both firms,

always the best, but in this utilities, the firm didn't have and the firms indicated

case, when both firms are anything to compare Low- their prices would remain.

qualified, we need to look at ell Light and Power to and Biggs, however, indicated

the bottom line, which is the didn't have the experience there would be a fee to pre-

to one to hire Biggs, with lations with which the com- budgets in the state reports.

Hodges voting that the ser- Rehmann Robson, on the first year, and \$300 for

vices be split between the the other hand, has deals the other two.

The council voted four national contracts and regu- Light and Power and Cable

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## **BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE **TO AMEND SECTIONS 4.08 AND 5.05 REGARDING** MINIMUM LOT AREA, MAXIMUM LOT AREA FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL DWELLINGS, MINIMUM LOT WIDTH, AND REAR SETBACK IN THE AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment:

- 1) amends Section 4.08, Schedule of District Regulations, to reduce the minimum lot area in the AG Agricultural District from 3 acres to 1 acre, reduce the minimum lot width in the AG Agricultural District from 330 feet to 250 feet, reduce the rear setback in the AG Agricultural District from 70 feet to 40 feet, and add a footnote 11 to provide that the maximum lot area in the AG District for non-agricultural residential dwellings shall not exceed 5 acres.
- 2) amends Section 5.05 to reduce the minimum lot area in the AG Agricultural District to acre, reduce the minimum lot width in the AG Agricultural District to 250 feet, reduce the rear setback in the AG Agricultural District from 70 feet to 40 feet, and establish the maximum lot area for non-agricultural residential dwellings in the AG Agricultural District at 5 acres.

Interested parties may be heard at the public hearing. Written comments will be received unti the close of the public hearing. The proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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overwhelmed by outdoor recreational choices?

I think there are a couple of reasons for the great residents and visitors to our state. First, Michigan's land mass stretches from south to north for 400 miles. Over this distance, the topography changes from open farmland to the rocky Canadian Shield. The people of the state, through government, had the foresight to purchase, retain and protect hundreds of ponds and lakes, miles of rivers and streams, miles of shoreline of four of the Great Lakes, plus who knows how many islands, and thousands of acres of land made up of prairies, forests, swamps, and mountains.

have arrived and it's time to check out equipment and begin diversify the opportunities. Some activities require ice and away.

archery practice. Where else, but Michigan, can one be snow and can only take place in the wintertime while others are pursued in warmer weather.

The number of people that hunt and fish has declined variety of outdoor recreation opportunities available to in recent years. I wonder if this is true for camping, hiking, boating, or dozens of other outdoor activities. I understand that our society offers many alternatives to spending time outdoors such as shopping, movies, theme parks, casinos, and, of course, making a living. I only hope that everyone realizes how special our state is and do not take our good fortune for granted. We all need to pay attention to how our resources are managed and to support programs and organizations that seek to insure our outdoor heritage for future generations. This will only happen if the majority of Peninsula, I plan to squeeze in some pan fishing before These vast public holdings insure that every citizen has the us participate in some kind of outdoor activity and thereby develop a vested interest in what happens out there in the Finally, we have four distinct seasons which further countryside. We have something special; let's not let it slip

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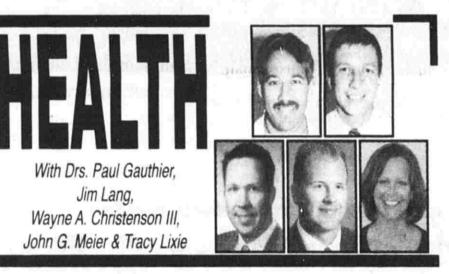
If you want your children to own investments you've

account as established by either the Uniform Gift to Minors they did not occur. Also, the IRS tax code states that tax and Act (UGMA) or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act penalty fee distributions must meet certain qualifications. (UTMA). This type of account may offer you some tax But withdrawals cannot be used for any purpose. Again, advantages. In an UGMA or UTMA account, the first \$800 you should consult your tax advisor before making any of investment income is tax-free to a child under 14; the next \$800 is taxed at the child's rate, and any amount over \$1,600 will be taxed at your rate. After children reach 14, consult your tax professional for more information.

However, you will have to balance the potential tax benefits of an UGMA/UTMA account against another factor: loss of ownership. While your children are minors, you can still own the account, but once they reach the age of - and what they choose may not please you.

 Roth IRA - By setting up a Roth IRA for your earmarked for them, you may want to establish either a children, you could gain some important benefits. First, custodial account or a Roth IRA. Let's take a quick look at a Roth IRA's earnings grow tax free, provided certain conditions are met. If withdrawals from Roth IRAs are made • Custodial accounts - You can set up a custodial in the same tax year they were contributed, it would be as if decisions. Keep in mind, though, that your children must have earned income if they are going to open a Roth IRA. Consequently, this type of account may be more suitable for children who are at least old enough to earn money. Start investing early

> No matter what type of ownership arrangement or investment accounts you choose, start investing early. Your children may only want Power Rangers or Dora the Explorer dolls right now, but, before you know it, they'll need college can to be ready for those days.



#### VERTIGO

Vertigo is a type of dizziness. When you have vertigo, you may feel like you are moving or spinning. It is not the

same as feeling like you are off balance or about to faint

The causes of vertigo can be many. You may have this type of dizziness because you have small calcium deposits in your inner ear. You may have vertigo because of swelling or fluid in your inner ear. Rarely, vertigo is caused by poor blood flow or a tumor.

Diagnosing the cause of vertigo can be very difficult. Usually an ear specialist will see you and put you through some provocative testing in the office setting. These tests typically involve moving the head in certain directions to try to mimic the vertigo symptoms. Some patients may need more sophisticated testing such as CAT Scan or MRI.

The treatment of vertigo depends on the cause, but will usually involve taking a medicine to lessen the symptoms. Also, there are special balance exercises that can be done to hopefully diminish the vertigo.

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By U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

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families struggling with

Embryonic will vote on a bipartisan bill cell research holds great to expand embryonic stem promise for finding cures cell research. This legislation and improving treatments will help save lives - and for many serious diseases offer hope to Michigan and injuries that affect our

spinal cord injuries, and diabetes.

# Fingerprinting goes digital

Under a new agreement state," said Lt. Colonel Tom ses, and driver education within a 50-mile radius of each applicant and within comes to doing state-mandated applicant background checks in Michigan, an applicant's fingerprints and tion will be captured digitally in less than five minutes.

"We are enthusiastic about the ability to make health care, private secu- visit the Identix web site at digital fingerprinting ac- rity and investigator licen- www.identix.com/iis. cessible to everyone in the

it died for lack of support.

ers made a motion to select

open that if the Lowell Light

and Power Board wanted to

have Rehmann Robson, it

Councilman Chuck My- tion

with Identix Identification Miller, MSP deputy direc- instructor certification. Ad-Services, the Michigan State tor and commander of the ditionally, individuals who Police (MSP) can now pro- Administrative Services deal directly with children vide digital fingerprinting Bureau. "The agreement and vulnerable adults can be at locations across the state with Identix will result in fingerprinted under the Namore accurate records and tional Child Protection Act. quicker turnaround time for 10 business days of making applicants, in addition to fee to capture and transmit an appointment. When it reducing the burden on law the fingerprints, which is in enforcement to perform the- addition to the \$54 cost for se types of services."

necessary personal informa- Michigan for certain types by the MSP and the federal sing. Some examples include Federal Bureau of Investiga-

Auditors, cont'd... From Page 15

"It is up to the city

different auditor, then it's up

tity, such as Lowell Light that, Biggs, Hausserman,

another direction and pick a were the city's auditors.

Identix charges a \$16

processing the fingerprints Applicant background through the state's criminal checks are required in history records maintained of employment and licen- records maintained by the employment in schools or tion. For more information,

been the city's auditor for

to be married. With all of the happiness of beginning a new life with her husbandto-be, she still lives under the shadow of her diabetes. could chose to go that directo them to pay the integrat-

Stem cell research offers hope for Kate and many others. Unfortunately, Rehmann Robson has administration has the limited federal funding to a Shores said. "If another en- the past three years. Before small number of embryonic stem cell lines that do not The council did leave it and Power, wishes to go Thompson, & Dickinson offer enough genetic variety to fully explore this kind of research.

families. It may help treat family. Growing up in Clare, or cure various cancers, I watched my grandmother and Lou Gehrig's Disease, disease and my father with has the support of notable

I know the heartbreak help Kate, a courageous young woman from Grand hospital, blood tests 8 to These routines only helped to manage Kate's disease, Americans. We need to act opposing the cloning of

> Kate worked at a camp for of urgency to help their sick life - to Michigan families children with diabetes. She loved ones through each who are suffering with the watched some of her fellow counselors experience vision problems related to their juvenile diabetes. It's hard for most of us to imagine dealing with the prospect of blindness at such a young

Today, Kate is engaged

islation that passed the U.S.

figures, including Nancy Stem cell research could Reagan. The bill is an important step forward because it expands federal diabetes. That was the couples from fertility clinics. to receive funding for this beginning of a long struggle These frozen embryos will research, which will not for Kate and her family be thrown away if they are only save lives, but will multiple visits to the not donated for research. The question is whether 10 times a day, and insuling to throw away these cells efforts to expand stem cell injections 3 to 4 times a day. or use them to help save research under strict moral

challenging day.

The bipartisan leg- law prohibiting embryonic stem cell research should be Alzheimer's, Parkinson's struggle with Parkinson's House of Representatives changed to allow research consistent with new federal regulations. Our Michigan universities and researchers country, at the forefront financing of research on of advances in medical additional stem cell lines technology. We need to - from embryos donated by ensure that they are eligible

create jobs in Michigan.

I will continue to support the lives of millions of and ethical guidelines while with a sense of urgency - human beings. We need to Later, as a teenager, just as families feel a sense act now to offer hope - and hardships of life-threatening Additionally, Michigan disease.

We know that we can do what men can do, but we still don't know that men can do what women can do. That's absolutely crucial. We can't go on doing two jobs.

- Gertrude Stein (1874 - 1946)

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# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of July 13, 2005 **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA** -

The Board added the construction fund to the payment of bills under the consent group items.

Biggs as the city's sole audi- council to pick the auditor,"

REPORTS -

which passed.

Teacher Severance Program

Connie Gillette reported that 25 teachers took advantage of the teacher severance program and 3 teachers took the early retirement package. 2400 applications were received for the positions posted. Since not all positions have been filled, the monetary outcome from the program could not yet be reported.

OK Conference Proposed Changes:

Scott Vashaw reported that the OK Conference is proposing changes to the league. In an effort to serve all schools in an equitable manner, the OK Conference Committee is requesting the elimination of tiers. This item will be brought back to the August Board meeting for formal approval.

**ACTION ITEMS** -

Accepted the following gifts:

 Alticor donation of 2 laptops valued at \$700 to be used by the LHS Wrestling Club.

Ellen Lietzke donation of books and teacher materials valued at \$500 to be used by the Alto Elementary Library and Alto Staff.

Claudia Raber donation of books and bookcases valued at \$1,080 to be used by Cherry Creek 2nd Grade.

Kari Bergy donation and planting of mums around the Lowell Middle School sign valued at \$60. Murray Lake Family Links donation of \$500 to be used

by the Wittenbach Center. Larry & Carrie Pelon donation of wildlife prints valued at \$300 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

Mary Ann Dewey donation of teaching supplies and materials valued at \$5,000 to be used by Cherry Creek

Houghton Mifflin and Scott Foresman.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

• Minutes for June 13, 2005 Special Meeting, the June 13, 2005 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, the June 15, 2005 Special Meeting and Closed Session, the June 27, 2005 Special Meeting and Workshop, and the July

1, 2005 Organizational Meeting · The following payment of bills for June 2005: GENERAL FUND...

.\$1,414,174.27 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND .\$85,861.32 A. Food Service Fund... .\$12,488.59 B. Athletic Fund. .\$500.00 2004 Debt Fund. .\$11,775.00 Energy Bond Fund.. ...\$ 4,429.00 2004 Construction Fund. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. .\$79,646.15 Personnel Report - New Hires:

School Social Worker Christina Mitcham

Alto Elementary History Teacher High School 6th Grade Science Teacher Erin Walters Lowell Middle School 5th Grade Elementary Teacher

The Canvass Report for the May 3, 2005 regular election

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette stated that there was no new information on the State Aid bill and therefore there was nothing new to report on the budget.

Murray Lake Elementary

CURRICULUM REPORT - Reproductive Health Advisory Committee - Mark Kasmer announced the establishment of the Reproductive Health Advisory Committee which will be made up of teachers, administrators, clergy, a student, a doctor, and parents. The Board will be asked to formally approve the committee at the August meeting. MEAP Scores - Mark reported on the High School reading, writing, ELA, math, science, and social studies scores. Due to errors with the Adopted the elementary social studies textbooks from Ed YES report, there have been delays in receiving this data. It is hoped that the information will be available for reporting out at the August Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: Carolyn Lane - GT Program funding, Laurie Kuna - District Calendar and Savings from Severance Program, Kim Lum - Teacher Severance Program and OK Conference inclusion of GRPS and parochial schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller shared a press release regarding the approval of non-union group contracts. Lowell Light & Power will be working with LAS and asking the school to shut down some of its electrical during peak times in the summer if needed. The K-16 Rally in Lansing in June received excellent coverage from LAS with teachers, board members, staff, and community members attending. Shari thanked those staff members who are working during the summer months in preparing for the upcoming school year and also thanked the textbook committee for all their work on the textbook adoption. Shari explained that the calendar calls for more minutes in the school day but contains less days. The budget is in the red for the 05-06 school year and the fund balance is at 6% with the year projected to end with a 4% fund balance. The Kent County Superintendents are very much in support of the inclusion of GRPS and parochial schools into the OK Conference and have placed a high priority on diversity.

> UPCOMING MEETINGS: Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 13, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Runciman Administration Building - Board Room **Board Workshop** Monday, August 22, 2005 - 5:30 p.m. Building Walk-Throughs ending at Runciman Administration Building - Board Room Please visit our web page at www.lowellschools.com

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in China with Grand Master Wu Bin possible by making donations, participating in returnable drives, buying Tupperware, or giving me work so that I could earn the money for my trip and training I am so very happy to tell you that my training went very well. On my final day in China, I tested and received certification from Grand Master Wu Bin.

like The Great Wall, The Temple of Heaven, Tiennamen Square, and the Forbidden Now that I have a taste of what the rest of the world is like, I believe this is only the beginning of my travels with martial arts because as you know, I have big dreams and even bigger goals. To know that I have your love and support gives me all the

I also made many new friends, learned Chinese History, and saw beautiful sights

The entire China experience was something that I will treasure forever and I Thank you so much for your part in making my dreams come true! Love, Mo-Lee (Mariah Moore in Chinese)



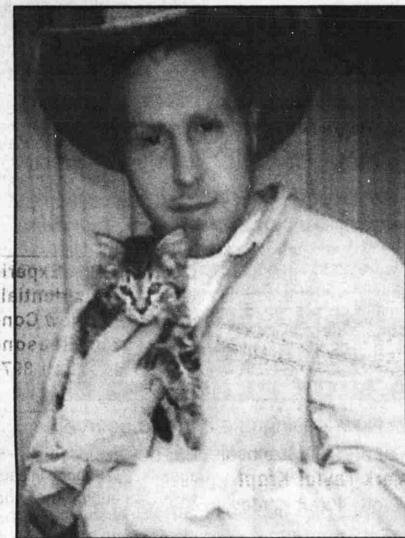
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#### **SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF** THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **JULY 5, 2005**

Minutes of the June 20, 2005 regular and closed session minutes were approved as submitted.

The following action was taken:

- Motion to authorize a VISA credit card through Ionia County National Bank with a credit limit of \$10,000. Motion carried
- Motion to adopt the amendment of the Outdoor Display Ordinance as proposed Motion carried.
- Motion to adopt the Capital Improvements 2005-2010 Plan as presented. Motion carried.
- Motion to table the issue of auditing services for future consideration during the July 18, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, July 18, 2005.

Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., or by email to bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us

> Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk City of Lowell

If you are supporting your community, then you shouldn't have to worry about your business and good name being ruined! How do I know? Word travels quickly in this town!

To all those who got tested for Anna-thank you! I am proud to be a part of a community that pulls together like Lowell does! Thanks to those from other towns as wellyou are all truly awesome!

You rock Keith! So do your Mom and Dad! Congrats and Woo-hoo I say! We love you guys!

For those who would like to impress out-of-town guests - take them to the Thursday night concerts and show them the terrific wall created by the Unity High School students.

The girl's name is Heather - sorry she's taken. The guy's name is Jon & I believe he's free for the taking. Better hurry though, he leaves for college soon!

I like the Bowes Bear even when he's "bear" naked!

Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 - thanks for sponsoring my attendance at "Boys State." The experience has inspired me to continue my dream of becoming a state senator. - Louie Glinzak

To the driver who hit those 2 poor ladies at the intersection you're lucky you didn't hurt them. Pay attention to your driving!

I am tired of going to the local salon and always hearing about the stylist's on again & off again relationship with her live-in boyfriend. Get a life & dump him for good!

> To the person who said they need a date are you male or female?

There's a widow on Hunt St. in Lowell. Says she's the best cook and she's looking for a partner. Give her a call.

They've done a wonderful job on the railroad tracks. Can't they do the same thing on Foreman? It's wrecking the suspension on all the cars and school buses and that can't be very economical.

> Whoever left the "I need a date message", well, I need a date as well. I hope you are a lady. We'll find some way to meet if you are.

Please don't litter your cigarette butts. They are really unsightly around this very pretty community. Thanks for not littering.

I was so glad to read about our fire trucks going to the Dominican Republic. Isn't recycling great!

The community walking challenge (100 miles in 100 days) is off and walking! The Mermaids have 319 miles so far! Keep walking! July 18th is 50 days - we only have 50 days left.

A big thank you to the young men who work so hard to clean the weeds out of the berm in front of the high school. Your hard work is appreciated.

During this terribly hot weather I am so grateful for our power companies. We are so blessed to have consistent electricity to keep us cool. Thank God for the blessing we have in this country and the workers for all they do.

Sure do appreciate the hard work people put into their flower gardens. It's a joy to see all the beauty around town.

To the idiots that do not know what a construction zone & all the orange barrels mean! Slow down! Don't tailgate the person ahead of you going the posted speed limit!

Oh yeah - about construction zones & tailgating - GET OFF THE PHONE TOO!

# GARAGE SALES

**FIVE FAMILY CLEAN OUT** 

July 21-22, 9 a.m. Something for everyone. Decor, clothes, books, toys, furniture & more! 8310 Vergennes, Ada.

STAMPIN UP GARAGE SALE out with the old, in with the new. Stamps, retired paper, catalogs. 1415 Baywicke Dr. Eastgate, July 22, 9 to 6 p.m.

JULY 21, 22, 23 Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9 a.m.-9 p.m., 9762 Centerline, off M-21 between Lowell & Saranac. Keyboards, hand tools, 3/4" copper pipes, sectional, clothes, toys, books, etc.

**HUGE GARAGE & MOVING SALE** Children's good back-to-school clothing from Old Navy and Children's Place. Adult clothing. Avon, furniture, and much more! July 21 & 22,

9-5 p.m., 1575 Sibley, Lowell.

**GARAGE SALE** 13343 64th St. - 2 miles east of M-50. Fri., July 22, 9-5 pm. Jupiter trumpet, baby clothes, educational books & much more.

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE** Kids to adult clothes, Tupperware, Home Interiors, PartyLite, antiques, and much more. July 21 & 22, 9-5 p.m. 10225 Richmond Rd. (located off Whites Bridge Rd.).

**GARAGE SALE** Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m - 5 p.m. 11301 40th St., Lowell between 36th &

Cascade Road, off Alden Nash. **GARAGE SALE** 

5906 Conklin Rd., Lowell. Friday, July 22, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. - ?

MOVING TO ALASKA SALE July 22 & 23, 8-3. Furniture, baby, some of everything, 1/2 price Sat. 11492 Grand River Dr. SE

**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE** Fri., July 22 & Sat., July 23, 9-5 p.m. Sat. sale includes handmade jewelry. 1824 Country Brook off Buttrick & Bolt. Follow signs off Cascade & Thorncrest -1 block W. of Thornapple Dr.

2 SARANAC GARAGE SALES Sat., July 23, 8:30 a.m. 142 Mill St. & 185

Vosper. Riding mower, washer, brand new dryer, some furniture, women's clothing (14 26), household, collectibles.

MOVING SALE

Large yard sale - clothes, knick knacks, computer, chairs, toys. Wednesday, July 20, 9-5, Valley Vista Village, Lot #46.

**GARAGE SALE** 

9224 Peck Lake Road, 9-12 every Fri. & Sat. July 22 to end of Aug. Tools, videos, household items, most items \$5 or less.

> **GARAGE SALE** Thurs., July 21st. 8:30 - 4 p.m.

11369 Foreman Farms Ct., Lowell. Baby clothes, crib, high chair, toys, hardcover books.

**GARAGE SALE** July 21, 22 & 23, 9-6 p.m. 5914 Pratt Lake Clothes, toys, bikes, snowblower & much

BACK TO SCHOOL GARAGE SALE 915 N. Washington, Thursday, July 21 & Friday, July 22, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. 3 Family. Lots of great girl clothing, some boys; bikes, PSi system, jet ski and much more. You won't want to miss this one!

GARAGE SALE July 21 & 22, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 5261 Kyser Rd., bet. Lowell & Saranac off Riverside or Grand River.

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**GARAGE SALE** Thursday Only, July 21st, 9356 Centerline Rd., antiques, furniture, kitchen, housewares, & much more.

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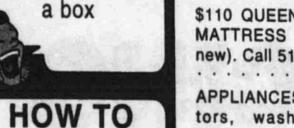
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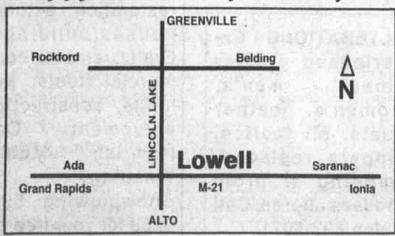


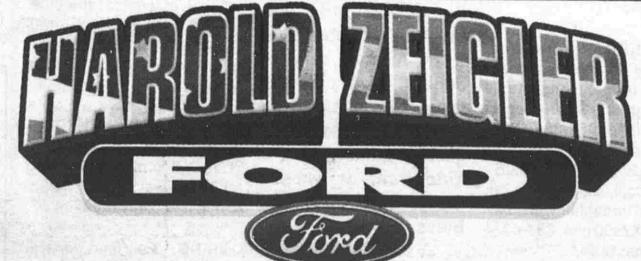
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