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Airplane crashes on takeoff at Lowell Airport

by Emma Palova

he first crash since a plane ran into a roof approximately 10 years ago left the pilot of a Piper Cherokee 235 and his passenger only with minor scratches.

Chris Harper of Alto aborted the take-off on a hot Wednesday evening rather than climbing over the treetops. He was bound for Wisconsin.

"He put the airplane back on the ground," said airport manager Jim Sowle. "He would never be able to clear the trees."

Although Sowle didn't see the accident he spoke with the pilot. Higher down the performance of an airplane, according to Sowle. Harper, a commercial private pilot, was

experienced with a license since 2003.

"He flies a lot," said Sowle. "He flew many hours in the recent year. He bought his own airplane."

The aircraft, according to Sowle, was in beautiful condition. It was consumed by fire three to four minutes after Harper and Joshua Enrico got out.

"This was unusual," said Sowle about the crash.

Hangar tenant Scott Hersman said the plane wasn't developing full power needed for take-off. According to Hersman, the pilot couldn't get the plane airborne, so he diverted it to the right.

"They got out before temperatures contributed to the fire started," Hersman why he aborted the takethe crash, since heat slows said. "Fire engulfed most of the airplane."

firefighters Lowell stayed on the scene through Thursday.

Hersman. resident, too couldn't remember a plane crashing at the airport in the last five years.

Federal Aviation Administration(FAA) officials were on site Thursday, but declined to comment.

FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said the crash remains under investigation.

Also, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will be conducting an investigation, that may take as long as a year before final determination about the cause of the accident can be reached.

"Only the pilot knows off," said Sowle. "Any other stories floating around are speculation at best."



A small plane crashed at Lowell Airport during take-off last Wednesday evening.

Local Korean War veteran receives service medal

by Emma Palova

veteran John Erickson would do it all over again, that is fight for his country.

For his courage, Erickson of Lowell, 78, received a Korean Service Medal (KSM) at the Ionia Free Fair last week.

The honor was bestowed on him by Colonel Gayle Larson.

"The medal means a

lot to me," Erickson said. "I believe in my country. I would go back."

Army Chaplain Dennis Slattery said the Korean War is largely known as the broke. forgotten war.

"These are the heroes of the forgotten war," he said. "It was a lot more devastating than wars now. War is a team effort. Many would like to see us destroyed even now."

Erickson served in the U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division from 1948 to 1953. His service was extended in 1950 when the Korean War

He was also a prisoner of war for 33 months at POW Camp No. 5 at Pyoktong.

According to Erickson's memoirs, the prisoners were subject to political questioning and forced communist indoctrination.

avoid To propaganda, Erickson pretended he couldn't read or write. A witness testified at the congressional hearings, that 1,500 prisoners died of beriberi, dysentery, pellagra and other diseases as a result of malnutrition.

Erickson credited the fact that he survived to being born and raised on a farm.

On July 27 1953 the Armistice was signed and North Korea released prisoners of war.

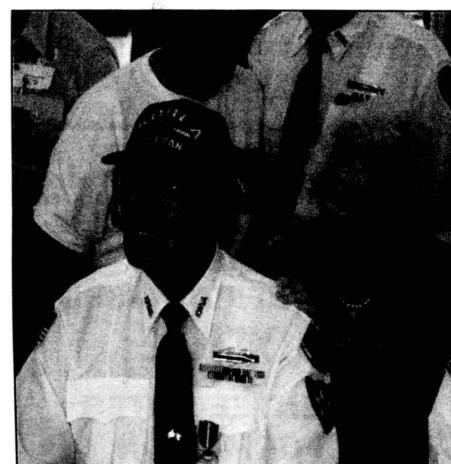
To this day, Erickson remembers his release.

"The Chinese put us on trucks and drove us south," he wrote. "We met up with an American military team and I have never been so happy in my life."

The first thing Erickson atewas Campbell's vegetablesoup. When the men got back to Washington, they were loaded into ambulances and bound straight for the hospital.

Erickson left the service weighing 100 pounds. In spite of all the tribulations, he enjoys a healthy life with wife Lucille.

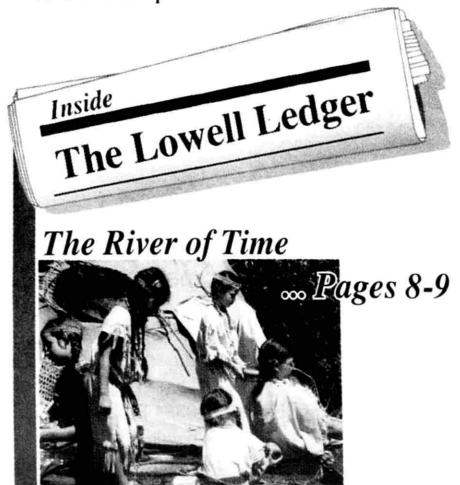
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John Erickson pictured with wife Lucille.



John Erickson receives medal from Colonel Gayle Larson.





PAULSEN

Ann (John) LaBine of Alto; grandson, Emil (Laura) sisters-in-law, in Gowen and graduated Society.

from Belding High School. Emil Paulsen, aged 89 He served during WWII in of Lowell, passed away, the Air Core, and later was Saturday, July 26, 2008. He a telegraph operator for is survived by his wife of 64 the railroads. Mr. Paulsen years, Genevieve; daughter, had a great love for the outdoors and animals, especially raising his Carroll of Hanna, WY; beagles. Following Emil's Beverly wishes there will be no Zahn, Pat Davis and Shirley formal services. Memorial (Bob) Heiftji; many nieces contributions may be made and nephews. Emil was born to the Kent County Humane

Baseball and Social Security – more than numbers

by Vonda VanTil. Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Baseball is America's pastime. It's also a game known for its numbers. Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Cal Ripken's record of 2,632 consecutive games played and Hank Aaron's 755 career home runs all tell stories much larger than the numbers themselves.

Security's numbers tell stories too. The first lump sum Social Security payment was made

day and contributed five cents in Social Security taxes before retiring. The first monthly Social Security check went to Ida May Fuller in January of 1940, for \$22.54. Miss Fuller lived to be 100, which means she

collected Social Security

benefits for 35 years. In 2008, over 50 million Americans will

to Ernest Ackerman in 1937 receive nearly \$614 billion million people have applied for the whopping amount in Social Security benefits. for retirement benefits the of 17 cents. That wasn't a That's one out of every five fast, easy, convenient way bad return, considering Mr. dollars spent by the federal online. So when you're up Ackerman only worked one government. The average to bat for retirement, visit monthly benefit for a retired www.socialsecurity.gov and worker in 2008 is \$1,079 - you're sure to hit a home a far cry from Miss Fuller's run.

> Vonda VanTil is the Social Security benefits public affairs specialist represent about 40 percent for West Michigan. You of income for the elderly. can write her c/o Social Ninety percent of Americans Security Administration, 50 age 65 and older receive College SE, Grand Rapids Social Security benefits.

Another statistic: more than one

MI 49503 or via email at exciting vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT **CIRCUIT COURT -FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF** NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 08-185422-GA

> In the matter of **VIRGINIA ANES**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: HENRY ANES, whose address(es) unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

hearing will be held on 9/2/2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski, P35026 for the following purpose: to appoint a quardian for Virginia Anes.

7/25/2008 notice.

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Date of birth: 4/10/1936 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The deceased settlor, THOMAS R. BALL, date of death, 3/14/2008, lived at 1173 4th Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan

decedent are notified decedent, be forever barred unless Grand Rapids, Michigan presented to MICHAEL died 6/14/2008. D. BALL, TRUSTEE, at Creditors of 1456 Maple Ave., Marne, decedent are notified Michigan 49435, within that all claims against TO ALL CREDITORS:

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> Michael D. Ball, Trustee 1456 Maple Ave. Marne, MI 49435

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 08-185-318-DE Estate of DOROTHY H. FRANK. deceased Date of birth:

5/8/1927 of the TOALLCREDITORS: The that all claims against the H. FRANK, who lived decedent or the trust will at 1535 Walnut, N.E.,

4 months after the date the estate will be of publication of this forever barred unless HOSFORD, date presented to ROBERT 7/21/2008 R. SCHULTZ, named

personal representative been issued.

this notice.

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Robert R. Schultz four months after the beforever barred unless

RALPH HOSFORD TRUST

birth, 3/1/1928, who lived at 7930 Crestview Suite 102

personal representative, Dr., Belmont, Michigan or proposed personal 49306-9789, died May representative, or to 14, 2008. As of the date both the probate court of this notice, there is no at 180 Ottawa Ave. personal representative NW, Suite 2500 Grand of the settlor's estate Rapids, MI 49503 and to whom Letters of named/proposed Administration

within 4 months after the Creditors date of publication of decedent are notified that all claims against the RALPH HOSFORD 7/22/2008 TRUST dated 8/24/1994. as amended, will forever barred unless presented to the Successor Co-Trustees, Hosford and James Hosford, within

103 Marion, N.W. date of publication Grand Rapids, MI 49504 Notice is further given that the Trust thereafter be assigned NOTICE TO CREDITORS and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

7/23/2008

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Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township 11am - 2pm 8240 Alden Nash Alto. MI 49302 (616) 868-6846

Betty Morlock City of Lowell 8am - 2pm 301 East Main Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8457

Linda S. Regan Lowell Charter Township 11am - 2pm 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7600

Mari Stone Vergennes Township 11am - 2pm 10381 Bailey Dr Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5671

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on July 21, 2008, the Board adopted Ordinance 02-2008, a summary of which follows: Ordinance 02-2008 amends Section 4.7 of the Zoning Ordinance to provide standards and procedures for reviewing special land uses, placing conditions on the granting of a special land use, amending a special land use and revoking a special land use.

The ordinance shall become effective August 6, 2008. 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-

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

ROSELLA SOLOW.

deceased

Date of birth:

8/9/1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent, ROSELLA

SOLOW, who lived at

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Walker, Michigan died

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or proposed personal

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NW, Suite 2500 Grand

Rapids, MI 49503 and

personal representative

within 4 months after

the date of publication

of this notice.

named/proposed

7/25/2008

named

6/24/2008.

SOLOW,

COUNTY OF KENT 2008 graduates, NOTICE TO CREDITORS includes Samantha Britton, **Decedent's Estate** Jacqueline Cress and Darren FILE NO. 08-185-439-DE Waclawski, all of Ada. **Estate of**

Cynthia Budnick, Justin Johnson, and Samantha Pleva, all of Alto.

Amy Bogner, Jeremy Goff and Michelle Lancaster, all of Lowell.

University have announced that 3,353 students received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in May 2008 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

Academic undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 GPA in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the given semester, while part-time students must have accumulated at least 12 credit hours of graded coursework at the 100 level or higher with a 3.5 semester GPA and a 3.3

cumulative GPA. Students from Ada: Deborah Anderson, Alison Bedi, Cory Drajka, Julie Greenop, Christopher Hendricks,

Blair Jeffers, Kristie Kurth, McKay, all of Lowell. Sarah Lockwood, Ryan Nugent, Heather O'Keefe, The Dean's List for Kevin Maupin, Megan Graham Otten, Johnathan spring semester at The McPoland, Nicholas Myers, Puhek, Kari Searls, Alyssa University of Findlay has Meredith Osborne, Adam Nicholas been announced by Daniel Porczynski, Sean Pullen, Spielmaker,

Tricia Trombly, and Ryan academic affairs.

Vanderveen. area students: Lowell, has attained a grade Vanderboon, and Stacey Lauren Alexander, Matthew point average of at least 3.5 Vanvossen. Beresford, Judith Mendez, on a 4.0.

and Annie Oesch. Lowell area students: Audrey Bailey, Theodore University announces the Cromer, Ross Ezinga, Katie Bergin, Nicole Chernoby, names of students who Hekman, Sarah Hoff, Angela Tamara Coffey, Corinne were placed on the dean's Kline, Joel Koning, Allison Cozzaglio, Lori Gleason, list for the Winter 2008 Kunde, Thomas Mendez, Hoard, Brittany semester. The list includes Jackson Price, Jillian Huisman, Whitney Jernigan, those students who have Russell, Lindsay Shoaf, Andrew Kelly, Michael maintained a 3.5 grade point Caitlin Sirowatka, Jennifer Kleinpaste, Carlene Lyons, average and been enrolled Stewart, Alyssa Wozniak Eric Mundt, Dustin Pedley, in a minimum of 12 credits. and Kaylee Yonker. Blake Spoelman, Linda The honor is noted on the Stretton, Marissa Thaler, and student's official records.

Ferris State University, Andreasen, Bryan Avery, Crowley, Kayne Deur, Katie College of Kaylee Barrenger, James Dyksterhouse, Nicole Elliott, Art and Design and the Canda, Alicia Clark, Drew Ian Fields, Tiffany Gauger, College of Professional Clouse, Mara Crawford, Samuel and Technological Studies Melinda announced the graduates for Timothy Dawe, Marybeth Hoogenboom, the semester ending May Deiters, Rebecca Edwards, Koster, Amber Osborne,

Cory Drajka, Heather Flanders, Treena Gilbert, O'Keefe, and Lindsey Taber,

Matthew Beresford, Liam Gavin, Kari King, Annie Oesch, all of Alto. Brogger, Mallory

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Stoney Lakeside Park will get gazebo

four picnic tables. The

by Emma Palova

additional commission from user fees, Pfallers for the cost of the volunteer project." Stoney Lakeside Park will material only. get a gazebo on the east side. The planning commission excavating for materials from the Lee member Jim Pfaller. It will children. Fund, mainly for custom sit on an elevation to prevent

picnic shed on the west Parking is provided also on definite plus. side by the bathrooms with the east side of the park.

College News

to announce the May

pleased

which

built metal fabrication.

Central

University

"We didn't want it to octagon-shaped gazebo will look like a pole barn without revenues coming to the parks be voluntarily built by the walls," said Pfaller. "It's a

Commissioner There will be no Doyle was concerned about involved, the remote location and Monday approved \$6,000 according to city council safety of a family with young

However resident Kelly flooding, and the tables will Taylor said the gazebo on the Currently, there is a be chained with cables. east side of the park will be a

Gleason, Devon Huisman,

Corv Kowalski, and Paul

Szymanski, Lindsey Taber, J. May, vice president for Kaitlyn Ratkowiak, Rachel

"It will be nice to have a gazebo on that side," said

In related business: commission set inspection date for city-

not get mowed for Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. An endowment fund work session has been scheduled for Aug. 11.

Aaron Hoover, Andrew

Hoover, Eric Horsford.

Nathan Kamp, Sarah La

Fave, Mathew Lamore,

Tony Last, Sarah Manion,

Reister, Alissa Richards.

Alto: Tara Cavanaugh,

Students honored from

Honored students from

Bouwkamp,

Girwarnauth,

Lowell: Kolton Bashore,

Angela Clinger, Kelsey

Darcangelo, Brett Hobrla, Lindsay

VOTE

Ashley Cunningham, of Sarah Schulte, Calvin

Grand Valley State Molly Cramer, Andrew

Students honored from Amanda

Matthew Entingh, Timothy and Linsey Wohlin.

Ada: Lindsay Aiken, Michel

Taylor.

planning owned properties that do

ART ATTACK

A Silent Auction of unique art and gift items, August 3-28. Visit the website to see the highest bids. Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St. Tues.-Fri., 12-6 p.m. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more information go to www. lowellartscouncil.org or call 897-8545.

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ALONG MAIN

ICE CREAM AT THE LOWELL SENIOR CENTER

The Lowell Senior Center will be selling ice cream Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri., August 4-9, 6-8 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Lowell Senior Center Building Fund. Any questions, call 897-5949.

BLUEGRASS AT THE FAIR

August 7 at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds. Two bands. All for \$5 parking. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., August 8, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., August 9, 10a.m.-12 noon. Regular box is \$30 and will last a family of 4 approx. 1 week. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther, 897-7395.

ANTE-UP LACROSSE CAMP

Lowell Lacrosse has invited Ante-Up Lacrosse to Lowell to offer a lacrosse day camp. The camp is designed for grades 5-12, and includes all ability levels. Camp will be at Lowell High School, August 8-10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For registration information go to www.anteuplacrosse.com or call Tim Duffy at 708-606-0177.

LHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

All alumni and community members are welcomed to a Grand Old Fashioned Community Picnic at Fallasburg Village on Sat., August 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost, but bring own picnic and table service. Drinks provided. The Adams Family will be provide music from 12-1:30 p.m. For more information, call Tina at 897-

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The F.R.O.M. Food Pantry is presently in need of juice, canned fruit, canned or boxed potatoes, paper products and personal care products.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway 897-9261

Police vehicle auction 12405 72nd Street SE. Alto, Monday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m. 1996 Jeep Cherokee VIN 1J4GZ58S7TC335146 Bidding starts at \$500. For information call 868-7239.

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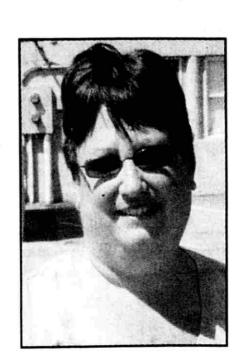
Tony Dommer, Lowell, Computer Tech

regulations over there. They're dumping into Lake Michigan, because they know it is going to flow our way."



Dan Chrisman, Lowell. Central Michign Paper Co.

"We need to create some more laws that are going to be pretty binding "I think it comes from as soon as we trace some government. There needs of this stuff back. We need to be more restrictions to find out who is dumping on garbage dumping, it in to start with. That is the hard part."



Karen Rollins, Lowell, Customer Support

"Regulations garbage dumping in Wisconsin."

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D



This is the last article in the series of articles that responded to the question, "What has the fast pace of our society done to how we do life?" This month we will look at the expectations of our school curriculum. The questions that will be asked are: Are the expectations of our schools too high? Is this fast pace making our children anxiety-

There have been some pertinent articles in the Grand Rapids Press during the month of July. Here is just a sample of some of the headlines: "Six States to Design

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School Fixes," and "Michigan High Schools Switch to Trimesters Can Offer Students a Better Chance at Meeting New Graduation Requirements," and "Kindergartners Face Busier Schedule." All of these articles are addressing the changes that are taking place in the school system. But, will tackling some very ambitious course work, and the high these changes help or hinder children?

Gary May,

Lowell, Truck Driver

probably on both sides."

high? Having been a teacher for 20 years, I was always amazed at how much learning could take place in the "right" it is essential that data be collected to determine if this environment. Children truly are "sponges for learning." In recent years, our schools are been operating under the of our high school students. The research is so clear that guidelines of "No Child Left Behind." It hasn't worked as well as expected. Many teachers and students reacted to the Many times these high-stressed environments have a intense pressures and expectations of this program. School negative impact on the quantity and quality of learning. environments often became toxic with the proscriptive demands of NCLB. It needs to be improved. Recently, six states have been given more freedom under a newly busier schedule," creates worry in me. Kindergarten-aged instituted pilot program to innovate and make changes to children have a tremendous capacity to learn, but how these NCLB. Some of the changes that will take place is requiring environments are created are crucial to the mental health of schools to offer tutoring, increasing the skill sets of the our children. Anxiety and learning do not work well together. principals in the low performing schools rather than getting. The research is clear that we learn best when we are in a rid of them, and finally, rather than applying intense pressure relaxed setting. Young children learn through playing, and it to change, a effort will be made to provide a healthy focus is important that children enjoy and have fun with what they to the school districts that are struggling. I am optimistic are doing. If the curriculums are forced on young children that these new modifications will help improve our school at a pace that is too fast and demanding we face of risk of

Secondly, "Is the Trimester system better for high physical education and a year of fine arts are necessary to enough learning time.

get a diploma. The idea is to better prepare students for the demands of a global, knowledge-based economy. This fast paced educational tracking does however create a higher anxiety level in students. High school students today are school environment has become a "pressure cooker" of First of all, "Are the expectations of our schools too academic demands and pursuits toward higher and higher GPAs. Individual differences have to be considered, and approach is conducive to maintaining the mental health students learn more in relaxed, stress-free environments.

Finally, "Are our schools making our children anxietyridden?" The headline that reads, "Kindergartners face creating children that are anxiety-ridden

To summarize, our school systems in the effort to school students?" High Schools have resorted to the use keep up with global demands run the risk of creating of a Trimester system to help implement a more rigorous children that are too stressed. Every effort must be made curriculum schedule. For instance, four years of math, three to create environments that are as stress-free as possible, years of social studies and science, a year of health and environments that consider individual differences, and allow

> Next month, controlling relationships will be the topic of discussion. I welcome your questions, please email them to me at kathryndenhouter@gmail.com or on the web: www. kathryndenhouter.com.

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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

A few months ago I started looking at buying new, dailyuse silverware. My first new set in 26 years and I wanted pretty specific things, but really nice silverware this time. I took it for granted if I bought from the better known companies and it was good quality, it was American made. I found out that this was not true - we haven't made stainless silverware in the U.S. for a few years now... Huh? Do I want the spoon that I put in my mouth marked "China"? - No.

This started me on a bit of a search of U.S. companies. I found out that the cat food I buy - Purina - supports not an American company that pays taxes to our government, but a Swiss one. Helman's Mayonnaise? A joint venture between England and the Netherlands. French's Mustard? England. Pillsbury had been owned by a company in Great Britain, but was sold back to General Mills I think in 2001 - huh? These are names I just expected to be American companies...

I just called Meijers and made a suggestion they mark the shelf tags on food so that I could at least see which foods are from American corporations - the service person I spoke with liked the idea, but will see what corporate thinks. Point is, when we buy goods from companies that are not even located in the U.S., those companies support their own governments with their tax dollars, but not ours. And I think most of us, most of the time, don't even know we are doing this! One of the things I have read is "How Americans Can individuals. Buy American: The Power of Consumer Patriotism" by Roger Simmermaker which I borrowed from the Lowell Library. It has huge lists of what products are made by U.S. companies.

products from U.S. companies - until there is a scare over pet Scores" in the Highlights section. You will find complete foods, tomatoes or chilies or whatever. After the fact, we look. details on the Fiscal Indicator Scores and their meaning at In the meantime, we just keep sending our money elsewhere this location. - and complaining when we lose our jobs. Well, much as I can complain about our economy, what am I doing to help our own nation when I am at the grocery store? That is a pretty easy place to help, as I am going to buy food regardless - just can't put that one off real long.

Does it really matter if I buy French's mustard? Mott's applesauce? The grocery store is a place we all spend quite a good bit of money. What if we tried to buy from American companies? Does it really matter most of the time which brand we buy? I don't want my dollars going to Venezuela, but I can do more than go to the farmers market when open and buy food from Americans. If we all did this with even just a few products, how many dollars would this change

Michelle Kendall

Dear Editor,

hoping for more information from those involved in the the better person for the position. "I want to keep my job' and "I don't like the other people running" just doesn't cut picture of the candidate with a slogan attached. It actually that showed she would make an excellent Township Clerk. our votes!

To the Editor.

A huge "Well done!" to Heidi Kaeb Stoller and all of the performers and behind-the-scenes workers, especially the Alto Active Achievers and Imagineers 4-H Clubs, on Saturday, July 26 for the brilliant enactment of "The River of Time" featuring the history of Lowell from 1780 to 1860.

The choreography of the entire pageant with the great sound system (we could hear all the words!) along with the riverbank seting gave the crowd a glimpse of life as it was at that time. Lots of creativity came into play with the development of the town of Lowell. I feel PBS should film the next presentation and air it nationally! Very professionally

Dear Editor,

In the Glad & Alyn Fletcher letter published 7/23/08, they referenced "unsubstantiated information of uncertain origin being spread as in all elections." While I applaud

their combined 23 years of public service to Lowell Township, I must correct certain misinformation they may have unintentionally provided in their letter regarding the "nine fiscal indicators by which the township is rated" and the importance that "Lowell Township received a perfect

First, the Michigan Dept. of Treasury clearly states in its explanation of the significance of the Fiscal Indicator Score that scores between 0-4 are "fiscally neutral" and indicate that "local units scoring in this category are deemed to be managing its financial circumstances appropriately, but local units should not interpret a score in this category as an indicator that they are in any way insulated from financial concerns." A "fiscally neutral" score simply means that there were no apparent signs of fiscal distress. For comparison purposes, 97 percent of the other townships reporting also fell in the same "fiscally neutral" category. Thus, the significance of a "perfect score" in this rating system is questionable since the purpose of this system is to identify local units of government in financial distress, not star performers.

Second, the results of this scoring system were only just published for the very first time by the Michigan Dept. of Treasury. It covers only township fiscal years ending in 2006. Some of the factors measured are completely outside of the control of the township (i.e., population growth) and all of the others reflect decisions made by the township board as a whole, not by independent judgment of the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer. The entire township board in place during the fiscal year from 4/1/05 to 3/31/06 deserves whatever dubious credit is due for the "perfect score" in fiscal 2006, not specific

If you have further questions regarding the above, please broken away this season. see the Michigan Dept. of Treasury web site (www.michigan. gov/treasury). Navigate through the Local Government I think we Americans often just assume we are buying Services selection to the page referencing "Fiscal Indicator

Respectfully, Mike Seiloff

Dear Editor:

Recent "letters to the editor" tout Supervisor Blumm as the best thing that ever happened to Lowell Township government. She is promoted as being a fair, honest, and open; however, those of us who attend township board meetings or watch the video rebroadcasts on cable TV at least several times a year see a serious inconsistency with this picture. Here are the facts:

Paula Blumm was appointed to the current township Board in July 2006 to fill a trustee vacancy created by the untimely death of Trustee Leonard DenHouter. In late January 2007, she was appointed to succeed John Timpson Sr. following his resignation for health reasons on a 3-2 split vote by the remaining members of the township board

Upon taking office, she immediately issued ordinance As we get nearer to the August Primary, I have been violation notices to a business that was considered by her predecessor to be operating legally within the township contentious races in Lowell Township as to why they are ordinances. Neither the public, members of the township board, nor Ms. Blumm ever raised questions regarding this position by Supervisor Timpson. By contrast, Ms. Blumm it. How refreshing it was to see the ad taken out by Monica never questions the failure of GRAAA's Veen Observatory Burtt in the July 27 Buyers Guide. It was more than just a to apply for a simple Public Show license from the clerk's office (as required by zoning ordinance 4.2.9) to conduct said something! Even better, it gave Monica's qualifications its biweekly "public night" fundraising at the observatory grounds on Kissing Rock Drive. Per the GRAAA's web site, Thanks, Monica for not doing politics as usual! You've got Ms. Blumm is the GRAAA's Board Secretary and should have first-hand knowledge of the "public night" fundraising Dan and Esther Gordon activity. As township supervisor, she is well aware of the need to obtain the Public Show license. I question her fairness and honesty in the treatment of all township residents. She fails to enforce township ordinances when it affects an organization of which she is a member/officer yet she acts to reverse a decision her predecessor with no warning or discussion immediately shortly after taking office!

In May 2007, Ms. Blumm pushed through a revision to the township board policy manual restricting an individual citizen's right to comment/ask questions regarding nonagenda items to a mere three minutes. This policy revision did away with the long-held board policy protecting the individual citizen's right to respectfully comment/ask questions after regular board meeting business is concluded without worrying about restrictive time limits. Is this her idea of a "better way" to promote openness and public Very sincerely, M. Karen Thomure participation in our local government?

If like me, you have had enough make sure that you vote revolver. for new leadership when you cast your ballot on August 5.

I certainly will. Sincerely, Shawna Rexford

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 13

By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **JULY 4, 1883**

Bring your wool to Lowell.

A large amount of wool has been marketed here the past week, at prices ranging from 28 to 32 cents.

The terrible rainstorm last week caused a vast amount of damage in various parts of the state.

The dam at Springbrook mill gave way last week, making a break of about 40 feet, and carrying away about six rods of railroad. This is the second time this dam has

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JULY 2, 1908**

The body of Grover Cleveland was buried at Princeton after brief but impressive services, which were attended, by President Roosevelt and other notables.

Mexican revolutionists attacked the town of Los Vacas, on the Rio Grande but were reprised by troops after about 50 men had been killed on both sides.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 6, 1933

Every merchant doing business within the boundary lines of the State of Michigan entered upon a new role last Saturday morning July 1. The new role was that of acting as tax collector for the commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the new 3 per cent sales tax law.

William Christiansen is expanding his ice cream business at his plant on east Main Street. He has just installed a new machine that will enable him to make ice cream at the rate of 150 gallons per hour. Since starting the manufacture of ice cream for wholesaling a year ago, Mr. Christiansen has had a steady growth in business.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JULY 3, 1958**

Thirty-Five acts have been signed to date for Amateur Night, July 12 on the showboat dock. C. H. Runciman, chairman, said that they hope to limit the program to 40

Bunco club will be held Thursday, July 3 at 1:30 pm at Fallasburg Park pavilion. Bring 6 or 8 cookies and dice, tables and punches.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

Headline: Lowell officer fatally shoots knife wielding

After repeatedly slashing at Lowell police officer Calvin Kamphuis, and finally stabbing him in the arm with a knife, 27-year-old James Michael Pfaff was killed with a single gunshot wound to the chest from Kamphuis' service



Hannah Strzyzewski and Chris Meeuwsen

parents, Luke and Cindy Marine Corps.

The marriage of Strzyzewski and James and Strzyzewski and Gerri Meeuwsen, are of Chris Meeuwsen will be Lowell. The bride-to-be is a celebrated on October 20, graduate of Walker Medical. 2008. The couple and their The future groom is in the



SOME THOUGHTS ON SUFFERING

by Rev. Randy Mevers

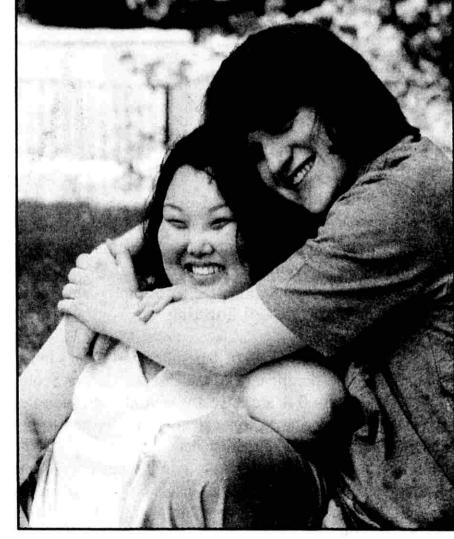
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Why do I and why do those I love have to hurt are valid prepared to handle crisis, I'd invite you to reflect on those for our pain, God is able to turn all things to the good. verses. Here is what I have learned from them.

evil laughter. Look at Job who was righteous of Peter, one our otherwise once peaceful life, how to better be at peace. of Jesus' disciples. Satan had to ask permission to test them. world and along with creation we desire wholeness.

Second, we do not earn our salvation through endurance. Yet we are called to persevere in the middle of painful experiences and to fix our eyes on Jesus.

Balaam/Mihalik



Katie Anne Balaam and Daniel Stephen Mihalik

Daniel Stephen Mihalik will and the late Susan Keever be united in marriage on Mihalik. Both the bride-to-August 2, 2008. The Novi be and the future groom are couple are the children of graduates of the University Paul and Noreen Balaam of of Michigan. Lowell and Steve and Susan

Katie Ann Balaam and Mihalik of Northville,

having already earned our salvation.

Third, we are not called to compare our suffering. Instead consider Christ. I learned this, literally, from a guy with no arms and no legs. People do not have the exact same hurts. Even if our pains feel similar the reasons we are hurting and the lessons we can learn are not the same. If we want to let someone else know that we care for them, we can simply say something like, "Because of what I have learned from my own painful experience, I am sensitive to your pain, and want to let you know I care."

Fourth, our perspective often needs to change. Hard At times we all wonder what the point of suffering is. experiences often hit us so close our tears blind us to the larger picture. In hardships we need discipline. Maybe new questions. I have reflected on Hebrews 12:1-13 recently and discipline, maybe renewed discipline, but discipline can do I think it helps those who hurt. If you need comfort in the us well. It is certainly better than resignation, after all fate did middle of some painful life event, or if you'd like to be better not hit us. We live life. While we may never know the reasons

Fifth, the goal of suffering is a growth. Hopefully we First, God does not send us suffering. It is not some will all live better lives because of the hardships we have harsh punishment for some sin we have committed and faced. With the added distance and perspective of time we where God maniacally twists his hands while gurgling out are able to learn from the very experiences that have rocked

Finally, suffering offers us choices. Some learn from Other times we suffer simply because we live in a broken pain, some refuse, for some this is easy and for some it is extremely hard. Yet we must remember we are in this life together. We have our own choices. Our choices can make it easier for others or more difficult for them to endure their hardships. We can leave bricks that can trip or we can lead We follow Christ. He walks us through our suffering the way so that the path for others to heal is clear.

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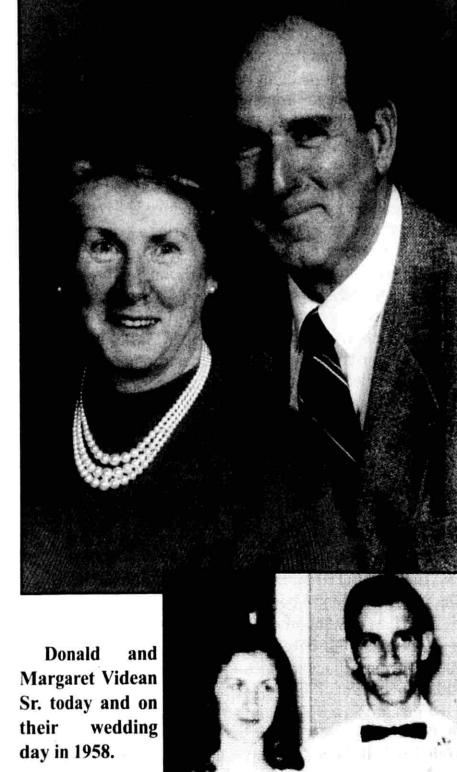
DAY BIBLE CHAPEL

9305 Centerline, Saranac

Videans celebrate golden anniversary

Donald and Margaret Rick and Valarie Bruse grandchildren.

A golden wedding of Saranac, Robert and anniversary will be observed Debbie Austin of Saranac, Friday by Lowell residents Roger and Judy Ramirez of Saranac, Donald and Chris (Backstrom) Videan Sr. They Videan Jr. of Belding, and were married August 1, 1958 Joel and Jennifer Manion on the Lowell Showboat. of Lowell. They have 15 The Videan's children are grandchildren and 4 great-





Peters

Cindy (Kosnik) Peters, Hastings are proud announce birth of their Brennen son, Spencer Peters. Brennen born on July 4 2008, weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 18 3/4 inches.

welcomed home by his big brother, Brycen

Brennen Spencer Peters Scott Peters. Proud grandparents are Leonard and Ruth Kosnik of Lowell, Don Peters of Dorr, and Betty Biggs of Mecosta.

AUGUST 3:

Scott Rebbecca Heinicke, Becky Mohr, Shindorf, Kelsey Brenk, Kimberly DeBold, Bill Potter, Paige Rash.

JULY 31: Nancy Raymor, Sandy

Roth, Rochelle Bieri, Morris Robert Young.

AUGUST 1: Barbara Callihan, Bailee Emelander.

AUGUST 2: Carolynn Kline, Hayley Woolfenden.

H. Mahalic, Joann Childs, Kayleigh VanKeulen. **AUGUST 5:**

AUGUST 4:

Irene Willmarth, Scott

VanDyke, Cody Bieri,

Nick Ty Kocki, Thomas

Hillary Smith

Robin Abel, Stephen Martin

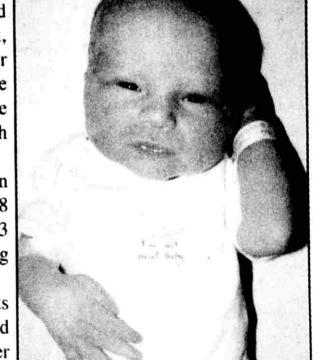
Grand Rapids www.MarkJohnsonAgenev.com

Wilcox

Johnny and Angela Wilcox along with sister Shelby Mae, are proud to announce the birth of Elijah

He was born July 11, 2008 weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.. and measuring 21 inches.

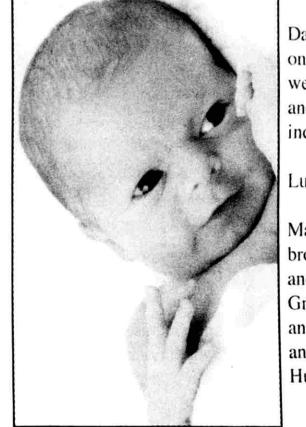
Grandparents Dick and Mouser of Lake Odessa, John and Nancy



Elijah John Wilcox

Wilcox of Portland. Great Grandma is Margaret Cerveaka

Davidson

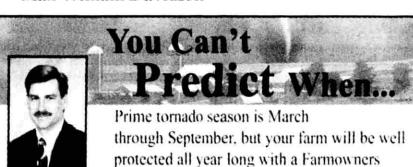


on June 10, 2008, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 19 1/2

> Proud parents are .uke and Danielle.

and big sister Leah. Grandparents are, Phil and Sherry Johnson and Steve and Nancy Hubbarth.

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Birdsong family to perform August 3

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comprised of a father and five children, play a wide range of musical instruments and are recipients of many musical awards. They make their home in Tennessee where they are actively involved in working with their music.

The family is becoming widely known for being one

The Birdsong Family, of the most versatile bands today, incorporating an extensive range of musical styles from traditional to contemporary.

They will be performing at Friendship Country Chapel for one performance only on August 3 at 10:30 a.m. For information you may call 897-7489.

At Your Local Library



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Teens, bring a friend or make a friend during the informal Wii play program at the Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library. Try out the latest craze, Wii Sports, on Wednesdays, August 13 through 27 at 2:00 p.m. Show us your athletic moves and learn some new tricks! No registration is required.

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Catholic Inquiry is where you will find the answers to these questions and more. Catholic Inquiry will meet beginning on Tuesday, August 12 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.



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Please vote for me in the August 5 Republican Primary www.Blumm4Supervisor.com

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Paula Blumm, 31 2 Kissing Rock Ave., Lowell, MI 49331

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River of Time reinacts Lowell's history

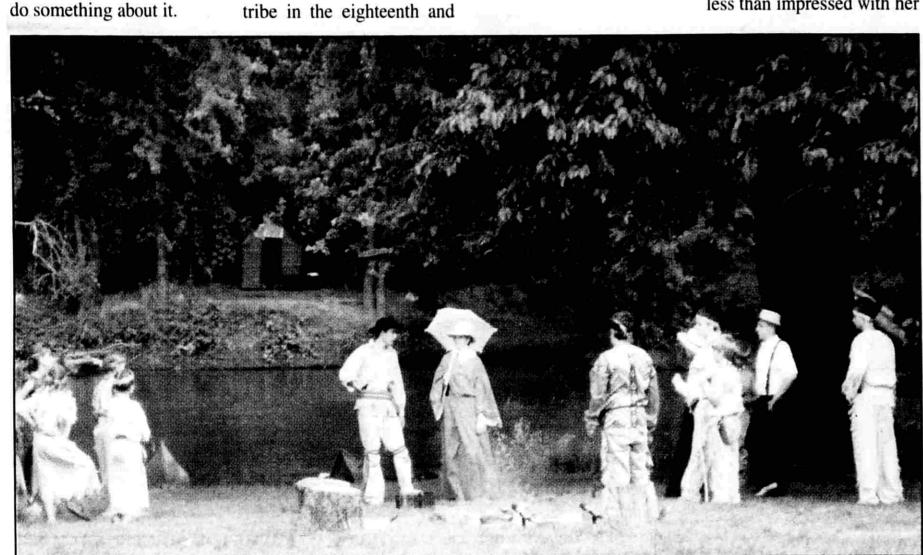
by Sean Garner

do something about it.

Kaeb Stoller, just Kaeb nineteenth centuries. The people showed up to view Sixteen years ago, in 1992, was a junior at play was performed for the Heidi Kaeb Stoller grew Lowell High School when fifth time Saturday at the frustrated with her high she wrote The River of Kent County Fairgrounds on school classmates lack of Time, a play reenacting the the bank of the Flat River by appreciation for her town's history of Lowell during the the local 4-H club. A healthy history. So, she decided to time of the Ottawa Indian audience of over a hundred

the play, and, perhaps, learn a bit about the history of the city they live in.

Stoller's motivation for writing the play came from a bus ride where she was less than impressed with her



Justin Ford and Kayla Blough as David and Collette Marsac.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you are a former Lowell Area Cable and TV subscriber and/or reside within Vergennes Township, Lowell Township, or the city of Lowell, or are a business owner in these communities, please read the following.

There is approximately 2.75 million dollars from the sale of Lowell Area Cable and TV set aside in an endowment fund with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. Approximately 5% of that amount, or at today's rate of return \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 with growth, is money that can be used annually toward "charitable" ventures, according to the guidelines of the endowment fund. That's right, we said annually. Any returns greater than 5% would be invested back into the principal fund to assure that the fund continues to grow forever.

As Lowell Area Cable and TV was established and paid for by the subscribers (not the City of Lowell), which is a documented fact, with the subscribers living in Vergennes Township, Lowell Township, and the City of Lowell, we feel the residents of the three communities should benefit from the above proceeds (approximately \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 annually) to be used for charitable projects amongst the three

Presently, the City of Lowell is the governing party and deciding factor in how the proceeds will be spent. According to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, that can be changed. It is our intention to establish a new Resolution regarding the endowment fund, calling for a separate administrative board consisting of individuals other than just the Lowell City Council, in order to assure the monies are distributed in a fair and equitable manner amongst the three communities. The administrative board would consist of 2 City council members, the City Manager, Supervisor of Vergennes Township, Supervisor of Lowell Township, Superintendent of Lowell Area Schools, and the president or manager of one of the local banks.

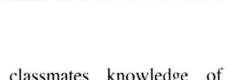
Imagine each respective community having annually \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 to be shared and spent on projects deemed charitable in nature, i.e., education, communication, entertainment, the arts, scholarships, just to name a few. However, again, as it stands right now, the Lowell City Council is the only deciding party and beneficiary of the monies with only City projects to be considered and only capital improvement projects considered. This is the exact wording of the current Resolution as written by the City of Lowell.

Let's make things ethically correct, and let us all work together for the betterment of the Lowell Area, meaning the 3 communities. We are asking for a show of support from the three communities and that you simply join us and attend the Lowell City Council Meeting on Monday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m., Lowell City Hall - 2nd floor. At a time when everything around us is going up in cost, please don't let this opportunity to make a difference in your communities slip away. It is only proper that the three communities benefit from the funds generated by the sale of Lowell Area Cable and TV. This might be our only chance to make a difference. The amount of people in attendance is important. In September, the Lowell City Council will be holding their first meeting to discuss ways to start spending the first \$100,000 - \$150,000 in Lowell only, so time is of the essence.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. All you need to do is show your presence. No speaking on your part is necessary. Please make the difference!

Respectfully submitted, Disenfranchised Concerned Cable Subscribers Advisory Committee

> If you have questions, please contact: Ivan Blough - 914-3341 or Barb Barber - 897-9523



commemorating the original trading post in Lowell, and River of Time requires so historical subjects such nobody seemed to know much preparation that the 4- as; European integration what it was," Stoller said. "I H club only produces it once just wanted to do something every five years.

classmates knowledge of Lowell history.

VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE Hello residents of Lowell Township.

My name is Monica Burtt. I have enjoyed living in Lowell Township for over 30 years and will be running for Township Clerk in the August 5, Primary.

- Experienced in Local Government
- Professional Integrity Committed to serving
- Community Notary Public Married 19 years/Three

Presently I am working at Grattan Township as the deputy clerk and the office manager for the Kent County Youth Fair. I am a team player and would like to share my experience, dedication, commitment and professionalism to be your next clerk.

It's up to YOU! Your Voice: Your Choice: Your Vote: MONICA BURTT FOR CLERK Paid for by the committee to elect Monica Burtt for Lowell Twp. Clerk 2806 Segwun, Lowell, MI 49331



Maria and Emma Blough as Mrs Sylvester Hodges and Timothy White naming the village of Lowell. Pictures submitted by Luanne Kaeb

to maybe change that, and teach people about their own hard to do it every year," The play has over three we did all of 4-H this year.

dozen roles, with many of the kids performing multiple roles. Preparation were supposed to be and for the production began what life was supposed to in January, with the kids be like, mainly in the Indian making their own costumes village." "We went by Madame and set designs, as well as rock learning to play the games describing the early history incorporated in the play. The dealing with important

assimilation of Native Americans into a Europeanized America, and life in the first settlements in Lowell. It spanned from the first temporary trading posts under the aforementioned Madame LaFramboise to the establishment of Dansville, named after its founder, Daniel Marsac to its renaming of Lowell, which we come to find out is named after an industrial city in Massachusetts by the

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Stoller said. "This is what

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same name. Few, if any, of The River of Time cast members have any sort of formal acting training. According to Stoller, the 4-H club only began preparing for

> River of Time, cont'd. pg. 9

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River of Time, continued ... From Page 8

the performance part of the noticeable gaffes.

the day of the show. Still, the The River of Time, having characters, Daniel Marsac. actors were prepared as the been involved in the



The keepers of the flame Marissa Sterzick and Kendra Ford.

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of Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the

City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall,

Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell,

Michigan for the purpose of receiving

An Ordinance to amend Section 21-67 of

Division 1, "Generally," of Article IV,

"Stopping, Standing and Parking," of

Chapter 21, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles,"

(limit on street parking prohibition between

2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from November 15 to April

15) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

available for inspection during normal

business hours at City Hall and the

Interested persons may submit written

comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street,

Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or

Lowell

Englehardt Public Library.

appear in person.

the proposed Ordinance are

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk

Lowell.

comments from the public on the following:

Sweet Corn

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Though he admits

his mother made Time was an opportunity to nim, he did come understand appreciate A mericans relatively Spartan quality of life.

"We learned a lot about poison ivy for sure," Ford said. "It was interesting to do some of the things that the Natives did we consider obsolete, or eons ago type of stuff that actually does work, and you can enjoy doing it. For example.

had to do some

production five days before second time performing in one of the more prominent of the tricks they used and it interests.

"I love it. I love history," For Alissa Ford, Ford said. "I enjoyed being moccasins so it kind of like play went off without any previous presentation back he pretty much became who played Madame out here and experiencing living back in those times." involved this time because LaFramboise, The River of it, doing what they would

This was Justin Ford's in 2003. This time, he played research and find out a lot explore some of her greater have done, canoeing down the river. We had to make our own costumes and



Chief Wabwindego begin carried to the grave.

VOTE AUGUST 5

As the election nears, I wanted to take a moment and let you know why I am running for the office of Township Supervisor. The office of supervisor is not a position to be taken lightly or for any other reason than a genuine commitment to serving the local community. I am running our future. My Leadership experience includes a full circle from farming, to local government,

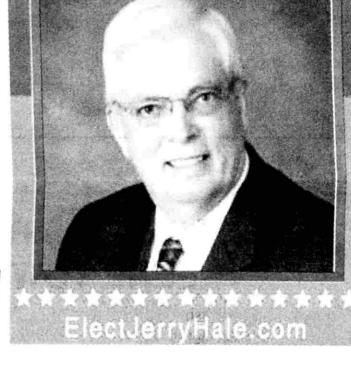
Lowell Township is a unique entity among townships across the state. We have a long rural heritage that is impacted by urban pressures generated from a thriving metropolitan area to our west. In addition, we are a Charter Township and are confronted with many of the pressures that impact towns and cities. These combinations can create a pressure cooker type atmosphere that creates divisions within the community. My goal is to find the common ground to unite us as a community.

It may be impossible to avoid the pressures our community experiences, but we can address them in such a way as to develop a consensus between us all, brought about by Honest, Open and Respectful discussions.

Communication, Commitment and Balance are the strengths that I offer you. We have a Strong Community with many of us coming from a wide variety of diverse backgrounds with different wants, needs and opinions. It must be the goal of all Township officials to make each and every one of you feel that you are welcome in this Township and that the Township Hall is a friendly, fair and respectful place to raise issues relevant to all of us living together in this community. None of you should ever feel that you have been shut out from receiving a fair review or burdened with unreasonable and costly demands that stifle your access to due process and a fair and respectful exchange of views.

If elected to the office of Lowell Township Supervisor, I pledge to you that our government will be honest, straight forward and transparent. I further pledge that the Township Hall will be a building where the community comes together to make Lowell Township a great community to live in and raise our families. Government should make decisions based on a consensus of the people, I am committed to making this a reality. I respectfully ask for your support in the

Lowell Township Supervisor Dear Lowell Township Residents,



because I believe in this community and I believe I have the experience to positively impact and commercial as well as residential development.



MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The Lowell Area Historical Museum, like most organizations, is in need of more volunteers. We have lots of volunteer opportunities available. From volunteering for special events, to office and clerical support, to a Museum greeter or tour guide. If you are interested or someone you know would like to become more actively involved with Lowell, Rev. Blunt served the Museum, please give us a call at 897-7688 we would be as pastor at Reed City University. happy to train you.

RE-ELECT **LESLIE STOUGAARD**



New pastor fills pulpit at First **United Methodist Church of Lowell**

United Methodist Church of Lowell, effective July 1, 2008. The Pastor and his wife, Natalie, have moved into the community and are busy learning about Lowell and its people.

Prior to coming to

UMC for nine years. He Keaton appointed Rev. is a graduate of Princeton congregations in Manton, Theological Seminary in Old New Jersey, where his Lumberville, PA. He has senior concentration was been active with Habitat in preaching and worship. for Humanity, Love In the Prior to entering the Name of Christ, Rotary, ordained ministry, Blunt was an elementary school causes, Christian camping, teacher and principal. His and local schools. undergraduate degree is

Mission, ministerial and ecumenical

"We are delighted to be from Western Michigan in Lowell," says Blunt. "It is a wonderful community,

a great spirit and much to offer. I am looking forward to getting to know many people."

His wife, Natalie, is a PhysicalTherapistAssistant, newly employed at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids. They have two children in college, Michelle, a senior at Central Michigan, and Nate, at junior at Grand Valley.



Ashley and Sage Serbenta of Lowell, both placed first at the Rockford Area Triathlon that took place Saturday,

Siblings take first

at area triathlon

July 12. All proceeds benefit the DARE program. They each had to swim 50 yds, bike two miles and

They both won in their respective age groups. Sage was in the 6/7 year old boy's division and Ashley was in the 8/9 year old girl's division. There were about 25-30 kids in each of their age groups. They both attend

Veteran, continued ... From Page 1

He worked for Kent County Road Commission herd of deer. for 36 years and as a dog catcher for Lowell.

Murray Lake Elementary.

animals," were honored in a special Mary Cusack & Company

Along with Erickson, the ceremonial flag folding remembrance of fallen other 12 Korean veterans text. Music was provided by Michigan heroes.

He regularly feeds a ceremony last Wednesday. Bruno Lott, former prisoner Rep. Brian Calley read of war, tolled the bell in

JERRY HALE'S RECORD IN KEENE TOWNSHIP

Township board:

1984 (1) - present

1985 (6) - 5 present

2 absent

1986 (7) - 5 present

1987 (5) - 2 present

2 absent

3 absent

1988 (7) - 5 present

2 absent

1989 (8) - 6 present

2 absent

1990 (9) - 3 present

1991 (7) - 2 present

6 absent

5 absent

A man of the 1980s. Government is irrelevant, so why show up?

Planning Commission:

1990 (2) - 1 present

1991 (7) - 2 present

5 absent

2 absent 1992 (3) - 2 present

1 absent

Nothing to plan about in Keene anyway.

Where cows used to roam, And such a fine home, Bury my heart on Sagawa Trail. Let's have a developer, So elect Jerry Hale.

Whilst looking for a training camp in Manchuria, Paid for by G. M. Ross, 10561 36th S.E., Lowell Twp.

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Eight years ago, I had the good fortune to be introduced to lake sturgeon as the fish made their annual spawning run up the Black River in Cheboygan County. Because of the hard work and cooperation of many people, the future still looks promising for this rare and unique creature. The large fish look like something out of the Stone Age and have no fear of predators. But at six feet long and over one hundred pounds, swimming around in knee-deep crystal clear water make them extremely vulnerable to poaching.

River watershed

Members of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, a non-profit organization, which has worked for years to restore and protect these great fish, along with other groups and individuals combined with scientific research and rearing stations has sturgeon. insured the continued presence of sturgeon in the area. Reestablishing a non-threatened sturgeon population takes patience because a female sturgeon could be as old as 30 before it spawns and then it may be another four to seven years before it can spawn again. Sturgeon have been around tend to be in a hurry.

winter. That means a total of five fish between everyone who an example of how we can move projects in our own draws a license in a lottery. When someone spears the fifth community to a successful conclusion.

By the late 70's the fish were becoming scarce in the Black fish, it is all over for another year. It is not easy fishing because sometimes fewer than five are taken.

Ground was broken for a streamside rearing facility on the Black River in Cheboygan county July 2. Tower Kliber, a power company, will build the facility at Kliber Dam. stand guard over the spawning fish each spring. That effort This station should greatly aid the rehabilitation of the lake

This is another example of forming partnerships to solve problems and get things done. Business, government, organizations, and individuals working together is becoming a popular and effective way to successfully develop and complete projects, because we can't always for over a million years and can live to be 150, so they don't rely on government alone to meet all our needs. The key is for people with diverse interests and backgrounds to focus There is a spearing season with a five fish limit in the on achieving a common goal. The sturgeon story provides



Protecting Our Kids

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

NEW LAW GIVES KIDS A "BOOST"

When traveling across Michigan this summer, there's no cargo more important than our children. Recently passed legislation helps parents give their kids a "boost" to keep them safer on the road.

Public Act 43 of 2008 requires that all children under the age of eight, who are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches tall, be securely fastened in a booster seat while riding in a car or truck. Michigan is the 39th state in the nation to expand the child seat law.

Many parents know that child safety seats are required for infants and toddlers, but this recent change in the law is important for those parents with older children. More than 90 percent of children between the ages of four and eight years old who are seriously injured in auto accidents are not restrained in a booster seat. The use of a booster seat with a seat belt reduces a child's risk of injury by nearly 60 percent. Booster seats are readily available at many stores and often provided free of charge to those in need.

For more information about booster seats, visit www. michigansafekids.org or contact my office toll-free at: (877) 328-3086. Don't forget to buckle up this summer as you travel across our great state.

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■ In The Service

Coast Guard Reserve Seaman Shane R. Parent. son of Sharon and Richard . Parent of Alto, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

During the eight-week training program, Parent completed a vigorous curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and

Parent and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values -- honor, respect and devotion to duty -- and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Parent will join 36, 000 other men and women who comprise Coast Guard's force.

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Parent is a 2008 graduate of Caledonia High

subject

jungle training, and a

community relations event

in Brazil and Colombia.

mission for the SPMAGTF

Marine Corps Reserve The biggest humanitarian Lance Cpl. Brad J. Kovich and, son of Julie Echtinaw of Lowell and Mike Kovich of Rockford and Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. David J. Austin, a 2005 graduate of Saranac High School, Saranac, and fellow Marines from 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, recently returned from a deployment to Latin America where they participated in Partnership for Americas (POA) 2008. More than 500 Marines from units throughout the United States deployed with Special Marine Air Ground

Task Force (SPMAGTF) which just last year suffered 24 for the month long an earthquake measuring deployment which included 8.0 on the Richter scale. training operations in the POA is an annual U.S. Marine Corps Forces South matter expert multi-national exchanges in Uruguay,

exercise national governmental throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America to develop the relationships needed to ensure maritime security in the region.

was in San Clemente, Peru, CLIFFORD LOWELL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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for Lowell Township Board of Trustees on August 5th

Yard signs are great - but what did you learn about the candidate? Can you count on them offering you ...

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- Over 25 years of fiscal responsibility?
- Over 30 years of creative problem solving experience?

In these tough economic times let my experience be your voice within the township. Let's start by looking at the budget. Let's look at property taxes. Did you realize there are alternative formulas that can be used, perhaps smoothing out your tax bill? Also, the Master Plan has just gone through the 5-year renewal process. Are we really taking care of the AG1 owners or do we still have handcuffs on them? These are delicate issues that need someone with experience to help get them resolved. Let me be that person.

Your vote on August 5th is a vote for "experience and hope"! A hope for a better tomorrow!

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The Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261

Arrowdynamics takes 3rd in the Montrose Tournament

The Montrose tourna- the Pirates ending Saturday ment wound up being a with an 0-1-1 record and woulda, coulda, shoulda an up hill battle with three weekend as Lowell for the games to go for Sunday first time this year in tourney which included playing play suffered a power defending champion of outage, hitting only .207 as a team for the weekend Pizza, a swim and a good of June 28. Opportunities nights sleep would cure presented themselves in some of their offensive woes each game via walks and for Sunday's games. errors but the Dynamics could not cash in struggling took on host Montrose to find holes with runners in winning 10-0 picking up

Michigan Shock 5-2 despite walking five times but could two the Dynamics scored

scoring positions.

the tourney, New Lothrop.

Sunday morning Lowell six hits in a mercy game of Lowell lost to the three innings, with JP North throwing shutout ball.

Next up New Lothrop only muster one hit. In game with Lowell trying to play spoiler role as the defending twice in the fifth and once champion was undefeated in the sixth to end the time through three games. limited game in a tie with Lowell struck first when

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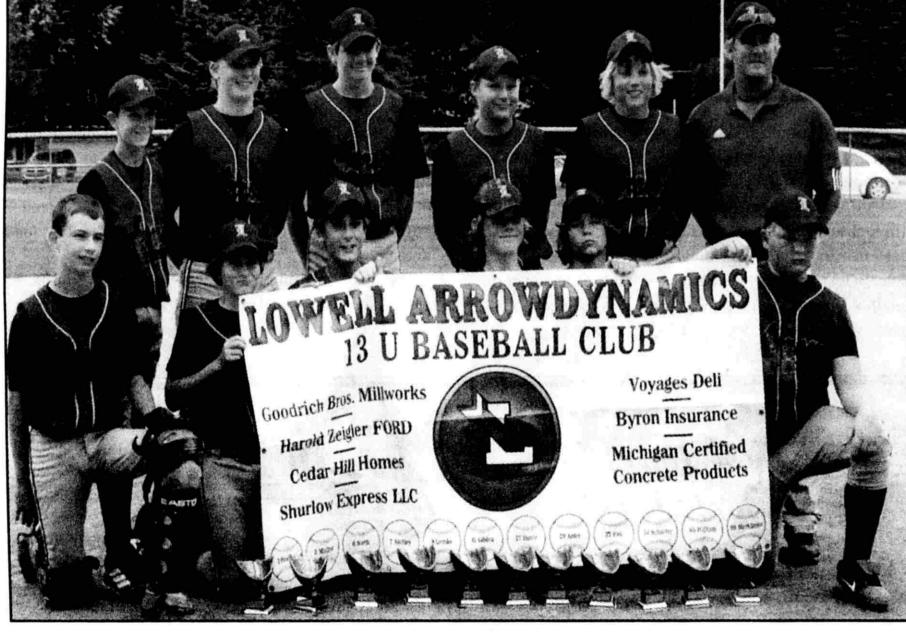
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August 5th Jason Malling walked, stole 2nd and scored on an Austin Gildea single in the 1st inning. New Lothrop

> The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to

> > lend money. Mark Twain (1835 - 1910),

Pudd'nhead Wilson

answered in the 2nd inning scoring two to make the score 2-1 (New Lothrop). Lowell scored six runs in the 10-5, with Garret Stehley 5th inning after two errors, three walks and two singles scored Zach Dawson, Zach Huver, Luke Bigham, Garret despite getting the benefit Stehley, Austin Lemke and Ryan Schaefer. Lothrop the weekend with a 2-2-1 again answered with two record. unearned runs of their own to make the score 7-

4, (Lowell). The Dynamics

put up three more runs in

the 6th inning when Austin

Gildea started with a leadoff

walk, and later scored on a

Tim Antel single. Bigham

then drives in Antel on an

rbi single, and later scores

JP North led Lowell going four for 11 (.364), Luke Bigham three for nine (.333) and four rbi's and Jacob Merklinger three for 10 (.300) and five rbi's. Lowell pitchers kept Lowell in the hunt only giving up 11 earned runs in the four

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

would be the only

team to knock off this

years Montrose champion

pitching four solid innings.

Lowell finished the tourney

losing to Midland 5-2 again

of six walks, and ending

on a Stehley single. After one run by New Lothrop, FILE NO. 08-185-266-DE BECOME A DENTAL ASSISTANT IN 10 WEEKS



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NOTICE OF REZONING

LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of July 21, 2008, the Lowell Charter Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned 36 acres of property located at 5826 Alden Nash SE, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-34-300-004, from AG-1 Prime Agriculture, to AG-2 Rural Agriculture. This rezoning will take effect August 6, 2008.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Estate of ANTOINETTE B. ZIELINSKI, deceased Date of birth: 6/6/1922 TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent ANTONIETTE B.

ZIELINSKI, who lived at 828 Valley N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 4/30/2008.

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

7/22/2008

John D. Mitus - P31244 410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

> Agnes Haggerty 828 Valley NW Grand Rapids, MI

To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

To the Editor,

government politics, we feel a need to express our thoughts studies the implications of a decision or ordinance change on the upcoming Lowell Township election. We moved to before implementing it. Here is a list of some of her other Lowell Township from southeast Michigan where many accomplishments. local governments are run by special interest groups. Their interests always come before those of the majority of else in government do you hear that? residents. Candidates who represent only farmers, realtors, business owners, or any other special interest cannot and do not represent ALL residents.

We believe the current officials, Paula Blumm, Linda Regan and Leslie Stougaard do represent all township residents. This is important to us because they have shown the ability to run a fair and efficient township government. Let's keep Lowell Township a great place to be, by reelecting Blumm, Regan and Stougaard!

David and Holly Fehlig

Dear Editor,

On August 5, I will cast my vote for Lowell Township Supervisor Paula Blumm. As taxpayers, we should expect our elected representatives to be competent, accessible and responsive. During her tenure as supervisor, Paula has had to blow a lot of "dust" off of neglected areas of township

With Paul's leadership, the township's Master Plan and Recreation Plan's were rewritten to support planned growth without compromising our quality of life. She resuscitated the impressed. township's road maintenance program that had been neglected for ten years. Equally impressive is her commitment to being economic woes, the township's FY08 budget ended with a surplus of \$45,000; monies that will be carried forward for the aforementioned road maintenance program.

Above all, I just enjoy reading the township quarterly newsletter. Frequent communication with taxpayers allows us all to remain informed members of the community.

Let's keep Paula Blumm working for Lowell Township. Let's keep the "dust" to a minimum and support a leader that will continue moving Lowell Township forward

Dear Editor.

Before casting your vote in the Aug. 5th Republican Primary take the time to investigate accurate information and history on the candidates for Lowell Charter Township Presently our Township leaders are: Supervisor Paula

Blumm, Clerk Linda Regan and Treasurer Leslie Strougaard. The only personal agenda this trio has is to make our Township the best it can be for all residents, now and in the future. This Township has very few residents who participate in Township meetings but thanks to our very informative news letters, created by Supervisor Blumm, everyone is kept

abreast of what is going on in Lowell Charter Township. Expenditures were contained so as not to exceed our revenue in spite of our State being in grim economic times. Not to mention having to budget for the reductions in State financing. Staying under budget and still keeping the bar high is almost unheard of in any government office.

knowledgeable in their individual job descriptions. They run Lowell Charter Township with the balance required to satisfy is a great addition to our community. They also were able to the individual needs with out losing sight of State and Local Law. And, they never lose sight of our local ordinances that have been put in place to protect the health and welfare of Lowell Charter Township residences.

Please vote to keep this well oiled engine working for all of us.

S.K. R. Tomkins

Dear Editor.

Lowell Township is a progressive, sophisticated, intelligent community. So where are the "Good Ole Boys"? I resent the innuendoes directed at past and prospective township officials. As a community we would never allow such a network to exist.

Jerry Hale has been a resident of this area all of his life. I have known him personally and professionally for thirty years. Anyone who knows him or has worked with him on Dear Editor, a professional level will confirm his steadfast integrity. He offers us not only intelligent leadership but compassionate people skills, present administration may claim to have a flawless written record but the best indication of strong leadership is long term employee retention. I challenge us as a community to question the high rate of employee turnover in our township office. Please join me on August 5, 2008 and it is my life. cast your vote for Jerry Hale... we will all be winners.

Dear Editor.

I've been a member of the Lowell Township Planing Commission for nearly ten years so I've known Paula Blumm for some time now. Since becoming the Township Supervisor she has done a great job. There were serious inequities between how township residence and business were being treated. These inequities no longer exist with everyone being

Although we have not been actively involved in local treated with respect. Paula examines all sides of issues and

- Financially the township is in good shape. Where
- 2. Township park development and expansion
- Expanded Township Web site information availability and quality
- 4. Township letter the last one was the best ever 5. New sign ordinance being developed to allow our
- businesses to be more competitive
- Eastgate. The first time anyone has addressed this long standing problem.

Paula's collaborative inclusive management style has the We must as a free nation. Township office running smoothly with the very competent help of Clerk Linda Regan and Treasurer Leslie Stougaard. They make a great team.

The Township has never been in better hands. Keep Paula Blumm Supervisor, Linda Regan Clerk and Leslie Strougaard Treasurer.

Dear Editor,

I would like to share how impressed I am with the

When I purchased my home in Lowell Township a year ago, the only info I received on township business I read in fiscal responsible with public tax dollars. Despite our state's the local paper. When Paula took over I started receiving a A progressive community always willing and able to make quarterly newsletter. I found it informative and very useful.

continues, no matter whom is in office.

Regards, Deb Apol

Dear Editor.

We strongly support Dennis Heffron and Paul Knoerl for reelection as Trustees in Grattan Township and Frank Force that Lowell needs to tighten there belts and save money. Peter Wills for reelection as Supervisor.

in their first two terms as Trustees. They were key in defeating a "dog park"? It should be a number "1" priority to build a the 690 unit proposed mobile home park in the Township, skate park for all of the children who live in Lowell, it would have updated the Township's ordinances to maintain the rural character of the Township and preserved valuable farmland, via the Kent County Farmland Preservation program

Frank Force is completing his first term as Township Supervisor and has done an admirable job in managing the Township offices, cutting legal costs and providing the residents a full time Supervisor for improved service and accessibility.

All of them have restored financial stability to the Township finances by cutting costs and increasing efficiencies, even while experiencing cuts in state revenue sharing over the past 5 years. They have been very proactive in going after county, state and Federal grant monies for our Township as

well. the Township has received in excess of \$175,000.00 of grant money over the past 8 years. All three of the present Township leaders are very Grattan Township Fire Station project in 2006. The project came in at budget, was financed with 4.25 percent money and

> sell the old Fire Station to help finance the new one. Dennis, Paul and Frank realize that much more work needs to take place concerning the updating and revitalizing of the Township's 30+ year old sewer systems, which service/ protect the Township's major lakes. Based upon their track records we know they will analyze all options to find the most cost effective means to revitalize these systems and make

them even more dependable. If you believe in a rural Grattan and want to maintain the progress the Township has made over the past eight years, we on candidates running for the upcoming election. My family would urge you to support Dennis Heffron, Paul Knoerl and Frank force on Tuesday, August 5th. They are truly "Proven" mother taught school here for 39 years and my father was Leaders & Trusted Neighbors.'

"God Bless America" I am sure my Father hears me. For no one else seems to. This land, our home, is the one thing I cherish, above all. This small community of Lowell, livestock at their home. So, if you have a Sandi Miles or Mike Michigan is that of my birth, my being and my soul.

disenfranchised from my roots. I love this small community,

The Chamber of Commerce, apparently with the blessing K. Estes of the City Council has elected to disregard the birth of this great nation. Very simply and basic greed has resorted in moving our national birth date, that of Independence Day, the to sway votes in their favor. Shame on those who stoop to that Fourth of July, one week later. No parade, no fireworks, none level. Wouldn't it be refreshing to have all opponents behave of moms apple pie or hot dogs, unbelievable.

Rest assured, there is little capitol to be gleaned when everyone is out of town, to celebrate this holiday. Lets simply move it so we can make money

That is not what Independence Day is about.

Perhaps we also should move Christmas ahead by one week, perhaps Easter. We certainly could make more money

No notion ever need invade this land, they can simply buy it. We are for sale. Our industry has sold out, our once great "Bread Basket of the World" is basically defunct. The first step is maintaining our sovernity as a nation, rests with our believing in it.

If we continue to ignore those things which made us great, we will most assuredly lose these freedoms. Our independence is our icon of individuality as a nation. We must not forsake this land which our forefathers secured for posterity. We must never forget our roots. Our independence 6. Working for a yard waste pickup program for was not secured by any Riverwalk or Duckie simply to provide some minute handful of local merchants monetary greed. I certainly hope that we collectively stand above that.

> I am ashamed and appalled by the lack of patriotism displayed by our Chamber of Commerce and the City Council as pertaining to this last Independence Day. Did anyone even recite the Pledge of Allegiance?

I fully support local business. This however is a two way street. If support is to be gleaned it must be given, not simply Dennis Sanford expressed.

I believe that it would be a good idea and certainly profitable to celebrate Christmas just one week prior to all other local Communities. Think of all the people we could attract, lots of money, money money. A huge Christmas Township Board, but then people say I am an easily Parade before these others, even had their Nativity displays

The wise men of Lowell would not need traverse so yonder and fro to glean their wealth and pillage the countryside. changes for propagation of greater profitability. A quaint little I would just like to say Thank You and hope it farming community with a major greed problem. That's us. Jack Friesner

Dear Editor.

This is in response to the letter from Jim Howard saying Just put a ramp up for the skateboarders at the little ice rink! Mr. Heffron and Mr. Knoerl have shown strong leadership Where were you when when thousands were being spent on give them a chance to do something they love and probably keep most of them out of trouble. I have three dogs and love my animals, but let's get real, my children come first when it comes down to money being spent on a fun activity.

Karen Butler

Dear Editor, With the elections quickly approaching I am thankful that our local paper took the time to ask the candidates their platform and view and opinions. Sandy Miles states she" would keep the publics best interest in mind and base her decisions on comprehensive research and understanding of the issues." She also claims she" would endeavor to bring a positive atmosphere to the Township office." For many All of them worked very hard to complete the new of you who haven't attended a township meeting, this is the same person who velled at the township meetings and refused to allow the meetings to continue until she threw a public tantrum. For someone who wants to create a positive atmosphere, yelling at a civilized township meeting isn't what most voters would consider a "positive atmosphere"

What exactly are these candidates platforms? What are their agendas? If you have not attended a meeting, watch a recorded broadcast of the township meetings over the past two years. Get a copy of the meeting minutes. Ask a participating member of these meetings. Its all at your fingertips.

I have been quiet up until now, but with the elections coming up I felt it was finally time to enlighten the township and I are long time residents of Lowell Township. My a police officer. My brother and I both grew up in Lowell Sincerely, Rix and Ellie Landheer on our family's farm which has been in the family since the late 1800's. I grew up having horses, cattle, and pigs on our property. Horses were always a passion for me and I am still activity involved with the horses. Mrs. Miles has tried to take that joy away from my family and me. Her wanting no animals in rural residential areas is something that not only affects me but affects anyone that has horses or other Seiloff sign in front of your house or business make sure you At this time I am thoroughly disoriented, disgusted and are aware of what they hope to accomplish in this township when you show support by allowing them to place their signs on your property.

Kudos to those in current office for sticking up for us and ceasing these actions even though they have vicious rumors spread about themselves and their family members in attempt ethically and honestly. I don't see Linda Regan, Paula Blumm or Leslie Stougaard attacking families and I personally thank you for that courtesy and hope others find that available attribute when voting on Aug. 5th.

Heather Pelon



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8/1 & 8/2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tons of unused Tupperware, Partylite candles, books, dishes, glassware, Beanies, linens, fabric, Whirlygigs, shed/workshop items & much more! 1000 Boynton, Ada -Parnell to Bennett, left on Boynton.

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July 31 & August 1, 9-5, 11549 40th SE (off Alden Nash) Clothes, toys, household decor, lamps, woodworking Powermatic Shaper with tooling, kerosene heater. To many items to list.

GARAGE SALE

Starting Thursday, July 31, Aug. 1 & 2, 9-4 p.m. Tons of home decor, appliances. dinnerware, furniture, Christmas items, bike, assortment of kids & adult clothing. Something for everyone. 506 Lafayette off M-21, East side of Flat River.

MULTI FAMILY SALE

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2, 11760 Bell Rd. Clarksville. Clothes, movies, books, horse tack, furniture, kids toys, rabbits. chickens and much more.

MOVING SALE

Household & hunting & fishing items. August 2, 10 to 3 p.m., 10890 Grand River Dr., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE

Air compressor, air conditioner, Craftsmen wood lathe, books, bedding, clothing, CD's, videos, jewelry, crafts, dishes etc. Thurs., July 31 and Fri, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 11640 Drew Rd (64th St.) E. of Elmdale Rd.

GARAGE SALE

Aug. 1 & 2, Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 314 Elizabeth Dean, Lowell. Puzzles, books, and misc.

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1701 Faith Dr. Women, men, children & baby clothing, furniture, baby items, households, toys, books, misc. and much more.

3 FAMILY SALE

Lots of baby stuff & much more. July 31, Aug. 1 & 2, 2277 Lowell View (Alden Nash, E. on Grand River to Lowell View).

MOVING SALE

Thurs., July 31, 4 to 8, Fri., Aug. 1, 8 to 5, Sat., Aug. 2, 8 to 12, 5226 Kyser Rd., Lowell. Furniture, appliances, household items, tools, tire rims, camping equipment, patio furniture, clothing, too much to list.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Children & adult clothing, household items, sliding glass door, windows, stainless steel sink & antiques. 3440 Segwun, Fri., Aug. 1, 9-5 and Sat., Aug. 2, 9-3.

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Friday, 8/1, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. 36th & Pratt Lake Ave., Lowell. Too many items to list. Come & look!

GARAGE SALE

Thurs., July 31 & Fri., Aug. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 10754 Peck Lake Rd. between Hastings & Hotchkiss. Books, household, furniture, treadmill, some clothing, toys.

3 FAMILY SALE

7/31, 8/1 & 8/2. Tons of boys/girls brand name clothing, toys, VHS tapes, kids and adult books, some estate items, much more. 14043 Six Mile Rd. (Lincoln Lake, east on Six Mile between Ashley and Montcalm).

GARAGE SALE

8621 Elm Ln., Saranac. Off M21 W. of Saranac corners. (Woodland Acres to Elm Ln.) Adult & kids quad, 2 go-karts one single seat & one double seat. Nascar collection (Dale Earnhardt), some camping stuff, kids stuff. Lots of misc. July 31, Aug. 1 & 2, 9 to ?

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The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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Was there any warning Riverside Rd. would be closed? Semis are trying to turn then need to get back onto Main St. It's Chaos. Very dangerous.

Teenagers are usually hard to figure out, so when they tell us exactly what they want - a skate park - why don't we do something about it?

Thanks to everyone involved with the Foodmobile... those who organize, deliver, distribute and pick up to provide for their families! What a wonderful ministry.

Why can't the Skate Park be made next to the Library, the Police office, and Unity High? They obviously and they won't ruin Stoney Lakeside Park.

Regardless, if you live in the township or city limits if vour address says, "Lowell" recycling is a community thing not political.

What a party the Riverwalk Festival was! You could practically feel the spirit when you walked by. Thanks to all involved!

pink, they'd better win! :, Great idea, great cause, it will be a great time.

If our boys are wearing

Yes, I have seen Lowell's blog, and I was not impressed. One person writes all of the uninteresting entries. It needs pizzazz.

Thanks to everyone who bought bottled water from ing the River Walk.

Thanks to all the staff of the LHS summer tennis camp. You do a wonderful job! It's the best camp around and what a bargain. Travis is the best!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes

all "Sound Off" comments, but would

like to remind readers of the nature of the column. "Sound Off" is meant to

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The L/C Hockey Team would like to thank the Lowell Beer Store, Shell, McDonald's and Taco Bell for the donations of ice for our fundraiser during the River Walk.

Lowell tennis camp was great! So many kids became hooked on the sport of a lifetime. Hopefully it will continue for years to come. Thanks!

Is anyone else offended by the graffiti on the tower at Vergennes

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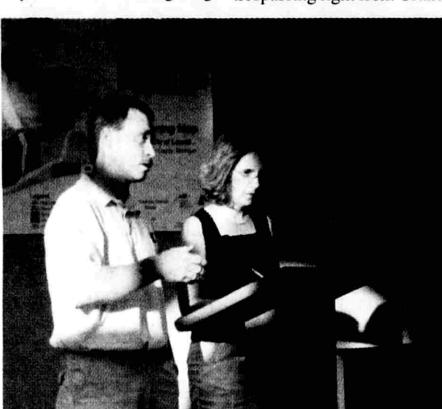
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Residents claim bright lights are disturbing their rest

by Emma Palova

Even though Lowell city does not have a lighting

ordinance, officials Monday vowed to rid residents of trespassing light from Grand



Mike and Kelly Taylor complain to the commission about shining lights from dealership that prevent them from sleeping.

Chrysler dealership under nuisance penalty.

According to Mike and Kelly Taylor, who live on South Center Street, lights past 2 a.m. from the dealership prevent them from sleeping.

"It's been an issue for the last six years," said Mike, "we can't sleep and we haven't got anywhere."

Kelly said ever since the trees have been cut, lights shine into the north side of the house. The couple has approached the dealership with little results.

"We've been promised a lot, but got little," said Kelly.

Now that the planning commission is in the

process of crafting a lighting ordinance, the couple is hopeful the situation will get corrected.

"We've installed expensive blinds and we still have light coming through," said Kelly.

The lights are two-tier lights with the tall tier being located approximately at 24 feet.

"The lights are brighter than standard," said Kelly, "with high beam."

However, the city has nothing specific to take to the dealership, other than the nuisance route.

"It's been pretty consistent stonewalling," said Mike.

Planning commission chair Maryalene LaPonsie said the city ordinance is a blank check.

"People can do whatever they want," she said.

Some commissioners were concerned if the lights shine bright for security reasons. But, that concern was dispersed by commissioner Jim Hodges, who has been involved

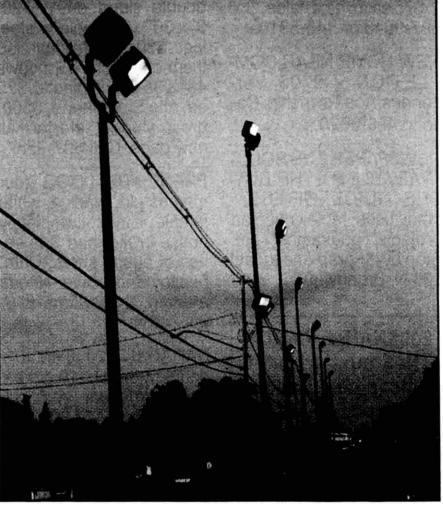
in the off-street lighting ordinance with vice-chair Clark Jahnke.

"There's a difference between lighting up the whole world and security lights," said Hodges.

In the meantime, the planning commission will continue its work on the off street lighting ordinance.

"We will make amendments to the ordinance requiring lighting improvements," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

According to most communities' lighting standards, lights have to be boxed with the beam directed into the ground.



These lights have are reflector type two-tier lights that shine past 2 a.m.



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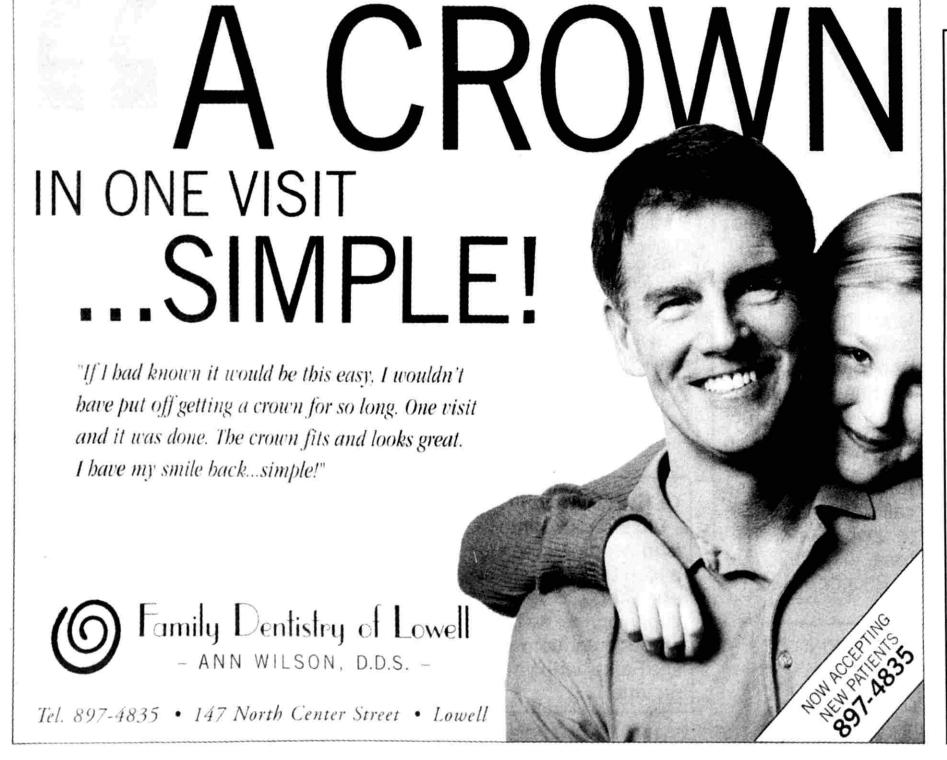
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