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# Memorial Day ceremonies remember our war heroes

By Emma Palova

emorial Day ceremonies on a beautiful Monday offered plenty of time to reflect on past and present war heroes and their contribution to freedom. Pastor Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church gently touched on the subject of freedom and peace during a speech at Oakwood Cemetery.

A large crowd gathered at the cemetery with some desecrated tombstones by hooligans two weeks ago. Most veterans marched 2.5 miles from the fairgrounds to the cemetery, while some rode in cars.

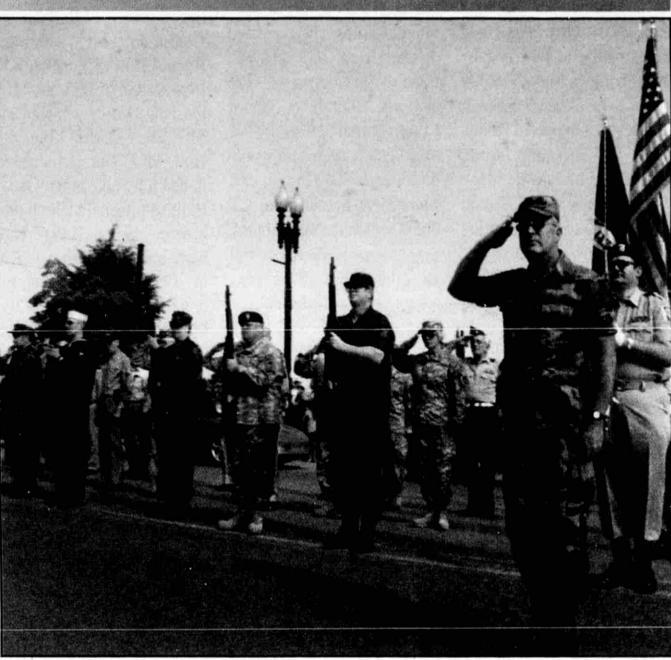
The parade stopped at the downtown Veterans Memorial by the Flat River to give honor to "those who perished at sea."

A cross section of the community was represented in the parade including the 4H Royal Court, Freedom Riders on bikes, and city council members.

Master of ceremonies Dave Thompson spoke about the number of veteran graves at the cemetery. Each veteran's grave is marked with a flag and a metal star flag holder. Veterans buried at the cemetery range from the Civil War, Spanish War, World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Korea to Desert Storm.

"We are all reminded that freedom is not free," said Thompson. "It does not come without cost. There is always a price to be paid and today we come together to remember those who have gone before us who have made this freedom possible."

Music was provided by the Lowell High School and Lowell Middle School bands. Also present were Boy Scouts, members of the American Legion Post 152 and VFW Post 8303.



War veterans gave a rifle salute at the downtown Veterans Memorial. More parade pictures continued on page 4.

# Volunteers needed for summertime Showboat facelift



#### By Emma Palova

fter four years of floating on the water, the withered Showboat needs a facelift for the upcoming summer activities.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to scrape, prime and paint.

"We want it in pristine condition," said chamber director Liz Baker.

Although the Showboat was in worse condition four years ago, the project may need around 200 volunteer hours this time around.

A historical exhibit of the Lowell Showboat will be located inside and

> Patty Sellner and Liz Baker discuss the Showboat restoration project.

the summer concerts will be held in the Showboat's direct proximity.

And of course, the Showboat Nostalgia Night is scheduled for Aug. 24 and 25

"We want it looking good because of the display and the concerts," said Baker. The Showboat will be restored from the top deck to bottom. Retirees are also encouraged to volunteer.

"We're looking for retired people who can work anytime," said Baker. Two big volunteer sessions are scheduled each day on May 29, 30, 31 and June 5, 6 and 7. Call Baker at 897-9161 or Ivan Blough at 897-9920

# Lowell officer facing charges in Allegan Co.

owell Police officer Brandon Robinson was criminally charged in Allegan County with two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a 13-year-old family friend. The incident is reported to have occurred some time in 2002 prior to Robinson's employment with the Lowell Police Department.

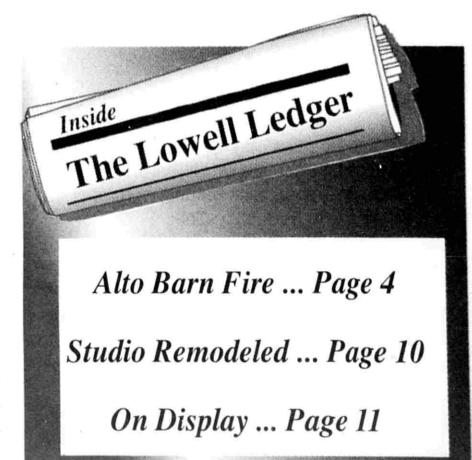
Robinson came to command staff at the department in early February 2007 to report he was under criminal investigation by the Michigan State Police at the Wayland Post. Because of the shocking nature of the alleged crime, Robinson was immediately relieved of his duties and placed on paid administrative leave pending the results of the investigation.

On April 23, the department learned that Robinson had been criminally charged by the Allegan County Prosecutor's

office. Robinson was placed on unpaid leave pending the final court disposition.

The department delayed conducting an internal administrative investigation until the Michigan State Police finished its criminal investigation allowing that agency to conduct a completely impartial investigation free from outside or internal interference.

Officer Robinson was hired by the Lowell Police Department in December of 2002 as a part-time patrol officer. In March of 2004 he was placed into a full-time patrol officer position. Prior to his employment with the Lowell Police Department Robinson worked for the Allegan County Sheriff Department as a part-time deputy from April 2000 to May 2002.







### BENTLEY

Marcia Boneita (Fonger) Bentley, age 75, of Groton, CT and Hilton Head, SC, died peacefully. May 13, 2007 at Lawrence & Merle Jack, Mac G., Richard Memorial Hospital, New Fonger. She is survived by in California, CT and SC. Bentley, daughter Donna Congregational, Groton, CT Duso and husband James, on May 17. Memorials may Duso of Monville, CT, and Monument St., Groton, CT son David Lawrence Bentley 06340 or to the Patient Fund, of New York City. She was c/o Lawrence & Memorial Hewitt Bentley (1960-2005) New London, CT 06320. who is survived by wife Barbara of Waterford, CT and grandsons Jordan, Spencer Kay Cloud, aged 71, and Craig. Other survivors are sisters Marjean Fonger died quietly on May 23,

of Grand Rapids, sistersin-law, Virginia, Rosemary, Dorothy and Gail Fonger and 17 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brothers Ralph and James W. Fonger. London, CT. She was born Marcia was a graduate of Sept. 14, 1931, in Lowell, Lowell High School and the daughter of George Blodgett School of Nursing, and Mary Joy Anderson Grand Rapids. She practiced her loving husband of 49 Funeral services were held years, Lawrence Hewitt at First Church of Christ granddaughter Kelly Joy be made to the church, 162 predeceased by son William Hospital, 365 Montauk Ave.,

### CLOUD

formerly of Kansas City Brillhart, Sandra J. Fonger 2007 with loved ones at

### NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP** PLANNING COMMISSION **PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE** 8240/8200 ALDEN NASH AVENUE

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to consider and hear public comments regarding the application of Bowne Township for special land use approval of a Township office building as a public and institutional use in the AG Agricultural District or property located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue and 8200 Alden Nash Avenue (approximate address) The legal descriptions and addresses of the parcels are as follows:

8240 Alden Nash Avenue

S 373 FT OF W 1072 FT OF SW 1/4 EX S 203 FT OF W 380 FT & EX N 20 FT OF S 223 FT OF W 178 FT\* SEC 15 T5N R9W. 7.31 Acres

(Permanent Parcel No. 41-24-15-300-018)

8200 Alden Nash Avenue (approximate address)

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 15, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan; thence North 373 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 400 feet; thence East 505 feet; thence South 400 feet; thence West 505 feet to the point of beginning.

(Part of Permanent Parcel No. 41-24-15-300-007)

Interested parties may be heard at the public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing and may be addressed to the Township Clerk, P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The application for the special land use may be copied or examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> May 30, 2007 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

her side at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Jeri and Forrest Bowden of Lowell, where she had made her home for the past four years. In addition to Jeri and Forrest, Kay is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Tammy and Dana Cloud of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Brian Cloud of Seattle, WA, Lisa Cloud, Jennifer Posey, Randy Furr, Tania, Furr and great-granddaughters, Haile Allgood and Bayleigh Graves, all of Tulsa, OK; her mother, Lida Ball of Gladstone, MO; siblings, Ronald Ball of Topeka, KS, Irma Kalcic of Trimble, MO, Patricia Duffey of Kansas, MO and Darrell Ball of Holt, MO. She is preceded in death by her father, Oscar Ball; son, Ronald Cloud and brother, Kevin Ball. Kay was born in Worley, KY in 1936. The Ball family migrated to Kansas City, MO in 1945. Kay graduated from Manual High School in Society.

1954, then worked as a Lab Technician in the office of Dr. John Hardy. She served on the board of directors and as a member of the choir of Unity Church Universal. She traveled extensively and was listed in the book of Who's Who in America. She retired from United Labor Credit Union in 2002 after serving as manager. Kay left many friends and good memories wherever she went in life. A commemoration of Kay's life was held May 26 at the Moose Hall. She will then be welcomed back to Kansas City by loved ones including six nieces and numerous great nieces and nephews who will never forget their "Aunt Grandma". Her final resting place will be at Mt. Washington Cemetery, in Kansas City, MO. Memorial service to be held there at a later date. Memorial contributions may be Howard City, Kari Yost of great grandchildren. made to American Cancer Morley, Cal Yost of Sand

#### SMITH

Harold Smith (Smitty), age 64, of Morley, passed away May 23 at Mecosta County Medical Center. He was born July 14, 1942 in Owensdale, PA. During his working years he worked for General Motors/Fisher Body and US Air Force. In 1992 he married Brenda Howe who three sons, Victor (Kris) of Sparta, Brett (Pip) of FL and Brandon of Grand Rapids; (Mike) Verdon of Lowell, Howard City, Betty Yost of

### LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of DON R. HAMMERLUND deceased

> Date of birth: March 10, 1927

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, DON R. John D. Mitus (P-31244) HAMMERLUND, who lived at 1419 - 8TH STREET NW, GRAND 616-774-4001 RAPIDS. MICHIGAN, died May 12, 2007.

are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to MARY LYNN TRASKY, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at FILE NO. 07-183,313-DE 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 22, 2007

410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Mary Lynn Trasky died May 25, 2006. 4670 W. Kirk Ct. SE Creditors of the decedent Grand Rapids, MI 49546

### BOWNE TOWNSHIP **SYNOPSIS MOTIONS APPROVED:**

Minutes of the April 16th board meeting and The April 26th special meeting.

- State Construction Code/Civil Infractions Ordinance 2007-01
- Onan Generator maintenance agreement.
- Snow Avenue work order for upgrade.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church letter
- Planning Commission nominations.
- Flagpole for Bowne Center Cemetery.

Copies of entire minutes available on the website bownetwp.cc.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 20070325-DE

Estate of ANNIE M. ROBERSON deceased

> Date of birth: 10/9/1931

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, ANNIE M. ROBERSON, who lived at 613 LuLu Street, Terre Roberson Kalamazoo, Michigan, 613 LuLu Street

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims



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Lake; many grandchildren and step-grandchildren; two brothers, Chuck (Fran) of PA and Kenny (Roni) of GA; two sisters, Joyce Cortese of Nevada and Darlene (Bob) Drongowski of PA; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by most recently worked for his parents and two brothers. Saturn Co. in Tennessee from Ralph and Herman. Services which he retired in 2003. He were Saturday at the served his country in the Heckman Funeral Home.

### TRIPLETT

survives; also surviving are Helen O. Triplett, aged 81, of Lowell, passed away May 23, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband of stepchildren, DeeLayne 52 years, Hubert. She is survived by her children, Lori Palmer of Sparta, Dale (Nancy) Triplett, Rick Keith Nelson of Rockford, (Kim) Triplett; brother-in-Scott Nelson of Rockford, law, Wes (Mary) Triplett of Melissa (John) Miller of Florida; sister-in-law, Wilma Allendale, Corey Yost of Triplett of North Carolina; 13 grandchildren and three

presented to TERRE L. ROBERSON, named personal representative. or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 150 Crosstown Parkway, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4

against the estate will

be forever barred unless

months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 22, 2007

Kalamazoo, MI 49007 616-401-6332

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# Fire causes \$25,000 damage on centennial farm in Alto



# Wacky hair day at Alto Elementary

Alto Elementary celebrated its last DEAR (drop everything and read) day with a Wacky Hair Day theme on May 18. Students could style their hair in any way they wanted as long as it wasn't permanent. In the afternoon everyone stopped what they were doing and picked up a book. Wacky hair day is a beloved tradition at Alto and this year it was fun to apply it to a DEAR day.

# **College** News



Katie Willits of Award from Grand Valley department. State University. Willits is of Paul Willits and Christina

Yates. Willits received have earned at least 85 Lowell has been awarded the undergraduate award credits with an average the Departmental Honors from the political science grade point average (GPA)

a graduate of Lowell High level, candidates for award. School and is the daughter departmental honors must

of 3.5 or above. One student At the undergraduate per department earns this

### Lowell student killed in ATV accident The Michigan State that it responded to an all- the driver lost control and were not wearing helmets



Police Ionia Post reported terrain vehicle (ATV) crash the vehicle rolled. Both the at the time of the crash. near Whites Bridge Road driver and passenger were No other information was and Centerline in Keene thrown from the vehicle. Township at 1:47 p.m. Matthew Strawser, Monday. Two juveniles were a Lowell High School were assisted by Saranac riding in a quad, a 16-year-student from Belding, Fire, Life EMS, Ionia old male driver and a 15- was pronounced dead at County victims advocates year-old female passenger. the scene. The passenger and the Ionia County Sheriff While trying to negotiate suffered only minor injuries. Department.

available at press time. Troopers at the scene



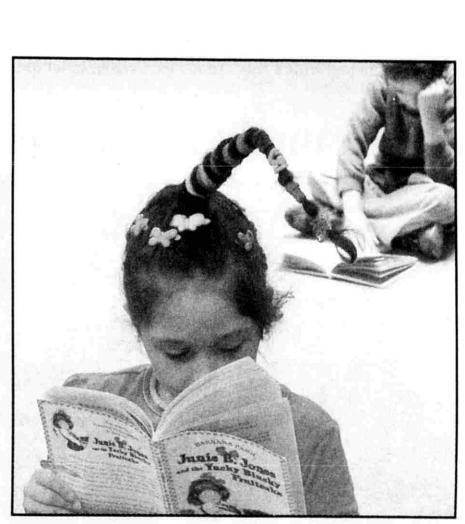
By Emma Palova

A structural fire at Alden Nash and 52nd Street in Alto caused an approximate Baker. damage of \$25,000. The fire broke out at 5:15 a.m. last Thursday.

Three buildings located on the Graham Centennial farm caught on fire, according to property owner Liz Baker.

"We have no idea of what caused the fire," said Baker.

The burnt structures included the garage, the corn crib and the oat bin. As the fire got out of control, it



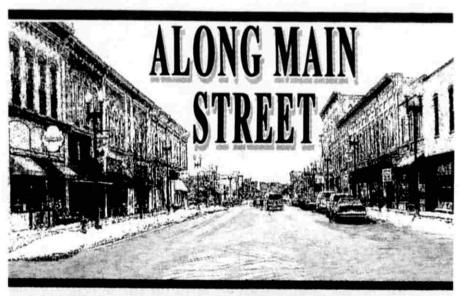
hit the big barn. The flames of those buildings," said got under the roof from one Baker. Baker's father Keith end to the next, according to

However, the firefighters kept hosing in on the barn, Garbutt Graham. containing the fire after 11 a.m. Also the house stayed protected.

"I have a lot of memories Lowell.

Graham built the structures. The house is currently occupied by Baker's brother,

The fire was contained by firefighters from Alto, Clarksville, Cascade and



### TOTS ANNUAL PRESCHOOL PICNIC

"Goodbye for the Summer" picnic and school bus ride will be June 5 at Bright Beginnings Playground, 300 High Street. Bring a sack lunch and we will provide a drink and dessert. There is no charge to attend. Rain: gym.

#### ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Lowell Middle School athletic physicals for next year's seventh and eighth grade students will be held Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at the middle school. Cost is \$10.

### CAR WASH

June 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake SE to support youth ministries.

### AUDITIONS

First Congregational Church is seeking students in sixth to twelfth grade for performances of GODSPELL on July 22, 23, and 24. Mandatory rehearsals are July 8-20, 5 9 p.m. Auditions held June 10, 6-8 p.m. at 865 Licoln Lake Ave SE. For more information call the church at 897-5906 or the Director Monique Salinas-Stauffer at 890-1164.

### SUMMER CONCERTS

Lowell Showboat "Sizzlin' Summer Concerts," Thursday nights, June 14 through August 23. Riverwalk Plaza, downtown Lowell, concerts begin at 7 p.m. and go until 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

#### FIRE & WATER ART

Fire & Water Art! will feature pastel artist Bonnie Osborne during the month of June. The gallery is located at 219 W. Main St. in downtown Lowell. Hours are 1 - 6 p.m. Wed. - Sun. and Fri. 1 - 7 p.m. Call 890-1879 for more information

#### LOWELL CLASS OF 1977

Reunion planning meeting May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Canfield Plumbing & Heating. The meeting is for anyone who would like to help in finalizing reunion plans. The reunion will take place at the Grand Rapids Hilton on July 28 at 6 p.m. We also still need addresses for a few more class members, call Deb at 897-0887.



Possible equestrian park in Lowell Township



The rolling topography of land on the northeast corner of Cascade and Alden Nash roads lends itself to an ideal horseback park.

### Memorial Day parade, continued ... From Page 1



Walking in the parade were council member Jim Pfaller, city manager Dave Pasquale and mayor Chuck Myers.

### **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED** 2007-2008 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Runciman Administration Building Board Room located at 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan, the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2007-2008 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2007-2008 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2007-2008 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Runciman Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Patrick Nugent, Secretary



The Color Guard led the Memorial Day parade all the way from the fairgrounds to the Oakwood Cemetery.



Lowell Township may have a new equestrian park on the northeast corner of "We've already bought the Cascade and Alden Nash roads if the full Kent County Board of Commissioners

By Emma Palova

A longtime Lowell Township resident decided to sell the land to be used as a public park rather since 1998. acquisition is complete, the developed as regional park would consist becomes available. of 700 acres.

approves the acquisition of 100 acres of land Thursday. has

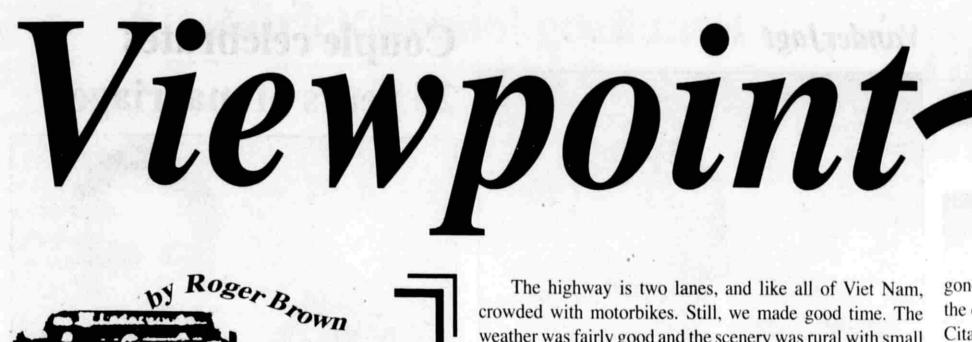
wooded section, there are some wetlands." The design of the horseback park will follow the typical county park look with picnic tables and equestrian trails. According to Sabine. the county buys land as it becomes available for future parks development

"We love the rolling

topography of the area," said Kent County parks

director Roger Sabine.

than have it developed. The Currently, there is no county has been acquiring development schedule for land in Lowell Township the bridle park in Lowell for the purpose of creating Township, as the county a Lowell regional park talks to potential donors. Once the The parks are usually money





As I closed out last week's column about our travels to Viet Nam visiting my daughter's family, I incorrectly stated that we had flown to Danang for a short sightseeing trip. We actually flew to Phu Bai Airport at Hue. That's the kind of whirlwind trip it was... didn't know where I was half the five years. Seventeen babies were reportedly born in the un-

Over the past 11 years my daughter has lived in Arizona, two cities in China and now Viet Nam. Whenever we visit her in one of these places, we seem to pack in a lot of sightseeing. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining, but I can't help wonder if my daughter should pursue a career as a travel agent. Whew!

My daughter Angie, my wife Terese and I left Thursday on a 6:00 a.m. flight to Hue. Air travel in Viet Nam seems to be pretty good, and cheap. Round trip tickets out of Saigon to most other cities go for less than \$100 US. We rode up umn. Let me simply reiterate that the battlefield provides a on an Airbus 320 and returned on a Boeing 777. The flights were on time and not overly crowded. An interesting note is ride back to Hue for the night. that the airports bear vestiges of the war. Old concrete hangars and revetments (bunkers to protect parked planes from River. The room was very nice and included breakfast. mortar attack) are still there.

My daughter had booked a guide for our time in Central Viet Nam. He was waiting for us at the airport, bright and First on the itinerary was a Dragon Boat trip down the Perearly. Along with a driver, we all piled into a Toyota minivan. The guide spoke very good English. He was informative and eager to please us. We motored north on Highway 1 toward the old DMZ.

weather was fairly good and the scenery was rural with small towns along the way. After nearly two hours we reached our first stop, the bridge across the Ben Hai River. This river divided North and South Viet Nam. You can't cross on the old bridge, but it is still there. We took a few pictures and continued on to Vinh Moc.

Touring the wartime tunnels at Vihn Moc is incredible. The Viet Cong used the area to stage operations and move supplies along the Ho Chi Min trail. Locals were used to dig the 2.8 km tunnel system. Some levels go as deep as 60 feet below the surface. There are 12 entrances, seven of which open to the beautiful beach on the South China Sea. Whole families lived in the tunnel system over a period of derground labyrinth.

Back in the car we traveled south, re-crossing the Ben Hai to Highway 9. This route runs east to west, parallels the old DMZ and was the main supply line for many U.S. bases during the war. Our destination was Khe Sanh. The scenery was fantastic. The road winds through a mountainous region, follows various rivers and passes through areas

inhabited by minorities living in tiny stilted thatch roof bun-The next morning the grandkids helped groom the beach. A guy with a water buffalo pulling a big wooden rake galows. In many respects it was a trip back in time. had the beach cleaning concession. For a small tip he let Our visit to Khe Sanh was covered in a previous colthem ride for a little while. Saturday morning we visited some nearby ancient Cham temples and ruins. The remainmoving experience. In the car, we settled in for a fairly long der of the afternoon was spent in the hotel pool, or swimming in the ocean. Our hotel in Hue was situated on the beautiful Perfume

Again, it was very inexpensive by U.S. standards.

Our guide met us for another early start on a long day. fume River to the Tu Dam pagoda and monastery. Our driver met us there after a walking tour. We then drove to the famous Citadel at Hue. The Citadel is much like the Forbidden City in Beijing, China. Before we knew it, the morning was

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

At the Monday night city council meeting we were finally told the reasons our cable company was sold off. There were declining subscribers, increased costs of keeping up with advancing technology and antiquated equipment. I can understand these reasons, what I don't understand is why the public had to be kept in the dark about this for two years.

We were told at the meeting Comcast came to Lowell Cable with the offer, but it had to have a gag order on the negotiations. Why? If Lowell Cable was in such dire straits and no other company was even interested why couldn't we know? It feels like a slimy backroom kickback deal happened. I have no idea if it did or didn't, however, the seeds of doubt and mistrust have been planted. What other deals are being made in our "best interest."

The only one to speak from Lowell Cable was the administrator and he was defending Comcast. That seems odd because half his job was Lowell Cable. Will his salary reflect losing half his responsibility?

Concerned about the welfare of the citizens of Lowell, Jeff Altoft Monroe property, and now the sale of the Lowell Cable play by the rules, train well, play hard but play fair. Lacrosse is a very physical sport. I am amazed that our coaches are able to harness all this adrenaline and force that builds during these games. We are winning more games each f a majority. For me, the council meeting on May 21 put the arsenic season, but I am mostly proud of the image Lowell's Lacrosse e-mails from opponents coaches commending us on our sportsmanship and fair play. I'm grateful to Eric Bredin, Kelly Bowers and Frank Breckbeil for not only teaching my son the game of Lacrosse but how to be a man of character. That will go beyond his Lacrosse years into the real world. truly miss watching you play. I'm very proud of you.

Company. Each time it seems that it is the determination of a few for a certain action, right or wrong, against the wishes team has established. Every year we receive comments and in the frosting. What a discouraging, or to be more blunt, what a disgusting, exhibition by our elected representatives. Why in the world was a meeting thrown open ot public comment regarding the cable matter, when it was apparent from the start that council members were not interested in what the public said, but were simply waiting it out to vote as they had always intended? Well, three and a half Congratulations to all the seniors and varsity players. I will million is a lot of money and would tempt the most honest and upright. I can't help but wonder how much of the three Kris Gallagher and a half million remains, as expenses incurred over the past two years and still to be incurred will have eaten into it. I would like to have asked how much those expenses have Dear Editor added up to at this time, but why bother? Questions asked supports cable television sale." I believe the caption should that night were studiously ignored! The council must have been certain two years ago that they could find a way to sell have read "Council says we're the deciders." Our council, like our president George W. Bush, has decided to ignore something that was not theirs.

Thank goodness, the tree situation is simmering down as Dr. Reagan and his group have applied good common sense to the matter. Hopefully the same will be true for the North Monroe property as cooler heads are coming forward. But, it looks as though we have lost our cable company. When do we hear that the Light & Power has been sold?

To The Editor.

For the past 26 years the city of Lowell has been my home and I have found it to be a friendly place to live with almost always a "hello" and a smile from someone as we meet on the street or in a store. I feel safe and comfortable in my neighborhood, as we all know one another, look out for one another, and are there for one another should the need arise. In the meantime, we try to keep our nose out of one another's personal life.

However, within the past year there has been a change in the vibes around town. Not so friendly anymore, but anger bursting out in so many places...the tree situation, North

Dear Editor.

I am writing to say how proud I am of our Lacrosse program. It has grown in five short years from a handful of participants to over 100. With the dedication of coaches, parents and players, we are gaining recognition not just in skills and winning games, but in sportsmanship.

From day one Eric Bredin has coached our boys with integrity and character and it has become the foundation on which our program is building. While some teams trash talked and played to win at any cost, Eric taught our team to

gone. We had lunch at a wonderful little restaurant within the confines of the enormous walled area that comprises the Citadel. The Citadel is an important sight of ancient history. but it was also the scene of much fighting following the Tet offensive of 1968.

We all agreed that we would like to spend much more time in Hue. It is a beautiful little city. Unfortunately, it was time to spend another afternoon in the car. We traveled south on Highway 1 for our eventual destination of Hoi An. There, we were to meet up with our son-in-law and grandkids.

The first stop was Lang Co Beach where we stretched our legs and took some pictures. Back in the car we began our ascent up to Hai Van Pass. The scenery was spectacular. At the crest of the pass you are about 1,500 feet above sea level. You can see the South China Sea and are surrounded by mountains that reach up to 3,500 feet.

Descending from the pass, we skirted the big bay at Danang and motored on to a stop at China Beach. The resort town was a rest and relaxation spot for GIs during the war and made famous by a TV series of the same name. By the time we arrived at our hotel in Hoi An it had been another long, busy day. Grampa tried to put up a good front for the grandkids, but he was pretty pooped.

That evening we sprung for a ride to town on the hotel's brightly painted Russian sidecar motorcycles (\$4 US). We found a restaurant that had been highly recommended by riends of my daughter. It was by far the best meal I had in a long, long time. Drinks, appetizers, main courses, outlandish desserts, a big tip, the whole nine yards for the six of us...about fifty bucks, US.

Cozy Corner, cont'd., pg. 9

Headlines in the Lowell Ledger "Council unanimously the facts by not listening to them and then being the decider. Again Ivan Blough was cut short in his attempt to question the council on the sale of Lowell cable TV. According to Mayor Myers, Comcast requested confidentiality during purchase negotiations and the sale has been in the works for the last two years. They also said Comcast was the only company that pursued the purchase. Was it ever opened up Donna Jean Ford for bids? What I want to know is why the constituents of Lowell weren't notified about opening up the sale of Lowell cable TV for bids in the first place. Did it slip there minds? In a May 9 edition of the Lowell Ledger council member Jim Pfaller "suggested using the money for debt reduction" but then said in May 23 edition of the Lowell Ledger "I am not supportive of using the dollars toward the city budget." I believe the council knows exactly what there going to do with the money from the sale having two years to squabble over it. If the money from the sale is allowed to find its way in the city budget or city related projects, then what is next - the Lowell L.L.P and its assets will be put into the city budget?

Sincerely, Jim Howard

Arrivals

Roudabush



### Sarah Elizabeth Roudabush

Roudabush of Los Alamitos, the late Robert Peterson) California are proud to and Sam and Bonnie announce the arrival of a new Roudabush, all of Lowell. baby girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Great grandparents are Virgil born May 23, 2007. She and Carmen Roudabush of weighed 9 lbs. 6 1/2 oz. and Lowell, Arlene Eskes of measured 20 1/2 inches. Holt and Robert and Ruth Proud grandparents are Peterson of Ionia.

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### Smith-Persico

Carmine and Kelly Smith-Persico, of Orlando, Florida, with big brother Domonic James, welcome Olivia Marie-Christine. She was born January 4, 2007 weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

Grandparents are Sal and Kay Persico of Orlando, the late Jim Smith, and Christine Smith and Papa Allen of Lowell.



**VanderJagt** 



### **Kingston Doherty VanderJagt**

The King has arrived. and Elizabeth Bradley VanderJagt are proud to 5 lbs. 13 oz. and was 18 1/2 and John and Marge Bol. inches long.

He is welcomed home by his grandparents Robert and Amy Bol, Steve and announce the birth of their Mary Merritt and Bruce Kingston Doherty VanderJagt. His great VanderJagt (Bilo) on May grandparents are Roger and 10, 2007. He weighed in at Muriel Hale, Mary Hossink



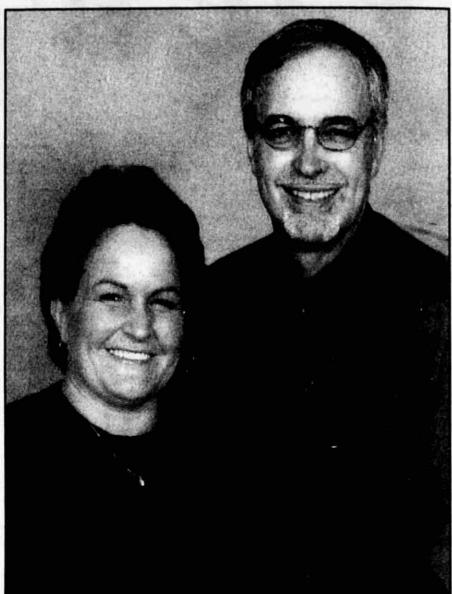
### By Roger LaWarre.

Pastor, First Congregational Church

troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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## **Couple celebrates** 25 years of marriage

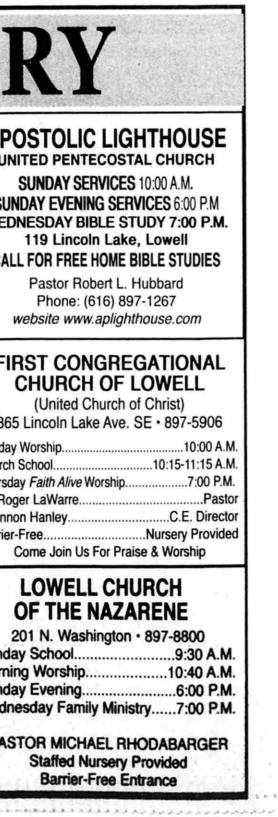


Larry and Lynne Kuzmin of Alto will celebrate their silver anniversary on June 5, 2007. The couple's children are Nick, Adam, Larry and Chris. The event will be celebrated with an open house.

to it. Yet, John's gospel and the teachings of Jesus continue to tell us that peace is available and in fact, promised.

As I stood in Oakwood Cemetery, listening to taps from a distant bugler, I was moved with a deep sense of compassion for all the families whose loved ones have fallen in battle or died in service to this nation. Those loved ones put their body on the line for the very thing that I also desire...peace and freedom. As I looked around at all the There is a passage in John's gospel that represents the people gathered, military and civilian, I felt a bond with thoughts that come to us as we go through the Memorial them and I realized again that what we all seek in the ways Day events, as we think about our veterans and the place of peace, the peace spoken of John's gospel, comes in the they have occupied in the quest for freedom. John 14:27 giving, not in the taking. You and I can have peace, but it says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do will require living in a way that places relationships at the not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be center of our life. We can know that peace of an untroubled heart, that peace of standing outside the grip of fear, and we We are a people who want to move towards the ways of can know it only as we commit ourselves to values greater peace. We want no squabbling amongst our family members, than what we can buy, or make, or own, or control. The we want people to leave us alone at work and we want Peace that God provides is a peace in relationships that are people to stay off our case. We want peace. Yet, peace is not so dear, so important and so self defining that we would be something that we have a lot of. As a nation we have fought willing to pay the ultimate price to preserve those values countless wars. We are in the middle of one very unpopular for others, our neighbors as well as our families - even the

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### **St. Patrick School graduates**

Sixteen eighth grade students will graduate from St. Patrick School on May 31. Many of these students have been together sincekindergarten. They will be going to different high schools, but will always carry fond memories of their time together at St. Patrick. The graduates are: Whitney Bunn, Molly Doyle, Taryn Endres, Ellie Fitzpatrick



Alexandra Heffron, Sean Heffron, Sarah Kramer, Jacob Lastfogel, Taylor Mankel, Rebekah Martin, William Poulias, Courtney Schmidt, Katherine Tompkins, Brianna Venturo, Joshua Volk, James Wright.

### Free concert scheduled at First Baptist Church

HeartSong. Cedarville University, will and desire to serve provide present a free concert at First a clear picture of the type Baptist Church of Lowell on of students at Cedarville June 6 at 7 p.m.

HeartSong is a talented group of University students who 7168. For present a fresh expression regarding the ministry of of their faith through HeartSong, contact the music. Whether at a large HeartSong Touring Teams conference or a small youth office at 1-888-465-7378.

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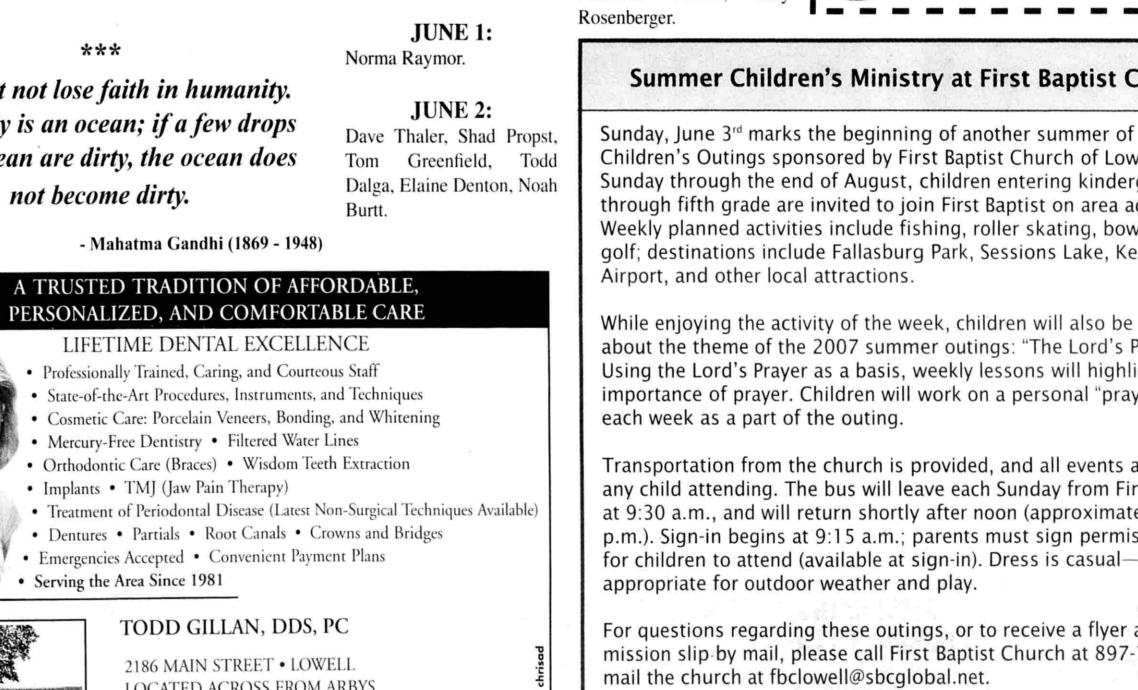
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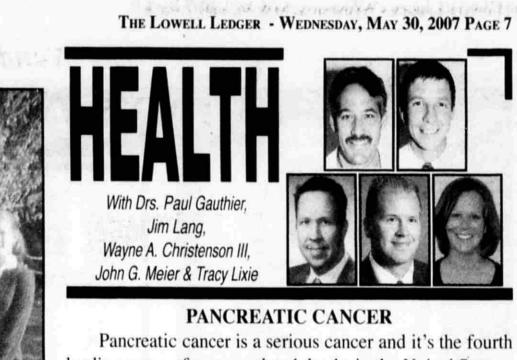
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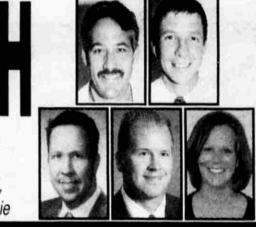
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Becki Brown, Karen Roudabush, Dwight Nash, Grace Nowak. JUNE 5:

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Pancreatic cancer is a serious cancer and it's the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. The pancreas is a large gland located deep in the abdomen behind the stomach. It secretes enzymes into the intestine which aid in digestion. It also produces insulin and other hormones responsible for blood sugar regulation.

Because of its location, pancreatic cancer is often difficult to detect in early stages. There are currently no good screening tests. Symptoms of pancreatic cancer include upper abdominal or back pain, jaundice, weight loss and loss of appetite.

The diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is usually made after obtaining a medical history suspicious for pancreatic cancer and by checking blood tests and CT scans of the abdomen. Biopsies may also be done.

Surgery is usually the treatment of choice for pancreatic cancer in early stages of the disease. Chemotherapy or radiation may also be used in advanced cases or in addition to surgery. For more information regarding pancreatic cancer

contact the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at www. oancan.org.



appropriate for outdoor weather and play. For questions regarding these outings, or to receive a flyer and permission slip by mail, please call First Baptist Church at 897-7168, or e-









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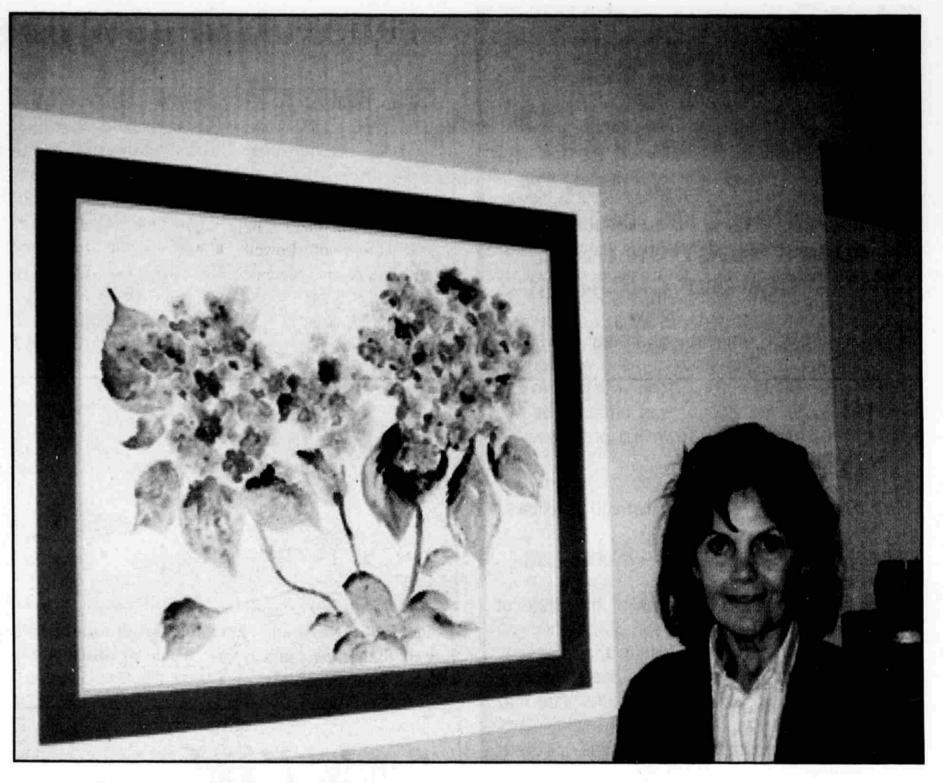
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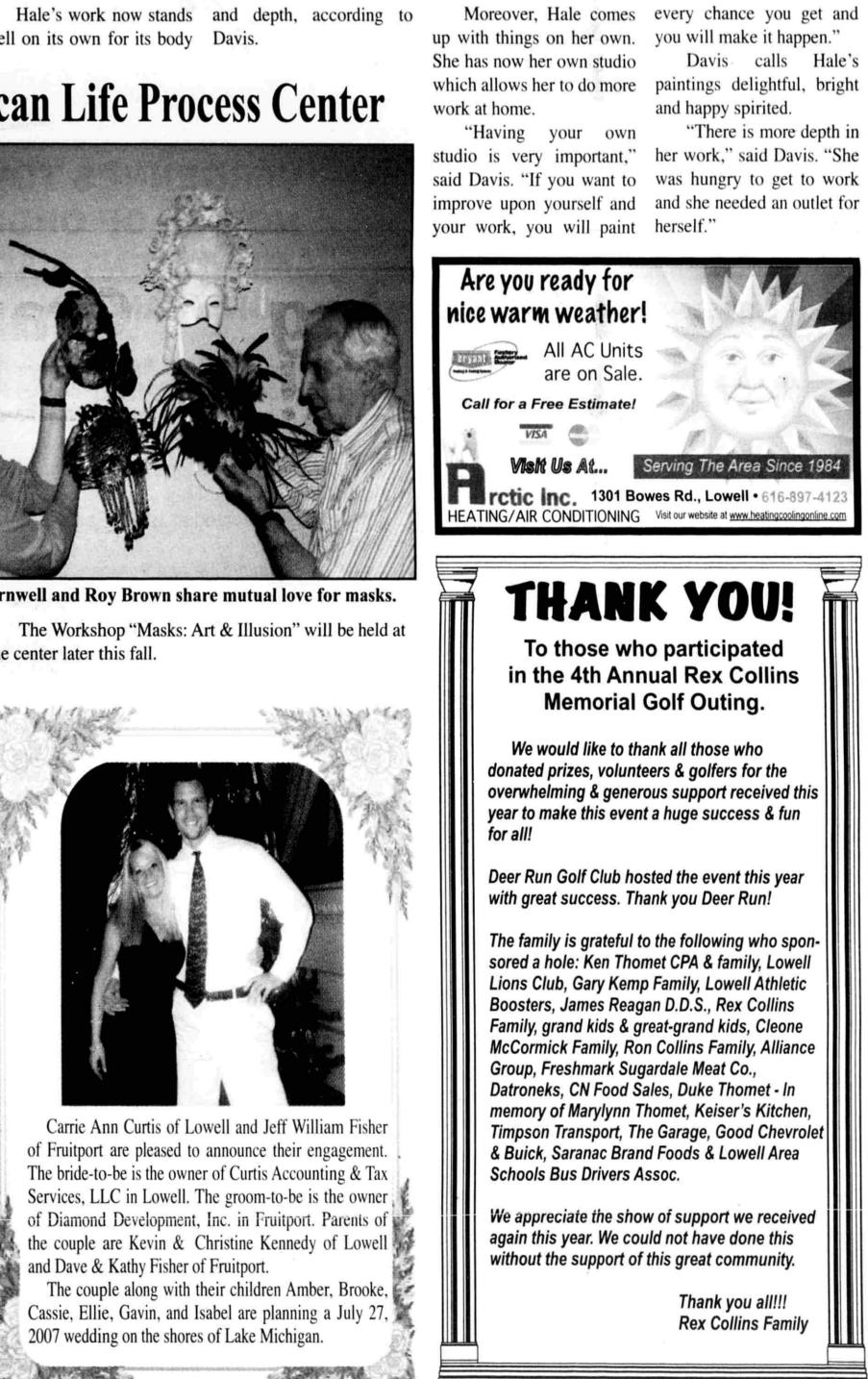
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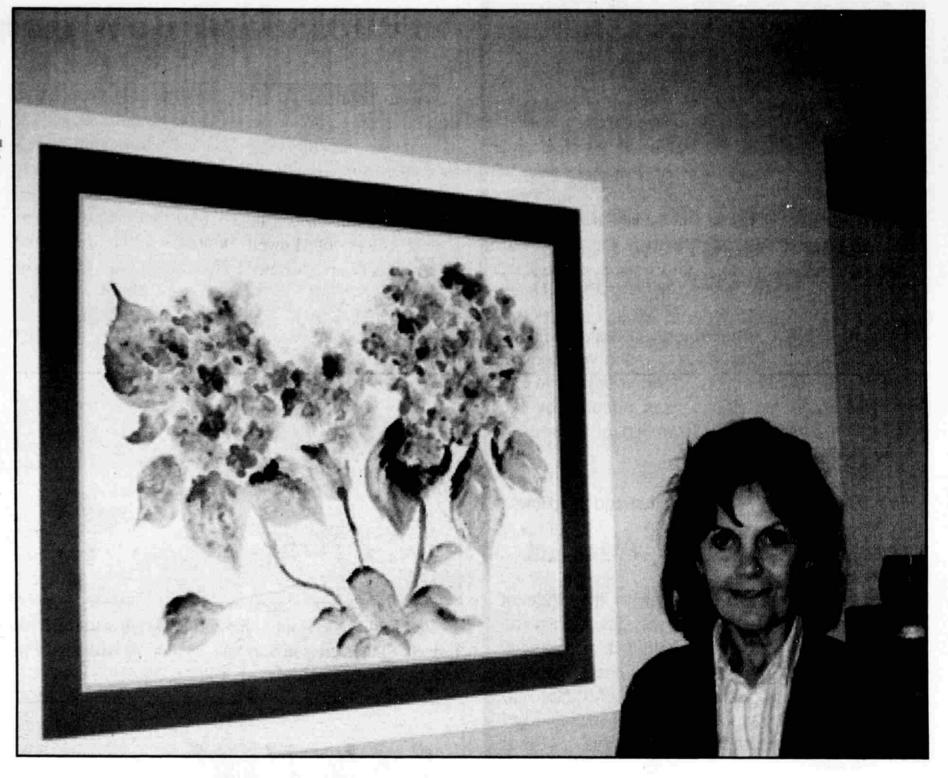
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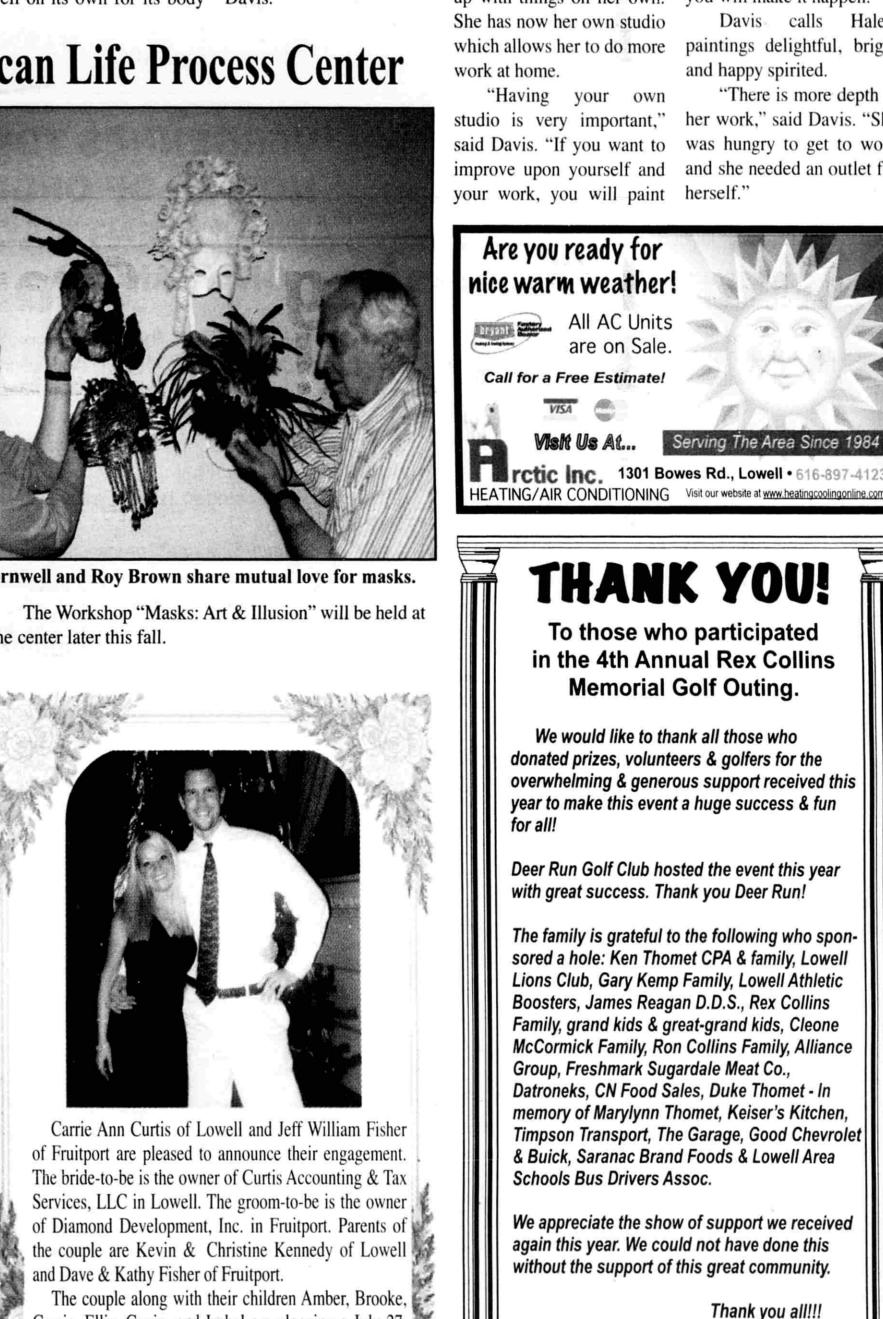
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### BOWNE TOWNSHIP **NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01, CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance No. 2007-01, an Ordinance to make violations of the State Construction Code punishable as municipal civil infractions, was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Bowne on May 21, 2007.

Ordinance No. 2007-01 is summarized as follows:

Section 1. Violations; Municipal Civil Infractions.

Section 1. A. makes violations of the State of Michigan Construction Code punishable as municipal civil infractions rather than criminal misdemeanors and authorizes the Township Building Official to issue municipal civil infraction citations for violations as defined in Section 23 of Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act (the "Act").

Section 1. B. provides that any person who commits a violation described in Section 23 of the Act, who commits a violation of the Ordinance, or who uses or permits the use of property for violations is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and is subject to payment of a municipal civil fine of not less than \$50 plus costs and other sanctions for each violation.

Section 1. C. provides that repeat offenses are subject to increased civil fines (not less than \$250 plus costs for the first repeat offense and not less than \$500 plus costs for the second or subsequent repeat offenses). A repeat offense is a second or subsequent violation within any six month period.

Section 1. D. provides that each day during which a violation continues is a separate offense.

Section 1. E. provides that the district court has equitable jurisdiction to enforce any judgment, writ, or order to enforce any Ordinance provision, including abatement of the violation.

Section 1. F. provides that for purposes of the Ordinance, the word "person" includes the owner(s) of property as well as tenants, possessors, lessees, or licenses. The word "owner" includes any owner or co-owner whether or not shown of record with the Kent County Register of Deeds and applies to both the record owner and purchaser where a land contract is involved. Further, anyone who assists another in committing a violation, or who aids or abets a violation, is deemed to commit a violation.

Section 2. Severability.

Section 2. provides that the provisions of the Ordinance are severable.

Section 3. Effective Date.

Section 3 provides that the Ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance or summary thereof. As a result, the Ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2007-01.

The publication of this Notice meets the requirements for publication pursuant to MCL 41.184. No further publication of Ordinance No. 2007-01 is required or contemplated by the Township. A copy of Ordinance No. 2007-01 may be inspected or obtained at the Township offices located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> Date: May 30, 2007 Sandra L. Kowalcyzk Bowne Township Clerk

## Siblings both bag turkeys



Pictured are Eric and Samantha Mundt with their turkeys they took earlier this month on private land south of Lowell. Samantha's turkey was 18 pounds with a 10 1/4-inch beard. Eric's turkey, his first in five years of hunting, weighed in at 15 pounds.

Volunteers are needed 9 p.m. Help us get our city Lend A Hand to help paint and clean the Lowell Showboat. Work **VOLUNTEER** sessions are May 29, 30 **OPPORTUNITIES** and 31 and June 5, 6 and 7. Work sessions will be all day during daylight hours at 897-9920. and in the evening from 6-SHOWBOAT REPAIR

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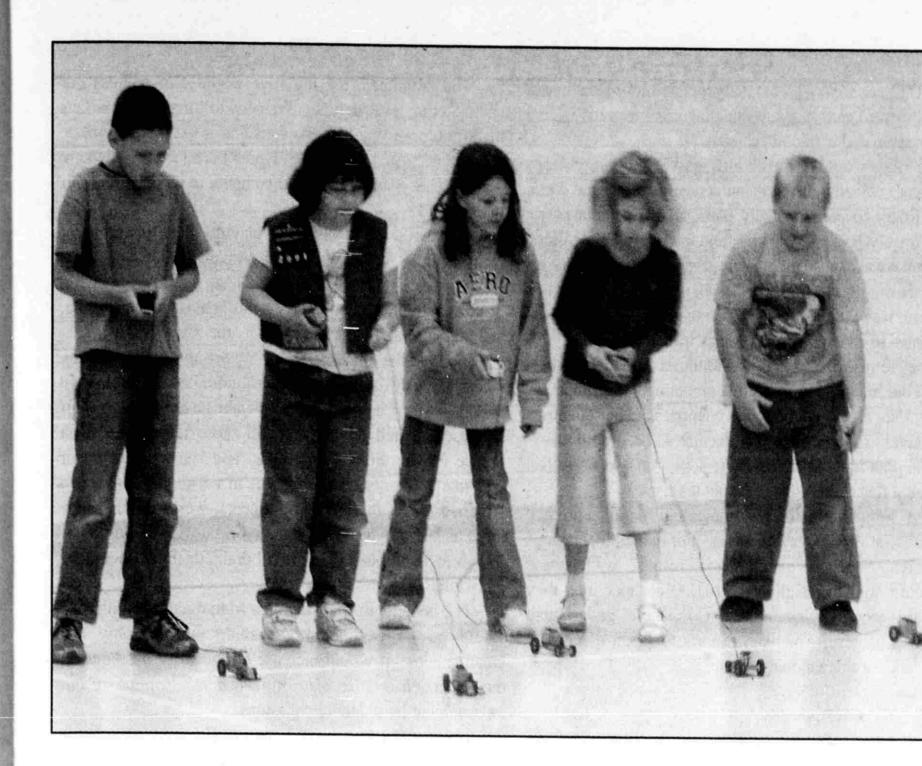
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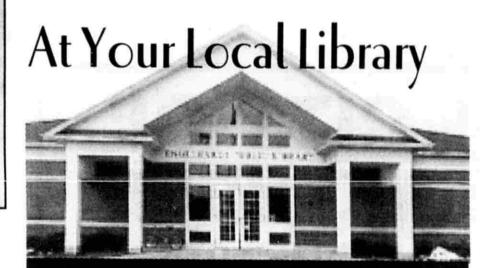
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance No. 2007-01, an Ordinance to make violations of the State Construction Code punishable as municipal civil infractions, was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Bowne on May 21, 2007.

Ordinance No. 2007-01 is summarized as follows:

Section 1. Violations; Municipal Civil Infractions.

Section 1. A. makes violations of the State of Michigan Construction Code punishable as municipal civil infractions rather than criminal misdemeanors and authorizes the Township Building Official to issue municipal civil infraction citations for violations as defined in Section 23 of Stille-Derossett-Hale Single the-State Construction Code Act (the "Act").

Section 1. B. provides that any person who commits a violation described in Section 23 of the Act. who commits a violation of the Ordinance, or who uses or permits the use of property for violations is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and is subject to payment of a municipal civil fine of not less than \$50 plus costs and other sanctions for each violation.

Section 1. C. provides that repeat offenses are subject to increased civil fines (not less than \$250 plus costs for the first repeat offense and not less than \$500 plus costs for the second or subsequent repeat offenses). A repeat offense is a second or subsequent violation within any six month period.

Section 1. D. provides that each day during which a violation continues is a separate offense.

Section 1. E. provides that the district court has equitable jurisdiction to enforce any judgment, writ, or order to enforce any Ordinance provision. including abatement of the violation.

Section 1. F. provides that for purposes of the Ordinance, the word "person" includes the owner(s) of property as well as tenants, possessors. lessees, or licenses. The word "owner" includes any owner or co-owner whether or not shown of record with the Kent County Register of Deeds and applies to both the record owner and purchaser where a land contract is involved. Further, anyone who assists another in committing a violation, or who aids or abets a violation, is deemed to commit a violation.

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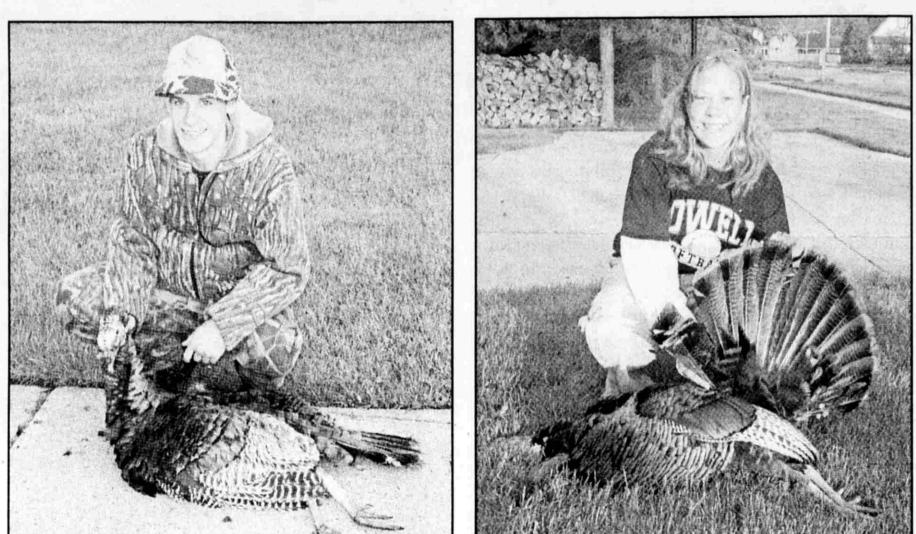
Section 3. Effective Date

Section 3 provides that the Ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance or summary thereof. As a result, the Ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2007-01.

The publication of this Notice meets the requirements for publication pursuant to MCL 41.184. No further publication of Ordinance No. 2007-01 is required or contemplated by the Township. A copy of Ordinance No. 2007-01 may be inspected or obtained at the Township offices located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> Date: May 30, 2007 Sandra L. Kowalcyzk Bowne Township Clerk

# Siblings both bag turkeys



Pictured are Eric and Samantha Mundt with their turkeys they took earlier this month on private land south of Lowell. Samantha's turkey was 18 pounds with a 10 1/4-inch beard. Eric's turkey, his first in five years of hunting, weighed in at 15 pounds.

Lend A Hand 9 p.m. Help us get our city Volunteers are needed icon ready for the summer to help paint and clean the **VOLUNTEER** celebrations. For more Lowell Showboat. Work information call the Lowell sessions are May 29, 30 **OPPORTUNITIES** Area Chamber of Commerce and 31 and June 5, 6 and at 897-9161 or Ivan Blough . Work sessions will be all day during daylight hours at 897-9920. and in the evening from 6-SHOWBOAT REPAIR

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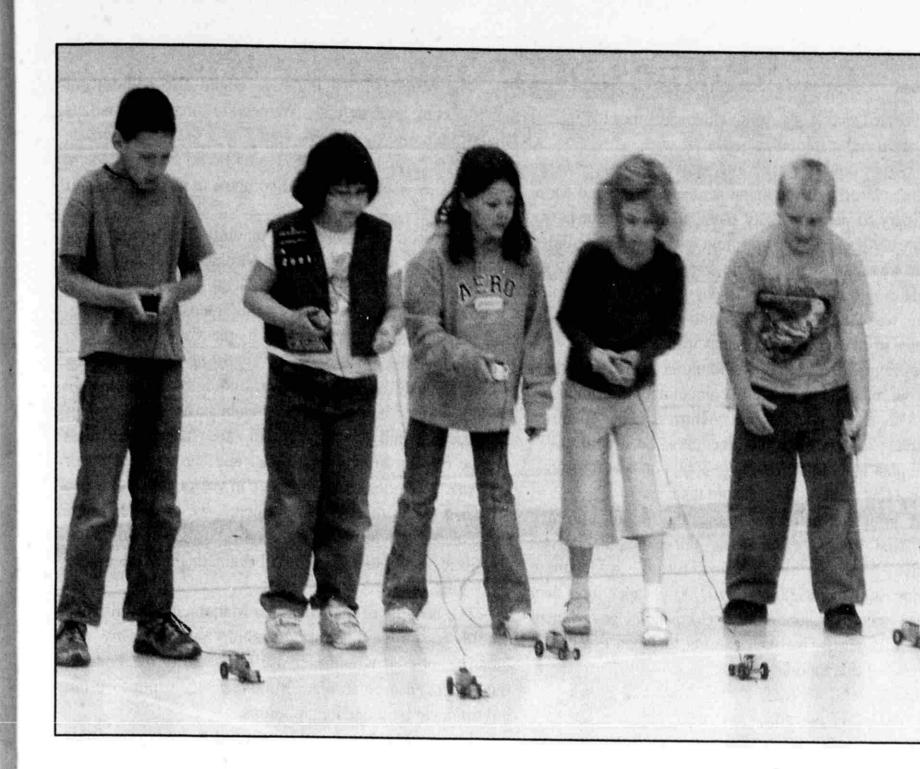
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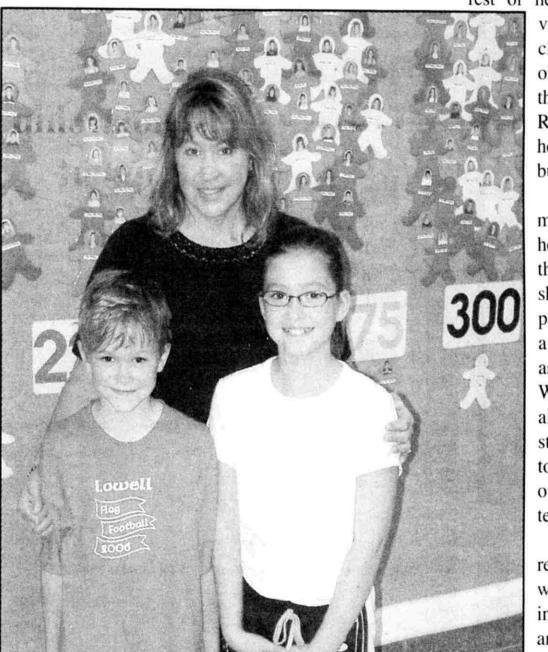
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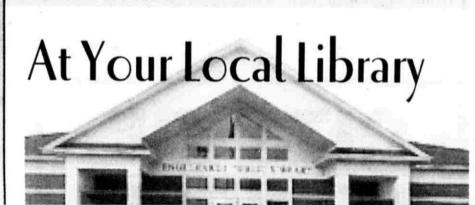


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The American Manufacturing nitiative With Senator Carl Levin

The Bush Administration has not lifted a finger to support manufacturing in America while we have lost three million manufacturing jobs on its watch. That neglect has hurt the people of Michigan and undermined our economic strength as a country, and it must change.

The Democratic members of the Michigan congressional delegation and Governor Granholm recently released a comprehensive American Manufacturing Initiative to lay the groundwork for the significant change in course we need on manufacturing policy. The plan would bring together government, private industry and academia in a robust partnership aimed at turning around the manufacturing sector

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The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

City Operating Budget for 2007-2008. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,485,076.42 in proposed expenditures. After the hearing, the Council will consider adoption.

Copies of the proposed 2007-2008 Budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library and the City web page (www.ci.lowell.mi.us).

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall prior to the meeting or appear in person.



IN ONE VISIT

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

of the U.S. economy. It contains provisions on trade, health care, advanced technologies, manufacturing incentives, fuel conservation and many other issues.

The new Congress is more receptive than the previous one to the concerns of the manufacturing sector, and we're going to try to pass as many parts of this agenda as we can. To truly level the playing field for our manufacturers, however, we also need a President who actively supports our manufacturing sector. So we will not only fight to enact this initiative, we will make every effort to press the presidential candidates to take a position on it as well.

The premise of the American Manufacturing Initiative is simple: our manufacturers aren't competing with companies abroad; they are competing with countries. Other countries aggressively support their manufacturers. So should we.

The plan would take dramatic action on several fronts. Here are a few of the steps it would take.

The initiative calls for combating unfair currency manipulation by other countries. For example, Japan's aggressive currency manipulation results in Japanese cars being sold for \$3,000 to \$10,000 cheaper than they otherwise would - essentially a Japanese government subsidy. Likewise, American exports to Japan essentially face a "tax" of that amount.

**KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN** NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV, "CITY **ARBOR BOARD," TO CHAPTER** 23, "VEGETATION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE **CITY OF LOWELL** 

**CITY OF LOWELL** 

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 07-06 adding Article IV," City Arbor Board, "Vegetation," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on May 21, 2007. Ordinance No. 07-06 creates a City Arbor Board, describes it duties and responsibilities related to trees and shrubs in public areas within the City and describes Board procedures.

Ordinance No. 07-06 is effective 10 days after this publication.

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The manufacturing initiative would also address our skyrocketing trade deficits. We need to force open markets that are blocked by trade barriers and insist that new trade agreements - such as the U.S. Korea Free Trade Agreement - allow U.S. manufacturers to compete in an open and fair market.

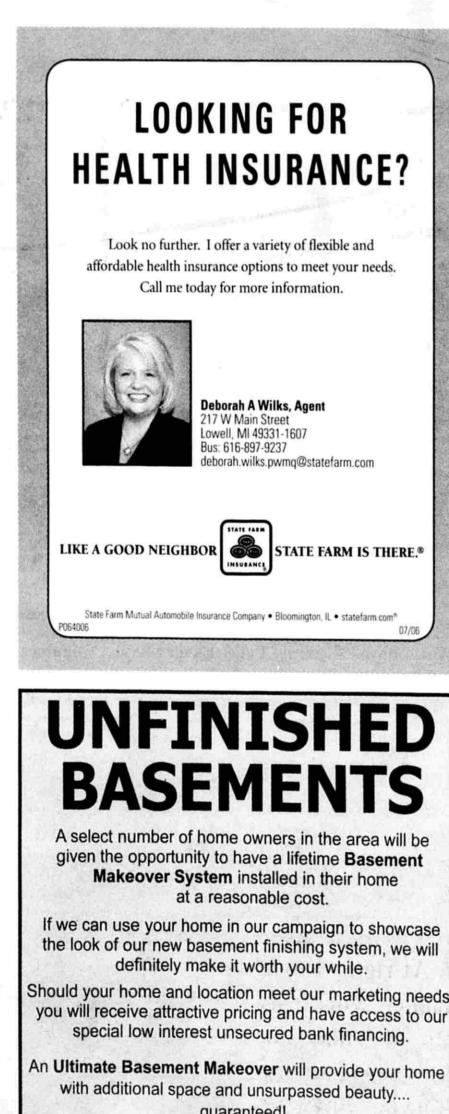
We also need to level the playing field for domestic manufacturers by reducing catastrophic health care costs to businesses, making the R & D tax credit permanent, protecting intellectual property rights against counterfeiting, and making trading partners play by the rules.

Finally, the plan calls for investing heavily in tax incentives to develop leap ahead technologies and alternative energy sources, and to give far greater government support for research and development in those areas. We must reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and can do it in a fair way that unleashes great advances in vehicle technology in America. With the right investments, we can make huge leaps ahead in hydrogen use; in hybrid use, including plugin hybrids; and biofuels that will dramatically reduce CO2 emissions.

The benefits of the American Manufacturing Initiative would go far beyond strengthening our economy and creating jobs. It would increase our security by reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and it would improve our environment by reducing emissions.

The bottom line is that we need a government that fights as hard for our manufacturing industries and jobs as other governments are fighting for theirs, and the American Manufacturing Initiative would take the dramatic action we need. You can read the full details of the plan on my website at levin.senate.gov.

As we work to enact pieces of the initiative this year, we also need to make clear to the presidential candidates that this is an issue of great concern to Michigan and that it should be a concern of theirs as well.



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# RED ARROW SPORTS 5 7 7 4 3

# Lowell's baseball team hits its 20-game winning mark

### By Ellen Mork

The Lowell varsity baseball achieved team its goal of winning 20 games this season splitting a doubleheader against Caledonia May 23.

The Red Arrows lost the first game 10-5 and reached deep to pull off the victory 5-2 in game two. Lowell's fourth. record heading into the district playoffs is 20-10.

**Right-hander** Zach Stephens started for Lowell the board. In the seventh so they could pitch for their only two runs of the that Caledonia had a good to the Honorable Mention in the first game. Lowell scored their first run of the night in the first inning. With the Arrows' outfield lagging, Herrera, in for Trasky, and Caledonia scored three runs Torsten Boss each got a run. Sprague started pitching the in the top of the second. The

a run in the third inning. "I couldn't tell if they were of the second, Caledonia had umpire. Eventually the game for the districts." Two thirds of the way into more concerned with the no outs with the bases loaded. sophomore Nick Trasky was or the outcome of the nights' to Sprague's illness. Boss held Caledonia scoreless scored, single season hit, brought in to pitch the rest of games." the game. Caledonia had no problems scoring three runs much closer. It was an switched pitchers from Boss end, the extended discussion in the fourth inning. Lowell interesting game to watch as to Jesse Vandenbosch. trailed 9-2 at the end of the Miller used one junior and

Boelens scored the Arrows' third run with two outs on pitchers and prepare them inning, Caledonia scored inning, Caledonia scored districts. The plan worked one more run for the game to perfection as the young the fifth, the Arrows scored and the Arrows' Anthony After the shaky first

four sophomore pitchers. Drake scored a run and the win. In the fifth, Nick The strategy was to get Arrow added another later experience for the young in the inning. In the fifth

Lowell junior Taylor bringing the score to 5-2.

Arrows attempted to answer game, Coach Miller sensed second game. Boss scored as umpires discussed a line These games allowed us to The second game was second inning. Again, Miller called due to darkness. In the records,

pitchers excelled.

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risty lacrosse team members are shown getting pumped up for their game against Davidson High in Flint last Tuesday. Lowell won the game 10-7. At right, David Gallagher scored six points (a double hat trick) at the game. The team plays its final game against East Grand Rapids this week.



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> Senior Tylor Meppelink from the earlier line drive and sophomore Boss were In the fourth inning Josh contributed to the Lowell both selected to be in the OK White all conference Miller said his team team. Junior Pete Scudder and sophomore Zach plaving Caledonia knowing Stephens were both named

> > The District games allowed us to gauge how are slated for 10 a.m. this

### LASSO teams to compete this Monday

The Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization will host a LASSO night on June 4. The U14 girls and U15 boys will play teams from Kentwood starting at 5:30 p.m. Both of these teams have played for the LASSO organization for the past six years starting at the age of eight. The U14 girls team is currently 7-0 and clinched first place in the U14 blue division of the GVSA. The boys team is 2-2-1 playing up an age group. Both teams have worked hard over the past six years playing over 100 games, practicing over 500 hours and going to camps representing Lowell. Most of the players on these two teams are in the eighth grade and will play for Lowell High School. LASSO soccer is an organization of select soccer players and parents based in Lowell and open to surrounding areas, with the goal of fielding competitive teams and developing players to their highest potential. LASSO tryouts for fall of 2007 will be on June 18 and 25 at Lowell High School starting at 6:30 p.m. for kids under age 11 by July 31 and at 7:45 p.m. for kids over age 11 by July 31.



### **CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

### ORDINANCE NO. 07-\_\_06

### AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE IV, "CITY ARBOR BOARD," TO CHAPTER 23, "VEGETATION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

Shores, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

### THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

"Vegetation," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell: ARTICLE IV. CITY ARBOR BOARD

#### Sec. 23-50. Creation.

There is hereby created a board of the city to be known as the city arbor conducting all meetings of the board. Another member of the board board to accomplish the public purposes and who shall have such selected by board members present at the meeting, may serve as powers, duties and responsibilities as hereinafter set forth.

### Sec. 23-51. Duties and responsibilities.

annually update and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, council regarding the entering into contracts or the expenditure of city pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs funds in connection with its duties and responsibilities, but may not itself in public parks, along public streets and roads, within public right-of- enter into contracts or commit city funds. ways and within other public areas. Such plan as annually updated shall be for the immediately succeeding fiscal year of the city and shall be presented to the city council in April of each year. Upon review, publish this ordinance, or a summary thereof, as permitted by law, along acceptance and approval by the city council it shall constitute the official with the date of its adoption in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of comprehensive tree plan of the city. In addition, the city arbor board general circulation in the City at least ten (10) days before its effective shall, at the request of the city council, consider, investigate, make date, findings, report and make recommendations to the city council on any matter or question within the scope of its work as set forth in this section. ten (10) days after it or a summary thereof, as permitted by law, along Sec. 23-52. Composition.

The city arbor board shall consist of five (5) voting members, all of whom YEAS: shall be registered electors of the city. All such members shall be Tem Mathews and appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority of the members then serving on the city council. In addition, there shall be one (1) ex- NA officio nonvoting member who shall be a certified tree arborist who need AB not be a registered elector of the city, shall be identified by the city AB manager and who shall agree to serve in such capacity.

#### Sec. 23-53. Term of office.

The term of office for city arbor board voting members shall be for three (3) years, provided, that for the first members appointed, two (2) Dated: May 21, 2007 members shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, two (2) members shall be appointed for a two (2) year term, and one (1) member shall be appointed for a one (1) year term. Except for the initial appointment of board members where a member's term shall commence upon appointment, all terms shall commence on July 1. If a board member's term has expired, and a successor has not been appointed, the board certify that the above ordinance is a true and complete copy of an member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

### Sec. 23-54. Vacancies.

appointment vacated.

### Sec. 23-55. Removal from office.

council at any time for cause as determined solely by the city council upon receiving a recommendation for removal by the city arbor board.

### Sec. 23-56. Compensation.

Members of the city arbor board shall receive no compensation, but shall be entitled to their actual and necessary reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as approved by the city council.

Sec. 23-57. Rules of procedure. The city arbor board may adopt such rules of procedure for carrying out

its powers, duties and responsibilities that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this article.

### Sec. 23-58. Meetings.

All meetings of the city arbor board shall, except as otherwise permitted by law, be open to the public and held in compliance with the Michigan Councilmember <u>Hodges</u>, supported by Councilmember Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended (MCL 15.261 et seq.). Meetings of the city arbor board may be called by the board chairperson or by any two (2) of its board members.

### Sec. 23-59. Quorum.

Section 1. Addition of Article IV to Chapter 23. The A majority of the voting board members then serving on the city arbor following Article IV, "City Arbor Board," is added to Chapter 23, board shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of the business of the board.

### Sec. 23-60. Chairperson.

The members of the city arbor board shall annually elect one (1) of its members as chairperson. The chairperson shall be responsible for temporary chairperson for a meeting at which the chairperson is absent. Sec. 23-61. Execution of contracts and commitment of funds. The city arbor board shall study, investigate, counsel, and develop, The city arbor board may advise and make recommendations to the city

Section 2. Publication. After its adoption, the City Clerk shall

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect with the date of its adoption is published as provided in Section 2 above. Councilmembers Hodges, Pfaller, Shores, Mayor Pro

	Mayor Myers.
AYS:	Councilmembersnone.
BSTAIN:	Councilmembers <u>none.</u>
BSENT:	Councilmembers <u>none.</u>

### ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Lowell, Michigan, ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Lowell City Council held May 21 , 2007, pursuant to notice given in compliance with Act 267 of Vacancies on the city arbor board shall be filled in the same manner as the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, and notice of its regular appointments for the remainder of the unexpired term of the adoption, including a summary of its contents, was published in The Lowell Ledger on May 30, 2007. I further certify that the above ordinance was entered into the Ordinance Book of the City on May 21, A board member may be removed from the city arbor board by the city 2007, and was effective \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007, ten (10) days after publication.

Dated: May 21, 2007

### Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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extended nine games last game. streak to wins over OK Conference teams West Rockford. Grandville and Hudsonville. Rodenhouse. "Give our kids

Annual Mandy when we had to." 12th Tichelaar Memorial Softball Tournament on May 22. game Lowell jumped out to The tournament is played a 4-0 lead after one. RBIs in memory of Tichelaar by Karri Ort and Ashley accident as a freshman on in the inning. Lowell scored the varsity team. "The girls four more in the fourth as always want to play well in Smit and McElroy singled. the tourney and this year we Mundt and Tawney walked played great and beat some and Bueche doubled for the good teams" said a happy Arrows. Grandville did not coach Bob Rodenhouse after go away as they scored a run the Red Arrows became the in the fourth and two in the second Lowell team ever to fifth and sixth making the win the tournament.

semifinals. Lowell defeated Rockford to 15-5. 7-6 and Grandville beat Kenowa Hills 12-0. In the finals. Lowell hung on to nip Grandville 7-6 while Rodenhouse. "They have Rockford won 13-2.

Against Rockford, Lowell jumped out to a 4- we brought one home for Arrows won 9-5. Lowell sent sixth as she gunned down a of the girls; we played 12 play at Northview on June 1 lead after two innings. the team." Ort was the 2007 13 hitters to the plate in the base runner trying to score games in nine days - they 2 against Rockford in the Katie McElroy and Brittany doubled Bueche both drove McElrov home Sam Mundt who singled on May 21. Tawney allowed and home Cassie DeCator and McElroy. Rockford cut the singled, doubled and tripled lead to 5-4 after five. But in the sixth, three consecutive hits by Monica Vigil, Bueche and Terrah Tawney drove in two runs. gave the Arrows a 7-4 lead. In the bottom of the seventh, Arrows hosted Hudsonville Rockford loaded the bases and swept a doubleheader with no outs and scored two winning 7-2 and 9-5. The runs to cut the lead to 7-6. Arrows trailed 2-1 after Tawney then settled down as four, but a five-run fifth gave third base person Ashleigh Lowell a 6-2 lead. Bueche Smit threw out a runner at drove home one with a home trying to score from fielder's choice. Tawney third for the first out of the knocked home two with a

The Red Arrow girls' inning. Tawney then got the team next two hitters to fly out winning and ground out to end the

"It was an exciting game but I do not need that much excitement," stated Lowell hosted the credit we made the plays

In the championship who was killed in a car Nawrocki helped the Arrows score 8-7. Tawney picked up both wins upping her record

> win this tournament for the Tichelaar's," said scholarship winner.

In other action, Lowell defeated West Ottawa 5-0 knocked only three hits striking out six and walking five. Bueche for the Arrows. Lowell scored four runs in the third and one in the fifth. Tawney

On May 23, the Red



Tournament May 22.

inning

inning. Mundt had two hits on a fly ball to right center.

"It is a pleasure to double to center. Ort and in the inning, Kristin Nagy Mundt also had RBIs in the doubled as Alex Gibbs, we have beaten Hudsonville something." Nagy, DeCator and Tawney in a long time, and to do it In the night cap, an drove home Red Arrows. in a doubleheader says a at 25-8 on the year. They been great supporters of eight-run sixth inning erased A fine defensive play was lot about our kids," said will host Grand Rapids Lowell softball and finally a 2-1 deficit as the Red turned in by Nawrocki in the Rodenhouse. "I am so proud Christian on Thursday and





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The Lowell Red Arrow softball team after winning the Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Softball

"It was the first time that Red Division in three days is

The Red Arrows stand played hard and never gave districts. Game time is 12:15 up. We talk about quality p.m., but could be moved



### ESTATE SALE

May 31, June 1 & 2, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Antiques, glassware, old iron (tools, pulleys, etc), furniture & many more collectibles. 9703 Clarksville Rd., Clarksville (1 1/4 miles W. of Clarksville)

SALE

Jet ski's, Tupperware, furniture, kitchenware, shoes, blankets, newborn to XXL clothes, Little Tykes items. May 31 - June 1 & 2. 1501 Rochester Street, Lake Odessa

#### CARRIAGE HOUSE SALE

Antiques, cottage & rustic furnishings, 100% natural homemade soaps & beauty products, garden & shabby chick. Memorial Day Weekend, Sat. 8-5, Sun. 10-4, Mon. 8-2. 520 N. Monroe St.

### GARAGE SALE

Day Bible Chapel, 9305 Centerline, Saranac. Thursday, May 31, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday, June 1, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. - noon.

### **CHARITY BENEFIT GARAGE SALE**

June 1 & 2, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. to benefit Kent Special Riding Program. Location of sale 9705 Morse Lake Rd., Alto. Great prices & large variety of items.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY ANNUAL GARAGE SALE AT NEW LOCATION

name brand baby, boys, girls, juniors, mens, womens & maternity clothes & shoes; boy's school uniforms. sz. 8-10; furniture, toys, books, CD's, videos & DVD's, household & scrapbooking items, Avon & numerous other items - too many to name. Thurs., May 31, Fri. June 1 & Sat., June 2 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 228 Lind Ave., Clarksville. Questions call 269-804-9384

### GARAGE SALE

Thur., Fri. and Sat., May 31 - June 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of baby items, boys and girls clothes, toys, furniture, TV. lawn tractor, household and misc, items, 11999 Alden Ct. (off Alden Nash NE between Murray Lake Elem. and 3 Mile Road)

RUMMAGE SALE

June 1 & 2, Friday 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 1p.m. Old Time Methodist Church, 5590 Whitneyville Ave., Alto

#### MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE

May 31, June 1 & 2, 9 to ? 10533 Drew Rd., Clarksville. Table, chairs, dresser, night stand, computer desk, Home Interior, old Avon bottles, lamps, air hockey table, paint ball supplies, new and used automotive parts, puzzles, clothes, books, and many more misc, items

### YARD SALE

4950 Lincoln Lake between 5 & 6 Mile. Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Papasan furniture, bathroom sink, 15" rims, books, toys, clothes, and lots more.

YARD SALE May 31 thru June 2, 10-6. Girls clothes 0-4T, boys 0-12/4T, toys, bikes, etc. 927 Lincoln Lake.

GARAGE SALE May 31 & June 1, 9 to 5 p.m. 240 Roberta Javne (Valley Vista subdivision).

#### GARAGE SALE

May 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 1-2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 301 N. West. Computer and parts, DVD player, 18m to 3T girl, many extras.

### Let them know that you saw their ad in the Garage Sale Section!

### HUGE SALE

everything for baby! Crib, changing table, and lots more. Clothes galore, boys 0 to 5, girls 0 to 3T. Toys & household. June 1 & 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 7974 Hawkview Ct. NE (off Honeycreek between 4 & 5 Mile).

#### **3 FAMILY SALE**

60th & Wingeier, Alto. Antiques, household items, furniture, radial arm saw & much more. Priced to sell. June 1 & 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

5333 Gavin Lake. Sat., June 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Clowns, bells, other collectibles, lots of boys clothing, toys & craft materials.

#### BARN SALE

'95 Pontiac TranSport for parts only, runs great; 2 tanks - R12 refrigerate, pressure washers, chipper/shredder, big blower, jacks, 9 ft. Bass Tracker, guns, lamps, beds, bikes, 6 volt Hot Wheels go carts, exercise machine, speakers, amps, kitchen stuff. Too much to list! 10620 Sparks Rd. Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - ? 897-5369

### GARAGE SALE

830 N. Washington. Girls clothes NB - 3T, toys, household items. M-21 east to Washington, turn N to house. May 31, June 1 & 2, 8 - ?

#### SALE

13446 Forest River Dr. (north of Flat River just past Vergennes). 5/31 - 6/2, 9-? Free misc. Christian CD's & DVD's (large selection, all new), misc. items, clothes, power tools, chainsaw & much more.

#### GARAGE SALE

1015 Beech, June 1st, 9-5. Kids/adult clothing, pool cover reel, lots of everything! Bargain prices! No sale if rain.

#### HUGE SALE

Name brand clothing, infant thru Juniors girls & boys, tons of baby products, Rochester Street, Lake Odessa. May 31 - June 2, 9 a.m. to ?

### GARAGE SALE

13427 Forest River Ct. Like new boys' clothes 8-10, girls like new 12-14, toddler bed, mini-bike & misc. Thurs., May 31 & Fri., June 1, 9-5 p.m., Sat., June 2, 9-12 p.m.

#### **3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

Thurs., Fri., Sat., May 31 - June 2. Lots of baby items. toys, clothing, plus size clothing, computers, old records, VHS tapes, wedding decorating items, & much more. 6561 Gould Rd., Saranac.

#### MOVED INTO SMALL HOUSE, NOTHING FITS couches, dining set, bedrooms set, chairs, occasional tables, accessories, pictures, yard equipment, tools. Moved from 4,400 sq. ft. to 1,600 sq. ft. everything goes. Amy from Pep Talk is finally having a sale. Early sales welcome, starting Memorial Day through the week, until everything is gone. 624 Riverside.

CLEARING OUT SALE June 1 & 2 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 3135 Pratt Lake Ave.. Lowell. Wood cook stoves, antique hand saws, 1950's double porcelain sink, Jeep Wagoneer, old books, queen sleeper couch, Cordura motorcycle suit & hel-

met. Many other items.

### Phone your ad in to 897-9261 Fax it to 897-4809

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Brief, "Sound Off" comments are always welcome but will be, at times edited for content and length. All comments are submitted by the public and do not neccessarily represent the views of the Ledger. Feel free to sign your comment. For more lengthy views please consider a letter "To The Editor".

I can only imagine the uproar if the City Council had waited until the cable system was teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. Count your blessings and your cash Lowell. -Jim Hall

Congratulations to the 8th grade grads of St. Patrick School! Best wishes for the future, and it has been a blessing being in a class with all of you!

Thank you Unity for cleaning up the schoolyards and the riverbank.

A Novel Idea - Pay the cable TV profit back to the system owners (the subscribers), duh. Oh, the city would be left short? Dumb idea.

The class of 2011 would like to thank Lowell Middle School teachers. Mrs. Dubbink and Mrs. Roessler (counselors), and Mrs. Warren and Mr. Fowler for a great three years. LHS here we come!

A special thanks to Don DeYoung for having the city looking its best for Memorial Day. Too bad he had to work 12 hours a day the preceding week.

What a scam -remove the baggers, have customer bagging/loading their own groceries, then put in expensive, useless monitors in the checkout aisles that nobody reads.

Who can be contacted to make donations for the kid's skateboard park? I think it's a great idea but I don't know who to contact.

Terry thank you so much for helping get rid of all the garlic mustard. - Boon

We've had Comcast in Florida for six months in the winter and the service and their help are very nice. I don't know why everybody complains when a lot of people don't even use it up here. Mayor Myers you're doing a great job. Don't listen to your critics.

> God Bless and keep all our veterans and all of military currently serving.

### **CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

# LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 07-07 repealing Chapter 8. "Cable Television," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on May 21, 2007. Chapter 8 dealt with the creation and operation of the City's Cable Television Department including the Board of Cable Television.

Ordinance No. 07-07 is effective 10 days after this publication.



- Melissa F.

-Whitney

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE **REPEALING CHAPTER 8, "CABLE TELEVISION," OF THE CODE OF** ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF

> Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

### FOR SALE

STAINTED GLASS COM-PONENTS - tools, instructions books, many pieces of glass, several sizes, by appointment; Bushnel spotting scope, 25 power with tripod, \$100; antique straight back chair, needs recovering, \$10; solid oak blanket chest, antique \$300; Crosley record play er, \$40; many 33 1/3 records; Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Veterans garden. 2 spaces, both for \$1,200 Cannondale mountain bike men's 21" frame, \$70. Call 616-942-2685.

MEMORY FOAM MAT-**TRESS** - Relieves back pain. YES it really does. All sizes. ALL NEW. Try it FREE. G.R. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160. TFN

HOME SECURITY SYS-TEMS - starting at \$99 installed. Low monthly fee. Call today 897-7507.

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LOWELL - 5 acres on private road, perked and surveyed, walkout sites. near high school, \$105,900. 550-0558.

AIR BED - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Dual chambers with remote & warranty. 50% less than the mall. All new. Queen \$795, king \$995 and up. G.R. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160. TEN

1999 FORD TAURUS V6, automatic trans. well maintained, 116,000 miles. \$2,900 obo. Call 897-9444.

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DOG KENNEL - 4x8, \$75 obo. Call 901-7635.

### FOR SALE

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2001 EAGLE BY JAYCO - 31 ft., less than 5.000 miles. Asking \$32,500 obo. 616-693-3018.

LAND FOR SALE - 3 acres, perfect for walkout, near Murray Lake, \$57,900. Bryan 616-318-4808.

DOG HOUSE - 3 1/2 ft. length x 2 ft. wide x 2 ft. high Grav with shingled roof. Good condition, for large dog, \$30. 855-6371

MARBLE TOP OAK BAK-ERS STAND - 24" x 24" x 38", 2 shelves/drawer great condition, \$125. 855-6371.

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Arnie & Norann DeLoof

### WANTED

ROOMMATE WANTED Female need to share house expenses. Everything furnished. Call 897-8978 or 897-5632.

ROOMMATE WANTED Christian male needs roommate to share house expenses, \$350 per month. 706-6433, Bill.

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SOUND OFF PHONE LINE 897-0787 Leave your message on the machine.

### LOST

LOST - Digital camera, May 5, Alto area. Reward, Call 616-322-9771.

LOST - Black purse w/ strap. Between Valley Vista Dr. & Bowes Rd. (Senior Neighbors). 897-8584 or 897-7123.

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### **HELP WANTED**

RESTAURANT HELP WANTED - Cooks, cashiers, prep cooks & waitstaff. \$10/hr. average benefits. EOE. Call Jackie at 787-7875. **CHEF WANTED - Culinary** dearee preferred or equilvalent experience. Salary based on experience, full benefit package: medical dental, life, paid holidays vacations 401K retirement pension. EOE. Call Jackie

### EVENTS

at 787-7875.

SILVER ANNIVER-SARY OPEN HOUSE - The family of Larry & Lynne Kuzmin invite you to help celebrate their silver anniversary on Sat., June 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. at 8880 Alden Nash Ave., Alto.

### FOR RENT

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.TEN

> COUNTRY HOUSE FOR RENT - 10369 Coldwate SE near Caledonia Sportsman Club. 3 bedroom. verv dogs. 1-year lease. Rent \$585 per month + \$300 deposit, 352-429-2409.

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FOR RENT SARANAC 1 bedroom upper, \$350 month + utilities Call 616-890-2594 for appt. No

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





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FOR RENT

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ITEEN CONSTRUCTION - 16 yrs. experience. Licensed general contractor Roofing, pole barns, drywall, siding, garages, trim work, decks, remodels and more. Call for free estimate Lee Iteen 616-835-3951

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> A-JILL-ITY GLENN KEN NELS PRESENTS - "Introduction to Agility." In this beginning class the focus will be on FUN! We will introduce vou & vour canine companion to the wonderful world of agility, using positive reinforcement training methods. This series o classes is designed for the dog & owner that have had no prior agility training Six week sessions starting hurs., June 7, 7 to 8 p.m \$50. Call 897-6245 or 970-4359. Leave message, all calls will be returned

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### SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MAY 7, 2007

Minutes of the April 16, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted and the accounts payables were approved.

The following action was taken:

- Motion to pass a resolution proclaiming May 20–26, 2007 as Emergency Medical Services Week.
- Motion to pass a resolution proclaiming May 23, 2007 as National Emergency Medical Services for Children's Day.
- Motion to grant the request for a liquor license for the 5th Annual Art Attack sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2007 running from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Motion to rezone 211-225 and 330 S.
   Washington from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to LI (Light Industrial).
- Motion to adopt the ordinance requiring completion of exterior features of structures.
- Motion to set a public hearing for June 4, 2007 regarding a proposed ordinance amending the keeping of fowl, rabbits and similar animals.
- Motion to set a public hearing for June 4, 2007 to consider a lot width variance for the construction of a duplex located at 221 Amity as petitioned by John Sterly.
- Motion to set a public hearing for June 4, 2007 to consider a variance to allow the construction of a housing addition in an Industrial District regarding 204 S.

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- Washington as petitioned by Cherry Wheat.
- Motion to set a public hearing dated for May 21, 2007 regarding the repeal of the Cable Television Ordinance.
- Motion to set a public hearing for May 21, 2007 regarding establishing a City Arbor Ordinance.
- Motion to award contract to Shaler Excavating for the High Street Slope Improvement Project in the amount of \$19,805.
- Motion to approve the low bid from Van Strien Heating and Plumbing in the amount of \$2,525 for the Water Treatment Plan water heating system.

Yea: 2.

- (Councilmembers Hodges and Shores)
- Nay: 3. (Councilmember Pfaller, Mayor Pro Tem Mathews and Mayor Myers). Motion Denied.
- Motion to approve the bid from Canfield Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$2,795 for the Water Treatment Plant water heating system.
- Yea. 4. (Councilmembers Hodges, Pfaller, Mayor Pro Tem Mathews and Mayor Myers. Nay: 1. (Councilmember Shores) Motion Carried.
- Motion to set public hearings for May 21, 2007 and June 4, 2007 regarding the 2007-2008 budget.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2007.

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