Citizens are concerned over how limiting a proposed Vergennes Township ordinance could be on home-based businesses.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The question isn't whether or not control is needed in regulating home-based businesses in Vergennes Township... it's how much. In Vergennes Township Planning Commission's charge to draw up an ordinance outlining regulation of home-based businesses, it has created a nervousness among some of its long-standing residents.

"There are generations of families who have lived their entire lives in Vergennes Township," says Kenny Wittenbach, a member of the concerned citizens of Vergennes Township group.

"We've governed ourselves. We view less government as better government."

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said a proposed new ordinance would look to regulate a home-based business' size, traffic, growth, excess noise and noxious odors.

Wittenbach and other members of the citizens group agree some control is needed, but for the purpose of guarding against those now moving in from the city, not the generations of families who have a history in Vergennes Township.

"It is difficult to comment on an ordinance until we see the master plan and what the township is going to propose," Wittenbach said. "If the township wants annual inspections whereby they go through your build Vergennes, cont'd., pg. 8

Fallasburg Fall Festival embarks on 29th year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The once active Fallasburg Village Post Office (1890-1902) will be reopened this weekend as part of the 29th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival.

The U.S. Post Office and other postal services' involvement will feature a cachet and cancellation. This year's postmark was designed by local artist Gary Eldridge.

The tradition started back in 1983. To appeal to collectors, the cachet is used only during the two-day period. "Those who collect these original cancellations mail letters to the Postmaster in Fallasburg," said Fallasburg Fall Festival publicity chairperson Jill VanAntwerp.

The Festival has grown into a juried show of 75 artists and has expanded to add music and food booths. The artists' booths will display jewelry, pottery, glass, leather, fiberwork, wood, painting, and photography as well as handmade shoes, boxes, baskets, beeswax candles, brooms, soap, toys, and dried herbs and flowers.

Turn-of-the-century demonstrations will include butter churning, rug-hooking, origami, quilting, basketry, canning, and spinning.

This year's handmade quilt featuring the historic Fallasburg Covered Bridge was designed and created by Karla Mitchell. It will be raffled along with other artwork.

Dwindling state support has left the LAAC dependent on the festival and its annual fund drive for a large share of its fundraising.

In search of more support, the arts council found it in the Helen Look Daily Fund. The Fallasburg, cont'd., pg. 8

Manufacturing plant accident takes life of Lowell's Ed VonMyhr

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An industrial accident at Metric Manufacturing Wednesday morning took the life of a Lowell man. Eric "Ed" VonMyhr, 57, died of cardiac arrest at 10:56 a.m. at Butteworth Hospital following a resuscitation-type injury to his chest and sternum in a tool and die machine accident, according to hospital officials.

VonMyhr first began working as a Metric Manufacturing machinist in March of 1996.

"VonMyhr was conscious and propped up next to a machine when I arrived," said investigating officer Steve Janewick. "He was complaining about difficult breathing."

According to the company's purchasing agent Mary Chubinski, as of August he had begun working in the maintenance department.

"Ed was a valued employee and we're all devastated," Chubinski said.

The accident is under investigation by the senior safety office of the Industrial Safety Division of the Department of Consumer and Industrial Services.

The plant has undergone routine safety inspections since 1982.

VonMyhr is survived by his wife, Gloria; three sons, Eric, James and Gary, all of Wyoming; three stepsons Marshall Chase of Ewell, Reed Chase of Minot, ND, Emil Chase of Washoegal, WA; 11 grandchildren; his parents Eric and Murial VonMyhr of Battle Creek; one sister Barbara (Gregg) Low of SC.

VonMyhr was a member of the Catholic Club and was an avid outdoorsman.

Funeral services were held at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home on Saturday. Interment was in South Boston Cemetery.
Served as WiLLiS in the Euro-
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Service. He is sur-
vived by his wife, Mary McLaughlan Anchors; two
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ara. An memorial service will
be held Wednesday (today) 2
 p.m. at the Lowell Church of the
Nurture, 201 Washington St.,
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ating. Contributions to the
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CARPENTER - Gerald L.
(Carpy) Carpenter, 70, of
Lowell, died Aug. 12. Visita-
tion will be Thursday 7 to 9
p.m. and services will be 1 p.m.
Friday at the First United Metho-
don Church of Lowell. Burial in
Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements
were by Roth Gerst Funeral Home.

FLAX - (APRATA) -Myra
M. Flax, 87, of Lowell, died
Saturday, Sept. 12. She was
preceded in death by her
husband, John A. Flax.
She was survived by her
sister, Marilyn (John) Bahl
of Alcova, many great nieces
and nephews. Memorial Serv-
ices will be held Wednesday
at 11 a.m. in the family
home church, the Reformed
Brethren Church of
Cedar Springs.

MOON - Marion "Mac"
Moon, 76, of Lowell, died
Saturday, Sept. 26. Visita-
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p.m. and services will be 2
p.m. Wednesday at the
First Presbyterian Church of
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NEW ROAD TEST SITE
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All interested persons may attend the public
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**Reflections**

By Roger White
First Presbyterian Church of Lowell

"This is wise and understanding among you. Show love for your mother and father, respect your brothers and sisters, and be grateful to your teacher. I am not telling you anything new, but what you have heard from the beginning must be followed. Whatever you have heard, keep it. This is what the scripture says, ‘To show love for your children is good.’ But love for your children is only a small part of what God requires. God requires that you love him with all your heart and with all your soul. It is not just enough to say ‘I love God,’ unless you do it with your actions. God wants you to show the world that you love him by the way you live your life.

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Cindy Lueders
Director of Religious Education

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Dear Jonathan: My wife and I are in our 60’s and recently sold our home. I understand the new tax law gives homeowners, regardless of their age, the ability to exclude up to $125,000 of profits to purchase, within two years, another principal residence. This in effect allows taxpayers to use their principal residence, so long as they lived in the house two years, to take advantage of the tax deferral, taxpayers had to in effect stop selling their homes after May 6, 1997, those taxpayers who sell their homes after May 6, 1997, those taxpayers who sell their home after May 6, 1997, those taxpayers who sell their home after May 6, 1997, those taxpayers who sell their home.
Vergennes, cont’d.... From Page 1

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

The turbine can be found on the east end of town. The town clerk, the town manager, the police department, and the town library are all located in an old barn that was converted to a new town hall.

According to Ashley, the old barn is being refurbished to accommodate the town's growing population. "We have a lot more people living here now," she said. "It's important to maintain our historical landmarks and preserve them for future generations."

As for the Compaq, no other machines were used in conjunction with it. Although it was a useful tool, it did not replace the other technologies at the center.

Amanda R. Mahrenholz

"We're all excited about this project," said Amanda R. Mahrenholz, who is in charge of the energy audit.

The Mahrenholz siblings are the fourth generation to serve in the United States Navy. Amanda's great-grandfather, a war hero and one of the last survivors from WW1, also served in the Navy during World War Two.

"It's really special to be able to carry on the family tradition," she said. "We're proud to serve our country and to help keep our country safe."

The Mahrenholz family has a long history of military service, dating back to the Civil War.

"We want to do our part to help keep our country safe," said Amanda. "It's an honor to be able to serve in the Navy and to contribute to the country's defense.

Students take probing look at ground water

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

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The township has not received any complaints about any property. "The township has the authority to prohibit any activity that is considered illegal," said分管。
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Television: Lowell's win knocked Hastings out of the race for unbeaten in the O-K White. Undaunted FHC visits Friday.

By: John A. Kelley

Lowell Gazette

Three strikes of lightning delayed the start of the Lowell/Hastings football game by 10 minutes Friday night.

These Red Arrow "big play" strikes that proceeded the game's start ended it. Lowell started fast, scored a 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the O-K White with a 28-6 win over previously unbeaten Hastings.

"They were quick and explosive," Hastings football coach Jeff Keller said. "He's not talking about the bolts of lightning." The style of Lowell's play is explosive and we might some mental errors and fell into their big-play scheme of things.

Lowell's first "big play" strike came without Red Arrows obviously leading 7-0. On fourth and four from their own 43-yard line, Steve Yaros took a swing pass in the flat, took a short snap from center and lofted a pass into the left flat for a wide open Kevin Teunis who then dashed unassisted to the end zone.

With the extra point, Lowell led 14-0. It stayed that way until midway through the third quarter when the Red Arrows struck twice within 25 seconds.

On first and 10 from their own nine-yard line, Lowell quarterback TJ. Thayer dropped back inside his own five and hand Teunis running a fly pattern down the sideline for five yards ahead of his defender.

The pass went between the "TJ" right shoulder and the Lowell receiver raced the distance and exclaiming Lowell lead 21-0.

Red Arrow Bill Wiering recovered a Hastings' fumble on the ensuing kickoff and ran it 32-yard line.

On the final play from scrimmage, Van Laan took the pitch from Thayer and threw a 32-yard tipped touchdown pass to Teunis.

The senior receiver ended the night with three receptions for 174 yards and three touchdowns.

Yaros threw three third downs and two touchdowns. He also rushing for a three-yard 99-yard and one touchdown.

"Tonight, TJ. Thayer did rather than do the Call," Lowell football coach Noel Deetz explained.

Hastings, with the first down at the 26. The ball inside the north 16 on one occasion and red the Red Arrow 20 on another, but neither time was it able to come away with points.

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- Leonardo da Vinci

Lowell's defense pats the wraps on Sussex back Shaw Slaughter.

"We have a good defense. They work hard," Deetz said.

Lowell opened the scoring in the first quarter with an 11-play, 53-yard scoring drive. Bill McPartan took it 5 yards down from a yard out.

Hastings only score came with 12 seconds remaining in the game. Sussex quarterback Matt Moore connected with Lake Warner on a 13-yard touchdown pass.

Lowellstown on Friday for a battle with O-K White rival, Fowl Hill Central.

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Lowell's defense held Hastings to 142 yards rushing on 36 carries.

O-K White Recap

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL:
Red Arrow soccer team “passes by” Hudsonville and Wyoming Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two much-needed wins for the Lowell girls soccer team put the 45-9 in both games. The Red Arrows were defeated by Central 17-50. Other Ranger times were Bill Beer, fourth, 19:07; Jason Maatman, second overall in 18:31. The trio have been a steady one-two-three combination for Lawell’s Ryan Wittenbach was third in 18:46. The Lowell boys were defeated 25-33 by Central.

THE LOWELL TOUCHDOWN CLUB

is proud to salute the following football players for their “Work Ethic, Effort And Attitude - The Things We Control”

Pictured above, from left to right, are Brandon Biggs, linebacker and guard for the 78er Black team and Zach Beacham, quarterback and cornerback for the 78er Red Team.

Bill McPherson, senior, plays both defensive end and fullback for the Red Arrow varsity football team.

Lowell girls basketball team falters in the final quarter against Zeeland and Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Everyone has been in a certain direction, but have not been sure if they are on the right road, and if they are, whether they are headed in the right direction. For the first few weeks of the 97 Lowell girls’ basketball season, coach Ken Alaimo has caried around the feeling.

He saw some road signs in Zeeland and Hastings last week that dispelled any doubts.

“We’re on the right road. The girls’ play against the Chix and Saxons assured me of that,” said Alaimo.

Ken Akers
Lowell Girls’ Basketball Coach

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Meiste upends Rangers' Thomason; FHC spills Lowell 7-1

By: Theodora J. Kenas
Lowell Ledger Editor

There's no noticeable difference in the play of Forest Hills Central's tennis team. "They are strong. They are good," Ackermann said.

There were some noticeable differences in the play of the Red Arrow's girls' tennis team against the Rangers. Lowell's match clinched FHC's upset streak against Central in the first set.

In doubles action, Colleen Mandle and Liz Osterhaven were up 6-0, 6-4. Amy Stell and Sandy Lesicki defeated the Red Arrows' first doubles team of Amy Meiste and Lindsey Gustafson, 6-4, 6-2. In the second set of doubles, Beth Wolk and Sandy Lesicki defeated the Red Arrow's third doubles team of Amy Meiste and Lindsey Gustafson in the first set, 6-4, 6-2. In the second set, Beth Wolk and Sandy Lesicki won, 6-1, 6-3, with the second set clinching the win for the Rangers.

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LOWELL LIGHT & POWER

Lions honor Dean for his development of players’ character, community involvement and football skill

Neal Dean has shown he can coach football. Under his leadership, Lowell was 7-2 in his first year as coach, and 1997 was another year of victory for the Red Arrows.

The award ceremony was honored Monday by the Detroit Lions for more than coaching football, he was recognized with his High School Football Community Award.

The award is presented to a coach who best develops his player's character, discipline and overall contribution to football. He also must meet the criteria of coaching the team to community and school, "I'm flattered and overwhelmed with the recognition," Dean said. "The award is a tribute to the work ethic and attitude of the entire team.

In a little over a year, Dean has instituted a number of community-related programs which his football team can play. They include: The Readers Program, English Language Learners Program, "Bears for Bears" community outreach and the "Bears for the Needy" football.

"There are eightiefive of all is to be awarded to the Flat River by the Lions Club for the upcoming season, "Dean said. "We appreciate the job being done.

Lynn athletic director Mary Beth Bence commented, "He coaches the players and the football He stresses that community service is as vital as winning in football.

In Dean's name a $500 donation will be made to Lowell's football program. He along with other recipients will be honored at the Lions game on Oct. 21.

During the awards ceremony, the Lions will announce the School Coach of the Year. The winning coach will receive $2,000 toward the team's football equipment.

Other coaches to win the award so far this year have been John Flood of Northview High School and Gary Jannik of Midland High School.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 7, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Beltway Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Larry Kwiatowski for a special land use under Section 3.20 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, for a private road to serve parcels of land having frontage on a public street, and for a special land use under Section 5.33, for approval of a land division, at covering lands commonly described as 10381 Belknap Road and legally described as the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land uses. Written comments may be submitted to the township office, 11667 Old Belknap Road, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49809, prior to the public hearing.

Dated September 19, 1997
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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TUESDAYS: Take Off Fonda Sensibles. Tops 4:30 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus 2613. Call 897-6890 for information.

THURSDAYS: Take Off Fonda Sensibles Tops 209, 332. Sensibles meet every Thursday evening at 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus 2613. Waevils is at 4:30 p.m. for information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of each month for parents or grandparents at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lessons for Senior Citizens in Allegan, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., all at the Allegan County Historical Society. Call 897-7600 for information.

THURSDAYS: English Language Library Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. First and third Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Second Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Phone 897-7842.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25: Com- modities will be distributed at the Osceola Moore Recreational Center. Be sure to bring all of your commodities are applicables, beans, veggie, fish, salmon, corn, cereal, grapefruit juice, beans, spaghetti and tomato sauce.

TUES., OCT 3: YMCA Lock-Arm Strut at 7 p.m. Red Amherst vs. Highfield. Wear your team shirt and go in front. Sit with your team and be introduced at halftime.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25: Ver- vivane Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses are Maria Wilcox, Patrice Burt and Joyce Hanscom. Program: Curtatamine Playings: Mary Anderson Ester Clowzem. Phone 897-7810 for information.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7: The Cherry Creek Craft Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 12757 Foreman Rd. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. No admission. Sponsored by the Lowell Elementary-PTO. For more information call at 897-7703.

WED., SEPT. 26: Lowell Area Historical Society program at 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses are Maria Wilcox, Patrice Burt and Joyce Hanscom. Program: Curtatamine Pennings: Mary Anderson Ester Clowzem. Phone 897-7810 for information.

LOWELL ART CENTER: Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Community Center. Free admission. Phone 897-7810 for information.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7: First Friday Meet at 7 p.m. at Elks Club, 1700 Grand River. Phone 897-7810 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8: Meet at 12 p.m. at the Elks Club, 1700 Grand River. Phone 897-7810 for more information.
IT MAKES SENSE!

The first graders in Mrs. Charlie class are using their five senses to learn about the world around them. Heat the drum taste as orange, smell the flowers, U.S. flag. Touch the fur. Mystery box make guessing fun!

Pictured, left to right: Sage Fox, Brandon Lee, Keith Neubauer, Emma Ward and Bradas Strick.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR
Lowell Area Schools has hired Susan Lockwood as Community Outreach Coordinator.

Susan will be responsible for distributing information about Lowell Area Schools to new parents and the community coordinating the School To Work and Four Programs, facilitating character education issues and recruiting volunteers from the community to work for our schools. Beginning in September, Susan has also been responsible for putting together the Directions newsletter.

One of Susan’s first tasks has been to implement a student directory for each of the schools in the district. “We have had a great response to the student directory. We have already received many participation forms from families who want to be included in the directory,” says Lockwood. If you have not received a form and would like to be included in the directory, please call your child’s school for a form, fill it out, and return it right away. The names and addresses will be put together this week, so do not delay. Questions? Call Susan Lockwood, Community Outreach Coordinator, 897-8415.

BUTTERFLY STUDY AT ALTO ELEMENTARY
First-grade students from Alto Elementary release Monarch butterflies to begin their migration south from the Inside Out classroom. The children study the life and its life cycle by observing them as pupa, chrysalis and butterfly stages in the classroom.

PRESCHELL SPEECH PROGRAM
This year our department will be providing a new preschool speech program in an effort to better serve preschoolers who require on-site speech and language services. Children being served through this program are those five-year-olds who, on a case-by-case basis, may not benefit from speech services in a natural school setting. If you have concerns regarding the speech and language development of your preschooler, please call the Thomas, Director of the Educational Support Program, 897-8415. A questionnaire to assess child’s speech and language needs will be sent to you. Once completed and returned to the school, your case will be referred to our school speech program who will be in contact with you.

THANK YOU
A special thank you to the Lowell Performing Arts Theater Patrons whose contributions this past year brought the musical Back to Lowell.

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Bill & Laura Inglish
Nita Bailey
DenBos Staff
Mr. & Mrs. Bushnell
Mr. & Mrs. James Cuneen
VanVLECK JOINS BUSSELL STAFF
Ms. Becky VanVleck, of Lowell, will be joining the BUSSELL Early Childhood Staff for the 1997-98 school year. Becky will be teaching first grade. She comes to us from Saranac Elementary where she taught first grade. We think Becky will be a wonderful complement to our early childhood staff and an outstanding teacher.

LETTER FUN
Buswell kindergarten friends are learning to recognize the letters within their names. Using corn, glue and lots of muscle control, the students can feel very proud of their efforts.

Back row, left to right: Brandon Lee, Megan Padgett, Christopher Speeder and Dylan McElvene.

LOWELL MUSIC BOOSTERS
January 28, February 25, March 4, April 1, May 6
The 1997-98 meeting dates are as follows:
September 15 • November 17 • January 19 • March 18 • May 18
Meetings are held in the middle school band room beginning at 7 p.m.

WELCOME TO LOWELL
Lowell is a growing community. This year, there are over 100 new families who enrolled their children in Lowell Area Schools. This is a challenging year for these children and their parents. The children need to make new friends, adjust to a new school and neighborhood and find interesting and entertaining things to do in the community.

BOOSTERS ARE LOOKING FOR HELP
The following projects are optional for students and parents. Come join the fun!

• Poinsettia plant sale • Monday night band rehearsal treats • District Band Festival in March • Fall Home Football games (selling baskets) • Summer vacation fun raffle • Musical • 50/50 summer vacation fun raffle • Pledge a gift, enjoy the 1998 show • Be a part of the Terrace membership drive! • Broadway Show Patron • $500 to $999 • Chorus Line Patron • $250 to $500 • Performing Arts Patron • $1 to $250

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Please list how you would like your name to appear on the plaque. Make checks payable to Lowell Music Boosters. As always, consult your tax consultant about a deduction.

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ACTIVE PARENTING COURSE OFFERED
Maureen Brogan will be teaching an Active Parenting course through Community Education on October 25, November 15, 18, 25 and December 2 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

This course will address parenting skills and information needed to effectively parent the family. These skills and information are optional for students and parents. Come join the fun!
J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council has given the go-ahead for city officials to begin looking at vacating Water Street in hopes of improving park access and safety issues.

The issues were brought before the council at its regular Monday night meeting by James Doyle, senior vice president of King Milling Company, 115 S. Broadway.

In the letter, Doyle expressed concern over the safety of residents trying to access Recreation Park, which buts up against the industrial park. Residents, via foot and bikes, must contend with truck traffic to reach the park. Also Doyle said the condition of Water Street does not leave a good image for the company or the city, much less maintain good sanitation in the plants and processes.

On that, and considering the city would not want to spend the necessary dollars to fix Water Street, Doyle recommended the city vacate Water Street from south of Main Street so as to maintain the current, public angle parking for the park. He then suggested a better access point to the park would be near the old YMCA pool "where there is good, safe egress from Broadway Street," he wrote. The location would also provide good parking and would shift traffic patterns to flow more from Hudson Street and less from Broadway.

Explosion rocks FMB boiler room

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"It could have been worse" were the words from FMB State Savings Bank vice president Chuck Myers, following the Sunday morning explosion.

"It was just a month or so ago we removed all of our computer equipment from the boiler room into another area of the bank," Myers said.

The cause of the explosion was identified as electrical by Lowell Area fire chief Frank Martin.

"There was more of a flash that followed the explosion than a fire," Martin said. "We believe something in the electrical panels caused it." The explosion blew the door to the main electrical box off.

It was slammed into the boiler sitting 12 feet across the room. The boiler casing was dented and its water line was broken.

"The fire department's quick response prevented any smoke damage to the rest of the building," Myers said. "They got here quickly and were able to set up fans, directing the smoke outside the building."

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The city council agreed with Doyle and directed city manager David Pasquale to bring talks about the vacation and park improvements with the Park and Recreation Commission at the commission's Oct. 13 meeting.

"We're not sure of the actual number of people who attended," said assistant chamber director Liz Baker. "This chamber thinks that approximately 3,000 people were in attendance.

"The chamber saw a profit of $4,500. This nearly doubled last year's profit of $2,300."

The Riverwalk Festival monies help pay for a part-time person to answer the phone and for office expenses. Baker said as the chamber has done in the past, it met to discuss how to make the festival better in 1998.

Some changes will include:

- Emphasizing the "duck theme" in the parade (encouraging children to decorate their bikes in yellow and orange).
- Lowering the dam sooner in an effort to expedite the race of the ducks, and designating a new starting place for the duck race to enhance its excitement.
- Offering businesses the opportunity to donate prizes for the duck race in addition to the $500 first prize. Baker stressed the chamber would not solicit businesses for prizes. It would have to be voluntary.