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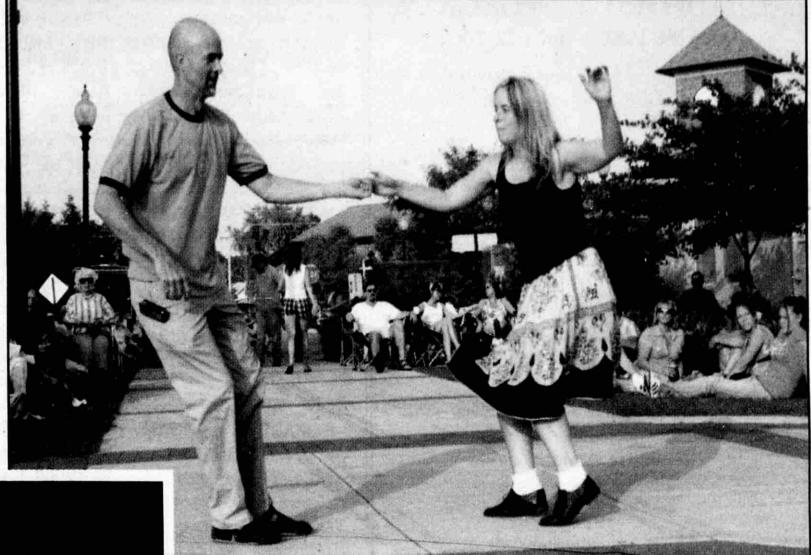
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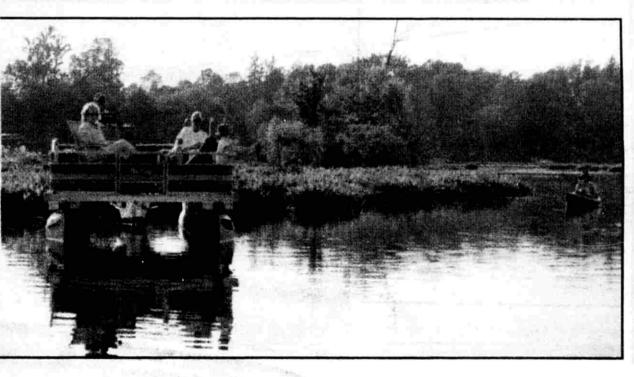
Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Let's rumba!

Summer Concerts series in grandiose Big Band style last Thursday night. Amanda and Mike Trimble of Mandolin Designs danced swing, while Sue Molloy and Jim Betts of Grand Rapids performed the challenging rumba to the excitement of all the spectators. The Showboat also opened its decks to savvy gourmands who tried barbecued pork in ciabbata bread offered by the Flat River Grill. On tap was Bud Light. Other concert lovers docked their boats in the Flat River weeds and enjoyed the concert. The next concert is blues by Sheila Landis.







City lifts moratorium on tree cutting

By Emma Palova

The Lowell City Council Monday lifted a moratorium on tree cutting as Lowell Light & Power officials identified 12 trees for removal under the power line clearance policy.

According to LL&P manager Tom Richards' review, none of the 12 trees in question would withstand severe pruning required to meet the 10-foot clearance of the power lines.

So, Richards recommended removal rather than pruning followed by stump grinding. He also encouraged the city to address issues without further delay.

LL&P has met the city's requirement to develop a cutting policy and work with a certified arborist to identify trees for removal. Council

member Jim Hodges voted a reluctant yes, but due diligence has been done on LL&Ps part.

Both the council and the utility have been meeting to prevent previous controversies over extreme tree pruning. Past tree pruning has left tall stubs without branches around town. Some residents have carved out bears out of the stubs, and dress them up to the occasion.

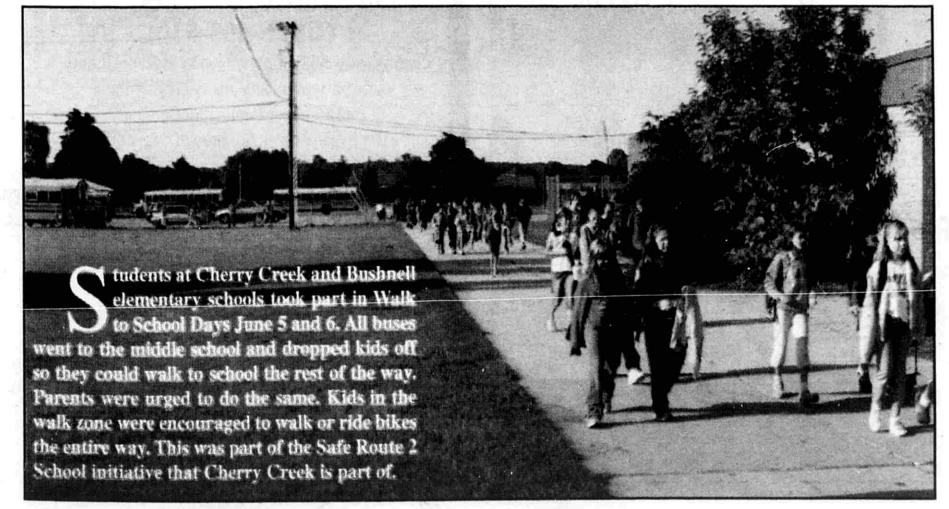
Out of the 12 trees located on Lincoln Lake, Hudson, Howard, Riverside, Spring/Amity streets, five trees are in good to very good condition but interfere with the lines.

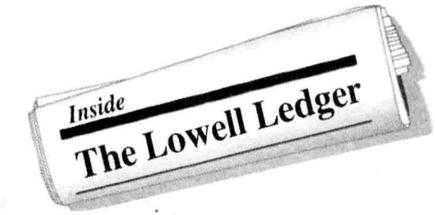
Certified arborist Julie Stachecki helped identify the trees for removal.

Following the line trimming, the utility will remove debris and brush.

In other business, the city council approved the distribution of the updated master plan to the surrounding municipalities for public comment

Kids give the buses a break





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ALONG MAIN



LEWIS

in 1960 and from Ferris

Mr. Larry V. Lewis, age 64, State University School of passed away on Friday, June Pharmacy in 1965. Larry 15, 2007, his 39th wedding met Katherine after she had anniversary. He graduated graduated from Michigan from Sand Lake High School State University and they

In Loving Memory of BRADFORD J. SPOELMAN May 29, 1982 to June 22, 2002

We tried to celebrate your 25th birthday without tears because we know you would have celebrated it with smiles had you been here.

> God took you home after such a short time here on earth. We don't know His plan, and can't really understand, but we know God is good and wanted you home so we'll try to have faith that He knows what's best.

We'll try to stay strong as the years slip quickly by. We know you are with the angels, and safe in the arms of God. We smile to think of all the unanswered questions you had that are no longer a mystery to you. His is the ultimate university, we know you've passed His test.

We want you to know we'll never forget you, and love you with all our hearts, our son, brother and friend.

> - Mom, Dad, Brooke and Blake Friends and extended family

were married on June 15, Catholic Parish and member Eleanor Lewis and his father Interment was in Rockford real estate and managed the Painter and her husband, Carriage House Realty offce Matthew Painter of Grand in Rockford. In the late 1980s Rapids, and Edward Larry earned his teaching Downes Lewis of New certification from Aquinas York, NY; granddaughter College and taught science Keiria Anabel Painter who at Lowell High School and will miss her "da" forever. then at Orion Alternative Also surviving include in-High School in Grandville. laws, Marlene Downes, He also taught Driver's Ron and Marcella Wesch, Education for almost 20 and Barbara Jean Downes years and most recently O'Malley and her husband taught driver's education for Tom O'Malley; niece, Krista the Sears Driving School. Wesche and nephew, Brian Larry was a Charter Member Wesche. He was preceded of Our Lady of Consolation in death by his mother

Catholic Church with Rev. Hospice of Michigan. Thomas Page presiding.

1968 at St. Alphonsus Parish of Phi Delta Chi Fraternity. Vernon Lewis and mother- Cemetery. Those planning in Grand Rapids. For 10 He is survived by his wife, in-law Leona Downes. The an expression of sympathy years he worked at various Katherine Downes Lewis; Mass of Christian Burial are asked to consider the was offered Monday at Building Fund at Our Lady Our Lady of Consolation of Consolation Parish or

Fatal accident on Alden Nash

Nicholas Aitchison, 16, of Caledonia died of injuries sustained in an accident on 52nd Street west of Alden Nash last week. His vehicle was eastbound on 52nd Street from Bancroff when Aitchison lost control. The van slid off the road striking a tree on driver's side and burst into flames. Passenger Andrew Dykehouse of Alto was hospitalized. Alcohol was not a factor, while speed may have been, according to the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS unless presented to **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 07-183,457-DE

Estate of ELIZABETH T. ABRAM deceased Date of birth: 6/2/1914

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, ELIZABETH T. ABRAM, who lived at 949 Frederick NW. Grand Rapids, Michigan, died notice. 5/24/2007

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred MARY TRASKY, 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

children Lorrie Lewis

John D. Mitus (P-31244) 410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

616-774-4001

Date: June 15, 2007

Mary Trasky 4670 W. Kirk Ct. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-182,912-DE

Estate of SALLY, H. STREK deceased Date of birth: 7/19/1917

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, SALLY H. STREK, who lived at 1053 Pulawski, SW. Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 1/3/2007.

Creditors of decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JAMES STANLEY STREK, named personal representative, proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1053 Pulawski St., SW, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 12, 2007

Daniel R. Fagan 429 Turner NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-224-2564

James Stanley Strek 1053 Pulawski St., SW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-456-8321

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In Loving Memory of

Jesus does heal our broken heart. It doesn't mean that we don't cry, that the wound of death is gone. But we have the one that gives us hope, that is Jesus Christ, who gives us our joy and purpose in life. Until HE returns or our eyes close in death and we go to our Heavenly home, we move forward living for Him.

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- The Rosenberger Family

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Relay for Life set for June 29

The second annual Re- Lowell Athletics Boosters "Miss Relay" contest, where lay for Life of Lowell kicks Club and baked goods at inoff June 29 at noon and runs through noon June 30 at Lowell High School's Red awareness.

fee. Food will be sold by from 5-8:30 p.m. Friday. A

Grand Rapids, Ada and

Lowell amateur

radio operators

of June 23 and 24 to set up nets during

contact thousands of other Members

According to Al Eckman,

WW8WW, President of

the Lowell Amateur Radio

for the ARRL's National

Field Organization. "Field

set up antennas in the field. 3357.

The idea is to put together

a self-sufficient, working

station quickly and begin

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The ARRL Field

making contacts."

gear up for field day

Lowell area amateur Organization has been

radio operators will work effective in establishing

around the clock the weekend emergency communications

stations, get on the air, and and other major disasters.

operators in the Americas emergency organizations

as part of participation in such as the Amateur Radio

the American Radio Relay Emergency Service (ARES)

League's (ARRL) Field and the Radio Amateur

Club, Field Day is the that more than 35,000 hams

Day is a way for hams to get of the Flat River Outreach

outdoors and have fun under Ministries building, 11535

some difficult conditions," Fulton SE, west end of

said Eckman. "But it's Lowell. Set up begins 11

also a chance to fine tune a.m. Saturday, June 23.

emergency communication The public is invited. For

skills. We use generators more information, contact

and battery power, and we Stu Sauber KA8WGP 676-

Lowell.

dividual tent sites.

taking part with everyone, including planning committee members, taking the raise money for cancer re- first lap together. There will search and increase cancer be children's activities, live demonstrations and enterand there is no admission be a large silent auction

Two gardens in Lowell area included in tour

host "A Garden Odyssey" of garden varieties from Heritage Hill near down- and 1:30 p.m. Cost for lunch

tour on Saturday, June 23 formal to free-wheeling. town Grand Rapids to rural is \$15.

field radio communication hurricanes, fires, earthquakes business that designed the

Communication Emergency

Services (RACES) regularly

The League estimates

participate in Field Day every

year. LARC's Field Day

operations will be in front

participate.

of formal

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Eight participating loca- Lowell.

"lovely ladies" walk around asking for donations, will Thirty-one teams are take place at 7:15 p.m. Also

addition to sales, demon- For more information about strations, entertainment and Relay For Life of Lowell. children's activities, include contact Carol Briggs, 897-The public is invited tainment. There will also aerobics, children's sing- 5501. along and awards.

The tour runs the gamut tions stretch east from urban Road. Seatings are at noon

created by a local business

with a theme of their choice.

Visitors are encouraged to

entire tour may enter their

\$50 gift certificate to the

are Acanthus Antiques, Art

of the Table, Daylily Gift

\$15. Tickets the day of the

co New American Bistro.

Hills Ave. just off Cascade

to Opera Grand Rapids.

Businesses participating

Relay For Life is the signature event of The Amerion Friday are bingo and a the world to provide continluminary lighting ceremony. ued cancer research dollars Saturday's activities, in and awareness programs.

can Cancer Society, raising millions of dollars around

For tour tickets and/or

The gardens on the tour

Woodland walk and

garden at 4521 S. Montcalm

Lush container gar-

Lovely English coun-

Far East-inspired re-

try garden at 4901 Cata-

treat with waterfalls at 6206

mount Trail NE in Ada

Kissing Rock Rd., Lowell

Two of the gardens are lunch reservations, call 949-

in the Lowell area, one each 7584 or the Opera Grand

in Ada and Cascade and Rapids office at 451-2741,

four in Heritage Hill. As an extension 10. In Lowell.

added dimension, each gar- tour tickets are available at

vote for their favorites with truly cultivated vegetable

ticket into a drawing for a dening around a pool at 2933

Those completing the in Lowell

den will feature a table top The Backyard Boutique.

Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts,

Thursday nights, now through Aug. 23. Riverwalk Plaza, downtown Lowell, 7-9 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

SUMMER CONCERTS

DEATHTRAP

Presented by Thebes Players Community Theatre at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center, 11700 Vergennes. Dates of production are: 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.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

St. Patrick Parish in Parnell is hosting its annual Festival on the weekend of June 22-24, with a Euchre Tournament on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Las Vegas tent, Texas Hold 'Em and live music on Saturday. On Sunday are a chicken barbecue, noon to 5 p.m., and a cash raffle.

2ND ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF LOWELL

Don't miss the fun when this 24-hour community event takes place 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.

FIRE & WATER ART

In the month of June Fire & Water Art will be featuring pastel artist Bonnie Osborne. The gallery is located at 219 W. Main, Downtown Lowell, Hours are 1 - 6 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Fri. 1 - 7 p.m. Call 890-1879 for more information.

The Class of 1982 is planning their 25th reunion to

be held Aug. 25 at Deer Run. Tropical Hawaiian Luau

theme with a slide show (photos wanted) including

memories from elementary to the 8th grade dance to

beyond. Contact Tonia North at 897--8612; northtigmail

com or Jamey Fitz at JameyFitz@comcast.net. Please

contact us to reserve your seats, express your regrets or

CLASS OF 1982 REUNION

show are \$18. Proceeds go English cottage, Mediterra

urban garden at 258 College The restaurant is on Forest SE in Grand Rapids

and Floral Boutique, Design Maplewood Trail Ct. SE in Collective Floral and Gifts, Grand Rapids Heather Lane Pottery, Rock An innovative reno-Home Studio, The Gift vation of urban idyll at 332 Shop-Butterworth Campus College SE in Grand Rapids with Ginko Studios and YT

• English Victorian in

the garden room style at 135 Advance tickets are College SE in Grand Rapids Urban garden with

nean and Eastern influences At the tour's halfway at 332 Morris SE in Grand point lunch, by reservation Rapids only, will be served at Mar-Peaceful Zen-inspired

CLASS OF 1977 REUNION The RSVP deadline of June 15 has been extended.

If you can not attend the dinner you can come later for a \$10 admission. Please contact Deb Canfield at Canfield Plumbing & Heating or check our website: lowellclassof1977@iserv

ALUMNI GATHERING

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-



THURSDAY, JUNE 28 • 5-7 PM - on the Showboat

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 • 12-2 PM

- at Voyages on Main Street Bonnie Grooters, author Jan Johnson, illustrator

For information and tickets please call: (616) 949-7584 or (616) 451-2741, ext. 10; also see: www.operagr.com



A delightful Garden Tour sponsored by Opera Affiliates as a benefit for Opera Grand Rapids Advance tickets: \$15 Day of tour: \$18

State of city address optimistic

By Emma Palova

The state of city priority for the city, as well address shows confidence as the support of the airport that Lowell will thrive as board to attain general utility a community in spite of status. economic difficulties and a strained tax base.

In city manager Dave further scrutinized Pasquale's absence, police determine long term usage. chief Jim Valentine delivered By 2010, the reconstruction the annual address Monday. Also absent was mayor Vista west will begin with Chuck Myers.

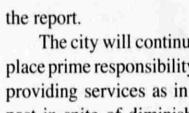
Some highlights included continued marketing dwindling local economy, strategy of Lowell as "The there were only a few new Next Place to Be" with DDA funding, establishing a fund permits issued, according to from the sale of Lowell Cable Television, and maintaining a 10 percent fund balance.

Sidewalks, particularly school walks, will be a

The North Washington Street property will be of Bowes Road from Valley federal funding.

As another indicator of

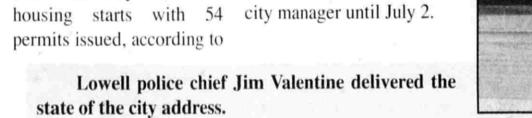
state of the city address.



The city will continue to place prime responsibility on providing services as in the past in spite of diminishing State Revenue Sharing.

Support will continue for the Lowell Area Arts Council as it seeks funds for facility expansion. The Rockford Ambulance is recognized as an integral part of the Lowell community health system.

mayor's absence, the council tabled personal evaluation of the





Volunteers help shape up the Lowell Showboat

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Ivan Blough and a boat load of volunteers logged in over 250 hours during the month of May and June to bring the Lowell Showboat back to pristine condition for the start of summer and the many events that will be held on the Riverwalk Plaza. Many volunteers, the City of Lowell Department of Public Works and Kent County Youth Fair staff showed up to help finish the boat.



Matt Davidson and Judy Straub paint the back of the Showboat while Liz Baker, high school helper Betsy Davidson, and Denise and Bill Dommer look on.

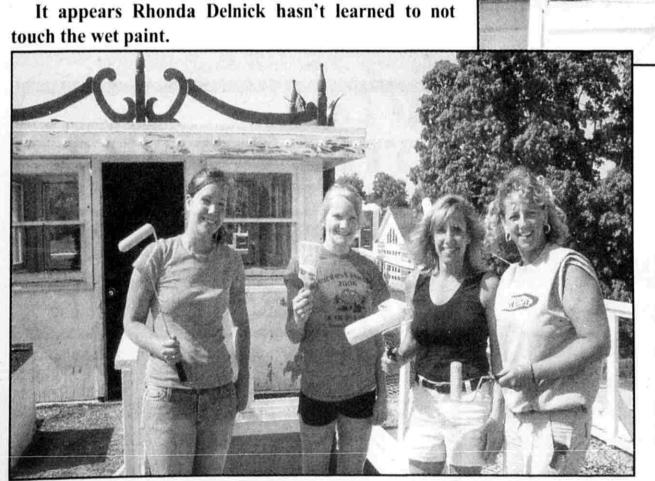


Patty Sellner with a group of high school volunteers.

Below, Margaret Hoats paints the top of the



A pair of brothers paints the steps.

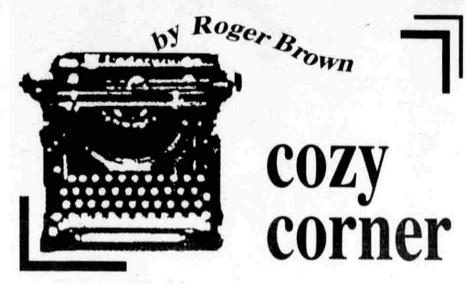


Marta Rozema and Stacey Messersmith with two high school volunteers.



Wilma Grove and Shelly Catlin share a joke as they paint the shutters.

Viewpoint-



There are a few things that can show up in your hollered. We all stood up. mailbox which certainly don't do much to improve your day. A property tax appraisal (never lower), almost anything and questions designed to eliminate people not eligible to registered or certified, a reminder for a dental exam, a notice of audit from the I.R.S. and a number of other things that might make you dream of moving to a deep woods hideout and beginning work on your manifesto.

One such piece of mail is a jury summons. There must people be a fairly large jury pool in Kent County. In all the years I lived there, I can only remember being summoned once or twice. On those occasions, I filled out the form and, citing the demands of my business, asked to be excused. Sure, I felt guilty about shirking my civic duty, but I honestly did not have anyone to cover for me.

In order to take advantage of a "residents only" limit on annual property tax increases; I recently became a Florida resident. More specifically, I became a Monroe County, Florida resident. The first jury summons hit the mailbox in a matter of weeks.

Down here, the law says you can be called for jury duty every year. My neighbors assure me that I WILL be called every year. There must be a small pool of full time residents. That, or there is a large pool of people doing bad things.

A few Mondays ago, I got up early and drove into Key West to report for jury duty. The courthouse is downtown and parking is non-existent. After being delayed by rush hour traffic I hadn't counted on, I made it to a municipal parking garage and waited for a bus to take me downtown. I was running late, but took comfort in the fact several other prospective jurors were waiting for the same bus. Safety in numbers!

By the time we got to the courthouse and made it through security, my little band of prospects was about ten minutes late. We made our way to the cramped courtroom on the fourth floor where we were to report. I was surprised to find that there were about 150 of us. It was standing room

There was no need to hurry or worry. Prospects kept drifting in for at least another half hour. Finally, there was some activity up front. Some announcements were made and a few instructions given. About an hour after we had been told to report, a judge showed up. "All rise!" the bailiff

The judge began with a preliminary series of instructions serve. People kept drifting in, and he would have to go back through the series of items for each latecomer. Being ten minutes late was beginning to look like an early bird. I could have stopped somewhere for breakfast and still beat these

After weeding out a few people because of age, residency, occupation, etc. the judge went into his canned speech about why we all need to shoulder our responsibility to serve as jurors. The speech was actually a good one.

The judge told about having visited the D-Day cemetery at Normandy, France. He talked about the feeling of awe a person gets from seeing the rows and rows of crosses. The judge then explained that there had been a judicial system in place in Germany prior to the Nazi regime. He worked the story and tied the lack of a fair judicial system in as a reason those crosses are marking the graves of thousands of young men who defended our freedoms. It was a very good speech. You could have heard a pin drop in that cramped little courtroom. Made me feel guilty about shirking jury

Following the judge's inspirational message, he asked for \$1. if anybody still felt like being excused. A few hands went up. Some of the excuses were a little weak, but most at least sounded legitimate. One woman was about twelve months pregnant. Another woman's husband was in the Navy and they were transferring to a new duty station. Another person

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To The Editor

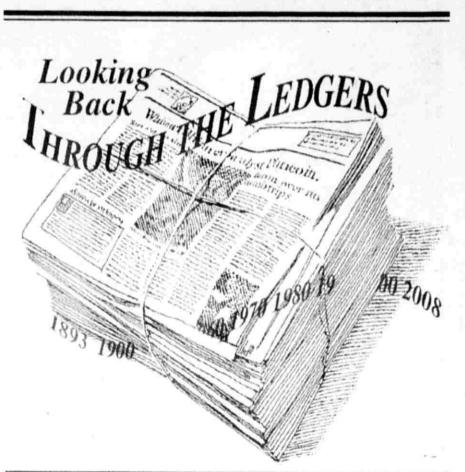
To the Editor.

Last week was the awards ceremony for the eighth graders at the LMS. This is the night when our kids are acknowledged and rewarded for academic excellence. I've often wondered why these children who excel academically receive so little attention when it is actually this group of children that show the potential as our future leaders. Specifically, there are two classrooms at LMS for children for that. I feel the principal did a huge disservice for this who have the initiative and dedication to their studies to group of hard-working, self-motivated, future leaders of our apply themselves. The classes are advanced English and community by choosing to intentionally ignore them at the advanced Math. These programs are voluntary for these only time they could be acknowledged for their extra hard kids and the qualifications are strict. The kids must first work. be referred by a teacher who feels they qualify, and then some of them, the work is easy. To others, they must apply I asked the principal why these classes were ignored. She ceremony. informed us that she did not feel these kids deserved any special recognition. She said if they were able to do the for the past few years and have voluntarily taken on this work, then they were simply working at a level they were capable of working at and that she was sorry if we felt that was something that should be acknowledged, but she did Your rewards will pay off in the long run! not agree that it would merit any type of award. We asked

her what kind of message she felt this was giving to the kids who take the initiative to take on this added workload. when if they simply chose to stay in the regular curriculum they would have received recognition for every one of those classes, but because they chose to excel and apply themselves they received nothing. She responded by saying, "What do think I should have done? Award every kid just for doing what they are capable of?" I guess when she can see fit to award every child who excels in band, orchestra, sports or for perfect attendance, then yes, I would think that when she was stating each child's accomplishments, she could add in the kids in the advanced classes. These kids were not even acknowledged on a basic level, although awards were given

I personally am very proud of these high achievers and they are tested. If they pass the test, they must be able to feel that each and every one of them deserves a standing maintain a B+ average in order to remain in the class. To ovation. They have already received the short end of the stick with Governor Granholm's new curriculum, which will have themselves a bit harder. For all of them, they could choose a direct impact on what these kids have worked to achieve. to remain in the basic classes and easily receive an A. These I have seen first hand the type of work they are challenged kids work hard and should be applauded for their efforts. with and choose to continue with, even though they have It's a lot of pressure for many of these young people who the option of remaining in the regular classroom with far take on this added responsibility when they could be making easier work and less homework. I'm sorry the principal choices with their lives that are not as desirable. We were does not feel that academic excellence deserves any special very disappointed at the awards ceremony to find that these recognition. I thought that was what a valedictorian was. If kids were not even acknowledged for their participation this logic is applied across the board and that no kid should in these advanced classes, even on a basic level of math be awarded or recognized simply because they are working or English. After the ceremony, my daughter's father and at a level that they are capable of, there would be no award

> On a final note – to the kids who have worked so hard huge added responsibility when you could easily have taken the easy way out – Bravo! Keep up the exceptional work!



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 20, 1882

Assessed valuations of the real and personal property in he village is \$29,260.

Some of the residents on the depot street complain of orseback riding on the sidewalk down that way.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 20, 1907

Lowell High School turns out 20 graduates. Lowell residents can get 15 post cards of their home

Three prizes will be awarded on the first of September for the best kept yards in town.

Get a pickle contract and a supply of free seed. No investment-quick returns.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 18, 1932

Melody Dairy has introduced the pull tab bottle cap on

A course in advanced typewriting will be offered at Lowell High School in the fall.

There will be a Centennial queen at Lowell's centennial celebration in August. The queen will be chosen by popular vote of the parade committee.

A pedestrian count on the Main Street bridge was 1,000 in one hour on a Saturday.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 20, 1957

Seven acts are booked for the 12th annual Showboat Amateur Night set for July 13.

The Lowell Lions Club elected Dr. Robert Reagan president for the club's fourth year as an organization in

Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 abandoned plans for paper drive as the price of scrap paper is too low.

The Lowell Village Council voted to blacktop unpaved blocks on the east side of town on North, Avery and Jefferson

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AND JUNE 16, 1982

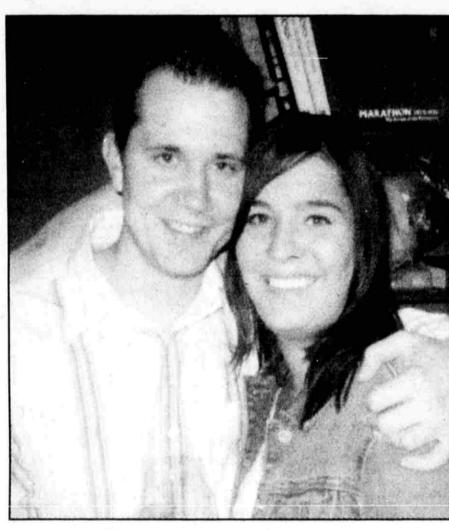
Chris VanAntwerp and John Haggai were elected to the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education beating out four other candidates.

Lowell High School senior Shelly Garrett received the Dale Anderson Memorial Scholarship given by the music

Joseph Fremer was named pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Louise Anne Doyle received her Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Koewers/Lyons



James Lyons and Erin Koewers

Erin Koewers and James School and Western Michi-Lyons will be united in mat- gan University. The groom, rimony on August 11, 2007. of Jackson, is a Napoleon Their parents are Alan and High School graduate and Donna Miller of Lowell, the is pursuing an engineering deceased Thomas Koewers, degree from the University Charles Lyons of Hanover of North Carolina at Charand Stacey Miller of Parma. lotte. The couple will reside The bride, of Lowell, gradu- in North Carolina after the Brown, Jimmy Brown, Sean Fetterhoff. ated from Lowell High wedding.



John King, Youth Pastor. Christian Life Center

The entourage was there: Mom, Dad, Sis, Roger, Joshua, Caleb and of course, Mamaw Bessie. I had just finished preaching the Sunday morning sermon and was walking off the stage to put down my Bible and my notebook. I got a hug from mom and then from Mamaw Bessie. She whispered in my ear: "It's nice to have a preacher in the family again."

College News

daughter of Joe and Barb Vezino of Lowell, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame with a double major in mathematics and Spanish.

She graduated magna cum laude with a 3.863 grade point average placing her in the top 15 percent of

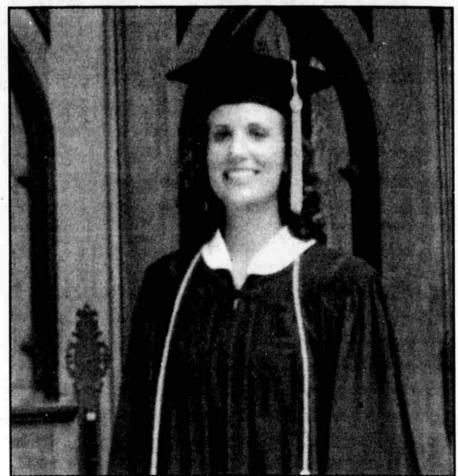
Vezino is the first Lowell woman to graduate from Notre Dame. She attended St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Lowell, St. Patrick School in Parnell and Catholic Central High

School in Grand Rapids. In the fall of 2004 at Notre Dame, she was inducted into Sigma Delta Pi, the national collegiate Hispanic honor society for her academic achievements in her Spanish classes. She later received the J&C Math Prize awarded to sophomore mathematics majors showing exemplary performance. She recently received the George Kolettis Award from the mathematics

department. made Vezino Dean's List seven of eight semesters, including a 4.0 the semester she spent

JUNE 22:

full-time employment while planning her 2008 wedding and in her final semester. to Andrew Stoddard of She has since moved back to Lowell and is seeking Grand Rapids.



Elizabeth Ann Vezino

JUNE 20: Ball, Gladys Michael Korte, Byron Pat Metternick, Aleacia Kunard Brenk, Jim Francis I, Ken

Owen, Monte Knapp.

Kraus, Dennis Jane McClure, Bill Burtt, Heather Manszewski,

Briggs.

JUNE 21:

JUNE 23: Brinna **JUNE 24:**

Cathy Acker, Velma Perry, Saralyn Vezino, Gay Pfaller, Dwane Cavanaugh, Pat Roth, Hunter Jamieson, David Scott, J. R. Alstine.

JUNE 25: Ann Wittenbach. Kim Raines, Angela Lonero.



JUNE 26:

everything to do with where I come from. It has everything eventually for me. to do with a legacy that was formed long before me.

down his relatives that were living outside the will of God and gave them an earful. Barney was the one who knew the scriptures so well that he didn't need a Bible. Barney was the first one at the church and the last one to leave the

"Papaw Huff" was the one who sat in his chair in silence in his home with his ever-present denim overalls. He would sit for hours in his chair hunched over the tv tray that held his Bible. We'd hug him and tell him we loved him. He'd smile softly and then revert back to his Bible.

I heard the stories. The stories of how "Papaw Huff" wasn't always "Papaw Huff." Long before he was "Papaw

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I couldn't even respond. I just hugged her. The reason Huff", he was Barney. Barney left a legacy that paved the I am where I am today has nothing to do with me. It has way for my grandmother, then my mother and father and

I always wanted to be early for church. My family had I didn't know Barney. Barney was the one who chased a phrase that they liked saying to me: "Alright, Barney, you better get going, otherwise you won't be the first one there." The older I got and the more stories I heard of Barney, the more that phrase began to have significance to me. Today, as a pastor, I think the greatest compliment that I could receive is that my life even remotely resembles the one that Barney led. It's okay if you call me Barney. If that is how people remember me—so be it.

The legacy we leave behind will be directly proportionate to how well we listen and obey God's commands for our lives. Legacy is a powerful thing. It has the ability to mold the lives of those who come behind us. What kind of legacy

College News

State University on May 5. He holds a degree in physics, and minors in math and chemistry. He will student teach at Comstock Park in the fall.

On Saturday, May 5, Carolyn A. Diekevers and Jenny Marie Dillinger graduated from Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University.

One Lowell High School student was among the 550 graduates awarded diplomas at Denison University's 166th commencement held May 13. Lauren Elaine Vashaw, daughter of

Moerdyke Scott and Elaine Vashaw of Grand Rapids, earned a bachelor of arts degree with a psychology major. A recipient of the Alumni Award, Vashaw played on the varsity women's basketball team.

> Area students named to the Dean's List at Michigan Technological University include: from Alto David J Steffler and Duane A Stephenson. From Lowell Joshua G Abdoo, Laura G Crimmins, and Colin J

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

in May at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design include: from Alto - Lauren Matthew Alexander, Beresford, Allen Devoll, Jaime Ekkens, Thomas Forsberg, Liam Gavin, and Patrick O'Connor: from Lowell - Audrey Bailey,

received Academic Honors

for the semester that ended

3.5 grade point average.

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Rebecca Battles of Lowell was named to the Spring 2007 Dean's List at Adrian College.

To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours.

Aaron J. Plattner received his Doctor of Karri Bailey, Theodore Medicine degree from Bergin, Mellissa Blattner, Wayne State University Brian Bodemann, Corinne in Detroit. In July, he will Cozzaglio, Emily Cyrocki, start his five-year residency Dawn Deraad, Brittany in the specialty of Child/ Whitney Adolescent Psychiatry at Jernigan, Tara Kuipers, Rush University Medical Robert Lay, Dustin Pedley, Center in Chicago. Plattner Kimberly Seaman, Blake is the son of Howard and **Spoelman** and **Andrew** Kristin Plattner of Alto and a 1999 graduate of Lowell To be eligible, High School. He completed undergraduate students must his undergraduate studies at have accumulated at least a Kansas State University in

2003.

With Drs. Paul Gauthier

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE Chronic kidney disease is a common disorder diagnosed frequently in the family physicians office. The kidneys are important organs that filter the blood, removing waste products from the body. Kidneys also help control blood pressure, regulate calcium and other substances that are important in bone metabolism, and help stimulate production of red blood cells.

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The Huvers were married on June 15,

Their grandchildren are: AJ, Bill, Jon,

Public Hearing of June 11, 2007

PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET - The Board conducted a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on the proposed 2007-2008 general fund budget, athletic fund budget, and food service fund budget, to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing.

Regular Meeting of June 11, 2007

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - The Board approved the addition of a closed session to discuss negotiations following the Board Communications on the agenda.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Tyler Barkacs, newly elected Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the students student council will be meeting the first part of July to discuss Freshman orientation and recruiting members from the freshman class. Also to be discussed at the meeting will be how to improve upon homecoming to involve more community

EMPLOYEE/CITIZEN RECOGNITION -Retiring:

Shirley Briggs - 22 years, Connie Gillette - 10 years, Marlene Heemstra - 18 years, Carol Nauta - 13 years, Sheila Nordhof 22 - years, Scott Vashaw - 31 years, and Shelley VanVeelen - 25 years

30 Years: Sharon Vensas

Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award Recipient Phil Beachler

LAS Education Foundation Tribute Tree Leaf Recipients Phil Beachler, Karen Corbett, Curt Lardie, Claudia Raber, Scott Vashaw, LAS Staff

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Connie Gillette ACTION ITEMS -

The Board accepted the following gifts: Mary Jo & Don Hanson donation of first aid kits valued at \$50

to be used by the Lowell Crew Club.

be used by Bushnell Elementary.

Chris & Krista.

Macy, Andrea and Rob.

Carol Brezniak donation of magazines and books valued at \$50 to be used by Cherry Creek Elementary.

Ben Chapman donation of \$100 to be used by the LHS Freshman Center field trip. Adopted the General Fund, Athletic, and Food Service Budget

Appropriation Resolutions for 2007-2008. Approved the following millage rates for 2007-2008: General

Fund 17.9838 mills, 1990 Debt Fund 5.2000 mills, 2000 Debt Fund .5500 mills, 2004 Debt Fund .6000 mills, and 2005 Debt Fund .6500 mills **CONSENT ITEMS** – Approved/adopted/denied were:

Minutes for the May 7, 2007 Special and Closed Meeting, May worked hard during the final week of school taking exams. The 14, 2007 Special and Regular Meeting, May 21, 2007 Special and Closed Meeting, and May 21, 2007 Board Workshop The following payment of bills for May 2007:

> GENERAL FUND \$1,132,248.14 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

.\$68,951.88 A. Food Service Fund. B. Athletic Fund. ..\$ 3,366.39 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. .\$54,335.39 1990 Debt Fund. ..\$ 968.42 2000 Debt Fund. .\$281.72 2004 Debt Fund. .\$ 2,151.23 2005 Debt Fund. Personnel – New Hire – John Zielinski, Chief Financial Officer Lay-Off Resolution

Audit Firm Bid Award - Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter,

Overnight Student Trip - World Studies Council to Europe from Monday, July 9, 2007 June 17 – June 29, 2007

Board of Canvassers Report MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2007-2008 school year

Support Proposal I and Proposal II on the OK Conference Ballot Richard Jean appointed to the Parents' Advisory for Special **Education Committee**

CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup reviewed the initiatives that took place during the year such as data Carol Brezniak donation of crayons and books valued at \$20 to warehouse, high school reform, development of a trimester

schedule, middle school curriculum revisions to math, English and language arts along with an emphasis on improved student writing. Many high school students became math tutors for struggling elementary students. A new student management system "Infinite Campus" is being implemented this summer with lots of training scheduled. Roger expressed his appreciation to a great staff and in making his first year at Lowell a very

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Lum, Camp Read-a-Lot and Accelerated Reader

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt thanked Connie for her many years at Lowell and announced the new hire of John Zielinski as Chief Financial Officer. He thanked Larry for his work with Safe Walks to School along with the principals who helped make this project a success. The budget picture is bleak and it's been a difficult year for planning. For those employees who are leaving the district due to retirement, he honored them for their dedication to the students. Greg expressed a hope that everyone will enjoy the summer and be recharged for the upcoming school year.

CLOSED SESSION - The Board went into closed session to discussion negotiations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop - Monday, June 25, 2007 – 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Organizational Meeting followed by Regular Board Meeting Runciman Administration Building – Board Room

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was moving that week. A doctor said he was on call all week. About a dozen of these people were told they could leave. Another five or six with lame excuses were told to stay put. You tell 'em judge!

Five trials were slated for the week. We were told to wait to be called by our juror number. Each trial would choose twenty or so potential jurors. From these, six jurors and a couple alternates would be selected for each case. In each case, the judge, prosecutor and defendant's lawyer would accomplish the selection process. We waited... and waited... and waited some more. I wished that I had brought along a book to read.

Finally, one group was called. My number didn't come up. Then another group was called. I still didn't come up. Another, and another... still no call for 253. I was beginning to think it was my new lucky number. When the last group noon. We were told to go get lunch and be back at 1:30.

After lunch my new little group reported to a tiny courtroom, where we waited some more. As the clock neared 2:00 the judge was becoming really impatient. We

were all waiting for the defendant's lawyer. As it turned out, lunch. Just the kind of guy I want defending me.

When we finally got going, the judge explained the process we were about to go through. The prosecutor posed a series of questions. We were told to raise our hand if the question applied to us. One of the questions asked if you had ever worked in law enforcement. A guy raised his hand and explained he was a retired D.C. cop. I raised my hand and explained I'd been an M.P. for two years in the army.

Then the defendant's geographically challenged lawyer had a go at us. He asked the same basic questions and asked for details to some answers. When asked about my duties as a Military Policeman, I joked that it was so long ago I couldn't remember much. It didn't get a laugh.

After what seemed like an eternity, the judge, prosecutor was called, my number was called. By now it was nearing and lawyer for the defense huddled to make their selections. Following the huddle, numbers were called for the jurors and alternates. The rest of us, yes... that included me, were

Maybe 253 is my new lucky number. Or, maybe that the lawyer was from out of town and had become lost during old M.P. bit is a good thing to remember the next time I'm

> I have now fulfilled my jury duty for a calendar year. There won't be a summons in my mailbox until next spring at the earliest. Now, if I could just do something about those

Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong.

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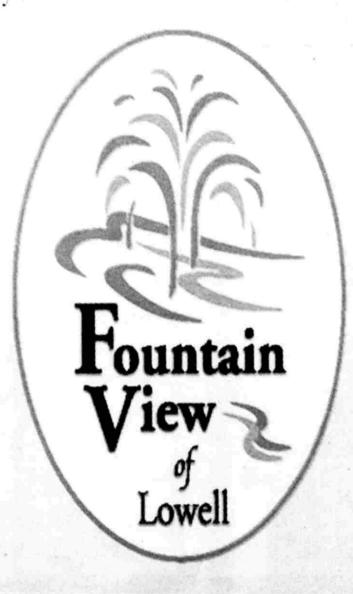


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Local writer mostly known for her work on the Ambit

By Emma Palova

having an imaginary cat in childhood was rejected by an editor of a national not publish fiction."

New York, it was widely believed that cats harbored fields questions about the So Feurstein's mom Muriel know, I ended up with a the rocker on the porch every right from the beginning.' day after coming home from school.

tech entertainment center Feuerstein's resembling an old fashioned radio, Feuerstein, 82,

seasoned writer Feuerstein name. Muriel didn't want 1930s, when Feuerstein was went to the movies and came growing up in Jamestown, back with the name Algene.

To this day, Feuerstein bacteria and spread disease. movie's name. "I don't

recalled her life stories. "Even my name is a compromise," she said with a publication for seniors. The laugh. At a time when moms rejection slip said: "We do didn't have to leave the hospital with a named baby, At a recent interview Algene found herself amidst for The Lowell Ledger, a family feud over her future laughed about the rejection. "Shirley Morley" because "It isn't fiction," she said. "I it rhymed. It was up to the truly had an imaginary kitty neonatal nurse, who stayed because I couldn't have a with the family until Algene was in eighth grade, to find a In the 1920s and name for the newborn. She

got rid of the family cat. To rhymed name anyways," she fill a gap, Algene invented a says about her married name.

wrote radio plays for CBS York and Parnell, and wrote she is mostly remembered newsletter for Amway her: "Don't try to be a man,

Algene Feuerstein is most remembered for her work on "Ambit." Feuerstein wrote plays for CBS radio is kitty that greeted her from "It's been an interesting life Hollywood, she wrote for The Lowell Ledger and other publications.

in Hollywood, lived in New for The Lowell Ledger, for her work on a 16-page dad. But somebody told

employees called "Ambit"

she land it was the best advice she's that, Feurstein still asks ever gotten in her life. herself. Well, divorced with three kids and no siblings, oriented "Ambit" didn't Feuerstein faced the task of being both the mom and

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you'll never make it." To this day, Feuerstein says

> Fashionable and people-Local writer,



By Emma Palova

"Casa Blanca" "Lillies Lilly" photo, created by husband and wife artistic duo Ira and Ann Trowbridge, are now on display at the yellow slippers along the Huntington Galleria as part of an exhibition of their

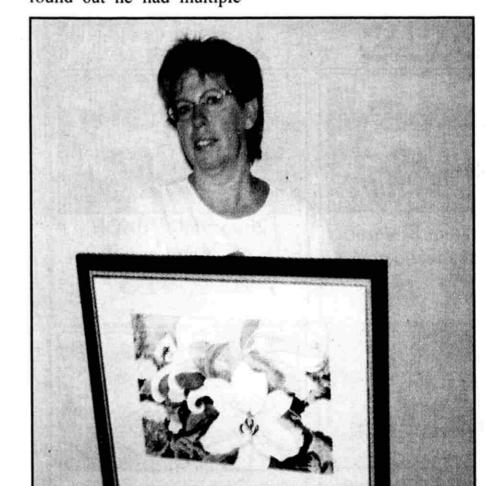
Ira Trowbridge used to love to wade and fish the Michigan rivers. When Ira found out he had multiple

sclerosis some 12 years ago, he decided to capture the beauty of the flowing waters and rocks on film forever.

His silver gelatin print of a washed away rock in the Peshekee River marvels at nature's way. Ferns and Muskegon River have also inspired Ira's photography.

doesn't mind traditional photos with toners and

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Above, Ira Trowbridge with his photo "Lillies Lilly." At left, Ann Trowbridge with water color painting "Casa Blanca."



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Three Lowell basketball players to participate in all star game

Three players from the 2006 Lowell varsity girls basketball team have been selected to play in the first annual Champions of Character All Star game on Friday, June 22. Brittany Bueche, Kelsey Crowley, and Brittany Lyman will be representing Lowell High School in the all star event. The players will be joining other all stars from the OK and City league conferences in a game to benefit the Champions of Character program. The all star event is replacing the former Ta-Wa-Si all star game that has not been held for the past few years.

The "Hoops Heaven" games will be played at Cornerstone University. The girls game begins at 5:30 p.m. with a boys game to follow at 7:30 p.m. There will be a \$5 admission donation accepted at the door.



Brittany Bueche



Kelsey Crowley

Brittany Lyman

Local writer, continued ... From Page 11

always meet the approval of said. "I had to outwit the those above Feuerstein, but executives." it paid the bills. "It was a whole new experience," she

Feuerstein outwitted

The "Side by Side"

"Ambit," while bringing out the best in them. "I still get recognized for that," she to cross out. That way she said. "I always like what I always got in what she do now. You can't go back."

> Feuerstein carries over said. But, then came that same passion in her "the comma "Senior Savvy" newsletter freak" as Feuerstein she writes for Senior Neighbors. She might even revealing write that imaginary kitty story to inspire the rest of 'He wouldn't let me the population to write.'

why don't you Senior Neighbors. Writing sharpens the mind, preserves memories, helps you share, of the brings fame and money. For more information go to: she loved writing www.seniorneighbors.org.



Artists, continued ... From Page 11

"I love having hands in

bleachers in his darkroom to the arts," she said. "I love to exhibit, which runs through make the prints last forever.

"It's more permanent, it do it and I like to see other July 23 at the bank, is the will last another 200 years," people's work." Ira said about traditional film photography.

He does matting and framing for his wife Ann as well. Sometimes, they work side by side using the same subject matter in their work like the lilies or a waterfall.

Ann, a former floral designer, took up painting when the couple was left with an empty nest.

In her work, Ann captures the feel of the day. Her clay Rakus of ferns reflect the same love for nature that Ira has.

Ann took a Raku class at the Franciscan Life Process Center. However, her mainstay are watercolors and pastels.

Quite often, her paintings capture all the colors in a garden, purples next to yellows, whites and greens, blues and pinks.

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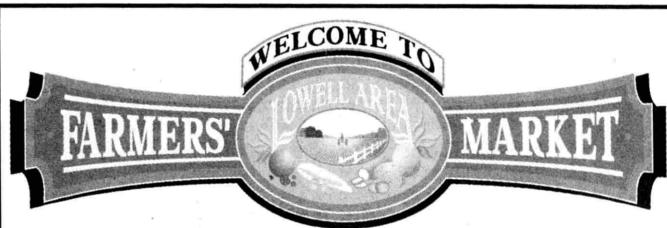
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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS **MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007**

To: Mayor Myers, Members of the Lowell City Council and Citizens of Lowell

Each year at this time, I have the opportunity and challenge to address the community as we examine our conditions. Again, issues are identified and goals established.

As mentioned in each address, building permits have been an indicator of the local economy. In 2006, there were 54 permits issued amounting to \$1.6 million in value. There were few new housing starts reflecting a regional trend.

The budget crisis with the State of Michigan remains. This greatly impacts the City with Revenue Sharing funds. Traditionally, these funds provided 25% toward needed General Fund services such as Police and Fire. This has been now reduced to near 15% placing further strains on the local tax base.

In spite of this, I remain confident that Lowell as a community will thrive. To insure this, the following goals for the coming new budget are established and in some cases re-established in the 2007-2008 year.

Seek to strengthen the General Fund reviewing opportunities for saving. A goal of maintaining 10% of planned expenditures for a fund balance is established.

Continue to explore ways of replacing vehicles in the Public Works Department promoting the Equipment Fund.

Support the work of the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Historic District Commission. Seek opportunities to further enhance the downtown, such as upgrading the old Amphitheater.

Continue to support the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in its marketing strategy. The campaign "The Next Place to Be! Lowell" which promotes the business and entire community is in its second year. The Downtown Development Authority has allocated \$25,000 per year for three years toward this effort.

As it nears completion, support the Planning Commission and the new master plan which outlines community land use and development goals.

With the sale of Lowell Cable Television, there will be many opportunities to enhance our community from the proceeds received. A fund will be established from managed investments. The Council will determine how these will be directed based on determining long term needs of this community.

Promote a concerted effort continuing to upgrade City streets, Gee Drive from Alden Nash to 1900 feet east will be reconstructed this summer completing a total upgrade of this critical street. Work was carried out through Federal and State funding. By 2010, Bowes Road from Valley Vista west will begin reconstruction through federal funding.

Sidewalks, particularly the school walks, continue to be a priority.

Examine the North Washington Street property in determining long term usage. This is in recognition of our heritage with the Boy Scout Cabin and the wooded natural areas within the 27 acres of City owned land.

Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Area Arts Council and the YMCA as important resources to the City's quality of life. This is particularly important for the Arts Council as it seeks a fund raising drive for facility expansion.

Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport, thereby qualifying for State assistance. Currently, air easements involving properties on the east side are being attained with tree cutting to follow shortly.

Recognizing Rockford Ambulance as an integral part of our community health system. To this end, an addition to the Lowell Memorial Fire Station will provide better accommodations for the ambulance service.

Appreciating the service of the Lowell Little League, YMCA, Xtreme Softball, Kent County Youth Fair and Lowell Youth Football given to the community's young people, but understanding the cost of up keeping the City's parks used for these organizations must be shared.

Continue plans and construction of a community walking trail in cooperation with Lowell Charter Township and Vergennes Township through the Lowell Area Recreation Authority.

Continue to plan for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment and Water Treatment Plants

As always, while projects have been provided in our goals, the City places prime responsibility for service to the citizens of Lowell.

> Respectfully submitted. David M. Pasquale City Manager

Sound Off

The Ledger's "Almost" Anything Goes Column www.lowellbuyersguide.com

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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".

Scam indeed. Who benefits? Remove the baggers and install computer screens at every check-out and department that constantly bombard us with reasons to buy a product, or kids needing a job?

payable were approved.

for a duplex at 221 Amity.

Chair Pfaller)

Myers and Shores)

requirements are met.

animals as proposed.

presented.

carried.

presented.

June 18, 2007.

Chair Pfaller)

The following action was taken:

- Tom D.

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF

THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 4, 2007

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 regular meeting

were approved as submitted and the accounts

Motion to deny the lot width variance request

Yea: 2. (Zoning Boardmember Hodges and

Nay: 3. (Zoning Boardmembers Mathews,

Motion to support both lot width variance

requests for the existing and proposed

duplexes at 221 Amity allowing 66 feet each.

Yea: 3. (Zoning Boardmember Mathews,

Nay: 2. (Zoning Boardmember Hodges and

Motion to grant the variance request at 204 S.

Washington for a residential addition in an

Industrial District as long as R3 zoning

Motion to approve the ordinance amending

the keeping of fowl, rabbits and similar

Motion to approve the low bid from Cascade

Cement in the amount of \$49,044 for sidewalk

construction on S. Pleasant, S. Center and S.

West Streets allocated from the Federal

Community Development Block Grant and

Downtown Development Authority as well as

the addition of sidewalks on Lincoln Lake at a

Motion to approve the resolution regarding

new water and sanitary sewer rates as

Yea: 4. (Councilmember Hodges, Pfaller,

Motion to approve the proposal from Berends.

Hendricks, Stuit in the amount of \$90,531 for

Motion to adopt the 2007-2008 budget as

Motion to set the millage rates for 2007-2008

at 15.83 mills plus 0.25 mills for the Lowell

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. The next

regular scheduled meeting will be Monday,

Complete minutes are available on the City's

web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at Lowell

City Hall, 301 E. Main St., or by email to

Motion

Betty R. Morlock,

City Clerk

City of Lowell

Shores and Mayor Pro Tem Mathews)

City liability and property insurance.

Nay: 1. (Mayor Myers)

Area Historical Museum.

bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us

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cost of \$6,252.52 from the CDBG.

Motion carried.

Myers and Shores) Motion denied.

Let's keep the Farmers Market a "Farmers Market". What's with the flea market stuff? I hope the city keeps its focus on the real purpose of this event. I love the farmers market!

Where will you be on Sept. 29 at 6 pm? Why not at Deer Run for LHS Alumni gathering? Great food, drinks, company, and live entertainment. Go to Alumni News link on the Lowell Schools Website Don't miss it!

Honestly, after the disaster the GOP has made of our nation at the federal, state and local level how can anyone with a lick of sense attack the liberals.

- Craig J. Conklin

I can't believe that you stand there at Hudson and Main St. at rush hour and yell the word of God at us, about being a winner. How are you going to feel when you cause an accident and kill someone?

Drive your tractor to school day, Are we a hick town or what? I love it! Next year I'm strolling up on my lawn mower. Too cool guys! - A LHS student

To the Schaefer's, well said! To the parents out there that teach their children hatred, shame on you! what the Schaefer's wrote and will not tolerate ignorance.

I think all the redneck, racist bigots should leave our great town before the "lefty Bush bashing socialists".

Congratulations Jet's Pizza - voted best pizza in town by Lowell teens! Pizza Hut a close second. Thanks to you both for your donations! - Lynda -Englehardt Library

Why don't you pack up your superiority psyches and head off to 1930's Germany? How does malcontent in the presidency equal Socialism? I must have missed that in government class.

Since when do the Lowell police issue a ticket for driving a vehicle with a historical plate? Nothing better to ticket for?

Thanks for making the crossword puzzle so easy for us! Did anyone consider putting the answer key on a different page?

> It's time for Lowell to have a 24-hour pharmacy.

People complain about loud motorcycles. How about the loud cars that are running around Lowell.

I wonder how the juvenile delinquents that smashed the mailboxes on Kissing Rock would feel if it happened to their grandparents.

Before everyone starts complaining about Comcast let's give them a chance instead of all the gripes and complaints. More and more people in Lowell are getting a dish. MINIMINIMI



LIGHTEN-UP

calls and e-mails back and forth before time slots could be determined which would allow interested parties to attend. Nowadays, setting up even a short meeting causes most folks to begin punching some kind of hand-held electronic

Becoming overbooked and over-stressed has become an accepted condition of the modern lifestyle. This dilemma can have a negative affect on one's health and During the last few weeks, we have been trying productivity. It may not be practical to make sudden life to schedule activities for this summer with family and style changes, although it may be worth some thought. A friends. This process required a great number of phone more practical solution would be at least to take a break

now and then. The plan should be to find an enjoyable way to spend some time and then make sure that the time is consistently taken.

Everyone has his or her own idea of what is considered recreation. Skydiving and white-water canoeing may be relaxing for some, but I am not sure it would be for everyone. Developing a hobby around a long time interest can be a good distraction from everyday concerns.

Another good place to look is in Michigan's great outdoors. Find a reason to get off the pavement and into the woods, fields, and out on the lakes. Camping and hiking can lead one to out-of-the way places in our state where only the sights and sounds of nature stimulate our senses. Spend a day looking for special wildlife like a pileated woodpecker, elk, or butterflies. Making a successful sighting requires knowledge of the creature's habits and the questions you can think of — and whenever you think of the area where it lives. Gathering this information and putting it to use focuses our attention outside of ourselves. Taking photos of your quarry adds another dimension to the experience and can be shared later with others, perhaps influencing another to take on the challenge.

> Finding a respite of some kind doesn't have to be complicated or time consuming. Just the proverbial walk in the park everyday can be very therapeutic. The key is to make sure to do it. It is easy to find excuses to skip the activity because we perceive other matters to be more important. This is one reason why our lives are so hectic. Turn off the cell phone, get into your own comfort zone, and stay there for a while. When you do return to the wider world you will notice that planes are flying in the sky, trucks are rolling down the highway, and the earth is still turning, and it all happened without you—lighten up.

Financial Focus

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WOMEN MUST PLAN (EXTRA) CAREFULLY FOR RETIREMENT

If you're a woman, you have to be actively involved in your financial preparations for retirement — and that's true whether you're single or married. As a woman, you have at least two special considerations associated with your retirement planning:

• You've got a longer life expectancy. Women typically outlive men by about seven years, according to the National Center for Health Statistics — and more years of life mean more expenses.

 You may have less money in your retirement plan. Women drop out of the work force for an average of 12 years to care for young children or aging parents, according to the Older Women's League, a research and advocacy group. This time away from the workforce results in women accumulating much less money in their employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as 401(k)s.

situation. If you are married, share the responsibility of investment you choose. making investment decisions. What are your retirement goals? Are the two of you investing enough to eventually retirement — and the sooner you start planning, the better.

new questions, ask them as well. You'll also need to know what you can expect to receive

achieve these goals? And where is the money going? If you

are working with a financial advisor, make sure you ask all

if your husband dies before you. As a surviving spouse, you will likely inherit all your husband's assets, unless he has specifically named other people — such as grown children from an earlier marriage - as beneficiaries. Nonetheless, you can't just assume that all sources of income that your husband receives will automatically roll over to you. For example, if your husband were to die before you, you wouldn't get his Social Security payments in addition to your own, although you could choose to collect his payments in stead of yours. But if you both earned similar incomes, you might not get much of an increase in Social Security benefits.

In any case, whether you're married or single, here are some moves that can benefit you:

• "Max out" on your 401(k). If you can afford it, invest the maximum amount into your 401(k) and increase your contributions every time your salary goes up. Your 401(k) provides you with tax-deferred earnings and a variety of

• Contribute to an IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or other employer sponsored retirement plan, you might be eligible to contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA. A traditional IRA offers tax deferred earnings, while a Roth The prospect of a long, underfunded retirement is not a IRA grows tax free, provided you don't take withdrawals pleasant one. Fortunately, there's much you can do to avoid until you're at least 59 1/2 and you've had your account this fate. For starters, know what's going on in your financial at least five years. You can fund an IRA with virtually any

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Still time to catch Deathtrap at Lowell performing arts center

By Emma Palova

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"I've certainly never

enjoyable challenge. He said seen anything like it," he the production is nothing said. "It's a nice change of For debut director Dave like the Thebes Players have pace for our actors and the audience."

The play, a murder

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Lowell will hold a public hearing on July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell, Michigan, concerning the application of Timpson Transport, Inc. to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Lowell so as to conditionally rezone a portion of the following described land, which is commonly identified as 3175 Segwun Avenue, S.E., from the AG-2, Rural Agricultural District to the LI, Light Industry District:

That part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter lying Northeasterly of the Northeasterly line of Emery Drive (120 feet wide), except the North 300 feet thereof, Section 15, Town 6 North, Range 9 West; and

The North half of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter, except the Southerly 264 feet of the West 660 feet thereof, also the South 30 acres of the West half of the Northwest quarter, except the Northerly 300 feet of the West 555.73 feet thereof, also the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter; also the North 66 feet of the West half of the Southwest quarter, except the West 660 feet thereof, Section 14, Town 6 North, Range 9 West, Lowell Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan (the "Timpson Orchards parcel").

The portion of the above-described land that is proposed for conditional rezoning to the LI, Light Industry District is legally described as follows:

That part of the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Town 6 North, Range 9 West, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence S00°13'54"E, 2086.50 feet, along the East line of the NW 1/4, to the point of beginning; thence S66°16'21"W, 400.00 feet; thence N50°10'47"W, 490.00 feet; thence S58°24'23"W, 560.00 feet; thence S29°33'07"E, 470.12 feet; thence N88°52'28"E, 990.00 feet, along the South line of the NW 1/4, thence N00°13'54"W, 530.00 feet, along the East line of the NW 1/4, to the point of beginning. Except that part of Segwun Road lying Easterly of the centerline of said road. Parcel contains 12.7 acres, more or less (the "LI property").

The applicant has offered proposed conditions of the rezoning, covering the following matters:

Permitted Uses on LI Property. The LI property would be used only for "motor freight warehousing," and for no other use that would otherwise be permitted in the LI District.

Use of Balance of the Timpson Orchards Property. So long as the LI property is used for motor freight warehousing, the balance of the Timpson Orchards parcel would not be developed or put to use, other than for ongoing sand mining operations, which are subject to an existing special use permit.

Truck and Trailer Parking. Parking of trucks and trailers would be confined to approved areas designated on the site plan.

Repair and Maintenance Activities. Major repair activities would be conducted indoors, within existing building on the property, and fueling operations would be restricted.

Compliance With Site Plan. Use of the LI property must comply with the site plan, including the landscaping requirements shown thereon

No Outdoor Storage. Except for trucks and trailers, no outdoor storage of any materials could take place on the LI property.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, in conjunction with the public hearing on the above-described conditional rezoning application, the Planning Commission will also hold a public hearing on the application of Timpson Transport, Inc. for special land use approval to engage in motor freight warehousing on the LI property.

The text of the proposed conditional rezoning ordinance is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Lowell Township Clerk, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed conditional rezoning and the proposed special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, at the abovestated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

> PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL



The Thebes Players production of *Deathtrap* runs through June 24.

thriller, written by Ira Levin Sidney Bruhl.

Lowell Area Arts Performing Peggy Schmidt, Helga Ten Center, is played by Casey Berg.

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The story is about a Broadway playwright who puts murder in his plan to take credit for student Clifford Anderson's script. And this is how the tag line runs: "Join us for an evening of lively fun and deadly games."

Durkee said the method used to murder some of the cast is rather ingenious, and not everything is always as "It's not it appears. always apparent who is the hero and who is the villain,' said Durkee. "There is quite a bit of tongue-in-cheek comedy with quite a variety of emotions.

is layered with twists and character, two-act thriller and Porter Milgrim by Matt turns. Placed in a 1970s that even a gifted director Taning. The show times home in Connecticut, the cannot hurt, according are: June 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., story is about playwright to Sidney himself. In the and June 24 Sunday matinee Thebes Players production, at 2:30 p.m. The show is co-Bruhl in the Thebes Anderson is played by Dave directed by Jim Marron, and Players show staged at the Huffman, Myra Bruhl by produced by Jeff Stacer.

The play is a five- Dorp by Jennifer Reyers

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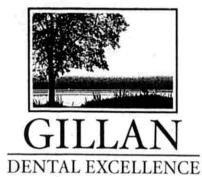
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Rolling Creek Dr. (off Grindle between Fun St. and

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June 23, 9481 Bluewater Hwy. Baby swing, play-

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HUGE GARAGE SALE

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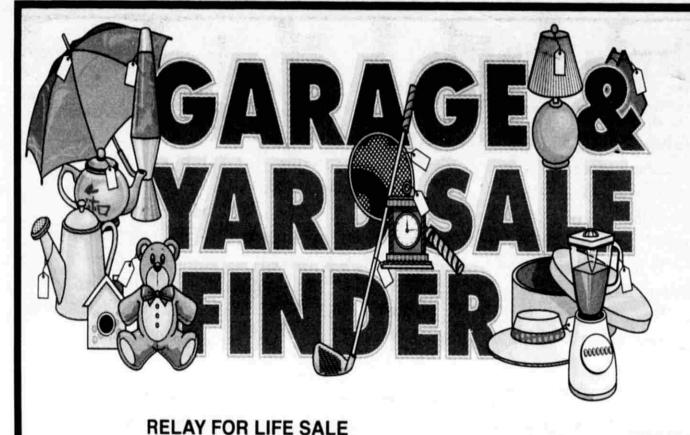
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June 20 - 22. Clothes, household goods, books,

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Hawley Hwy.



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HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE

4978 Ada Dr. Fri., 6/22 & Sat., 6/23, 8:30 - 5 p.m. Name brand men's, women's, young boys, preteen & teen clothing; Abercrombie, Gap, Limited Too, American Eagle, Hollister, DKNY, Express, Ann Taylor, Limited. TV's, stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, vacuums, LazyBoy recliner, ladder, deer decoy, beautiful home decor/pictures/large baker's rack. Large Yamaha PSR-175 keyboard, like new women's 24" bike, rollerblades/skates.

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13193 Shutter, off Vergennes bet. Lincoln Lake &

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GARAGE SALE

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& bedding, 0-6m, 6-12m, weight bench & free

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a.m. - 5 & June 23, 9 a.m. - 3. Lots of misc.

MOVING SALE

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EVENTS

LOWELL COMMUNITY EVENT - Don't miss the fun at the Relay for Life of Lowell from noon Fri. June 29, through noon Sat., June 30 at LHS Red Arrow Memorial Stadium! For more info: Carol Briggs 897-5501

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sunday, June 24. 400 Exhibitors, Rain or Shine, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, located at the fairgrounds, right in Allegan Mich. \$4 admission. www. alleganantiques.com.

OPEN HOUSE - Phyllis Condon's 80th Birthday at Schneider Manor, July 7 from 2-5 p.m. No gifts cards welcome.

DEATHTRAP Theatre Production - See the latest Murder Thriller! June 15-24. Purchase tickets at Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

CALLING ALL CANCER SURVIVIORS!-Please join us as our honored guests at the Survivor Celebration during the Relay for Life of Lowell on June 29th at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. For more info: Carol Briggs at 897-5501.

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DEADLINE MONDAY AT 5 P.M.

3 FAMILY SALE

7120 Centerline Road, Saranac, Fri., June 22 &

Sat., June 23, 8 a.m. Furniture, toys, adult, boys &

girls clothes, misc.

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Lowell.

SALE

Sat., June 23 & Sun., June 24, 9-5 p.m.

3135 Pratt Lake, Lowell

MULTI-FAMILY SALE

Clothes: maternity, boys - newborn - 2T, girls 6 mo.

3T, indoor/outdoor baby toys, swing, exersaucer.

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13289 36th Street between Segwun & Pratt Lake

YARD SALE

Baby clothes to plus size clothes, some furniture,

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Fri. & Sat., June 21, 22 & 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Corner of Bancroft & Depot. Cartop carrier, furni-

ture, kids items. Thurs. - Sat., June 28 - 30.

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Tools, household items & misc. June 22, 8-6 p.m.

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21, 22, 23, 9-6 p.m. 1970 Pettis, 1/2 mile S. of

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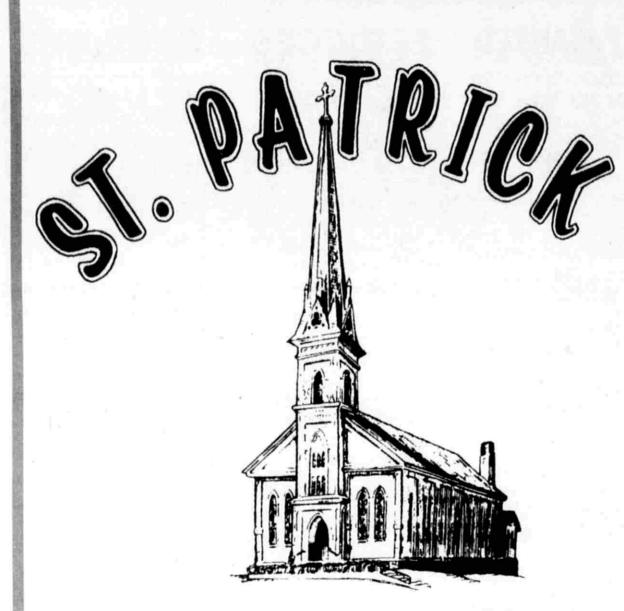
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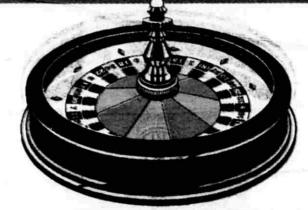
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