

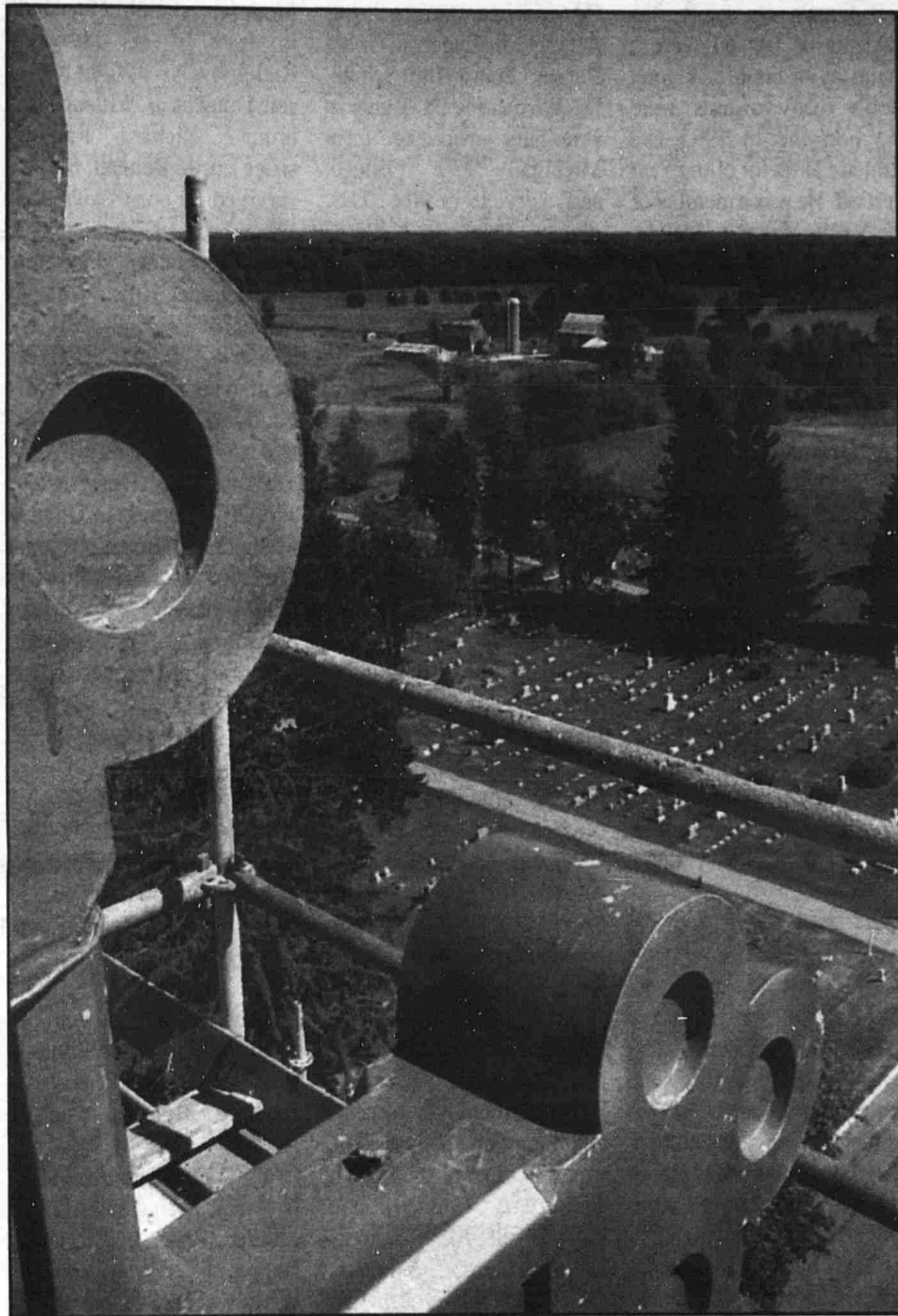
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High above Parnell, St. Patrick's steeple revamped



The view of the countryside surrounding Parnell from the top of the steeple at St. Patrick Church.

By Dan Schneider

Father Rock Badgerow, pastor at St. Patrick Church, has some theories about architecture.

Among them is that when the church was built in 1877, the materials dictated the shape of the building to some extent.

"With the natural materials, the stone and the wood, you had to build things in proportion or they would fall down," Father Badgerow explained.

That's the case at St. Patrick Church where he has been assigned for two years.

"There's a nice simplicity about it," he said.

The steeple of the church towers over the surrounding farm fields and woodland. Reaching a height of 150 feet, it's the tallest structure for miles.

"It looks like they almost got a little carried away (with the steeple)," Badgerow said.

The wood it is made of has stood the test of time well, however.

"It's a beautiful structure," said Jim Buist, whose company is re-roofing the steeple with new slate tiles. "And the quality that's

still up there, structurally it's pretty sound."

And Buist has seen a lot of steeples working for the company his grandfather started.

"If you go back with my dad and all, we've probably done 40 to 50 steeples," he said. "A lot of them are copper roofs, we've done a lot of copper steeples."

The flashing that goes in under the slate shingles is copper. So are the nails the workers tap carefully in place to avoid shattering the slate. Originally, the metal underneath was steel and so were the square nails. The steel's rusting caused the need for a new roof.

St. Patrick had the option of going with an entirely copper steeple. The slate comes from New Hampshire and Vermont. It's black and green and set into patterns—a Greek letter, a cross, flowers, waves and fish scales.

"Those are my names for them," Buist said.

The patterns have been on the steeple all along.

"A lot of people didn't see it because it's weathered so much over the years," Buist said.

For more than a

month, the patterns have been covered up with 150-foot-tall scaffolding. The scaffolding itself took three weeks to set up. Five semi trucks hauled the parts in from Detroit. When the scaffolding comes down, St. Patrick's parishioners will see the benefits of choosing the more complicated roof covering.

"It's just a lot more detail," Buist said. "You've got to pay attention. It takes skilled people to keep going with it."

Badgerow said Buist's crew has been up to the job.

"It's kind of a labor of love when you watch how hard those guys work at it," he said. "They seem to be dedicated to their craft."

In fact, Buist will be passing the trade on to his 22-year-old son, Don.

The plan to re-roof the steeple has been in the works at St. Patrick's for about four years. The cost of the project is about \$160,000, part of a capital campaign that has also financed an addition to the school and improvements to the parish offices.

Buist expects the steeple to be completed by the end of this week.

Astronomy club celebrates 50 years, donates telescope

By Dan Schneider

The Grand Rapids Area Astronomical Association (GRAAA), whose members built the James C. Veen Observatory in Lowell Township and spend late nights looking at stars from there, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The club marked the anniversary at its annual Star-B-Que picnic, Saturday, July 16. Since the association's start in 1955 in Grand Rapids, its membership has grown to more than 200.

Big city lights pushed the association's stargazing out to the country about 15 years into its existence. The Veen Observatory was built by members and dedicated in 1970. With its

two domes, each adorned with a decorative gargoyle, the blazing white concrete-block structure sits atop a hill on the east side of Kissing Rock Avenue. Its latitude is 42 degrees, 54 minutes north and its longitude is 85 degrees, 24 minutes west.

When the observatory was completed, it became home to the Borr Reflector telescope. The instrument was built over four years and completed in the 1960s.

"That telescope was completely constructed all by members," said association member Ron Vander Werff.

Ray Larson took half a year in his spare time to grind the telescope's reflecting mirror. "That was just the mirror, then we had

to build the rest to fit," said Larson, who lives in White Cloud.

It was named after Jeffrey Borr, a member of the association who was killed in the Vietnam War.

The 12.5-inch telescope served the association for 35 years.

"With that telescope, you could see quite a bit of detail," said Vander Werff. "Like on the lunar surface, you could see the mountains and craters."

It also made the rings of Saturn and Jupiter's red spot visible. In 2000, a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund allowed the association to purchase a 16-inch Meade LX-200 telescope. The telescope, still dedicated to Borr, is

hooked to a computer that allows users to mouse-click on star charts to line up the instrument.

The 12.5-inch telescope sat in a member's barn for five years before the GRAAA donated it to the Stephen F. Wessling Observatory in Fremont a few weeks ago. That observatory is located at the Kropscott Farm Environmental Center. Larson, who was seldom able to travel to Grand Rapids or Lowell to use the telescope, lives about 10 miles from its new location.

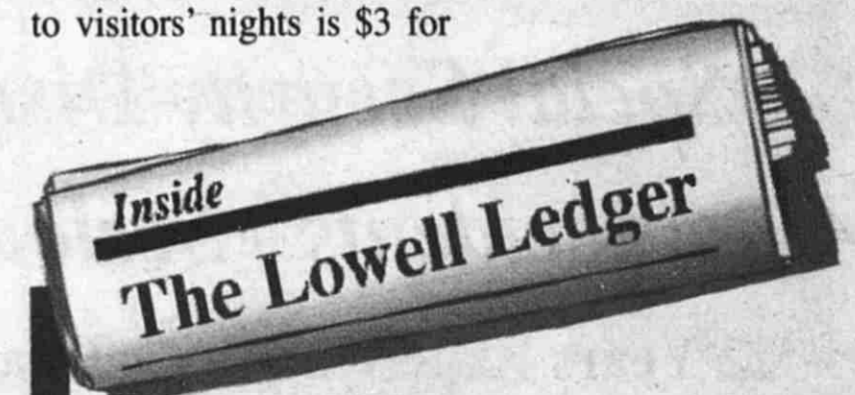
"I'd like to get a little use out of it now," he said. "When it was in Grand Rapids, I was never able to get down there and use it."

The Veen Observatory, meanwhile, has six

telescopes on the premises. The observatory hosts visitors' nights on a twice-monthly basis, April through October. Admission to visitors' nights is \$3 for

adults, \$2 for visitors under 17 and free for children five

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Obituaries

COOK
Lee C. Cook, aged 62, of Ionia, passed away July 18, 2005 in Ionia. He was born November 26, 1942 in Detroit, the son of Robert and Madeline (Schmidt) Cook. He married Linda M. Brooks September 29, 1962 in Ionia. He attended Temple Baptist Church. Lee was a member of the National Rifle Association and Fish Creek Gun Club. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Linda Cook; children Lisa and Bill Tompkins of Ionia, Curtis Lee and Daisy Cook of Ionia, George and Amy Cook of Lowell; brother Ralph and Joann Cook of Lansing; grandchildren Christopher, Mickel, Trenton, Amber, Alexis and Liberty; many cousins and special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, father and mother-in-law, and son Bruce in 1986. Funeral services were held Saturday at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia

with Rev. Jim Houseman officiating. Anyone wishing may make a memorial contribution in Lee's name to Family Choice.

FREY

Clarice D. Frey, aged 87, of Highland, Ill., died Saturday, July 16, 2005, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, Ill. The funeral service was Tuesday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland with Father David L. Peters presiding. Burial in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Highland. Mrs. Frey was born October 28, 1917, in Highland to Emil C. and Margaret M. (Friedrich) Kayser. On April 26, 1941, at St. Paul Catholic Church, she married Lawrence P. Frey and he preceded her in death on November 14, 2003. She is survived by three sons Lawrence R. "Larry" (Kathy) Frey of Highland, Dwight G. Frey of Ada, Ohio, and Rick J. (Debra) Frey of Highland; two

sisters Lenore A. Kayser of Highland, Beatrice "Betty" Riley of Hot Springs, AK; six grandchildren Brently L. Frey, Blake E. Frey, Tricia (Michael) Nelson of Alto, Dwight A. Frey, Christopher R. Frey, Cory M. Frey; three great-grandchildren Matthew P., Timothy P., Maria E. Nelson of Alto. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Marvin C. Kayser, sister Sylvia Kayser. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation or to a charity of the donor's choice.

NEWELL

Beverly "Kay" (Roberts) Newell, aged 63, of Lowell, passed away July 19, 2005. Kay was preceded in death by her parents Jesse and Marguerite Roberts. She is survived by her loving family: brother Jay (Cheryl) Roberts of Lowell; adoring niece Cathy (Allen) Woern and their children Jason, Alyssa, Ashley (in Heaven); also aunts, uncles and many special friends. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 23 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Rev. Joseph Fremer of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation.

PERRY

Bob Perry (a.k.a. Mr. Lowell Red Arrow), aged 79, went to be with the Lord on July 23, 2005. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Velma Perry; son Bert (Karen) Baker; daughter Ann (Ron) Wittenbach; grandchildren Kevin (Cher) Goggins, Chris (Shannon) Goggins, Andrea Baker (fiance Chris Demsich), Courtney, Jake, Adam and Caleb Baker; great-grandchildren Caden, Lilli and Ryan Goggins; niece Jenny (Bruce) Pierce.

SAXSMA

Mr. Wayne R. Saxsma, aged 63, of Lowell, passed away on July 20, 2005 after a two-year courageous fight against cancer. He died at home with his loving wife and two daughters at his side. He is survived by Lynne, his wife of 43 years; two daughters and their families Laura and Jeff Easton, Kyle, Brianna and Brooke of Chesterfield, VA, Christine and Troy Tomasek, Justin and Tyler of Merrill, MI; parents Richard and Mildred Saxsma; brother and sister-in-law Russell and Sandy Saxsma of Gilman, IL; several aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces. Wayne loved his alma mater, Hope College and was always active in his

church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids, Hospice of Holland Home or Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. The memorial service for Wayne was held July 24 at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids.

WISE

Dr. Gilbert H. Wise, a Lowell resident for 25 years before moving to Arizona in 1999, died July 16, 2005 in Tucson at the age of 83 after suffering a stroke. Dr. Wise was born in Grand Rapids on August 26, 1921, to Howard and Bernice Wise. After graduating from Grand Rapids Ottawa High School, Dr. Wise earned a degree in veterinary medicine from Michigan State College, and served in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps during WW II. After the war, he had a private animal practice in Grand Rapids before joining the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Later, he was headquartered at the USDA in Washington, D.C. where he administered programs in consumer protection, the eradication of livestock diseases, and the control of crop pests. When he retired he was Associate Administrator of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Dr. Wise was a Diplomat in the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine, and received the Award for Distinguished Service from the USDA upon his retirement. In 1975, Gil and his wife Jeanne moved to Lowell. Dr. Wise was a Lowell Rotarian, chaired the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, was a member of the Lowell Area Arts Council, and the Lowell Area Schools Demographics Committee. Dr. Wise is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jeanne; sister Patty of Milwaukee, WI; daughter Debra of Cambridge, MA, sons Michael of Paris, France, David of Lexington, KY; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Area Arts Council.

WITTENBACH

Dorothy Elizabeth (Raglin) Wittenbach, aged 91, of Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community since 2001 and formerly of Michigan, died July 18, 2005 at Middletown Regional Hospital. Born in Danby Twp., MI, on June 14, 1914 to John and Emily Elizabeth (Way) Raglin, she was a graduate of Portland High School, class of 1932. Mrs. Wittenbach volunteered with the American Cancer Society, started a support group for The Alliance of the Mentally Ill and worked in missions with the Methodist church. Preceded in death by her husband Rudolph A. Wittenbach, son Douglas J. Wittenbach, brother Richard Raglin, sister Lucile Bennett. She is survived by sons Lawrence Wittenbach of Kalamazoo, Alan Wittenbach (Patricia) of Rochester Hills, Robert Wittenbach (Genevieve) of Lebanon, Ohio; daughter Beth Wilson (Robert) of St. Paul, MN; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. The family received friends July 20 at Otterbein United Methodist Church, Lebanon. A memorial service followed with Rev. James Ludwick officiating. Memorial donations are requested to UMCOR.

ZAHM

Kathryn "Kass" M. Zahm passed away July 17, 2005 at Heather Hills. Preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Harold F. Zahm. Kass is survived by her daughters Tari L. Green of Sparta, Tana M. Wessell (Steven) of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Chari Lynn Mullis (George), Jennifer Bugge (Mark), Andrew J.B. Wessell; five great-grandchildren Nicholas, Brandt and Alyssa Mullis, Brye and Chase Bugge; sister Mary Battin of Martins Ferry, Ohio. Kass was born on November 14, 1920 in Martins Ferry. While working at Western Union in Washington D.C. during WWII, she met and married Harold F. Zahm. They returned to Harold's hometown of Lowell, living first in Lowell, later in Rockford and Grand Rapids. In 1952, she used her artistic talents to form Tari-Tan Ceramic Supply. For the next 30 years, she played a dual role of mother and career woman. In 1993 Kass and Harold moved to St. Petersburg, FL where they lived until Harold's death in 2003. A memorial service will be held on July 31 at 2 p.m. at the Bostwick Lake Congregational United Church of Christ, 7979 Belding Rd., Rockford. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Harold F. and Kathryn M. Zahm Scholarship Fund, c/o Davenport University, 415 E. Fulton, GR MI 49503.

Gone but never forgotten: "Mr. Lowell Red Arrow"

By Dan Schneider

Lowell lost a longtime teacher and lifetime fervent sports supporter Saturday with the passing of Bob Perry, 79, known to many as "Mr. Red Arrow."

Perry was passionately dedicated to the Lowell community, especially to its high school students.

"He came here as a teacher, coached," his daughter Ann Wittenbach said. "School was his thing, students were his thing."

After serving in the U.S. Air Force and graduating from Alma College, Perry came here in 1951 to teach science and coach track at Lowell High School. It was the beginning of a 40-year career throughout which he did a lot to earn the nickname "Mr. Red Arrow." Some students also knew him as "Bio Bob." Most students called him "Mr. Perry."

He often went beyond the call of duty in his various roles.

"As an example, if some window were broken out at the football field locker room, Bob would replace it himself rather than ask a custodian to do it," remembered Dr. Bob Reagan, who was on the school board during 12 years of Perry's teaching career. "Bob really enjoyed every aspect of teaching and coaching, and many of his former students and players always addressed him as 'Mr. Perry.'"

He had a lot of former students.

"Forty years of teaching, you didn't go anywhere where someone didn't say, 'Mr. Perry?'" Wittenbach said.

Even one of his nurses in the intensive care unit, where complications of an abdominal aneurysm surgery took his life, had Perry for a biology teacher.

He was most known for his devotion to sports and he carried an encyclopedic knowledge of statistics. Upon running into a former Lowell High School athlete, Wittenbach said, Perry would often recite that athlete's senior season

rushing total or personal-best cross country race time.

In addition to track, he coached cross country, basketball and junior varsity football. The teams were a part of his life on the field/track/court/course and off.

"I can remember being a kid and the cross country team would line up at the front door and my mom would throw the sloppy joes on a bun and they would walk right through the house to the back yard and eat sloppy joes and chips at the end of every season," Wittenbach said.

Perry was assistant principal at the high school for four years in the 1970s. He taught driver's education up until 2004.

"He taught half of Lowell how to drive," Wittenbach said.

As athletic director at Lowell High School for 22 years, he was named Athletic Director of the Year in 1988. When he retired in 1991, he stayed involved in athletics as a starter for track and cross country meets. In 1995, he received the Charles E. Forsythe Award, the Michigan High School Athletic Association's highest award. This spring, he was still pulling the trigger of the starter's gun at track meets in Lowell and elsewhere.

As a registered official in cross country, track, football, basketball and wrestling, he helped a lot of young officials get their start in West Michigan. After Perry received the Forsythe award at halftime

of the 1995 class A state basketball championship game, the referee from the class D championship game thanked Perry for being the first to hire him to officiate a game.

Former *Ledger* editor and longtime friend of Perry's, Thad Kraus remembered Perry for the impact he had outside of Lowell.

"I really considered him to be a great ambassador for Lowell," Kraus said. "People outside of Lowell who didn't necessarily know Lowell but knew Bob ... they came away with a good feeling and positive thoughts about Lowell."

Perry's friends also

remember him for his love of socializing.

"It doesn't make a difference where he went, he talked," said Don Beachum, who lived across Beech Street from Perry for more than 50 years. "He used to come across the street and talk for two hours or more."

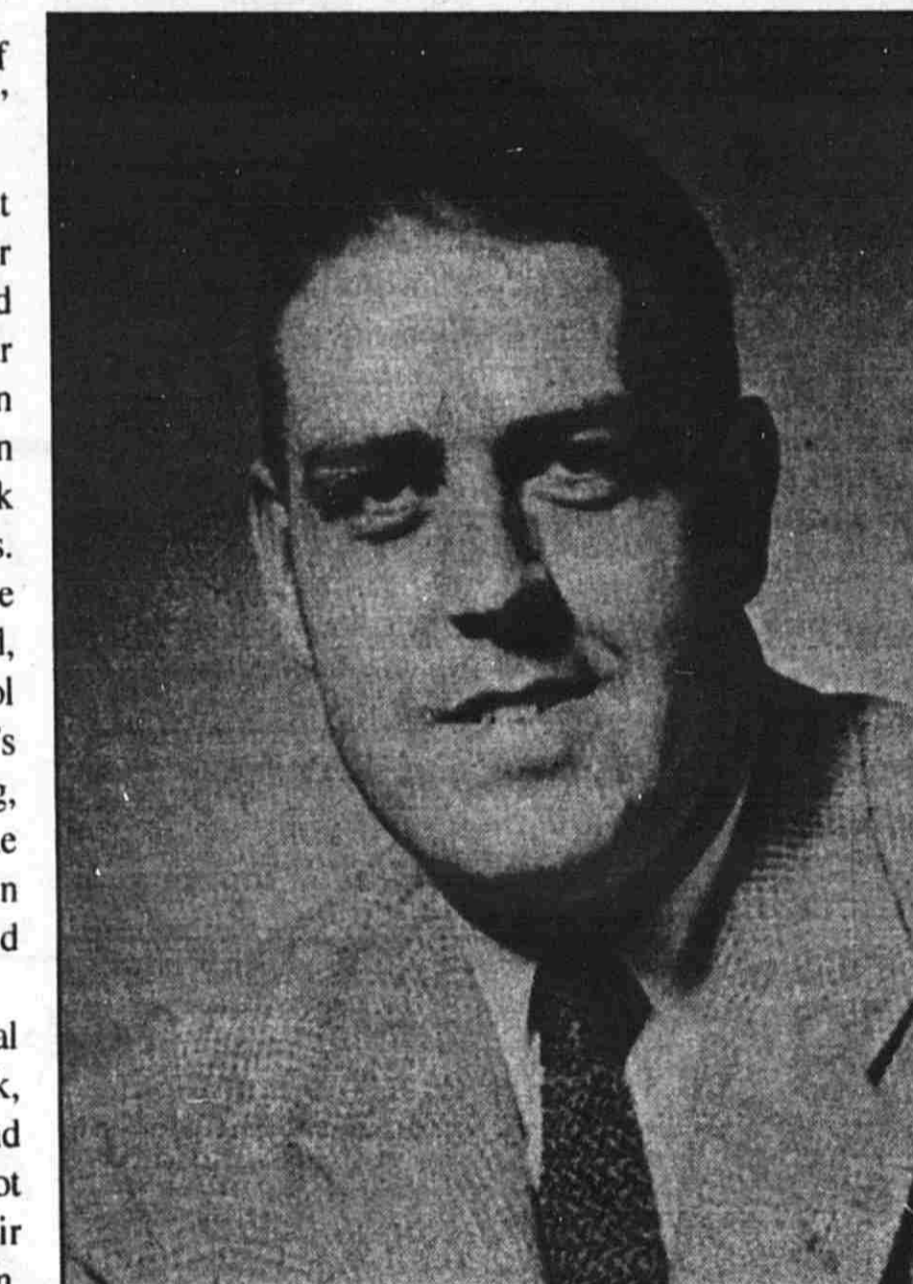
Perry was the official starter for the Cherry Creek Classic 5-K race for all 10 years of its existence. Kraus and Terry VanderWarf were the organizers of the event. VanderWarf would keep close tabs on Perry in the minutes before the race started.

"Each year, Terry

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Bob Perry ... that bashful grin never left him.



Bob Perry, a young biology teacher at Lowell High School.

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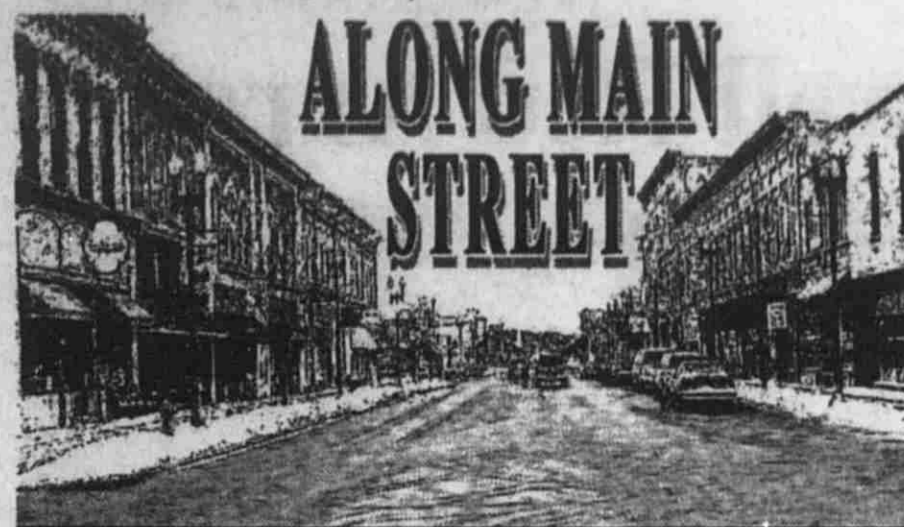
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Flag football, youth football, 78ers, cheerleaders can sign up at Burch Field Thursday, July 28 and Aug. 4, 6-8 p.m. New sign-ups require a copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896.

XTREME SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
The 1st annual softball tournament of the Lowell Xtreme Girls Softball Club will be held Saturday, July 30 at Creekside Park. Games begin at 8:30 a.m. Divisions: 12 & under and 10 & under.

1ST ANNUAL LOWELL TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Entries are due by Aug. 5 for 1st adults/kids tennis tournament scheduled for Aug. 10-13 at LHS courts. Entry forms at athletic office. Singles \$20; doubles \$30 (\$15 per partner). Kids play 9-3 p.m.; adults 6-9 p.m.

FARM FEST AT FLPC
The Franciscan Life Process Center presents "Opening Doors to Creativity" on Saturday, Sept. 10, 6-10 p.m. Tickets: \$50. Proceeds benefit scholarship fund. Questions, call 897-7842.

Planning Commission says no to more sheds at Habitat for Humanity property

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

Habitat for Humanity was just trying to be a good neighbor, but its deed simply doesn't meet city ordinance requirements.

At its regular meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission recommended denial of a variance request for the nonprofit agency started by former President Jimmy Carter. The organization was seeking a variance to allow a shed constructed at 206 S. Pleasant.

The shed did not meet the seven criteria to grant a variance, therefore the group recommended to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the request be denied. The city council, which acts as the city's ZBA, will receive the information at its next meeting, Aug. 1, and is expected to set a public

hearing on the matter at its Aug. 15 meeting.

Pam Doty-Nation, director of Habitat for Humanity of West Michigan, explained that the shed was constructed for Francis Swearingen, who lives at 206 S. Pleasant. The organization constructed the shed as part of improvements to Swearingen's property in trade for another of Swearingen's sheds which had to be moved because it was on a Habitat for Humanity site, located just west of Swearingen's property.

City manager David Pasquale said the history of the Habitat for Humanity site is somewhat complicated. The city acquired the property due to lack of payment for property taxes. In 1997, Habitat for Humanity asked the city to deed the property to the

organization for the purpose of constructing a house.

It was discovered there were two descriptions of the Habitat for Humanity and Swearingen's property, Pasquale said, adding that those two groups worked out the issues, which included Habitat for Humanity making some improvements to Swearingen's property.

Doty-Nation said the group repaired the roof and at the same time, constructed a shed on the southeast end of the property. Going by city ordinances, the shed was believed to meet city code, however; after it was constructed the city and Habitat for Humanity discovered it was several inches in violation.

Building inspector Doug Hopkins also discovered that the Swearingen property had three accessory buildings: a free-standing garage, the old

shed, and the one constructed by Habitat for Humanity. City ordinance allows each parcel to only have two accessory buildings.

If the planning commission had granted the variance, it would have been with the condition that the property complies with the two accessory-building limits, Pasquale explained. Hopkins said the garage could be attached, but it would be a costly venture.

The commission was only asked to consider the location of the shed and not the number of accessory buildings on the property. The general consensus followed commission member Garland Berry, who said the other solution would have been to make the existing shed larger instead of building another.

The two went on frequent hunting and fishing trips up north in the Manistee National Forest.

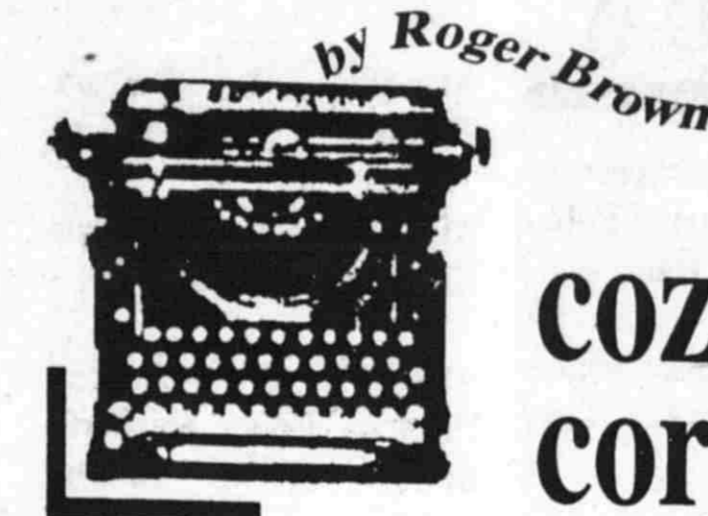
Through it all, Wittenbach said, Perry had a twinkle in his eye and a "bashful grin." It was as evident at the age of 79 as it was in photographs more than 50 years old.

Correction for "Board Briefs"

The Lowell School Board briefs in the July 20 edition of the Lowell Ledger contained a wrong date. It should say: The next regular Board of Education meeting is Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.

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Viewpoint



cozy corner

I don't want to sound like a whiner, but it does seem like I find myself in more than my share of "situations." Making light of these pratfalls is pretty much what this column has been about for 30 years. There are times, like yesterday, when I want say, "enough already!"

Yesterday was delivery day for our monthly publication. We drop off copies of our paper to a couple hundred customers. We hand out deadline notices for the next edition. We stock the racks and boxes placed at the various offices. In between these stops we rack up a couple hundred miles. I say "we" because Terese and I split these duties up. If we hustle, and I do mean hustle, we can get the job done in a day. And yes, we both agree we are getting too old to work at this pace.

About 2:00 I was done with the hardest part of my route. I was hungry and had a few miles to drive to my next stop. The temptation was too much to resist, so I did something I try to avoid. I pulled into a fast food drive-thru. Since none of the following was the restaurant's fault, I won't mention which fast food joint it was. The initials are BK.

Ahead of me in the drive-thru was a car already at the speaker. As you know, the voice at the other end of the speaker box is always unintelligible. Where I live, this dilemma is even further complicated by the fact it's almost guaranteed that English is the voice's second language. I always temper my frustration in these situations by acknowledging that the voice has a second language. That's more than I can say.

There was another car ahead of me. It was a piece of junk. There were two thirtyish women in front and a small girl hanging out a rear window ... with no child seat in sight. When they got to the speaker, the driver opened her door and partially exited the car. Her window apparently wouldn't go down. She began reading from a list. At this point I normally would have bailed out. Unfortunately there were already three cars behind me and concrete curbing prevented a sideways retreat. I was trapped.

The woman at the speaker box was yelling. I could hear her with my window up and the a/c running. She was screaming in Spanish and making wild gestures with her arms. I don't know if the voice at the other end understood Spanish, but I'm pretty sure all the gestures made at the speaker box were futile. No, I don't know how "Whopper" translates to Spanish. "El Grande" maybe.

This went on for an awfully long time. Cars behind me (now there were a half dozen) began with their horns. They were given a familiar salute from the already wildly gesturing woman at the speaker box. I kept my cool.

Finally, and I do mean finally, the P.O.J. (this familiar acronym edited for family reading) ahead of me pulled on to the pickup window. She pulled around the corner of the building and out of sight. This was unfortunate, as I wanted

to see how she was going to make her pick-up with a window that wouldn't go down.

At the speaker box I rolled down my window and waited patiently for the voice. Silence. More silence, except for the screaming I could hear coming from around the corner of the building. Finally, the voice came over the speaker, asked for my order, then quickly told me to "wait a minute" and went silent again. A glance over my shoulder, and there were now eight or ten cars lined up. They were beginning with their horns.

At this point I'm not sure who was the most pathetic ... the woman creating the problem or the person in that tenth car in line. Fast food just ain't that good. And in this case, it wasn't even close to being fast.

As I waited for some word from the speaker, a restaurant employee came out a rear door and approached my truck. I could tell he was an employee by the snappy uniform. He told me they had a problem with the customer at the pick-up window and had called the police. He then went back in the restaurant. Great! What was I supposed to do? Play traffic cop and try to get all the cars behind me to back up and let me out? I don't think so. I pulled ahead.

As I expected, the woman was halfway out of her car and screaming into the pick-up window. I gave her the horn. More with the horn ... more and more. Finally, she screamed at me that she was suing the place and wasn't moving. I screamed back about the eight or ten cars behind me and pointed out the fact she had us all trapped. She told me that was tough @\$% and I couldn't make her move. We exchanged pleasantries, to include language I hold in reserve for use only in situations like this. I'm guessing the little girl hanging out the rear window had heard worse ... probably from her mother.

At this point I was wishing my vehicle of choice was one of those big stomper trucks. I'm afraid my little two-wheel drive, half-ton short-box Ford would make a rather poor ram. I went back to the horn thing.

My horn blowing lead to another verbal exchange. This time the front seat passenger got involved as well. I was waiting to be physically attacked by two women right there in the drive-thru lane. Trust me, this would have been no man's fantasy. They soon gave up on me and went back to screaming at the pick-up window.

We were a good twenty minutes into this thing. I'd had it. Out of pure frustration I simply laid on the horn. The cars behind joined in. A solid minute, then two, maybe three minutes of car horns blaring non-stop. Finally she got in, closed the door and pulled ahead. She was flipping me off as she drove and nearly creamed a car coming through the parking lot. All this happened with her two- or three-year-old daughter hanging out the back window. Nice.

No, I didn't stop at the window and try to place an order. I'd lost my appetite and claustrophobia was setting in. I headed for the highway!

As I mentioned at the beginning, why me? I was only trying to get a fast food sandwich. People do this millions of times every day with no problem. I try it for the first time since I watched "SuperSize Me" several months ago, and this is what happens.

It's probably a good thing I have this column in which to vent. Without it I'm afraid I'd have gone postal a long time ago.

Looking Forward to 2005

With Senator Carl Levin

Just one day after receiving the news that London will host the 2012 Olympics, Great Britain suffered the deadliest bombing in its capital since World War II. The newspapers that day were filled with images of joyful Londoners celebrating their Olympic success, but the television reports told a very different story. Four suicide bombers had blown up three trains and one bus, killing more than 50 people and injuring 700 more. Americans awoke that day to the shocking and sad news of senseless violence against one of our closest friends in the world.

Our hearts go out to the victims, to their families, and to the proud British people. Great Britain has been

our staunch ally in war, and the American people share a special bond with the British. America stands with Britain against such cowardly acts.

We did not need a reminder of the danger we still face from Al-Qaeda and its ilk, but the London bombing was a forceful one. We too remain vulnerable to an attack.

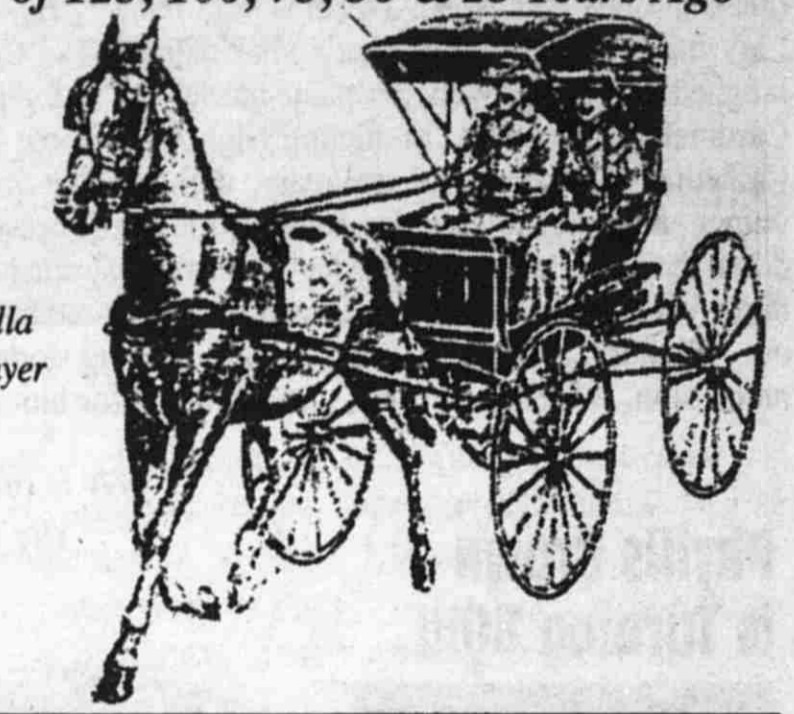
In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy in London, I worked to increase funding for transit security here in America, which we should have done long ago. Securing mass transit does present great challenges, but we can certainly be safer than we are today. I was disappointed that the Senate rejected efforts to increase mass transit security funding in the Homeland Security appropriations bill this year. In fact, the amount for transit security was \$50 million less than last year.

Other parts of the bill, however, were an improvement over years past, and one provision in particular will help

Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 26, 1880

Hailstones recently fell two or three feet deep in Colorado.

Farm wages have improved all over the country this past year.

Counterfeit 10-cent pieces are in circulation.

Some electric lighting has been installed in Grand Rapids.

(Famed preacher) Henry Ward Beecher called at the Ledger office Friday. No explanation given.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 27, 1905.

(Missing until August 10)

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 24, 1930

Frank Freeman of South Boston brings in the first load of excellent wheat to King Milling.

Electricity went to more farms in Michigan than any other state last year; 11 percent of farmers now have it.

Michigan's right to slaughter all tuberculous cattle is upheld in court.

Lake Odessa's fire last Wednesday, caused by ignition of a barrel of roofing tar, killed three and destroyed several stores.

A first miniature golf course will open in a few days at the Blue Mill gas station.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 28, 1955

Kids are invited to ride the Showboat return trip from the stage to the upriver dock on Riverside Drive.

The six Endmen (Forrest Buck, Carol Burch, William Reynhout, Bill Jones, Bernard Kropp and Walter Gumser) open each night singing with locals Merlene Condon and Judy Schneider.

Thursday night is the 100th trip of the Showboat; police chief and pilot Frank Stephens and interlocutor C.H. Runciman have made all 100.

Showboat decorator William Christiansen recalls the woes of early-year wilting of Japanese lanterns, crepe paper and cardboard in the morning dew. Tinfoil is great!

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 23, 1980

Showboat Endmen are Terry Fenech, Joe Vezino, Forrest Buck and Dick McNeal. Tammy Wynette is the star attraction.

Wernet Distributing on West Main gets a mural, painted by local artist Garbutt Graham.

High winds blew the (covered) piano off the Showboat stage early in the week; Bev Persha offers hers.

Forrest Buck ("Bucky") who writes a Showboat column plus being an endman, notes that the Showboat will be 50 years old next year.

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Reflections of faith

Dr. Michael Conklin
First United Methodist Church

There is a story about Richard Cardinal Cushing, who was, in the 1960s, the most powerful Catholic clergyman on the East Coast. He was friends with the Kennedys who prayed at John Kennedy's inauguration and preached his funeral. Attending an informal event at a church, he picked up one small boy and asked, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Billy. And what's your name?" The Cardinal laughed, and said, "Well, my name is Richard." Months later Cardinal Cushing was conducting High Mass at the Boston Cathedral. At the end of the mass, with the Cardinal and numerous church dignitaries forming the grand recessional down the center aisle, the boy leapt up as the cardinal passed him, and much to the embarrassment of his mother cried out, "Richard, Richard, it's me, Billy!" Cushing stopped the procession, waved to the boy, and motioned for him to join

him. And Billy and the cardinal walked out of the church that day hand in hand.

Without ever doing it on purpose, human beings routinely set boundaries and barriers around themselves that separate them from other people. Sometimes they are social boundaries, and sometimes they are economic. More than one generation has perceived that there is vast distance in perception between themselves and their children, or between themselves and their parents. More and more in our modern world we are divided by issues about which we feel deeply and passionately, so deeply and passionately that we find that there is no way for us to cross over into dialogue with those who disagree with us. A sad commentary upon our faith is that we often become so attached to our ways of believing or our ways of expressing that belief that we separate ourselves from other parts of the faith community.

What we need from time to time is for some little boy to come along and shout our name above the tumult of the things that divide us, and remind us of that which more important than anything, that anything that can come between us ... that we are people who are created for relationship and connection with one another. Just as Richard Cardinal Cushing reached out his hand to Billy to acknowledge their equal status in the love of God, so Jesus went around crossing barriers, breaking down walls of separation, and reaching out to reclaim for God people whose lives had been shovled by others into the land called "Unredeemable." God knows us

not by the distinctions that we create among ourselves, but by the common humanity that we share. And in that common humanity, we are bound together in the bond of God's love and compassion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kimberly DeBold, Bill Potter, Paige Rash.

JULY 31: Nancy Raymor, Sandy Roth, Rochelle Bieri, Morris Robert Young.

AUGUST 1: Barbara Callihan.

AUGUST 2: Carolyn Kline, Hayley Woolfenden.

AUGUST 3: Rebecca Heinicke, Becky Shindorf, Kelsey Brenk, Hillary Smith.

JULY 28: Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt.

JULY 29: Rachael Vegter, Mary Fox, Matt Lee, Terry M. Estes.

JULY 30: Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Jodi Mohr.

From the Alto area are: John Garner, Shawne Isaac, Justin Johnson, Michael Kittlaus, Jessica Koning, Diana Lightfoot, Jed Pipe and Kelli Wagner.

Michigan State University College of Law held its spring 2005 commencement on May 15, 2005, honoring students fulfilling their degree requirements.

Cara Lin McQueen of Lowell earned a juris doctor degree. McQueen was a member of MSU College of Law's American Bar Association - Law Student Division. She completed study within the Criminal Law Concentration.

McQueen, a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Don and Sheila McQueen of Lowell.

College News

More than 1,800 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in April. From the Lowell area

are: Maria Allen, Michelle Chrisman, Daniel Rottier, Brandi Schaefer, Erin Umlauf and Elizabeth Wierenga.

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July 31

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Phyllis Brown Is Turning 80!!



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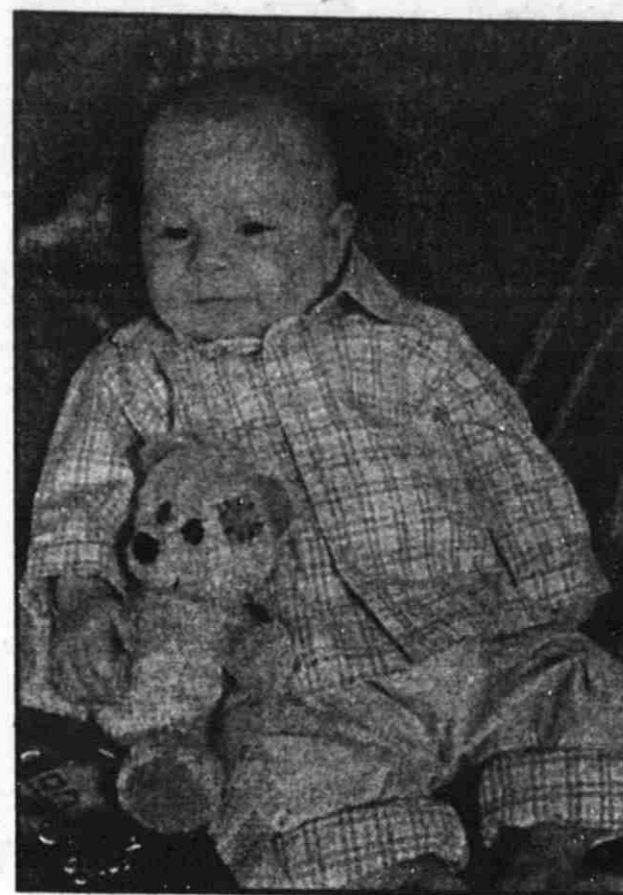
Sage/Hodges

Jennifer Lynn Sage of Lowell and Allan Clifford Hodges of Belding will marry in an August 20, 2005 ceremony at Impact, a Wesleyan church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Mary Sage of Lowell.

The future groom is the son of Connie Hodges and Carl Badour of Belding.

The couple's son, Mason James Hodges, will be baptized during the ceremony.

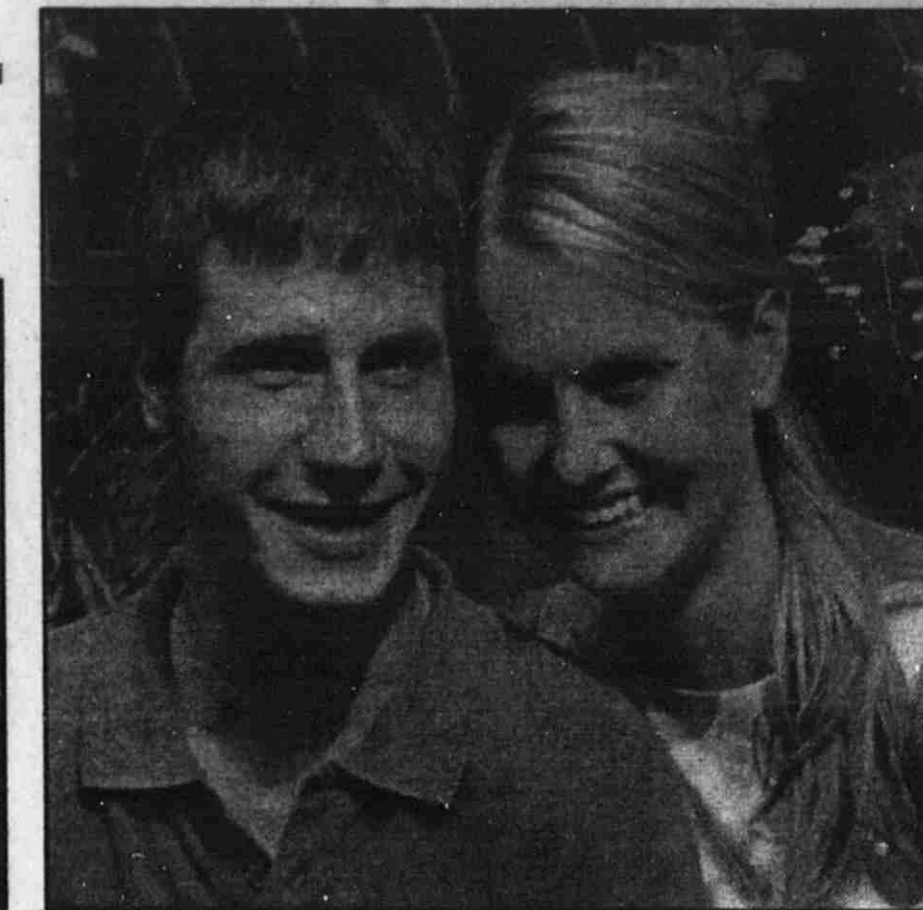


Mason James Hodges



Jennifer Sage and Allan Hodges

Roelof/Lyons



Brent Lyons and Carly Roelof

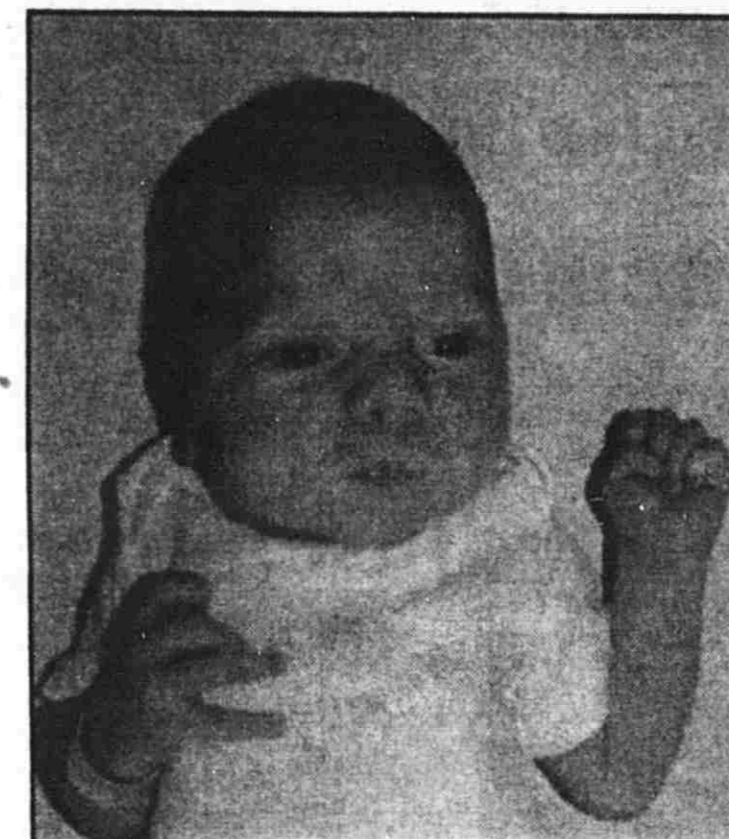
Carly Roelof and Brent Lyons are happy to announce their engagement.

The future bride is the daughter of John and Dee Dee Roelof of Kalamazoo.

The groom-elect is the son of Ron and Dianna Lyons of Lowell.

An Aug. 12, 2005 sunset wedding is planned by the couple.

New Arrivals



Logan James Acheson

Acheson

Ron and Alana Acheson of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Logan James. Born on July 5, 2005, he weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 24 inches.

Proud grandparents are Howard and Gail Acheson and Jim and Cheryl Valentine, all of Lowell. Great-grandfather is Howard Acheson Sr., also of Lowell.

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<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Worship Service.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>"Lowell Mission" of the Evangelical Apostolic Church of North America Located at 404 North Hudson (First Congregational Church Facility) Christ Centered Sunday Worship.....4:00 PM Bishop Alex McCullough.....Clergy In Charge Reverend Deacon Mark O. Fleet.....Clergy In Assistance Parsonage.....(616) 897-2587 Corporate Web Page.....http://www.caema.org May the Lord fill you and bless you this day!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David Q. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA CLUB J.C.....Wed. 6:15 & 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>

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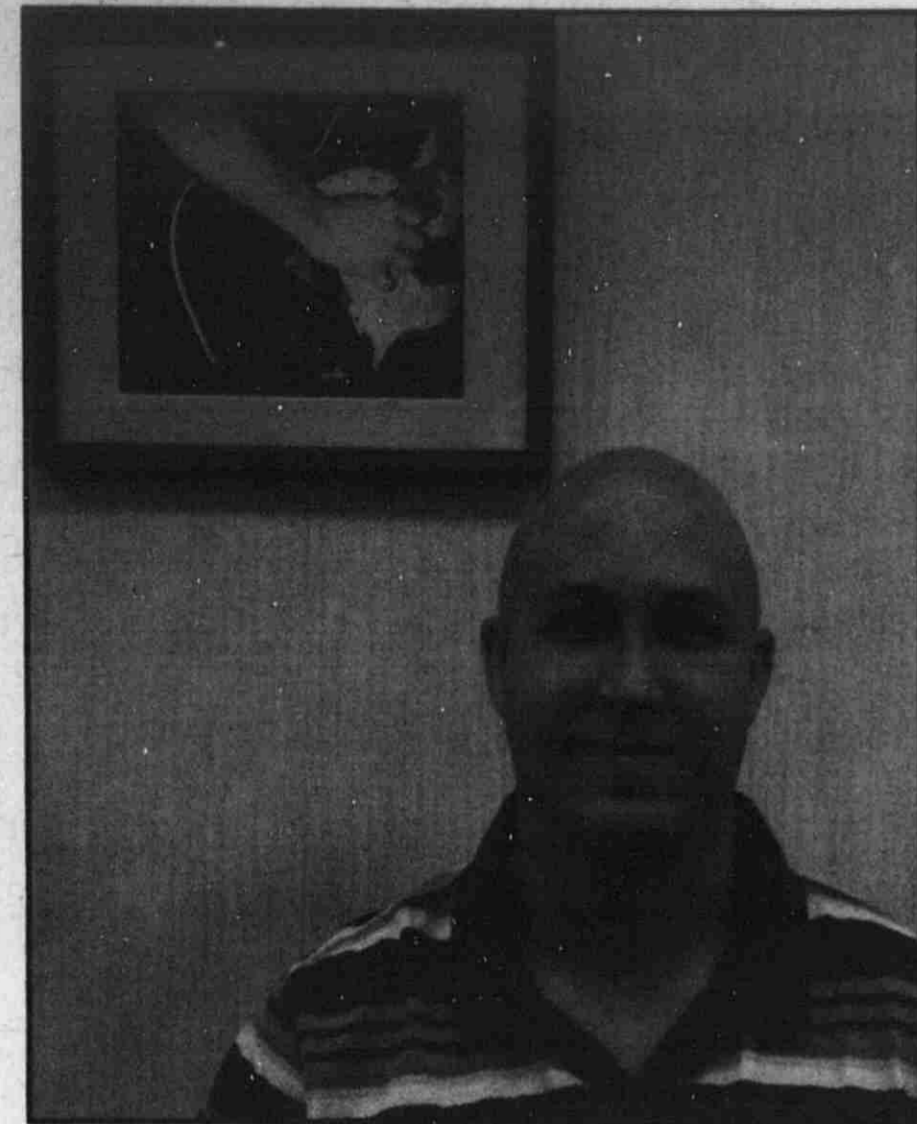
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Local photography exhibit focuses on outdoors, rock and roll

By Dan Schneider

The artwork currently on display at the Huntington Galleria is by Adam Early and his focus is photographs.

The 27-year-old Ionia corrections officer has been shooting with cameras since he was 16. But it is only in the last year and a half that

he has become serious about it, purchasing a digital SLR camera. His favorite subjects are bands, especially his friends' Lansing-based rock/jazz outfit Huckleberry Groove, and the great outdoors.

"I'm really into music, so most of the professional work I've done is for bands," Early said. "I really like black and white like the guitar one, isolating an area and making it really stand out."

Pictures of statues from Mount Pleasant, an old VW van, several headstones in an old cemetery ... some of his photos are modified—like the black-and-white and also color guitar picture—on Photoshop. But a lot of them are kept pretty much the way they are.

The photos on the walls at Huntington are fairly recent work. The oldest one is "Cup of Joe," a picture of a coffee cup, which Early took a year and a half ago when he first bought his camera. The exhibit runs through Aug. 23.

Early follows Huckleberry Groove to shows in Lansing, Grand Rapids, and sometimes Detroit. Working second shift, he shoots mornings

and days off, and finds subjects by "just having an eye, walking through the woods. I take my camera with me everywhere."

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5-K run to benefit Anna Organek bone marrow drive

A 5-K run and fun walk will take place Saturday, Aug. 6 to benefit the bone marrow drive for Anna Organek.

It will be held on the cross-country course at Lowell High School. Primarily a flat and fast course, it also has a few hills, a wooded section, and a downhill sprint finish.

Registration forms are available at several local businesses and can be

downloaded online from www.help-anna.org. A fee of \$25 includes an event T-shirt, and checks should be made out to the Michigan Community Blood Center.

Race-day registration is from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. with the run/walk starting at 8 a.m. Plenty of parking is available at the high school. Medals will be awarded to the top two finishers in each age division and trophies to the top overall male and

female finishers. The July 12 bone marrow drive for Organek was a big success with 1,117 people tested. Test results are expected to be available in two to three weeks. Each test costs \$125 to perform, and organizers overran their budget to ensure that no one was turned away at the drive.

The run is among several fundraising events planned to make up the difference.

Though the drive may interest accrued thereon, shall be collected and said lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the collection of taxes assessed upon the roll and the enforcement of the lien for taxes assessed upon such a roll.

Section 2. **Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the publication hereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

Section 7.6 **RATES, CHARGES AND BILLING PROCEDURE: LIEN.** The amounts to be charged by the POTW under this ordinance and a table of REU Unit Factors shall be established from time to time by resolution of the Township Board. All sums due shall be billed according to a schedule established by resolution of the Township Board. Charges by the POTW pursuant to this ordinance shall be a lien on the premises served in accordance with Act No. 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933 (MCL 141.101 et seq.), and Act No. 178 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1939 (MCL 123.161 et seq.), and on November 1 of each year the Township Treasurer shall certify any such charges and installments which have been delinquent six (6) months or more, plus penalties and interest accrued thereon, and plus an additional amount of 6% of the aggregate amount, to the Township Board which shall cause the same to be entered upon the next Township and County tax roll against the premises to which such services shall have been rendered and said unpaid charges and unpaid fees, with penalties and

are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily through Aug. 3. Large items should be dropped off the morning of the sale. Donated items need to be priced and tagged by the donor.

Fallasburg "Old Fashion Days" to feature Model A's, old-time baseball

The Village of Fallasburg, north of Lowell, will host a display of Model A's and Olivet Crank and Throttle Model A's as part of their Old Fashion Days on Saturday, July 30. The drivers of the cars, consisting of Roadsters, Tudors, Fordors, sedans and trucks, will be giving rides from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for the Fallasburg Historical Society, and a

donation of \$4 per person and \$2 for children under 12 is suggested.

If you're interested in watching a base ball game played by its original rules, come to the ball park at 1 p.m. to see the Fallasburg Cubs Vintage Base Ball team play the Douglas Dutchers.

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Summer camp teaches tennis

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell summer tennis camp's fifth season came to an end Friday.

The program drew 170 participants to the Lowell High School tennis courts this year. That's up from 90 in the camp's first year in 2000, which at the time was considered a surprising turnout.

Summer tennis has been successful in attracting community interest. But it is also boosting the level of tennis being played by the teams at Lowell High School, according to varsity tennis coach Bonnie Wall. Evidence of this can be found on the courts while summer tennis is going on. Wall, who is in charge of the program, said the first year, she recruited Forest Hills Central tennis players for instructors.

"Now, our program has helped so much we can use our own players for instructors," Wall said. Instructors Shaun Koning, Stevi Thompson, Chris Gallagher, Brett Hobla and Travis Trapp played tennis at Lowell. Hobla and Trapp will still be on this year's varsity team.

The camp lasts five weeks, with instruction four days a week and competitive play on the fifth day. The classes start young, with coach Pam Cook's "Munchkin Tennis" for five- and six-year-old players. High school students are

at the upper end of the age range at the camp. Younger students start at 9 a.m.; the older students start at 10:30.

On Fridays, players 12 and older play in intercity matches with tennis camps from other cities. For the last of these, Lowell traveled to Portland.

Lowell High School juniors Lindsay Aiken and Mallory Hines have been in the camp since its first year when they were sixth graders.

"My brother played tennis, so I kind of got into it," Hines said.

Aiken plays fourth doubles varsity tennis for the Red Arrows and Hines plans to be on the J.V. team this fall.

"This camp really helps because it gets us ready for the season," Aiken said.

Both help with the younger students during the early-morning session.

"They get to start tennis young ... and they get to learn how to play," Aiken said.

Wall has a lot to say about the benefits of tennis. It's among the best sports around for enhancing overall fitness. In the last issue of the tennis camp's newsletter, Wall cited a University of Illinois study that determined tennis may promote brain development by generating new connections between nerves in the brain. It does this, the study said, because it requires alertness and tactical thinking. The 2005

Lowell High School boys varsity team had a combined grade point average of 3.72, which qualified them for the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association's All-Academic team award.

Players are given skill level certificates for things like completing a specific number of volleys and hitting numbers of certain types of shots. Players in each age division are also given awards for the whole season. The session one (younger) award winners were Louie Hart for sportsmanship, Kelsey Mangel for most improved, Hannah Boon for most dedicated and Micah Babcock for most valuable player. In session two, the winners were Kelly Trapp for sportsmanship, Melissa Zuiderveen for most improved, Zac Steckler for most dedicated and Elvis Lane for most valuable player.

There are also summer tennis opportunities for adults at the Lowell High School tennis courts. Informal league nights have been going on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. The Wednesday league nights continue until the start of the school year. Wall also offered tennis lessons Tuesday nights for adults. The league nights, and lessons, will be available again next year.

Even on the off-nights, Wall has seen activity on the tennis courts.



"What you find out on the courts now are parents playing with kids," she said. "It's really something that builds not only community spirit, but family togetherness."

A community-wide Tennis Tournament is planned for Aug. 10-13. The tournament has age divisions ranging from 12 and under to adult, including both singles and doubles. Players 18 and under will be scheduled for daytime matches, with adults playing in the evenings. The cost is \$20 per singles entry and \$15 per doubles partner. Entry forms are available by calling Wall or by picking one up at the Lowell Ledger, and are due to the Lowell High School athletic office by Aug. 5.

For more information about the tournament or about tennis in general in Lowell, contact Wall at 676-2072.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2005-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7.6 OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SEWER USE ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 2000-1 ADOPTED JANUARY 28, 2000).

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Sec. 7.6. Sewer Use Ordinance.
Section 7.6 of the Bowne Township Sewer Use Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2000-1 (adopted January 28, 2000), is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 7.6 RATES, CHARGES AND BILLING PROCEDURE: LIEN.
The amounts to be charged by the POTW under this ordinance and a table of REU Unit Factors shall be established from time to time by resolution of the Township Board. All sums due shall be billed according to a schedule established by resolution of the Township Board. Charges by the POTW pursuant to this ordinance shall be a lien on the premises served in accordance with Act No. 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933 (MCL 141.101 et seq.), and Act No. 178 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1939 (MCL 123.161 et seq.), and on November 1 of each year the Township Treasurer shall certify any such charges and installments which have been delinquent six (6) months or more, plus penalties and interest accrued thereon, and plus an additional amount of 6% of the aggregate amount, to the Township Board which shall cause the same to be entered upon the next Township and County tax roll against the premises to which such services shall have been rendered and said unpaid charges and unpaid fees, with penalties and

interest accrued thereon, shall be collected and said lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the collection of taxes assessed upon the roll and the enforcement of the lien for taxes assessed upon such a roll.

Section 2. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the publication hereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF KENT) SS

I, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk of the Township of Bowne of said County of Kent do hereby certify that the above is true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2005-06 as approved and adopted by the Bowne Township Board on the 18th day of July, 2005, and becoming effective as of the 26th day of August, 2005. The Ordinance in its entirety was published in the issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 27th day of July, 2005. Said ordinance was recorded in the office of Clerk of Bowne Township on the 20th day of July, 2005.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand for the Township of Bowne, in said County, this 20th day of July, 2005.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk - Clerk

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years old and younger.

The next scheduled visitors' night is this Saturday from 9 p.m. to midnight. The moon's phase will be waning crescent; and Jupiter, Neptune and the deep sky will be featured objects. On Aug. 13, the observatory will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. More of the moon will be visible (the waxing gibbous phase). The moon, Uranus, Neptune and the deep sky will be featured. Visitors' nights are contingent upon clear skies. For updates on a particular night's status, or if weather conditions are questionable, call the "Starwatch" number, 897-7065.

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COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of John F. Meyer for a special land use for a private road to provide access to two parcels of land. The private road would be located on lands commonly described as 3670 Murray Lake Avenue and 3690 Murray Lake Avenue, and legally described as follows:

The North 300 feet of the South 1/2 of Government Lot No. 5, Section 33, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The private road, if approved, would provide access to and from two neighboring parcels of land located on the east side of Murray Lake Avenue.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: July 18, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



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protect our state. Currently, the State Homeland Security Grant Program sets aside a large portion of funds to be divided equally among the states, regardless of size or need. This "small state formula" severely disadvantages states with large populations such as Michigan. I co-sponsored an amendment with Senators Susan Collins and Joe Lieberman that will provide a new and fairer distribution of homeland security funding.

The formulas for distributing the funds are complicated, but the approach that the Senate passed is simple: states get to choose whether they want a "small state" minimum or a share of the funding based on their population and population density. Remaining funds are distributed based on the Department of Homeland Security's assessment of risk.

Under the amendment I co-sponsored, bigger states will get a larger amount of guaranteed money than in the past. This is a good deal for Michigan. Under the current formula, Michigan would receive only \$10.9 million in guaranteed funding in fiscal year 2006, but the new formula guarantees Michigan \$17.6 million for homeland security needs.

I have also worked hard to reduce the threat to our nation from terrorists crossing the border from Canada.

For example, I helped author a provision requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to consider whether a state is on an international border when prioritizing among state applications for risk-based funds. The bill also contained a significant increase for border patrol agents along the Northern Border, and it includes funding for a Customs and Border Patrol Air and Marine Operations base at Selfridge Air National Guard base, increasing security along the international border.

Further, language I authored that was included in the Senate bill will help police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, National Guard and other emergency response providers communicate during an emergency. Specifically, it directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish at least three demonstration projects on the Northern Border that will address interoperable communications needs both among our own first responders and with the Canadian first responders.

I was also successful in including a provision that would keep out trucks carrying trash from Canada until the Secretary of Homeland Security can certify that the vehicles have been inspected for potential biological, chemical and nuclear materials as effectively as inspections are carried out for other commercial vehicles.

The Homeland Security appropriations bill is not yet law. The House and Senate still need to work out differences between the bills passed by each body. I hope that these important provisions will be retained and that funding for homeland security will be increased.

The British have already made progress in unraveling who the bombers were and how they were able to pull off the attacks. In coming weeks, we will learn more about the bombers' paths, who assisted them, and how they could have been stopped. As the British work to prevent another such attack, we too need to learn the lessons of that tragedy and take the commonsense steps here in America that will make us safer.

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Letter gives Lowell vet new perspective on WWII plane crash

By Dan Schneider

Miss Lace, a B-24 Liberator, was the last bomber in the 461st Bomb Group to get shot down in World War II.

It went down on April 25, 1945 over St. Georgen am Walde, a small village near Linz, Austria. Replacement crew number 13 of the 764th bomb squadron was on board. Lowell veteran Howard R. Acheson, 82, was a corporal tail gunner on board the plane. Their mission had been to bomb a railroad yard in Linz.

Acheson had been in the country only a short time. The Linz bombing run was his ninth mission with the

replacement crew.

"Most of our missions were milk runs," wrote John LaZier in the July, 1987 issue of "The 461st Liberaider," a newsletter published by veterans of that bomb group.

Acheson had a different take on the missions.

"There was a couple milk runs, but most of them had some flak coming," he said.

"Miss Lace" was a replacement aircraft for the 764th.

"We took what was available, what would fly," Acheson said. "We flew that plane quite a little, more than once."

"Miss Lace" was named after the busty brunette main character of Milton Caniff's "Male Call" comic strip, which was published exclusively in military camp newspapers during World War II. The airplane, with its suggestive nose art, was struck by flak over the target. Trailing black smoke, it went into a dive.

On April 25, 1945, Ambros Klammer was 10 years old and years from becoming the mayor of St. Georgen am Walde. He was sitting against the wall of his family's barn outside the village, watching squadrons of bombers fly overhead. He spent a lot of days thus occupied, though at that point he was getting sick of the war.

"The depressed feeling of the adults also influenced us children and not even the beautiful, sunny spring day could change that," Klammer wrote in an account of the event.

On a clear day, he could



Nose art from the B-24 Liberator "Miss Lace."

see the planes as far as Linz and wait for the thud of bomb explosions. He wrote that he sat out watching longer than usual that April 25.

"Suddenly, I noticed a single plane that was dragging a black smoke trail behind and was heading directly for our house," he wrote.

The airplane was "thundering dangerously just above our house when I saw that some dark lumps were falling out of the plane."

"Bombs!" he shouted

into the house. But they weren't bombs. Pilot Lawrence Toothman was badly injured, so it was likely copilot William Jones who had managed to level out the doomed aircraft long enough for most of the crew to bail out.

"Miss Lace" limped over the village, narrowly missing its church steeple, before crashing into a mountainside just outside of town.

"The wide open strip that it cut into the forest

would be clearly visible for decades afterwards," Klammer wrote.

"I knew the plane didn't burn because for a long time I had the copilot's hat and his dog tags," Acheson said. "I don't know just who brought them."

Klammer saw two parachutes drift off but one landed in the woods near his house. Acheson said it must have been Sgt. Roy Wieland or Cpl. Oscar Scogin, Jr. Acheson went down elsewhere with three of his crew mates. They were immediately captured by German soldiers. The only crewman to die in the crash was Jones.

"Parachutes are highly visible at high noon on a sunny day," LaZier wrote. "Also, the natives were trained to hunt down the survivors of air crews."

That's what Klammer and his family, along with a policeman who was staying with them, did to any airmen who came down near their house. The soldier passed out chocolate to the children, who "kept a respectful distance from the foreign soldier," according to Klammer. The chocolate is one of the things he remembered most out of that day's events.

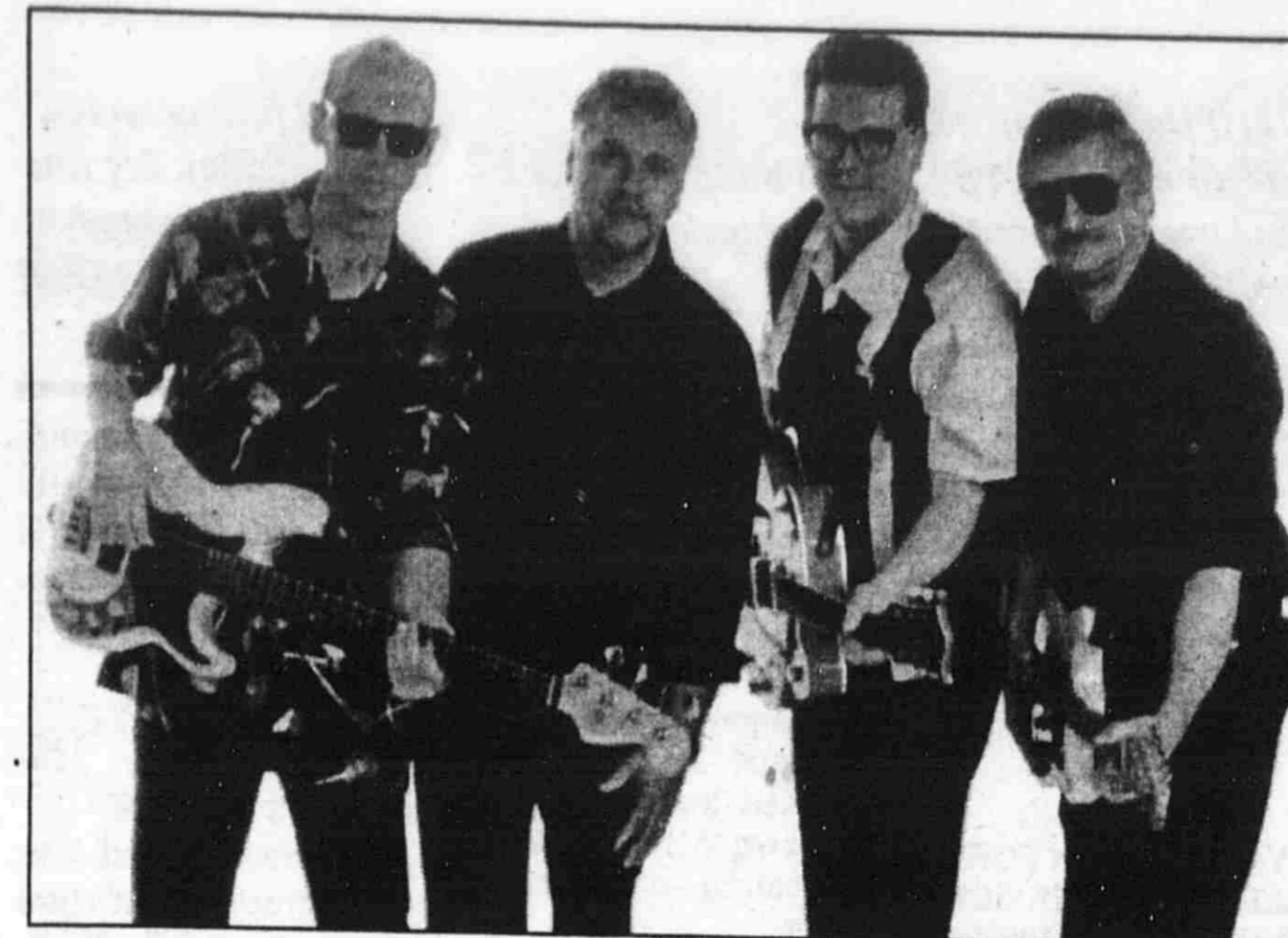
LaZier wrote that the crew was later reunited at a hotel in the town of Amstetten. Some were held in the hotel and others taken to a small artillery camp outside of town. The injured crewmen were given medical treatment. LaZier wrote that they were all treated well and were allowed to visit the crewmen in the hospital.

Given German army uniforms to wear, they were later taken through Nazi lines. At a chateau belonging to a camp commandant, they were told they were free. But the next morning a Nazi guard was at their door and they were again prisoners, taken to a hotel in the town of Hollenstein-On-The-Ybbs.

Their room, with bars on the windows, was on the third floor of the hotel. One morning they awoke to find their door open and the hotel quiet. They assumed the German soldiers had left to surrender. Civilians at the hotel told them the war was over.

The night before, the crew had chosen Acheson to go with a 17-year-old German who said he could get him through the lines to the Americans.

"I rode in a German truck with five or six guys, a weapons carrier I think," Acheson said. "I think they



LHS Class of 1945 celebrates 60th reunion



Many fond memories were exchanged at Schneider Manor where the Lowell High School Class of 1945 celebrated their 60th reunion on June 30. There were 20 from the class and 13 spouses or guests who attended.

Pictured, standing, left to right, are: Larry DeVormer, Don Beachum, Joan Koning Monsma, June Cookingham Papp, Alfred Thomet and Bob VanTatenhove; second row are: Violet Sterzick Russo, Lucille Wisner Brunsink, Jean Schreur Wilterink, Alice Haddan Bauer, Marie Kyser O'Conner, Elliot Bruinekool and Richard Bieri; seated are: Gladys Johnson Shade, Robert Kropf, Velma Kauffman Ford, Marion Kilgus Price and Donna Fase Wilcox. Not available for the picture were Dusty Maxson and Henry DeGood.

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 180 Ottawa Ave. NW,
 Grand Rapids, MI 49503
 Court telephone no.:
 616-336-3679

HON. GEORGE S. BUTH (P11479)

Plaintiff Justin Michael (P34349)
 4550 Cascade Rd. SE,
 Ste. 102
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546
 616-940-9991

Plaintiff's attorney:
 In Pro Per v.

Defendant James E. Yost
 address unknown,
 unable to locate

To James E. Yost:

IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title in land and seek a declaratory judgment. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before September 7, 2005. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

E. Yost at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: July 14, 2005
 Judge George S. Buth

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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 Old 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. Matters 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

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If they are going to do this stuff at the river... why rip out all the stuff for the kids to play on... no one will bring their kids now

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Who is the hot chick in the black Malibu?

I went fishing on the Flat yesterday. My line got tangled around 2 p.m. so I decided to call it quits.

for three weeks. I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief. March 10, 2005

VERIFICATION OF PROCESS SERVER

1. I have tried to serve process on this defendant as described: I tried to divorce him before but nothing happens because I don't know where he is.

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief. March 10, 2005

Lori Deavers 285 Nth Edinberg Dr. SW, Kentwood, MI 49548

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MOTION AND VERIFICATION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE CASE NO. 05-03798-DM

Court address: 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI Court telephone # 632-5480

Plaintiff: Lori Deavers, 285 Nth Edinberg Dr. SW, Kentwood, MI 49548 616-821-3540

Defendant: Jerry Allen Deavers Jr., Address unknown.

1. Service of process upon Jerry Allen Deavers Jr. cannot reasonably be made as otherwise provided in MCR 2.105, as shown in the following verification of process server.
2. Defendant's last known home and business addresses:
b. I do not know defendant's current home/business address. I have made the following efforts to ascertain the current address: I called his mother and uncle, and neither know where he is.
3. I request the court order service by alternate means. Publish in Lowell Ledger one time a week

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GARAGE SALE

July 29 & 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 706 Amity St. Books & misc. household items.

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box springs, pottery dishes, tinware, many apple crafts for kitchen, clothes, high chair, baby swing, & much more. Sat., July 30, 9-3, 707 Foreman.

YARD SALE

Wed., July 27, Lot 169 Shiela St., Key Heights, Rubber stamps, some craft items, clothing, household stuff, books, etc.

GARAGE SALE

Fri., July 29, 9-5, kerosene heater, electric keyboard, desk, exercise equipment, much more. 3761 Pinelane. Take Woodland Drive off M-21 (1 mile W. of Pinckney or 1 1/2 miles E. of Saranac Corners), 3rd drive on right.

GARAGE SALE

Fri., July 29, 9-4 p.m. 125 S. Grove. Girls clothes sz. 6-10, fax machine, tools, books, toys & more!

YARD SALE

Play equipment, toys, furniture, 3180 Emberwood Dr. SE (off Alden Nash across from Veterans Hall) Thurs. & Fri., July 28 & 29, 10 to 5.

YARD SALE FOR ANNA ORGANEK

We need your donations! Donation dates: July 26 - Aug. 3, 10-8 p.m. daily. Trailer in parking lot of 1st. Congregational Church next to Richards Park (404 N. Hudson). Please price & tag items yourself. Drop off large items day of sale. We need volunteers! Call Toni Schaefer at 616-581-7495 with any questions or for volunteer opportunities. **SALE DATE: Aug. 4, 9-7 p.m.** at Richards Park across from the funeral home on N. Hudson.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR ANNA ORGANEK'S MEDICAL EXPENSES

Please bring your clean, gently used, priced garage sale items to 11401 Bailey Dr. NE by Thurs., Aug. 4 at 9 p.m. **SALE FRI. & SAT.,** Aug. 5 & 6, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Questions call 897-7681.

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Multi-family. Oak entertainment center w/glass doors, lots of glassware, Discover toys, books of all sorts, household items, clothing - name brand kids thru adult. July 28, 29 & 30. 11801 Foreman.

GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, 9-5, many items, adult clothes of all sizes, Baley horse & pet items, 11645 Bluewater Hwy (M-21), Lowell

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Victorian style furniture, curio cabinet, 2 book/display cases: 1 mahogany/1 teak, propane/wood fireplace, propane furnace, dining set, huge bird cage, camping supplies, sofa, clothes, books, & more. 275 Montcalm, south off of Flat River Dr./north off of Bluewater Hwy. Thur., July 28; Fri., July 29; and Sat., July 30; 8 a.m. - ?

5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

July 27 - 29, 8-6 pm, 11850 Bluewater Hwy.

FOR SALE

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HELP WANTED

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EVENTS

AUDITIONS FOR "AUTISTIC LOVE" - an independent film by Dolo Films. Tues., Aug. 2nd, 12 p. - 4 p.; Wed., Aug. 3rd, 4 p. - 8 p.; Thurs., Aug. 4th, 8 a. - 12 p. at Larkin's Theater, 301 W. Main. Please bring a 2 min. prepared monologue.

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thought probably they'd get some kind of bonus at the end."

All different kinds of vehicles carried surrendering Germans down the road, Acheson said. They wanted to surrender to the Americans and not to the Russians. Later that day, riding in a jeep in an American convoy, Acheson again met his crew mates on that road. They were riding in a German truck and sharing wine with German soldiers.

"We started out before noon," Acheson said. "By the time we got back to where the guys were and then back

again, it was probably close to supper time."

After the excitement of the plane crash died down, Klammer wrote, he went to the tree where the parachutist had landed to recover anything usable from the parachute. A square of silk from the parachute remained in his attic until his nephew's wife, Siegi Witzany-Durda, borrowed it for use in a history exhibit at the school where she teaches.

She asked Klammer to write down his story of the plane crash (her translation was quoted in this article).

She also tracked down a crew list of the 13th Replacement Crew through a friend of hers whose husband is a military historian at a military base in Arizona. That's how she found Acheson's address and how, this March, Acheson received her letter with Klammer's perspective on the plane crash.

"You look at it from someone else's eyes, that kid was scared to death that that plane was going to hit his house," Acheson said. "You never thought about it, you know, who saw it going down and at least to know it didn't kill anybody

going down because it could have, you know, if it hit that village."

He was surprised to get a letter from Austria.

"I was surprised that old silk was still around," Acheson said. "We used to trade that silk, a square of it, for cigarettes, potatoes. They (the Germans) wanted a white flag to wave."

Acheson's story is one of more than 20 personal histories that have been collected by volunteers for the Lowell Area Historical Museum. The museum is building an archive of

videotaped interviews with World War II veterans in Lowell.

It's part of a larger project to document the history of Lowell through personal accounts. In the videotaped interviews, the veterans talk about their war experiences, their lives before the war, and how they readjusted to civilian life and became productive citizens in Lowell.

Several groups have contributed to producing the videos. These include students in the gifted and talented program at Lowell Middle School and in Nick

Blough's history class at the high school. Jim White and Mark Weber are a team that interviewed several veterans outside of school. Blough and his grandfather Ivan Blough have also teamed up to interview a number of veterans.

The museum is working to make copies of the interviews available for lending to the Lowell general public. Interviews are also eligible to become part of the United States Library of Congress's Veterans History Project, which is collecting stories from World War II veterans nationwide.

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