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## Model T tour brings the past back to Main Street

By Emma Palova

**A**t 30 miles per hour, it's a different world. The driver can even spot a caterpillar or admire a heron.

That is what some of the drivers of the 51st Annual Tour of the Model T Ford Club International enjoyed during their drive to Lowell last Friday.

The proximity of the three covered bridges and nice small town atmosphere attracted 255 Model T Fords and enthusiasts to Lowell prior to the club's final banquet closing the week-long tour. "It's a pleasant small town," said club chairman Gordon Koll.

As the cars showed up, the town looked like it had turned back time to the early 1900s. Even Model T racing cars and pick-ups showed up.

The crews from all over the world piled into local restaurants and flocked the shops.

Kathy Gerdes of Minnesota came riding in with friends Steve Boyd from Wisconsin and Norma Smith from Illinois. "We love meeting with friends from all over the country," said Gerdes. "...seeing the wonderful countryside."

Sometimes the cars do break along the way, according to Boyd. The tour has a back-up vulture truck that picks up stranded cars. "The coils on the cars wear out," said Boyd. Koll said only 12 cars did not complete this tour.

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Lowell Friday looked like it had turned back time to the 1920s with Model Ts arriving for lunch.

## Champion tree contest seeks biggest tree in two townships

By Emma Palova

**T**he hunt for the biggest living tree in Vergennes and Ada townships is now on.

The top five entries from each township will determine who gets bragging rights. The goal of the good-natured contest is to discover the biggest tree

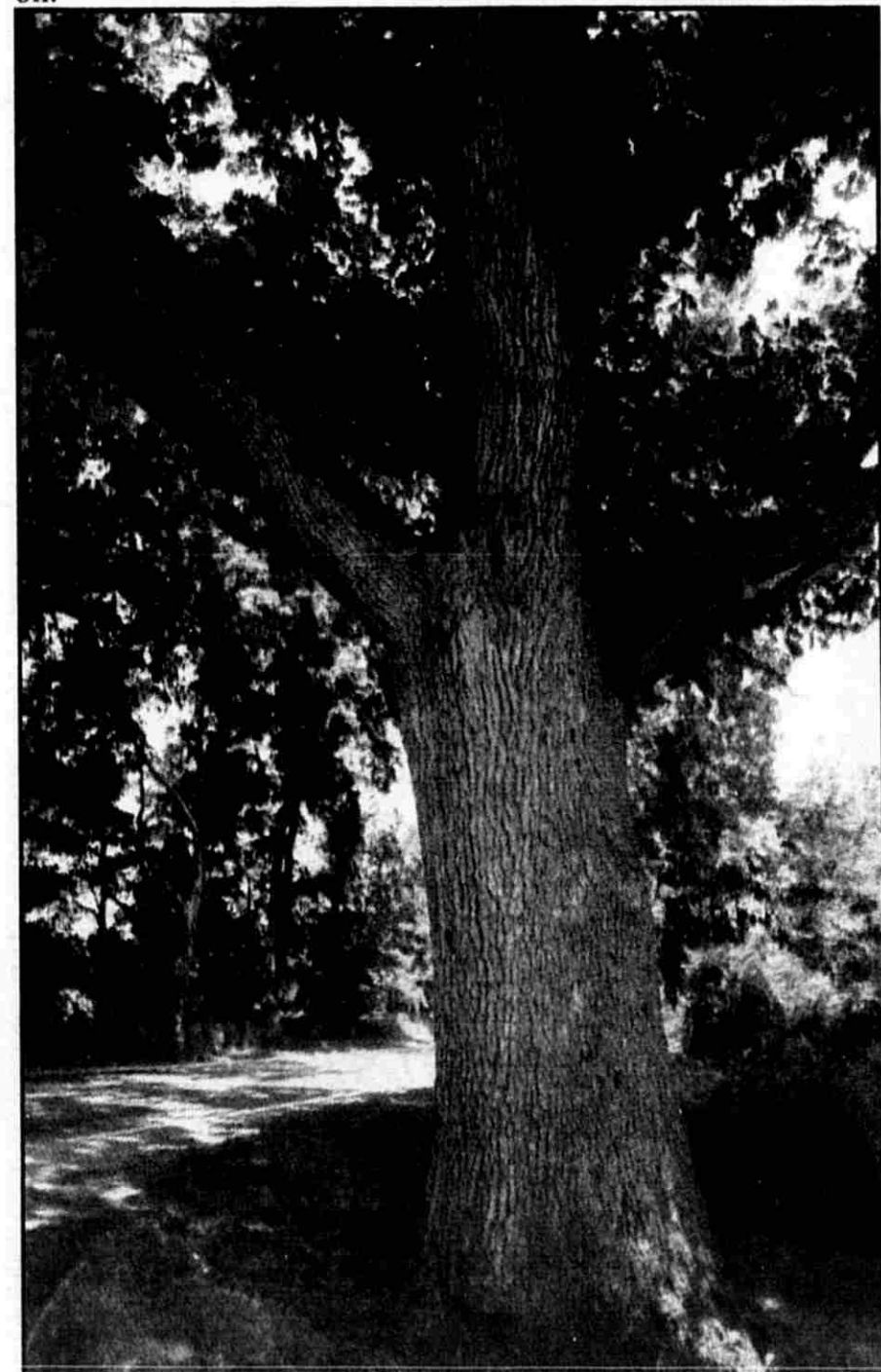
in the two townships. Some trees may date back to times before Ada was settled in 1821, or Vergennes in 1838, according to Marsha Wilcox.

Organized by the Open Space Committee, the contest seeks any type of trees from oaks, maples, willows, ash to pines. The circumference of the trees will be measured

at a height of 4.37 feet or 52 inches from the ground. Winners will be determined by certified arborist Brian McKenzie and professional landscaper Tom Rooks.

The main purpose of the contest is to create awareness of the rural nature of the two townships, according to Wilcox.

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A giant oak witness tree stands as a witness to a survey point on the corner of Parnell and McPherson roads.

## Museum director retires after 18 years

By Emma Palova

**W**hat started out as a passion for memorabilia that was destined to leave Lowell for Grand Rapids almost two decades ago, has grown into a well-grounded community institution.

That is the Lowell Area Historical Museum, and behind it is the woman who helped make it happen.

Judy Straub, founding board member and museum executive director, has announced her retirement effective Sept. 15. Straub plans to travel and get Red Cross disaster relief training.

"It took me a full year to make this decision," said Straub. But, if there is a good time to leave, it is now. The



Judy Straub

museum is operating well, it is financially strong and has met its mission, according to Straub.

The capital fundraising campaign has been completed, the endowment fund has been established, a volunteer network is in place and there are paid employees.

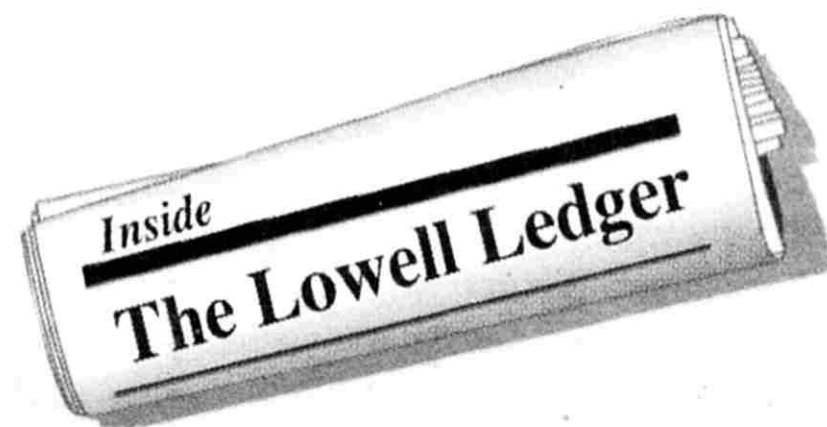
"From the beginning Judy has been a moving

force in the development of the museum, its exhibits, programs and community outreach," said museum president Jim Doyle.

The first organizational meeting was held in Straub's dining room in June of

1989. The well-known philanthropist Harold Englehardt was present among many.

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# Obituaries

## ROMANO

Adele B. Romano, aged 77, of Cascade, passed away July 17, 2007, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Paul; and her three daughters, Paula (Jon) Aylsworth of Greenville,

Nancy (Don) DeMaagd of Grandville, and Cindy (Chris) Wissman of Lowell; and eight grandchildren. The most important thing in Adele's life was her family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Spectrum Health Hospice.

## How to avoid Medicare fraud

Older adults, especially those who have low incomes, are susceptible to Medicare marketing fraud and need to be aware of their rights when working with sales people.

A recent increase in reporting of fraud has encouraged the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan to arm older adults with information needed to make wise and informed decisions.

Keep the following tips

handy when confronted by salespeople, particularly those selling Medicare plans.

Tips to help older adults avoid fraud:

- Be apprehensive of claims that you have to join a prescription drug plan or you will lose your Medicare coverage. Prescription drug plans are voluntary.

- Guard your personal information. Social Security will not solicit over the

phone and will never ask for bank account, credit card or life insurance policy numbers.

- Use caution when looking at documents. Sales materials that look official aren't necessarily legitimate.

Don't allow anyone to force an on-the-spot decision. Ask for contact information and offer to call back once thinking it over. If possible, have another person with you when talking with a salesperson. This will help

alleviate sales pressure and encourage level headed decision making.

- Practice saying "no." This includes responses to letting people in your home, talking to a phone solicitor, setting up an appointment or feeling comfortable with a transaction.

For more information on preventing fraud or to report Medicare fraud, call the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan at 1-888-456-5664.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BIG CROOKED LAKE

TAKE NOTICE that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a five-year aquatic plant control program for big Crooked Lake at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The aquatic plant control program for Big Crooked Lake is proposed to commence in 2008 and continue through 2012. The program will consist of herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting, administration and inspections and contingency expenses. The total annual cost of the project is \$26,000.

The special Assessment District for the big Crooked Lake Project includes all lakefront parcels and all back lots that have deeded or dedicated lake access. Contiguous lots in common ownership are being assessed as a single parcel provided only one house exists on the parcel. A special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will meet at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan immediately after the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party in interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing. Written objections may be filed with or mail to the big Crooked Lake Improvement board c/o Grattan Township Treasurer, 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan 48809-9367. Notice is also given that the owner of or party in interest in any real property within the Big Crooked Lake Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board  
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Karen & Burt and families

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT AREA CITIZEN'S COUNCIL

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Development Area Citizen's Council will hold a meeting on Saturday, July 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Alto Branch, Kent District Library, 6071 Linfield S.E., Alto, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting is to review the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment financing Plan of the Bowne Township Alto Downtown Development Authority. The Development Area Citizen's Council acts as an advisory body to the Bowne Township Alto Downtown Development Authority and the Bowne Township Board in the adoption of development plans and tax increment financing plans pursuant to Act No. 197 of 1975, as amended, and will make findings and recommendations regarding the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

Any person present at the meeting will have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan is available for public inspection at the township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of (9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

July 19, 2007  
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

## BOSTON TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE FOR TESTING OF THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUGUST SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 7, 2007 school election will be conducted Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 3 p.m. at the Boston Township Hall, 30 N. Center Street, Saranac, MI 48881.

Lori Spoelstra, Clerk  
Boston Township

## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township board held on July 16, 2007, the Board adopted Ordinance 05-2007, and ordinance 06-2007, a summary of which follows. Ordinance 05-2007 amends Section 6.8 Penalties of the Zoning Ordinance to stipulate the fines to be levied for a violation and adds language to clarify the nature of such violations and the method of paying fines. Ordinance 06-2007 amends the Township's General Law Ordinances to provide a revised schedule of fines and identifies the persons having authority to issue violation notices and citations.

The ordinances shall become effective August 1, 2007. A copy of the complete text of the ordinances can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

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## Sizzlin' from Irish jigs to country harmony



At left, Sue Molloy of Grand Rapids dances an Irish jig to the tunes of the Fonn Mor Celtic band last Thursday. Drummer Carolyn Koebel put on a great performance on a cooler night on the Riverwalk. People from as far as Maine enjoyed the concert.

The Sugar Creek Band will take the stage this Thursday, July 26 from 7-9 p.m. as part of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts series on the Riverwalk Plaza.

The four-piece country act features a rich family harmony and a fun stage presence. This band has been together for over 10 years and has opened for national acts such as Wynona Judd and Jeff Bates at the 2004 Muskegon Summer Celebration.

For more information about these concerts go to [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org) or [www.discoverlowell.org](http://www.discoverlowell.org).



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## 2007-08 Community Forestry Grant applications available

Applications are now available for the Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Community Forestry Grant (CFG) program. These grants are funded through the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Program.

Through this program, local units of government (cities, villages, townships and counties), non-profit organizations, tribes and educational institutions are

eligible to apply for funding to enhance urban and community forest resources. This year, approximately \$100,000 will be awarded statewide for projects that can help communities enhance the benefits of trees, incorporate new technology, promote volunteerism, conserve and/or expand community tree cover and stimulate community pride and support for this valuable resource.

Funding this year will again be focused on management and planning activities, including: community tree inventories, community tree ordinance development/revision, and developing assessment-

based management plans for the community forest resource. Proposals will also be accepted for education/training activities, and tree planting.

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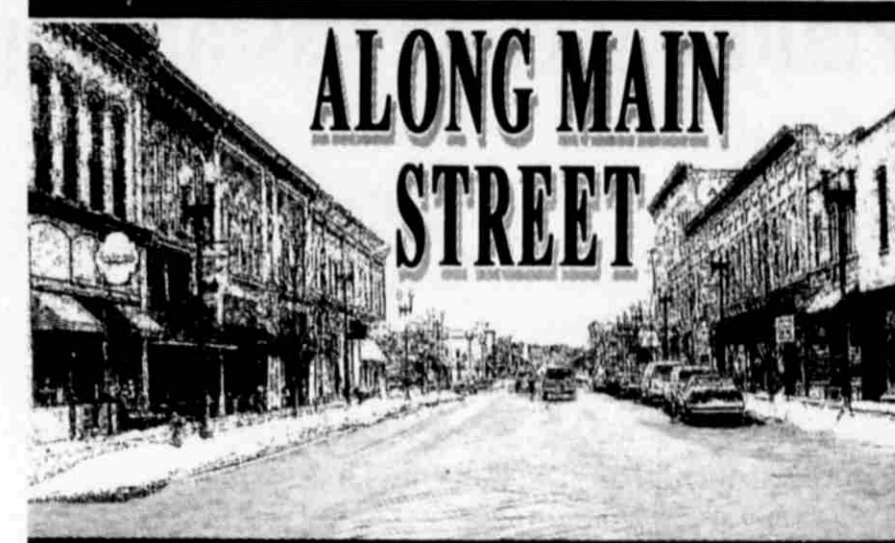
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## SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

Freeport Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame Induction ceremony of Dale Johnson and Bill Wieland on Lowell Cable Channel 20 will be Wednesday, July 25 at 5 p.m., Thursday, July 26 at 6 p.m., Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

## RIVERWALK GALLERY

"Show for all Season" art work by artist Mary Bommarito, will be on display July 12 - Aug. 8. The public is invited to a reception on Friday, July 27 from 7-9 p.m.

## LOWELL CLASS OF 1977

It's not too late! After 8:30 p.m., \$10 cover at the Grand Rapids Hilton on 28th Street and Patterson July 28. For more information contact Deb at 897-0887.

## LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Saturday, July 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the museum will present Little House in the Big Woods at the Wittenbach/Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes. Pioneer activities workshop for children ages 8 to 14 years. Cost is \$15 per child. Please call Luanne at 460-2094 to register.

## EXTREME SUMMER FUN CLUB

The Lowell YMCA is currently accepting applications for its July and August program. The program will run Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Runcimen Elementary, 300 High Street, Lowell. The program is open to children Kindergarten through 5th grade. The next session is scheduled to begin on July 23, 2007. As with ALL YMCA programming financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Call Heather Hill, 616-204-0365 for more information.

## LOWELL AREA TRAILWAY

Lowell Area Recreation Authority (Lowell Area Trailway) wants to take you for a guided hike to the Cooper Woodland Preserve to discuss the trailway route and the proposed Wege Land donation. Come get your questions answered by Betsy Davidson (293-3206). The hike will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. on Sunday Aug. 5. Meet at Wittenbach/Wege Nature Center Center.

## LHS CLASS OF 1997 REUNION

August 18 at the BOB in downtown Grand Rapids. For more information contact Heidi Barber at 616-642-0738 or email [hbarber79@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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, August 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; [northjt@gmail.com](mailto:northjt@gmail.com) or Jamey Fitz at [JameyFitz@comcast.net](mailto:JameyFitz@comcast.net). Please contact us to reserve your seats, express your regrets or help with planning.

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## Planning commission approves plans for expanding First Baptist Church

By Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell city planning commission Monday granted unanimous approval to the First Baptist Church of Lowell to build a 22,400 square foot addition. The addition will almost double the size of the existing building at 2275 W. Main St.

Plans include a gymnasium, classrooms, and a larger parking lot complete with landscaping. Many community members walked away from the meeting looking very pleased after the church received site plan approval.

In related construction news, the city may see another auto parts store in the near future. AutoZone is considering building a retail store on Main Street east of Bowes Road. Company officials also submitted a detailed site plan to the commission. After much discussion regarding the use of city sewer the site plan was approved. AutoZone, should they choose to build, will not be required to use the city sewer system.

Rodger Garner from GOOD Chevrolet Buick went before the commission to request changes to the ordinance concerning the use of signs, banners, and other such materials. Garner expressed frustration over the delays in considering changes he originally requested the ordinance be reviewed at the January 22, 2007 meeting. Commissioners apologized and stated that they are attempting to work with the Lowell Township Planning Commission on a joint policy concerning signs.

Planning chair Maryalene LaPonsie requested that Garner gather information from other car dealerships and propose specific changes. The planning commission would then discuss this at the meeting next month. "I can do that, and I'll have something to the commission within two weeks," said Garner.

Innovative Design received permission on a special use permit to have four residential dwellings at 214 West Main St., the vacant second story of the former Flat River Antique Mall. At this time there are no plans to occupy the first floor.

## College News

Calvin College has announced its spring 2007 graduates. Approximately 900 students participated in the spring Commencement ceremony (held in Grand Rapids at the end of May).

Local graduates are: Eric S. Moulton, of Lowell; Tyler B. DeGraaf, Eric P. Malinowski, Elizabeth K. Rudy, and Sarah B. Sietsema, all of Ada; from Alto were Amanda S. Hoeksema, and Rochelle D. Veenstra.

Some 1,663 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University, Kendall College of Art and Design, and the College of Professional and Technological Studies during the semester that ended in May 2007.

From Lowell: Theodore Bergin, Brian Bodemann, Emily Cyrocki, Dawn De-raad, Carolyn Diekevers, Brandon Duprey, Tara Kuipers, Robert Lay, and Kimberly Seaman.

From Ada: Jonathan Brown, Rebecca Creager, Jeffrey Easto, Jennifer

Lawrence Technological University Adam Ingraham, of Lowell, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring 2007 semester at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Audrey Converse, of Lowell, was awarded Summa Cum Laude honors at Hope College for achieving a minimum cumulative 3.87 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Horsford, Mitchell Krui-enga, Joe Madison, Lindsey Taber, Scott VanVosen, Susan Waddell, and Samuel Yeo.

From Alto: Jaime Ekkens and Patrick O'Connor.

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## Forestry grant, continued ... From Page 3

Visit [www.mi.gov/dnrucf](http://www.mi.gov/dnrucf) to download the 2007-08 application and materials. To receive an application packet by mail, please contact: Kevin Sayers, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, Forest, Mineral & Fire

Management (FMFM), Michigan Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952. Phone: 517-241-4632 or e-mail: [sayersk@mi.gov](mailto:sayersk@mi.gov). The deadline for receipt of grant applications is Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m., at

the DNR, FMFM Office in Lansing. Overnight/next day packages should be sent to: Kevin Sayers, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, Forest Mineral & Fire Management, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Mason

Building, 5th Floor, 530 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

Faxes, e-mails and late applications will not be accepted.

## Director retires, continued

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"It has been the most incredible journey," said Straub. "The community has a great love for history, tradition and values. They have a museum they can be proud of."

Over the years, Straub worked hard to create a foundation that would allow the museum to grow. The Lowell Area Historical Museum endowment fund now has \$58,000. Also,

the operating millage provides for the museum's sustainability.

"Judy's many years of dedicated effort and thoughtful guidance have been instrumental in making the museum what it is today," said Doyle.

"I will miss the people I loved working with toward a goal that would leave a legacy," said Straub. "I still feel passion for the museum."

The Lowell museum is a strong partner with other community organizations which made Straub's decision easier.

The museum will begin a search immediately for a qualified individual to assume the position of executive director.

"Judy will be greatly missed and her accumulated knowledge will be difficult to replace," said Doyle.

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# Viewpoint



by Roger Brown

## cozy corner

It's no big secret that Terese and I don't live in Lowell anymore. We live and work in the Florida Keys where we publish a monthly real estate magazine.

Describing it as a magazine is a bit of a stretch. The publication is tabloid in size, a mix of color and black and white, printed partially on premium stock, but mostly on newsprint. It is nothing fancy. That is our niche in the market. We try to be a low cost alternative to the glossy, color monthlies and other sources of advertising. So far it has been reasonably successful. (I typed that last sentence while knocking on my wooden head.)

Our customers are realtors here in the keys. The majority of these realtors are women. The overriding demographic of the Florida Keys is that practically nobody is actually from here. We've all drifted in from everywhere imaginable. I once heard it put, "We're all here and cuz we're not all there. That sums us up pretty well."

My job in publishing our guide is primarily sales and customer relations. Terese does all the actual work. As our paper comes together each month I am constantly on the phone, pleading, begging and cajoling our customers to get their photo and copy changes in to us. It's a fine line to walk. Terese is barking orders at me to get the deadbeats going. I have to figure a way to motivate them without losing their business. My hair is gray/white/thin for a reason.

All the above information brings me to closer to what this column is going to be about. Given what I've told you about our publication and our customer base, you can determine that a good percentage of them are women raised somewhere in the south. A guess at the number would be 30 to 40 of my customers and contacts are women from southern states. You ask, yeah, so what's your point? I'm getting there. As a cousin of mine used to say, "Don't get your underwear in a bundle!"

Here we go. It has been my observation that women from the southern states are very prone to dropping terms of endearment bombs on you like a B-52 with the bomb bay doors wide open. You could accuse me of stereotyping here, but I don't think that's the case. I'd like a dollar for every time I've been called Sugar over the nine years we've owned this rag. Me??? Sugar??? Surely you jest!

A typical phone conversation might go like this. Me: Hello Lynn and Roger from the Real Estate Guide. Lynn (in her Texas drawl): Hi ya Hon and oh gosh, you're calling me because of the August Guide. When's the deadline dear?

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am touched and blessed by the church going people of Lowell. I have never been anywhere where the people shared their faith so well as the people of Lowell. Since we moved here about two and a half months ago, I have had five different people from five different churches ask me to come to church. This does not offend me! In fact, I am impressed by their very deep love for Jesus Christ. I want to compliment them and tell them that they are doing an awesome job and to continue showing that love to others, especially new people in the area. I would recommend Lowell to anyone moving into the Grand Rapids area. It's just plain friendly.

Linda A. Russeau

Dear Editor,

A few years ago when John Timpson was in office and in good health, he stopped by. He drank a glass of Lemonade on our front porch. He began to tell us a neighbor had complained to him my chickens were running around at 2 a.m., loose. He said I've known you both for years, so I went

At this point I'd like to say. We give you a list of all the deadlines at the beginning of each year. We give you a printed deadline reminder for the upcoming issue when we visit you each month with a copy of the latest edition. We e-mail you with a reminder a few days in advance. The deadline was yesterday and you completely ignored it! If I had a cowboy boot I'd throw it at you about now! Get your stuff in to us! And stop calling me hon and dear!

Instead, I actually respond with something like, Oh, sorry Lynn, the deadline was yesterday, but don't worry, we still have time to work with you. Just try to get us to your front burner. I know you're busy. If there is anything I can do to help, take some pictures, whatever, just let me know. As I'm spewing this gibberish I pantomime gagging myself with a finger. Terese rolls her eyes.

Lynn comes back with something like, Oh thanks sweetie, I'll get on it as soon as I can. (I won't bore you with the long, long list of excuses I've heard over the years. Every one of these conversations includes a few.) She goes on, You're such a dear for putting up with me every month. OK sweetie, I'll get right on it. I have customers in town now, but I'll try to get it to you tonight. Is that all right doll?

In one quick phone call I have been called Hon (twice), Dear (twice), Sweetie (twice) and finally a Doll for good measure. You would be correct in pointing out that I could certainly be called worse. I will go you one better and say that I most definitely deserve worse.

As mentioned, this would be just one of about thirty, or so, contacts I have each month with customers that constantly bombard me with these offhand terms of endearment. Many of these people have to be called repeatedly during the course of each month's production. This goes on for a solid week, or more. It gets to the point when I'm looking forward to conversations with my gruff, no-nonsense customers from Philly, Newark, Chicago, etc. Yeah, yeah, I'll get it to you guys. Busy right now. Bye!

We just came off a production run, and I guess that's why this topic is fresh on my mind. We sent this month's e-mail reminders out earlier than usual because of a trip to Michigan. This gave our customers too much time between their last reminder and the actual deadline. Most of them had completely forgotten about it. The result was more reminder calls than normal, which in turn meant more Hons, Sweeties, Sugars, Dolls, Babys (seriously), Babes, Darlings, Honey Pies, Sweethearts, Pets, etc. Help, I'm drowning in syrup here.

I need to start a list of these endearments. There were at least two new ones this month. I mentioned them to Terese, another reason why this topic came up. I was actually called "Dumplin'" on one occasion and Precious on another. We're nearing a point where I won't need to pantomime that finger-gagging thing I do. I'll be gagging uncontrollably.

The funniest part about all of this is the fact these people hardly know me. On the other side of the coin, I can't even print the things I'm called by the people who do know me. Maybe that should be telling me something. What...and I don't know, but something.

on down and checked. They live in a secure fenced area, have food, water, straw and are happy. I think your neighbor needs to quit drinking and develop a hobby. He just kept laughing about that complaint, and laughed for years. Then he turned to the fact we had lost a child as he had. He talked at length about how for our children and grandchildren, we needed to expand farms to be able to keep jobs for our young people. This man never tried to win a popularity contest. He did his job, raised his apples, took care of his family. Then one day he realized, apples he raised were being replaced by others, cheaper. So he got into trucking, being very good at all he did, his business grew, he provided jobs for his family, his neighbors children and then his health began to decline; he resigned.

Neighbors, times are tough, jobs are disappearing, so are good men like our neighbor, John Timpson. Look at it this way, roads can be repaired there by creating more jobs, less men, standing around shovel in hand watching one man fill the pot hole. While four more stand and watch. Be glad you can hear those semis starting up in the early a.m. If you can hear, you can be thankful you are still able to get out of bed and stand upright, instead of the opposite choice, as the late Jordan Sterzick was fond of saying. Thanks, John Timpson for all you have done for your neighbors.

Dewey and Doty Prins Sr.



## 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JULY 26, 1882

Very dry, watch out for fires. "Will wheat go up or down?" is a question frequently asked about now. We think it will.

## 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 25, 1907

Lunches and the best ice cream and sodas at Meyers' city bakery. The Sewing Club enjoyed a lawn supper at the home of Miss Clara Lawrence last night.

## 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 21, 1932

One of the largest wheat yields in this section in years. The work of building Lowell's first showboat is underway, the banks of the Flat River being the place of construction. Headline reads: "Building Longer Wider Showboat"

## 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 25, 1957

Lowell businessmen have been neglecting their offices for the past three weeks, and using their best sales techniques to promote the biggest chain deal to hit this town since the craze of the early thirties. Headline: Savings bonds sales soar as Lowell goes chain letter happy

Heavy downpours of rain deluged Lowell Sunday and Monday and threatened the opening of the Silver Anniversary year of the Lowell Showboat right up until show time.

The Lowell Township Board passed articles for the building ordinance-cover the operation of junkyards in the township and also animals and their housing.

Money orders are still at the old low, low price. Buy them from Rittenger Insurance Service.

## 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 21, 1982

The Lowell City Council reviewed a request from the Lowell YMCA asking the city to pick up the tab for the 1982 season at the King Memorial Pool.

The 1982 Showboat production ended on a sour note as preliminary figures point to a "break-even" season with no profits generated to help reduce the \$45,000 long term debt.

A committee of Kent County 4-H and agricultural leaders has been formed to raise funds for a new 4-H dairy barn now being erected on the 4-H Fairgrounds here in Lowell.

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# Weddings

## Moerdyke/Barnes

Who would have guessed that the couple chosen to be the 2002 Prom King and Queen would eventually make their way to the altar to become husband and wife. As fate would have it, Erin Barnes

and Philip Moerdyke were joined in holy matrimony on May 18, 2007 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell. Music for the 6 p.m. ceremony was provided by the Symphonic String Quartet of Grand Rapids; and Michael Michaud, a math teacher at the high school, shared his vocal talents and performed the solos for this joyous marriage celebration.

Parents of the bride and groom, both of Lowell, are Dennis and Maggie Barnes

and Roger and Maggie Moerdyke. Maid of Honor was Kathryn Barnes and bridesmaids were Jaclyn Moerdyke, Lesley Swanson, and Alison Tulik. Geoff Krohmer was the best man and groomsmen were Jerry Moerdyke, Brad Childs, and Dallas Tulik. Ushers were Luke Richardson and Joe Ruffing.

Since their graduation from Lowell High School in 2002, Erin and Phil have been busy with their studies. Completing classes at Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Community College, Erin is a Registered Dental Assistant and enjoys working with Dr. James C. Papp in Cascade specializing in periodontics and implant dentistry. Phil graduated from Michigan State University on May 5, 2007 and has earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in chemistry and math. Phil will complete his education coursework

in a physics teaching internship at Comstock Park High School beginning in August, 2007.

The Moerdykes enjoyed a two week honeymoon in Italy, spending the first week in a villa overlooking Lake Como in the beautiful lakeside village of Tremezzo. Their second week took them to Rome where they toured the Vatican and were privileged to see the Pope. The newlyweds now reside in a condo near Lake Bella Vista in Rockford.

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*Love is life. And if you miss love, you miss life.*

- Leo Buscaglia

# Happy Birthday

**JULY 25:**

Ella Tuinstra.

**JULY 26:**

Elaine Gregersen, Eric Baird, Josh Geldersma, Ellen Dilly.

**JULY 27:**

Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander, Ed Roth Sr., Jason Spencer, Paige Wilson, Sharon Tichelaar.

**JULY 28:**

Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt.

**JULY 29:**

Rachael Vegter, Mary Fox, Matt Lee, Terry M. Estes.

**JULY 30:**

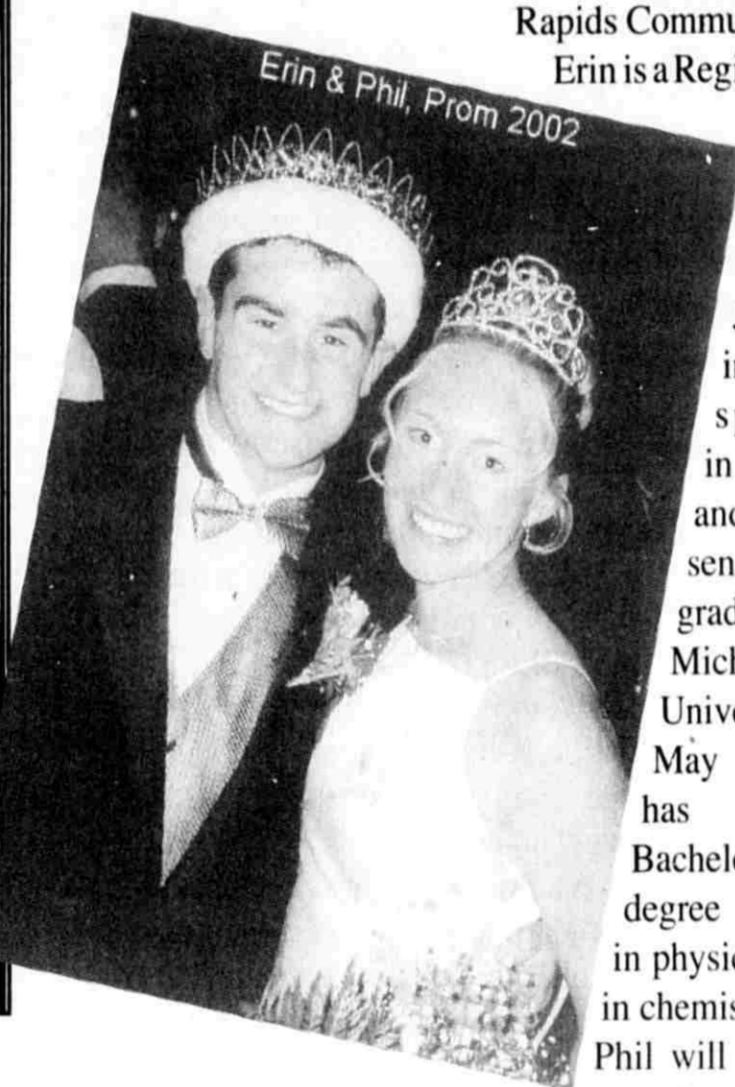
Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Jodi Mohr, Kimberly DeBold, Bill Potter, Paige Rash.

**JULY 31:**

Nancy Raymor, Sandy Roth, Rochelle Bieri, Morris Robert Young.



Erin and Philip Moerdyke



# Reflections of faith

By Michael Conklin  
Pastor, First United Methodist Church

A lot of times we look at the world around us and are tempted to despair. In our political world as well as our religious communities, we are polarized and separated by issues and concerns that run deep. I am a bit of a news junkie, so what I see in the so-called "conversations" about things that are going on in the world is someone set up one side

of an issue, opposed by someone with the directly opposite view, and a news person in the middle trying to egg them into a fight with each other. I am intrigued when people get on and they don't want to fight with each other, but want to talk about issues in all their complexities. These moments are usually marked by the un-nerving spectacle of two people who disagree treating one another with both respect for them as a person, and respect for the point of view they are expressing. This often leaves the poor interviewer at a loss because he or she is unable to spark a big argument.

The apostle Paul seems to encourage us to adopt this kind of attitude toward one another, and even toward those with whom we might disagree. "God was in Christ," Paul said, "reconciling the world to himself, not holding their trespasses against them, and has given to us the ministry

of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:19). We live in a world in need of healing, a world that is at war with itself in more ways than one, a world in which the ministry of healing, reconciliation, forgiveness is desperately needed.

It is easy to fear for the future of the world, but there is hope. It is in our claiming this ministry of healing for ourselves, starting where we are in our families, in our community, in our congregations, living out God's love in such a way that we become, in Paul's words, "ambassadors for Christ." Being an ambassador means being the one whom you represent in the place you are, speaking his words, doing his actions, responding with his heart. An ambassador of Christ. The world in which we live demands that we be just that, and that in love, healing will move from God, to us, and then to the world around us.

# Softball Hall of Fame inducts two players from Lowell area

Two local softball players were inducted into the Freeport Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame on July 14.

Dale Johnson and William "Bill" Wieland were among five players inducted at a ceremony at the Freeport softball field between games of the Freeport Hall of Fame softball tournament.

Also inducted were Rich Kunde, Merle Martin and Mace Martin.

Johnson learned to play softball from his father and played second base for the the Bowne Canter Country School when he was six years old. He made the Lowell High School varsity baseball team as a freshman. During his sophomore and junior seasons, under the

coaching of Chris Burch, his team only loss one game per year.

During his senior year, Lowell met Godwin for the Grand Valley Conference title. Both teams were undefeated and Godwin sent their ace pitcher to the mound. Johnson got one of only two hits off Bob Dangle that day, but stole home with two out on a bobble throw back to the pitcher to give Lowell a 1-0 victory.

In 1947, at the age of 16, Johnson played for the Freeport Merchants. That same year, Freeport became one of the first fields in Michigan to get electric lights. Johnson also played for the Lowell Moose and at 22 played shortstop for the Alto Merchants. When

he was 55 he started playing slow pitch teams. He has traveled to many national tournaments. This year, at age 76, he hit his first grand slam home run against Battle Creek. Johnson said that if his legs stay in shape, he hopes to play some day in the 80-year-old league in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Wieland started playing softball for the Lowell Hot Point Company in 1941. He wanted to play outfield, but the team needed a catcher, so that was the start of his catching career. During most of his catching, Wieland caught many different styles of hard throwing softball pitchers with a fielder's

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Members of the Freeport Fastpitch Hall of Fame Class of 2007 are from left to right: Mace Martin, Rich Kunde, Dale Johnson, Bill Wieland and Merle Martin.

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*Dreams have only one owner at a time. That's why dreamers are lonely.*

- Erma Bombeck

# College News



Jessica Hook of Lowell has been awarded a Leader Advancement Scholarship from Central Michigan University.

Hook, the daughter of Jeff and Connie Hook of Lowell, received a four-year, \$2,000-per-year scholarship based on a distinguished record of leadership and service during her years at Lowell High School.

As part of the Leader Advancement Scholarship protocol, Hook will join a cohort of 40 emerging leaders and complete the Leadership Education and Development protocol. Leader Advancement Scholars reside in the leadership residence hall and complete eight courses with a specialized leadership emphasis. In addition, she will participate in and take leadership roles in student organizations, attend leadership events and trainings, engage in community service activities, join university committees, plan campus events, mentor freshman scholarship recipients, and more throughout the four-year scholarship period.

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Catholic Inquiry is where you will find the answers to these questions and more. Catholic Inquiry will meet beginning on Monday, August 6 at 7:00 P.M. in Saint Mary's Church, 402 Amity, Lowell. For more information please contact the Office of Religious Education - 897-7915.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr. PO Box 208, Lowell to hear the following business:

Applicant Bob Brown has requested a variance from the rear setback distance described in section 201.305 (F) (3) to place an accessory building on his property located at 93 Foleys Grade, Lowell.

The members will review any other business that may come before them as permitted by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to: zoning@vergennewtp.org

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# Youthful artist shows maturity in work

By Emma Palova

At age 11, Connor Bergin blends in well with his adult fellow artists at Studio 208. His watercolor and mixed media works will be on display at Huntington Galleria starting this week. This is his first solo exhibition. Bergin's blue painting of early snow falling

on trees somewhere in Vergennes Township shows a definite level of maturity. As a finishing touch, Bergin added a collage border to the painting. His instructor David Davis calls Bergin a short adult referring to the maturity of his art work. Bergin picks up on other artists' techniques and applies them to his own work, such as painted bubble wrap.

"He interacts well with adults," said Davis. Subject matter comes to him easily. He is interested in color and motion. Bergin is versatile whether he works on his own subject matter or on an assignment. One of his assignments was to paint visual associations with the word "circus." The result was clever. Bergin painted a blue elephant with a monkey juggling on top of his head. "I thought it was fun," said Bergin.

Bergin is inspired by plants, nature and animals. He likes to paint on yupo plastic because he likes the abstract feeling of it. "It blends well with other things," he said. Davis said Bergin is one

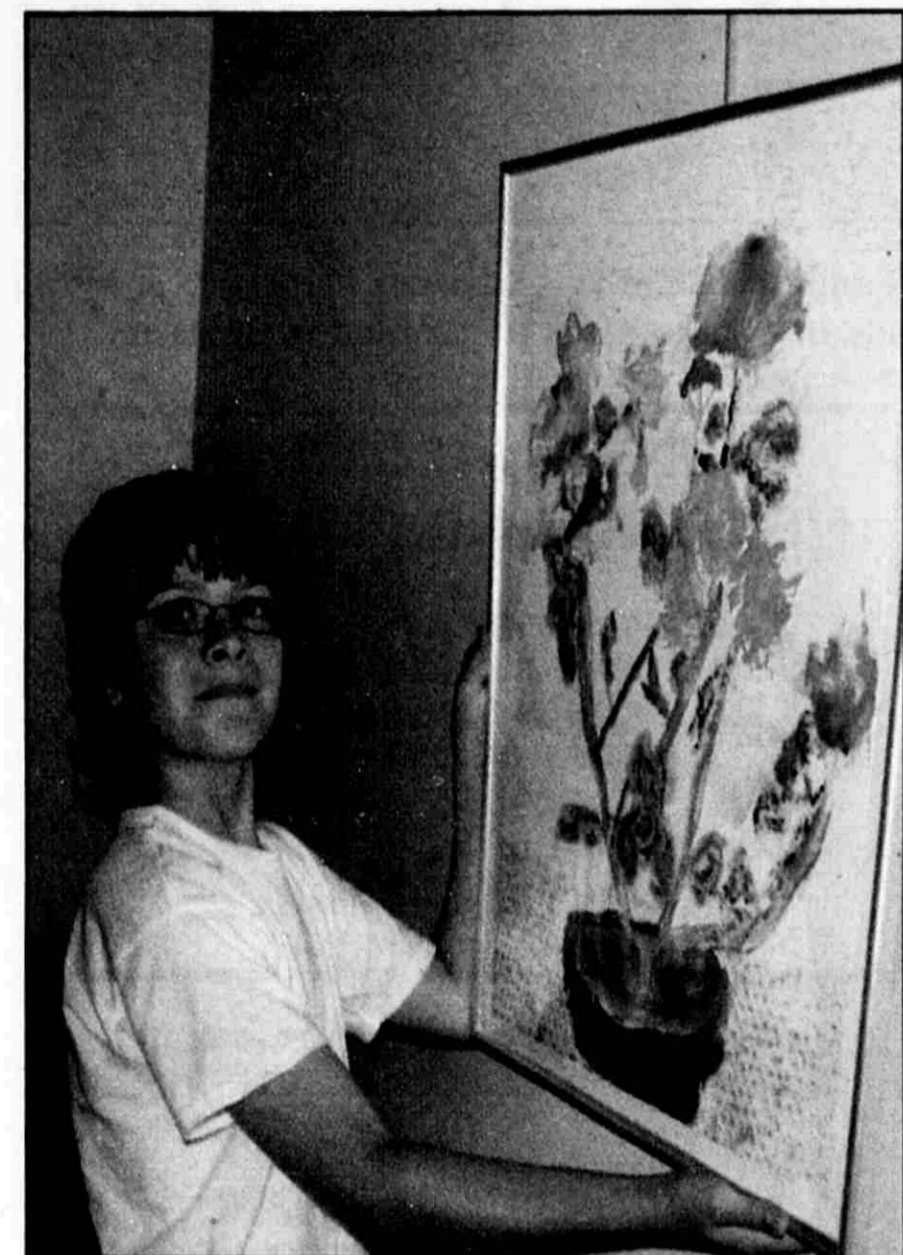
of his few students who has abstract orientation in his art. Art is top priority for Bergin, according to his mother Lorain Smalligan. The young artist even has a travel set of paints. "He is extremely focused," said Smalligan. "He wouldn't skip a class. He has a great model in Davis." Even Davis said he would have been thrilled if he had the same opportunity to work in a studio with other artists.

In school, Bergin helps out his classmates with art projects. Last year, his caterpillar was in the Halloween Jeepers Creeper exhibit. Most recently, his painting of a cat was in the Pet Project exhibit at the



Connor Bergin's painting of early snow falling on trees somewhere in Vergennes Township took third place in last year's township rural art contest.

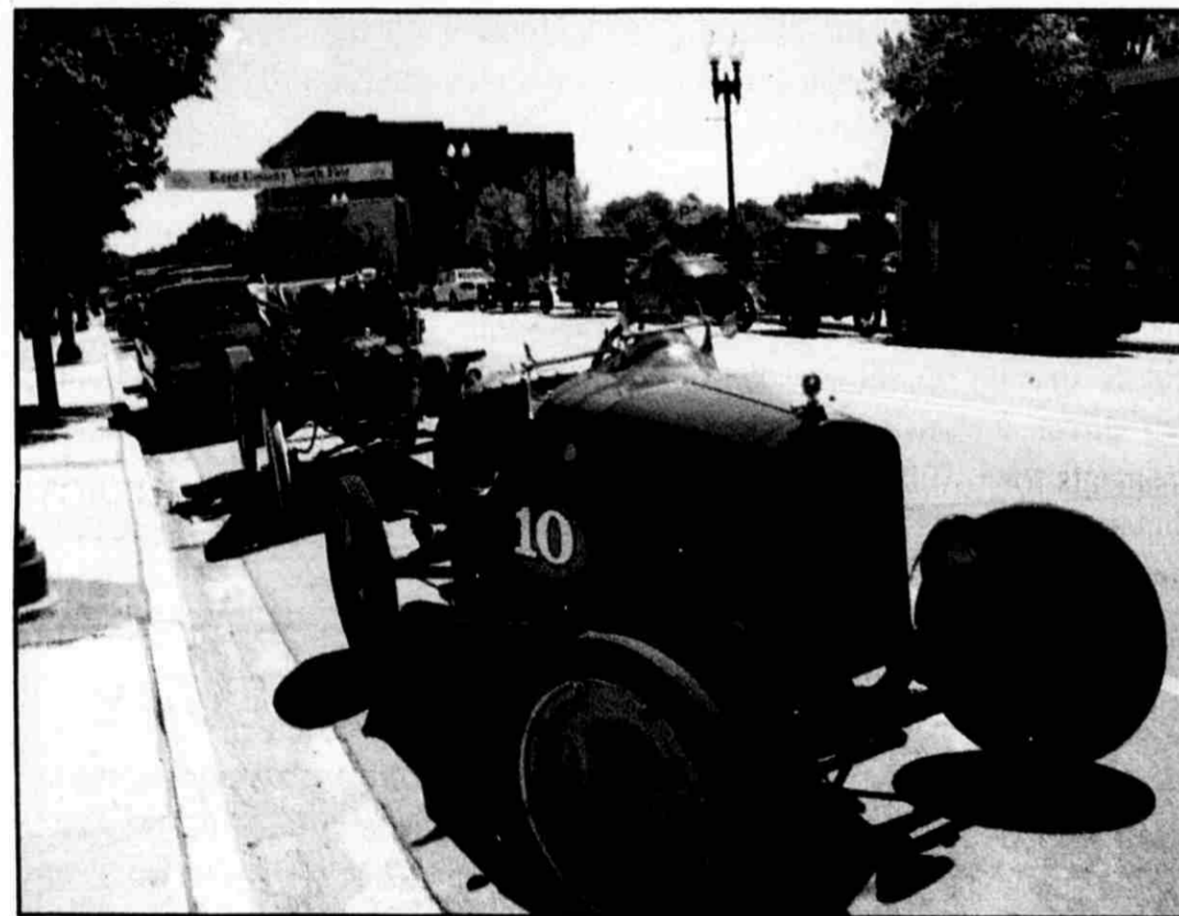
Lowell Area Arts Council. "Things have progressed," he said. "Some are other opportunities in art besides teaching or in good living."



Bergin sets up his display at Huntington Galleria.

## Tour, continued ... From Page 1

For Richard Day and Gary Amesbury the tour was extremely special. They came all the way from Australia, of course not driving a Model T. But they did ride in the tour with their American friends. "I like seeing the cars," said Amesbury. "They have different bodies."



Day and Amesbury, who received the annual award for the furthest distance traveled, enjoyed shopping for different products in downtown Lowell and meeting new people. Day took the tour as an easy stop before going to England.

Each year, the tour that moves around the country, is hosted by a different chapter. Two years ago the West Michigan chapter sought to host the event. The tours hardly ever visit a community twice thus rotating destinations around the country, according to Koll. "We picked Lowell because of (its) convenient location to the covered bridges," Koll said. The Model T club has 90 local chapters in 48 states, in Canada, England, Europe and Australia.

## Featured Artists

Mary Bommarito

By Emma Palova

Water color artist Mary Bommarito loves the interaction of colors on the canvas, especially how the reds, greens and browns melt together.

Her "Show for all seasons" is now on display at Riverwalk Gallery, also home to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Bommarito is one of few artists who have a faithful following. Four of her works have been selected recently for St. Mary's hospital.

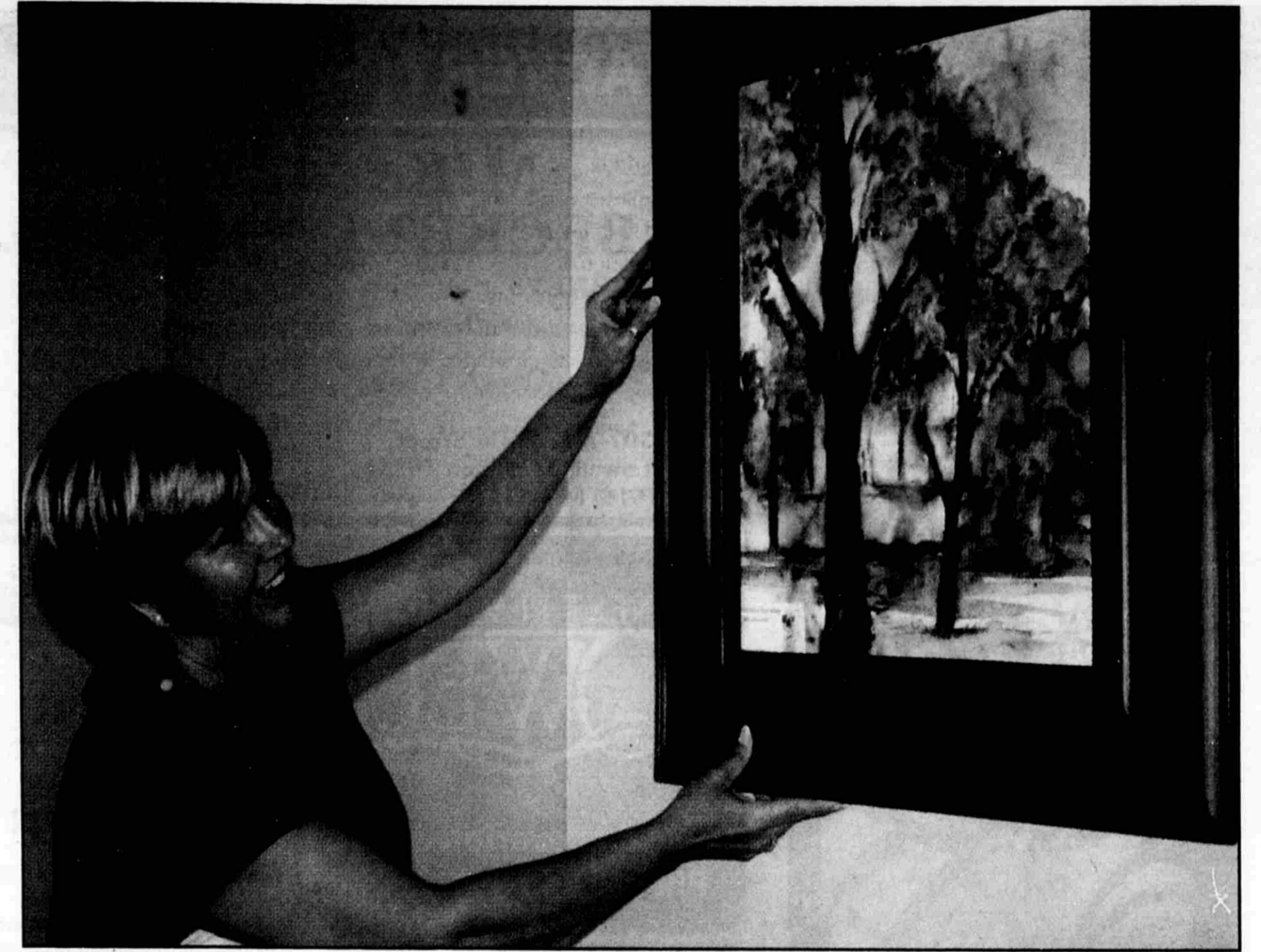
Her own garden inspires her, as well as nature and friends. Bommarito has been experimenting with a new technique of oil-like paintings that are actually watercolor on canvas.

"Many people appreciate my work," she said. "It keeps me in my habit. I hope to keep on painting."

Bommarito is a long-time friend of another local painter and show organizer David Davis. "We've been friends and cohorts for 15 years," said Davis. "People know her work from style and subject matter. She is fond of trees."

Her painting of the Grand River was selected as the top item for the Rotary Auction that benefited an international water project this past spring.

A reception for Bommarito will be held on July 27 from 7-9 p.m. at the Riverwalk Gallery, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. For more information call 897-9161.



Mary Bommarito has her own palette of colors and a faithful following.

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glove because he didn't have a catcher's mitt. Most of his fingers are crippled by those fast pitches and foul-tipped balls.

Wieland said he had so much fun he would do it all over again. He was always known for his good humor and talking to the batters and the umpires when he was catching. Wieland played for the Freeport Merchants for a couple of years at third base. He played the bulk of his career for the Alto Merchants coached by Orton Seese, always as a catcher. They won the Class C Michigan Softball Association District 5 Championship in 1947. During that time, Alto won 214 games and lost 77.

Now with his wife, Ayleen, who has watched and supported him play all his games, enjoy watching their sons and grandsons play in Freeport.

Kunde, of Freeport, was inducted for meritorious service. Kunde has been involved with the Freeport

Recreation Association since its creation and was instrumental in the development, planning and construction of the south field. he has always been involved with the Hall of Fame and for over 20 years has organized and directed leagues and tournaments for the Freeport Association. Five years ago, Kunde was appointed M.A.S.A. District #2 commissioner at large. Kunde is still actively playing fastpitch softball. Freeport currently has 17 fast pitch teams in the league.

Martin started playing when he was a freshman in

the Sunfield League. He then played for the Sunfield Lions for 10 years. Martin went on to play for Werts in Charlotte and Hastings Manufacturing with his two sons. He played in the state finals 15 times. Martin has two new knees and is still playing at the age of 72 in a league that travels around Michigan.

Thomas started playing when he was 13 and went on to play for several teams including K-8 Supply among others. He had two major highlights in his career, facing the "King and His Court" and being one of Feigener's many strikeout victims.

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**PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT**  
First, the bad news: There's still plenty of identity theft out there. Now, the better news: There's not as much as in previous years. And here's the best news: You can do a lot to protect yourself from being victimized.

What is identity theft? It basically involves someone getting some pieces of information about you — name, Social Security number, credit card numbers, "pre-approved" credit card offers — and using this data to make purchases or withdraw funds from your accounts.

In 2006, some 8.4 million Americans were hit by identity fraud — but that's half a million fewer victims than in the year before, according to a study conducted by Javelin Strategy & Research. The study also found that, in 2006, the average victim of an existing account fraud paid \$587 out-of-pocket in consumer costs associated with the fraud, while victims of new accounts opened in their name paid, on average, \$617.

The overall decline in identity theft may indicate that more people are acting to protect themselves — but the

average cost per person shows that fraud victims still can get hurt. How can you reduce the chances of being victimized by identity theft? Here are some suggestions:

- Shield your credit card from prying eyes and ears. Thieves can now use camera cell phones to take photos of your credit cards while you're making purchases don't pull your credit card from your wallet or purse until you're ready to use it, and put it away afterward. If you're making a contribution over the phone to a political or nonprofit group, don't give out your credit card number unless you're sure the organization is legitimate.
- Use secure sites when shopping online. Before giving out your credit card number to make a purchase on the Internet, make sure you're on a secure site — one that begins with https://. (The "s" stands for "secure.") Also, the site should display a small lock or other security seal.
- Change your PIN number. Change the PIN number on your cash card once in a while.
- Shred those documents. If you are purging old investment statements, tax returns and bank documents, use a shredder. And while you have the shredder out, use it on pre-approved credit card offers.

• Go "virtual." Try to replace paper statements — from banks, financial services providers and credit card issuers — with online versions. Many businesses will be quite happy to save the cost and expense of mailing account statements to you.

• Check your bank statements. Whether you get your bank statements online or on paper, check them at least a few times a month. If you find a transaction that looks unfamiliar or questionable, call your bank to find out more details.

• Get your credit report annually. To request a copy of your credit report, you can call the three main credit bureaus: Equifax (1-800-685-1111), Experian (1-888-397-3742) and Trans Union (1-800-888-4213). Check your report closely for "surprises" or unaccounted activity.

• Guard your personal information. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Unless it's truly necessary, as when you're filing official papers, don't give out your Social Security number.

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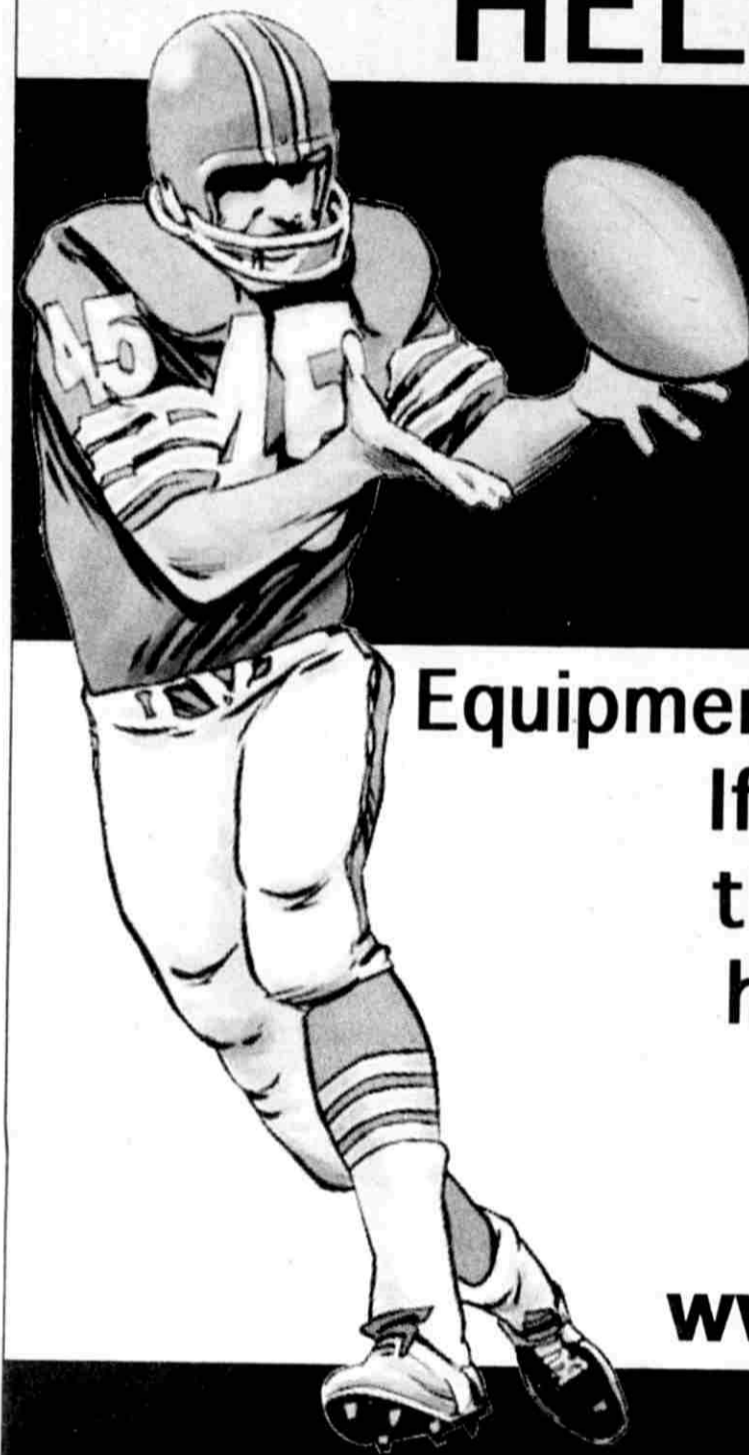




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## Summer tennis camp boasts huge attendance

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The kids played drill games such as jail and bobsled to learn tennis skills. The camp costs \$50 and runs for five weeks giving kids something to do.

"It's the cheapest camp for \$2 a day," said tennis instructor Bonnie Wall. "They get to play a repertoire of games."

Next year, organizers are planning on holding two sessions for the younger category ages five to 12.

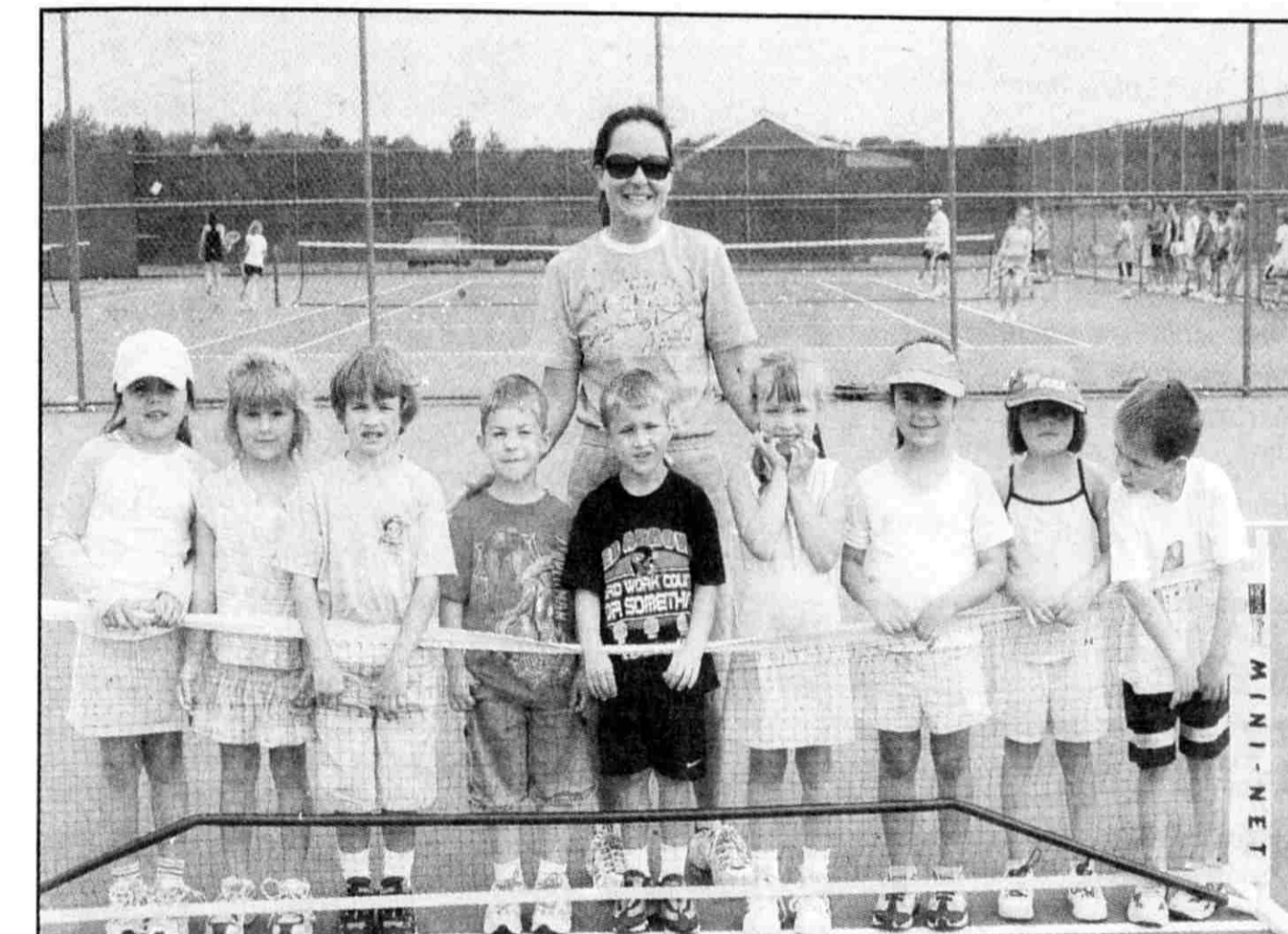
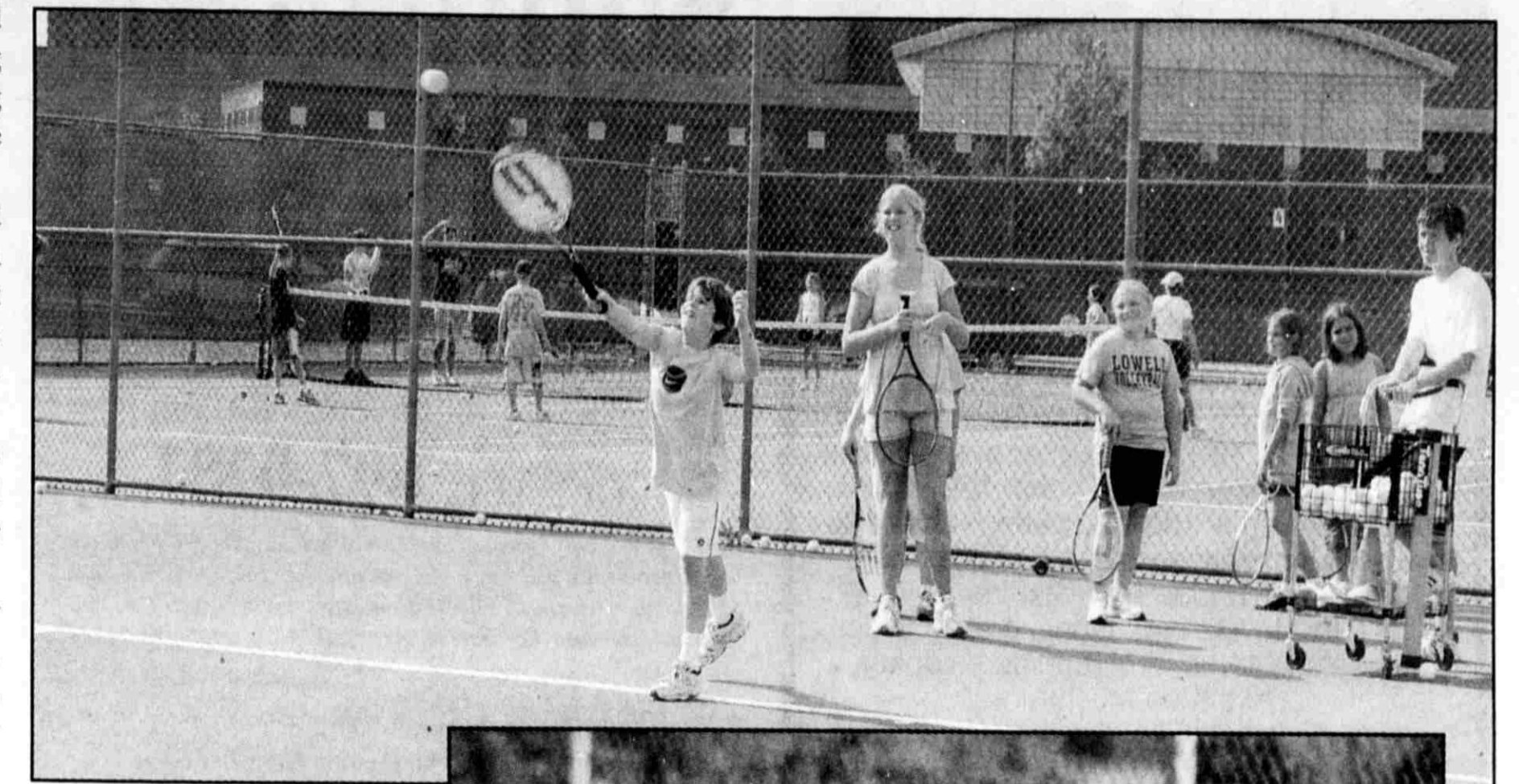
"The size itself is a credit

to our instructors," said Wall. "The kids are having fun instead of watching TV or sitting behind the computers."

The tennis camp started seven years ago with a grant from the Englehardt Foundation, and it has grown in size due to its non-elitism.

Some of the repertoire games teach hand coordination and other tennis skills.

The kids get awards for the most valuable player, the most improved player, the most dedicated and for sportsmanship.



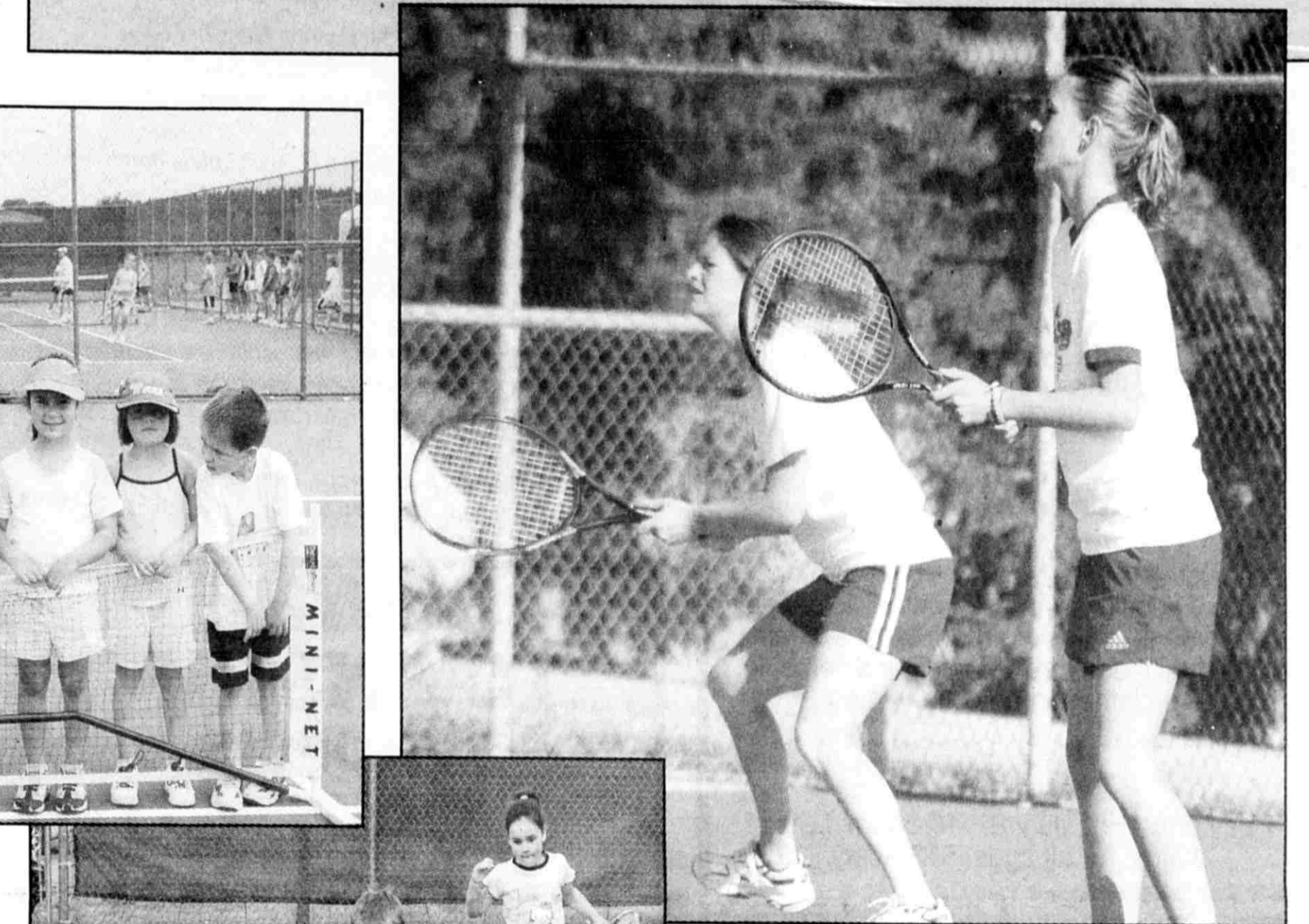
From the "munchkin" group above to high schoolers, over 200 kids were involved in this summer's tennis camp at Lowell High School.

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*If I had no sense of humor, I would long ago have committed suicide.*

- Mohandas Gandhi

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Thomas C. Price to rezone 36 acres of property on the east side of Alden Nash Avenue approximately 1000 feet north of 60th Street from Ag-1, Prime Agriculture to LI Light Industrial.

Property location: 5826 Alden Nash SE  
Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-34-300-004

The hearing will be held as follows:  
WHEN: MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH SE  
LOWELL, MI 49331

The application is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
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Why aren't red lights enforced? Why aren't "No Parking" "No Parking Anytime" "No Parking Here To Corner" Nor speed limits enforced in Lowell?  
Where are all the police officers?

Wow. You seriously have time to complain about the 30 word maximum??? Who cares?

Okay, I don't think a few teenagers riding their tractors to school is going to hurt anything.

I agree with the fast food worker. It becomes harder to work in customer service every day due to the inconsiderate customers.

After returning from Europe, I am so happy to be back in Lowell. What a beautiful little town!

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

MOTIONS APPROVED:  
Minutes of the June 18th board meeting. List of all invoices.  
Kent District Library annual report.  
Copies of entire minutes available on the website bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Aaron Kaeb for a Special Use Permit to operate a corn maze in the AG-1 Zoning District.

Property location: 11999 Cascade Road SE  
Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-21-400-021

The hearing will be held as follows:  
WHEN: MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH SE  
LOWELL, MI 49331

The application and proposed site plan are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Township Planning Commission

It is really sad that people can't have a garage sale without someone stealing their signs!  
Whoever stole them pity to you!!

Give the kids a break! Don't you have any Lowell spirit? Besides, many of those tractors are being run on bio-diesel which is much better for the environment.  
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Left turn only light is needed at the intersection of Main and Hudson. At least on north and south Hudson. Want people to come to town? Then let traffic flow.

Coach MacDonald - I'm really going to miss you.  
- Justin Harden

To the middle schoolers who "hang out" at Voyages - either learn the meaning of respect or leave!

To the blond at who makes fabulous sandwiches. Keep it up. I love the cheese and veggie.  
- the girls nite girls

I think the tractors were sexy. - Student at LHS

If we had a KFC, I would eat at it every day.  
Where the wings at?  
- Richelle K

Meijer has good fried chicken. Have you tried theirs?

I agree the booths at the Riverwalk should stay longer.

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## CITY OF LOWELL

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUGUST 7, 2007 GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the August 7, 2007 Grand Rapids Community College Election will be conducted on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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**FOR SALE**  
SALE - 1999 31' Shasta travel trailer. Bunkhouse, queen bed, large slideout, air, large awning, many extras. \$8,950. 616-676-1762.

**FOR SALE**  
FOR SALE - 2000 Grand Prix GTP, loaded with leather, 125,000 miles, \$6,000 obo. Call 897-6676.

**FOR SALE**  
FOR SALE - in Key Heights. 1986 Crestridge, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet & new paint, dishwasher, central air, all appliances stay. \$3,500. Call 616-328-9275.

**FOR SALE**  
YMCA CAMP MANITOULIN HORSES FOR SALE - Looking for good homes. Please call 1-888-909-2267 ext. 100 for more details.

**FOR SALE**  
ROLL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LOWELL LITHO - Single & double rolls, variety of colors. Single roll, \$5 ea. + tax & double rolls \$7.50 + tax ea. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, Ph. 897-9261.

**FOR SALE**  
FOR SALE - two man & woman pleasure bikes, 3 spd., 26 in. Good condition Also 48x18 bird cage, floor model. Call 897-8242. Cash only.

**FOR RENT**  
FOR RENT - Maytag washer, \$75 (works well, 15 yr. old); oak table, \$100 (round, seats 4, excellent condition); antique sideboard, \$150, maple, excellent condition. 897-6185.

**FOR RENT**  
PONTON - w/25 hp. motor, no trailer, \$1,200 obo; 2003 16 ft. Mohawk canoe (never been used), \$375 obo. Call 897-0997 after 5 p.m.

**FOR RENT**  
1991 CADILLAC DEVILLE - Good transportation, \$800. Call 897-0134 after 5 p.m.

**FOR RENT**  
LAWNMOWERS - 1 Craftsman mulcher, w/bagger; 1 Lawnboy mulcher, both self-propelled, good condition, \$85 each obo. 897-2173.

**FOR RENT**  
MATTRESSES - Half the cost of the retailers. Twins, \$100, fulls, \$120, queens, \$140, kings \$180 & up. All new. Large selection. No \$100 bait & switch fake pillowtop junk. 682-4767 or 293-6160.

**FOR RENT**  
ROLLING PRIVATE ACREAGE! - 4 to 20 acre parcels available. Located on Hastings Road. 10 minutes from Lowell exit. West Michigan Real Estate, 897-0530 or 813-5244.

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**FOR RENT**  
LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailers for rent. For info call Stacey at 616-754-0276 or 616-890-1610.

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

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

**FOR RENT**  
SENIORS!! - Rent could be as low as \$70 per month! 1 bedroom HUD subsidized apartments for rent! Rent based on income for those who qualify! BEAUTIFUL 6 acre country setting! Pets welcome! Conveniently located 20 minutes East of Grand Rapids. Call today to join our small waiting list. Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-693-2271, hearing impaired dial 711.

**FOR RENT**  
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT - fresh paint, new carpet, A/C, all utilities included. \$150/wk. Includes basic cable, coin washer & dryer. 299-3198.

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

**FOR RENT**  
HOUSE FOR RENT - Completely remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath house on 5 acres just E. of Clarksville. Easy access to highway. Will need your own stove & refrigerator, have washer & dryer hookup, \$950 per mo. plus utilities. Available 8/1. Call 616-366-8535 or 616-437-6657.

**FOR RENT**  
MARTINYLAKE SCOTTAGES FOR RENT - Barryton 49305. Completely furnished including air, gas grill, canoe, paddle & rowboat. Pontoon rental available. Newly remodeled in knotty pine. 897-5062.

**FOR RENT**  
FOR RENT - 9-10 player lighted Texas Hold 'Em table, includes: dealer tray, 1500 chips, chip trays, chairs & drink tables, must see! \$500 obo. 868-7232.

**EVENTS**  
CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION - is set for Sat. Aug. 18, at the High School cafeteria, 9050 Kraft Ave., Caledonia. All Alumni through the class of 1965 are invited. The keynote speaker is Caledonia's own Ret. Lt. Col. Richard M. Doezema of the United States Marine Corp. For more information please call John Linton at 616-554-5867.

**EVENTS**  
ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sunday, July 29. 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.

**EVENTS**  
AUCTION IN LOWELL JULY 28TH - 10983 Ware Road, Lowell. 9 a.m. See the display ad in the Buyers Guide or visit bucksaucactionandsales.com for a complete list.

**EVENTS**  
LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE SUMMER SIGN-UPS - July 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. & Aug. 2, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Burch Field. All new players must bring a copy of your birth certificate (that LYFL can keep). Flag Football - ages 4-7; Youth football & 78ers; 78er cheerleading. Phone 897-7896, visit www.eteamz.com/lyfl or email lyfl99@aol.com for more information.

**EVENTS**  
SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup at 3 p.m. We cannot accept hazardous materials or firearms. Compare our prices! Call for a price quote! We will need weight, zip code & dimensions for a price quote over the phone. 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261.

**EVENTS**  
CEMENT WORK OF ALL KINDS - Cement work is my line, not a sideline. 45 years experience. Call 874-7017.

**EVENTS**  
ALTO DAYCARE - Has 2 openings for summer or fall. Fenced in backyard, 4C Food Program, CPR trained, planned activities. 868-0752 or 893-2676.

**EVENTS**  
AVON - buy or sell. Only \$10 to start. Call evenings/weekends 616-897-5086, e-mail: AvonbySherry@atcmi.com. Website www.youravon.com/sgrimm.

**EVENTS**  
RD TILLER AUCTIONEERS - 616-437-9104, www.roger-tiller.com.

**EVENTS**  
PRINTING - Before you order your next batch of envelopes, letterhead or business cards - call us for a quote! Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

**EVENTS**  
JOHN SCHLOOP BUILDER - New homes, additions & remodeling. Call 897-1335.

**EVENTS**  
COPY SERVICE, LAMINATING, UPS SHIPPING & MORE AVAILABLE AT THE LOWELL LEDGER. HOURS M-Th. 8-5 p.m. Fri. 8-4 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. 105 N. Broadway Ph. 897-9261 Fax 897-4809

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**EVENTS**  
DELIVERY DRIVER - CDL-A drivers needed. Looking for dependable customer service oriented person w/chauffers CDL-B, CDL-A license. Good working environment. Also hiring nights/weekends. 616-248-7729.

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SERVICES  
PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential, service or new construction. Reasonable rates. 897-2575.

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**EVENTS**  
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WANTED - Motorcycles. Cash paid for road bikes, running or not. Call 616-446-8352.

**EVENTS**  
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WANTED - Seatbelts from 1966 to 1970 GM, color black, in good condition. Will consider all. Call 868-9915.

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HELP WANTED - Golf maintenance & landscape work. Call Jack at 554-1489.

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