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13th annual Riverwalk Fest could draw record attendance

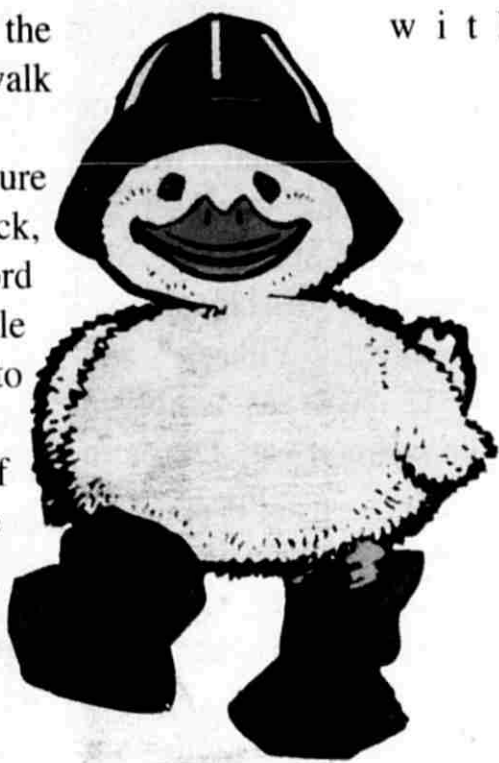
By Emma Palova

Street musicians, grilling, chilling and rumbling of classic cars will hit the downtown area during the 13th annual Riverwalk Festival July 13-14.

Lowell's signature event, with its famous duck, is expected to attract record crowds this year as people are looking for things to do close to home.

A smorgasbord of activities will include the famous \$1,500 duck race on the Grand River and the fireworks finale at Stoney Lakeside Park.

An arts and crafts show, along with a used book sale, will be held on both days on the Riverwalk. The festival



parade will step off on Main Street at 11 a.m.

New this year is Avery Street Antiques with Ruby Pig antiques and collectibles.

Avery Street will be lined with

"It should make an interesting show connecting the Lowell Community Wellness Health and Fitness Fair to the festival," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Baker.

This year's highlights include music by the Sea Cruisers and the Showboat final talent contest, as well as the flush tank with famous Lowell personalities.

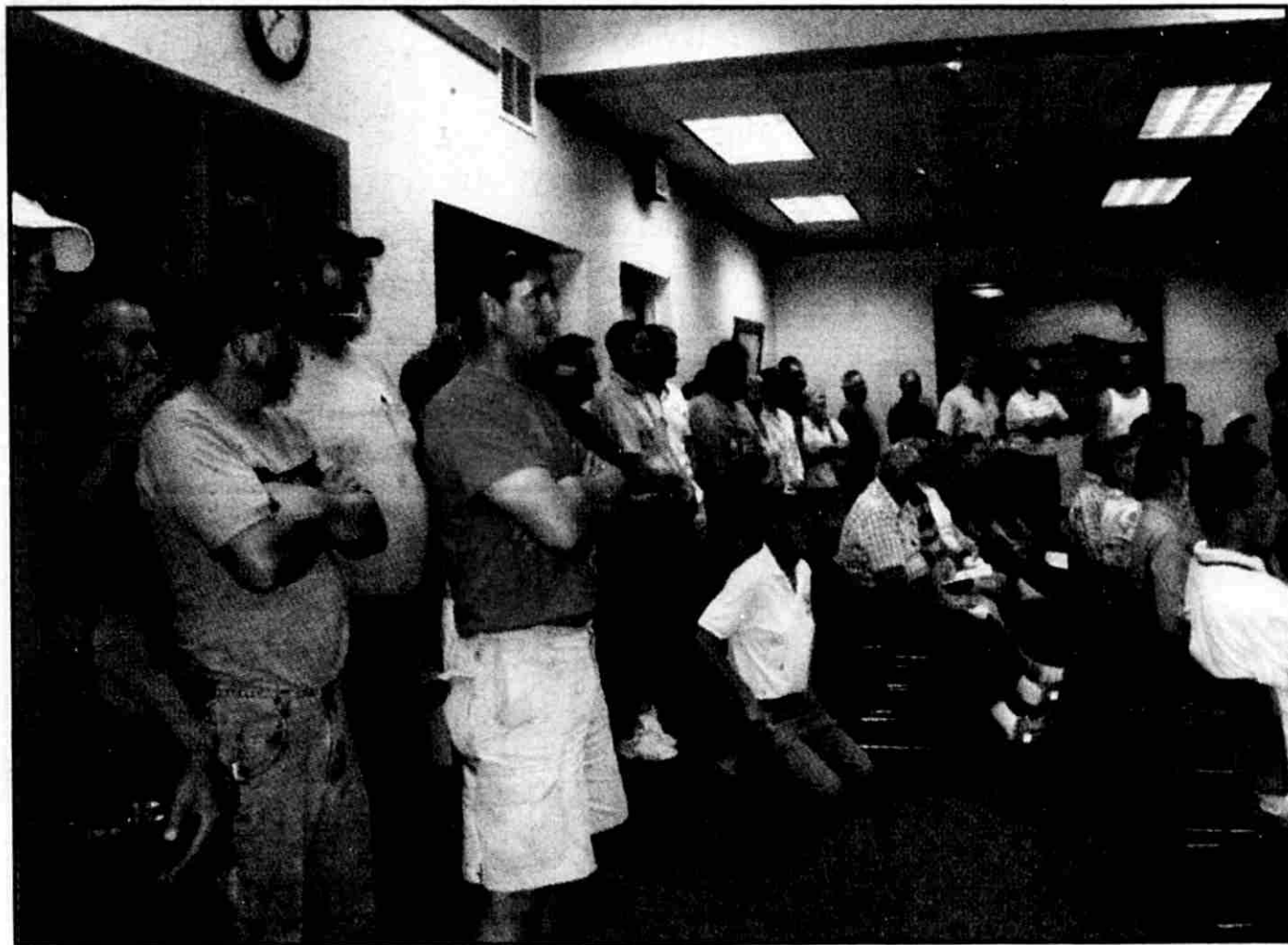
The pontoon tours on the Flat River, offered by the Lowell Area Historical Museum, will offer an opportunity to explore the history of the Flat River. "Just climb aboard the pontoons and learn," said Baker. "There are many historic things about the Flat River."

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Couples dance during the Sizzlin' Summer Concerts on the Riverwalk. Last week Rusty Wright blues band performed in perfect weather.

Crowds show support for trucking operation



There was standing room only Monday night at the Lowell Township Hall

By Emma Palova

In a standing room only Lowell Township Hall Monday night, emotions ran high as both supporters and opponents voiced their opinion on proposed conditional rezoning for Timpson Transport.

Following an extensive public hearing, the township planning commission tabled the issue pending more information about traffic concerns.

Timpson recently requested the conditional rezoning of the trucking

operation to light industrial in the township's agricultural zone.

The Timpsons, represented by attorney Jim Scales, offered to the township conditions which include the rezoning of 12.5 acres to light industrial, taking all major repair activities indoors, and no outdoor storage and landscaping.

Township planner Tim Johnson explained to the crowd the criteria for conditional rezoning. Conditional rezoning must be consistent with the township

master plan and compatible with other land uses. The land also must be capable to carry the new land use and other industrial zoned lands should be explored first. If these criteria are met, a special land use permit may be granted based upon recommendation of the planning commission to the township board.

Conditional rezoning was enacted in 2005. Under the act the landowner must voluntarily offer the conditions specifying the time limit for the measures.

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LAS hires new principal

By Shelly MacNaughton

Patricia (Tricia) Murphy - Alderman was named Lowell High School's new principal following Scott Vashaw's retirement.

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education made the announcement during its regular meeting Monday.

Murphy-Alderman comes to the district from

Birch Run where she was high school principal for nine years. She began her duties in Lowell on Tuesday.

Murphy-Alderman has been involved in school improvement and strategic planning and has excellent knowledge of the new high school curriculum reforms. She holds a Master of Education degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree

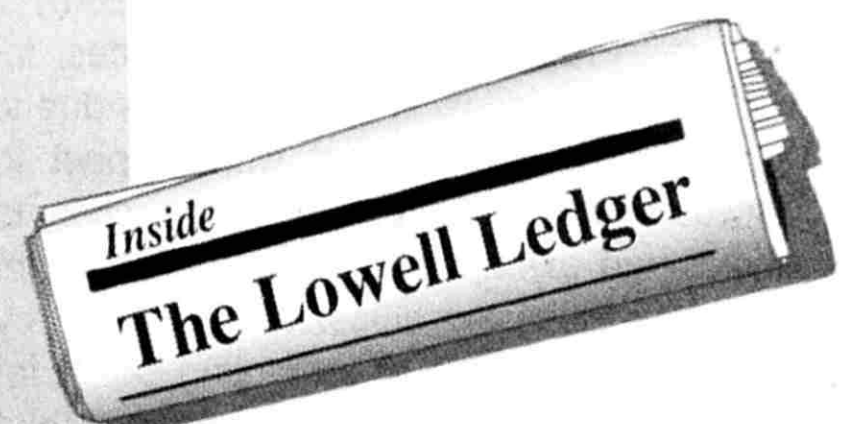
with a math major from Alma College.

The Board of Education also held an organizational meeting. Mark Lessens, an eight-year board member, was named president. "I look forward to serving as president and serving the board, staff, school system and the community," said Lessens.

Jim Turner was named vice president. Pat Nugent

will continue as Secretary, and Maureen Fleet will continue as Treasurer.

Information regarding the district's budget still remains uncertain. "We will keep the public updated as we get more information from Lansing," said Superintendent Greg Pratt. "Parents can have a great effect asking for information at a state legislative level."



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Obituaries

BIRMAN

Phyllis Irene Birman, age 76, of Ada, died Thursday, July 5, 2007, at her home in Ada. Phyllis was born on June 16, 1931, in Barry County, the daughter of Charles E. and Helen May (Ashley) Severance. She was a 1949 graduate of Hastings High School, learned teaching at Barry county Normal until 1951, and then received her bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University in 1964. Phyllis taught country school for eight years and then taught for 32 years at Northview Public Schools of Grand Rapids for a total of 42 years of teaching. She retired in 1993. She was a member of the Vergennes United Methodist Church. She enjoyed her flower gardens and meeting with her 1949 classmates once a month. Surviving are brothers and sisters, Lucille Newberry of Bedford, Jacqueline Whidby, Arleta Mack, both of Battle Creek, Clarence Severance of Costa Rica, Erma Hensel of Mesick, MI and Denise Cook of Texas; many nieces and nephews, a special grand nephew, Cody Mack of Battle Creek; her many friends in the Lowell and Ada area. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Winifred

Langridge and Genevieve Crumbach; brother Charles E. Severance. Funeral services were held Monday, Interment at Banfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids or Vergennes United Methodist Church in Lowell.

CAREY

Verla Jean Carey (Halladay) (Houlihan), 66, of Lowell, entered into Heaven July 5 2007. She was met at the Gates by her husband Ronald, mother Maxine Halladay and in-laws Everett and Pauline Carey (Eskes). She leaves to share her memories, Father Leon Halladay, children and grandchildren, Ronda and Ray Benedict (Jacquelyn and Andrew), Shela Carey-Thomson (Linsey, Taylor and Joseph), James and Eva Carey (Elease and Abigail); brothers Ronald and Pat Halladay, Chuck and Harriett Halladay, Gary and Gay Halladay, Sisters-in-law, Guy and Vern Nautá, Jenean and Dan Hoffman. She also leaves her biological siblings, whom she grew to have a relationship with later in life. She will be sadly missed by many friends, family, nieces and nephews. Aunt Verla's house was always the place to go after school

when you needed a snack or just a place to hang out. The coffee pot was always on for friends. She enjoyed entertaining and baking. She was a member of the Lowell Church of the Nazarene. Verla took great satisfaction in going to night school and graduating from high school the same year as Ronda. Spending time with her grandchildren was a great joy for her as well as them. Mom enjoyed wildflowers and garden flowers. Funeral service was Tuesday, July 10, at Lowell Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Michael Rhodabarger officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

COONS

Nancy Coons, age 51, daughter of David and the late Elizabeth Lyman Coons, died June 24, 2007 at her home in France, after a three-year struggle with melanoma. She is survived by her husband Mark Olson, daughters Elodie and Alice Olson-Coons, sisters Laura (George) Bakken of Indiana



Nancy Coons and Martha Coons (Tom Bein) of Massachusetts, niece Anne Marie Bakken Swanburg and nephews David Bakken and Noah, Joel and Ethan Bein. She graduated from Lowell High

School in 1973 and from the University of Michigan in 1976. She pursued a career in journalism and travel writing as well as active participation in choral groups. Her time ran out just before publication of her first novel, due in July. Services were held at the village church in Rodemack, France on June 29. Friends so inclined are encouraged to donate to the American Cancer Society.

DOLAN

Gerald "Jerry" K. Dolan, aged 62, of Cascade Township, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at his home while doing what he enjoyed - yard work. Gerald was born on January 20, 1945 in Lynn, MA the son of Francis P. and Marion (Noyes) Dolan. He received his Master's Degree in Hospital Administration from Northeastern University, Boston, MA. He worked as Operations Manager for McKesson, was past president of the AARC and served as Program Director in Respirator Therapy for Ferris State University. Jerry greatly enjoyed working in his yard and with his cars, but he loved most being with his friends and his family, especially his grandchildren. He also loved playing his jazz music, and the companionship of his pet boxer, Digby. Surviving are his two children, Sean and his wife Niki Dolan of Alto, Shannon Dolan of Grand Rapids, and two grandchildren, McKenna and Kiera Dolan. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his sister, Claire Dolan. In keeping

with this wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial was held Saturday. Interment will take place in Lynn, MA.

LANTZ

Margaret Lucille (Edwards) Lantz, age 73, of Farwell, passed away Monday, July 2, 2007 at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. Margaret was born the daughter of Robert Oliver and Lucille Margaret (Petersmark) Edwards on Sept. 20, 1933 in Detroit. She was united in marriage to Paul George Lantz on Jan. 22, 1955 in Detroit. They happily shared 51 years of marriage. She served her church as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Camp Counselor, Ruling Elder and on committees of the Presbytery of Detroit. She touched the lives of many girls and women through long term service in Girl Scouting. She worked at Michigan Bell, Greenfield Village and for 12 years as an office administrator at Dearborn Woods Presbyterian Church. Margaret and Paul owned property on Clare County's Five Lakes since 1967 and made Farwell their permanent home in 1994. Margaret was an avid swimmer, outdoor enthusiast and quilter. She belonged to Clare County Crazy Quilters, Hi-Ho Quilt Club and UFO (Unfinished Objects) Ladies Group. Margaret is survived by two daughters Dale Ann (Casimir) Kilyanek of Lowell, and Donna Lee (Frederick) Lamback III of Augusta, Georgia; six grandchildren Cheryl Ann (David) Emmette, Casimir Paul (Amy) Kilyanek, Stefan (Margaret) Kilyanek,

Julia Lee Lamback, Lantz Alexander Lamback, Paul Erik David Lamback; a great granddaughter Taylor Ann Kilyanek; two sisters Janette (Bill) Simpson and Roberta Smith; one nephew and five nieces. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and an infant daughter Shirley Ilene in 1962. The family will receive friends and relatives on Tuesday, July 17 from 4-6 p.m. with a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant, 1250 Watson Rd. Interment will be Wednesday, July 18 at 1 p.m. at Northview Cemetery, 600 Kensington, Dearborn. Memorials may be made to Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails, Girl Scouts Central Savannah River Council, Georgia-Carolina Boy Scout Council or USA Paralympic Team/Swimming.

WEHAN

Camilla Corrigan Wehan of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2007. Mrs. Wehan was preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents, sister, Mary Olive TenEyck and a brother, John Carl Corrigan. She graduated from St. Patrick High School, Parnell and from Lucid Private Secretarial School in Grand Rapids. She was employed several years as office manager of the Farmers Home Administration. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church, Lowell, Rev. George J. Fekete, presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW
THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH SE ON TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007

NOTICE TO CORRECT PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of General Property Tax Laws, provides for correction of clerical errors and errors due to a mutual mistake of fact with respect to assessment roll figurers, and correction to homestead exemptions, upon verification of the local assessing officer and approval by the Board of Review at a meeting called for that purpose, on Tuesday following the third Monday in July.

On JULY 17, 2007, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 10:00 a.m. in the Lowell Township Hall to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

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On July 17, 2007, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 8:00 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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Mid-Life Crisis set for this weeks Sizzlin' concert

The band, Mid-Life Crisis will take the stage Thursday, July 12 at the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts series from 7-9 p.m. at on the Riverwalk Plaza.

The seven-piece West Michigan band performs with a full horn section and features six different singers. Loving music from the 1960s and 1970s, they have opened up for many national bands such as America, Blood Sweat and Tears, Three Dog Night, Edgar Winter, Marshall Tucker Band and Eddie Money. They have a very large West Michigan following, and have been named "Best Band In Grand Rapids" two years in a row by the Grand Rapids Magazine.

The band is comprised of Grand Rapids business



and community leaders with diverse day jobs, including a doctor, lawyer, banker, secretary, plastics engineer, kitchen designer and polish

butcher. The band just released a new, full-length album titled "It's All Good." The album is all original music and features songs about

their own mid-life crises. For more information about these concerts go to www.lowellartsCouncil.org

Insurance agency sponsors digital ID event

Emmette Agency is hosting the m.i.l.k. Digital ID Event on Saturday, July 14 as part of a national effort to provide parents with personal digital safety IDs of their children in the event that their child becomes lost or missing.

At the Riverwalk Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., parents can obtain free standardized, high-quality digital images of their children, fingerprint kit and sign up for a free copy of the

Home Organizer® software program to store their digital photo.

The Home Organizer®, developed by Imagery Concepts LLC, is a program designed to raise awareness of child safety and provide parents with an effective tool to aid law enforcement authorities in the search for a missing child.

"According to the U.S. Department of Justice, over 2,000 children are reported missing in our country

each day. We believe that increasing awareness about missing children has never been more critical, and we're pleased we can play a role in helping parents safeguard their children," said Dave Emmette of Lowell.

One in seven missing children is found because of a photograph distributed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), making a standardized, current photograph the single most important tool in finding missing children.

"Everyone has pictures of their children, but most parents don't have a suitable photograph if their child becomes lost or missing," explained Rebecca DeMauro, president of the Andi Foundation. "It

is very important to have a recent, unobstructed head-and-shoulder photograph of the child. The picture should be stored on the family's computer in the Home Organizer® software program, along with the vital statistics of the child at the time the digital photo was taken."

m.i.l.k. Digital ID Events have been hosted in local communities across the country by a variety of organizations including police departments, retail stores, health facilities and fraternal organizations.

For more information on the m.i.l.k. Digital ID event being hosted by Farmers Insurance Group-Emmette Agency, contact Dave or Kelly at 897-7473.

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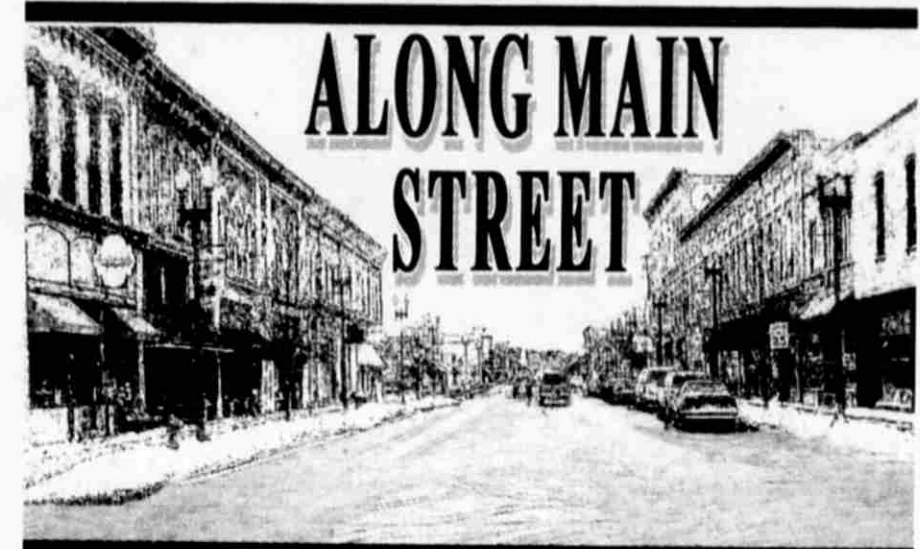
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USED BOOK SALE
Friday, July 13, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, July 14, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Under the striped tent along the Riverwalk. Sponsored by the Friends of Englehardt Library.

LHS CLASS OF 1977 REUNION
Our night to remember reunion, July 28 at the Grand Rapids Hilton, \$35 for dinner or \$10 after 8:30 p.m. Call Deb at Canfield Plumbing & Heating, 897-0887 for more information.

AMATEUR FINALISTS ON VIDEO
The Lowell Showboat Amateur Night Finals will cap off Riverwalk Festival on Saturday evening, July 14. See more information and a short video of the 12 finalists at www.discoverlowell.org.

LHS CLASS OF 1997 REUNION
Aug. 18 at the BOB in downtown Grand Rapids. For more information contact Heidi Barber at 616-642-0738 or email hbarber79@hotmail.com.

F.R.O.M. IS IN NEED OF FOOD DONATIONS
Donations are down at the F.R.O.M Food Pantry. There is a need for cereals (hot and cold), canned fruit, fruit juice, hamburger and tuna helper, and crackers.

SHOWBOAT CHORUS MEMBERS
It's not too late to join the Showboat Chorus for the Showboat Nostalgia - 2007 extravaganza. Any former or new members of the chorus are welcome to join together for the first rehearsal on July 24 at 7 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, located at 621 E. Main Street.

ANTE-UP LACROSSE DAY CAMP
The Ante-Up Lacrosse Camp is designed to make good players exceptional and to bring novice players up to a competitive level. Camp will be held July 28 - 30 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. Cost is \$225. Contact Tim Duffy at 708-606-0177 for registration information.

LHS CLASS OF 1982 REUNION
The Class of 1982 is planning its 25th reunion, 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; northtj@gmail.com or Jamey Fitz at JameyFitz@comcast.net. Please call to reserve seats, express regrets or to help with planning.

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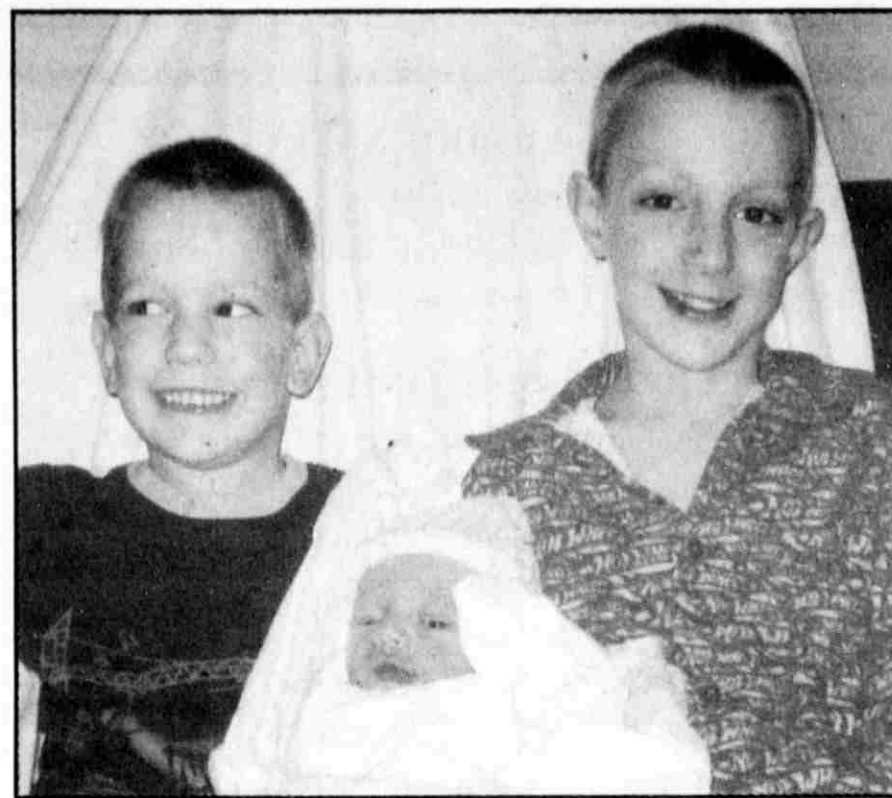
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New Arrivals

Walker



Elliott, Emmett and Ethan Kelley

Simon and Kara Kelley of Lowell are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Emmett Walker. He was born April 3, 2007 weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Proud brothers are Elliott and Ethan.



Business Matters

Modern Photographics has been accepted into the National Association of Charitable Photographers. Brandon Mulnix, owner, is joining the ranks of fellow NAACP Professionals in offering his service to community hospitals, hospices, and other organizations with families of terminal patients, along with military men and women being deployed or recently returning from active duty.

Modern Photographics has been on Main Street for 35 years. Mulnix and his wife, Emily, purchased the business July 2006, and have just finished a major reconstruction to "modernize" the photography studio. Contact Modern Photographics at (616) 897-5606 if you, or someone you know, is in need of this service

For more information

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



Last month we discussed the differences in how people process grief. Unless this expression of grief is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the personal timetable and the expression of sadness is truly individual. In the 1970s Elisabeth Kubler-Ross outlines the stages of grief. These stages were to be used as a guideline to help us understand that going through grief is an active process. Unfortunately, some people have interpreted these stages as being fixed and certain. These are only general guidelines which we go through in a very individual way.

There are clear differences between someone who is grieving and someone who is dealing with clinical depression. One of the most important differences is found in our reaction to the individual. We feel sympathy for someone who is going through normal grief, and we want

to touch or hold the person who is grieving. However, our reaction is different for someone who is dealing with clinical depression. We have a tendency to feel irritation toward the individual who is depressed, and we are hesitant to reach out to the depressed person. Other differences between grief and clinical depression are: normal grief can quickly shift from sadness to a more normal state in the same day, but clinical depression presents as sadness mixed with anger with residual psychomotor retardation. Also, in normal grief there is a preoccupation with the loss and there can even be transient suicidal thoughts. However, with clinical depression there is a preoccupation with the self. Frequently, there are persistent suicidal ideas and feelings with someone suffering from clinical depression. With normal grief an individual will have vivid, clear dreams and a capacity for imagery involving the loss. However, an individual suffering from clinical depression there is little access to dreams, and a low capacity for fantasy or imagery. Finally, in normal grief there are episodic difficulties in getting to sleep, but with clinical depression there can be severe insomnia and often there is a problem with early morning awakening.

I want to thank you for the comments and questions you have emailed me. Please keep them coming. My email address is kathryndenhouer@gmail.com.

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At Your Local Library



"SOLVE IT - BECOME A SUPER SLEUTH"

An investigation is occurring at Kent District Library branches were Tuesday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Alto Monroe St. in Lowell, 647-3920. Wednesday, July 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Alto Branch, 6071 Linfield Ave., 647-3820. Registration is required. For more information and registration, please visit us online at www.kdl.org or contact the local branch.

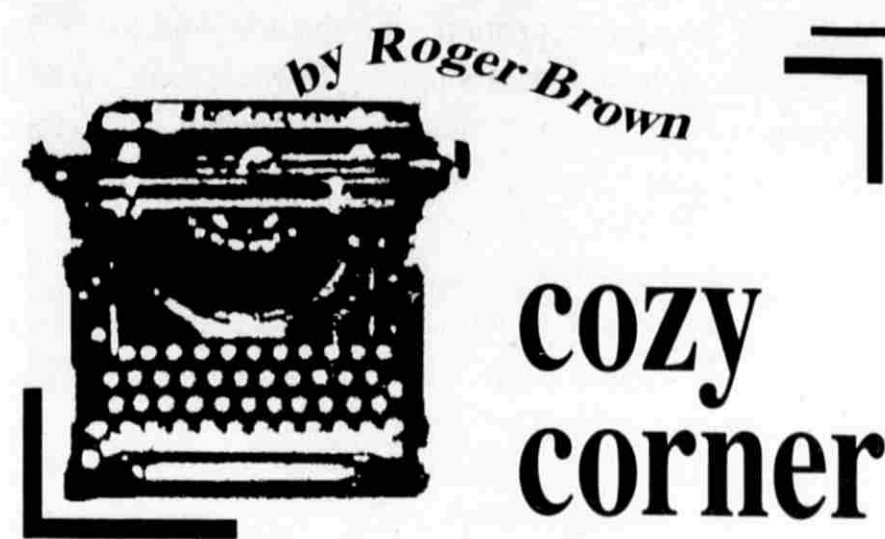


Mike Curtis

about National Association of Charitable Photographers and what this entails, visit www.NAACP.org.

Mike Curtis of Lowell has joined Regal Insurance. Curtis, the son of Bucky and Kathy Curtis, grew up in Lowell. He is married to Jessica and they have a daughter, Ella. He comes to Regal from Greenridge Realty and Farm Bureau Insurance.

Viewpoint



die that way. On the positive side of that statistic, it tells me I've had about 2,000 friends in my life. That's a good thing.

"Motorcycle Accident" has a 1 in 1,020 chance of getting you. Motorcycles get a bad rap as "Donorcycles", yet the odds of dying on one are significantly less than in a car. Of course we're not factoring in miles traveled in cars compared to motorcycles. If reduced to apples to apples, it's a safe bet motorcycles are far more dangerous than cars. Dang, they are so much more fun!

"Fire or Smoke" comes in at 1 in 1,113. No thanks, I'll take the motorcycle accident at about the same odds.

The next three dots are all about the same size, and significantly smaller. All coming in at very near 1 in 5,000 are, "Bicycling Accident, Air/Space Accident, Accidental Firearm Discharge." The middle one intrigues me. The fact 1 in 5,000 people die in plane crashes compared to 1 in 84 going out in car crashes proves that the most dangerous part of your trip is the ride to the airport.

The next three dots get smaller again. "Accidental Electrocution, Alcohol Poisoning and Hot Weather" range from 1 in 9,968 to 1 in 13,729. From these numbers, one could surmise that it is far safer to tinker with the air conditioner wiring on a sweltering hot day while guzzling vodka, than it is to simply walk across the street (1 in 626) or climb a ladder (1 in 218). Something must be skewed here, either the numbers, or my thought process. Bet on the latter.

"Hornet, Wasp or Bee Sting" is listed at 1 in 56,789. I actually knew a guy who went on to the afterlife this way.

"Legal Execution" has a similarly small dot on the chart. Your chances here are 1 in 62,468. No, I can't say I've personally known anyone who cashed it in this way. Yes, you definitely get a newspaper article if "Old Sparky" is your vehicle to the hereafter.

"Lightning" is next at 1 in 79,746. You are better off standing out in a storm and letting Mother Nature take her best shot than you are if you take cover under a palm tree. It's not on the list, but more people are killed each year by falling coconuts than by lightning.

Almost done. "Earthquake" odds are 1 in 117,127 and "Flood" is listed at 1 in 144,156. You could severely alter your odds on these two based on where you live in the U.S. For instance, a home along creek bed prone to flash floods somewhere near the San Andreas Fault would be much more chancy than other places I can think of.

Having just lived through another 4th of July, the last one is apropos. "Fireworks Discharge" has a slight 1 in 340,733 chance of getting you. I say, "Light 'em if you've got 'em!!!"

Like the rest of you, I have no idea about how I'll leave this life. However, when on the subject, I always think back to a newspaper item I read close to 30 years ago. A guy's wife had sent him to the store for a gallon of milk. There was a small circus/carnival operating in the store parking lot. Something spooked the circus elephant and it trampled the poor guy on the errand for his wife. That's the way I want to go. Totally unexpected, really unusual, kinda comical and definitely memorable. No, "Elephant Trampling" was not on the chart.

There is one more circle on the chart. It is a big circle surrounding all the other little circles. It is labeled, "Total odds of dying, any cause, 1 in 1 (100%)". Yup, nobody gets out of this life alive, might as well have fun while we're here.

While flipping through a year-old National Geographic the other day, I ran across an interesting chart. Just for the record, the old magazine was not at a doctor's office. It was in that little room in everybody's home often referred to as the library, or study. The room where, guys especially, catch up on their reading. Yeah, that little room.

The chart was titled "Ways To Go". The chart itself was interesting. It was comprised of circles in sizes to represent the odds for each listed category. What were the categories? I'll quote from the text. "This chart shows what the lifetime probabilities are of a U.S. resident dying in a relatively common event." Sure, it's a little on the morbid side, but let's try to have some fun with it anyway.

The biggest shaded circle is labeled "Heart Disease". Your chances of going out that way are 1 in 5. If I had a dollar for every time I heard my dad say, "There's a lot to be said for a good heart attack", I could be retired. If my dad was right, then maybe it's a good thing heart disease is the biggest circle.

The next circle is not so good. "Cancer" is number two with your odds at 1 in 7. Cancer got my dad, and yes, I'm sure he would have preferred a sudden heart attack. Number three on the chart is "Stroke" at 1 in 24. There just isn't anything good to say about cancer or strokes, so we'll move right along to number four.

Now we are getting into categories where your demise is going to generate some "buzz" among those who knew you, maybe even a newspaper article or a spot on the nightly news. Your chances of dying in a motor vehicle accident are 1 in 84. Grisly as it sounds, I'll still take dying in a fiery crash on the Interstate over something like prostate cancer.

Number five was surprising to me. One person in every 119 of us will take the easy way out. Maybe the "Suicide" number shouldn't shock me. I've known three people in the last year or so who have chosen to "end it all". The surprising part is, I just can't imagine circumstances where I could "off" myself. Guess I'm a big chicken.

"Falling" is next at 1 in every 218. I guess that includes everything from a skydiver's chute not opening to that Atkins Diet guy slipping on an icy sidewalk. Again, your friends will remember how you went out and might even save the newspaper clipping.

You have a 1 in 314 chance of being shot to death in a "Firearm Assault". Yes, that does seem way too high. Remember, this chart represents U.S. residents. You could move to another country, any other country, and your odds of being shot will go way, way down. Of course that will only increase your odds of going out with something else, like prostate cancer.

"Pedestrian Accident" comes in at 1 in 626. The old "Run over by a bus" way out.

"Drowning" is next at 1 in 1,008. I've had two friends

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This October, we will again help celebrate our pride of ownership in Lowell by being part of the annual Historic Home Tour along with two of our neighbors. It compliments Historic Downtown Lowell - something the Chamber of Commerce, and many businesses and organizations have worked

hard to promote. I believe everyone will agree downtown looks great.

Now, without neglecting historic Main Street, I think it's time we turn our attention to our historic neighborhoods. There are many beautiful old homes in Lowell, both large and small. Since moving here seven years ago, I've seen many

people move in and work hard to improve on their investment. I do not believe allowing another rental property, as proposed at the corner of Amity and Elm, is in the best interest of those homeowners or Lowell as whole. I understand the need for affordable housing and rentals. I was a renter too. However, there are plenty of places to rent in Lowell, including apartments, duplexes and single family homes. We do not need to jam another

duplex onto a small city lot. Instead of throwing up our arms and saying, "well there is already a factory there, what does it matter," we should ask ourselves "how we can improve what we already have?" Perhaps pine trees could be planted along side the factory to beautify the area. Litehouse Foods on Foreman is a GREAT corporate example of keeping an industrial area looking beautiful.

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125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JULY 12, 1882

Marked improvements in West's drug store will develop soon. Thos. Hales has sold his stock of groceries to Barney McGee.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 11, 1907

The City State Bank has just installed an electric burglar protection outfit, and last Saturday gave a public demonstration of the same to many groups throughout the day.

The new addition and equipment to the Lowell Cutter Factory increased the factory's capacity by 25 percent.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 7, 1932

Three cent letter postage is now in effect. The first airplane to land in Fallsburg landed July 2 on the farm is Wesley Miller.

Chicken thieves appeared at the Bennett farm in Vergennes Township sometime during Monday night and made away with nearly 200 spring chickens.

Eels, planted in Michigan waters a half a century ago, have not entirely disappeared and some 50-year-old specimens still live.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 11, 1957

Four more dog bites have been reported - one involving the dog catcher.

It took 540 cars of gravel to fill a sinkhole under the tracks of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad's Elmdale to Hart line.

The Kent County Board of Education set the closed McCabe school district into the Lowell district.

The old Pearsall school district was split at the dividing line at Whitesbridge Road.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 8, 1982

The Marsha Strong Dancers, a professional dance act, will perform at the Showboat on July 10.

Tenley Ysseldyke, 17, was selected as a state finalist in the 1982 Miss United Teenager Pageant to be held at Adrian College on July 22.

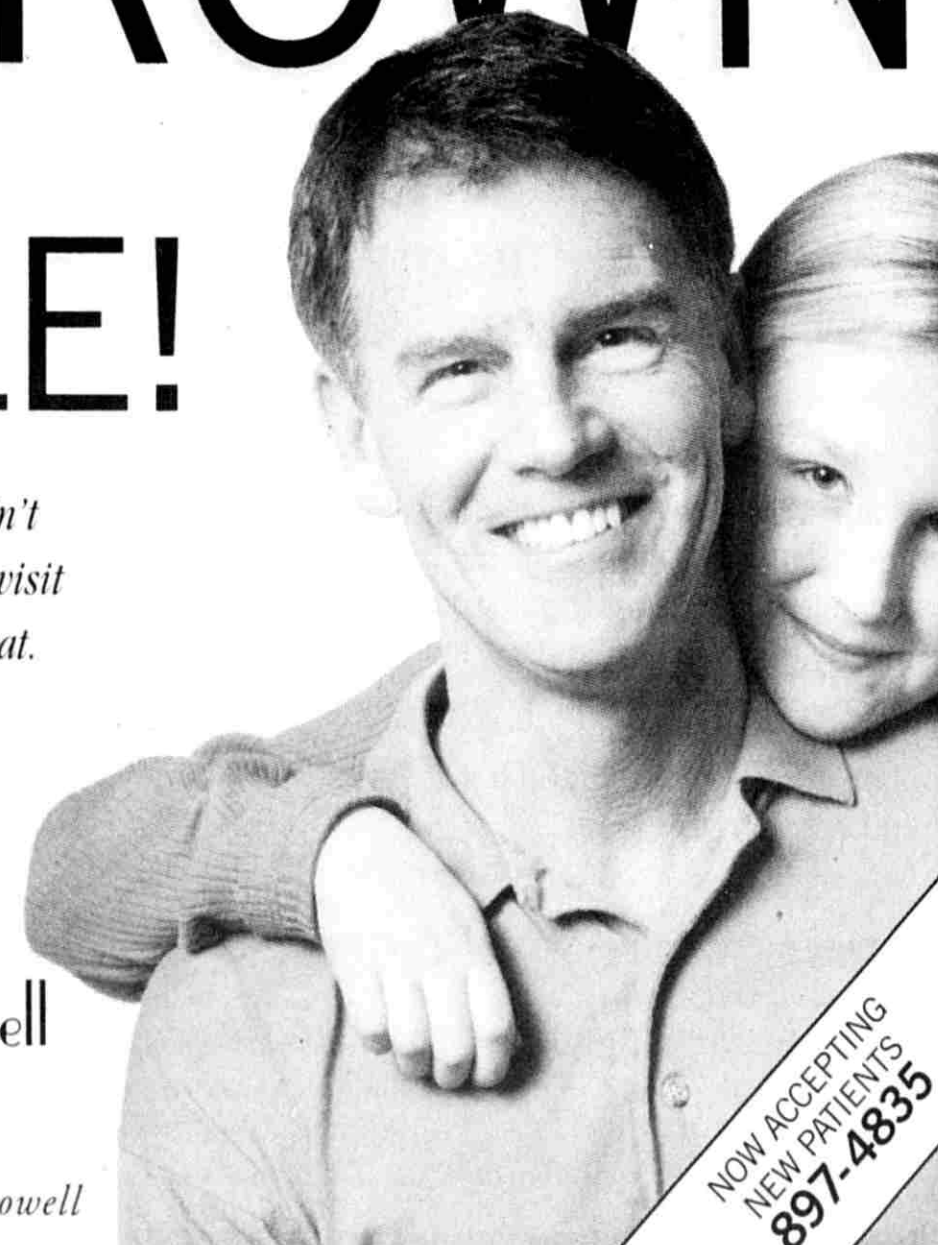
The new kiosk panels were recently completed and hung as permanent designs alternating with Lowell Area Arts Council activities. The panels are graphic composites of sixth grade students' drawings.

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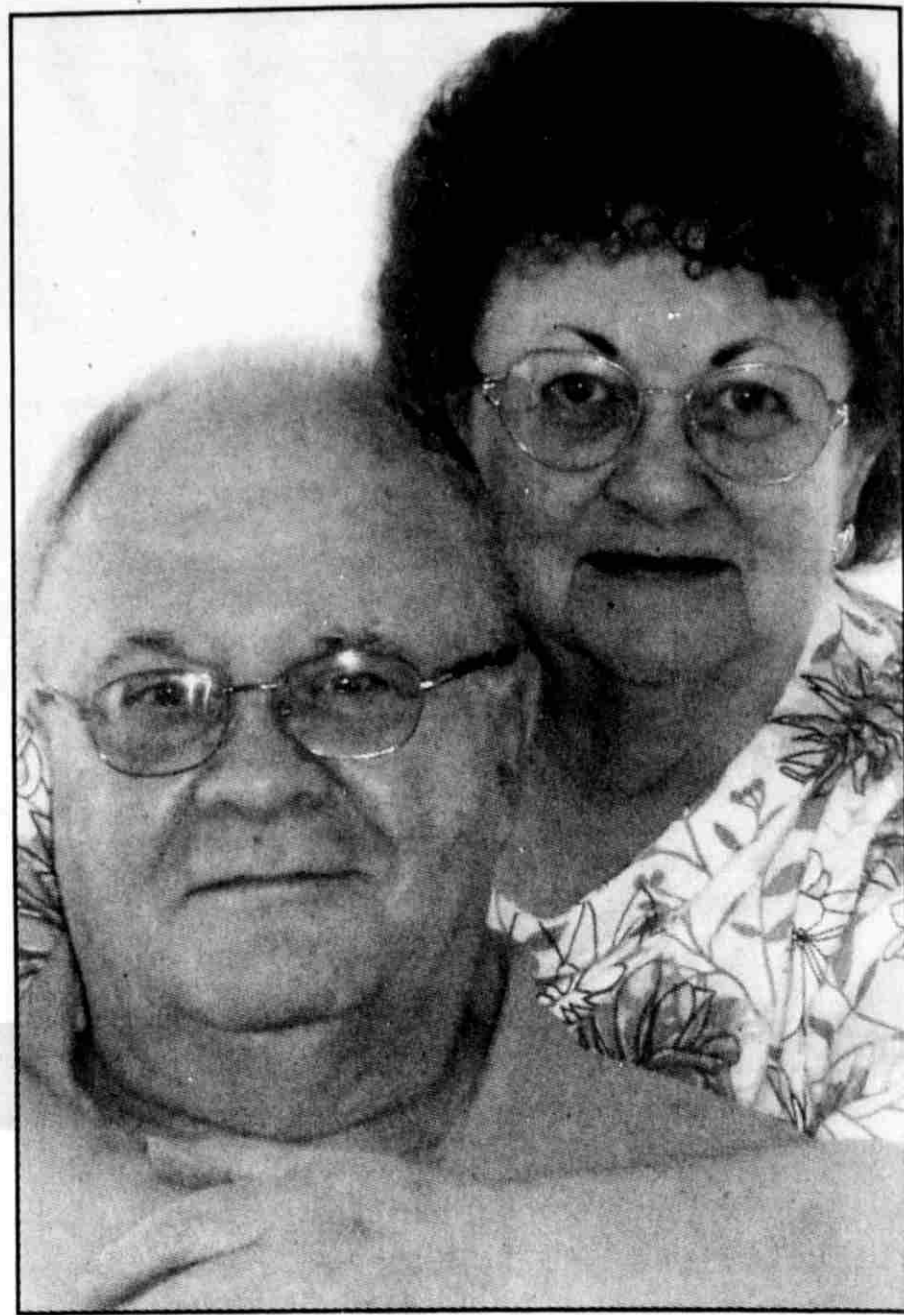
Thomas and Jo Boersma of Lowell, along with Gary and Mikki Rosema of Rothbury, MI, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Melissa Boersma and Terry Rosema. Boersma is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School. Rosema is a 1997 graduate of Montague High School. They are planning an Aug. 18 wedding in Spring Lake. They will reside in Kentwood.



Melissa Boersma and Terry Rosema

Couple celebrates 45 years of marriage

Orlie and Mary Grindle of Wayland, formerly of Lowell, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Friday, July 13. A summer picnic is being planned for the family. The Grindles have three children, Terry Grindle and family; Sheryl Cadwallader and family; Andy Grindle and family; and three granddaughters, Sara Cadwallader, Emily and Hailey Grindle. The year Orlie and Mary were married, the wedding day also fell on a Friday the 13th.



Orlie and Mary Grindle

My advice to you is get married: if you find a good wife you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher.

- Socrates



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Reflections of faith

By Dr. Michael Conklin
 Pastor, First United Methodist Church

In our church we are smack in the middle of the summer church camp season, with folks headed off to everything from elementary and middle school camps to senior high and adult camp experiences. There are adventure camps, backpacking camps, and even camps for seniors (seniors in terms

of age rather than year of school). And I am sure that across denominational lines there are youth and adults headed to all kinds of places to spend a week, or sometimes more, in a focused week of living with an intentional and unique faith community. I have already come back from a week of church camp in a beautiful setting in the woods and by the lakeside in one of our denominational camps. It was, as always, a powerful and enriching experience of the kind of Christian community that we all seek to experience in our lives.

One of the things that I notice every time I go to camp is that there is a "coming down" period after you get back. You spend a week in this setting, and half way through the week, it is almost as if you have never been anywhere else except in this focused faith community. But when you get back, your old and familiar routines await you, the obligations and the work that

you left behind are there awaiting your attention, and the intensity of that Christian community that you had experienced wafts away. If only you could hold on to that moment.

And yet something always remains. There are memories to be sure, but there are also relationships that took root in that time, and there is a deepening of one's faith and commitment that has sustaining and life-giving power. Paul writing to the Philippians acknowledged that their relationship had changed, there was still this deep bond between

them: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying in joy in one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3). So it is that the bond that we share as the core of our faith is something that carries into every part of our life together, a bond that does not recognize distance, or denominational lines, or any other separation. In those intense and focused times when faith comes alive again, we recognize the bond of God's persistent love that holds us together.

College News

Mike Roth, of Lowell, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) and the national FFA organization. Roth, a member of the Lowell High School FFA chapter, plans to study agricultural business management at Michigan State University in the fall.



Kelsey Crowley

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2007 semester: Heather Quick and Caitlin Stevenson of Ada, and Edith Chittenden of Lowell. A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to be named to the Dean's List.



Anna Marie Lane

Recent Lowell High School graduates Kelsey Crowley and Anna Marie Lane each received a Presidential Scholarship from Grand Valley State University. To be considered for the award, students must have a high school grade point average of 3.8 or higher, a minimum ACT score of 32 and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average.

Lowell High School graduates Rebecca Bossard and Rebekah Woods were named to the 2006-2007 Academic Honor Roll of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). The honor roll consists of student-athletes who maintained a minimum

3.5 grade point average for the year. Bossard plays basketball for Hope. Woods runs cross country and track.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for spring term at Northwood University in Midland: Austin Blough and Taylor Verdon of Lowell, Sarah Niemeyer of Alto, Curtis Ludtke and Kristen O'Neill of Ada. To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The following students were named to the Dean's

List for the Winter 2007 semester: Katrina Beatson and Ryan Scarlett of Ada, and Thomas Wynsma of Alto. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale to be named to the Dean's List.

Patrick Hahn Roth of Ada graduated June 30 from Western Michigan University and the College of Aviation with a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation flight science. He is employed by W.M.U. as a flight instructor. He is the son of Dave and Anita Roth. Grandparents are Al and Joan Roth and the late Gurney and Donna Hahn.

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- JULY 13:** Mari Stone, Kyle Aksamitowski, Joyce VanDyke; Keenan Hacker.
- JULY 14:** Cole Burdette, Samantha Bellah, Jill Taylor, Hayley Fritz, Georgan Watrous.
- JULY 15:** Travis Thomet, Cheryl Doyle, Justin Craig, Janet Burns, George Miles, Esther Newell, John Jones.
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The other kind of medicine is used to keep your child from having an asthma attack. These are called maintenance medications, and are taken daily to prevent attacks.

It is very important to identify any triggers which cause the asthma to flare up. Some things which cause flare are: cigarette smoke, dust, pollen, pets, grass and perfumes. The good news is that frequently children tend to outgrow their asthma and do not suffer with it in their adult years.

Franciscan Sisters to open new retreat facilities

By Emma Palova

Perched high on top of a hill overlooking trails and woods are nomadic like tents also called yurts. Thirty feet in diameter, the round structures, made of heavy vinyl, are the newest additions to the existing retreat facilities at the Franciscan Life Process

Center on Downes Street. An elevated lit path of oak wood will lead to each yurt. The enclosures, called Santa Chiara and San Francisco, have two bedrooms and large, expansive decks turned away from each other. Each offers a different view. Santa Chiara is handicapped

accessible. The Franciscan Sisters will start offering the retreat experience in September at the yurts and at the newly-remodeled San Pietro house. The retreat can have as little or as much structure as desired. "Our idea is for people to have a quiet place in the

woods where they can reflect, rest, write or compose apart from distractions," said retreat director Sister Sarah Doser. With reflection in mind, the yurts have large open spaces with propane stoves, futons, chairs and writing desks. Kitchen and showers are available for retreatants

to use at the center. There are eight guest rooms at the center also available for retreats; four have private baths and four have common bathrooms. A personalized retreat may include an hour of music, art, pottery or liturgy. The overall theme of the retreats remains consistent in tune with the sisters' mission.

"We offer a sanctuary where a person can be safe, where they can slow down," said Doser. "Where people can experience nature and take an inventory of their lives." The orientation is on wholeness and integration that spirituality can provide, according to Doser.

The nomadic enclosures also carry a hidden meaning. "The enclosure is not only the land but the sisters themselves who live the daily rhythm of reflection," said Doser. "The idea is about the whole person being alive and radiant. The glory of God is the human person to be fully alive."

However, the sisters do not promise any magic other than the beauty of the land and silence to listen to God speaking within. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the retreatants can

join the sisters for meals and prayers. If one chooses a directed retreat, then the sisters provide spiritual guidance through reading the Scriptures. College and business groups can also rent retreat facilities for a negotiable fee and pay an additional fee for music therapy, visual imaging, art experience or pottery.

By using analogies, business groups can find new insight and direction in simple activities like planting together, clearing a field or picking stones.

Individual overnight retreats are \$50 per person. Retreats with direction are \$75.

Doser encourages people to come and look around if unsure about the retreat. "My hope is that this sanctuary will be a meaningful refuge and haven for each person who comes," she said. "I am convinced if someone comes with an open heart that God will work in their lives."

A Marian retreat will be held on Aug. 15. Also, this year's LIFE Fest will start with half-day retreat on Sept. 7.

For more information call the center at 897-7842.



Sister Sarah Doser is pictured by a retreat yurt.

Raffle to help offset medical costs



Clay Berridge pictured after accident.

A raffle to offset the medical costs of Clay Berridge, 19, who is recovering from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident, is expected to raise \$20,000.

A drawing for \$2,500 of landscaping work will take place Sept. 29. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and are now available at Wildwood Landscapes in Alto and at Wildflowers by Wildwood in Lowell.

The June 9 accident left Berridge with a broken femur and steel rods in both legs, but no serious head injuries.

Berridge, a Caledonia High School graduate, used to work on a landscaping crew for the Wildwood Corp. based in Alto.

"We want to raise funds to help pay for growing medical expenses," said Pam Schichtel, Wildwood marketing director.

Riverwalk, continued...From Page 1

Events held at the fairgrounds on July 14 include the Brian Mead Memorial Cruise-in classic cars, motorcycles and tractors.

The Antique Fire Truck Muster will take place at the Grand River boat launch. During this event, fire truck enthusiasts pump water from the Grand River and shoot it back.

The 5th annual Rumble the Riverwalk will showcase wheels. It starts at the fairgrounds at 12:30 p.m. and goes through Lowell at 1 p.m. All vehicles participating in the rumble will be eligible to win a \$250 cash prize. Motorcyclists can join the 2nd annual Poker Run. Traditionally, the Laurels of Kent have sponsored the fireworks since Riverwalk has been combined together with July 4th activities to increase attendance and boost duck-

organizers are hoping to sell 10,000 ducks. The historic downtown is now lined with 144 corporate ducks. The main purpose of the Riverwalk Festival is to keep the doors open at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Baker.

Annually, the chamber organizes the Lowell Community Expo, summer concerts, the Riverwalk

Festival, merchants events, Harvest Celebration, Christmas Through Lowell and other Christmas festivities.

The chamber is also responsible for marketing, the Discover Lowell web site and Lowell Leadership program.

"The old quote it takes a village to raise a child is so true," said Baker. "It takes a community to create the next place to be Lowell."

Trucking, continued...From Page 1

If the conditions are not satisfied, the rezoning reverts back to the original land use.

It was the contention of Timpson supporters, that the evolving operation has been in the township since the 1920s, long before most residences.

Timpson has been trucking product for the last 50 years, but due to declining agricultural market, the operation stopped growing apples in 2000 while shifting full focus to hauling.

Currently, Timpson Transport employs 25, and hauls for King Milling, Gerber and other companies.

According to Scales, the operation generates approximately 36 to 50 trips a day.

Ray Jones spoke in favor of the trucking business, although he lives closest to the transport.

"If I can tolerate trucks close to me, the rest of you shouldn't worry," he said.

On the other hand, residents Susan Antcliffe and Sharon Eickhoff complained that their lifestyle has been ruined due to increasing traffic.

"It gets you out of bed in the morning," said Eickhoff. "Trucks every five minutes coming and going."

Al Mathews, who serves on the Lowell city council, encouraged township planning commissioners to straighten out the situation. "These people are

concerned," he said. "Their employees affect the city where I live. I feel privileged to have them here."

Mike Grant, who lives on Segun Ave, called for a compromise to get back the quality of life, although he admitted he was in the minority.

"I bought the land with the understanding they had a seasonal orchard," said Grant. "My lifestyle has been encroached on."



Ray Jones speaks in favor of trucking operation.

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Should You Speed up Mortgage Payments or Increase Investments?
Most people who have mortgages dream of a day when they won't. In fact, many mortgage-holders speed up their payments to make that day arrive sooner. Is that smart, from a financial standpoint? Not necessarily. This point is highlighted by a 2006 study prepared by economists for the National Bureau of Economic Research. About 38 percent of U.S. households are making the wrong choice when they speed up their mortgage payments rather than use the extra money to save in tax deferred accounts such as 401(k) plans or IRAs, according to the study. These households are giving up a yield of 11 to 17 cents for every dollar they spend on extra mortgage payments, depending on their choice of investments in a tax deferred account. While these survey results are certainly interesting, they don't tell the whole story on the issue of making extra mortgage payments versus investing. If you have a quantitative nature, however, you can do a little analysis on your own. For example, if you were to pay down a mortgage with a 5.5 percent rate, it would be essentially the same thing as earning 5.5 percent on some type of investment. But if you are in the 25 percent tax bracket, and you deducted your mortgage interest payments from your taxes, your 5.5 percent mortgage would really "cost" you just 4.125 percent. So, if you could find an investment that paid more than 4.12 percent, you'd come out ahead by investing, rather than paying down your mortgage. (Keep

in mind, though, that you may have to pay taxes on your investment.) It might not be that hard to find an investment that pays more than your after tax mortgage rate. But that's not the only reason why it may make sense to choose investing over mortgage reduction. Here are two other factors to consider:

- Paying off your mortgage early won't boost your ultimate return. Obviously, you want your house to appreciate in value. But paying off your mortgage early won't make your home worth more, though it will enable you to pocket more of the proceeds when you sell. On the other hand, the more shares you purchase of an investment, such as stock, the greater your potential for boosting your net worth. Of course, investing also has its risks; when you sell your stocks, you could receive more or less than the original investment amount.
- Investing provides you with greater liquidity than paying down a mortgage. Once you make extra payments to your mortgage, you can't get at that money, except indirectly, through a second mortgage or home equity loan. But if you were to invest the money instead, you'd have access to it (though, again, you might have tax implications). This liquidity could be important if you lose your job or if you face an unexpected financial need, such as a major medical bill.

Still, there's another side to the mortgage/investment issue. If it just makes you feel better to whittle away your mortgage—or possibly pay it off altogether—that's something to consider. And if you're close to retirement, it may make particularly good sense, from both the psychological and cash flow perspectives, to get rid of that mortgage.

So, weigh all the factors carefully when deciding whether to pay down the mortgage or invest. Your choice can have big consequences for your future.

Renters, continued from Page 5

I agree with Michelle Boss who stated in the July 4 Ledger article, renters do not have a vested interest in the neighborhood and quite honestly very few landlords have a vested interest in the neighborhood either. They collect their rents and do little to reinvest in their properties. SOME mow the lawn weekly and call it good. Unlike a homeowner, few renters and rental property owners typically do not landscape, they do not make improvements to their property, they do not invest in the neighborhood.

If Lowell truly wants to be "The Next Place To Be," we need to reconsider current zoning in our historic neighborhoods, halt construction of new rentals, and stop planned conversions of older homes. When Heritage Hill was established in Grand Rapids, it was a rental community on a downward slide - now it's one of the nicest neighborhoods in Grand Rapids with the fastest growing home values in the city. Wouldn't we all like to see our investment grow like that? One more rental may not seem like a big deal to some, but now is the time to act and do what is best for our homeowners, our neighborhoods, and our community.

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SAT., JULY 14: 50th Anniversary Celebration, Forest Hills Club, clothing optional campground. Craft show, fun entertainment and dance begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 616-642-9526.

THURS., AUG. 2: Vergennes Co-Operative Club, 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Garden Trip. Hostesses Jan Bieri and Treva Johnson.

TUES., JULY 17: 8:30 a.m. Traveling breakfast at Keiser's Kitchen. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

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 M#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.

WED., JULY 18: 12:45 p.m. Public Museum. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

MON., AUG. 6: Masonic Lodge #355, serving Belding, Lowell and Ionia, will hold its regular communication, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room.

WED., AUG. 8: Hooker Chapter #73 will exemplify the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees in the lodge room beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner in the dining room at 6:30 p.m. The stated convocation will be held in the lodge room beginning at 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. All Royal Arch Masons may attend.

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 Summer Play Groups, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at TOTS Playground, 300 High St. 897-8304, ext 311.

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. Bellline) 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.lowellaretrailway.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.

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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.

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Improving Fuel Economy While Promoting Job Growth

With Senator Carl Levin

Congress is currently engaged in a serious debate about our nation's energy policy, and the outcome will have a significant impact on Michigan's economic future. There are some goals we all share, including reducing our dependence on foreign oil and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. We also agree that increased gas mileage standards should be a part of how we achieve those goals. But many in Congress are seeking gas mileage standards that are unachievable, according to not just the Big 3 but also Toyota and Volkswagen and other manufacturers.

In addition to the loss of realism, they would further tilt the playing field against manufacturing in America. America has lost three million manufacturing jobs since 2001, including more than 200,000 jobs in the automotive sector. Our manufacturers can compete with anyone on a level playing field but right now that field is already tilted against them. Our companies are not just competing against companies overseas; they are competing against entire foreign governments that strongly support their manufacturing sectors through currency manipulation and trade barriers. American companies must compete against companies that have cheaper labor costs, do not pay health insurance and legacy costs, or do not have to meet our strict environmental standards.

The increased mileage standards adopted by the Senate will tilt that uneven playing field even harder against our automakers. No other country would do that to its own companies.

The bill adopted by the Senate would establish a combined car-truck standard of 35 miles per gallon by 2020. The proponents claim that these standards will be easy to meet with new advanced technology. The reality is that this standard is not achievable for automakers and will lead to further financial problems for companies with already weak financial positions and that means more job losses in the American auto industry.

During Senate debate, several of us proposed an alternative approach to move toward our shared goals without hurting our automakers. Our amendment would have taken bold steps forward to improve fuel economy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and protect the environment. Our amendment would have established aggressive, yet achievable, fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks and would have set clear interim milestones for reaching these new standards.

Specifically, our amendment would have required a 30 percent increase in fuel economy standards for cars by 2022 and a 35 percent increase in standards for trucks by 2025, and our amendment would have provided greater certainty that these standards will be met. It also would have provided the predictability needed by our auto companies to plan ahead and utilize advanced technologies.

To ensure that the technology would be available to meet these standards, our amendment also would have provided a significant new infusion of federal dollars to support advanced technology research, development, and demonstration programs across a wide spectrum of

technologies - from advanced batteries and lightweight materials to advanced clean diesel, hybrids, plug-in hybrids, and fuel cells.

Meeting the new fuel economy standards under our amendment would have been a stretch and a challenge for all of our country's auto manufacturers - both our traditional American manufacturers that built the foundation of the auto industry in this country, as well as manufacturers such as Toyota, Mazda, and Mitsubishi. But it would not have pushed our companies beyond the breaking point. Senator Stabenow and I lobbied hard for our amendment, but the other approach won out in the Senate.

We were, however, able to secure a few improvements over the original bill considered by the Senate. The bill now provides that the government will set the new requirements by type of vehicle instead of by company, ending a procedure that has discriminated against the domestic automakers. And the fuel economy standards after 2020 were changed to the maximum feasible level rather than the original bill's requirement of an arbitrary and unrealistic increase of four percent each year.

The fight on this bill is not over. It is now being considered by the House of Representatives and will then go to a House-Senate Conference Committee. I hope in the end Congress will adopt a formula which supports significant carbon dioxide reductions and promotes jobs in America.

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GARAGE & YARD SALE FINDER

LARGE GARAGE SALE

Fri., July 13, 9 - 4 p.m. & Sat., July 14, 9 - 3 p.m. 6049 Timpson Ave., Alto. Garage sale w/ large variety of items. Hunting equipment, antiques, fishing equipment, exercise equipment, some baby furniture, jewelry, ladies shoes, hunting boots, weights & weight lifting equipment, household goods, furniture. Good deals & fun to browse!

USED BOOK SALE

Sponsored by Friends of Englehardt Library. Fri., July 13, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. & Sat. July 14, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Under the striped tent at Riverwalk Plaza. Proceeds to support Library Programming.

GARAGE SALE

Thurs. & Fri., July 12 & 13, 9-5 p.m. 12530 Heim (first road N. of Fallasburg Park, W. off Lincoln Lake) Household items, some antiques, wire fence, tools, saddle, baby furniture & more.

ADA

1124 - 1266 McCabe. Huge Yard Sale, Fri., July 13, 8-5 & Sat., July 14, 8-12. Furniture, books (hardcover & paperback), clothes, baby thru large women's, petite - maternity, 26' pool, plumbing, electrical supplies, deck wood, sheet set, linens, small toys, new small tent, housewares, cassette/VCR tapes, DVD, Christmas tree decorations, teaching materials.

LIL' RED BARN SALE

We're back!! We have lots of wonderful items for you to enjoy! Wicker, chairs, beds, painted furniture, outdoor furniture & much more. **One day only**, Fri., July 13, 9-6 p.m. 12795 Burroughs NE, 2 miles N. of Lowell, off Lincoln Lake Rd.

MOVING SALE

369 Mill St., Saranac. July 13 & 14, 9-6 Broyhill furniture Sauder desk w/hutch top, entertainment center, American Girl items, Yugioh cards, Gamecube & playstation games, oak sleigh bed & more.

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

9699 Riverside Dr., bet. Lowell & Saranac. July 11 - 14. Adult & kids clothes, gazebo, toys, etc.

MOVING SALE

July 14 & 15, noon - 5 p.m. 4245 Buttrick (just N. of Cascade Rd.) China hutch, beds, huge entertainment center, lawn mower, fridge, chest freezer & more.

HUGE BARN SALE

Numerous antiques, collectibles, primitives, depression glass, teaching supplies & books. Furniture, golf equipment, home decor, dog houses, propane boiler & hot water heater, old cameras & musical instruments. Lots more! Thurs. - Fri., July 12 & 13, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat., July 14, 9-noon. 10968 Vergennes, Lowell (bet. Parnell & Cumberland).

LAST SALE BEFORE MOVING OVERSEAS

Everything must go. Clothing, baby stuff, kids toys & games, furniture, household goods, dishes, everything to furnish a home, tools, new items daily, many free items. Thurs. - Sat., July 12-14, 9-5 p.m. daily. 13193 Shutter (Vergennes bet. Lincoln Lake & Flat River to Treasure N. to sale.)

LOWELL SALE

7/12 & 7/13, 9-3 p.m. 1271 Jane Ellen. Clothing, baby, teen & women's sizes, drill press, dishwasher, CD's, DVD's & movies & tons of misc.

MOVING

Huge furniture sale & more. Great deals. Near Cannonsburg Rd. & 5 Mile Rd. on Shineway. Fri., July 13, 8-4 p.m.

FIRST GARAGE SALE

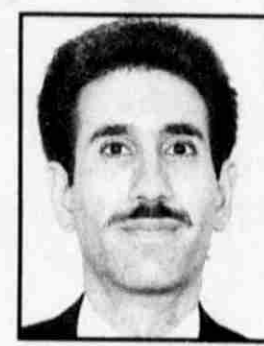
Lots of items, tools, pools, clothes, toys, DVD players, furniture & more. Fri. 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 8998 2 Mile Rd., 1 mile W. of Parnell.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Fri., July 13, 9-6 & Sat., July 14, 9-4. Antique glassware, sad irons (pressing iron), 300+ Hot Wheels & Matchbox cars, packaged & loose; gas range top, very good condition; larger women's clothing, Dodge van seats, like new; toys, games & lots of household goods. Big Pine Island Lake, Grattan, Lincoln Lk to M44, left to Old Belding Rd. (Grattan), right & follow signs to sale.

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Legal Ease

With Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN:

I am married and have a young family. I know that my wife and I should have some type of estate plan, but before seeing an attorney, I would like your opinion as to what type of documents I can expect the attorney to recommend. I was thinking a will would be enough, but in talking with others who have gone through this process, they have much more than a will. I want to do what makes sense, but I don't want to be over sold.

JONATHAN SAYS:

Good question. At a minimum, I think everyone, whether they are single or married, and regardless of the size of their estate, needs to have a last will and testament, a financial durable power of attorney and a health care power of attorney. In addition, people who don't want to be kept alive on life support in the event of a terminal illness or being in a permanent vegetative state, will want to consider drafting a living will. Finally, another document that is quite common in an estate planning package, is a living trust. See below for a brief discussion of each document:

A last will and testament is a written document or plan of how your assets should be distributed upon your death. Without having a will, your estate will pass pursuant to state law and the beneficiaries who are designated by state law to receive your estate may not be individuals who you would want to receive your assets. A last will and testament only controls those assets that are considered to be probate assets, i.e., assets which are title in your name alone at the time of death. Those assets which contractually name a beneficiary, such as life insurance, or are jointly titled with another person and there are survivorship rights, or are titled in the name of a trust, avoid probate and are not controlled by a will. This means that those assets pass outside the will to the beneficiaries named on the contract, the trust beneficiaries in the case of a trust or the surviving joint owner of jointly owned property.

A financial durable power of attorney is a document whereby you name an agent to act for you if you cannot

act for yourself (or are simply unavailable) regarding your financial matters. If you become disabled and you don't have this document in place, you would have to have a conservator appointed on your behalf through the probate court.

A health care durable power of attorney is a document whereby you appoint a patient advocate to act for you regarding your personal and health care matters in the event you cannot act for yourself. If you become disabled and don't have this document in place, you would have to have a guardian appointed on your behalf through the probate court.

A living will declaration is a statement by you that you do not want to be kept alive on life support in the event of your being in a permanent vegetative state or having a terminal illness. Basically, this declaration allows you to inform your family and physicians ahead of time what type of treatment you want or don't want in the event this should happen to you. Although, there is no living will legislation in the State of Michigan authorizing the use of living wills, there is nothing to prevent you from preparing one.

A living trust is a document you set up during your lifetime which allows you to transfer assets to that trust while you are alive for the purpose of having those assets avoid probate. Upon your death, since those assets are already owned by the trust, and are no longer in your name, those assets do not have to go through probate prior to passing to the beneficiaries named in your trust. A trust which includes the right types of provisions also permits you to implement estate tax planning techniques in the event you have a taxable estate, i.e., over \$2,000,000 in 2007. Further, a trust allows you to control how distributions are made to your beneficiaries. For example, if you die only having a last will and testament, then upon the completion of the probate of your estate, the assets in your estate will be distributed to your named beneficiaries at that time except for beneficiaries under the age of 18, who will have to wait until age 18 to receive their respective shares. With a trust, however, you can provide that the trustee is to retain a beneficiary's trust share and manage it on his or her behalf until he or she reaches a certain age or certain ages if you want the distribution to be spread out over a number of years. This is especially useful in the case of children when you don't want them receiving their respective shares of your estate when they reach the age 18.

This is just a brief discussion of the attributes of the above-referenced documents and I encourage you to meet with an estate planning attorney who can review their concepts with you in more detail and come up with an estate plan that work for you and your family. Good luck.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Jacob Staal of Innovative Design who wishes to provide four residential dwellings on the second floor of 214 West Main Street. Since the property is zoned Central Business District (C-2), a Special Use Permit is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

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CLEANER WANTED - 10-15 hours per week, church cleaning, looking for mature dependable individual to clean our beautiful new church. Thorough, detailed cleaning a must. Please bring resume & references to 865 Lincoln Lake Ave Se, Lowell, MI 49331.

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MAINTENANCE TECH - 1st shift. Hydraulics, pump repair, machine repair & electrical exp. preferred. \$15-20. Apply at PURforms, Inc., 615 Chatham St., Lowell. 616-897-3000.

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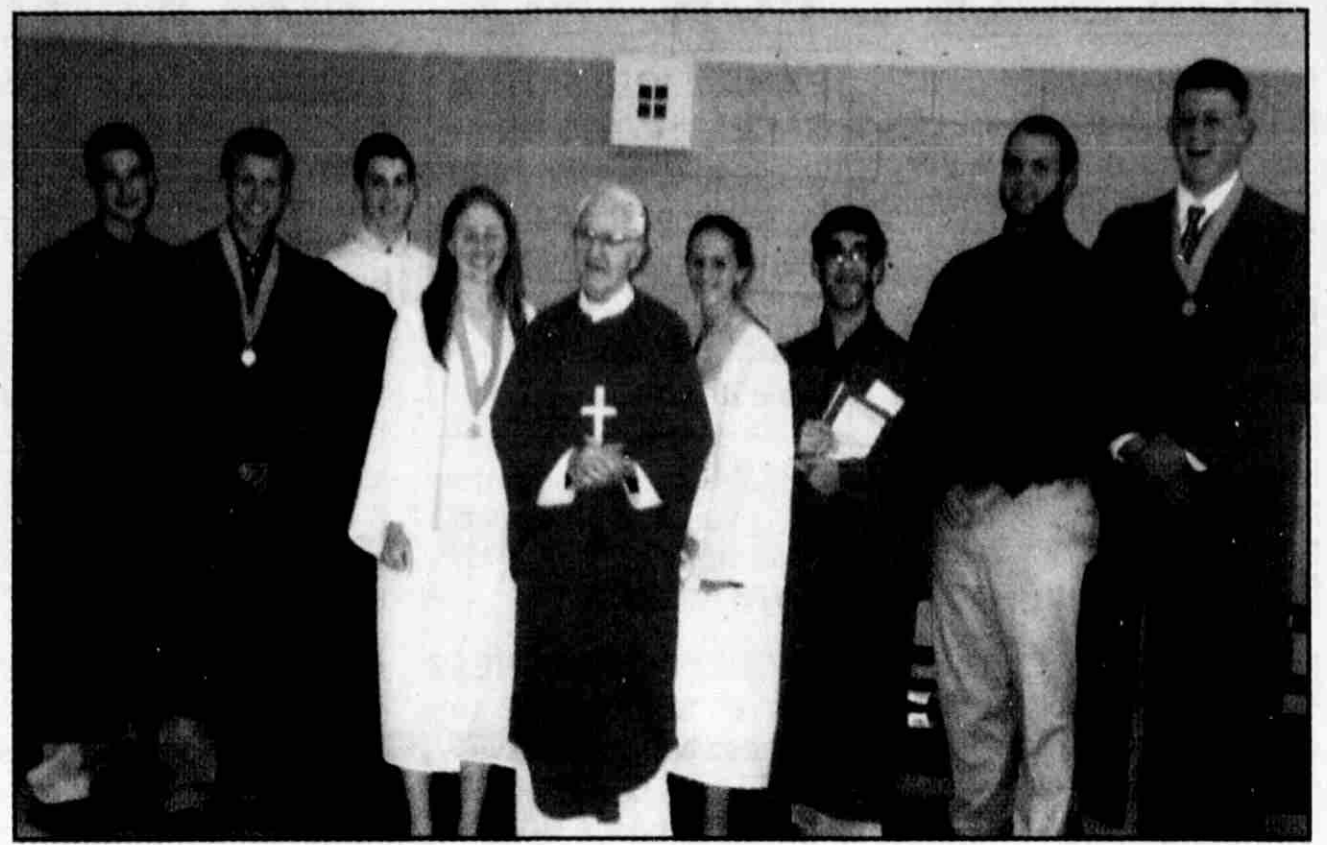
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Saint Mary's grads



Memorial Day weekend marked the celebration of the 2007 graduates from St. Mary Parish. The celebration began with Mass in honor of the graduates, and continued with a special gathering with food and refreshments in the Parish Life Center. The graduates displayed items and photos tracking their journey in faith from Baptism through Confirmation. Pictured from left to right: Brian Langlois, Regan Doyle, Andrew Pfaller, Stephanie Wade, Fr. George Fekete, Karen Judd, Andrew Sejat, Evan Ormiston, and Larz Lindstrom. Not present for the picture were Julie Johnson, Arielle Martin, Becky Myers, Michael Nichols, and Stacy Underwood.

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