HOAG & SONS' BOOK BINDERY SPRINGPORT, MICHIGAN

49284

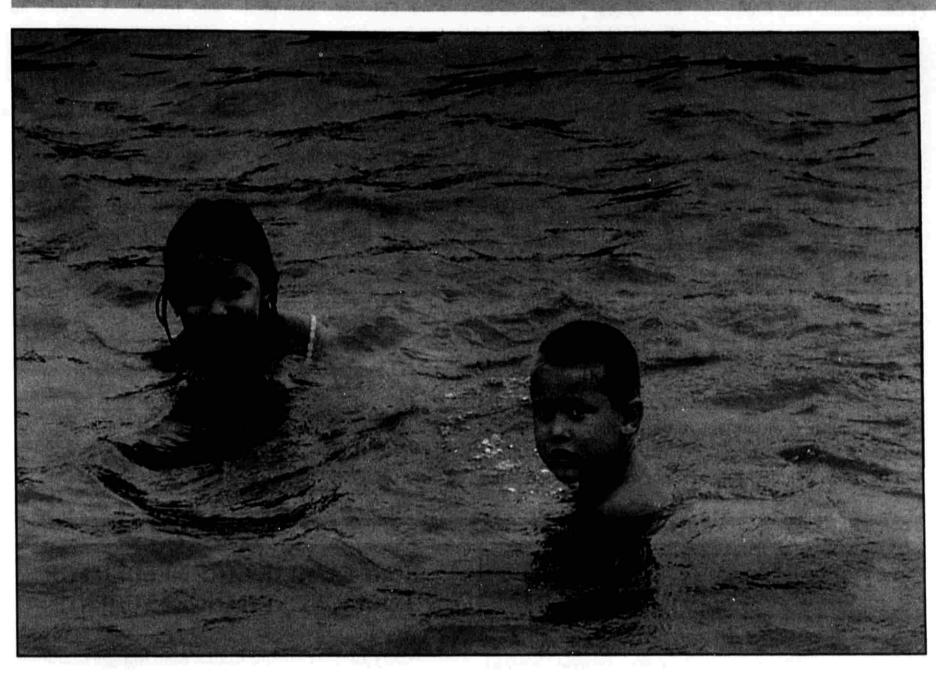
Volume 34 Issue 37

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

The Lowell Ledger

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

35¢



Looking for a way to cool off during a *hot* spell

shley, 5, left, and Austin, 4, Maynard cooled off at Stoney Lakeside Park, Monday. It was the third straight day with a maximum temperature in the mid-90s. Monday's high temperature was 93 degrees Fahrenheit. The record high temperature for June 17 was 101 degrees, set in the middle of a hot spell in 1894.

Petition circulated in Vergennes to put spirits on ballot

New superintendent starting to feel at home at Lowell Area Schools

"The completion of the first board meeting ... was a good feeling, the fact that it went well organizationally." - Greg Pratt

By Dan Schneider

owell Area Schools' new superintendent has not had any time for decorating.

Greg Pratt has been at his post officially since July 1 and his office walls are completely bare. His desk is similarly spartan. Aside from a computer, it holds up only a few books and some file folders.

"I'll have my wife come in sometime and do the decorating, we haven't had much time for that," Pratt said.

He has spent a lot of time meeting with district administrators and staff.

"I've had a chance to meet a lot of staff," Pratt said. "And I've been very impressed. Everyone from custodians to bus drivers to teachers to administrators."

He has also been making an effort to get familiar with Lowell and its various community organizations.

"Here in Lowell, one of the great dynamics is we

the great components," Pratt said.

> The schools, he said, should continue to play a prominent role in what he considers an active town.

"The experience in the last few weeks has led me to believe that, historically, there is the expectation that the school will be part of these activities," Pratt said.

Despite his office's bare walls, Pratt said he is already starting to feel at home in the district. A time he felt that most acutely was at his first school board meeting July 10.

"The completion of the first board meeting ... was a good feeling, the fact that it went wellorganizationally," Pratt said. "I think there's a feeling of rapport between myself and the board.

"I think for myself, it was good to see that the organization was running very smoothly, that by my coming in, I didn't create some kind of fissure."

Pratt said he finds himself at the head of a district that's on strong footing in staffing, facilities

look at our performance, we're very comparable to the top schools in West Michigan," he said.

Looking to the future, Pratt sees wise use of all available resources, such KISD might play a role in helping districts like Lowell meet new curriculum standards, such as new state graduation requirements, Pratt said. For instance, home construction



Greg Pratt

as the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) as one key to continuing that.

"I think what you're going to see in the future is an even greater connection

classes at Kent Skills Center could be designed to satisfy math requirements, if state government decides to allow such an arrangement.

By Dan Schneider

he citizens of Vergennes Township might get the chance to vote this November on whether the sale of liquor should be permitted in the township.

Kent McKay, who is circulating the petition, said as of last Thursday he has collected just short of half the signatures needed to put the question on the ballot. The question would read, "Shall the sale of spirits and mixed spirit drink, in addition to beer and wine, be permitted for consumption on the premises within the Township of Vergennes under the provisions of law governing the same?"

Currently, the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption is permitted in the township, but not liquor, making Vergennes a "spirit dry" township.

"We're actually a spirit-dry township dating back to Prohibition," township clerk Mari Stone said.

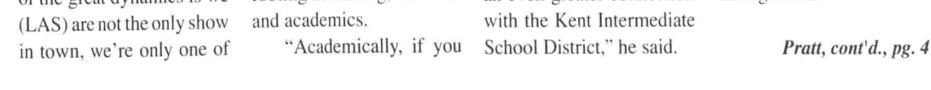
When Prohibition ended in 1933, the township decided to allow beer and wine but not spirits. After considering the issue at its May meeting, the township board decided it should be put to a vote.

"We had considered it as a board and decided that the people needed to make this decision. They've never been asked to vote on this issue," Stone said.

Petition, cont'd., pg. 4



Museum Workshop ... Page 3







DE ZWAAN

aged 89, of Grand Rapids, in death by her loving officiating. husband of 58 years, Julius, and brothers-in-law Bud Zwaan, Clarence Huizenga. to Shawnee Park CRC or to IL 60675. Frances is survived by her Hospice of Michigan. sister Marian Huizenga; sisters-in-law Anna Mae De Zwaan, Dorothy De Lorene E. (Mrs. Richard). Zwaan; two special nieces aged 91, of Hastings, Barbara (Jim) De Kruyter, died Sunday, July 2, 2006 Susan (Jon) Vanden Broek; in Hastings Tendercare nephews Ronald De Zwaan, Nursing Facility. Survived Philip De Zwaan, David De

JACOBS

GREG VAN STRIEN

HEATING AND PLUMBING

HEATING SERVICE & INSTALLATION

AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE & INSTALLATION

PLUMBING SERVICE & INSTALLATION

WARM AIR/RADIANT HEAT

OIL BURNER SERVICE

(616) 897-5569

Visa And Master Card Accepted

CITY OF

LOWELL

TABULATING EQUIPMENT

AUGUST 8, 2006

3

Lowell

Barnfield of Charleston, Hill Memorial Gardens, SC; son Jerald "Jake" 2894 Patterson Rd. SE. (Mary) Jacobs of Alto; four grandchildren; seven

JOHNSON

great-grandchildren will be held Saturday, July nephews Harold and Alice

LEGAL NOTICE

estate

forever barred unless

will be

KELLOGG

Mrs. Frances De Zwaan, were held July 11 at the Respecting family wishes, aged 87, of Greenville Zaagman Memorial Chapel private services will be and formerly of Belding, went home to be with her with Rev. Ben Van Arragon, held. Contributions to passed away July 17, 2006, Lord on Saturday, July 8, Rev. Jacob D. Eppinga and Hastings Rotary Club's at Green Acres Retirement 2006. She was preceded Pastor John De Kruyter Local Scholarship Fund or Community in Greenville Interment Rotary International Fund to where he lived the last Woodlawn Cemetery. In eradiate polio from our planet few years. Ace was born lieu of flowers, memorial c/o Rotary Foundation U.S., on March 17, 1919, son De Zwaan, Herman De contributions may be made P.O., Box 75133, Chicago, of George and Grace Alton Cemetery. Memorial (Fairchild) Kellogg at the contributions may be given family farm on 5 Mile Rd. to Heartland Hospice. outside of Belding. He Jean E. Johnson, aged 82, was a graduate of Belding of Tempe, AZ, passed away High School. Ace was Bernadine "Betty" Swindell, suddenly on July 18, 2006. married August 19, 1951, aged 82, of Lowell, passed She was preceded in death to Elizabeth "Betty" Wilson away July 12, 2006. She contributions may be made by her husband Leigh C. of Cooks Corner and she was preceded in death to St. Jude Children's Johnson. Surviving are her preceded him in death in by her husband Harry, Research Hospital. sister Shirley Ross; son Alan 2002. Ace worked at Meijer M. Holck of Des Moines, and for Great Day in their IA; daughters Sandra L. produce departments. Ace Baker of Lowell, Candace served on the Belding City S. VandenBerg of Sparta; Council and was mayor of four grandchildren; eight Belding during the 1980's. all Ace is survived by his from Michigan. A memorial brother-in-law David and service for family and friends Verna Wilson of Belding;

by daughter Jan (Richard) 22 at 1:30 p.m. at Chapel Allchin of Belding, Steve son Harry Jr., grandson and Marian Green, and a brother Peter R. Kellogg. Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at

SWINDELL



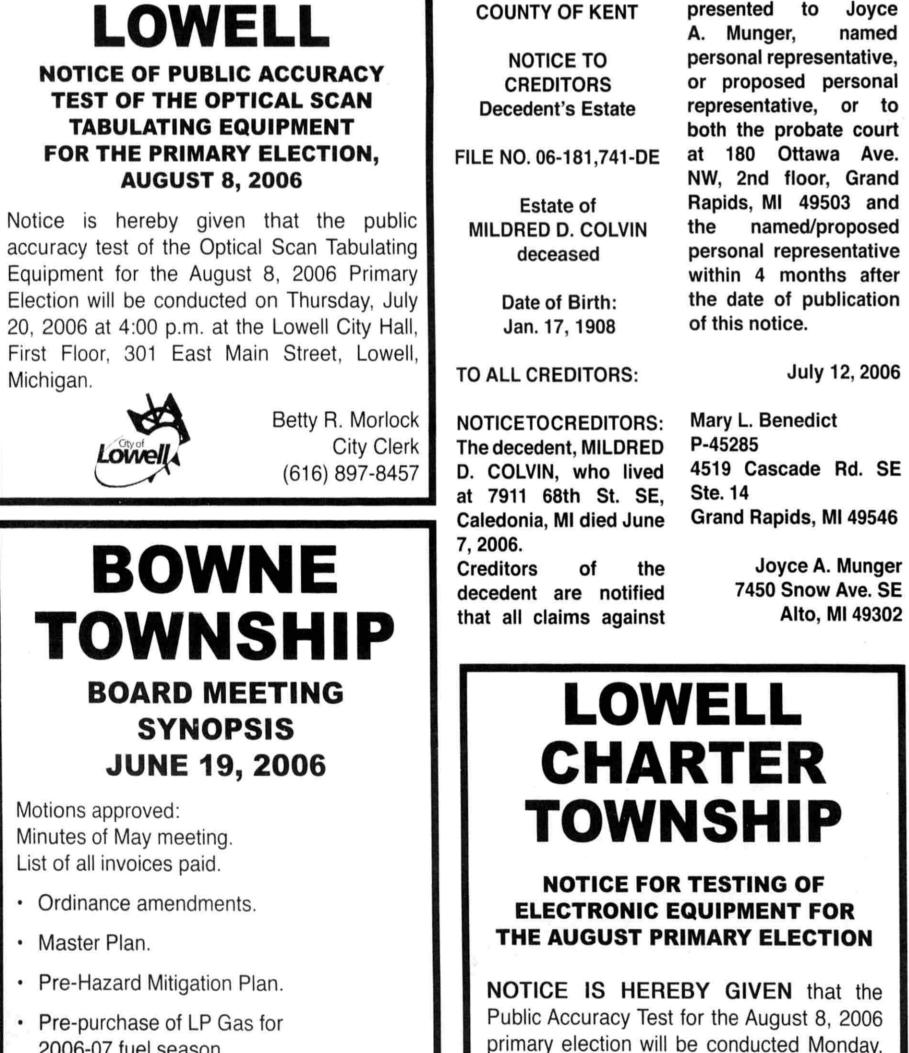
HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

and medical insurance.

If you could share your home with one of these teens or have questions call your local Pacific Intercultural Exchange coordinator at 527-0012 or 1-800-382-7439.



(616) 897-9261 E-Mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI Published every Wednesday POSTMASTER: Send address change to: The Lowell Ledger P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331 www.lowellbuyersguide.com



ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

Public Accuracy Test for the August 8, 2006 primary election will be conducted Monday, July 24, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township





Motions approved: Minutes of May meeting. List of all invoices paid.

- Ordinance amendments
- Master Plan.

Michigan.

- Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Pre-purchase of LP Gas for 2006-07 fuel season.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the Township Office or on the website www.bownetwp.cc.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

Cornwall of Ohio; great- Joshua DeYoung, siblings nephews George and Patti Margaret Hartley and Allchin of Lowell, Greg Edward Dutkiewicz. She and Judy Allchin of Byron is survived by her children Zwaan. Funeral services great-grandchildren. Ashel "Ace" Kellogg, Center; very close family Diane and Kurt Brunner, friend Joyce Cooley. He Patricia and William was preceded in death by Jerow, Margaret and Brian his parents, wife and two DeYoung, Margo Swindell. sisters, Frankie Schroeder Debbie and William Averill; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister Evelyn Steenhagen; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A service to celebrate Betty's life was held July 17 at Heritage Life Story Funeral Home - Van Strien Creston Chapel. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial

> VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

Many 15-18-year-old high school foreign exchange students from 42 countries are still waiting for a caring host family for the 2006-07 high school year.

The host family is responsible for board, room and guidance. The students have their own expense money

TONI BLOUGH	COPY EDITOR
	CLASSIFIED/ACCOUNTING
JAY VEZINO	ADVERTISING SALES
(616) 89	7-9261

Friday is the last day to pre-register for the Lowell Area Historical Museum's Native American activities workshop.

The event will take place July 29 at the Wittenbach-Wege Agriscience and Environmental Center, 11715 Vergennes Ave. Activities are designed for children ages 8 to 13.

"It's to show people in a very experiential way the culture and life skills of the Native Americans," said museum director Judy Straub.

Participants are shown Native American tools, food and life skills. They can choose two activities from among four options.

The workshop offers actual porcupine quills. hunters' used to play games.



Lowell Area Historical Museum volunteer Luanne Kaeb demonstrated a Native American game at a past Native American activities workshop held at the Wittenbachquilling and beadwork using Wege Agriscience and Environmental Center.

skills (stalking, are scheduled prior to the tracking and building workshop sessions and in Saturday, the 29th, with Street. The museum is open snares), fire building, and between sessions. Lunch will the workshop ending at 2 Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m. making a leather ball similar be served at noon, including p.m. The cost is \$15, which and Saturdays, Sundays and to ones Native Americans an actual stew similar to includes lunch. To register, Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. what Native Americans stop by the museum, Or call 897-7688. Native American games would have made.

Check-in is at 9 a.m. located at 325 West Main

Sea Cruisers - this week on the Riverwalk

the Sea Cruisers.

all ages for over 20 years. Playing the music of the

Showboat Sizzlin' Summer perform great rock and roll with performers such as just enjoy taking a trip back Concerts this Thursday are of artists like Chuck Berry, The Association, Chubby in time, come to the concert Buddy Holly, Carl Perkins, Checker, Pete Wittig and this Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The group has been Elvis, Dion and the Beatles, Tommy James and the It'll bring back a lot of great making waves with fans of to name a few. This talented Shondells.

Featured at the Lowell '50s, '60s and '70s, they four-piece band has worked

If you like to dance or memories.

LAAC scholarship fund raffle

A raffle will be held at the Art Attack 4 Event on Aug. 19 to promote the Lowell Area Arts Council Scholarship Fund.

Local artist Patti Sevensma created a special work of art titled "They are the World" for the August event held at 149 S. Hudson St. To view the artwork visit www.lowellartscouncil.org

purchased for \$1 each or six being sold at the Sizzlin' Summer Concerts and at other events during the summer.

This year the Lowell College Board, each year they enter college. Area Arts Council Scholarship Fund awarded



degrees in the arts.

over \$2,000 to local Louise Harper Memorial students who are pursuing Scholarship; Angela Miller is the recipient of the Adam Ingraham and Kathie Quada Memorial Holly Borth received the Scholarship; Alex Carpenter Memorial Scholarship.

received the Jack Frost Design Scholarship; and Autumn Nethercott is the recipient of the Jack Frost

LHS teacher selected to participate in advanced placement program

teacher at Lowell High than one million capable the College Board's AP examinations and, based Lit and Comp.

Jeff Larsen, an English the AP Program gives more to receive credit and/or Sponsored by the advanced placement when

Approximately 2.3 million examinations in 20 Raffle tickets may be School, was selected to high school students an disciplines were evaluated participate in the annual opportunity to take rigorous by over 8,000 readers for \$5. They are currently Reading and scoring of college-level courses and from universities and high schools. These readers are examinations this June in AP on their exam performance, some of the best high school and college educators in the United States, Canada, and abroad.



Showing up in photos all summer long goodwill stores Good finds, good cause ... Goodwill.



TARA I TO THE DAY AND THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE REAL

SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

The Sea Cruisers (50s rock n roll) will perform this Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Riverwalk Plaza. Concessions, raffles.

FARMERS' MARKET IS HERE

Visit the farmers' market located at the Kent County Fairgrounds each Thursday between 3-7 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

Family Dentistry of Lowell, 147 N. Center St., is sponsoring its second annual blood drive for Michigan Community Blood Center, Tuesday, July 25, 12 - 6 p.m. Call 897-4835 to schedule. Walk-ins as time permits.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Register your 3-5 year old now for Franciscan Life Process Center preschool. Monday - Thursday, a.m. or p.m. Call 897-7842. Scholarships available.

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

The Franciscan Life Process Center will offer private music lessons. Call 897-7842. Scholarships avail-

YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

Held at Burch Field. Dates: July 22, 10-2 p.m.; July 25, 27 & Aug. 3, 6-8 p.m. New players must provide a copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896 or email lyf199@aol.com

FROM FOOD PANTRY

Needed for the Food Pantry are boxed potatoes, kidney beans, cereal, laundry soap, and macaroni and cheese.

CLASS OF 1991

Please call Shannon Eickhoff (Hayden) at 897-9045 if you know the whereabouts of the following: Mike Beckwith, Janet Borkowski, Martin Cobb, Mike Czarnopys, Michelle Gehrett, Julie Geldhof, Tracy Gill, Gregg Gruizenga, Jason Hamilton, Tanya Hobbs, Chris Jarosch, Jerud Joynt, Robyn Koewers and Becky Luna.

NATIVE AMERICAN **ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP**

Lowell Area Historical Museum will present a Native American workshop, ages 8-13, Saturday, July 29, 9-2 p.m. at Wittenbach/Wege Center. Quilling & beadwork, making a leather Indian ball, firebuilding & hunters' skills. \$15 per child. Call 897-7688 to register.

40TH REUNION

Still looking for a few members of the Class of 1966 (Linda Byrne, Noreen Fairbrother, Richard Harvey, Kirk Jefferies, Roberta Kelly, Elwood Wingier, Stan Wingier, Dick Bignall) for the 40th reunion Saturday, July 29 at VFW Hall, 3116 Alden Nash, 3 p.m. - ? \$10/person. Food provided, bring a beverage. Dave Rogers 772-781-7432/email emdar5t1@aol.com or call Janet (Stevens) Boerema at 897-7361.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The first-ever Lowell Relay for Life will be at Lowell Memorial Stadium, noon Friday, Aug. 4 through noon, Saturday, Aug. 5. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society to support research. Contact Elizabeth Males at 364-6121 for information.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Youth and adult actors are needed for "Alice in Wonderland" to be performed Oct. 20-28 at the LPAC. Auditions: Thursday, Aug. 17/Aug. 24 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe. For a script call 897-8545.

20TH CLASS REUNION

The Lowell class of 1986 will have its 20th reunion in the basement of the BOB on Aug. 19. Call Michele at 616-866-7276 or log on to www.lowellmi.net for more information.

RV campground endorsed by city council

By Emma Palova **Contributing Writer**

The Lowell City Council endorsed a proposed RV campground Monday on Rogers property south of town.

torney Richard Wendt, however, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) cannot provide funding for a feasibility study for the park as requested previously by developer Jim Hall.

The city-owned property located at the confluence of the Flat and Grand rivers is outside the DDA boundaries. The DDA tax increment revenues can be used only for expenditures that benefit the defined downtown district.

Pasquale said marketing of the RV park could be part of

Commerce funding.

terms of DDA funding," he town," she said. "Campers struction costs are \$2.5 milsaid. Hall will seek funding from other sources such as the Lowell Community According to city at- Fund and the chamber, as well as endorsement from

the parks and recreation commission. "To me it's not outside of the downtown area," he

said. "It's not a Jim Hall thing and it's not a city council thing. It's a thing for the city."

According to Hall, the park could potentially bring into town 30,000 more visitors annually. These visitors could frequent the museum, as well as the arts council.

City manager Dave he said. "You have a museum and arts here."

the Lowell Area Chamber of Shores backed the proposal for the RV park. "I feel could generate \$200,000 an-"It would be a stretch in it would bring people to nually. The estimated con-

> such as Petoskey own RV parks, according to mayor pro tem Alan Mathews.

If approved, the RV park for water and sewer, cable could tour the Main Street." lion, while the feasibility Other municipalities study cost is between \$5,000 and \$17,000.

site rentals with hook-ups

optional boat launching and docking, police and fire protection, emergency medical services, long-term storage at 4-H grounds, dump sta-The facility would offer tion, and restroom/shower facilities.

Township appoints Blumm as trustee

Bv Dan Schneider

The Lowell Charter Township board had the township trustee, chair of the terms of how it dealt with unfortunate task Monday of township parks commission commercial and retail arselecting a new trustee to fill and the township's deputy eas, and so this was able to their ranks.

to replace Leonard Den her trustee position. "It's very appropriate," Houter, who died June 26.

the same fairness, integ- township's off-street parking hearing on the matter. There Council member Jeanne rity and good judgment that ordinances.

Leonard showed," Blumm said.

treasurer. She will step down strengthen that," said plan-They voted unanimous- from the latter role if it is ning commission chairman ly to appoint Paula Blumm found to be in conflict with Dave Simmonds.

"I will try to serve with a 5-1 vote an update to the February and held a public

is no change to the zoning "We're growing, we're residential districts. Sinexpanding, the old ordiin gle-family houses are still Blumm is a former nance was pretty skimpy in required to have two offstreet parking spaces. "Our emphasis is more for the commercial, retail, things of that nature," Simmonds said. For instance, new re-

The commission be-The board approved by gan work on the updates in

Petition, continued ... *From Page 1*

Vergennes currently licenses. McKay hopes to spirits in the township. get the other license for use in an upscale banquet the question on the ballot election. center he plans to build on and then the people of said while his plan is not vote on whether or not it contingent on the ability should pass," McKay said. to sell spirits, they would business."

"It's simply putting

The deadline for the be "very important to the ballot petition is Aug. 15. The 565 number comes

license" isn't a very good question on the ballot. He laws. The statute states that said. liquor. Arrowhead Golf does not indicate support not less than 35 percent of Prohibition mean it is time hasn't already. Course has one of the or opposition for the sale of the total votes cast for all this question should be To McKay, who has to any potential clients by candidates for Secretary reconsidered of State in the last regular

Lincoln Lake Avenue. He Vergennes Township get to question includes the wording "on the premises" liquor stores in the township, McKay said.

"The phrase is in

"Growth in Vergennes as a banquet manager at map." Township is currently at a high-end resorts in Arizona, The proposed ballot rate where there is a need the commercial district at for this," McKay said.

so as not to allow package that will likely come up banquet facility such as the petition and the result in the future. As of the the one he is proposing. It of the November vote. 2000 census, Vergennes Township had a population

So on June 29, he set from one of the statutes there specifically because, of 3,650. The population could draw business from has two liquor licenses to the task of 565 valid in Michigan's convoluted presumably, it prevents threshold for a third on-Greenville, Belding, Ionia, available, though "liquor signatures needed to put the collection of liquor control package liquor stores," he premises liquor license is Rockford, Cascade and 3,751. That number will Ada term for them since they has emphasized to people such a petition must collect McKay said changing almost certainly be reached don't allow the sale of that signing the petition signatures representing times since the end of by the 2010 census, if it for this market," McKay

> the south end of Vergennes He said it is an issue Township is ideal for a

Pratt, continued ... *From Page 1*

Continued population growth in the city of Lowell and surrounding townships is a factor the district will need to consider in the future, Pratt said.

that I've talked to the board about and that we've its impact on the student already done is initiate the populations. That will help district-wide demographics committee," he said. The committee will

"One of the first things monitor growth within the district and assess inform decisions related to facilities needs and state funding.

Increased use of technology will be necessary in the future, Pratt said. It will be important for the storage and anyalysis of student data, for instance. Pratt's interest in

family background.

"Both my grandfathers he said. were school board members and my dad was a school board member," Pratt said. "I always felt like they were giving back to education."

But after high school, Pratt, who grew up on a farm near Cedar Springs, started studying agriculture at Grand Rapids Community College. A coach he had degree. there noticed he got along well with young people and suggested he look into education as a career field.

"Since that time, I've always aspired to help as many kids as possible." Pratt said.

He seems to live and breathe education even outside of work. While Pratt enjoys fishing with his two young sons, recreational concepts such as summer reading are lost on him. His wife is reading Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code.

"It looks interesting,



Hall proposed two TV and electrical, as well as access points from the Moose property and the Rogers property. The RV campground facility would mainly target Grand Rapids and other communities within 30 miles of Lowell.

tail buildings 25,000 to Township meeting, cont'd., pg. 8

"It's the right location said. "I can give directions several years' experience drawing two lines on a

> But whether the clients will be able to drink liquor at the facility depends on the success of

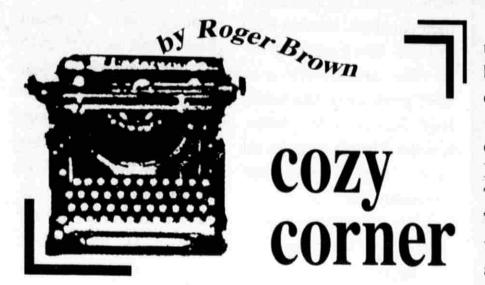
education grew out of his I'd love to read it, I just don't think I'll have time,"

> Currently, he is reading Now, a collection of short articles by educational experts on how to increase academic performance quickly.

His own education is also of importance to him. One of Pratt's major life goals is to attain a doctoral

"The bigger knowledge base I can have for myself, the more I can help kids in our district," Pratt said. "It goes back to setting an example to people in this field that lifelong learning is important for people in education.

classes won't interfere with his superintendent's duties. Maybe by then his



Last week's column brought you up to speed on my quest. My mission: land my 1941 biplane in eleven western River and down the western edge of the St. Louis Airport's states, completing a sixteen-year effort to make at least one Class C control zone. Since my old crate has no electrical landing in all 48 contiguous United States. My reason: your system, no transponder and marginal radio communication, guess is as good as mine.

better. A shower, some coffee, a check of the weather and I preferred to fly down the Mississippi to the Missouri River, was ready to go. The hangar door creaked open in the pre- past the arch and through the city. The FAA would be in dawn stillness at the Lowell Airport. A few last minute items proud possession of my license had I tried that. went in the plane, the pre-flight was completed and the radial engine came to life. I lumbered off from runway 30 with outside of St. Louis, would have to suffice as my start on the the sun coming up behind me in the east. Damn, this was Louis and Clark trail. After fuel and coffee at Washington, exciting!

My first stop was planned way ahead of time. Morris, Illinois, southwest of Chicago, has fuel and a great little to imagine how the Corps of Discovery must have felt as restaurant right on the field. It's a preferred stop on our annual they journeyed into the unknown. Of course, things along treks to the National Stearman Convention in Galesburg, the river have changed dramatically in 200 years, but with Illinois. Admittedly, we stop there more for the homemade some imagination I could picture those guys in their boats pies than for good fuel prices. Yes, I sometimes have pie for with a hunting party ranging on ahead. My old Stearman breakfast.

My route took me over a sleepy southwest Michigan. I time than they did. skirted Lake Michigan at Michigan City, then took a more

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

Upon pulling into my regular Monday morning workout at our YMCA, I immediately noticed that the beautiful, old as good for the environment, as well as water and energy tree which was on the lot just east of the Y and which had conservation. Sadly, when homeowners replace these trees, provided delicious morning shade to YMCA regulars for they are not planting the maples, oaks and walnuts because years had been cut down. Gone! Just ... taken away. Inside, I they are slow growers-they are planting weaker, fast discovered many people were shocked and upset that it had growing trees like pines and locusts. It will take generations last year. A crew working for the War Department is been taken down.

No answer was forthcoming when I contacted the had been a healthy, old tree. Now it is gone.

decision that has a sorrowful impact. That decision-maker, in Lowell and is he/she feeling the pain of its citizens? not being local to this community, has no reason to care, could tell, or that anyone at the offices could tell, either.

I hope this letter will encourage others to consider the Englehardt Library. impact of their actions beyond the borders of their land like this.

Dear Editor,

by the number of mature trees that have been cut down this solutions that won't destroy our beautiful environment? summer. Where a lovely tree stood, the homeowner is left with an ugly stump. I am further offended to see smiley faces on the trees marked to be destroyed. Is Lowell Light and Power or Medco rubbing it in the faces of the property

up the Chicago skyline. It was one of those, "It's great to a couple of hours I was north of Kansas City and angling be alive!" moments that would be repeated again and again back toward the river. It was time to be looking for fuel. I over the next two weeks.

Viewpoint-

or less down the Illinois River in the direction of St. Louis, A routine landing turned out to be my first mishap. Missouri. It's all farms down through that part of the country The patterns of the fields are interesting, if not picturesque. Towns along the river, barge traffic, bridges, trains ... there was always something to see as I cruised along at about a thousand feet over the ground doing something like 90 miles per hour.

This fairly long leg took me across the Mississippi I'm not allowed in this most restrictive airspace. Given my Departure day, Saturday, June 24, couldn't have been goal to follow the Louis and Clark trail west, I would have

Washington, Missouri, a little town on the river and just I was on my way up the river.

It was exciting to be heading up the famous trail, trying may be slow as airplanes go, but I was making much better

It was soon time to divert away from the river to steer westerly course just south of Gary and Chicago. The big clear of Kansas City's Class C airspace. These would be Lake shimmered in the early morning light and the sun lit the only Class C zones I'd encounter for two weeks. After

> E.D.McQueen's new stand barn in the Flat Iron Block, windows and doors painted green, will accommodate 30 owners? The charm of living in the city of Lowell is partly rigs (teams and vehicles). The Lowell Base Ball team due to the mature trees and the shade they provide. The is organized and will play in the field next to the apple new city slogan, "Lowell, The Next Place to Be!" could be drier near the Pere Marquette depot. Keene Center: changed to "Lowell, The City without a Big Tree!" Many of "Mrs. Emerson Davenport took tea Friday night with Mrs. the trees that have been cut down are 75 years or older and Titus." cannot be replaced in my lifetime.

Landscape magazines extol the value of planting trees to replace the trees that were destroyed this summer.

Has anyone considered alternatives to cutting down an company, H&H Management, whose sign announces the entire tree? Can they be trimmed, or lines moved so they land as "available." The tree was the only feature on the do not have to harm the environment or property values? property besides a lovely large grassy lot. It was toward the Is there a citizen committee that has been formed to come back and did not obstruct any view of the land. The stump up with solutions? How have other communities solved this confirms what I already knew: except for one bad branch, it problem? Drive through Marshall, the Ottawa Hills District disputed recount. in Grand Rapids or East Grand Rapids-their trees are alive As seems so sadly common in this day and age, someone and well. It is one of the reasons people want to live in those at H&H's corporate offices in northern Grand Rapids made a areas. Does the person who has ordered this destruction live

Lowell is celebrating its 175th anniversary. We are truly hall during Showboat Week, served by the Auxiliary. I suppose, that others really loved that tree (including the a historic community. One of the visual differences between The Showboat Garden Club petunia tubs are back on robins who nested there for several years). They had the an older community and a new subdivision is its mature Main Street, by popular demand. They were missing last right to cut down the tree, I suppose, but everyone is asking trees. One only has to attend one of the Thursday concerts vear. why? There was no apparent reason for this action that we to see how people value trees - the majority of them are The Kroger store on the bridge will close Saturday and gathered under the beautiful big maple tree alongside the the new one being built at Main and Lincoln Lake will open soon

I would hope that Lowell could be forward thinking in Supt. Of Schools Walter W. Gumser is running for the when they choose to make apparently senseless decisions building "the Next Place to Be." We need to start putting our state legislature. power lines underground where they will be safe from wind Sincerely, and ice storms. I realize this is an expensive venture, but it 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER Kate Dernocoeur Lowell could be phased in over time. How much has Medco been JULY 15, 1981 paid for the damage they have inflicted this summer? From antique farm equipment demonstrations Friday

I am well aware that trees need to be trimmed and power noon to an outdoor square dance Sunday night, the lines need to be protected. However, before our community Sesquicentennial celebration is outlined in Along Main Str endures another season of this kind of destruction, can't Showboat, six nights next week, will star countryeet. While driving along Lowell's city streets, I am appalled reasonable people sit down and come up with reasonable western singer Dottie West.

office will be decorated.

ambitions will be on hold until he gets his feet under him in Lowell and his

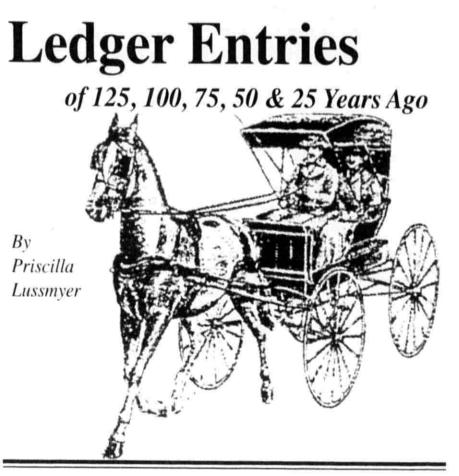
But he said his doctoral

Y2777

Sandy VanStee

picked out a little airport at Cameron, Missouri. I couldn't After food and fuel at Morris, my course took me more help but notice the weather ahead was looking a little "iffy."

Cozy Corner, cont'd., pg. 10



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 20, 1881 Next one: October 5, 1881

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 19, 1906

Sewer diggers find the remains of a young Indian warrior in the bank of the Flat River.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JULY 16, 1931

The Annual Meeting of School District #1 at the Central School shows 585 children, an increase of 13 over here making a survey of the Grand River for floods, water power possibilities, etc. Four county weed control demonstrations are scheduled this month, showing use of chemical weed killers. Vergennes Township supervisor Nellie McPherson appeals her ouster from the county board of supervisors, following her losing by one vote in a

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 19, 1956

Lunch, dinner and snacks will be available at the VFW

The new Directory Assistance number will be 1-555-1212. Add the area code if calling outside this one.

LAAC will have a Flat River Gallery open during Showboat Week in the old Christiansen building, which is To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 9 being remodeled into the Old Town Shopping Mall.



Dr. Michael Conklin, pastor First United Methodist Church

A few years ago on a cold winter's night, my brotherin-law invited me to his cabin in the woods. His cabin is in a wilderness three air-miles from Lake Superior. It was a fifteen mile trek by snowmobile over trails, roads, and access roads that are otherwise inaccessible when there are a few feet of snow on the ground.

When we went to bed that night, he shut the generator down, and stoked up the fire for the night. At two or so in the morning, I found it necessary to step outside the cabin (all plumbing was external), and I was overpowered by what I heard. I listened, and I heard something resembling silence. It was not total silence, because there is really no such thing available to us. The breeze went through the trees, and the deep snow muffled all other sounds. It was ten degrees out, so even the wildlife was silenced in the night. But for seven or eight minutes I listened to a world without mechanical sounds or electrical hums. The full moon was bright, even behind the clouds, and the world around had a kind of soft, even friendly quality.

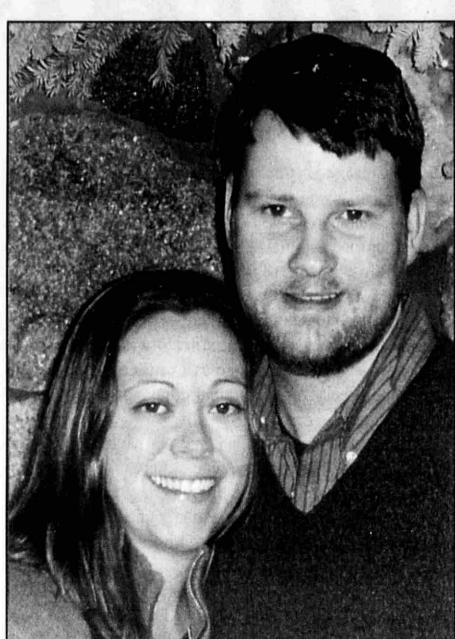
It reminded me of Elijah, his cloak wrapped around him on the mountain, listening for the voice of God. That voice was not heard in the great wind that tore at the rocks, nor in the roaring fire that followed. As one translation puts it, he heard that voice "in the sound of quiet stillness."

It is that voice of quiet stillness that is hard for us to hear anymore. There is so much noise in the background of our lives that silence - stillness - had become the rarest of commodities. Our lives have become so cluttered and full that it is almost impossible for us to heed the Biblical admonition to "be still and know that I am God."

But sometimes, for a moment, we can discover those grace-filled moments when we can enter into that stillness of both heart and life where God's voice can be heard over the noise and bustle of our world. Seven or eight minutes on a cold, snow-covered, and moonlit night, listening to silence, were wonderful minutes. Did I hear God's voice in the silence? Perhaps I did, because it is true that I have taken those precious minutes of silence into my life, and they have nurtured my soul. Most certainly God's voice must have been there!

Everyone is talking about the Ledger!

Don't miss out on all the news!



Shannon Searfoss and Jason Carpenter



JULY 20: Cara Thaler, David Thaler Dave III, Maureen Pawloski, Swift, Beth Berry.

JULY 21: Anchors, Stephanie Dara Carolyn Mercer. Wade, Jeff Gurney, Kelly Tulecki, Alexander Stiles.

JULY 22: Kelly Marie Roth, Laurie Elaine Gregersen, Eric Roth, Eric Shear, Noreen Ellen Dilly. Myers.

JULY 23: Fosburg. Heather Robert Jahnke.

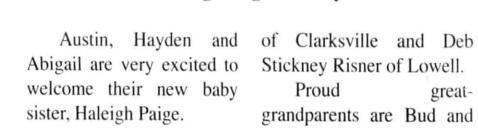
JULY 24: Nathan Bush.

Ella Tuinstra. **JULY 26:**

Fonger, Richard (Dick) Baird, Josh Geldersma,

Nathan Pretzel,

JULY 25:



20 1/2 inches.

Proud parents are Jamie and LouJean Stickney.

in Dykstra Stickney

Get your subscription to Credit Card required with	day! 897-9261 The	secret of staying young ye honestly, eat slowly, a lie about your age. - Lucille Ball (191	nd Ted and LouJean of Ada, Dennis
ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS		DAY BIBLE CHAPEL	IRECT
If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell Across the street from the Vennen Dodge dealership. 897-6284 or 485-4195 10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning Service; 6PM Evening Service; Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.	ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Kirby and Harrison</i> Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship	9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332 Worship9:45 A.M. Sunday School11:00 A.M. Nursery & Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"	CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship10:00 A. M Sunday School11:20 A.M Evening Worship6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship Services8:30 & 10:00 a.m. DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance	ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School	CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Dave Noonon, Asst. Pastor John King, Youth Pastor <i>SUNDAYS:</i> Worship: 10:00 a.m - LIFE Home Groups & "XL" Youth Sunday evenings <i>WEDNESDAYS:</i> Family Night (For All Ages): 7:00 p.m. "XL" Youth: 7:00 p.m.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BERDING 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWIN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCAST
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Worship Service	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour	SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Thurlan Meredith 9:45 A.MWorship/Fellowship 11:15 A.MWorship/Fellowship 11:15 A.MSunday School 897-9863 or 897-9588 Nursery & Children Worship Programs Provided A frienda familya mission!	

Searfoss/Carpenter

Melanie Searfoss of Lowell proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Shannon Ruth to Jason Alan Carpenter. 1997 graduate of Manhattan High School in Manhattan,

and

University.

Stickney

The future groom is the son of Tom and Ann Carpenter of Alto. He graduated from Caledonia High School in 1995 and is The bride elect is a also a Grand Valley State University graduate.

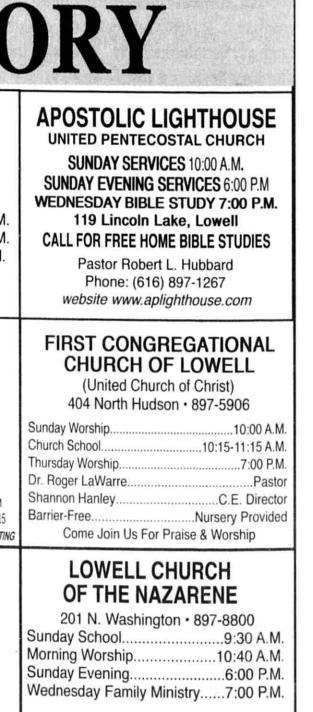
The couple is planning a Kansas. She also graduated September 9, 2006 wedding from Grand Valley State along the shores of Lake Michigan.

rrivals



Haleigh Paige Stickney

Stickney Risner of Lowell. Proud greatgrandparents are Bud and Born on St. Patrick's Lola Stickney of Kentwood, Day, March 17, 2006, at Dorothy Risner of Alto, 4:49 a.m., Haleigh weighed Ollie Risner of Lowell, 8 lbs. 13 oz. and measured Helene Rozell of Grand Rapids and a special greatgrandma Claire Johnson who is her angel from above; parents are also great-great-grandma Stringer of Muskegon.



PASTOR MICHAEL RHODABARGER Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance

Additional funds needed to complete high school memorial deck

By Dan Schneider

School student council hopes to raise about \$5,000 to put finishing touches on the memorial deck recently constructed at the northeast end of the school.

"We're still looking to do some landscaping on the sides and trying to make more of a garden atmosphere instead of just a deck on the hill," student council adviser Jaime Christians said.

planned the deck as a last year's senior class as as finished as possible senior gift to the school. The Lowell High Overlooking woods and the hillside down to Red Local community funds Arrow Memorial Stadium, it is designed as a reflective project, and an anonymous place and dedicated to the memory of Lowell High School students who died \$5,000 will be needed to young.

A red granite monument that will sit next to the stone is shaped and engraved at Lowell Granite Company and awaits installation. The the landscaping completed deck is built and paid for. in the near future. Funds for those portions The class of 2006 of the project came from

well as from freshmen, sophomores and juniors. granted money for the donor gave \$3,000.

Christians estimates pay for the landscaping and a sign telling visitors what the deck is and how it should be treated. He said it is important to get most of "We'd like for it to be as soon as possible and not have it be a work in progress because there's so much energy around it right now," Christians said

A ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Donations to support the project may be made to the Lowell Student Council, earmarked for the memorial fund.

LACF accepting grant proposals

The Lowell Area Community Fund (LACF), a fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation, is accepting grant proposals for its next grant round. All proposals must be submitted no later than Aug. 18 at noon in order to be considered.

Interested organizations may contact Kate Luckert, program director at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 616-454-1751, or download an application from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation web site at www.grfoundation.org/lowell. Applications are also available at Lowell Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, City Offices of Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Englehardt Library, or any Lowell area school.

The LACF awards grants to tax-exempt nonprofit charitable organizations that impact the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation, represent an original start-up effort, are capital in nature, serve a broad segment of the community, yield substantial community benefit, and strengthen agency performance.

Not using it? Unplug it, says Lowell Light & Power

It's not just you who needs a vacation every now and then. Giving your appliances a break can help you reduce your electric

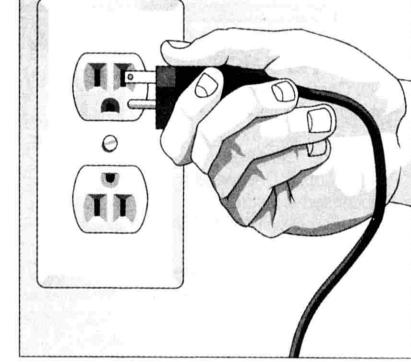
When you pack up for a few days away, remember to unplug your television entertainment sets, equipment, computers, radios, clocks, microwave oven and other appliances. Most of them use some electricity as long as they're plugged in, even if they're turned off.

"Every little bit helps when it comes to conserving energy," says Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light & Power. "It costs nothing to unplug unused appliances,

but the savings can add up to timers so the house if you do it whenever you're doesn't look empty while away on vacation." Lowell Light & Power

offers some other tips for conserving energy at home while you're away:

• Connect a few lights



you're gone, and unplug the rest.

holiday, it would pay to refrigerator and freezer.

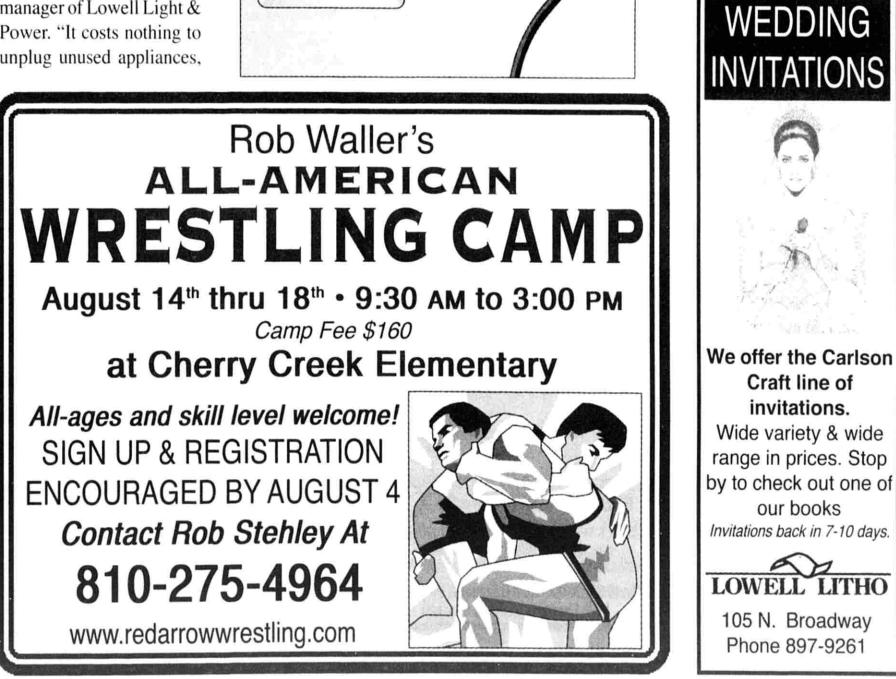
Then you should prop open its door and unplug it. • Switch your water heater to "vacation" setting. • Before taking a long If it's an electric model, turn it off at the circuit panel empty and clean your There's no sense heating water you won't use while you're gone. When you return, turn it back on at least three hours before you want to take a hot shower. • Lower the air

conditioning system's thermostat before you go. It's best not to turn it off though; an empty house that gets too hot and humid invites mold and mildew.

A

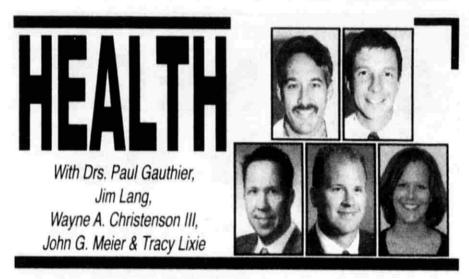
1

m.



THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006 PAGE 7

17277 Land I have any the set of a support



CHICKEN POX

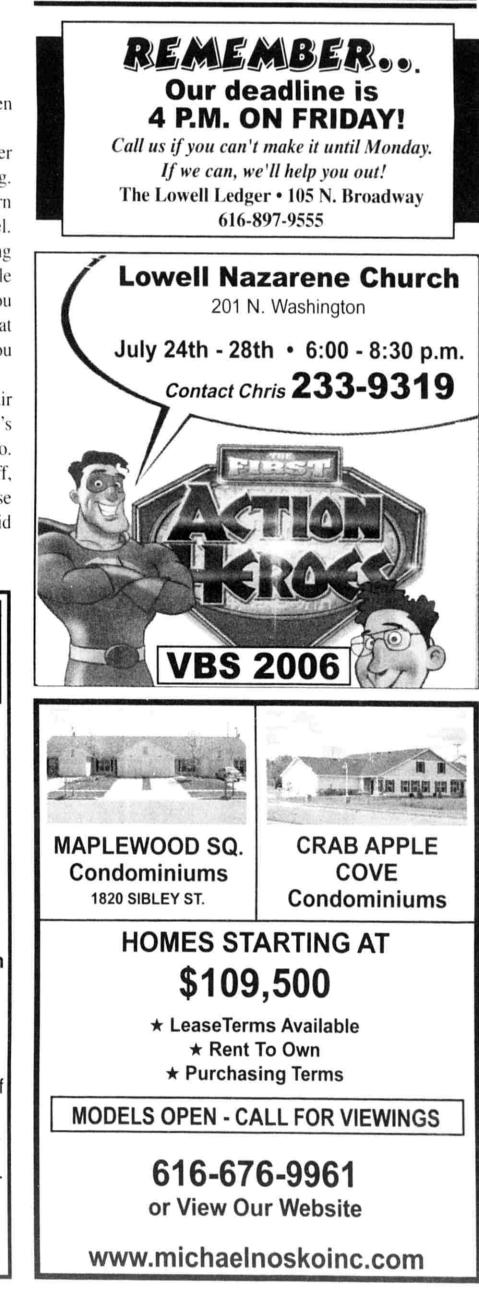
Chicken pox is one of the common viral illnesses seen in children. The number of children with chicken pox has diminished greatly since the introduction of the varicella vaccine.

The rash of chicken pox begins as small blisters on a red base that appear on the trunk or face. The blisters are itchy and over a few days they progress to scabs. New blisters will continue to appear for 5-10 days. There may be a fever, headache and cold symptoms associated with chicken pox.

Chicken pox is highly contagious and is caused by the varicella virus. A virus in the herpes family, it can be spread by direct contact with the skin or by breathing in the virus when you're around someone that is coughing or sneezing. An infected person can spread the virus for 1-2 days prior to the appearance of the rash and until all the blisters have scabbed.

In most cases no treatment is needed. Avoid the use of aspirin due to its association with Reye's syndrome. You can use Tylenol for treatment of fever. Benadryl and oatmeal baths can be used to treat the itching. In some cases serious complications can develop including pneumonia and encephalitis (an inflammation of the brain).

Chicken pox can be prevented with the varicella vaccine. Because serious complications can occur with chicken pox, we recommend the vaccine for all children at age 1. Older children who have not had chicken pox should also be vaccinated.



dedication



Township meeting, continued ... From Page 4

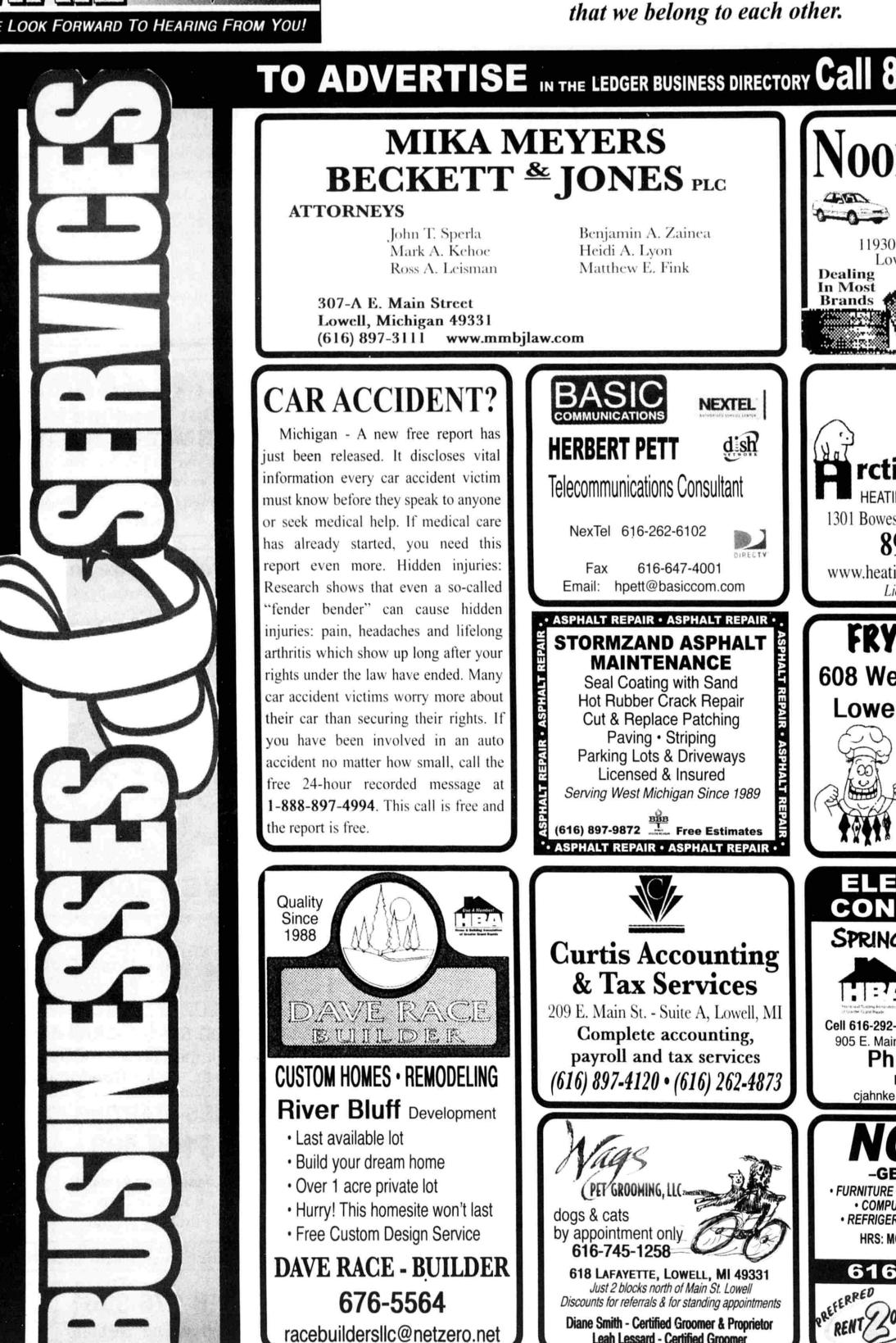
will need to have four parking spaces for every 1,000 feet of usable floor space. "Usable floor space" excludes hallways, storage areas, bathrooms, offices and the like. The updates also set thresholds for numbers of handicapped parking spaces that must be available.

Trustee Carlton Blough, who cast the lone nay vote, objected to the proposed updates on the grounds that while they required parking to be a consideration for all new building construction, they were nebulous where

400,000 square feet in size this would affect farm properties. The ordinance leaves a number of things to the discretion of the zoning administrator, which could lead to parking spaces being illogically required for such farm structures as corn cribs and turkey barns. This is currently unlikely, however, since the zoning administrator, township superviser John Timpson, is himself a farmer.

The board approved quarterly payments of \$10,000 to the Bowne Fire Department for fire protection. Den Houter had played an integral role in negotiating the agreement between the township and the fire department. The board will address other details of the agreement at future meetings, but felt it was important to establish some kind of payments to the fire department.

Trustee Clifford Bonn wanted more information on how the money would be spent before approving a sum higher than \$10,000. He also wanted the agreement to give the department the authority to prioritize drinks.



emergencies on a case-bycase basis. One of the terms in the latest draft agreement required the department to always respond to calls from Bowne Township first if two calls came in at the same time.

The board approved entering into an agreement with Coca Cola to install a beverage vending machine at Grand River Riverside Park on a trial basis. The machine will stock noncarbonated beverages such as bottled water and sports

To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

To the editor,

The Lowell Skate Park Committee was happy to see everyone who stopped by our booth at the Riverwalk Fes- Cabin of Lowell Troop 102. Please take note ... it may tival. It is great to know that we have so much community support in getting the needed BMX/Skate Park for our local kids. We were glad to see Anthony Sickman of Grattan was silent majority, former scouts, speak up now! the winner of the skateboard that we gave away.

that we were not allowed to participate in the parade or hold a skate demo. We were told it was a safety issue. What about for myself I had been den mother in a Cub Scout pack there, the bike stunts, huge trucks, horses, etc.? This would have been a great opportunity for our skaters to make the community aware of their efforts to get this most needed BMX/ for 19 years. Skate Park.

like to help out or has questions, please call Missy at 897-9274 (551-7457) or Mindy at 897-6962 (821-2385.)

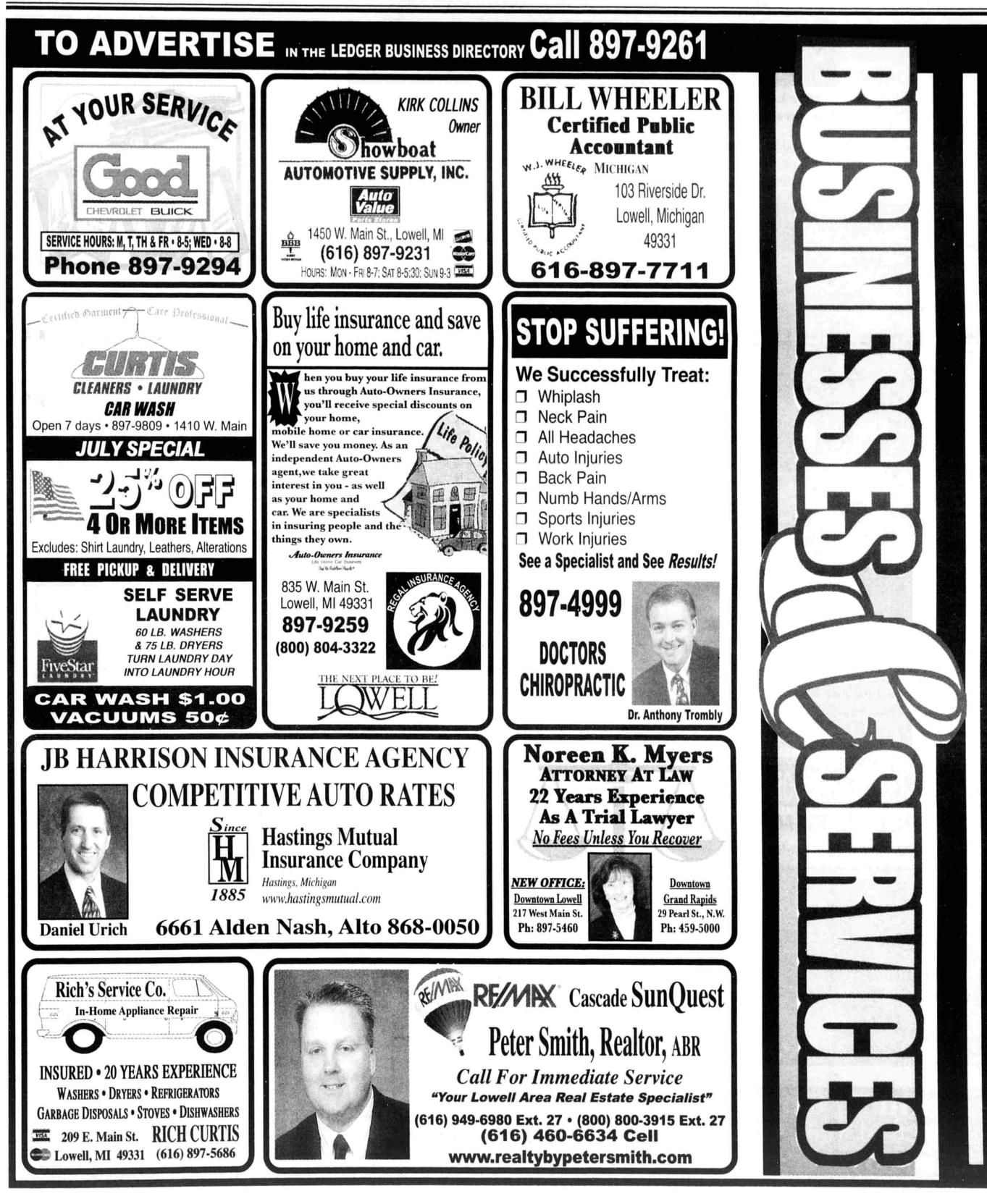
Dear Editor.

become a meeting place surrounded by homes. Oh, yes, in the USA. it hasn't been settled according to the newspapers but you

On a different note, we were extremely disappointed that there was an active Boy Scout Troop 102 (1 son) old enough to join from Chief Okemos Council in Lansing. As so with 3 other sons I became active in the local pack which fed into Troop 102. My husband was treasurer for the troop reside and work locally: dentist, president of King Milling

Again, your support is appreciated. If anyone would officers from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. These were war veteran, etc. I know many others can look back at their weekend camp-outs and we women prepared meals for scouting days as a great time of learning. them. This was a great money-maker for the troop.

Missy Beckhorn/ annual affair. The first one was held on the memorial park toward your Eagle Scout rank. Mindy Oster, ground, grass only. This was for a troop trip to Isle Royale. Lowell Skate Park Committee Two of my sons went.





and the second second

Over the years we were honor guards and guides at Mackinac Island for a week. The governor was always a guest at the awards night bonfire.

Our cabin has been hosts for camp-outs for various In regards to the property surrounding the Boy Scout troops in the Gerald Ford Council. We have joined with Council Troop and gone to Jamborees held in famous places

Many of our leaders of 30 years ago earned the Silver Beaver Award and now have gone on to their eternal reward Our family moved here 42 years ago and I was delighted Bill Nowak, Ed Stormzand Sr., Don Kelly and Chuck Sherman, to name just a few. Through their guidance and direction plus many volunteers and active parents, many of our boys, now men in the community and business world, have been and are successful today. Some of my Cub Scouts owner of Softee Cream, a successful chef, meteorologist, Over the years we put on pistol matches for police police officers, canine police officer, doctor, civil engineer,

You don't have to drive miles to attend. Oh, yes, if you As you know the chicken barbecue has become an are sports-minded, you can do both and earn a merit badge

"Been there, done that" former scout mom. (1 Life - 3 Eagle Scouts) Phyllis Lessens

Cozy Corner, continued ... From Page 5

After landing and during roll out, I was paying more cockpit is something of a challenge. I picked out North attention to finding the turnoff to the fuel pumps than to Omaha Airport as my stop for the night. After four long legs, flying the airplane. An unexpected gust of crosswind lifted some weather issues and a little mishap ... I was ready. me from the right. I over-corrected and ended up scraping

North Omaha turned out to be the perfect spot. Some typical of small airports along my route.

the right wingtip on the pavement. Fortunately, there was nobody around to witness my screw-up. I had brought along a fresh roll of white duct tape to repair the damage.

The airport was deserted but had a credit card fuel system. There was no way to get inside for a look at the weather on a computer, so I fired up and flew west into the lightest area between two black gobs. I was soon hightailing it back to the east after encountering heavy rain, lightning and turbulence. I turned north when I could and skirted the ugly stuff until it looked better to the west. This time I got back on the river and headed off to Omaha.

This trip had been under intentionally

The next thing you know they had the grill fired up and we were having a cookout. No, this hospitality was not listed in the airport directory. But I would soon find that it was quite

I didn't get a six a.m. start. It had rained in the night and I needed to dry out my cockpit cover. I'd promised a guy a ride, and he showed up at 8:00. It was after nine before I'd said my good-byes and headed back up the river. My first goal for the day was a slight diversion. Minnesota was one of the states I needed in my logbook.

Luverne is the closest Minnesota town to the Missouri River that has an airport. I dialed it up on my G.P.S. and began the sixty-mile jaunt into a stiff headwind.

Before I left Lowell, I had purchased one of those maps that you see on travel trailers and motor homes. It's an outline of the United States and you put a colored sticker over each state you have traveled to. I plastered it on the side of my airplane and put the appropriate 37 stickers on before I left. At Luverne I put on number 38 and had a guy at the airport take my picture pointing at the Minnesota sticker on the map. Tacky as the map may seem, it turned out to be a huge conversation starter along the way. One down, ten to go.

Looking at the computer's word count I'm way long for a normal column. I'm also only a day and a half into my trip. At this rate it will take ten or twelve columns to tell the story. I could easily condense things, but there are stories to tell about the scenery, people and places that could fill a book. Let me try to speed things up next week and see how far we get. I promise not to put you through three months of this.

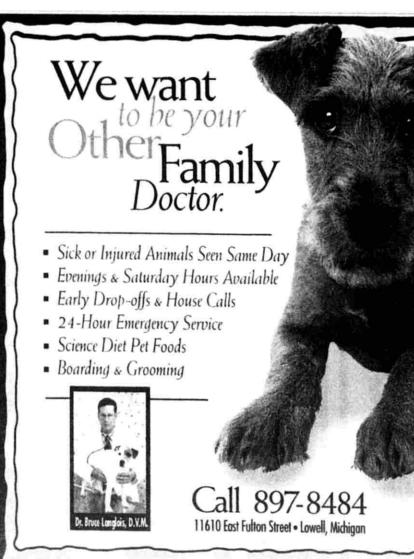


Over Louis and Clark Lake, a reservoir on the Missouri River in South Dakota. This was also day two.

planned. Keeping my options open added to ambiance. airport bums helped me fuel and get tied-down. I asked if However, flying an antique while referring to a large folded it was okay to camp on the field. They insisted I sleep on map and a telephone book-like airport directory in an open the big couch in their clubhouse dubbed, "The Institute."









By Dan Schneider

Moore of Alto now has a year-old age division. To few new nicknames.

is one of them. She can 14-year-old Jane Noval of actually use that one twice. Sacramento, California, a She picked up both titles fellow member of the U.S. at the World Eskrima national team. The match Arnis Championships, July 3 the four judges after the and 4 at Disney World in standard three rounds, so Orlando, Fla. Competing they ordered a sudden death in Arnis, a Filipino martial round, a rare occurrence arts style that utilizes hand- that caused spectators from held weapons, Moore, other rings to gravitate 12, won world titles in toward Moore and Noval's both Traditional Multiple contest. Weapons and Lightweight Double Stickfighting.

"Dolly-bird" was easier to best fight I ever fought." come by. It was given to from Australia, one of 43 each other with whirling countries represented in the strokes of sticks twochampionships.

and Germany, they spoke naturally to the fighters. broken English.'

the language of karate. fighters on their defense and invited her to China to study big statements using that of their counterattacks. The stateside Wushu tournament language at the world judges decided the sudden that she attracted the championships.

Moore won her gold medal Multiple Weapons (also fractured rib, but refused to Arnis under Jornales, who known as "forms") in the 12- back down after coming all teaches in Holland. to 13-year-old age group. that way. In forms, competitors are movements using different me and my sponsors," team were six of Jornales hand-held weapons. Her Moore said. "That really students from Michigan. scores from five judges, gave me the courage to go with the highest and lowest on." thrown out, averaged 8.5

out of 10. Lightweight Double championship. Stickfighting is a full-

contact event. Moore Karate kid Mariah competed in the 12- to 17win her gold medal in that "World Champion" event, she had to defeat Federation was too close to call for

"I really respect Jane, she was a great fighter," The other nickname, Moore said. "That was the

Both fighters wore full her by karate competitors body cladding, attacking and-a-half feet long. To a "I've met people from casual observer, the fight Italy, Germany, all over looked wild and frenzied, hard work finally paid off," the world," Moore said particularly Moore's high- Moore said. after returning to Alto. intensity performance in to interact with them. But the movements were Roken style with sensei

death round on gut feeling. attention of Grand Master

judged on their execution it for not only myself, but championships. Among the various prescribed everybody who supported 42 members of the U.S

rib, it felt good to win the said Mariah's father, Randy

"It felt like all my



Mariah Moore, left, with her family Margie Moore, Randy Moore and younger brother Noah Moore. Not available for the picture is her older sister, Ocean Moore.

"Sometimes it was hard the sudden death round. age 8, studying the Japanese The people from Italy so practiced as to come Aaron Bailey in Lowell. from Later, at a karate camp, For the first three Moore caught the eye of for the U.S.," Jornales said. long road to the world But they all understood rounds, the judges scored the Grand Master Wu Bin, who "I'm really proud of them. championships. She started And Moore made two the strength and accuracy Wushu karate. It was at a Moore came out of the Bong Jornales. For the past in Traditional third round with at least one two years, she has studied

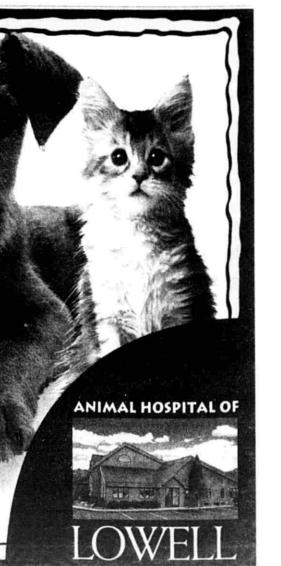
> Jornales' students were "I really wanted to do well-represented at the world

"That speaks a lot to Grand Master Bong Despite the fractured Jornales and his teaching," Moore.

She started karate at six gold and five silver discipline. medals.

Michigan, brought in many medals







we

things they did."

Moore traveled

Including Moore's two They demonstrated really at the regionals held in golds, they brought back good sportsmanship and Milwaukee in October, 2005. In February, she "They have to be proud advanced out of the national "For a small group of themselves for the great competition, also held in Milwaukee. In the days

> Karate champ continued, pg. 14

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax -897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

JULY/AUGUST

THURS., JULY 20: 12:45 p.m. Cascade Winery/Pals Diner. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

COMING EVENTS

THURS., JULY 20: The Sea Cruisers at Riverwalk Plaza. sizzlin' summer concert, 7-9 p.m.

FRI., JULY 21: Cannonsburg Picnic Pops, 6 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

SAT., JULY 22: Lowell Youth Football League Sign-up 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Burch Field. Call 897-7896. Birth certificate required for all new members. Also July 25, 27, and Aug. 3 from 6-8 p.m.

SAT., JULY 22: Ionia Free Fair Parade. Walk your dog to promote Ionia County Animal Shelter, owner/pet wear red. Lineup: 9:30; Parade 11 a.m. Line up is #77. Call 642-3874 or 527-9040 for more information.

MONDAYS

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

3RD MON .: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room. Canceled for July/August. Will resume Sept 18.

3RD MON .: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets in the Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St.at 7 p.m. Does not meet during the summer. Wil resume in September.

4TH MON .: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY OTHER MON .: The Lowell Area Juggling Club meets in the Community room at Englehardt Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ages 12 or older. No dues. Call 897-9879.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt. or stop by M. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th.10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing are available

TUESDAYS

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

Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Clarence Whittum at 897-8194 after 11 a.m.

Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hour before meeting. 800-651-6000.

Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555. Active September thru April only.

1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

2ND TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

MON., JULY 24: Fellowcraft Degree for candidates in lodge room of Masonic Lodge, 211 E. Main, Belding. Lodge #355 serving Belding, Lowell, Ionia. Practice: 6 p.m.; degree at 7 p.m.

WED., JULY 26: Traveling Breakfast Fresh Start Cafe at 8:30 a.m.; Farmers' Market at 12:45 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., JULY 26: Concert tickets for Hank Williams Jr. Call 642-6751 bet. 7:30-9 p.m. to find out how to win a pair of tickets for \$5 while supporting ACS Relay for Life in Lowell. Drawing July 20.

FRI. & SAT., AUG. 4-5: Relay for Life at Lowell Memorial Stadium at Lowell High School, noon to noon. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society. Call Elizabeth Males at 616-364-6121 for information.

TUESDAYS

1ST TUES .: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 897-5449 for information.

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

2ND & 3RD TUES .: New facility: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.gua-ke-zik.org. New members welcome.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Fallasburg Park, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, Rapids. 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, All are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Marv School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES .: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588.

TUES./THURS.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking

WEDNESDAYS

Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 7:30 p.m. N. Hudson St.

Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn 6:30 - 8 p.m. Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club at Schuler's Book- S.E. at 3 p.m. store, 28th St. anytime between 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED .: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

2ND WED .: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

2ND WED .: Lowell Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids.Dorothy 897-9794

> 3RD WED .: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE anytime bet. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For nfo. 1-800-651-6000.

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

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. and Sun.1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m.. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY : Mon. - Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri .: 9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

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

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./ Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

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

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

EVERY THURS .: Alcoholics for Christ. - 12 step Recovery Group for alcoholics, drug addicts & family members. 7 p.m. at Impact Church House, Norh Hudson St. Call Paul at 527-7796 for information. Family members may call Erin at 527-7796.

EVERY THURS .: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing.

1ST THURS .: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand

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

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield, 868-6371.

2ND & 4TH THURS.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

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

2ND THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at

2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library

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

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

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

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

1ST & 3RD FRI .: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

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

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

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

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

SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public weicome

THURSDAYS

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UPS Summer Dates:

July 22, 10am - 2pm; July 25 & 27, 6pm - 8pm; August 3, 6pm - 8pm **AT BURCH FIELD**

We will no longer be providing Black Game Pants We will be selling all of our Game Pants at The Summer Sign-ups

ALL NEW PLAYERS MUST BRING A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE! one that LYFL can keep

Phone: 897-7896

www.eteamz.com/lyfl • email: lyfl99@aol.com

FLAG FOOTBALL

AN CA

Ages 4-7 Must be 4 years old by Nov. 1

Flag Football is a fun way to teach basic football fundamentals.

4 & 5's will play on Monday Nights 6 & 7's will play on **Tuesday Nights Cost: \$25 T-shirt included**

YOUTH FOOTBALL & 78ers*

8 YEARS OLD TO 8TH GRADE Must be 8 years old by Nov. 1

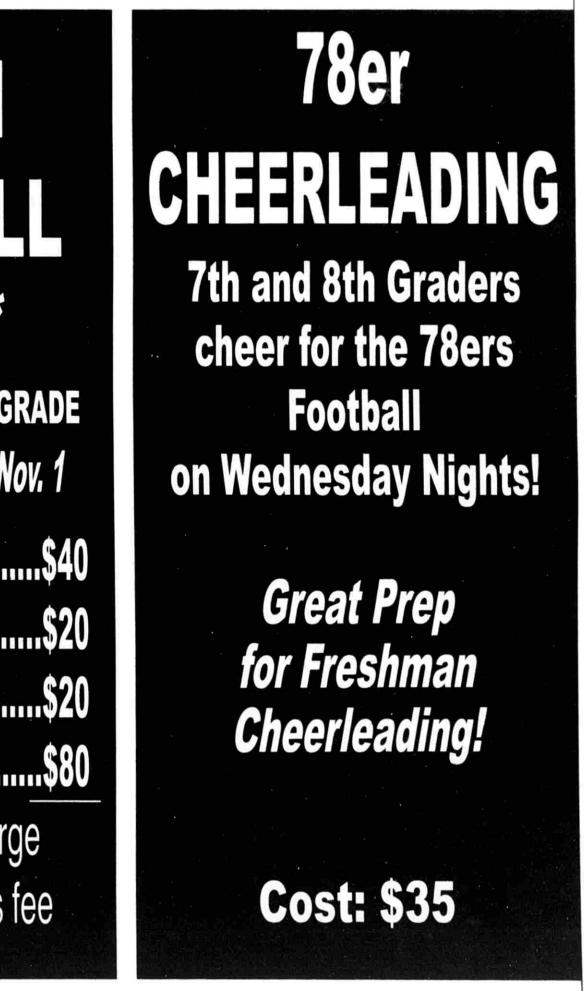
Registration Fee.....\$40 Helmet Rental:\$20 Shoulder Pads.....\$20 Total Cost.....\$80 *An additional charge

of \$10 for 78er bus fee

Financial Assistance Is Available Upon Request

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006 PAGE 13





Karate champ, continued ... From Page 11

leading up to the world received, which helped her world-class coaches Grand been very helpful to her, championships, she trained turn years of early-morning Master Bong and sensei as well. After her return, three to five hours a day, six practice sessions into Aaron Bailey," Moore the stretch of Alden days a week.

Moore is grateful for the instruction she has I am today without my in Lowell and Alto have congratulating her.

international karate gold.

"I couldn't be who

said

Nash Avenue from 196 People and businesses to Alto had several signs

community,"

entrance fees and other expenses for the trip to money.

"She

support

tremendous

yet. The 2008 world in the Philippines.

harder and when the two

The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault. - Henry Kissinger (1923 -)





Lowell Pizza Hut 2050 W Main St, Lowell 897-0700

Hours: Sun. - Thurs. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN OF THE AUGUST 8, 2006 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the Township of Grattan on August 8, 2006, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Local Time, to vote on the following **Ballot Proposition:**

MILLAGE PROPOSITION.3577 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES RESTORATION OF PAST HEADLEE REDUCTIONS

Shall the Township of Grattan property tax rate limitation be increased, and shall said increase be levied on taxable property in the Township, in the amount of .3577 mill (\$.3577 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law?

The purpose of the millage levy is to offset decreases in the Township's allocated operating millage levy as a result of the Headlee Amendment. Property tax revenues generated by this millage levy will be used for general Township operations. It is estimated that a levy of .3577 mill would provide revenue of \$50,645 in the first calendar year. Revenues from the millage will be disbursed to the Township of Grattan.



List of Polling Place Locations:

Grattan Township Hall Precinct 1:

12050 Old Belding Road

Precinct 2:

Fire Station 12134 Old Belding Road

The following is the statement of the Kent County Treasurer, given as provided by Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1933, as amended:

Statement of Kent County Treasurer as to Voted Increases

I, Kenneth Parrish, Treasurer of Kent County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of June 2, 2006, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, is as follows:

Unit	Voted Increases	Years Effective
By Kent County:	IIIB4 Mill	1990 to 2009, inclusive
By Belding Area Public Schools:	18.00 Mills D.00 Mills	1999 to 2018, inclusive 1996 to 2026, inclusive
By Rockford Public Schools:	18.00 Mills .00 Mill .00 Mill .94 Mill .94 Mill .88 Mill .88 Mills	2000 to 2009, inclusive 2004 to 2023, inclusive 1990 Unlimited 1992 Unlimited 1996 Unlimited 1997 Unlimited 1997 Unlimited
By Lowell Public Schools:	18.00 Mills	2001 to 2006, inclusive
Dated: June 12, 2006		/s/Kenneth D. Parrish

/s/Kenneth D. Parrish Kenneth D. Parrish Kent County Treasurer

This Notice is given by authority of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

> Lana Green, Clerk Township of Grattan

amoun the from her said mother, Margie Moore. It helped pay her

Cebu in the Philippines and defend my title," she said. For inspiration, she will look to her role models

God, Bruce Lee and Wendy Wiggers-Jornales. "I look up to her

(Wendy) because one. Florida. Pop can drives she's a girl and not very were one way she raised many girls are into karate and she's done so much," Moore is not done Moore said.

Lee inspires her to championships will be held always push herself further. "He is the person who

"In the next two years has gone the farthest in I'm going to train even martial arts and whenever l have doubts, I think, 'would years is over, I will fly to he quit?" Moore said.

New Price Buster Pizza! The new money-saving value pizza from Pizza Hut. Ready in just 10 minutes. Call us or stop by today and order one. Or two. At this price, why not?



City moves toward final annexation agreement

Land I.

By Emma Palova **Contributing Writer**

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale received a Commission will meet nod from the council to move Thursday, July 27 to receive ahead with negotiations an update for the final

agreements with Vergennes three municipalities. The annexation petition to the urban services to the 300and Lowell townships for Cook property is a 177-acre State Boundary Commission the Cook property.

for PA 425 and inter local agreements between the Development filed an

parcel located in Vergennes to have the property located The State Boundary Township on the southeast in Vergennes Township corner of Alden Nash and annexed into the city of Vergennes Road.

Summer safety tips for pets

in direct sunlight.

sunshine and fun for both pet owners and their animals. Unfortunately, it can also present circumstances that water for pets. According lower its body temperature. danger.

The Michigan Veterinary Medical Association suggests all pet owners follow safety measures to ensure a safe drinking to regulate its body summer for their pets.

• Owners who travel with pets in their car on extremely hot days put their animals at risk. Dogs and cats cannot perspire. They can only dispel heat through the pads on their feet and by panting. Pets left alone in hot cars for even a short period of time can suffer from heat exhaustion.

brain damage, and even death. Even i the car is parked in the shade, the temperature inside can reach up to 120 degrees in only a few minutes.

Karlene Belyea. executive director of the MVMA advises.

"It is best to keep your pet safe, hydrated, and temperature and prevent cool at home whenever you are on the road."

• If a pet must be left outside during the day, it should be in an enclosed, shady area to help it stay cool.

• Never tie a pet to a purple tongue. fence or tree. If a dog twists

may place domestic pets in to Belyea, "Hydration is the Sporadically dab its head, will provide for the division most important factor for neck, and chest only with of municipal powers between the development will pay Pasquale will meet with

Summer can provide its leash around, it will often overheated, move it to the a framework for bind itself and end up stuck shade as soon as possible and apply cool (not cold) water "I would like to show our Provide plenty of on its body to gradually good faith in the process." keeping pets safe and healthy cold towels or ice packs. the three entities. The term the same rates as the city Wittenbach on July 31 in during summer months. It is Allow it to drink some water of the agreement is for 10 crucial that your pet always or lick ice cubes. After this is years with a review after five has water and is constantly done, immediately take it to years. Under the agreement, process toward reaching the Washington St. a veterinarian.

· When exercising a pet, take special care with older dogs, shortnosed dogs, and dogs not accustomed to running. Start slowly and take frequent breaks for water. Limit exercise to early mornings

Remember that asphalt can

around a pool or lake.

get very hot midday and

• Always supervise a pet

For questions and

Association at 517-347-4710

or evenings.

are Andrew Jacquelyn Benedict. Karl Bouwhuis, Matthew Brown,

Sterk. average.

Several local students have been named to the Albion College dean's list for the spring 2006 semester. From Lowell are Kristin Befus, William Harrison, Jennifer Wagner and Stephanie Wagner. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point

• If the animal appears or visit www.michvma.org.

of heat stress. They may

include heavy panting,

glazed eyes, rapid pulse,

• Know the indications injure an animal's feet.

unsteadiness, staggering, more information call the

vomiting, or a deep red or Michigan Veterinary Medical

heat stress."

Regular Meeting of July 10, 2006

REPORTS -

Media Center Report Christine Beachler, Director of Library Media Services, A. Food Service Fund gave a year end presentation showing the activities, B. Athletic Fund projects and statistics for the six school libraries. She 1990 Debt Fund reported that the community has shown tremendous 2000 Debt Fund support for Lowell Area Schools and that the libraries 2004 Debt Fund received donations valued at \$73,061 during the 2005-06 2004 Construction Fund

school year. **Energy Education**

Mike Bitar from Energy Education presented a plaque to Danielle Vescolani Lowell Area Schools indicating that the district has Special Ed (AI) Teacher Consultant - part-time achieved a 38 percent cost savings totaling \$1,043,204 in Nathan Fowler 29 months since forming the strategic alliance with Energy Middle School Administrative Intern Education, Inc., a national energy conservation company. ACTION ITEMS -

The Board accepted the following gift:

• Theresa Doll donation of Hooked on Phonics Master Reader valued at \$350 to be used by the Murray Lake Special Ed.

CONSENT ITEMS – Approved/adopted were:

Minutes for June 12, 2006 Regular Meeting, June Board.

GENERAL FUND SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

New Hires

 Appointment of Richard Jean on the Parents' Advisory for Special Education (P.A.S.E.) for 2006-07 **<u>BUDGET UPDATE</u>** – Connie Gillette reported that there has been agreement in concept that the State Aid will increase by \$210 plus some equity dollars to close the student foundation allowance gap between districts. Once the state aid is finalized Connie will report this to the

19, 2006 Special Meeting and Closed Session, June 26, <u>CURRICULUM UPDATE</u> – Greg Pratt reviewed the Responsibility • Respect • Caring • Trustworthiness 2006 Special Meeting, and June 26, 2006 Board Workshop high school MEAP spring scores for reading, writing, • Fairness • Citizenship

Lowell. DuRay's request was Last year, DuRay turned down, and the three municipalities were directed to work more diligently on a PA 425 agreement

> "I'd like to see concurrence from the city council that we did the diligence for providing the agreement," said Pasquale. The proposed agreement the city will provide all

unit development.

12991

Vergennes Township will oversee land use planning, building, code and zoning enforcement, as well as voting in the annexed area.

An urban services review board will be established to oversee the effectiveness of the agreement.

A separate agreement between the city of Lowell and Lowell Township will outline provisions for water and sewer services to the development area. Under DenHouter. this agreement, residents in residents.

The long difficult

final agreements between the parties was mediated by Joe VanderMeulen. executive director of the Land Information Access Association.

Representing the city were council members Jeanne Shores and Jim Pfaller, along with city manager Dave Pasquale. Vergennes Township was represented by supervisor Tim Wittenbach and clerk Mari Stone. Lowell Township was represented by supervisor John Timpson and the late trustee Leonard

other business, In regards to the annexation of two acres on North

College News

Michigan average of 3.5 or above at the Central

list a student must earn a

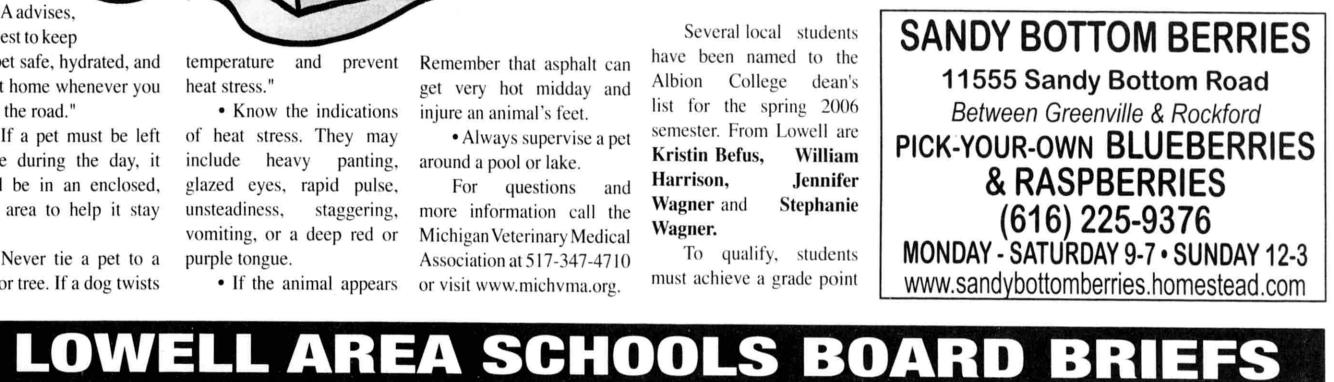
University has announced completion of the semester. its spring semester honors This GPA is based on at Paarlberg. least three units in graded From the Lowell area courses and a minimum of Benedict, four units completed.

To be included on this average on a 4.0 scale.

From Lowell 3.5 or higher grade point **Rebekah Woods** and Audrey Converse.

From Alto are Amanda Danielson and Matthew

Seth Thomas Hay, of Lowell, participated in a commencement ceremony Hope College recently on May 6 in recognition of Casey Eng, announced its dean's list completing requirements Jeremy Goff, Rachel Swift for the second semester of for degrees at Kendall and Lyndsey Trierweiler. the 2005-06 school year. College of Art and Design From the Alto area are To be named to the dean's of Ferris State University. Samantha Pleva and Jessi list, a student must have a He received a BFA in visual minimum 3.5 grade point communication digital media and achieved academic are honors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.



• The following payment of bills for June 2006: \$1,218,366.69

> \$74,958.55 \$6,551.65 \$900.00 \$ 275.00 \$500.00 \$ 9,609.00 \$70,180,48

ELA, math. science, and social studies. Other than social studies the Lowell Area Schools was above state and ISD scores.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt thanked staff members for helping him with his transition to Lowell. He and his family enjoyed the Riverwalk Festival, and he especially enjoyed sitting in the dunk tank. He will be working with the Board in establishing priorities and goals for the district. District policies and regulations along with curriculum and programs will be reviewed. Greg is looking forward to getting to know the staff, students, parents and community members and said he is excited to be at Lowell.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Regular Board Meeting - Monday, August 14, 2006 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI – 7:00 p.m.

Board Workshop - Monday, August 28, 2006 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI - 5:30 p.m. Please visit our web page at www.lowellschools.com

We Value:



plan for protecting our precious Great Lakes

With Senator Carl Levin

We in Michigan have a special bond with the Great Lakes. They are the source of our drinking water, they are a major source of our recreation and tourism, they are home to bountiful fisheries, and they give us a safe and efficient mode of transportation.

As magnificent as they are, however, the Great Lakes face a number of challenges. Industrial discharges and toxic substances have polluted the tributaries leading to the lakes, filling the sediment at the bottom with dangerous contaminants. These pollutants threaten the health of both humans and wildlife.

Water quality is also an ongoing struggle. High bacteria levels in the lakes impact our drinking water and fish consumption, and every year some beaches are closed temporarily when water conditions threaten our health. The bacteria count is exacerbated by low water levels, which also put a strain on Great Lakes businesses, including marinas and fisheries, and recreational water use.

Additionally, more than 160 non-native species have invaded the Great Lakes watershed - approximately one new organism every eight months - and have disrupted the native wildlife, competing with the native species for food and habitat. These invasive species enter the lakes in ballast tanks, on boat trailers, and through the Chicago Ship and

in damage. Invasive species cause disruptions in the food will hopefully be adopted by the full Senate. chain, and are now causing the decline of certain fish. One study found that, since 1990, Lake Michigan's yellow perch population has decreased by about 80 percent.

that future generations can continue to enjoy their splendor. treasure.

coordinating the many groups, governments, and interests that loophole and will provide some relief to these hard-hit involved. In 2004, governors, mayors, congressional leaders, businesses. executive officials and representatives of tribal governments which was released in 2005.

that would put into law many of the collaboration's recommendations. recommendations. These include requiring technologies that wildlife habitats. Two of the bills we introduced - the Great - deserve no less. Lakes Fish & Wildlife Restoration Act and the Great Lakes

Sanitary Canal. Zebra mussels, which are one of the more Coordination and Oversight Act - have been approved by pervasive non-native species, cause \$500 million per year the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee and

To help address concerns about Great Lakes small businesses whose livelihoods are threatened by low water levels, I was able to include a provision in the National These issues are difficult and costly to address, but it is Defense Authorization Act for the 2006 fiscal year to ensure our responsibility to protect and restore the Great Lakes so that all such small businesses have access to low-interest loans through the Small Business Administration. Previously, We are but temporary stewards of this unique national the SBA only provided assistance to small businesses whose income is tied to farming and agriculture. This provision -Part of the challenge in restoring the Great Lakes has been known as the Small Business Drought Relief Act - closes

With each of these efforts, we are moving in the right agreed upon a framework to guide the collaboration process direction, but there is still so much to be done. A bill to and designed a strategy for the Great Lakes. This group implement ballast technology on ships entering the Great consulted with more than 1,500 people as part of the Great Lakes, which would significantly reduce invasive species, Lakes Regional Collaboration to develop an action plan, has languished for four years without Congressional action. The Corps of Engineers still does not have the authority it The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration has done much needs to carry out the full dispersal barrier project in the of the needed legwork, but the challenge of implementing Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal. And the Administration's their recommendations still lies ahead. I have worked with fiscal year 2007 budget proposal failed to include funding Senate colleagues of both parties to introduce legislation for almost all of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's

The blueprint devised by the Great Lakes Regional would reduce the introduction of new invasive species into Collaboration is an excellent pathway toward cleaner, the Lakes; providing funding for cleanup of contaminated healthier waters and wildlife. But we need to follow through sediments; providing additional resources to states and on it by taking the steps it calls for and more. Our precious cities for water infrastructure; and helping to restore fish and lakes - which sustain us, carry us, and take our breath away

Financial Focus



With Christopher C. Godbold Edward Jones Serving Individuals Investors Since 1871

HOW WILL YOU PAY FOR **HEALTH CARE WHEN YOU RETIRE?**

When you retire, some of your regular expenses are going to go down. But others are going to go up - and topping the "going up" list is health care. Well before you retire, make sure you've got the resources necessary to deal with those doctors' visits and prescription drugs.

How expensive will health care be for you during your retirement years? Here's a number to consider: A 65-yearold couple retiring today will need, on average, \$200,000 set aside to pay for medical costs in retirement, according

to a recent study by Fidelity Investments. And this number doesn't even include the cost of over-the-counter medicines. most dental procedures and, most importantly, long-term care (such as in-home health care or an extended stay in a nursing home).

Of course, the \$200,000 figure is just an average; your costs may be considerably different. For example, you might have retiree health coverage from your former employer, although this seems to be becoming less likely, given the fact that more and more companies are scaling back on precisely these benefits.

To prepare yourself for the six-figure sums you might need to pay for health care, consider these suggestions:

 Stay healthy. Obviously, you can neither prevent all illnesses nor suspend the natural aging process. However, by eating right, exercising regularly and reducing stress, you can improve your health and possibly reduce the odds in place. of incurring high medical costs in retirement.

• Contribute to a Health Savings Account (HSA). If you have access to this type of plan at work, consider

using it. Your money has the potential to grow tax deferred, and you can withdraw funds from your account tax free, provided withdrawals are used for qualified medical expenses. Keep in mind, though, that the contribution limits to HSAs are relatively low, so your savings will probably not grow enough to cover all, or even most, of your medical costs. Yet, every dollar can help.

Plan ahead for long-term care. If you are fortunate, you will never have to enter a nursing home or require the services of a home health care professional. Still, you never know. People who reach age 65 have a 40 percent chance of entering a nursing home, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - and in some areas, just one year's stay in a nursing home can easily cost \$100,000. To avoid incurring these catastrophic expenses, consider putting a long-term care protection plan

 Boost your savings. It's easier said than done, but try to put away as much as you can while you're working. Fully fund your IRA each year, and put as much as you can afford into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you "max out" on your IRA and 401(k), you might want to invest in an annuity, which provides the potential for tax-deferred growth of earnings and can be structured to pay an income stream that you can't outlive. No one can predict the future. But by recognizing the likely costs of health care during your retirement years, and by taking the steps necessary to deal with these expenses, you can hopefully avoid some unhealthy surprises down

the road.





Skeet shooters hit their mark and win national championship

and .

The Kent County Conservation League scholastic first place (the national Arizona, the Red Mountain finished behind the Thomas Wackers, took third place teams finishing in the top skeet and sporting clays championship) in the senior teams brought home novice division, hitting 570 hit 563 of 600 targets. hardware from the Scholastic of 600 targets. That team Clay Target Program consisted of Josh Kleczynski clays, the team of Kleczynski, Skeet and Sporting Clays of Lowell, Zachary Hoover Tristan Easlick of Gowen Championships held over of Ada and Javon Brown of and Tony Mulder of Ada the weekend in Rochester, Wyoming. They finished took second place, hitting New York.

well tended.

In senior novice sporting 600 targets.

The skeet team took ahead of a team from 529 of 600 targets. They team, the Island Lake Clay championships, with six Target Terminators, which County Sharpshooters of Georgia, which hit 542 of A

Summer vacation plans should include plant care

You're going vacation, but that doesn't mean your lawn, garden and houseplants will be on "hold" while you're gone. Grass will still grow, produce will caretaker, ripen, weeds will try to stage water a takeover and houseplants will get dry.

If you're going to be gone a week or less. your plants will

probably get along without you just fine. This assumes no catastrophic weather events. which would probably wreak havoc whether you were home or not.

Prepare plants for a

short absence by weeding indoor plants before you Quarantining them away everything that's ready. mowing the lawn and thoroughly houseplants.

The ideal harvest the garden and mow growing in bright light. the lawn. That same person could put out the trash and been moved outdoors for the anything that's ready. This retrieve the container, collect summer should be moved will keep plants such as the newspaper, open and back inside. Outdoors, they cucumbers, snap beans,

and mulching, harvesting leave and put them together from other indoor plants in a shower or bathtub and is a good idea, in case an cover them with a sheet outbreak occurs before you watering of plastic to hold moisture get home again. around them. They will solution manage this way for some someone or several people to a longer getaway is a time, especially if light levels to help you harvest the knowledgeable person who are low. In dim light, plants vegetable garden than to will come to your home, grow less vigorously and so weed it. So knock the weeds tend to your houseplants, need less water than plants back and mulch heavily

close curtains, park a car in will be likely to dry out and summer squash and peppers

house look occupied and by vandals. Be sure to check them for pests and treat any If you can't arrange for a problems that you see before while you're gone.

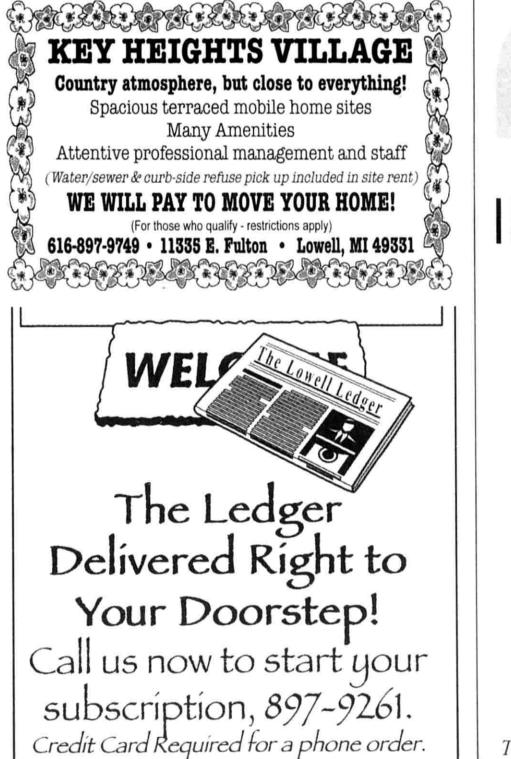
y o u

on the driveway, turn lights on may be damaged by storms producing and minimize the encourage branching and and off - in short, make your or carried off or destroyed amount of overripe or rotten renewed flowering after you produce that will accumulate return and attract garden pests

leave. deadheading - removing before you leave and take signs of bacterial wilt and faded blossoms and seed necessary control measures, other potential problems so heads - should be pruned such as removing Colorado you don't return to a major before you leave, even if the potato beetle larvae and eggs plant disease outbreak. timing isn't ideal. This will and small tomato hornworms

It's often easier to find before you leave, then invite Houseplants that have friends to stop in and harvest









TAXAN CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR OF A

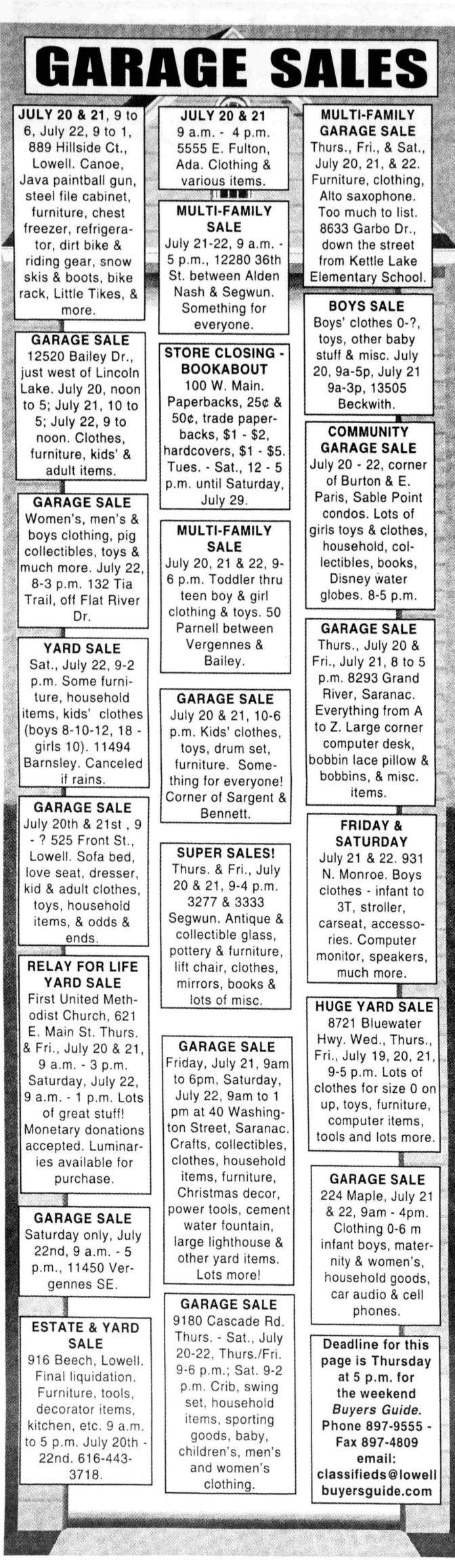
in the senior experience three of their respective sporting clays division. divisions. Georgia and Virginia was the state with the Arizona each claimed four third Michigan most success at the national top-three finishes.

Insects won't take a vacation just because you Remove already harvested Flowersthatbenefit from do, so check the garden

from plants, and spraying cabbage and related plants with Bacillus thuringiensis to control cabbage worms. plants, cucumbers showing

We cannot command Nature except by obeying her.





sound The Ledger "Almost" 2 Anything -140 Ŷ Goes Column www.lowellbuyersguide.com Or CALL...897-0787 How can Lowell be the Listen to Mugglecast. "Next Place to Be" if No theory is safe. I'm already here? Hundreds of years of The "Boogie Woogie history, and a wonderful Babies" performance was historic looking neighborhood, now down really great - those gals the drain thanks. Now our sing good! Hope they neighborhoods look like come again next year. your average GR suburb. Regarding the little league this year... I do volunteer Smiley faces on ancient and help out all the time... trees that are being led to the slaughter? I was referring to the board being unorganized! Twisted sick people you are. Great job on the Riverwalk Raise my property value? Festival, Liz Baker! So Yes because a dead stump many people commented looks so much better on how great everything than a magnificent tree. was especially the pa-It may have been rade! You are the best! disappointing not seeing the marching bands in the Why do the most parade, but it's ridiculous things continually get printed in their summer too.

Sound Off, but when there is something legitimate about our coaches who influence our kids, it doesn't get published?

I think Dick DeVos has it

wrong. He's not the "job

maker" he's the "job taker"

the ones left are temporary

with no benefits.

I have Consumers and my

trees were trimmed for their

lines. They only cut what

was absolutely necessary.

Lowell Light and Power is

awesome! Our neighbor-

hood lost power at 11:30

one night and it was back

on within the hour!

The Marching Bands were

enioving the summer. Per-

sonally I wouldn't want to

rehearse for a parade when

I have 11 hours a day at

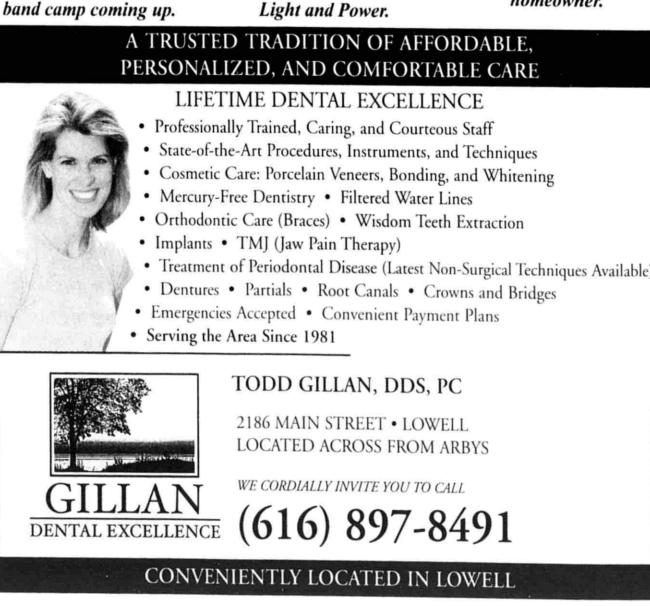
Political correctness is waaay over rated!!!!

There are too many deer/ car accidents because land owners are too paranoid, selfish and untrusting to allow the hunters to cull the herd.

Kids today are so disrespectful because there needs to be more corporal punishment at school. All children are not angels, they're trained.

Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of power.

A huge DITTO to the person who suggested we paint a smiley face on Lowell Light and Power.





School is on vacation. Let's see you go to work on your summer break.

How can the LL&P Board allow this desecration to go on? Anyone ever hear of trimming instead of clear cutting? Those trees are gone forever. Shame!

Politicians have lost sight of their purpose. All elections are now is a route to the "brass ring". The people are left behind.

Carol Nauta at Lowell Schools - she is a wonderful example to all of us!

It's summer! Don't just wave at kids having a lemonade stand, stop! It will make their day.

Yes, I know we are all busy, but could you please stop at crosswalks when you see people waiting to cross? Thank you so much!

Lowell Light and Power did another great job after the storm last night! Thanks for restoring our power so quickly while our neighbors on Consumers are still out.

The Ledger told about the parade and the duck race but never mentioned who was driving the beautiful team of horses.

Editors note: The horses belonged to Brian Dovle and he and his father King Doyle were driving the team.

Just got home from the farmers market. It was the greatest! Thanks Ron!

Everything was great for the Riverwalk Festival except for the kids on bikes. Can it be controlled for us old people?

> What has happened to our televised city council meetings?

Hey Gertrude - at \$2.95 a gallon, I'm driving slow too. If they don't like it - too bad.

Thanks to the city of Lowell I'll be taking down a tree that's a hazard. I for one am a happy homeowner.

FOR SALE FOR SALE

2003 MONTANA EXD - 50k miles, rear air, power seat, DVD, nice & clean, \$12,500. Call 550-2548. **************

2004 GM ENVOY - 3rd seat. 8 passenger, 4WD, all maintenance records, 100,000 miles ext. warranty, 47,000 miles. Asking \$18,500. Call 676-3048.

. FOREST HILLS SCHOOLS -Thornapple Elementary, private setting, river access, 4 bedroom 2 story, fenced yard, finished basement. central air, ceramic tile, Updated. Asking \$234,000. Call 676-3048.

BEAUTIFUL MOBILE HOME FOR SALE - Located in Key Heights park. 1995 Dutch, 16x80, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, master bath has garden tub w/skylight & separate shower. Price reduced to sell. \$16,000. Call 616-916-0028 if interested.

1997 OLDS CUTLASS SU-PREME - 105,000 miles, good condition, new tires, new brakes, new water pump, \$3,800 obo. Call 868-6174.

.

. KING SIZED MEMORY FOAM - mattress set & frame, 2 years old. \$350. Call 642-6706.

2000 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT - nice, assume loan, 6706.

. wooded acreage! Private 3- 1355. 6 acre build sites, Saranac schools, located at Pinckney & Rickert. West Michigan Real Estate, 897-0530.

1973 16 1/2 FT. CENTURY - PART TIME OFFICE/ SEC-Skifurry, inboard 318 V8, RETARY POSITION - Comgood trailer, runs good, lots puter skills. Friendly, orgaof fun for \$3,750. Call 691-8327.

. 1994 MERCURY SHORT Belding, MI 48809. SHAFT EFI - 150 hp, runs at extra cost, \$3,500. Call 691-8327.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * 1990 MERCURY - 90 hp boat Ave., Belding, MI 48809. motor, 20 in. shaft, power tilt & trim, \$2,500. Call 691- HORSE BARN WORK - PLAYMATES - full time

. 15 MATTRESS SETS - All weekends (more hours are 9760. sizes. Hotel quality. Serta & available). Dressing horses, Sealey. \$75/set until gone. turnouts, cleaning barn, gen-Dennis Distributing, 989- eral barn maintenance. Near 224-4822.

. **3 PIECE NAVY BLUE SEC-**TIONAL - couch w/dual recliner, gently used. \$300. Call 616-987-4402.

A REAL POINT OF A REAL POINT OF A REAL POINT FOR SALE - Maytag dryer oversized capacity, quiet series, 7 cycles, runs great, \$100. Call 897-9511.

CARAVAN - \$600 obo. Call 616-617-8744. * * * * * * * * * * * * *

used. Inside, outside, carries. Pedigree rabbits, chick- weekends. 616-248-7729. ens, ducks, pigeons, pot belly pigs. Call 616-691- NEEDED - Class A driver, Still loved, still missed 6619.

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - GRATTAN TOWNSHIP FLATRIVER ATV RENTALS Previously experienced all in TREASURER - is seeking a - why buy when you can rent? perfect condition - Titleist & qualified person to assume Rent by the day or week, Precept, \$6 per doz.; Pin- the vacant position of Deputy nacle & Nike, \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz. or 3 hours per week, Monday available. Call 897-8386 doz. for \$10. Many other brands also. Call 897-1355.

MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$69/set.Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing. 989-224-4822.

BED & MATTRESS SET Queen pillowtop (new, in plastic), never used. Comes with warranty. \$125. Call 517-719-8062.

\$175 CHERRY SLEIGH BED - Queen w/pillowtop mattress set (never used), \$175. Call 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE - 1989 Dodge pick up, 318 cu. in., 81,000 miles, with cap, good condition, \$3,200. Call 897-9095.

GRINNELL SPINET PIANO excellent condition, \$500. Call 868-0345 or 901-0531.

FOR SALE - Whirlpool washer & dryer, dryer purchased Dec. '05 for \$450, sell for \$350. Old possibly 6 week sessions, starting antique dresser with mirror, Thurs., Aug. 24, 7-8 pm \$50. needs refinishing; little kids bed with crib size mattress. Make offers. Call cell 616-915-1794.

. GOLF BALLS FOR SALE payoff \$10,595. Call 642- All in perfect condition with no scuff marks. Assorted brands now only 25¢. Prac-SARANAC ACREAGE - Nice tice balls 50 for \$5. Call 897-

HELP WANTED

.

nized, business person. Send resume to Heffron Farms, 7724 Ashley Ave., 4142. . We set the two terms of the terms of the term $(\mathbf{x}_{i})_{i \in \mathcal{X}}$, we set the term $(\mathbf{x}_{i})_{i \in \mathcal{X}}$, we set

great, with new oil tank & PART TIME - Customer house to be rented by our harness, controls available friendly person, computer skills, enjoys cooking. Sales Education & his wife for St. per mo. plus 1 mo. rent deposition. Send resume to Mary Church of Lowell, 897- posit. No dogs please. Call Heffron Farms, 7724 Ashley

> (small private farm), approx. openings starting late Auhours 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., gust. Call Shelley at 897-Alden Nash/Cascade Rd., Lowell. 897-5139.

UNEMPLOYMENT BEN-EFITS BEEN DENIED? -Employer fighting your benefits? Call now for information and possible free assistance and representation! 1-800-305-2899.

DELIVERY DRIVER - CDL-1991 DODGE GRAND A drivers needed. Looking for dependable customer service oriented person w/ chauffer's CDL-B, CDL-A li-RABBIT CAGES - New and cense. Good working environment. Also hiring nights/

> immediately. Call 616-897-and as always very dear. and as always very dear. 8044, ask for Bill.

HELP WANTED

est.

Treasurer, part time for 20 gan. Helmets and trailer through Thursday. Office anytime for details. hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. An applicat must obtain RENT TO OWN - your home an application at the Town-12050 Old Belding Road NE, Belding, MI 48809 (attn: Sabrina), or stop in and fill out an application with your resume at the Township Of- LOWELL - \$500 moves you fice. The deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. on Washer/dryer hookups. Air, and everyone of you Thursday, August 3, 2006.

EVENTS

A-JILL-ITY GLENN KEN- this beautifully restored 2nd NELS presents "Introduc- floor, 1,600 sq. ft. 1 bedtion to Agility". In this be- room apartment in Lowell's ginning class, the focus will historic district, only \$770 per be on fun! We will introduce month. Call 616-250-0107. you & your canine companion to the wonderful world of FOR RENT - Nice, older agility using positive rein- home in the country, 1 bedforcement training methods. room, \$650. Bairds, 897-This series of classes is de- 9081 signed for the dog & owner that have had no prior agility training. Dogs of all sizes a 4 mo. & older are welcome. Limit 1 dog per handler, handlers under 12 must be ac- SENIORS!! - Rent could be companied by an adult. as low as \$70 per month! 1 ating the funeral service. approx. 1.5 miles N of apartments for rent! Rent neighbors who came for-Keiser's Restaurant. Call based on income for those ward, thank you for your 616-897-6245 after 5:30 or who qualify! BEAUTIFUL 6 616-970-4359 any time. acre country setting! Pets Please leave a message, all welcome! IMMEDIATE OCcalls will be returned.

WANTED

WANTED MOTORCYCLES - cash paid for road bikes. running or not. Call 446- HALL FOR RENT - Lowell 8352.

WANTED WALNUT TREES - for timber. Call Sayers Tree Service, Ionia, MI, 616-527-* * * * * * * * * * * * . . .

WANTED - Apartment or new Director of Religious trailers in Lowell. \$400 - \$420 9820.

. LOOKING FOR DAYCARE 6050

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORIAM

memory fall,

treasure them all,

are always near

7470.

BUSINESS CARDS - For as

Your family

IN MEMORY In loving memory of our dear son and brother. Mark Taylor Kropf who left us so suddenly June 18, 1970.

. JUST THE FAX PLEASE We send or receive a fax for vou! Great Rate - \$1 for the first page & 50¢ for each additional page. Buyers Guide, 105 N. Broadway, 897-9555.

Softly the leaves of Gently we gather and

Unseen, unheard, you

FOR RENT

America.com.

in. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. garage, cathedral ceilings. \$675/month. Stoneridae Apts. 1-866-443-3098. www.wmpmonline.com.

.

.

URBAN SHEIK LIVING - in

HOUSE FOR RENT - on 3 acres in the country, near bedrooms, 2 baths. \$900/mo. Available now. 897-0686.

CUPANCY! Conveniently located 20 minutes East of Rapids. Grand

HURRY...before they are gone! Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-693-2271.

Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled. smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-

. LAKE HOUSE FOR RENT -Just remodeled, 3 bedroom with 60 ft. frontage on All Sports Big Crooked Lake. \$1,150 per mo. Call 616-318-

SERVICES

.

little as \$26 for 250. (white card stock, black ink). 4 color business cards now avail-Lovingly, - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

CARD OF THANKS

12777 1175

CARD OF THANKS TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN LOWELL

take them anywhere in Michi- Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, and phone calls you have given me during this time. A special thank you starting at \$498 at Valley to all the great people at ship Office to include with Vista. New hours to serve the Backwater Cafe, you their resume, and send to: you, 10 to 7 Tues.-Fri. & Sat. don't know how much 10-5. 1-877-634-6700 call your card and gift helped today. www.Hometown Mike and I. Friends like you are hard to come by. I hope you all know how much I appreciate each

> Much love XOXO Linda Lukas

CARD OF THANKS

Just a note to thank the hard working paramedics and police officers who tended to the emergency treatment of our husband/father on 7/8/ 06. Additional thanks to the staff at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, espe-Murray Lake Elementary. 3 assisted us in the funeral planning and services. Thank you Father George Fekete for officikind words and offers of assistance.

The family of

CARD OF THANKS

dents and the Lowell Area Arts Council. Your generosity was most appreciated.

SERVICES

HOUSE CLEANING - Experienced, reliable, reasonable rates. Call Kris at 642-0395. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential. Service or New Construction. Reasonable Rates. Call 897-2575.

WATSON'S HANDY MAN SERVICES Basement remodels doors, drywall, decks & much more. Small obs welcome. Hones & dependable. Call 897-6906.

STEPEK WELDING & REPAIR LLC - Custom fabrication & weld repair. Mild steel, stainless & aluminum. On or off 616-868-6215.

SERVICES

NEED A DUMPSTER? Garage, attic, household cleanup roofing, trash, junk, etc. 14 to 20 yards available. Call for free estimates. 616-835-2238.

WE ARE HERE - to serve your housing needs. Rent to Own starting at \$498. Call today, Valley Vista 1-877 634-6700. New hours 10-7 Tues-Fri & Sat. 10-5 www.Hometowi America.com.

DAYCARE REOPENING - All ages, open 7a - 11p. Full time openings only, lg. out door play area and close to parks. 6 yrs. exp. CPR and first aid trained. Call Robin 897-4570 or 889-8384.

CLEANING LADY - 20 years experience, reasonable rates, reliable. Call Pam at 794-2666.

LACEY'S TOO - Licensed adult assisted living located in Lowell. 24 hour care, medications monitored. Hospice cially David Gerst, who & respitcare. Private & semiprivate rooms. Reasonable rates. 897-5874 or 915-2733.

JIM'S FLOOR COVERING SALES & INSTALLATION 22 years experience. Best 13770 Grindle Dr. in Lowell, bedroom HUD subsidized To all of the friends and price & quality installation on vinyl, carpet, and laminate flooring. 897-0737 or 560-8515, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., leave message. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

> HOMETOWN AMERICA OF-Dennis R. Kinney FERS - financing with awesome down payment assistance. Call today! Be in your home tomorrow. Valley Vista Thank you to all the stu- 1 - 8 7 7 - 6 3 4 - 6 7 0 0 www.Hometown America.com.

> > DO YOU HAVE A DIRTY GA-The family of RAGE FLOOR? - Make it Nic Falsetta look like new with floor Apoxy, easy to clean. Call John 616-551-8364.

> > > TRENT BUCK - former Ada barber, will continue to serve Ada and the surrounding area. Call 897-7222. He would like to thank his loyal patrons and the community for their continuing support during this time of transition.

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEP ING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

DEBIAK JOHN HORSESHOEING & HOOF TRIMMING - Serving the greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional. full-time experience 897-4290.

BOB FORD FORMERLY - of Hahn Hardware is doing all kinds service work. Call 299-3198.

DOES YOUR CHRYSLER. PLYMOUTH, DODGE CAR. TRUCK OR VAN NEED RE-PAIR? - Don't make a mistake & take it anywhere else - give Geo-Tech a try! Conat 616-322-8967 or Transmission & Repair. Call 897-0743.

City increases wastewater surcharge rates for industrial users

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council approved an increase Monday in wastewater surcharge rates to offset additional costs for industrial users.

The rates will go up by \$20 monthly effective immediately. According to Mark Mundt, Wastewater Treatment Plant superintendent, the increase will generate an additional \$240 annually based on excess loadings into the plant.

The only customer impacted by the increase

is Lighthouse, Inc., due to discharging wastes in higher concentrations than typical into the plant. The last review of rates was six years ago. "We should review these more often," he said.

In related business, the city approved an expanded

contract for Horizons Lawn Maintenance to include the mowing of the fairgrounds and campgrounds, and Stoney Lakeside Park.

Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden estimated savings of \$4,280 out of the general fund. According

to DesJarden, the city manpower can now be used in other places with Horizons' contract in place.

Horizons Lawn Maintenance currently has three years left on its existing contract with the city. The cost to mow the fairgrounds

city for a 24-week-long cutting w be season is \$6,000; for the s with campgrounds the cost is ct in \$12,000 and for Stoney Lakeside Park, the cost is Lawn \$12,241.

> Council member Jeanne Shores said the contract will add life to the city equipment.



2399 W. MAIN ST. . LOWELL . MON. & WED. 10-8; TU, TH & FRI 10-6; SAT 10-3

