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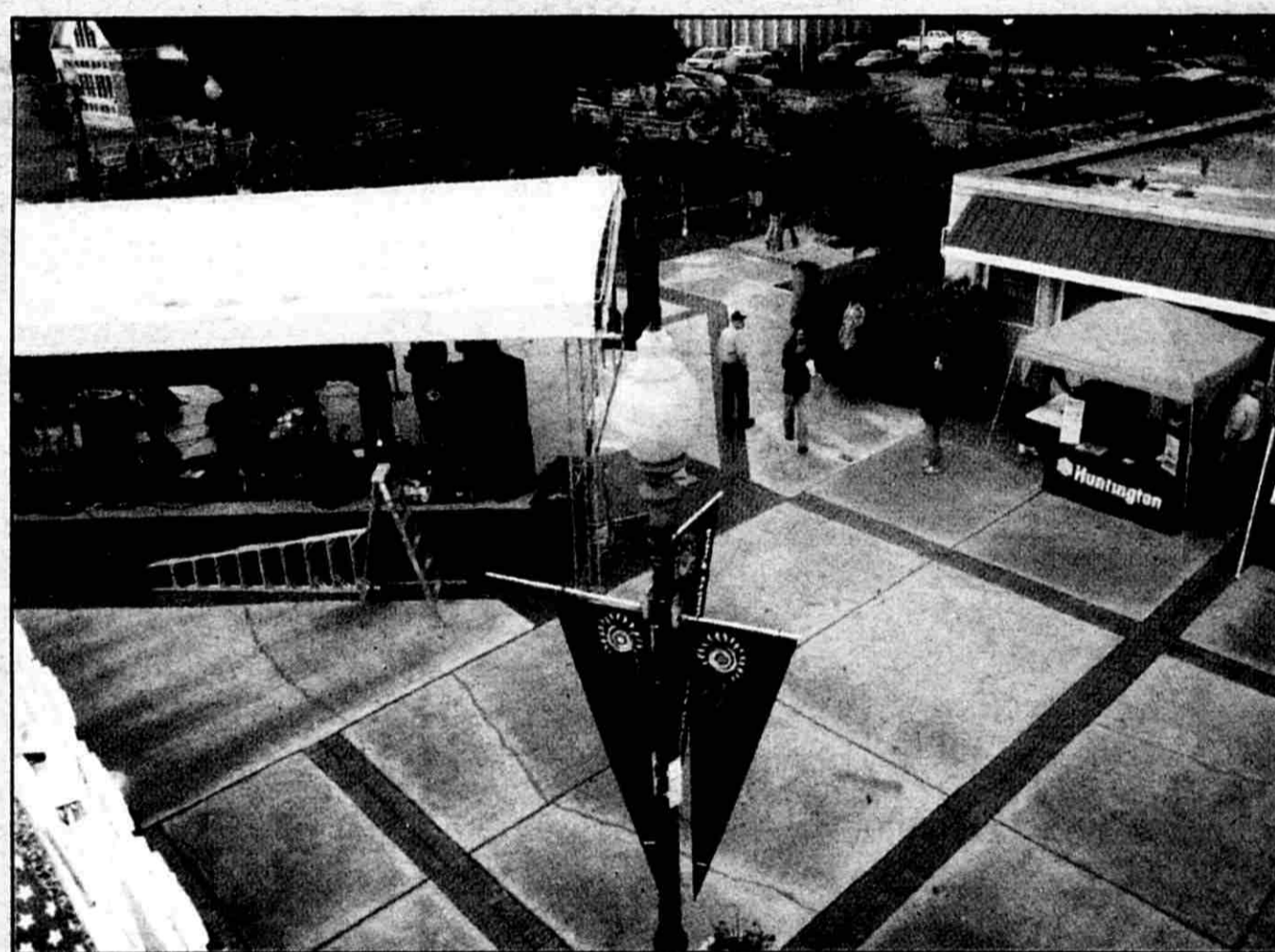
Wednesday, June 17, 2009



Sizzlin' Summer Concert series starts off strong despite soggy forecast

Not even the rain could put a damper on the opening night of the Sizzlin' Summer Concert series last Thursday. The Rusty Wright Blues Band rocked the stage as concert goers trickled in. It was solid good music for two hours. The rain left mist in the dusk creating soft pinks and blues in the sky and on the Flat River. Some spectators floated in on vessels of all sorts. The band was just as much fun to watch as to listen to. Rusty Wright has made the leap from regional favorite to performing at some of North America's top blues festivals.

An impressive concert line-up this year includes classic rock band Natchez Trace, Sea Cruisers, Hark Up Rapid City Swing Band, Voices of Freedom, Blue Water Ramblers, Stolen Horses, Flat River Big Band, Root Doctor, Tami Helm and MacNaughton Boulevard, and also the bluegrass bands, The Patchwork Band, the Black Canyon Band, and Crossroads Blue Band at the Kent County Fairgrounds.



State of city address sets course for Lowell's future

by Emma Palova

The 22nd annual city address delivered by manager Dave Pasquale has set the course for the next year.

Although overshadowed by economic events locally and globally, Pasquale said the city has valuable assets, and it must never give in to negativity.

"To this end, Lowell will strive to maintain and improve as a business friendly city," Pasquale said. "Financially, the municipality will seek efficiencies in operation of this government."

To that effect, the city has accepted \$140,000 in

federal stimulus money matching it with a local street fund of \$110,000 to upgrade Sibley Street. The street, which is located in a low to moderate income area, will be resurfaced and milled, yet this summer.

"This is answering a big need," said Pasquale.

Along the same lines, sidewalks, mainly school walks, will continue to be a priority. A path along Gee Drive will be constructed this summer between Alden Nash and the Cherry Creek Elementary School through the Federal Safe Walks to Schools Program.

Council member Jeff Altoft suggested the city

should start enforcing proper maintenance of sidewalks, including inspections. According to the city ordinance, property owners are responsible for the

maintenance of sidewalks in front of their homes.

"All you have to do is drive around downtown," he said.

However, it remained questionable how to enforce the maintenance of sidewalks, if the property is changing owners.

"I don't know how you can enforce that if the house is for sale," said council member Jim Pfaller.

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Dogs may be allowed at the city cemetery

by Emma Palova

Should dogs be allowed at the cemetery?

That was one of the themes discussed at the Monday night city council meeting. Under the old rules, dogs are not allowed at all at the Oakwood Cemetery.

Both mayor Jim Hodges

and mayor pro tem Jim Pfaller felt that the cemetery is not a proper place for walking the dog.

"We have an off leash facility," said Pfaller. "There's plenty of other places to walk the dog."

Pfaller was referring to the Lowell Animal Hospital Dog Park at Stoney Lakeside

Park that was established approximately two years ago, after much ado.

However, the majority of the city council favored the change to allow dogs on a leash at the cemetery, just like at any other places in the city. Many other communities allow dogs at their cemeteries.

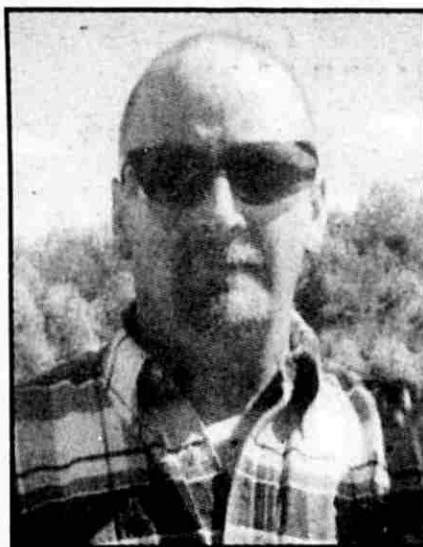
According to council woman Maryalene LaPonsie, who is a dog owner, the cemetery is a good place to walk the dog on a leash. But, LaPonsie suggested a public hearing should be held on the issue.

"I am all for public input," she said.

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Obituaries

KYES
On Sunday, June 8, 2009, Martha Denise left to join that great cloud of witness in the sky. Met first and foremost by her parents, Ethan and Martha Grant, and embraced in the arms of Jesus Christ. Denise was a mother, wife, daughter, big sister, and friend. The kind of woman who still made chocolate brownies from scratch for her boys, kept the house and garden and still found time to do battle on her knees, praying for her family. Denise knew that the only important issues in life are the love for her family and for others. Those that Denise loved are her survivors: her husband, Doug Kyes; sons, Ryan (Amara), Nate, Douglas Jr. and Danny; stepdaughter,



CANFIELD

Darwin T. Canfield, age 46, of Clarksville, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 13, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Bonnie; children, Heather and Dan Everett, Nathaniel Canfield and Ashley (fiancée), and Ben Canfield; grandchildren, Kenzie and Jacob Everett; parents, Thomas and Paula Canfield; brother, Martin (Sarah) Canfield; sisters, Dawn (Scott) Elliott, Debbie (Denny) Elkins; parents-in-law, Harley and Marilyn Dryer; also several nieces and nephews. Darwin was a member of the Michigan Angus Association. Funeral services will be Wednesday, 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft, Rev. Steven Harduk officiating. Bowne

Memnonite Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alto Fire & Rescue and The Michigan Angus Association.



MILLER

Nancy E. (Kincheloe) Miller, age 74, of Lowell, a loving wife and mother, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, June 15, 2009. She walked in the path of the Lord, a Sunday school teacher, mentor in Christian love and a strong supporter of missionary endeavor. She served as a secretary at GRCC. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wathan and Mary Carol; brother, John Kincheloe; and granddaughter, Amber Sparks. Surviving are her loving husband of 54 years, Alfred; children, John (Marjorie), Grace, Thomas

(Wendy), Joy (David) Mueller; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; brother, Morris Kincheloe of Anchorage, AK; sister, Mary (Bill) Lewis of Bend, OR; many cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends. A memorial service to honor her life will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, June 20 at First Baptist Church of Alto, Interment South Boston Cemetery, has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft SE., Alto, MI 49302.

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To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, visit www.recovery.gov. Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her at Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vantil@ssa.gov.

Burger King announces local scholarships

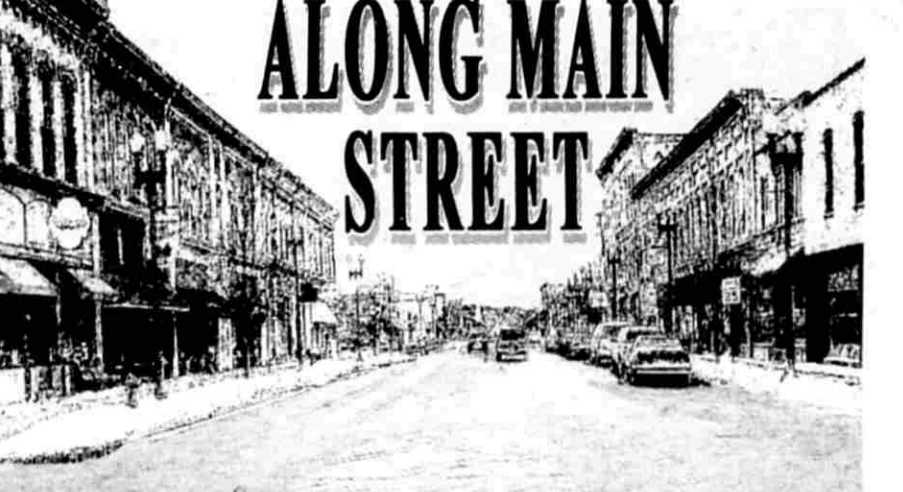
Quality Dining, Inc., local Burger King franchise, announces the funding of 115 Burger King continuing education scholarships of \$1,000 each for high school seniors in Michigan and Indiana. This includes Heather Burger and Lauren Wolfe from Lowell High School. Since 2001, Quality Dining has funded over \$915,000 for continuing education scholarships for deserving high school seniors. The Burger King Scholarship was designed to recognize students who work part-time and experience success on the job as well as maintain academic standards and are also involved in co-curricular and/or community service activities. The recipient may be, but does not have to be, a Burger King employee. "We thank our customers for their continued support of our scholarship program," says Gerald O. Fitzpatrick, senior vice president of the Burger King Division at Quality Dining. "We extend our congratulations to all our 2009 scholarship recipients and wish them the best in their future endeavors."

At Your Local Library



SHOW OFF YOUR PET AT THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY SUMMER PET SHOW

If you think your pet is cute, talented, smart, funny or special in another way, then you need to enter it in the Kent District Library's Summer Pet Show. Several KDL branches will be holding outdoor pet shows this summer, and you and your pet can be part of it if you pick up a registration form from your local KDL library. For ages four and up. A Pet Show is scheduled at the Englehardt branch on Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m. (rain date: Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m.) For more information, visit www.kdl.org.



NEW EXHIBIT

Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. "Entwined Lines: the Art of Weaving" a joint exhibition with Lowell Area Arts Council, June 9-July 16, Bonaventure Gallery. Reception at both locations June 25, 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 897-7842.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life comes to the Lowell High School athletic field June 26 and 27, kicking off at noon. Cancer survivors will be honored during a special event on Friday evening. For more information, please visit the website at www.relayforlife.com/lowellmi.

ART CONTEST

Artists of all ages are encouraged to submit their artwork of various media for a juried art contest for the Pink Arrow Project 2009 program cover. The winner will be on the cover of the 2009 Pink Arrow Commemorative Program. If you would like more info, call Perry or Teresa Beachum, 897-7768. Deadline for submission is June 30 to the Lowell Area Arts Council.

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER

Free Leopold Education Project Workshop will be held July 8. Anyone interested in learning more about fostering a relationship between our youth and the natural world should attend. You'll learn activities to help you teach topics such as plant, bird, track identification, habitat studies and ecological relationships. Materials are geared for students in grades 5-12 but activities could be modified for younger students. Reserve your spot today by calling 987-1002.

LAAC WORKSHOP

"On with the Show - Summer Theatre Spectacular" with instructor Brent Alles. Work with the instructor and other students to prepare a short play for a final production on August 5 on the Lowell Showboat. For information and to register, call Lowell Area Arts Council, 897-8545.

FOOD PANTRY

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The council and staff will look into a similar ordinance enforcing the maintenance of sidewalks used by the city of Grand Rapids. "It could be something that you want to pattern," said Pasquale. Altoft also brought up the fact that Amity Street, which is the highest student traveled street, has six blocks without sidewalks. Among other projects in the city, the MDTO downtown bridge replacement carries high priority. "We will provide a clearly communicated process for the public and

particularly downtown merchants with the M21 Flat River bridge reconstruction project in 2010," said Pasquale. Other projects through federal funding include the milling and resurfacing, as well as total reconstruction of Bowes Road. The city will continue to support the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in its marketing strategy. The Downtown Development Authority has allocated \$25,000 for the upcoming year with matching monies from the Lowell Area Community Fund. The LCTV Endowment Board will provide funding for municipal and nonprofit projects. Among the city's accomplishments this year was the formation of the Lowell Area Fire

and Emergency Services Authority. The authority will give the city, and Lowell and Vergennes townships greater cooperation and sharing of resources for public safety. The city will continue to support the airport board's effort to attain General Utility status.

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1/2 OFF WHITENING MAY1 - JUNE 30

Denny is determined to drive on up at I-96 Speedway

by Thad Kraus

Race day is the thing. Four-five days of preparation is the work. Still young is his racing pursuit, Cody Denny, of Lowell, knows success doesn't come without the latter.

"You're a good driver if you're well prepared and if you have good equipment," Denny adds. "I'm happy with where we're currently at."

Where Denny is currently at is street stock racing at I-96 Speedway.

He describes street stock racing as racers' entry level class.

"It's a way to get your feet wet in a full size car," he explains. "It's the grass roots of dirt racing."

This is Denny's first year running a full schedule for points.

A third of the way through the season, Denny is third on the points list.

"To finish in the top three in the points race would be great, but we're just a third of the way through the season. There's a long way to go," Denny explains.

Driving his '85 Monte Carlo, Denny has won two heats and has a second

place finish in a feature race. Heats are eight laps and feature races are 20.

Lowell's Harold Zeigler Ford mechanic started his racing tenure driving go-carts in Ohio while attending Northwestern (automotive college).

He got out of it, when he returned home to Saranac because of the travel time involved in getting to a track.

Denny is part of a four-man race team which includes his father, Lyle Denny, Angelo Fogarty and Josh Myers.

His car is sponsored by family, Curtis Cleaners, Harold Zeigler Ford (Lowell), Southern Muscle (Greenville), and Jonathan Smith.

Denny eventually wants to race in the United Midwest Promoters (UMP) Modified class. He describes the cars as full out race cars with more horsepower, and bigger motors; both while racing on a bigger track (1/2 mile as opposed to 3/8 mile).

One of the biggest challenges as a driver, according to Denny, is staying focused. "There are a lot of things happening

at once," he explains. "Including all the dirt and dust that is flying around."

Another element that plays a role in the success

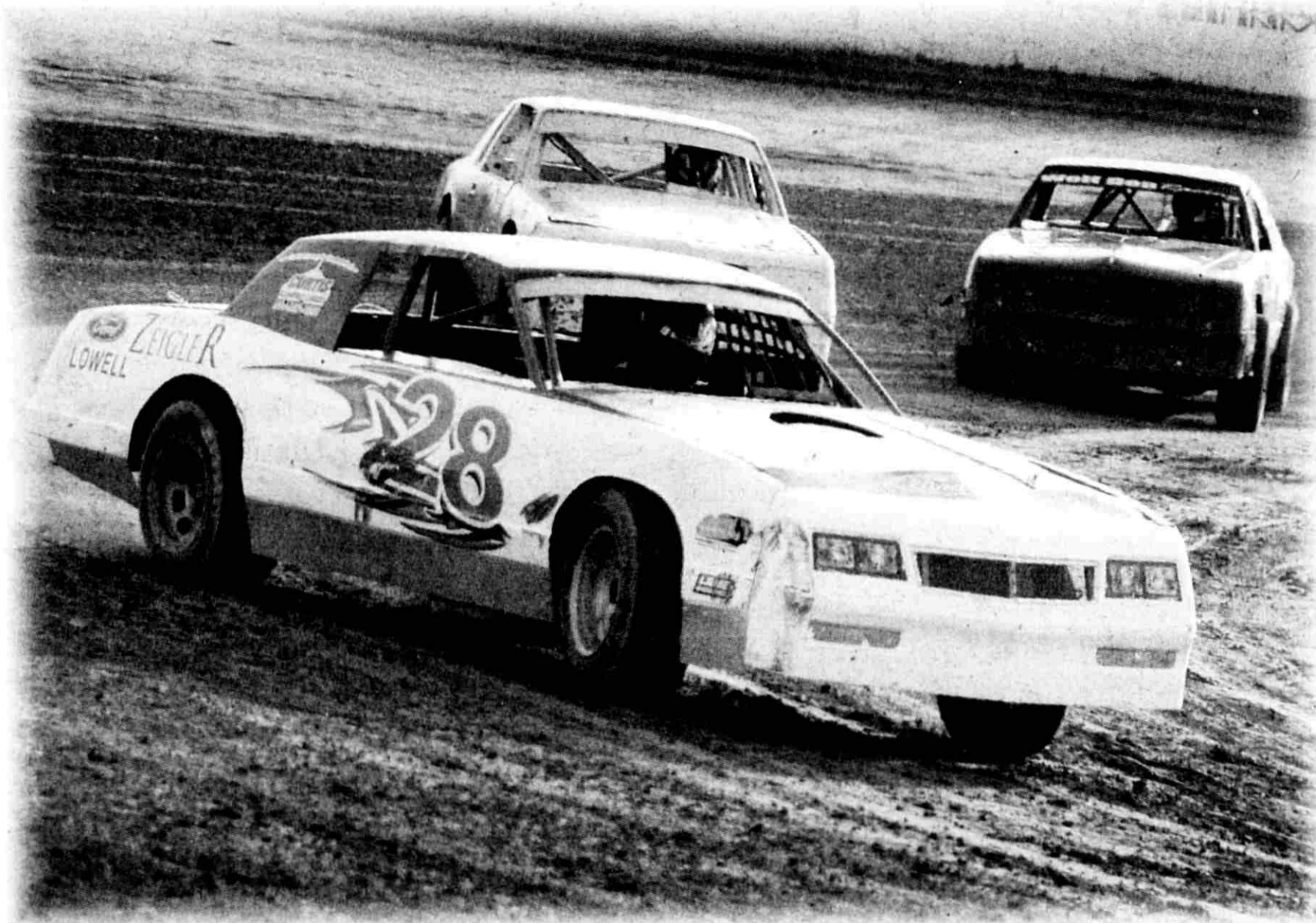
of a driver, is the luck of the draw.

"Each week we draw for position. I've had some unfortunate luck in drawing

near the tail end," Denny says.

Not able to count on luck, Denny and crew continue with the hard work

and preparation. That's gotten them to third in the points total. Who knows what a little luck might bring the rest of the way?



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Resident Barb Barber opposed the change in the ordinance that would allow leashed dogs at the cemetery.

"I'd hate to step into something you didn't expect to," she said.

A public hearing has been set for July 20.

In related business, the city council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amendment that will allow bow and arrow hunting in 10 acres of property. The hearing has been set for July 6.

The council will be considering a proposal to allow bow and arrow hunting for licensed property owners. The amendment, if approved, will be up for review in three years.

LaPonsie and council woman Sharon Ellison opposed the proposal with a

review in favor of having it sunset after three years.

"I want to see the data, if it makes a difference," said Ellison.

However, Pfaller said if there are any problems with it, they're going to rise to the surface during the three years.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I wonder what will happen when Michigan runs out of the stimulus package that is being used to help reduce Michigan's deficit? Michigan has experienced an eight year long recession with no end in sight and a deficit of over a billion dollars which will no doubt affect the amount of revenue sharing Lowell will receive in the future. The DDA - Downtown Development Authority was established in

1992 and has used the greatest share of their own taxes for the maintenance and revitalization of their own area. Are your tax dollars revitalizing your area? I believe all of the DDA's list of projected projects like the restructuring of the now defunct Amphitheater or the building of an RV Park should be shelved while the community struggles just to maintain its essential needs. Could the DDA donate more to the payments of the building containing the city hall and police department there by freeing up funds in the general fund for city needs like road construction???

Sincerely,
Jim Howard



By Shelly MacNaughton

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



BOAT BASICS

When going fishing, one naturally thinks about rods, reels, and bait. The selection and skillful use of these items is important when attempting to catch fish. Just as important and often overlooked is the need to place the boat in position for proper bait presentation. Boat control is especially critical when fishing walleyes. The walleye is an aggressive predator and will attack most anything, but like all fish, it must find the bait before biting it.

When fishing directly under the boat or casting a distance from it, anchoring the craft in place may be the best option. There are different types of anchors for specific conditions. Navy or mushroom anchors, for example, work well on soft lake bottoms. The blades of a spade style anchor will dig in and hold on sand. Chain anchors avoid snagging in rivers and can be lifted up gradually to control down stream drifting - the less chain dragging, the faster the drift. Anchor rope length depends on anchor style and water depth, as well as wind and current conditions.

Electric trolling motors are mounted on the bow or stern to provide power for moving the boat to the fish. The electric motor can quietly position the boat when used as a casting platform or provide power for pulling bait.

Letting the boat drift with the wind or current is an effective method of fishing. If the direction or speed of the current or wind does not move the boat in the desired direction or at the proper speed, then an electric motor can be used to make corrections in, the drift for good bait presentation. A drift sock, which looks like a big windsock, can be used to slow the boat down if the wind is too strong. Drift sock placement will determine boat attitude as it drifts.

A gas outboard or inboard engine will get you there and back, as well as provide power for trolling or dragging bait. If the engine is too large to troll slowly enough, a smaller motor or "kicker" can be mounted on the transom for slow economical power. The kicker also provides back-up power in case the main engine fails.

There is a learning curve involved with the effective use of this equipment. A watercraft responds differently than land vehicles because of the effects of wind, currents, and steering mechanics. The concepts are not difficult to learn, and common sense along with practice will go a long way toward developing the skills which should make fishing more fun and hopefully more productive.

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 18, 1884

Sidewalk improvements should continue. Carr & Davis are building a new store on the site of the one belonging to them that burned in the big fire.

The remnants of a row boat floated down Flat River the other day. It was almost as badly split-up as the democratic party is on the tariff question.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 17, 1909

The sophomores are holding a picnic at Cheetham's Grove today.

Thomas Gougherty has bought a fine new Hazelton piano of R. D. Stocking.

The Lowell Laundry has been moved back to its former location in the Pullen block.

A marriage license was issued Thursday to George D. Clark of Lowell and Leulla Pender of Bowne.

Scott's corn popper took fire last evening and his hands were badly burned in carrying it out. He thinks \$10 will cover damage to stand and stock.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 21, 1934

Members of the Class of 1934 of Lowell High School are now on the roadway to becoming men and women of tomorrow. In brief but interesting commencement exercises held at the Lowell City Hall last Friday evening, diplomas were granted to forty-six graduates. The Class of 1934 probably possessed the best intellectual capacity and achieved the highest grades of any class ever graduated from Lowell High School.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 18, 1959

In town on Wednesday and Thursday, to visit the Lowell Library, was Dr. F. A. Graham of Harbor Springs, Michigan who was born and grew up in Lowell.

The building now housing the library was built by Dr. Graham's father, Robert W. Graham, in about 1870 and was used as a residence by the Graham family for many years.

In 1882 this same Robert E. Graham was a member of the original Lowell Library board and the first librarian in the city, at a salary of fifty dollars per year.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 20, 1984

Lowell Postal Carrier, Pat Fonger, was honored by the U. S. Postal Service for her actions in aiding an apparent victim of a stroke on May 2, 1984. The letter of appreciation and accompanying certificate was issued by Postmaster, Charlie Doyle, on behalf of the postal service. Fonger was making her normal deliveries on May 2, when she noticed Ed Steffens of 691 Birchwood Ct. at the corner of his garage. Fonger shouted to Steffens that he did not have any mail, but he did not respond. It was subsequently learned that Steffens had suffered a stroke, and had injured himself in a fall. Fonger administered first aid to lacerations and immediately called the E-Unit and Steffen's wife.

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A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS FROM JUNE 11 - JUNE 17 • 2009

- Los Angeles Lakers win NBA Championship, 4-1.
- As far as the eye can see, pro-reform supporters take to the streets in Iran to support

Mir Moussavi in protest over current election. Violent protests erupt in Iran over election results which appear to have been rigged in favor of the current president.

- In an effort to shed \$1.8 billion in debt, theme park chain, Six Flags, files for bankruptcy.
- Fire ants almost kill thirteen year old boy in Central Louisiana.
- Russian oil magnate launches \$490 million luxury yacht, complete with its own swimming pool, mini-submarine and missile defense system. The yacht overshadows other yachts at 557 feet long.
- Fourteen year old discovers rare Supernova in nearby galaxy. SN2008HA is 70 million light years away, appearing very faint from Earth but is still 25 million times brighter than the sun.
- Detroit developer, Rayford Jackson, will plead guilty to one charge of conspiracy to commit bribery for buying a city council member's vote in favor of a \$1.2 billion contract.
- The Mexican army has captured 25 gunmen in Northern Mexico who witnesses say had disguised themselves as soldiers.
- \$431,000 paid for envelope and its stamp. An envelope from an 1873 letter bearing a scarce 90 cent stamp with Abraham Lincoln is sold in a New York City auction.
- David Letterman apologizes, again, for joking about Sarah Palin's daughter.
- Al-Qaeda operative and self-confessed mastermind of the September 11 attacks, says he lied under torture by the CIA "I just make up stories," he said.



OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

Remember back to 1980, when the names of Magic and Bird gave the struggling NBA a new face and a new motor to get things started again?

Bird and Magic were able to do this because of their high level of play, respect for the game, knowledge of its history, work ethic and the seamless ability to do what was right.

That's right, the innate ability to do what is right!

Fast forward to today and now the NBA has LeBron James and Koby Bryant and the laboring NHL has Sidney Crosby.

On its largest national television stage in many a year, Friday night, Crosby, the mega star and face of the NHL, the guy who is going to make the National Hockey League

matter again, chose not to line up with his teammates to shake hands following a 2-1 Stanley Cup clinching win over the Detroit Red Wings. That's right, no handshake from Crosby. No hint of a gracious winner.

A couple of weeks ago Lebron set the bar for Crosby. Following his Cavaliers' game seven loss to Orlando, in the Eastern Conference finals, Lebron figuratively took his ball and went home. No handshake for the winner. No good luck, beat them Lakers. Instead the explanation was "I'm a competitor!" In this case, a classless one at that.

This is a new era. A new type of athlete. Bigger, stronger, more athletic, unbelievably more talented and yet clueless when it comes to doing what is right.

Then there is Koby. In my world, the only basketball he should be playing these days is in a federal gray bar hotel in Colorado. However, millions of dollars have a way of clearing the slate for the rich and athletically gifted.

I could go on about this criminal. It only makes my blood boil! So pi\$S %@ h&#.

Speaking of urinating, I was listening to a Chicago sports radio talk show, and the host said (tongue in cheek)

that if he was going to be arrested, that public urination is a charge that he might be able to wear proudly. This came about after the audience was reminded of a urination incident involving a professional Chicago athlete. (Sorry, I can't remember who it was.)

So, I got to thinking, who else out there can man up to this dubious distinction? There are many more names than I care to take time and type, but here are a few that my research found:

Dontrelle Willis. (After watching him pitch Sunday, I guess this means he can walk and --- at the same time.)

Michigan hockey coach Red Berenson. (Is he still there?)

Former Chicago Bull James Curry. ESPN's Gary Miller. (I guess he did it from a second floor balcony. Allegedly, a few Cleveland cops were below.)

And, finally, Alan (Practice! Did you say practice?) Iverson.

I'm going to stop now, so I can go wash my hands!

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Summer is almost here. And for many people, summer is synonymous with "vacation." If you have children or grandchildren, they're most likely on vacation from school, and if you've got the time and motivation, you may take a family vacation over the next few months. But there's one part of your life that should never go on vacation — and that's your investment portfolio.

How can you keep your investments working for you in all seasons? Here are a few suggestions to consider:

- Don't stop investing. If you want your investment dollars to continue working, you can't pull them out of the "work force." Unfortunately, many people try to do just that by jumping out of the financial markets when

they're slumping. By doing so, these investors reason, they can avoid taking heavy losses while they bide their time until the market recovers. But if you make a habit out of trying to avoid the market's bad days, you may end up missing some of its good ones. No one can predict when a bull market will begin, so if you're out of the market when it starts, your "vacation" from investing could prove expensive.

Don't rely too much on "lazy" investments. Some investments, by their nature, are going to work harder to help you achieve your long-term goals. To be precise, stocks and stock-based accounts have the potential to help provide the growth you need, though of course the value of these securities can constantly fluctuate. Conversely, "lazy" securities such as certificates of deposit may produce returns that barely keep up with inflation. That's not to say there's no place for these types of investments in your portfolio — after all, they provide both current income and a high degree of preservation of principal — but you simply can't rely on them to offer the long-term returns that can help you retire comfortably or attain other objectives.

Anglers survey, continued ... From Page 8

problems with our clerks and some of them really get to know the clerks -- they see them every day. We have some people who are willing to wait for the clerks if they're busy interviewing someone else. And we have some people who will call clerks and tell them when there are a lot of people coming in.

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The Statewide Angler Survey Program costs the DNR about \$1 million annually.

Although most survey data are collected to provide a big-picture view of fisheries, creel surveys sometimes are conducted to answer very specific management questions. The season-long creel survey on the Au Sable River below the dam at Mio this year is an excellent example.

The stretch of the Au Sable River from Mio to McKinley currently is being managed as a research area for trout since the regulations there vary from those that might be in place on similar

waters. As DNR fisheries managers are looking to further simplify fishing regulations, they want solid information on how much fishing pressure the water is getting, how many fish are being caught and how many of those fish are being harvested.

"We spend a lot of money stocking that stretch of the river, so we need to know if we're getting our money's worth," said fisheries biologist Steve Sendek, who works on the Au Sable. "There's a lot of

interest from the public in protecting large brown trout there, but there's also a lot of interest in still being able to harvest some trout. So we need to know what anglers are catching, what size and what species, so we can develop regulations that might help produce larger fish in the population but still allow a component of that population to be harvested.

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**DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**

Motion to amend the agenda by adding item number 11.5. "Sidewalks".

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

City Manager David Pasquale read the 2009 State of the City Address.

Motion to approve the request to close Lincoln Lake from Suffolk to Mercer to Amity from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2009.

Motion to approve the contract between the County, City and Hope Network West Michigan (North Kent Transit) July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion to amend the proposed Bow and Arrow Hunting Ordinance by eliminating Section 13-112 (6) and allow for review after three years to determine whether the ordinance should be amended or terminated.

YEA: 3. (Altoft, Pfaller and Hodges).
NAY: 2. (Ellison and LaPonsie) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion to not remove Section 3.8 (f) "bringing animals, except those assisting blind or deaf persons, into the cemetery or any of its buildings" of the current Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

YEA: 2. (Hodges and Pfaller)
NAY: 3. (Altoft, Ellison and LaPonsie) **MOTION DENIED.**

Motion to establish a public hearing for July 20, 2009 to consider removing Section 3.8 (f) "bringing animals, except those assisting blind or deaf persons, into the cemetery or any of its buildings" of the current Cemetery Rules and Regulations.


YEA: 3. (Altoft, Ellison and LaPonsie)
NAY: 2. (Hodges and Pfaller) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion to accept the Federal Community Development Block Grant funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Sibley Street road construction subject to final U.S. HUD approval.

Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2009.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on July 6, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

 Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**

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

Each June, prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, I have the opportunity and privilege to address our community. Our conditions are examined as issues are identified and goals established. Courses of action are set.

This message is overshadowed by economic events which have taken place on a national and global scale. Plant and business closures, layoffs, bankruptcies and home foreclosures have greatly affected Lowell. But, the City has valuable assets and must never give in to negativity. To this end, Lowell will strive to maintain and improve as a business friendly City. Financially, the municipality will seek efficiencies in operation of this government.

With the 2009-2010 Budget adopted, the following goals are established and in some cases reestablished.

- Continue to strengthen the General Fund raising the fund balance. The 2009-2010 budget provides a \$176,705 balance representing 7% of planned expenditures. The goal of a \$300,000 balance or 15% of expenditures is established.
- Continue to promote a concerted effort to upgrade City streets. Over the past several years, significant improvements have been made through federal funding. To this end, over \$99,000 has been set aside to improve either North Center or Sibley Streets.
- Through federal funding, portions of Bowes Road will be greatly enhanced through milling and repaving as well as a total reconstruction.
- Work closely with the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide a clearly communicated process for the public and particularly downtown merchants with the M-21 Flat River bridge reconstruction project in 2010.
- Work cooperatively between the City and the Department of Light and Power to provide efficiencies and cost savings through such projects as joint utility billing.
- Ensure that all municipal facilities and equipment are in good repair and well maintained.

• Sidewalks, particularly school walks, continue to be a priority. A path along Gee Drive will be constructed this summer between Alden Nash and the Cherry Creek Elementary School through the Federal Safe Walks to Schools Program.

• Continue to strongly support the Lowell Area Recreation Authority in its efforts to establish a community wide trail system.

• Continue support of the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Historic District Commission in its efforts to improve the downtown.

• Continue to support the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in its marketing strategy. The Chamber has been a key component in revitalizing the downtown through such activities as the Riverwalk Festival and Christmas thru Lowell. The Downtown Development Authority has allocated \$25,000 for the coming year for the effort with matching monies provided from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

• With the establishment of the LCTV Endowment Fund Board, opportunities will be promoted for municipal and nonprofit projects.

• The formation of the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority will give the City, Lowell Charter and Vergennes Townships greater cooperation and sharing of resources for public safety.

• Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Area Arts Council, Kent District Library, Lowell Community Wellness and YMCA as important resources to the City's quality of life.

• Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport understanding that safety is the first consideration for improvements.

• Recognizing Lowell-Rockford Ambulance as an integral part of our health community system. This is further enhanced by the Ambulance station completed in 2007.

• Recognizing the work of the City's Arbor Board and the gaining of Tree City USA status to promote the growth and maintenance of trees in our community.

• Appreciating the service the Lowell Little League, YMCA, Xtreme Softball, Kent County Youth Fair, Lowell Youth Football, Lowell Rugby and Lowell Lacrosse have given to the community's youth.

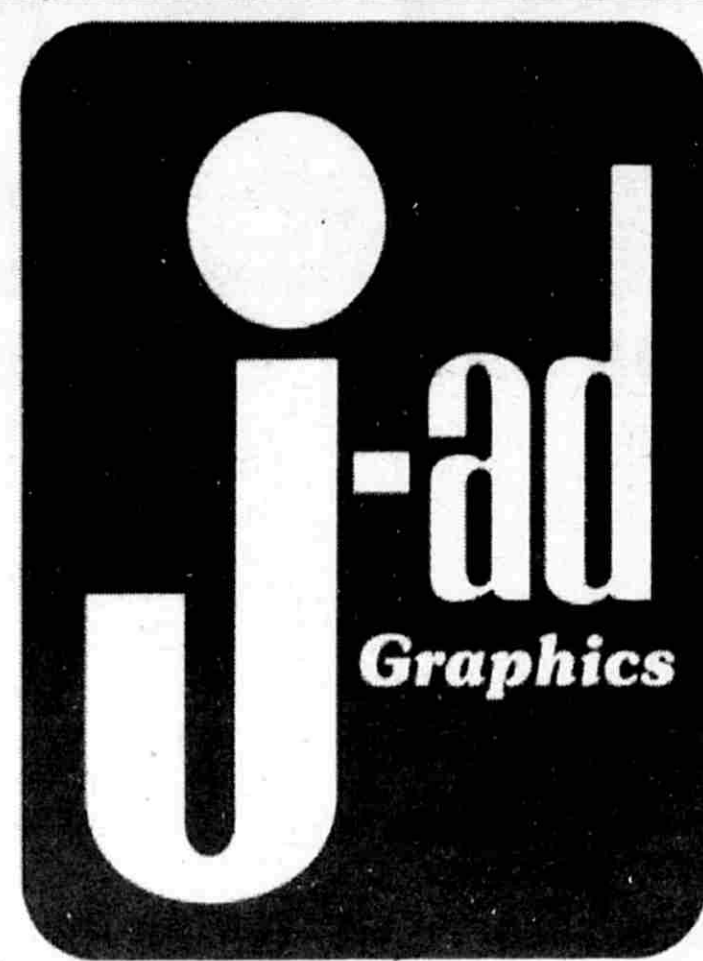
• Continue to plan for improvements to the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants.

• In conclusion, as I approach my 22nd anniversary as City Manager, I count it a privilege to work for the City. The goals and projects provided above are a means of giving greater service to our citizens.



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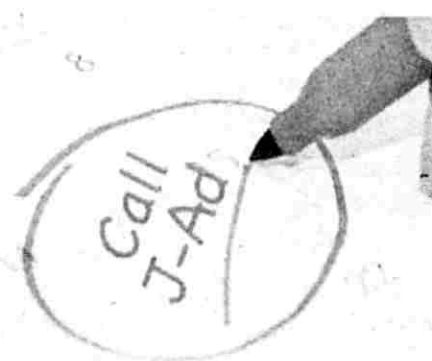
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