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Flat River railroad line may be converted to trail



By Emma Palova

The Flat River railroad line from Greenville to Lowell may be converted into a multi-purpose trail if the railroad company decides to abandon it.

A group of citizens will meet on June 21 at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to pursue the appraisal of the railroad corridor for the purpose of rail banking. While rail banking allows for trail development, it would also vice versa change the trail back to rail if needed in the future.

"We want to rail bank the corridor to preserve it," said Peter DeBoer, director of West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition.

The estimated purchase price of the 40-mile long rail line is \$3 million and the group will be seeking \$17,500 for the appraisal. A \$4,375 grant from the Frey Foundation is intended to

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The tracks from Greenville to Lowell may be converted into a 40-mile long trail.

Lowell Area Schools budgetary shortfall approved

By Emma Palova

Sometimes it takes a magician to put together a school district budget.

That is why assistant finance superintendent Connie Gillette handed over a symbolic crystal ball to superintendent Greg Pratt,

as she presented a budget with excess expenditures of \$0.5 million Monday night. The crystal ball signified the guessing game

and financial uncertainties that went into the budget projections for the next school year. Stagnant per pupil foundation allowance,

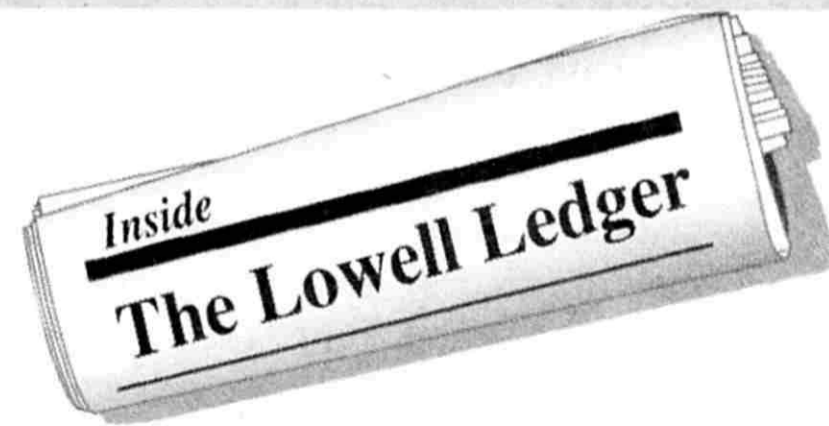
Headlee rollback, increasing expenses and decreasing enrollment all have contributed to the shortfall. The entire budget was based on the assumption that

there will be no proration in foundation allowance. Overall \$1 million in cuts

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This year's retirees from the Lowell Area Schools were honored Monday night at a reception held at the city hall. They are: Marlene Heemstra, Unity principal; Sheila Nordhof, first grade teacher at Bushnell; Scott Vashaw, high school principal; Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel and Carol Nauta, receptionist and benefits.



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Obituaries

BURNHAM

Hazel Burnham, aged 96, of Cascade, MI formerly of Charlotte, NC went to be with her Lord on Sunday, June 3, 2007. She was preceded in death by her son, Richard B. Burnham of Charlotte, NC. Hazel will be lovingly remembered by her devoted husband of 73 years, Burl C. Burnham; daughter, Beverly (Jim) Hall; daughter-in-law, Deborah Burnham; nephew, Thomas N. Burnham; great nephew, Robert F. Burnham III; grandchildren, Robert A. Burnham, Greg (Mayumi)

Burnham, Try (Lisa) Hall, Tanya (Jeff) Paas, Krystin (Brian) Ryder and Andrea (Jeff) Harwood; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Dustin and Mackenzie Paas, Chris, Tyler and Megan Hall, Rachel Morrow, Emma and Brady Ryder, Jonathan Harwood, Sarah Cook, Amy Burnham, Andrew Burnham and Robert Pratt-Burnham. Private graveside services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to, Alzheimer's Association, 213 Sheldon Blvd., SE Suite A, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

HOLTON

Beverly Jean Holton, age 57, of Lowell passed away June 8, 2007 at her home. She was born January 4, 1950 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Russel and Marie (Hendrick) Feuerstein. Beverly married Jerald Holton in Sibley, Michigan, March 25, 2006. She is survived by her loving husband Jerald Holton of Lowell; daughter, Brenda Matlock of Lowell; brother, Ronald Feuerstein of Belding; grandchildren Mary Matlock and Megan Alexander. Funeral services were held Monday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

BBB warns of youth sales scams

The Better Business Bureau warns this is the time of year when traveling youth sales crews go door-to-door peddling everything from magazines to chocolate bars. They feed you stories about how you can help them avoid inner city troubles or how you can help them through college by buying their products.

Some consumers have reported troubling experiences once they've allowed the sales crew into their home. Cases of robbery, assault, or worst have been

reported. Consumers have also complained about not receiving the magazines or products ordered, non-receipt of refunds and incomplete receipts that make canceling the orders impossible.

Often times the sales crew themselves are in harms way. Various news media have reported abusive treatment of young sales crews. Minors report having been sexually harassed and physically assaulted, some are left stranded with no means of transportation home. In addition, the young people are typically expected to work long hours with little rest and it is not uncommon for them to be exposed to illegal drugs and crime.

While some door-to-door youth sales programs are legitimate, it pays to ask questions before letting them into your home. Ask for the name of the organization. If possible, record the license plate of the van or car transporting the children or teenagers. Then contact local law enforcement to report that a crew of young people is canvassing in your community and to ask if they are familiar with the organization. If the sales crew purports to be operating on behalf of a charity or not-for-profit group, check with your local BBB to determine if the charity is registered to solicit in your state.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-183,329-DE

Estate of CATHERINE A. ALSPAUGH deceased Date of birth: 1/15/1924

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, CATHERINE A. ALSPAUGH, who lived at 1334 North Ave NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 5/12/07.

Creditors of the

decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOHN HURD, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 29, 2007

Susan M. Potyraaj 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-454-4119

John Hurd 1334 North Ave NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-183,395-DE

Estate of ALAN J. KOLARIK deceased Date of birth: 12/6/1949

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, ALAN J. KOLARIK, who lived at 4481 Terry SE, Kentwood, Michigan died 5/26/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will

be forever barred unless presented to KAREN L. KOLARIK, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 7, 2007

Justin Michael, Attorney P34349 4550 Cascade Road SE Suite 102 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-940-9991

Kasren L. Kolarik 4481 Terry SE Kentwood, MI 49512 616-940-9991

NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007 7:30 P.M.

There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township Office located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302 to hear the following variance application.

Jack Harkness is requesting a variance of Section 3.02D to build an accessory structure in the front yard, Section 10 NE 1/4, Parcel #41-24-10-200-013.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the Township office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be e-mailed to clerk@bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION C OF SECTION 4.19, "KEEPING OF PETS AND OTHER ANIMALS," OF CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF APPENDIX A - ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 07-08 amending subsection C of Section 4.19, "Keeping of pets and other animals," of Chapter 4, "General Provisions," of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on June 4, 2007. Ordinance No. 07-08 provides restrictions and limitations on the keeping of fowl (excluding roosters), rabbits and similar animals inside and outside residential units in residential zone districts.

Ordinance No. 07-08 is effective ten (10) days after publication.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Concerts sizzle summer nights in Lowell

By Emma Palova

Long summer nights in Lowell will sizzle with music on the banks of the Flat River starting June 14 with a big band opening by the Rhythm Section Jazz Band.

The concert series will cover a wide scope of music from blues, jazz, folk, dixieland, rock and country to classic and Celtic by Fonn Mor.

The Lowell Sizzlin' Summer concerts are different than concerts in

other communities due to the colorful tapestry of the community.

"Every year we try to bring in new groups and keep the diversity of music styles for the entire series," said Lorain Smalligan, director of Lowell Area

Arts Council. Several new artists will perform this year including 'Sugar Creek Band,' a country group.

The series is now expanded beyond 10 concerts to include the concert at the fairgrounds presented by the West Michigan Bluegrass Association and the finale with the Showboat Nostalgia Weekend.

Smalligan hopes for great summer weather that is not too hot. Although other communities have started similar concerts, Lowell continues to bring in strong enthusiastic crowds due to the beautiful atmosphere of downtown Lowell.

People can shop the Farmer's Market prior to the concerts, enjoy dinner at the many restaurants, take in the river, the history of the Showboat, the architecture of the downtown and the diverse style of music.

Chamber director Liz Baker said people have just been waiting for lazy evenings on the Flat River to enjoy music.

"The summer has arrived in Lowell when the concerts begin," said Baker.

The bands, chosen by a music committee led by Gordon Gould, are all from West Michigan. The concerts enjoy an average turnout of 700.

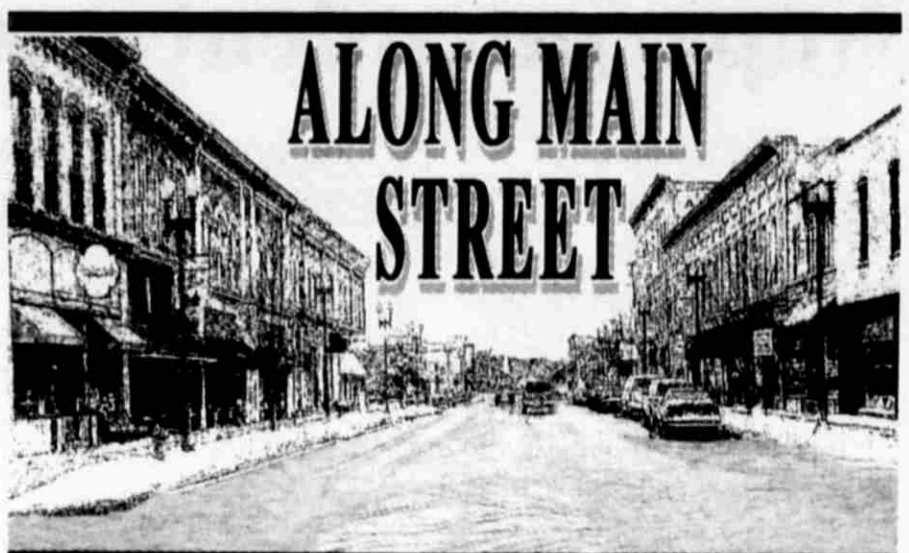
There is no rain location, and only hard rain and lightning will cause cancellation.

The free concerts run every Thursday from June 14 through Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Riverwalk Plaza next to the Showboat.

During the 4-H Fair, the concert is held at the fairgrounds.



On June 28 the Sizzlin' Summer Concert will feature The Willeys who play original and contemporary music.



SUMMER CONCERTS

Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, Thursday nights, June 14 through August 23. Riverwalk Plaza, downtown Lowell, 7-9 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

DEATHTRAP

Presented by Thebes Players Community Theatre at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center (Lowell High School), 11700 Vergennes. Dates of production are: Friday, June 15, Saturday, June 16, Friday, June 22, and Saturday June 23 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinee on June 24 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets (general seating): general \$12, seniors, members, and students \$10, group tickets 10 or more \$8. Advanced tickets available through Pay Pal at www.lowellartscouncil.org.

SECOND ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF LOWELL

Don't miss the fun when this 24-hour community event takes place at noon Friday, June 29, through noon Saturday, June 30 at Lowell High School's Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, 11700 Vergennes Street. The public is invited and there is no admission fee. Food will be sold by Lowell Athletic Boosters Club and baked goods at individual tent sites. Come and join in the fun: come yourself, come with family, come with friends!

FIRE & WATER ART

Bonnie Osborne will be the featured artist during the month of June at Fire & Water Art, 219 W. Main, Downtown Lowell. Hours are 1-6 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Fri. 1-7 p.m. Call 890-1879 for more information.

CLASS OF 1977

"A Night to Remember" 30 year reunion. Many out of state and country classmates are attending. If you have not sent in your RSVP please do so, as the June 15 deadline is approaching. Questions call Deb at Canfield Heating & Plumbing, 897-0887 or check out lowellclassof1977@iserv.net.

SAVE THE DATE

The 4th Annual Lowell High School All Alumni Gathering will be held Sept. 29 at Deer Run Golf Club. There will be dinner and entertainment. For tickets or for more information please call Marsha Wilcox at 897-8949.

FAXING

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The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will reopen the public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street. The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following variance request:

221 Amity (Southeast corner of Elm and Amity) - John Sterly - construction of a duplex - variance for lot width.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

College News

Local student **Stephanie Wagner** has been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the spring 2007 semester. Wagner will be a senior next fall, majoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Susan Wagner of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Chris Gerard, of Lowell, with a 4.0 grade point average, was named to the Dean's List at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind.

Katrina Wheeler, a Lowell graduate, has been

awarded a Faculty Scholarship from Bethel College for fall 2007. The Faculty Scholarship award ranges from \$2,500 - \$3,500 and is renewable. Wheeler plans to study Business Administration.

PUBLIC INVITED TO 2ND ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF LOWELL OF LOWELL Noon to Noon, June 29 - June 30 Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

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Superintendent marks one year on the job

By Emma Palova

Superintendent Greg Pratt finds himself amidst budgetary challenges, as he marks one year on the job in the Lowell Area Schools district.

But, he is looking forward to a new school year with optimism and room for continued growth.

"Budget is our number one challenge," said Pratt, "and then the high school reform."

On top of the budget concerns, the district is facing stagnant enrollment and facility improvement needs.

Pratt and the administration have spent the last year gathering

information about the district's demographics, as well as seeking input through a community survey.

"This community takes pride in education," said Pratt.

On a positive note, the Lowell High School ranked among the top five percent schools nationwide in a recent survey conducted by Newsweek.

Highschools nationwide were ranked according to a ratio of the number of Advancement Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and

or Cambridge tests taken by all students divided by the number of graduating students.

"We've moved up by 100 places," said Pratt. "We have a great staff, and there's a big push for arts."

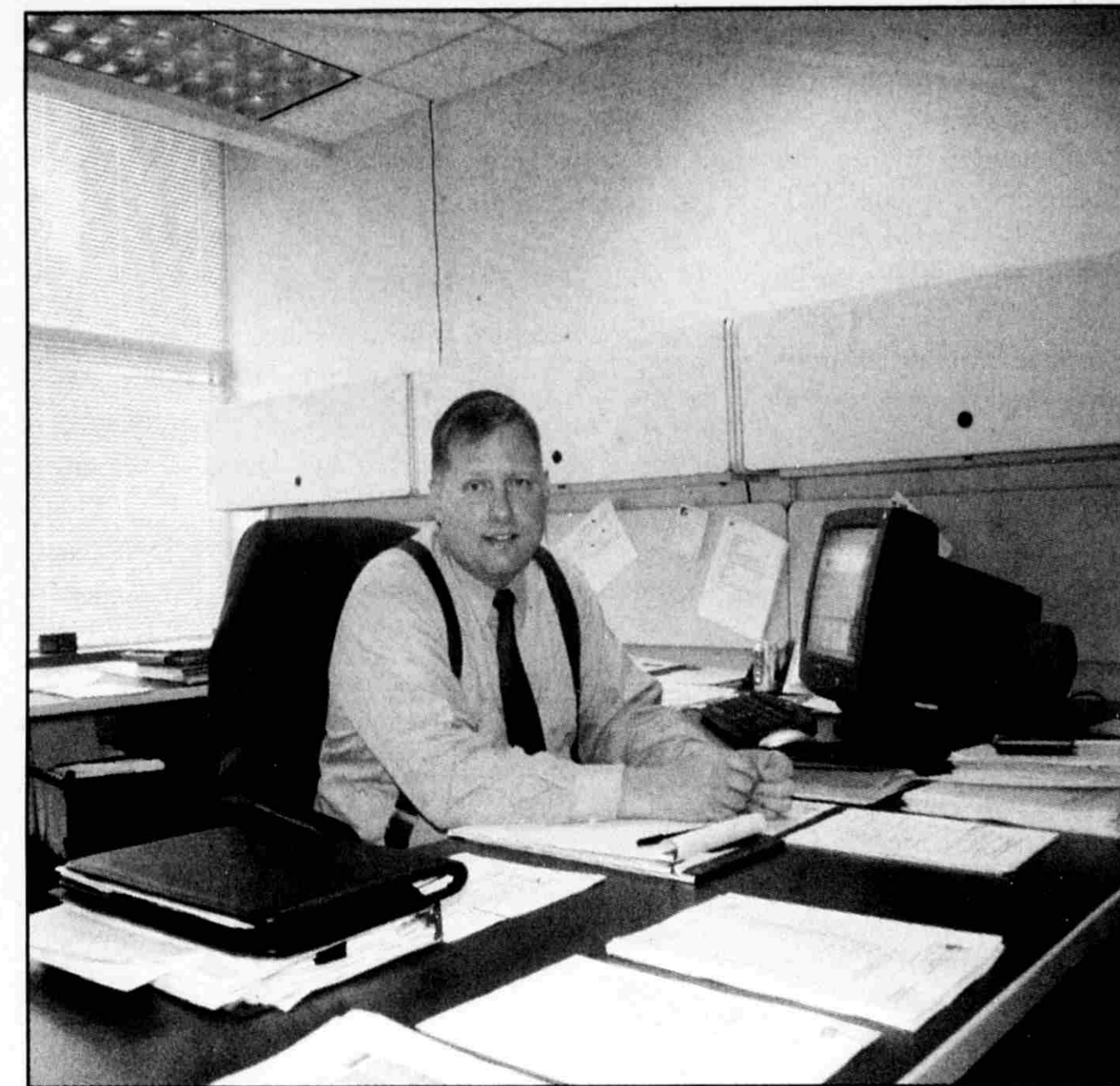
In a recent evaluation of the superintendent, the board of education recognized the difficulty of coming into a situation created by the death of Pratt's predecessor, the late Shari Miller.

According to the board's evaluation, Pratt has capably assumed the duties and responsibilities as expected.

Pratt has spent time getting to know the community by sitting on various boards and committees. These boards include, the Wittenbach/Wege advisory board, the Lowell Area Community Fund, the Lowell Education Foundation and the Community Wellness board.

"We are planning for our students' future," he said.

The district's goals include focus on academic achievement, while keeping in mind facilities, finance and curriculum.



Superintendent Greg Pratt at his desk.

New CFO for Lowell Area Schools takes the helm next month

John Zielinski, new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Lowell Area Schools, views the financial challenges of the district as an opportunity to be creative and to find solutions.

Zielinski, who replaces retiring Connie Gillette, will assume his new duties July 9, amidst state funding uncertainties.

But that is nothing new for Zielinski who has dealt with the same fiscal challenges in the Northview Public Schools district.

Zielinski says it's tough to predict what's going to happen, when 75 percent of school finances are controlled by the state through the state aid fund. "It's crystal ball finance," he said.

Zielinski served a total of seven years in Northview, first as principal of Highlands Middle School, later as finance administrator.

When the CFO vacancy opened, Zielinski looked to Lowell, with its community feel, as a great next step in his career. "It's a good district on the breaking point of busting out," he said. "The district has a strong commitment to do what's best for the kids."



New CFO John Zielinski.

Zielinski has a strong belief the state will not underfund public schools, and that legislators will protect the state aid fund while balancing the budget.

On the issue of facility improvements, Zielinski says the bonds have already been approved to fund the district needs.

Lowell has \$10.9 million left over from the last bond issue, since the second elementary was never built due to stagnant demographics.

"We need to take advantage of that to free up the money that would otherwise come out of the general fund," he said. "We need to do general maintenance and take pressure off the general fund."

Superintendent Greg Pratt said Zielinski will provide the district with continued leadership in the area of finance and human relations.

"The field of candidates was highly qualified and the final decision difficult to say the least," Pratt said.

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leverage local investment. Funds may be available from the Lowell Area Community Fund, Wege Foundation, Ionia Community Foundation and from Kent County.

It is the hope of the West Michigan Trails officials, that local leadership will emerge and carry the project forward in the form of groups such as Friends of the Trails.

The benefits of the trail project are multi-fold, according to DeBoer.

The number one benefit of the rail conversion is the

economic revitalization of the communities along the trail system. People who travel the trails sleep, eat and shop in the trail communities, according to DeBoer.

Secondly, are the health benefits that trail users reap. DeBoer said that Spectrum had to double the number of bike lockers for their employees who use bike paths to get to work. Some trails such as the Hart Montague trail even have exercise equipment along the trail sections.

The third benefit is

environmental. Preserved species have been found under the rails; also the rail banks prevent oil spills. The fourth benefit is that trails are increasingly becoming means of transportation as gas prices continue to skyrocket.

In some communities, people use the trails to get to work, to bus or to a train. "Trails are safe," said DeBoer.

The meeting will be held at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on June 21 at 10 a.m.

It's not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what's required.

- Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

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Viewpoint



Terese and I are lost! That is, we're lost without our dogs.

We recently made a road trip to Michigan and took Mick and Tito with us. After just over a week in Michigan, we had to return to Florida to publish the July issue of our monthly real estate magazine. Driving back was too exhausting and time consuming. Flying with large dogs is extremely difficult. Not to mention, expensive. The choice was made to leave the dogs in the care of our son and daughter. I just hope the dogs aren't as distraught as we are.

More on the dogs in a minute. I want to pass along a little travel advice. The regular airlines have apparently followed the lead of the gas companies. When we went to book tickets, prices were incredibly high. A friend recommended Spirit Airlines, so we tried their website. Another friend told us about Michigan Flyers bus service from East Lansing to Detroit Metro. We went to their website.

Using those services on the Michigan end, and a shuttle service here in the Keys, we were able cut our travel cost to less than half. We returned to Florida on Sunday. Even with the shuttle service to these somewhat distant airports, our time door to door was only increased by about three hours. Just thought I'd pass that info along for anyone with travel plans this summer. Spirit Airlines and Michigan Flyers really worked out well for us.

Back to the dogs. There is a local woman who stays pretty busy dog sitting/house sitting here in our neighborhood. Going away??? Call Amy. She knows the house and the dogs. Also, her services cost less than a kennel. Everybody is happy.

When we travel, being without the dogs doesn't seem like such a big deal. We're busy and in a strange environment. We miss the dogs, but it is bearable. This situation... Terese and I at home while the dogs are off on vacation, is all together different. Now I know why they get so upset when the suitcases come out of the closet.

It is amazing how much dogs influence our lives! Every moment seems to hold a reminder of their absence. Feeding, walks, games of fetch, grooming, rides in the car... they are constant companions. Every part of the households something to indicate that the dogs are gone. Beds, water dishes, feeding bowls, toys, leashes, medications... they have stuff everywhere.

We love Tito, our arthritic thirteen-year-old Lab. I wouldn't want to leave him out of the equation. But it's Mick, our fun-loving, one-year-old Aussie that really makes this separation so tough.

Mick is extremely social and requires constant companionship. If you're going somewhere or doing something, he's right there to go along or get in middle of what's happening. Try as I might, not having him around is impossible to ignore.

Our old Aussie, Max, died last summer. He had been going downhill, and we knew it was coming. Terese and I had several discussions about not getting another dog. With Tito nearing the end of his days, we thought we might try going dogless when he finally passes. Not!!!

Max was dead less than 24 hours when we bought Mick. I thought we were nuts when making such a snap decision. Now that I've rattled around the house for a couple days without Mick, I think I'm nuts for leaving him in Michigan.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. I simply cannot imagine going through life without the companionship of a dog. These are going to be a tough couple of weeks.

Sorry if this has been a bit morose. Maybe I'll be getting over this separation anxiety by the time next week's column rolls around.

That's it for this week. My wife needs the computer. After all, we are in the middle of publishing our paper. The sooner we're done, the sooner we can hook up with our dogs.



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 14, 1882

West's soda fountain is ready to tickle your nose. There will be a good showing of fruit after all.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 13, 1907

Rev. G.L. Sprague will deliver a lecture in an organ chautauqua class.

Almost 300 people attended graduation exercises at Morse Lake School.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 11, 1932

Lowell mayor M.N. Henry was called to preside as chairman of the new county taxpayers league formed to protect the interest of county taxpayers.

The highway commissioners will meet with township supervisors to discuss a newly passed law that provides for taking over township roads.

Night football will be played in Lowell this coming season. Twenty-eight floodlights of 1500 CPs will be installed at Recreation Field.

Lowell's track team captured the county championship at Rockford ahead of Rockford and East Grand Rapids in second and third.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 13, 1957

Michigan wheat growers will again help make the decision whether the 1958 wheat crop will have marketing quotas at a referendum to be held throughout the county June 20.

The Showboat chorus will start rehearsals for the 1957 show.

The sixth grade class of Lowell public schools presented \$4.42 to the Lowell swimming pool fund.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 9, 1982

Plans are in the works for an eight-day, 50th anniversary celebration of the Lowell Showboat.

Tryouts and the first practice of the 1982 Lowell Showboat Chorus are on June 16.

The 25 foot S.S. Minnow moored at Metric Manufacturing and has begun its charter season on the Cherry Creek waterway.

Roger Odell, former Vergennes Township Supervisor, will seek a 3rd district seat on the Kent County Commission in November.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Let me start by saying that we are sure that we will win no popularity contests after we have written this letter, but in doing so, hope that we can make at least one person understand the pain they cause when making racially insensitive remarks.

One of our children played in a tournament recently in a predominately African American community. The first team we played consisted of all African American kids, the second team (who we merely watched), mostly, Hispanic kids. Now, to make a point right away - these kids, as well as their coaches, parents and cheering sections, were none other than polite, well-mannered, and what seemed to us to be downright good people. In saying this, we cannot believe the comments that were made by some parents regarding these folks strictly based on race and their pre-conceived notions of it!

Not only were we appalled at the nature and ignorance of the comments that were being made about these Black and Hispanic folks, we were deeply hurt at the pure disrespect for our children and ourselves. We have five children, two of whom happen to be black. We understand that we alone cannot change the way that people think or the way they act - we merely feel that our family is owed the same respect as every other family in our mostly white community. Thank goodness our younger children are not old enough to understand these horrible comments. We know that we will have to explain it to our four and six year old soon enough. Our 10 year old son does understand what a lot of these words and expressions mean and did overhear parents making inappropriate comments. He wanted to know why the adults were making fun of the black people? How do you

explain that to a child? How do you make them understand that people just don't like them because they are a different color and that they just say certain things about certain people? We've watched our son cry after experiencing hateful comments at school, and we have watched our oldest son stick up for his brother. How do you teach a child to respond with dignity when those around them do not treat them with dignity? Most of you in this community wouldn't know because you have never had to face this issue and if you did, it would break your heart to see your child's heart broken.

We ask you in the future, to show consideration for others when you decide that you must voice your opinion in regards to race. We, along with many others, including our children, are hurt by such disregard. You have the right to be hateful, you have the right to be racist, however, you do NOT have the right to do so in front of our children, and us! Bring your children up the way that you would like, but do not assume that it is okay to say these things in front of us because we are white and that somehow makes our black children "OK". You are wrong.

To those of you who partook in these jokes, "discussions" and cute one-liners - please remember that these are just children and do not deserve this hatred or ignorance upon their young shoulders - they will experience it soon enough. And, to those of you who appeared to be as taken aback as we - thank you for not being a part of it all. Whether it was out of respect for us, or you truly believe it was wrong - either way, thank you.

Regards, Patrick & Toni Schaefer

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the Bowne Township voters on your soon to be new township hall. Your clerk has wanted this for a very long time. Apparently, that is why she refused the D.D.A.'s offer to give the township the old United

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50 years of marriage celebrated



A golden wedding anniversary will be observed on June 14 by Ronald and Jeanene (Morris) Stevens of Lowell. The couple will celebrate with an open house.

Happy Birthday

JUNE 13:
Holly Fetterhoff, Vivian Hoskins.

JUNE 14:
Kyle Manszewski.

JUNE 15:
Joey Hunt Jr., Courtney Baker, Rachel Heinicke, Caran Schalow, Katlin Manszewski, Alice Monks, Sam Richmond.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) has many 15-18 year old high school foreign exchange students who are waiting for a caring host family willing to share their home for the 2006-07 school year. Their dream is to spend a school year in America sharing their culture with their host family and learning about American culture and democracy. PIE has a scholarship student from each of the following countries who need a host family within the next nine days: Armenia, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Kuwait and Oman. PIE also has students from countries in South America, Asia, Europe and Mexico. There is no typical host family. Retired, empty nesters, large family, and single parents, etc. may apply. The host family is responsible for board, room, and guidance. The students have their own money for expenses and medical insurance. If you are interested in hosting one of these students or have questions, call your local PIE Regional Manager at 1-800-382-7439.

JUNE 16:
Roger Raymor, Michael Pretzel, Orin Comdure, Bishop, Mike Kenney.

JUNE 17:
Marjorie Potter, Cody Kastanek, Tricia McGovern, Cyndi Dalga, Louise Ryder, David Ryder, Logan Wilcox, Doug Green.

JUNE 18:
Marcia Baird, Jessica Vezino, Lindsay Anderson, Whitney Patnode, Nancy Jane Kunard, Elizabeth Mol.

JUNE 19:
Matt Stone, Randy Ossewaarde, Glen Waid.

Reflections of faith

By Bob Holmes
Pastor, Christian Life Center
I began college in 1971 and developed a friendship with a guy from Iowa. Joe was talented and a great friend. In our senior year, we moved into an apartment off campus. One November Sunday afternoon, we were watching a Vikings and Bears football game. At a break in the action, he ran across the street to put some clothes in the laundry and ran back into the apartment and clutched his chest, collapsed on the floor and died of a massive heart attack at the ripe old age of 22. That scene will forever be etched in my mind as I was reminded of our own frailty and that life comes with no guarantees. What if you were to live this next year as if this would

be your last year of life? How would it affect you, how would it effect your priorities, how would it affect your relationships? Break it down into a bite sized piece... what if you were to live this next week as if it were your last week of life? How would your life change? James gives us a perspective on viewing tomorrow. Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:13-15). Life is fragile. Consider where you are investing your time and energies. Someone once said they had never heard anyone on his deathbed say that he wished he had made more money in his lifetime or he wished he had made a certain deal. Usually it is something like, "I wish I had spent more time with my kids." Ask the Lord to give you His priorities for your life. Life is short.

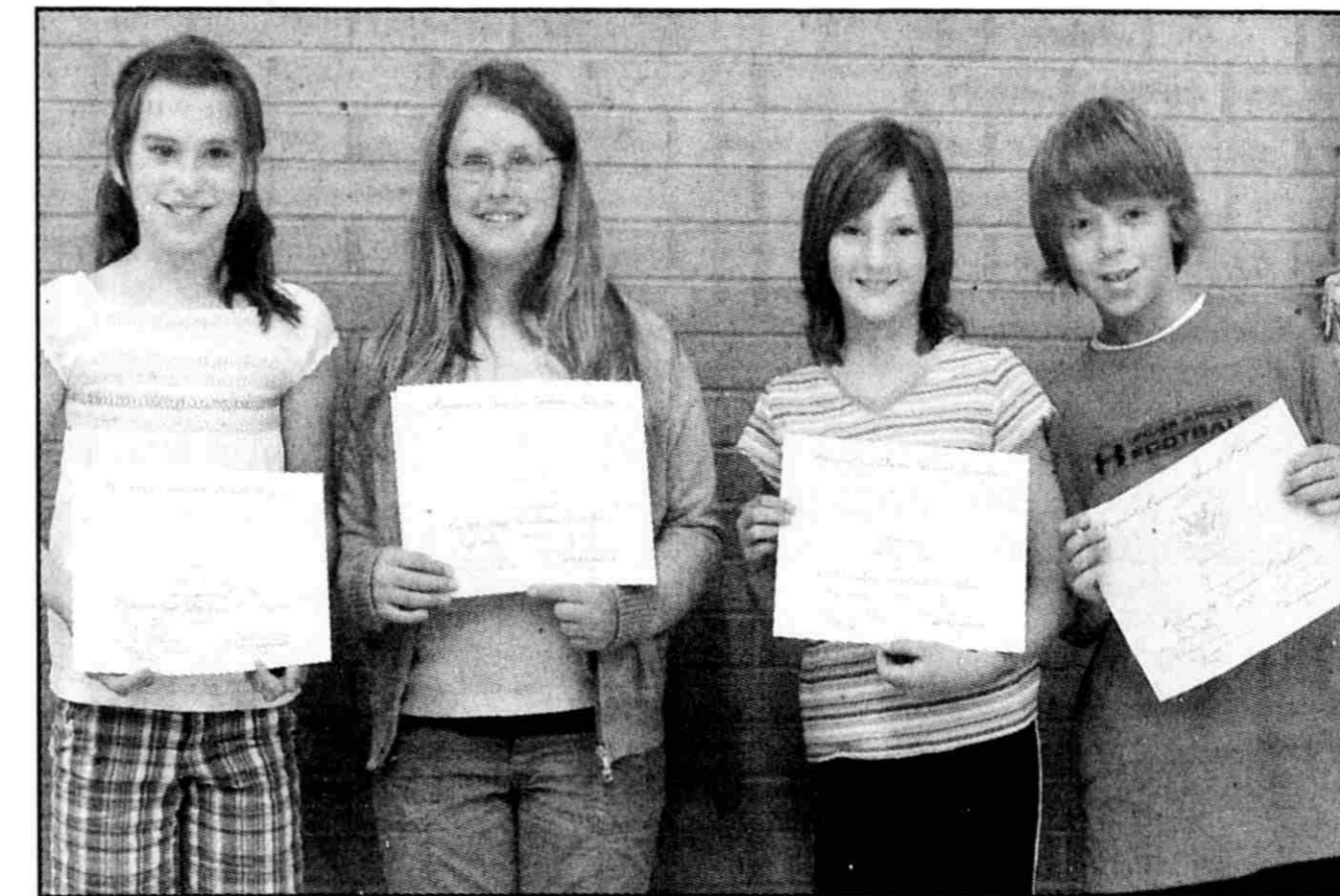
Health screening for Lowell community available June 27

Residents living in and around the Lowell community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the First Baptist Church of Lowell on June 27. The site is located at 2275 West Main St. in Lowell. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. A stroke, also known as a "brain attack", is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced. Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis. All four screenings take less than an hour to complete. A complete wellness package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) and Osteoporosis screenings, is only \$129 (a savings of \$41!). Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screenings. Over 85 ultrasound teams are on staff to travel to your local community, bringing the screenings to you. These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless, ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287. Pre-registration is required.

Ninth and tenth grade students can explore careers in health care

Grand Rapids Community College announced its first Summer Health Care Career Academies, funded by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The week-long academies are for students in Kent County who will be entering the ninth and tenth grades in fall 2007. There is no cost for attending the camp, however, enrollment is limited to 25 students per session. Fun, hands-on experiences in math and science will be provided throughout the week to introduce students to information needed in healthcare careers. Healthcare professionals will be on hand to interact with students and to discuss their respective healthcare careers. Field trips will also be taken to local area healthcare employers. Two separate academies will be offered. • Week 1: Monday, June 18 through Friday June 22. • Week 2: Monday, July 23 to Friday, July 27. Class times are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Friday's class ending at 3 p.m. Students will meet in the Grand Rapids Community College Calkins Science Center on Bostwick Ave. Applications are available on the GRCC website at www.grcc.edu/health under Summer Healthcare Academy. Call Collette Williams at 234-3646 with questions. Or contact by email at cwillia@grcc.edu.

Education award winners



Alto Elementary presented four fifth grade students with the President's Education Award. This award goes to fifth graders who had an A average in fourth grade and through the first semester of fifth grade. From left to right: Morgan Groendyke, Emmalee Blough, Kathryn Haan and Isaac Brenner.

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Prostate cancer is the second most common type of cancer in men. It can occur at any age, but is much more prevalent in men over the age of 50. Men with a family history of prostate cancer are also more likely to be affected. The prostate is a walnut size gland located beneath the bladder surrounding the outflow tract of the bladder. It produces fluids that are released during ejaculation. Your doctor checks the prostate by performing a digital rectal exam, feeling for lumps or an enlarged gland. A PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test is usually recommended as a screening tool for men at higher risk of developing prostate cancer. If either one of these tests are abnormal, a transrectal ultrasound and biopsy may be recommended. There are very few symptoms associated with early stage prostate cancer. In fact, most symptoms such as urinary frequency, hesitancy, slow stream, and urinary discomfort are associated with benign conditions like prostate hypertrophy, prostate infections or urinary tract infections. Most prostate cancers are slow growing and some may not even require treatment depending on the age of the patient. About 25 percent of prostate cancers are more aggressive, grow faster and can spread to other parts of the body. These are the cancers that will require active treatment. Surgery, radiation and medication are the options available for treatment of prostate cancer. It's important that you discuss all options with your urologist because some of the treatments are associated with significant side effects such as incontinence or impotence. Urologists are now using robots during surgery to lessen the possibility of these side effects. Prostate cancer can be cured if it is found early. Talk to your physicians regarding prostate cancer screening.

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Pay Gap Between CEOs and Workers Now a Chasm
With Senator Carl Levin

There has always been a gap between the pay of executives and average workers. But in recent years, that gap has become a chasm.

The famed American capitalist J.P. Morgan once said that CEO pay should not exceed 20 times the pay for the average worker. He would be stunned by what we are seeing today. In 1990, the average CEO was paid 100 times as much as the average worker. In 2004, the figure was 300 times. And today, the average CEO is paid nearly 400 times as much as the average worker. That's 20 times 20!

There are a lot of reasons for that chasm, but one reason is a fluke in the tax code that encourages companies to pay their executives with stock options. First, a quick definition - a stock option is essentially a contract that gives an employee the right to buy company stock at a set price for a specified period of time, typically 10 years.

For example, a CEO could be given the right to buy 10,000 shares of company stock at \$10 each at any time over the next 10 years. Now, imagine that it's six years later and those stock shares are now worth \$30 each. The CEO could then use the stock option, buy the shares for \$10 each, and clear a guaranteed profit of \$20 on each share.

Stock options often provide big payoffs to executives. According to Forbes magazine, nearly half of CEO pay at the 500 largest U.S. companies in 2006 came from stock options, which paid an average of \$7.3 million per person. On the high end, one CEO cashed in stock options for \$290 million and another CEO cashed in \$270 million.

Part of the reason companies can afford to hand out so much stock option pay is because stock options also produce

outsized tax deductions for the companies. So at the same time stock options are driving up executive pay, companies are using legal stock option tax deductions so Uncle Sam can pay for them.

Here's how it works. Companies record stock options on their own accounting books as a relatively small expense. But when they file their tax returns, they use a different calculation method which usually claims a much higher business expense from the options. That means the companies receive a tax deduction from the IRS that can be double, triple, or even ten times larger than what they report on their own books to their investors.

For example, Occidental Petroleum took a tax deduction for \$353 million from stock options cashed in by its CEO

over the last five years, even though under current accounting rules the same stock options would have shown a maximum expense of \$29 million on its books.

When a company realizes that stock options can be recorded as a low cost on the books while generating a whopping tax deduction, it's pretty tempting for them to pay their executives with stock options. And the bigger the stock option gain for the executive, the bigger the tax deduction for the company.

The current mismatch in stock option accounting and tax rules shortchanges the Treasury to the tune of billions

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Bank building in Alto. They even offered a generous sum of money to make improvements to the site. Why would you want to remodel a perfectly good and environmentally safe building, when you can have a brand new building at taxpayers' expense?

Voters by electing the same people year after year, who have the mentality that they have the right to do whatever they want because they've been allowed to for 30 plus years, definitely leads to the outcome that YOU WILL PAY!!!

Having spent 50 years of my life in Alto, while growing up and then raising our children there, it will always be my home town. While I no longer reside in the township, I own property there and pay my taxes. I regret that I can't vote there anymore.

Remember, if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got!! Sadly, it's poor representation.

Sincerely,
Rose Marie Bruinsma

Dear Editor,

I believe the sale of Lowell cable TV is not just about that it was the right time to sell and Comcast would be a better server but it's about that the [owner, subscribers] were not allowed a say in the subject. Many are upset that an asset like Lowell cable TV wasn't allowed to restructure but to deteriorate. I hate to imagine what would happen if the city council had the authority of choosing to sell or restructure our local businesses. The city council has had two years to contemplate what to do with the proceeds from the sale of Lowell Cable TV. In a recent meeting the council said that they promised to hold a work session on what to do with the \$3 million in proceeds from the pending sale of Lowell Cable TV. I hope this work session or sessions involve all of the [owners subscribers] and not just the council and that the final decision will come to a vote of the [owners subscribers]. Just maybe and I mean maybe our city Council will understand that they should not be the decider but the servant to the wishes of the people.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard

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Caricaturists to draw pets on Activities Day of the Pet Project

By Emma Palova

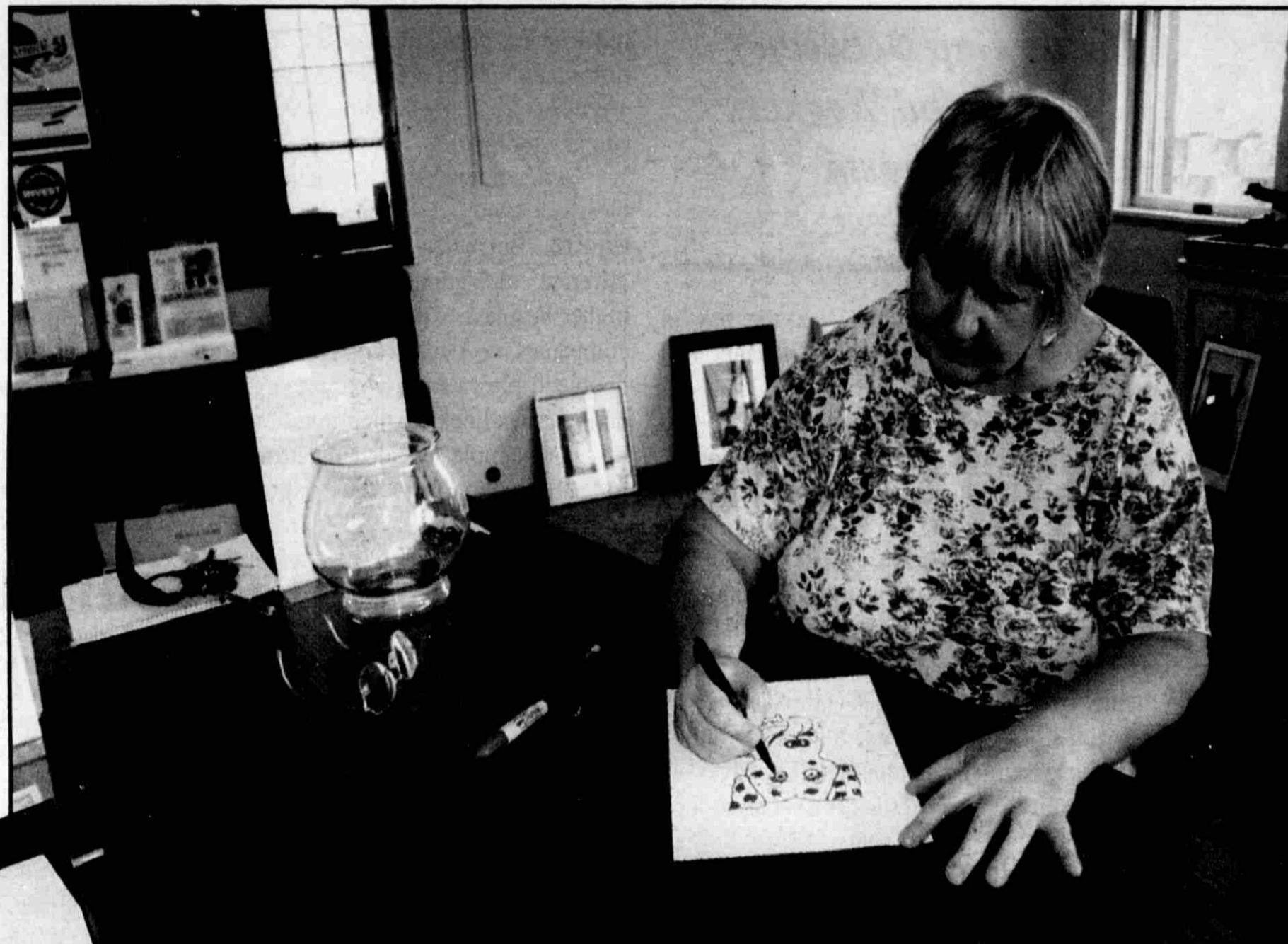
Artist Mary Modderman of Marne calls herself a cow painter. Growing up on a farm, animals have always inspired Modderman's work.

She will be drawing black and white caricatures of pets on June 23 from noon - 4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council during the activities day of the "Pet Project" show.

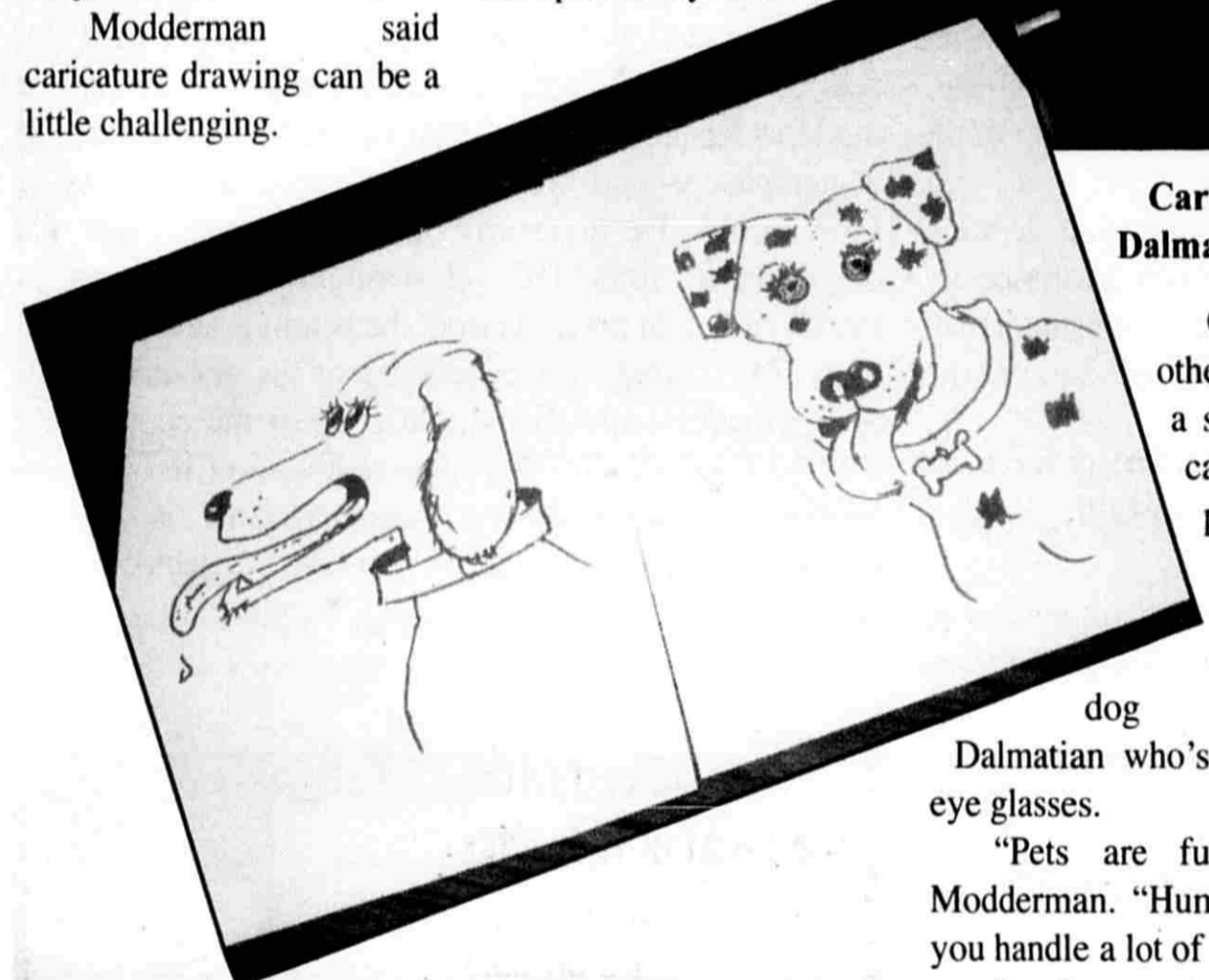
Modderman said caricature drawing can be a little challenging.

Animals, their shapes, textures and personalities, enchant this artist. Modderman's dark side likes to dabble in cartooning. Cows especially make a good subject for caricatures with their humps and bumps, spots and tails.

"They're draggy and baggy," said Modderman. "Animals fill my life. My beloved Dalmatians even add spots to my life."



Caricaturist Mary Modderman draws a caricature of a drooling dog and a shortsighted Dalmatian.



On the other hand, a sad horse can make people cry, unlike a drooling dog or a Dalmatian who's lost her eye glasses.

"Pets are fun," said Modderman. "Humor helps you handle a lot of things."

In fact, animals are a lot more fun to draw than people, according to Modderman. Pets get frantic and nervous, and they start panting. Although sometimes their owners do the same thing, as they try to calm down their pets.

It's this chaotic behavior of animals that Modderman likes to portray.

"It will be fun watching the owner hold the pet," said Modderman.

Modderman is encouraging all participants to bring their pets for a quick sketch. Even though there's going to be a lot of dogs and cats, Modderman is secretly

hoping for an Iguana or a snake.

But no birds please. For Modderman, there is something phobic about birds. After an experience in a pet shop with a Macaw

huge parrot crawling all over, Modderman prefers giant mosquitos.

Modderman keeps

a bilingual relationship with media such as watercolor, oils, pencil, sculpting compounds and photography.

"Artwork is an open window to the soul's deepest thoughts," she said. "If I spin my magic just right, a creative spark in my heart can touch yours."

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Featured Artist Bonnie Osborne

By Emma Palova

In Bonnie Osborne's "Rabbit Trail Morning" pastel, the rising mist from the Grand River covers the colorful meadows like a mysterious veil.

The scenery is immediately recognizable for its atmosphere that literally surrounds the viewer. One can only wish to own the ephemeral painting now on exhibit at the Riverwalk Gallery.

And as any artist knows, the creative process can be frustrating, but in the end Osborne is happy with the result.

"I like to show the beauty of the world in simple little things," she said.

Osborne started painting seven years ago inspired by a magazine landscape. She later took a class by Jim Markle in Lowell.

Now that her kids are older, she can devote more time to painting.

Osborne sometimes starts a painting outdoors, and finishes it inside. Usually, the painting reflects the change in light.

She likes to sit outside and paint in natural light. One year, Osborne painted a scene under the bush from the Wilderness State Park by the Straits of Mackinaw.

At other times, Osborne paints off photographs she had taken on one of her many camping and hiking trips to Colorado or in Michigan.

Show organizer and artist David Davis admires Osborne's work, although she is not one of his students.

"Her work is immediately recognizable," said Davis. "It's calling me. I admire her work because of clarity and color. She is one of few who creates a painting."

Osborne is a natural at translating the atmosphere



Bonnie Osborne's pastels are now on display at the Riverwalk Gallery.

of an outdoors scene to a painting.

"Her paintings are very reflective," said Davis. "They

put a feeling around you."

In the fall, Osborne will be traveling to Italy with Markle to learn how to

work faster outdoors, as well as how to paint structures.

Osborne is the artist of the month at the Fire and Water Art Gallery, 219 W. Main St.

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has been incorporated into the budget.

"The budget is our best guess with our crystal ball," said Gillette.

On the other hand, there has been an increase in taxable value in the district, but the district is paying debt retirement on four bond

issues. These include the 1990 bond issue for new high school, 2000 bond for Murray Lake Elementary, 2004 bond for Murray Lake completion and freshman wing and 2005 refinancing of bonds.

"There has been more uncertainty than in the past," said Gillette. "Student enrollment is a battle."

The projected enrollment is down by 59 students. The district's projected expenses are \$33,394,634 million, while revenues are only



Board president Nancy Hopkins presented Phil Beacher with the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award Monday.

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE

WED., JUNE 13: Snow Church Dinner at 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., JUNE 13: Hooker Chapter #73, Royal Arch Masons will host a dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. The stated convocation will be held in the lodge room beginning at 7:30 p.m.

WED., JUNE 13: First Congregational Church of Lowell alternative to traditional bible school runs Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 per child per event. Information and registration forms available at the church, 865 Lincoln Lake SE, 897-5906.

THURS., JUNE 14: Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts run through August 23 beginning at 7 to 9 p.m. at the Riverwalk Plaza. Admission and parking are free.

FRI., JUNE 15: Uncle John's Cider Mill, 10 a.m. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

MON., JUNE 18: Food assistance, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

MON., JUNE 18: "The Incredible Race" at the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, 11830 Drew Road, Alto (between Alto and Clarksville) through June 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for kids ages 4 - 12 years. For more info call 868-7292.

MONDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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 Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

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

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets Oct. thru March 10 a.m. & April thru Sept. 7 p.m. at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

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

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY OTHER MON.: Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 7-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www.freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt./open Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing.

EVERY MON.: Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

TUESDAYS

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

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

Weight Watchers, Alto United Methodist Church, Kirby & Harrison, 5:30 p.m. Reg. 1/2 hr. 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/preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

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

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.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr.

TUESDAYS

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 TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 9:15 - 11:30. 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary 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. No cost.

TUES.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 404 N. Hudson St. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

EVERY TUES.: Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. Cheryl 868-7551.

WEDNESDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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

8 p.m. ALANON new location: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.) 897-5936.

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

1ST WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED.: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

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

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

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, GR. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

3RD WED.: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group at Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 897-8413.

THURSDAYS

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

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12-6 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. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11535 Fulton St. E. Call 897-8567. Pantry 897-8260.

THURSDAYS

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

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Deer Run Golf Course 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 a.m. - 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 7:30 p.m.

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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

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

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens/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. Call Pat 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 11535 E. Fulton, Flat River Outreach Ministries. 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 welcome.

Future land use ideas presented at public workshop

By Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell Township Planning Commission gathered ideas for a township master plan at a workshop Monday night.

Monday's workshop addressed current lot split regulations in the Ag-1 zone and future land uses at the Cascade and Alden Nash intersection, and along Alden Nash (M-50) south of I-96. Currently this land is zoned agricultural farmland.

Some residents would like to see more commercial use, perhaps even restaurants and hotels. Others could imagine light industrial use or professional offices and some would like to see a portion of the land preserved. Other residents would like to see the farm stand at Cascade and Alden Nash expand in an effort to promote local farmers.

It was widely acknowledged that it would be necessary to use service drives for any commercial or industrial development around Alden Nash/Cascade due to the high traffic volume.

The current master plan was adopted in March 2002. The planning commission is using several avenues to collect public opinion on various aspects of the master plan including a survey that can be found at the township website www.twp.lowell.mi.us. Surveys have also been mailed to township residents and were handed out at the Lowell Community Expo.

In addition to the surveys, the planning commission held workshops in June focusing on particular topics and invited public opinion.



The intersection of Alden Nash and Cascade roads could see commercial or industrial development nearby.

Approximately 50 people attended Monday's session. Planning Commission Chair Dave

Simmonds was "very encouraged by the turn out and effort the people put forth."

In all, Simmonds that will help the planning found the workshop to be a "very productive session" and commission gauge the public sentiment on the issues.



Alto character awards

The last of the May Alto awards for responsibility were given out. Students recommended for this award always take responsibility for their own actions, school work and belongings. The students recognized were: Kim VanOverloop, Sydney Powell, Ben Lobbezo, Jarrett Duimstra, A. J. Brandt, Hailey Hoevenaar, Andrew LeFebre, Cassie Longway, Kenzie McLarty, Matthew Anibal, Libby Grile, Carsen McDonald, Katie Peterson, Eddie Fisher, Elle Coble, Katie Taylor, Ryan Stevens, Tess Richardson, Shelby Mutchler, Sawyer Olesko, Austin Rife, Tanner Barnes, Danielle Fron, Brittany Branagan, Katie Haan, Makenzie Frederickson, Jordan Kazen and Sarah Oesch.

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of dollars each year, while widening the chasm between executive pay and average worker pay. In 2004 alone, companies took \$43 billion more in stock option deductions than they showed on their books.

Guess who the tax burden will eventually fall on instead? Average workers.

We need to change the law. As a matter of

basic fairness, companies shouldn't be allowed to claim tax deductions that exceed the expenses shown on their books. The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, recently held a hearing on this issue, and I plan to follow it with legislation this year to fix this anomaly in the tax code that is helping drive executive pay through the roof and which deprives

the Treasury of legitimate revenue.

The government should not be in the business of telling companies how much they can pay their executives. But it also shouldn't provide unfair tax deductions that subsidize sky-high executive pay while leaving average workers to make up the difference.



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It's that time of year when students from across the country graduate from college. If you're one of them, you'll be anticipating a new chapter in your life. And that means you'll have to do your homework on a very important topic: your financial situation. It's one subject in which you'll definitely want to earn a passing grade.

Of course, if you're like many recent graduates, the financial issue that might weigh heaviest on your mind is your student loans. To help pay for college, about two out of three students take out loans, with the average debt amounting to more than \$19,000, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Education.

Whatever the amount you have borrowed, you will need to make arrangements to pay for it. If your loans aren't too large, your monthly payments may not be overly burdensome, but, in any case, it's a very good idea to stay current on your payment schedule — falling behind can lead to big problems down the line.

Apart from paying back your loan, though, you'll have other financial considerations upon graduating college.

Unless you plan to attend graduate school, you might be starting a full-time job, which means you'll have to quickly learn some money management skills — and one of the most important of these skills is budgeting. At this stage of your life, you may not have a lot of disposable income — especially after paying for rent, which will probably take up a sizable portion of your paycheck — so you'll want to track your expenses carefully and be as thrifty as possible.

Still, while you're thinking about today, you'll want to plan for tomorrow. If you want to save for a car or, perhaps later down the line, a house, you'll want to get in the habit of investing something on a regular basis. Even if you can just put away \$50 or \$75 per month at first, you'll see some accumulation after several months. And just as importantly, you'll get in the "savings habit," which, if continued throughout your working life, can pay off for you in many ways. If you don't know how you should invest your money, consult with a financial advisor — and don't be deterred from seeking out professional help because you're "only a small investor." Many qualified financial advisors will be more than willing to meet with you and help you out — you just have to find someone who's right for you.

You might also get some investing help, in a way, from your employer. If you've landed a job with a company that offers a retirement plan, such as a 401(k), take advantage of it. While retirement may be quite far from your mind at the moment, an employer sponsored retirement plan offers the chance to invest on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money will grow faster than it would if you invested it in an account in which you paid taxes every year. So put away what you can afford — at least enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered — and increase your contributions as your salary rises over time.

By following these suggestions, you can start your life in the working world with a solid grasp on your finances — and that's a grip you won't want to relinquish.

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Coach Mark, we had an amazing six years. Your hard work and dedication are appreciated. We will miss you.

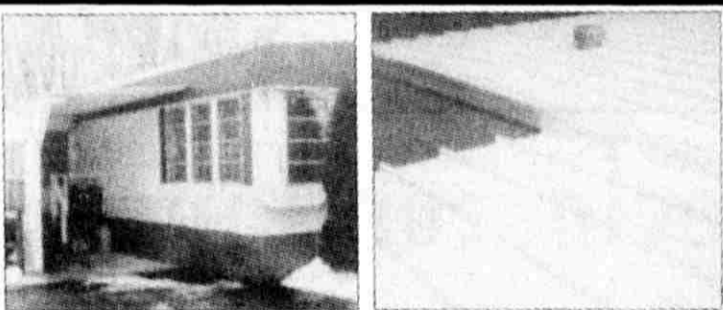
He that is conscious of guilt cannot bear the innocence of others: So they will try to reduce all others to their own level.

It's better to keep your mouth shut and give the impression that you're stupid than to open it and remove all doubt! Yep, it's you I'm talking to!

How do you get tickets to see the Arts Council's new play "Death Trap" this weekend? My wife is dying to see it - really!

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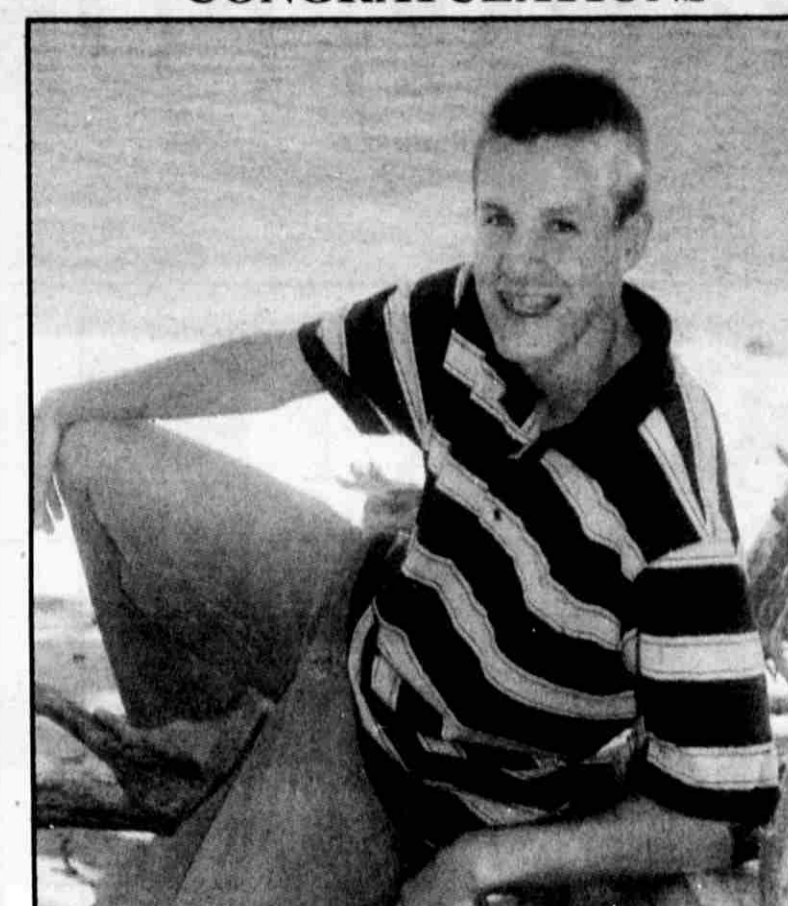
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Bus driver appreciation



Alto Elementary students think their bus drivers are the berries! All the students signed the large banner and presented it along with a certificate for an ice cream cone to each Alto bus driver. Pictured are some of the Alto drivers from left to right: Sharon Croshaw, Val Vickers, Tracy Dean, Mary Didion, Shelly VanVeelen, Jan Kerman, Linda Barle and front and center Ron Tuinstra. Not pictured: Rose Botsford (ISD Driver) and Karen Graham.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-183,280-DE

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FILE NO. 07-183,353-DE

Estate of
HAROLD H. LUDEMA
deceased

Date of birth:
9/25/1921

TO ALL CREDITORS
The decedent, HAROLD
H. LUDEMA, who lived
at 2725 Eastern Ave, SE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
died 3/14/07.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to HAROLD A. LUDEMA, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 1, 2007

Craig A. Bruggink PLC
P29358
429 Turner NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-456-5048

Harold A. Ludema
4995 Canal SW
Grandville, MI 49418
616-531-9236

Estate of
WALLACE ERIE
SPENCE
deceased

Date of birth:
7/20/1951

TO ALL CREDITORS
The decedent, WALLACE
ERIE SPENCE, who lived
at 11493 Grand River Dr.
SE, Lowell, MI 49331
died 7/11/2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to EUGENE WILLIS STURGEON, III, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 1, 2007

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429 Turner NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-456-5048

Eugene Willis Sturgeon,
III
5250 Pointview
Lowell, MI 49331
616-691-7958

Lowell girl finalist in scholarship program

Danielle Starkey, daughter of Dan and Benji Bergeron of Lowell has been selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Michigan



Danielle Starkey,

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Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Lisa Brown received Realtor of the Month in May.

This award recognizes Brown for her outstanding success and achievements.



ANNUAL REPORT OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION NOTICE

The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2006 is available for inspection at its principal office, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, Michigan during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days after date of this notice.

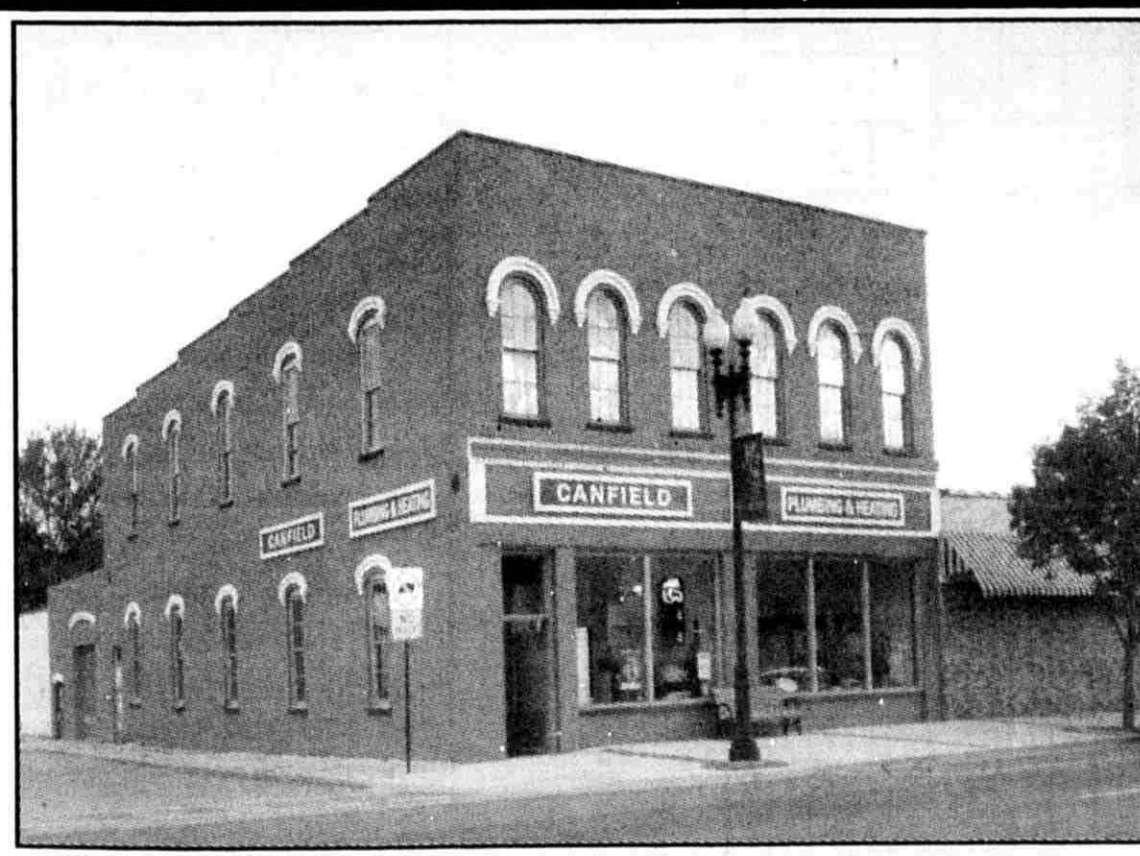
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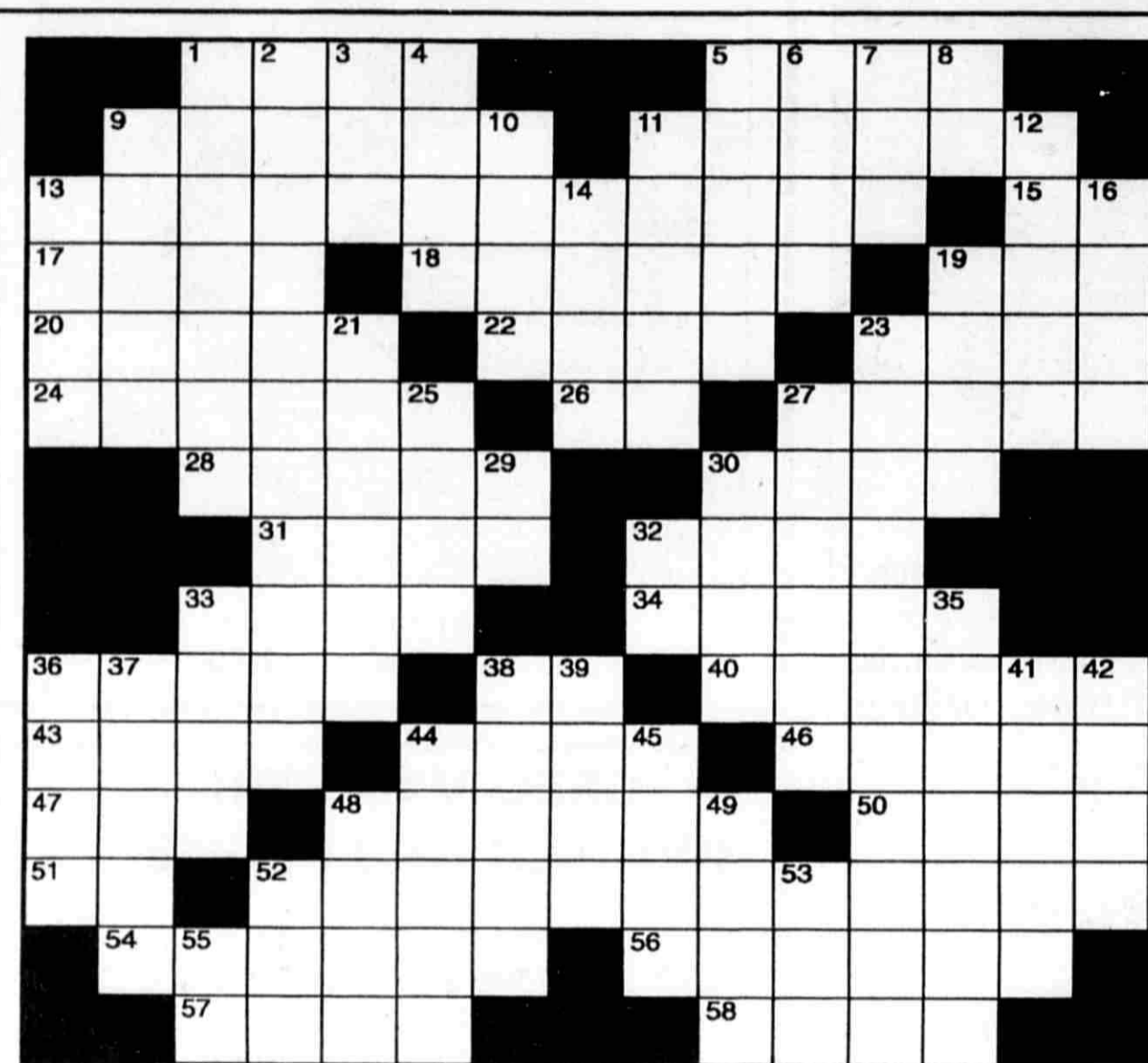


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CLUES ACROSS

1. Thick piece of something
5. African cereal grass
9. Chinese island
11. Most wise
13. Short distance
15. Exclamation of surprise
17. Abel's brother (Bible)
18. Closes in
19. CO plateau tribe
20. The gem state
22. C C C
23. Grouch
24. Averts
26. ___ denotes past
27. African country
28. 55120 - 55123
30. A collection of facts
31. Make angry
32. Du Monde, New Orleans

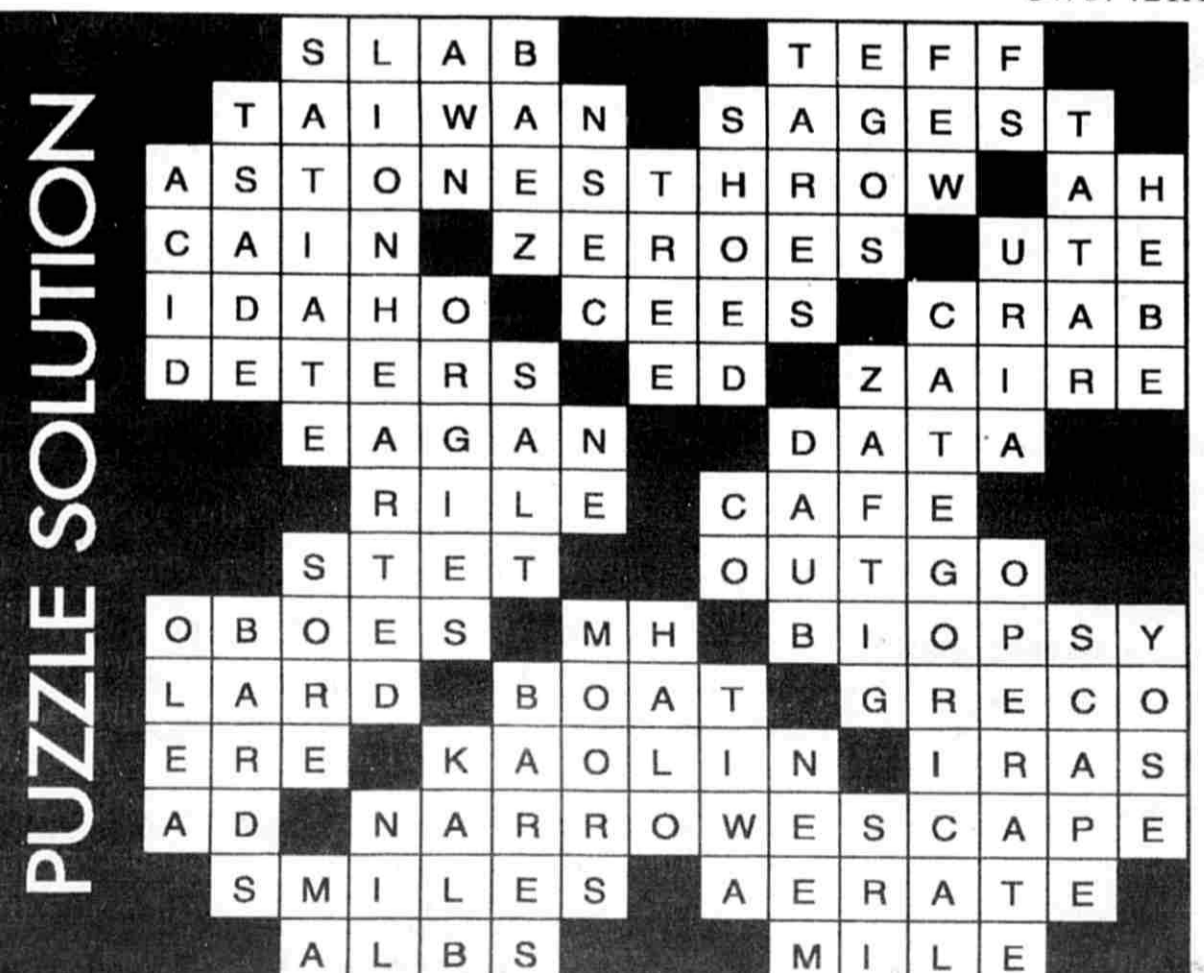
33. Editing notation
34. Money paid out
36. Double-reed instruments
38. Initials of ET hostess
40. Examination of tissue
43. Traditional pie crust fat
44. Conveyance that is rowed
46. El __, painter
47. Before
48. Fine white clay used in ceramics
50. Self-funded retirement plans
51. Public promotion of a product
52. Just barely
54. Facial expressions
56. Make sparkling
57. Vestments
58. Linear unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Satisfied to excess
2. Fearless
3. ___ing: patio cover
4. Joan __, folk singer
5. Counterweights
6. Consciousness
7. Not many
8. Old Blue eyes' initials
9. Hebrew letter
10. Nanosecond (abbr.)
11. Wearing footgear
12. Mongolian
13. Sour
14. Plane figure
16. Greek goddess of youth
19. Murre genus
21. Roman degradations
23. Without exception or qualification
25. Sodium chloride

27. Chubby
29. Northeast
30. Plaster
32. Cobalt
33. Muscle ache
35. Run a business
36. Evergreen having oily one-seeded fruits
37. Shakespeare and Marlowe
38. Conquerors of Spain
39. Ring
41. A view
42. ___mite National Park
44. Uncovers
45. Pueblo people of New Mexico
48. Marvin __, journalist
49. Margosa tree, tropical asia
52. A quantity of no importance
53. California think tank (abbr.)
55. One thousandth of an ampere

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Make camping part of your family's summer plans

The camping options in Michigan are as diverse as they come. From rustic campgrounds deep in the northern woods of the Upper Peninsula to the modern facilities located on the outskirts of major metropolitan areas, you'll find countless opportunities for unique camping experiences throughout the Great Lakes State.

The Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds - Michigan invites you and your family to rediscover what a quality summer vacation is all about. Camping is the number one outdoor vacation activity in America, according to the Travel Industry Association of America.

"While state and national park campgrounds traditionally 'sell out' for holiday weekends like Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day, many private campgrounds throughout Michigan have availability," said Wayne Purchase, Executive Director of ARVC-Michigan. "There's plenty of room at these private facilities to accommodate the nearly 10 percent of all pleasure travelers in Michigan who choose camping as their summer adventure activity."

ARVC represents 250 member campgrounds with more than 32,000 sites available throughout the state. Whether pitching a tent, parking an RV or reserving a rustic or modern cabin, Michigan campgrounds offer a great way to disconnect from busy lives and reconnect with families. Campers in Michigan enjoy the great outdoors while fishing or canoeing on the countless lakes, rivers and streams or hiking, biking and riding on the miles of trails that wind throughout the state. There's definitely no shortage of activities, no matter where the campground is located.

The 2007 Michigan Campground Directory, published by ARVC-Michigan, is now available at various locations statewide, including all Welcome Centers. A PDF version is also available for viewing online at www.michcampgrounds.com. The directory not only lists campgrounds by region, but also includes helpful information on the type of sites available, various amenities such as restroom, laundry and dumping station facilities; recreational offerings such as pools and golf courses; and season of operation. Campgrounds that now offer wireless internet access onsite are also identified.



Soccer team ends season victoriously

Lowell's U-14 girls LASSO crew soccer team won its final game, defeating the Kentwood Falcons 5-0. The girls finished their season with a perfect 8-0 record clinching first place in the U-14 blue division of the G.V.S.A.

Pictured are: Coach Mark Hopkins, Manager Tonya Schmidt, Annie Bencker, Samantha Billock, Leigha Boogaard, Brooke Curtis, Taryn Endres, Caitlin Fitzpatrick, Claire Hopkins, Alyssa Kargl, Sarah Kramer, Paige McVey, Megan Montgomery, Amanda Mott, Courtney Schmidt, Mackenzie VanderWarf, Erica Walendzik. Not shown: Katie Quador and Melissa Southwell.



Oil change fundraiser will benefit Lowell YMCA programs

Lowell's Harold Zeigler Ford (located at 11979 East Fulton) is running its First Annual Oil Change Drive to benefit Lowell YMCA Youth Sports. For each oil change completed between June 1

and July 31 at the Harold Zeigler Ford, \$1 will be donated to Lowell YMCA Youth Sports. Service Manager Jeff Cross is excited about maintaining your vehicle, and serving YMCA

Youth Sports' supporters. For more information about the oil change benefit drive, or other auto services, call Harold Zeigler Ford at 616-897-5335. Any other local businesses interested

McElroy chosen for all star game

Mike McElroy, a defensive back for the Lowell Red Arrow varsity football team, was selected to take part in the 2007 East-West All Star Football Game July 21 at Michigan State University.

The 2007 Lowell graduate was nominated for the team by his coach Noel Dean. He is one of 88 2007 graduates participating statewide in the MHSAA event.

McElroy will spend a week at MSU practicing with the West team. Advance tickets for the game are \$5. Tickets are \$10 at the gate. To order tickets, send \$5 per ticket with a check made out to "MHSFCA" and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Jim Clawson, 21681 Thorofare, Grosse Isle, MI 48138.



Pictured left to right: Jeff Cross, Spencer Thomet, Josh Larson, Malcom (dog), Nick Brzezniak, Brandon Tichelaar, Derek Lachowski, Sam Thomet, Paige Rozell, Paige Perry, Coach Kirk Perry and Rocket (dog). Teammates not pictured: Micah Babcock, Randy Brinks, Travis Brubaker

Upcoming Street Closing Notice

Gee Drive (from Alden Nash approximately 1/3 mile east) will be closed to through traffic from June 18 until August 3 for street improvements. Traffic will be limited to local access only. Through traffic will be detoured to Foreman Rd and Alden Nash. Creekside Park will be accessible from Lincoln Lake and Foreman.



Thank you for your cooperation and patience.
City of Lowell

SUDOKU

6	5	3	4	7			
			9				
9	4		5	6	1	8	
8	5				6		
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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	2	6	5	8	9	7	4	3
7	9	8	2	1	4	6	5	3
4	8	9	7	9	8	6	1	2
9	1	2	7	9	8	6	2	3
8	7	6	8	2	9	1	7	5
6	7	9	8	2	1	4	5	3
8	1	9	5	7	2	7	6	4
9	5	7	1	6	2	8	4	7
2	6	7	8	4	7	8	4	5

ANSWER:

ATTENTION READERS Are You Feeling CREATIVE?

If you would like to submit a poem, verse, cartoon, drawing or recipe for the Reader's Corner, we'd like to print it.

Not all will be accepted and submissions will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included.

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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Vally Vista Community, June 15 & 16, 9-5, 1800 West Main St., Lowell.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

5333 Gavin Lake. Sat., June 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Clowns, bells, other collectibles, lots of boys clothing, toys & craft materials.

POLE BARN SALE

Electronics, kitchen, clothes, sporting goods, a little bit of everything. 1975 Honda 90 moped. Thurs. 6/14 & Fri. 6/15, 9 - 4 p.m. 10443 Portland Rd. SE of Jimmy's Grill.

GARAGE SALE

989 McCabe (just north of Conservation Dr.) June 13 - 15, 9 - 6 p.m. Way past due!! Flat screen TV, queen size bed, furniture, home furnishings, appliances, fax machine, exercise equipment, and much more. Priced to sell.

GARAGE SALE

820 N. Jefferson, Thurs. & Fri., June 14 - 15, 9 - 5. Antiques & collectibles, household, teenage clothes & more.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

A lot of kids' clothing, brand names like Gymboree, girls and boys, all sizes, American Girl doll, toys, play kitchen, and much, much more. For a sneak peek, call 616-868-0877. 6655 Morse Lake Ave SE, off Cascade Rd. or 84th St.

MULTI-FAMILY/PRE-MOVING SALE

12 ft. alum. boat, guitar, antiques, Hide-A-Bed sofa, new items, boy's clothes size 8 thru adult, women's clothes size 10 thru plus size, kids bikes, toys, household items, dog crate, books, chest freezer, weight bench w/ bands, crafts, movies, computer games, PS2 games. Something for everyone. Everything must go. Thurs., 14th thru Sun. 17th, 9 a.m. - ? 610 East Main.

SPOILED ROTTEN CHILDREN TOO BIG FOR THEIR BRITCHES AND EVERYTHING ELSE!

Tons of name brands! Abercrombie, AE, Hollister, Gap, Children's Place, Old Navy & more! No stains, no holes, NO JUNK! Girls 8 to tweens, teens/juniors, boys thru 5, women's & some men's. Outerwear, stair stepper, 8 piece white poster twin bdrm suite (dresser, bed, desk, end tables, book case, toy box) curtains & bedding, white full size canopy set (bed, dresser, curtains & bedding). Dressers, working vacuums, car seats, toys (Little Tikes toy bench & tools like new, kitchen set, big trucks, Fisher Price & more!). June 14 & 15, 9 - 7 p.m. June 16, 9 a.m. - ? Rain or shine. Alden Nash/M-50 South to 12011 72nd St., Alto.

MOVING SALE

Something for everyone! Books to pottery to bath sink. 9709 52nd St. SE. Fri. & Sat., 9-4 p.m.

MOVING SALE
818 Lincoln Lake (2 doors South of Foreman) Sat., June 16 & Sun., June 17, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of furniture; antique & traditional, trunks, computer desk, lamps, pictures, extension ladder, 34 years of odds & ends. EVERYTHING MUST GO!

HUGE MOVING SALE
Friday, June 15, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tools, books, clothing, albums, entertainment center, snowblower, power sprayer. 851 Fallsburg Park Drive near Heim.

GARAGE SALE
June 14, 15, & 16, 9-6, 9269 Morse Lake. Dining room table & chairs, household items, books, girls' clothes, & toys.

HUGE GARAGE SALE
Everything from baby clothes items to collectibles. Fri., June 15, Sat., June 16 rain or shine. 8403 W. Peck Lake Rd.

REARRIED AND DOUBLE OF MOST EVERYTHING
4 families, 9240 Vergennes. Horses, saddles and tack for sale. Fri., June 15 & Sat., June 16.

GARAGE SALE
June 15 (9-5), June 16 (9-3). 735 Lincoln Lake Ave. Clothes, couch, stereo, speakers, slide, much more.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE & YARD SALE
June 15 & 16, 280 / 286 Jane Ellen from 9-4. Something for everyone, lots of great varieties. Computer, TV, microwave hutch, girls vanity, small desk, wooden rocking horse, boys bike, car/booster seats, toys in good condition, household items, various kids-adult clothing. Don't miss this one!

SALE
407 Foreman, corner of Hudson. Furniture, womens & men's clothes, household goods, lots of neat stuff, some antiques. June 16, 9 to 3 p.m.

GARAGE SALE
Fri. & Sat., June 15 & 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of young teen girls clothes, boys 5T & 6T, lots of misc. 180 Church St., Saranac.

NEIGHBORHOOD SALES
800 block Grindle Drive, June 14 & 15, 8 a.m. Baby & adult clothes, toys, household, jigsaw puzzles, books, furniture, lots more!



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AMISH LOG HEADBOARD - and queen pillow top mattress set, new in plastic, was \$800, sell all for \$275. 616-452-8430.

HANDICAP VAN - Ford Econoline, w/wheelchair lift, very nice! \$4,000. Cell 616-430-4540.

AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES - for sale, born on Easter, can go now, they're weaned. Light golden and very blond. Light golden \$250, 3 very blond \$400 each. 616-794-2028 or 616-893-0689.

RABBIT CAGES - Wooden hutches and supplies also rabbits, pigeons, ducks and chickens. 1-616-691-6619.

MARBLE TOPOAK KITCHEN ISLAND/CART - 24" x 24" x 38", 2 shelves/drawer, great condition, \$125. 855-6371.

TOW DOLLY - '06 Master Tow, 80 THD, used once, \$800. Cell 616-430-4540.

FOR SALE - 1988 Cadillac Fleetwood Broughm, immaculate Florida car, low mileage, \$4,500 obo. 616-902-2622.

3 PT POST HOLE DIGGER - \$200; disk single row pull type, can be pulled with 4 wheeler, \$150. 616-430-4540.

FOR SALE BY OWNER - Lowell, 2209 Fallsburg Park Drive. Home with 4+ bedrooms, 2 baths, very large living room, kitchen, 2 stall garage, marble fireplace, 2 stall carport/patio, 28x32 pole barn, pond, extra septic and RV spot, low taxes, \$149,900 or reasonable offer. Call 616-527-1942 or 616-443-0373.

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GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - Previously experienced. All in perfect condition - Titleist & Maxfli Noodle, \$6 per doz.; Pinnacle & Nike, \$5 per doz; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz or 3 doz. for \$10. Call 897-1355.

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HOME FOR SALE - in Ionia, country setting on 2.4 acres, close to schools and shopping, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, main floor laundry, marble fireplace, 2 stall carport/patio, 28x32 pole barn, pond, extra septic and RV spot, low taxes, \$149,900 or reasonable offer. Call 616-527-1942 or 616-443-0373.

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FOR RENT

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FOR RENT - 1 bedroom upstairs apartment in Ionia. Washer & dryer, nice sized bedroom. \$400 per month + utilities & deposit. Call 616-691-7690.

COUNTRY HOME FOR RENT - 10369 Coldwater SE near Caledonia Sportsman Club. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central H/A/C, very nice home and setting. No dogs. 1-year lease. Rent \$585 per month + \$300 deposit. 352-429-2409.

FOR RENT - Lowell, 1 BR, 1 BA upper apartment. AC, storage, trash removal. \$400/mo. + utilities. \$300 deposit. No smoking, no pets. 897-4829.

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FOR RENT - Lowell, 2 BR, 1 BA apartment. AC, storage, trash removal, laundry room & deck. \$500/mo. + utilities. \$300 deposit. No smoking, no pets. 897-4829.

3 BEDROOM RANCH - 3 country acres for rent or for sale at 1277 Alden Nash NE with large pole barn. \$900 rent or \$155,000. Available now. 897-0686.

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

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DUPLEX - Clarksville, small town setting, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, appliances, washer/dryer hookup, central air, 2 car attached garage. \$800 plus utilities & deposit. 616-374-5381.

WANTED

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

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NANNY NEEDED - for 3 girls, twins age 3.5 and 5.5 year old. Need own reliable transportation, references, salary requests. This job is four days a week and involves driving the children to school, appointments, light house keeping, meal preparation and lots of love and play. Only serious applicants. Job starts on Aug. 26 - June 15, 2008. Please email: jecarloso@netzero.com.

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Factory wood-working machine operators and manual assembly. Local plant. Call 616-897-9545.

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EVENTS

MURDER ABOUND! - How many ways can you die? Find out by seeing The Thebes Players Theatre Production of Deathtrap June 15th - 24th. Purchase tickets at Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or www.lowellartsCouncil.org.

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a Swiss Steak family style dinner on Wed., June 13, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$8, children 6-12 are \$2, children 5 & under are free. Take out dinners also available.

LOWELL CLASS OF 1977 30 YEAR REUNION - July 28, 2007, 6 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Hilton. Prime rib or balsamic chicken dinner, \$35 per person. Tickets may be purchased at Canfield Plumbing & Heating or by sending a check to Lowell Class of 1977, PO Box 144, Lowell, MI 49331-0144. Info online at LowellClassof1977@iserv.net

CARD OF THANKS

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Thank you Rollaway for a wonderful event, we all had so much fun bowling, skating, playing mini golf & laser tag. It was well worth the trip.
Robin Davis
Carson City Girl Scouts

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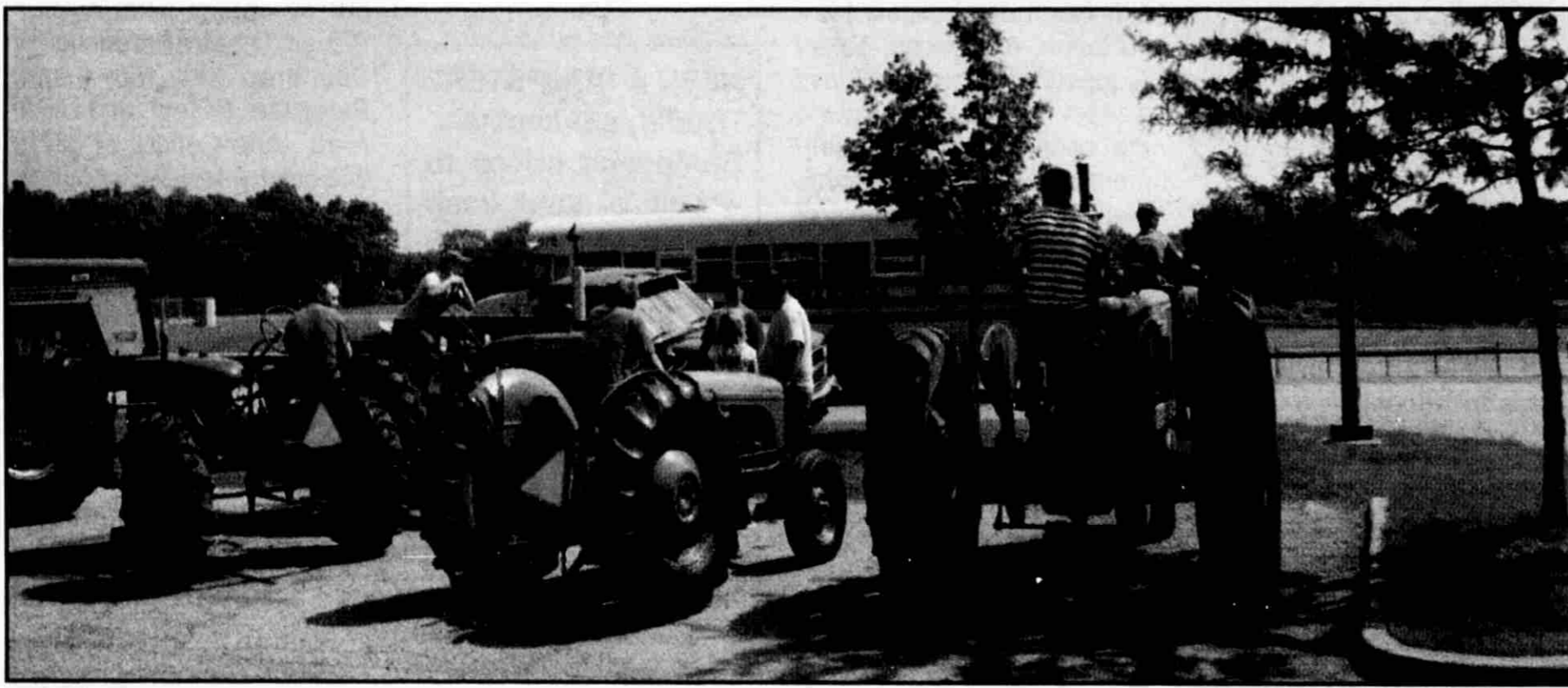
CARD OF THANKS - We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the Lowell teachers and students who sent care packages, clothes, gift certificates and cash home with Kristin Dunn after our house burnt down. A special thank you to the group that put on the car wash for our cause. Lowell is truly a caring and giving community. Thank you again, The Dunn Family.

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RollAway would like to thank all of the families and organizations that have supported us. Have a nice summer.

Noisy tradition marks end of school

Why use school buses or cars, when you can use an antique McCormick Farmall tractor to get you to the last day of school on time? That's exactly what this group of students, organized by Blake Zigmont, thought when they filled up their tractors with \$40 worth of gas each before they zipped off to school. The group likes to continue the noisy tradition that marks the end of school year. Part of this tradition is having breakfast together. Student Gus Geldersma rode a decorated tractor with paper ribbons. Also participating were Max Stormzand, Seth Boogaart and many others.



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