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Hovering hobbyists skim through town over the weekend

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Fairgrounds was the place to be over the weekend if you are a hovercraft hobbyist. Members of the Hovercraft Club of America brought their machines there, finding it to be a pretty ideal location. There's ample grassy area; small stones in the gravel drives, which lessen wear on the hovercraft; and a boat launch with a gradual slope for an easy transition into and out of the river.

The river is where the hovercrafters spent most of their time. They cruised downstream to Grand Rapids, upstream to Lyons, and in between. It is a good river for hovering, event organizer Don Bender said. This year especially, with the river low, there were few boats on the river and a large number of sand bars to stop the craft on mid-cruise.

"Hovercrafters" is a good name for the people who built these rigs. Half of the word being "crafters," it puts an emphasis on the construction aspect of the crafts. Hovercraft kits are widely available, but would take the fun out of it for this crowd.

"I enjoy building them. I enjoy building them about as much as I do operating them," said association member Terry Chapman.

"More for me," said Bender, whose craft won the club's 2005 award for quality construction.

The crafts run a wide range in sophistication and technology. Bender enlisted the help of Boeing engineer and hovercraft builder Dean Pollee, and the Boeing software Pollee works with, in designing the prop for his craft. Other crafts had simple foam hulls--made from a few sheets of styrofoam insulation glued to a sheet of eighth-inch plywood for rigidity. Coated in fiberglass, the foam is sufficiently strong, structurally.

The rough silver and blue paint on Stan Sykes' craft indicated he was still experimenting. He has built "five or six, I don't know" hovercrafts.

"Some of them were more successful than others," he said.

Even with a simple foam hull, hovercrafts can be a tricky species. Light weight is important. Proper thrust, balance and aerodynamics are all important to even get moving, and are essential at speed.

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Stan Sykes (foreground) and Dean Pollee cruise down the Grand River by the Lowell Fairgrounds.

Smooth start to the new school year for area kids

By Dan Schneider

nother year of school started last Wednesday in Lowell.

While last year saw the opening of a new elementary school and the year before that, the Freshman Center, this year there were no

major changes. A few Cherry Creek Elementary students talked about their transition from second to third grade.

Third graders in Jenny Cole's class at Cherry Creek Elementary were eager to participate on the first day of school.

"It's new to me and I'm enjoying it," said Zach Diamond of Jenny Cole's third grade class. "I'm really looking forward to math."

"I like Mrs. Cole so far" was Allison Annable's assessment of her new teacher.

Third grader and baseball fan Gabriel White looked back at his summer and said his favorite thing was "watching Whitecaps games."

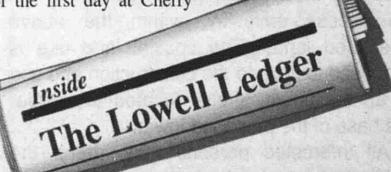
The students were not the only ones to make adjustments. Cherry Creek teacher Sheri Melle made the transition from teaching fifth grade to third grade.

"I'm so used to fifth graders, it's like 'gotta slow down," she said.

But it didn't dampen her enthusiasm. "I'm just having a great time today," she said.

There were a few minor bumps in the fabric of the first day at Cherry

Creek. With a new school day schedule, one teacher forgot to bring her students Smooth start, cont'd., pg. 4



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BIRMAN

Franklin John Birman, aged 52 of Lowell, passed away peacefully August 29, 2005 after living the past 31 years with Multiple Sclerosis. He was preceded in death by husband Wesley Clemenz. his father Russell Birman and father-in-law Matthew Metternick. Surviving are his wife Susan; sons Kyle and Jason: mother Nellie Birman of Cascade; mother- Kara (Carl) Mathews of in-law Shirley Metternick Charlottesville, Virginia: of Benzonia; brothers and sisters-in-law Steve and Barb Metternick of Ada, Mike and Kathy Stevens of Benzonia, Ron and Carrie of Lowell; special nieces Mr. Birman was an avid fisherman and hunter. The family requests memorial contributions be made to: United Methodist Church Multiple Sclerosis Society of Lowell. Esther loved or Hospice of Michigan. Cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral

services at this time.

CLEMENZ

Esther Clemenz, aged 96, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, August 28 2005 after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her She is survived by her son Bruce (Joann) Clemenz of Haymarket, Virginia granddaughters Joy (Walter) Heuer of Herndon, Virginia, great-grandchildren Sarah and Bradley Heuer and Rachel and Erin Mathews: sister-in-law Marie Rickert Katherine Geiger, Darlene Gahan, many other nieces and nephews. Esther was a long-time member of First playing cards and bingo. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Funeral services will be on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 11 a.m.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on an application by Nextel Communications for a special land use so as to permit the installation and use of a communications tower and antennas on land located off Nugent Avenue, north of M-44, which is legally described as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4, Section 17, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing 1220.48 feet North 00°00'03" East along the North-South 1/4 line from the center of the Section: thence North 88°59'04" West 1583.32 feet: thence North 01°32'58" West 200.00 feet: thence North 8859'04" West 600.60 feet; thence South 01°32'58" East 200.00 feet; thence North 88°59'04" West 394.08 feet more or less, to the West section line; thence North along the West section line to the North section line: thence East along the North section line to the North-South 1/4 line; thence South to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The proposed special land use would comprise an approximate 1/4 acre site, with an access driveway, within the above described lands. The special land use is proposed to include the construction and use of an equipment shelter located at or near the base of the proposed tower.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special Inad use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing. Dated: August 25, 2005

> PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

at First United Methodist E. Marshall lost his battle tracing his family history Rapids, on August 21, 2005 Church of Lowell, Dr. with cancer and went (Wm. Marshall Maryland, hugged to her breast her two Methodist Church of Lowell the Lowell Historical

KILBOURN

Lowell, Melvin Alexander Highway Roy King, brother- in-law State family will receive friends National Vice President of and relatives Wednesday 1 the Coast Guard S.E Asia Lincare.

Michael Conklin officiating. joyously to abide with God. 1670), but his greatest predeceased grandchildren Interment at Oakwood Born August 7, 1942 in the interest and advocation was Patrick and Katie Gauthier, Cemetery. Visitation will be family farmhouse on Kyser the Veterans of Foreign Wars. while celebrating and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 Rd. in Boston Township, Gordon joined Flat River kicking up her heels drinking p.m. at Roth- Gerst Funeral he was the eldest of nine VFW Post 8303 in 1982. In Dry Manhattans with her Home. In lieu of flowers, children of Edwin Yancy memorial contributions may and Faith Venola (Truesdell) Marshall. He attended Lowell Schools, Gordon graduated with the Class of 1960. On St. Patrick's Day he helped rebuild the Post years, Richard E. Gauthier. 1964, he volunteered for duty membership, and the Post in the United States Coast building as well. He "ran" David Floyd Kilbourn, aged Guard, where he attained the Bingo game at the Kent 68, of Lowell, passed away the rank of Engineman 3rd County 4-H Fair for many Richard Streng; children August 26, 2005 in Grand Class. In April 1967, he years, using his vacation Brendan (Dee) Gauthier, Rapids. He was born Aug. volunteered for duty aboard time to do so. Whether it was Paul (Karen) Gauthier, 1937 in White Lake the USCG Cutter Gresham sweeping floors, scrubbing Daniel (Marion) Gauthier, Twp., Michigan, the son of (WHEC-387), and duty in potatoes, or trying to stop Claire Marie (Robert) Eady, Floyd David and Katherine South Vietnam. He was leaks in the roof (or at Brian (Katherine) Gauthier, (Diebler) Kilbourn. He subsequently awarded the least moving the buckets to Richard married Jackolyn Mutschler Combat Action Ribbon, the best advantage), he helped Gauthier, Andrew Gauthier, Oct. 29, 1994. David owned CG Good Conduct Medal, guide the Post through the and Philip (Dawnielle) and operated a car dealership the National Defense sale of the old Main St. Streng; 21 grandchildren; six called Auto Exchange in Service Medal, Vietnam Post building and parking great-grandchildren; a raft Saranac. He worked as Service Medal w/3 stars, lot. Whatever was needed, salesman at Caswell in RVN Vietnam Campaign, Gordon was there to help. Ionia. He loved working RVN Gallantry Cross, RVN Also during this period, he Anne graduated from Grand on old cars and painting Civil Actions 1st Class, helped Post #8303 achieve Rapids Catholic Central and and restoring them. He is and CG Rifle and Pistol VFW State recognition by Michigan State University. survived by his loving wife marksmanship ribbons. three times being declared an She taught Spanish and Jackie Kilbourn of Lowell; Honorably discharged from "All State Post." He served English at Grand Rapids mother Catherine M. King of service in March 1968, as Commander of the Kent Catholic Central in the late Lowell; sons Mark Kilbourn he returned to Lowell. On County Veteran's Council, '40s. Mary Anne was the of Grand Rapids, Michael March 23 of 1969, he was and was an "All State love of Rich Streng's life and Heather Kilbourn of hired by the Michigan District" Commander" in and the life of his love-a of Lowell, Tony and Patti (MDOT). He retired on friends in the Michigan and mother. Mary Anne also Alexander of Saranac, June 30, 2005, with 36 VFW "family." Gordon tutored at St. John's Home for Douglas Alexander and years service to the people is survived by his loving 10 years once her last baby Sheila Whaley of Saranac, of the State of Michigan. wife Marlene; son Gordon Philip had been in school a Fred and Jenny Brickley On Feb. 9, 1973, he married (Nichole) Marshall of few years. Mary Anne loved of Fine Lake; daughters Linda Marie Horwood of Grand Haven, son MM 1st parties and seldom missed Joyce and Frank Jones of Ionia and they had two Class Ross Edwin Marshall, one. A celebration of her life Mancelona, Dawn Paul- sons together. They were USN, son Mark (Janna) and the Mass of Christian Tyler of Battle Creek, Cindy divorced in October 1981. Cain of Ionia, daughter Burial was offered Aug. 24 and Victor Esquivel of Battle He and Marlene Marie Cain Jody Cain of Lowell; father at St. Thomas the Apostle Creek, Tammy and Mark (nee Nummer) were married Edwin (Barbara) Marshall Church with Rev. James Alexander of Battle Creek; December 1, 1984 and they of Howard City; sister A. Chelich, presiding. brothers Jerry Kilbourn of had celebrated their 20th Janice Lee Sampson of CA; Interment in Woodlawn Lowell, Kenny and Bonnie anniversary. Gordon tended brothers Charles Edward Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Kilbourn of Marshall; sisters to get deeply involved with of Colo., Dale Eugene of memorial contributions may Barbara Baxter of Lowell, the various organizations Texas; sisters Margaret be made to St. John's Home, Donna Shea of Battle Creek; that he belonged to. He (Richard) Howey of Grand 2355 Knapp St. NE, Grand many grandchildren and was a Life member of Rapids, Janelle Faith of Rapids, MI 49505. great-grandchildren. He was the National Muzzle Muskegon; four wonderful preceded in death by one Loading Rifle Association, grandchildren; numerous son Phillip (Skeeter) Hyatt, and served two terms as nieces and nephews. He was Clara E. Wood, aged 80, of father Floyd, step-father President of the Michigan preceded in death by mommy Marion Mutschler, sisters- Association. He was a fierce sisters Geralyn Elisabeth in-law Reba and Nancy competitor on the target and Laurie Ellen. Donations Kilbourn. Funeral services range, won a couple of may be made to the VFW will be held Wednesday at 2 State Championships, set National Home for Children p.m. at Lake Funeral Home some records, and along through VFW Post #8303. in Saranac with Pastor the way, won some medals Funeral arrangements are R. Wood who preceded her James Frank officiating. The and trophies. He served as pending.

April 1994, he was elected father Dewitt Smith, mother Commander for a one-year Marion Debree, stepfather term that eventually became Ray seven (7) years. During his Joseph (Marilyn) Smith, tenure as Post Commander, and first husband of 14 of nieces and nephews; and Department 2003. He made many, many terrific stay-at-home wife Muzzleloading Faith, brother Donnal Edwin,

Waiting to eventually join

years, 2 months and 21 days,

innumerable friends. Mary

Lowell, died August 25, 2005.

She was born November 24,

1924 in Goodland Ind., the

daughter of the late Jesse

and Gertrude (Vanderwallt)

Braaksma. On Nov. 27,

1942, Clara married Eugene

in death on Dec. 11, 1973.

Besides being a homemaker

and mother, Clara worked as

MEYERING p.m. until time of service at Veterans of America, the Charles Allen "Chuck" a clerk at Purdue University the funeral home. Memorial Commander of the United Meyering, aged 46, of for 17 years, retiring in contributions may be made Veterans Council of Kent Grand Rapids, passed away 1987. She was a member to Ionia Area Hospice or County, and he was Vice unexpectedly at his home. of Phi Sigma Alpha, West Commander of American Surviving are his son Michael Lafayette Methodist Church, Legion Clark Ellis Post #152 Meyering of Sparta; parents Eastern Star of Winchester, of Lowell for several years. Jack and Char Meyering Ind., and the Lowell YMCA. On August 29, 2005 Gordon He had a great interest in of Ada; brothers John and She is survived by son Ted Laura Meyering of Grand (Linda) Wood of Benzonia; Rapids, Ronald and Jane daughters Patricia (Rick) Meyering of Byron Center; Chastain of Sarasota, FL, niece Andrea Meyering; Jean Lavine of SanDiego, nephews Aaron, David, CA; six grandchildren; Kevin Meyering; uncle Bill seven great-grandchildren; and aunt Gerri Meyering of sister Phyllis (Ralph) Jenison; aunt Phyllis Acton Cadwallader of Lowell. of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Preceding her in death cousin Bob Meyering of are Eugene, her husband Lowell. Chuck loved boat of 31 years; her parents; racing and politics. Funeral sister Jennie Barngrover; services were held Tuesday brothers Take and Martin at Bethel Lutheran Church, Braaksma; grandchildren Grandville, with Rev. Ralph Christina Lynn Lavine and Carey officiating. Interment Douglas Lavine. Memorial in Winchester Cemetery, contributions may be Byron Center. Memorials made to the Visiting Nurse may be made to The Hospice. Internment has Salvation Army.

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taken place at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette, IN.

"Life is Good"



Sue Mooney (from left), Karen Hale and Amy Gasper of Cousin's Hallmark presented a check to Anna Organek last Friday. Pictured next to Anna is her sister, Emma, and mother, Heather. The Hallmark store sold a selection of "Life is Good" T-shirts for three weeks with 70 percent of the profits going to help Organek, who is being treated for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. From Aug. 4-23, the sale raised close to \$2,400.

Lowell Moose Lodge hosts hog roast to benefit spina bifida support group

By Dan Schneider

Lodge recreational hall will fluid. benefit a West Michigan spina bifida support group.

Association.

bifida is the most devastating bowel or bladder control. and least researched birth 1.000 children born in the United States has the condition. Babies born with spina bifida have a hole in their spinal column. The opening goes through their tissues and skin to the outside. This requires major surgery to close the opening within 24 hours of birth.

Hydrocephalus, condition in which excess fluid builds up in the brain, accompanies 97 percent of spina bifida cases. Therefore, most newborns with spina bifida must also undergo a

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goal is to help the affected to everyone. There are a second major surgery within A hog roast Sunday, two weeks of birth to install individuals live normal as number of other fundraising Sept. 11, at the Lowell Moose a shunt to drain the excess possible lives. "We want to activities associated with the

All proceeds benefit the the opening in the spinal said. West Michigan Spina Bifida column. Some children are

The West Michigan

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help these little guys become hog roast, including 50/50 Spina bifida affects all as independent as they raffles, cow pie bingo and nervous functions below possibly can," DesJardines regular bingo. Also planned

The association helps and a live auction. Items paralyzed from the waist its 65- member families pay already donated for the "We try to help down. DesJardines' seven- medical costs and go to local auction include a night at individuals and families that year-old daughter, who has and national conferences on the Amway Grand Plaza are affected by spina bifida," spina bifida, can walk with spina bifida. It also helps pay and a golf/dinner package at said association president the aid of leg braces and for the kids to go to summer Centennial Country Club in Cheryl DesJardines of physical therapy. The defect camp, which is an expensive Cascade. causes other impediments to prospect for children who She added that spina everyday life, such as loss of need so much help day to on the hog roast or about

For more information donating items for the live

defect. One out of every Spina Bifida Association's \$5 and the event is open at 989-235-1021.

Dinner tickets are auction, contact DesJardines

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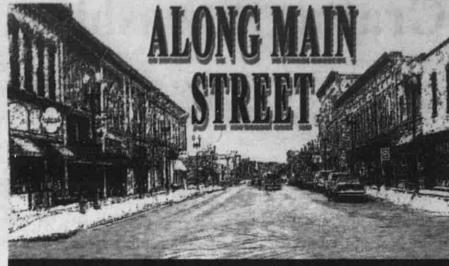
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Humanity has advanced, when it has advanced, not because it has been sober, responsible, and cautious, but because it has been playful, rebellious, and immature.

- Tom Robbins

are music, children's games

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COMMODITIES

Free food will be given out at the Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St. on Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Available are applesauce, beef stew, apple juice, veg. oil, milk UHT, chicken - canned, peanut butter, pudding (4 pk.).

FIRST CUB SCOUT MEETING

Cub Scout Pack 3188 will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. Boys in 1st-5th grade are invited to join the pack. Contact Gary Liu at (616) 292-6039 for more information.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING

The Lowell Police Dept. will be collecting old/ retired cell phones through Sept. 30. The phones will be reconditioned and donated to domestic violence shelters in W. Michigan. A donation will be made to the LPD D.A.R.E. program from Shelter Alliance. Drop off old cell phones at the Lowell Police Dept. from 6 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Or bring to any Lowell police

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

The Academic Boosters meeting is Thursday, Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at LHS. Call Lynnae at 897-4289 with questions.

1ST HOME FOOTBALL GAME FOOD DRIVE

Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry needs food. Please bring non-perishable food items to Red Arrow Stadium on Friday, Sept. 9 for the Lowell/ Kenowa Hills game; look for the FROM table at the main concourse inside the stadium. Also drop-off locations are at 519 E. Main or the Lowell Ledger.

DRESS SWAP 2005

The Lowell class of 2007 will join the Northview class of 2007 for a fundraising dress swap. Students may drop off their dresses to C-102 (Mrs. Schutte's room) on Sept. 7 and 8, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Others can drop off dresses in front of the high school office, Sept. 7 from 7-8 a.m. or 4-5 p.m. The dress swap will be in the seminar room at Northview High School, Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - all priced at \$25.

2006 SENIOR PARENTS MEETING

A parents class of 2006 senior trip planning meeting is Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at LHS in the math

LACROSSE COACHES NEEDED

If you are interested in coaching Lowell middle school or high school lacrosse in the spring, please call Kristi at 897-9227, ext. 247.

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2005 in observance of Labor Day.

The City of Lowell refuse schedule will be delayed one day, Tuesday pickup will be on Wednesday and Thursday pickup will be on Friday due to the holiday.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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Mary Anne Smith Gauthier Streng, aged 79, of Grand

By Dan Schneider

Roundup" is planned to raise money to preserve farmland in Grattan Township

The event, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11 from 2 to 7 Park. The cost is \$15; free for kids under 12. That includes music entertainment. On the currently eligible to receive menu are hamburgers, baked beans and corn. There will became available this year.

be hourly 50/50 raffles. Money raised will go to program matches every preserve farmland through locally raised dollar with the Kent County Purchase three more dollars. Grattan of Development Rights Township trustee and PDR program (PDR). Through committee member Dennis PDR, townships pay owners Heffron said the township of agricultural property for an can get foundation backing easement that guarantees the to match every dollar it land will stay in agriculture. raises. The state would then The program is designed add \$6 to that amount. Then to ease farmers' financial the federal government pressure to sell their land to will match the township, developers.

The Howard farm on combined. Parnell Ave. in Vergennes Township became the first Kent County land to be permanently

under the PDR program. A thing when one dollar will Kent County in 2003-2004, cycle and seven more this held there in June.

foundation and federal money, Grattan has already three farms in the township; total acreage: 350. Grattan is also one of only nine townships in the state state matching funds that

The new state funding foundation and state money,

That means every dollar raised by the township for PDR becomes \$16.

"It's really a terrific

A "Chuck Wagon dedication ceremony was go so far," Heffron said. nine farms applied ... the year. With those funding sources most in Kent County. township, in place "a fundraiser could raise guite a lot of money."

> raised enough to preserve admission to the Chuck County," Heffron Wagon Roundup means \$240 for PDR in Grattan.

Kent County at pursuing PDR projects. During the

"Grattan Township has had the most applicants For instance, every \$15 of any township in Kent tremendous desire to get some of our farmland in

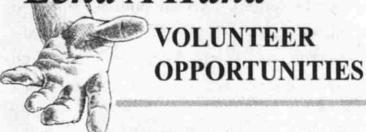
The township had seven first application cycle in applicants during last year's 1980s, they had people

when PDR was still a state educator with the Michigan program, there were farmers State University Cooperative farmland preserved. There

Development Rights," said Even before 2000, Kendra Wills, land use

two applications fundraiser are available at waiting for approval from H&W Farms, the Grattan The township has been into the program, to preserve the state program when a Store, and the Grist Mill in statute localized PDR in Cannonsburg or by calling Jerry Herrmann (691-7948) "Even back into the or Doris Crist (691-7633).

Lend A Hand



FINAL PLEA FOR KENT AREA HOST FAMILIES

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) executive director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to

match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective house families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large

Families who host for P.I.E. are also legible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they house a sponsored

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from

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PLAY GOLF

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out for morning recess. With smoothest day they can this year instead of carpet, students had to be briefed on closing their lockers softly, as there is no more carpet to subdue the sound.

But small things aside, the principals in all of the district's school buildings reported a good start to the school year.

teachers say it was the

worked out last year," said Brett Noskey, principal of Murray Lake Elementary, which is starting its second year of existence.

One principal was driven to hyperbole in "I've had many veteran describing the first day of school

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remember," said middle was joyful, it was exciting, a difference," Burd said. principal Linda it was exhausting, it was "A lot of the bugs we Elementary principal Karen

> houses and meet-the-teacher congestion in the parking up, 50 more than last year. slightly from last year with nights helped smooth the lot and making the drop-off More students also arrived 923 students counted the entering new schools.

"Knowing who the teacher is, knowing where their room is, knowing

principal Scott Vashaw also day of school. Murray Lake stayed about the same, with said the first day went well. Elementary also saw a rise 170 kindergartners and 125 However, he said, the school in student numbers. The first first graders. Middle school Principals said open is working on lessening day, 425 students showed student numbers are down and pickup zone safer for at Alto Elementary this year, first day. students, buses and parents. 393 compared to 380.

The student count at

"It was wonderful, it where to line up really makes the high school increased by 51 over last year. There numbers fell from 540 to 500. At the high school, were 1,314 students the first Bushnell's student numbers

Cherry Creek's student

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familiarizing themselves with math and science." with these factors as six year

since we were really young, found out at school. driving them around our yard and everything," Chris when I tell them I drive Chapman said. "I would hovercrafts," he said. "It's a have learned how props work big surprise." in fourth grade whereas I

Chapman's sons, Chris, would learn it in sixth grade round pastime: crafts can

hobby as collecting baseball land. "We were doing this cards, Chris Chapman has

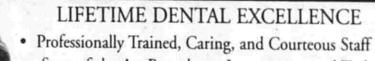
Hovering is a year-

14, and Tom, 10, began in school. It definitely helps go over water whether it's frozen or not, and snow And it isn't as common a helps them traverse fields on

> "The neat thing about these is you never have to "It's always a shock put them away for a season,"

The hovercrafters plan to return next year.

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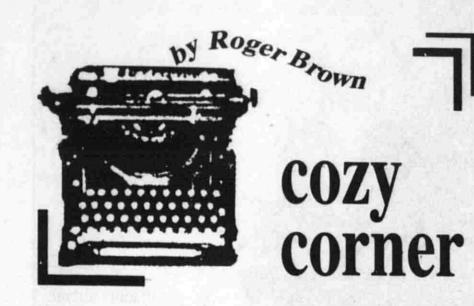
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Viewpoint-



As noted here numerous times, I'm a sucker for dogs. That statement does cover all dogs, but some more than others. At the top of the list are big, goofy, slobbering, gregarious dogs. The John Madden and Willard Scott personality a good thing. types of the dog world.

Just because a dog is big and slobbering doesn't mean it's high on my "loveable" list. A neighbor has two monstrous Rottweilers that strain at their leashes when I pass by on my morning walk. They act like they want a piece of me. As big as these two monsters are, they may want more than a piece.

Their combined weight is easily a hundred pounds more than their owner weighs. When the owner sees me coming she wraps the leashes around her wrists, digs in her heels and holds on tight. Rather than love, I'm more apt to associate fear with these dogs.

Several neighbors have those little white curly-haired yipping dogs. These dogs are different breeds, but they are all pretty much the same to me. Their common characteristics include hyperactivity, a piercing yip and owners who think everything they do, to include ankle biting, is cute.

Again, I do love all dogs, but these yipping little guys are tough for me to warm up to. First I have to get past be-

Another neighbor has two medium-sized Airedales. Being terriers, they live up to their name and terrorize the neighborhood. They have had zero training and are totally out of control.

Everything is a big game to them. When these two are around it's a laugh a minute. Whatever it is, they find a way to chase it, dig it, chew it or get it ("it" being me) to chase them. I really do love these two, but like grandkids, it's nice Mastiff to send them home after we've had our fun.

Another neighbor has a big old mutt of a dog. He's been neutered, run over by a truck, bitten by a rattlesnake, washed away by a hurricane and is hobbled by arthritis. He casually wanders around the neighborhood looking for handouts and answers to "Lucky." It's easy to love Lucky.

One neighbor runs a regular kennel. He has at least a half-dozen dogs confined to his porch. They are all on the smallish side and create quite a ruckus when I walk by. The interesting thing about his pack is the fact he didn't get to pick any of them. All these dogs were pawned off on him by his kids, his current wife's kids and even by an ex-wife. This guy obviously loves dogs more than I do. That or he's a real soft touch. Hmmm ... next time I need a loan ...

All this dog talk brings us to a trip to the vet yesterday. I took my two elderly boys in for their annual check-ups. My dogs are ten and thirteen. They are both being treated with medication for arthritis. Throw in heartworm meds, flea and tick treatment, vet bills plus Max's recent bout with a car, and their medical costs far exceed mine. I guess that's

After the check-ups, we had to get the meds and settle the bill. The waiting room was pandemonium. There were lots of people and pets causing the confusion, but the main culprit was one of those big gregarious guys I described at the beginning of this. He happened to belong to a customer of mine. She was trying to pay her bill and keep her dog un- it." der control at the same time. She wasn't having much luck.

Leaning on the counter amid the confusion was an old man trying to get some medication for his dog. He spoke with a thick accent that I took for French. We'll get back to

I asked the woman, my customer with the out-of-control dog, what his breed is. He is a big dog with a short brindle coat and short black muzzle. He had the beginnings of a pattern in the hair on his back, like a Rhodesian Ridgeback. I've long had a fondness for "Rhoddies" and think I'd like to have one someday. Hence my curiosity.

His muzzle and sheer size weren't right, but I asked if his arrest by deputy Jacobi at the Lowell train station. he had some "Rhoddie" in him. His owner said she didn't have papers, but was told he was an Australian Bull Mastiff when she got him as a puppy. That breed is certainly a new one on me. Whatever he is, he's a good-looking boy.

Back to the old guy with the French accent. He had apparently been listening to our conversation. He jumped in with, "Either of you ever see a French Bull Mastiff?" looked at my customer, and she at me. We replied in unison that we had not ever seen, or heard of, a French Bull

With a glint in his eye, the old guy said in his geriatric Pepe LePew accent, "Go outside and look in my car. You'll see a French Bull Mastiff. I've been married to her for over

Needless to say, everybody in the place cracked up. Dog lovers ... you've gotta love 'em!

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago Priscilla Lussmyer

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2005 PAGE 5

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 1, 1880

"The weather is more independent than we like to see

The village tax roll has been handed over to the Marshall; be sure yours are paid.

The plum tree raiders got caught.

Many coughs and colds have resulted from the past week's wet weather.

Prof. Grant, the new principal, is ill, but hoping to be on hand for school opening Monday the 6th.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **AUGUST 31, 1905**

The bragging of a thief at the Moseley Saloon results in

Automobile parties from Grand Rapids are coming to

Fallasburg to fish. President Theodore Roosevelt negotiates peace terms

between Russia and Japan in the wake of their war. Next Monday is School Book Day at Look's Drug and

Book Store, for new and used books and school supplies.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 28, 1930

Americans spend more on sweets than they do on electricity -- about two cents per day in either case.

Over 500 licenses at \$10 each to sell "minnies" (minnows) have been issued this season in Michigan (there are also minnie bootleggers).

Edwin Fallas has completed the Fallasburg Park Arch, pictured with his article on Fallasburg history.

The old school bell has been mounted on top of the school building and will be rung daily at 8 a.m. and 12:45.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 1, 1955

The Port of Muskegon will ship about 2000 tons of navy beans for C.H. Runciman Company to foreign ports

Thirty-five boys and girls show up for the first Lowell Tennis Tournament.

Gov. Williams calls out the National Guard to beef up highway patrols during the Labor Day weekend.

Four LHS graduates receive Blodgett School of Nursing diplomas: Delores Seeley, June Dyke, Lois Bieri and Alice

High school courses and requirements for graduation are listed. School will start on the 6th.

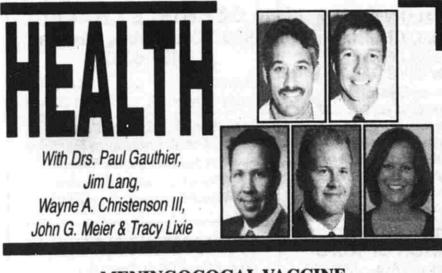
25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **AUGUST 27, 1980**

A "Children's Barnyard" for petting, and reduced-fare Friday rides are features of this year's 4-H Fair.

An Open House is held for retiring librarian Evelyn

Postmaster Charlie Doyle reminds college students to file change-of-address forms with the PO.

"Lowell: Fine opening for manufacturers and men of means" is reprinted from an 1885 article in the Detroit Free



MENINGOCOCAL VACCINE

Meningitis is a serious infection of the fluid surrounding the brain. About 2600 people get meningococal infections each year in the U.S. and 10-15 percent will die in spite of appropriate medical treatment. Meningococal infections are more common in infants < 1 year old, people who have had their spleen removed, and college freshmen who live in

Two meningococal vaccines are available. The newer vaccine, just released this year, is expected to give better, longer lasting protection than the older vaccine.

The new meningococal vaccine is recommended for all children at their routine preadolescent visit about 11-

12 years of age or at high school entry. The vaccine is also recommended for others at increased risk for exposure and

- college freshmen living in a dorm

- U.S. military recruits

- anyone traveling to another country where meningococal infections are common

- anyone without a spleen

- people who may have been exposed to meningitis during an outbreak.

The newer vaccine is the preferred agent for people 11-15 years of age but the older vaccine can be used if the new vaccine is not available.

The older vaccine should be used in children 2-10 years old and those older than 55 years if they are at risk.

Side effects of the vaccine are minimal. About 1/2 of the people receiving the vaccine will have localized redness or pain at the injection site for a day or two. Very few will experience a fever and serious allergic reactions are

For more information regarding the new meningococal vaccine go to the CDC's National Immunization Program web site at www.cdc.gov/nip.

Born August 9, 2005, of Ludington and Bruce and

he weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and Peggy Byrne of Lowell.



By Bob Roush, pastor Friendship Country Chapel

THE PROMISE

I was born and raised in West Virginia. When I was six years old, WWII was in progress and employment was scarce. As a result my father and mother went to Portland, Ore., to gain employment in the shipyards where they all things continue as they were from the beginning of the built those large liberty ships. I was entrusted to the care creation." of a loving, Godly grandmother while they were gone. I remember the day my father left. Kneeling before me he put yet fulfilled. Down through the countless ages scoffers have his big hands on my shoulders and looking me straight in doubted the integrity of the promise. But God is not bound the eye said, "Your mother and I are going away for a while by time and He will bring to pass that which He has spoken, but we will come back when we're finished." Every day so don't you lose hope in the promise. Some day just as sure from that point on I looked for, and dreamed of, their return as these words were spoken Jesus will come again. We have because I had the assurance of my father's word, and I knew the assurance of our Father's word and we know he would he wouldn't lie to me. But as time gave way to time, I began not lie to us. to doubt that they were really ever coming back. Then one day as I was walking home from school, I saw the old '39 Ford parked out by the curb filled with suitcases and boxes, and I knew they had returned. As I entered the living room my grandmother said to me, "Do you know who's here?" And then they popped into the room and grabbed me, it was one of those Kodak moments, ya' know.

On the night Jesus was crucified he told His disciples that He was going back to the Father but that if He went, He was going to come again and receive them that where He was, they could be also. Two thousand years have passed since the day those words fell from the savior's lips. As time goes by, the reality of the promise can lose its definition, become hazy and blurred and we can, in a sense, lose hope in its integrity. Like me waiting for my parents return we can begin to think it's not ever going to happen.

In 2 Peter 3:3-4 the Bible talks about the very thing. It says, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep,

And so we find the Bible closing with this promise not

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:1-3 Even so, come Lord



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Johnson, Bailey Allen. Ron Merriman, Ashley Hathaway, Theresa

Haan, Mitch Mercer.

MacKenzie VanderWarf,

Moerdyke/Ryerson



Jeremy and Jayme Moerdyke

Lowell was the setting for Jaclyn Moerdyke. the July 9, 2005 wedding of Jayme Ryerson and Jeremy Byle; groomsmen were Moerdyke. Rev. Gregory Philip Moerdyke and Levi Freed of Elmdale Church of Rverson the Nazarene officiated.

are Marshall Ryerson and candlelighters. SEPTEMBER 6: Brian the late Gina Ryerson. Moerdyke of Lowell.

Maid of honor was Mich Mollie Seeber: bridesmaids

Fallasburg Park in were Christina Bennet and

Process Center holds its and Roy Brown, watercolor include items such as an information, call 897-7842 Best man was Erik annual "Farm Fest" event artist, designed and oak fireplace, LandRider or visit the website at www. on Saturday, Sept. 10. Until painted colorful motifs and men's bicycle, pastel and lifeprocesscenter.org. that day area residents decorations to enhance the watercolor paintings, a may preview more than theme of "Opening Doors to Victorian doll-house, dinner Moerdyke 80 auction items and gift Creativity." Emcee is George for four couples prepared

from local individuals and

businesses at the center,

"Opening

17th such auction benefit

center's scholarship fund.

p.m. with a reception of hors

Brech, desserts, and an open

through Friday.

11650 Downes, from 8:30 the

Parents of the couple and Phyllis Hoy were

Following a Western and Roger and Maggie Caribbean cruise, the couple plan to reside in Wixom.

SEPTEMBER 5: Barb

SEPTEMBER 3: Fay SEPTEMBER SEPTEMBER 4: Mark Gloria Morris.

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.10:00 A.M

.11:00 A.M

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....7:00 P.M.

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Golden anniversary celebrated



Donald and Donna (Walters) Gerard celebrated their anniversary with a family dinner and an open house. The couple were married 50 years ago on Aug. 27.

Children of the couple are Phil and Diane Gerard, Phil and Becky VanLaan, John Lori Gerard, Bill and Dolly Johnson, James (Jim) and Polly Gerard, Rick and Betsy Voetberg. They have 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lessens, chief meteorologist by Father Mark Przybysz

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a wheelbarrow filled with

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at 10 p.m. Tickets are

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ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of Sept. 5, 2005

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BBQ Rib on bun also

offered), whole kernel

corn, assorted fruit,

WED: Grilled cheese

Murray Lake - corndog

also offered), tomato

THURS: Chicken patty

on bun (Alto & Murray

Lake - stacked ham

cheese on bun also

offered), oven French

fries, assorted fruit

FRI: Spaghetti

toast (Alto & Murray

Lake - hamburger on

bun also offered), fresh

tossed salad, assorted

meatsauce

fruit, milk.

assorted fruit, milk.

(Alto

crackers

w/garlic

sandwich

MON: Labor Day.

for WZZM-TV 13.

Doors Wardrobe," vocals by

organization's Tom Patton, a musical duet

their upcoming play, "The

performed by Julie Palmieri

on keyboard, and a comic

An award will be

Silent auction bids (4)

the main tent area. A live

Lamoreaux of Pinnacle

a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday Players performing from

to Creativity," marks the Sinatra impersonator/singer

where proceeds enhance the on flute and Miranda Eden

d'oeuvres and beverages, presented to a local

and music by Duck Sauce. individual for demonstrating

A full-course meal prepared qualities of leadership and

wine and beer bar are also may be placed upon entering

to make?

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Anniversary Announcements*

are Free in the Ledger.

Birth Announcements without

a photo are free;

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McDonald, art auction will be led by Jason

The evening begins at 6 sketch by Cusack.

by Steven Brechting of Chef community service.

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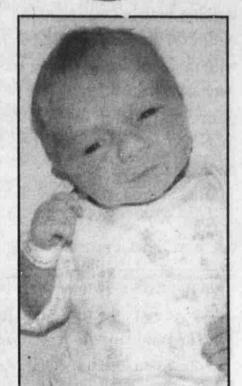


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Christopher.

Miller

measured 18 inches.



James, on July 15, 2005 at 11:10 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 22 Welcoming him home

Kevin and Kristin Miller

are happy to announce the

birth of their son, Dylan

Chris and Karla Byrne

of Rockford are the proud

parents of a son, Colton

was big sister Allison.

Proud grandparents are Kelvin and Mindy Potter of Lowell, Dale and Louise Miller of Lake Odessa, and Daisy Miller of Lake Odessa. Proud great-grandparents are David and Janice Miller of Lake Odessa, and Avis Hoag of Alto.



He is welcomed home

Proud grandparents are

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by his big sister Kaylee.

Dylan James

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KID CAMPING FRIENDLY

Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell are located in the central part of the Lower Peninsula. The lakes and surrounding area provide a variety of outdoor experiences for children of all ages.

Mitchell State Park is located between the lakes on a boating channel which connects the two bodies of water. The park maintains a buoyed swim area on each lake. Although the beach on Lake Mitchell is across a busy highway from the park, a walkway along the channel passes under the road through a tunnel.

The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center is a short walk from the campground. The museum's purpose is to showcase the great hunting and fishing traditions that we have in Michigan. The center features displays of native fish and wildlife. Many exhibits are interactive and are fun and educational. It features full mounts of elk, deer, wolves and other wildlife as well as live fish.

A nature trail begins at the center and continues for two and a half miles through a variety of forest types and wetlands with interpretative markers at points along the

SYNOPSIS BOWNE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING AUGUST 15, 2005 7:30 P.M.

Motions approved:

- Minutes of July board meeting. List of invoices approved.
- Motion to approve application for Alto Fall Festival.
- Motion ordinance amendments

Sandra L. Kowalczyk - Clerk

forget to take a camera and binoculars.

center and in the park during the summer camping season. The program themes vary over time, but when we were and productive. there, topics included rigging a fishing line, marksmanship training with a laser shooting simulator, a family fishing outing on the channel, pan fishing techniques, and hands on Anyone can attend these free programs, which are generally geared for children. We attended several activities with our four- and seven-year-old grandchildren, and were able to for beginning campers or grandparents. participate ourselves.

species. We fished places where fishing was a little slow, on Highway 115. but were able to catch enough keepers to make a good

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crawled from the living room to the dining room today" or

"he took his first step today--just a few days before turning

child has delays in these developmental milestones or maybe

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Sometimes, however, parents begin to worry when their

indicators of ASD.

one year old."

trail. Encounters with resident wildlife are common. Don't fish dinner. We found other locations where the fish bit continually, but were small. Size is not an issue with a The museum staff conducts educational programs at the four year old, but constant action is necessary to maintain interest. Fishing along the relatively shallow channel is easy

For those unsure about camping with young children, I should mention that there is a water park and miniature golf within walking distance of the state park. Restaurants and wildlife identification using fur from a variety of animals. fast food establishments are also close by. These might not be considered traditional camping activities like campfires and smores, but having a backup plan may be more comfortable

Mitchell State Park is handy to get to especially with In addition, the lakes are loaded with a variety of fish active young travelers. It is located near the city of Cadillac

> some of their baby's behaviors seem peculiar. It would be advisable at that time to check out the indicators of ASD.

Indicators may include: 1.) doesn't seem to babble, point, or make meaningful gestures (by 1st birthday), 2.) has not spoken a word by 16 months, 3.) is not able to combine two words by the age of two, 4.) does not respond to his/her name, or 5.) language and social skills that he has acquired seem to have been forgotten.

Other indicators (these are not as strong as the ones The definition of ASD or Autism Spectrum Disorder previously mentioned) might include: 1.) poor eye contact, was presented last month. We will now look at the possible 2.) doesn't know how to play with toys, 3.) overly concerned about ordering toys in a certain way, and seems to be attached From the time a baby is born we are comparing our to one particular toy or object and finally, 4.) doesn't smile baby with his or her age mates. Questions often include: and seems to be hearing- impaired. Please note that these Does my baby have all that he/she needs to survive and / symptoms do not always indicate ASD. It is the cluster of or compete in this complicated world? We fill the pages of these symptoms that create the disorder. our baby books with: "She smiled for the first time," "he

As is evident, many of the behaviors that are a concern are social skills. From early beginnings, developing infants are social creatures. They gaze at people, turn toward voices, grasp a finger and smile. However, infants and children with ASD have difficulty engaging in day-to-day human interaction. Even as infants, they tend to avoid eye contact, often they prefer being alone and many times their attachment behavior is atypical. As they develop, children with ASD are slower to read body language and often do not pick up social cues of other people.

Regulating their emotions is also challenging for some individuals with ASD. Their behaviors might be immature such as having emotional outbursts in class or aggressive behavior when talking something through might be a better

In summary, the social skills of a child with ASD are impaired. This can take several different forms, but some social impairment is generally characteristic of an individual with ASD.

Next month, the communication patterns of a child who has been identified as having Autism Spectrum Disorder will be discussed.

LOWELL YMCA FALL 2005 PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 29, 2005

YMCA MISSION STATEMENT

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Teams meet during the week for practice and play games on Saturdays. Teams are formed by age, grade, and gender if possible. We will be playing the Southeast YMCA league and possibly other leagues in our area. There will be "away" games.

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Tips for making lunches heart healthy

It's back-to-school time and the American Heart Association suggests fueling your kids' education with heart healthy lunches that will help them achieve in school and promote a lifetime of positive eating habits. Research wrong foods: only 14 percent of children and teens, ages 6-19, are eating the recommended daily allowance for fruit each day; only 30 percent are eating green vegetables; and consumption of added sugars is on the rise.

These trends lead to some dismal statistics. Today, low-fat Russian dressing for a different flavor. more than twice as many children - and almost three times as many teens - are overweight as in 1980. Adolescents who are overweight have a 70 percent chance of being overweight or obese adults.

Combat these statistics by making sure your kids are up a turkey sandwich. eating a healthy lunch during the day. Consider some of these ideas for a heart-healthy lunchbox:

• Build a better sandwich by using whole-grain breads

and rolls whenever possible to increase the total fiber in your child's diet. Include whole grain crackers with soups, chili and stew and always push the fresh fruit - with the skin.

· Use leftover chicken or turkey strips to make a cold shows that today's children are eating too much of the fajita - go heavy on the vegetables. Try one of the fat-free sour creams as a dressing.

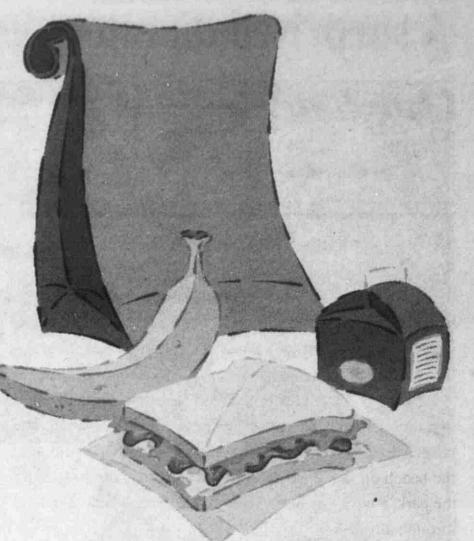
> • Tuna salad with chopped vegetables like onion, carrot, celery and green peppers mixed with fat-free or low-fat mayonnaise is a great option. Try mixing with a fat-free or

· Chunky chicken salad mixed with fat-free mayonnaise, raisins, shredded carrots, and sliced almonds in a pita is a winner. Top it with salsa for a Southwestern flavor.

Mix cranberry sauce and non-fat mayonnaise to dress

Visit www.american heart.org for more information on childhood obesity or heart-healthy lunch tips.

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Points to ponder when traveling this Labor Day weekend

plans, according to a recent not planning a trip, 13 peradvantage of the last long year). weekend of summer.

survey of 400 state residents, will stay in Michigan (down Labor Day survey: conducted in July. The vast from 67 percent last year), majority (82 percent) said and the average trip length of the trips will be more than the price of gasoline would will be five days - a trend 100 miles from home (up not influence their travel plans in any way.

Eighty-two percent will travel by car, truck or van. Fourteen percent will travel by air, and two percent will

Families needed, cont'd....

ted in 1999.

An estimated 1.4 mil- travel by recreational vehi- would have no impact on with relatives (11 percent), Labor Day holiday travel percent in 2004. For those day weekend. That's the highest number from 11 percent last year) travel plans. More than destinations for this sum-

Record high gas prices Labor Day weekend, more certain their plans would requests). will do little to deter trave- than half (57 percent) of sta- be affected. Major findings lers, according to AAA's te residents with travel plans from AAA Michigan's 2005

> that has continued since the from 87 percent last year) travelers (57 percent) will

> This year's Labor Day travel period caps a summer of record-high gas prices. car, truck or van, up from 78 The current average price percent in 2004 is \$2.75 per gallon for selfserve regular as of August modations are distributed 26 (84 cents higher than last as follows: hotel, motel or

lion Michiganians have cle (RV), down from nine their travel plans this holi- in a trailer or RV (11 per- bor Day holiday period be- alcohol-related, and safety

Poor weather will have

Eighty-nine percent

state-mandated Friday no-· More than half of school "holiday" was enacstay in Michigan

 Approximately 82 percent of all trips will be by Travelers' accom-

year). Eighty-two percent of resort (30 percent), rental travelers said that gas prices cottage (25 percent), staying

survey by AAA Michigan. cent cite the economy (up little effect on Labor Day five most popular driving Monday, (Sept. 5). of state residents with Labor and four percent cite vaca- three-fourths (77 percent) mer in Michigan were: 1) Day holiday period, 11 peo- bers this Labor Day holiday, Day travel intentions since tion costs or money concerns said they will not cancel Mackinaw City, 2) Traverse ple died in nine fatal crashes all drivers are urged to use 2001, when 1.7 million took (down from six percent last their trip if the forecast calls City, 3) Muskegon, 4) Sault on roads across the state. That safety belts, avoid alcohol, for rain or cool weather - last Ste. Marie, and 5) Detroit was down from the 2003 ho- stay alert at the wheel and During the upcoming year only 58 percent were (based on AAA TripTik® liday, when 12 people died observe all traffic laws.

The official 78-hour La- last year's fatal crashes were gins at 6 p.m. Friday, (Sept. restraints were used by four For state residents, the 2) and runs to 11:59 p.m. of the victims who had them available.

During last year's Labor in 11 fatal crashes. Four of

To reduce these num-

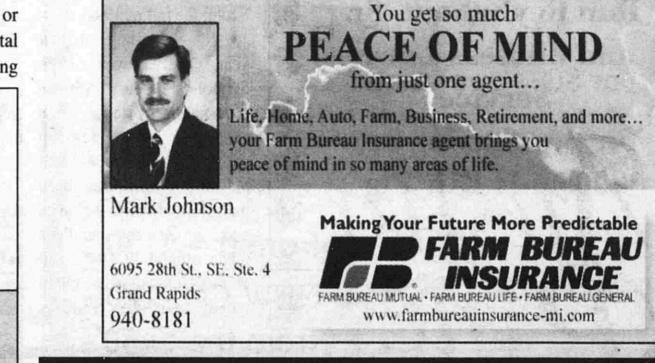
Honoring grandparents Sept. 12

Christopher Godbold will be hosting a coffee club at Voyages Coffee Shop in downtown Lowell on Sept. 12 in celebration of Grandparents' Day.

The coffee club, which meets at 8 a.m., is an informal gathering whereby grandparents can participate in roundtable discussions on the economy, college savings for grandchildren, estate-planning issues and other topics.

"The coffee club offers us an opportunity to learn from one another and exchange ideas on a variety of issues," Godbold said. "I look forward to sharing my expertise on how grandparents can help their grandchildren prepare financially for college and manage their estate, as well as have fun and get to know some of my neighbors better."

Godbold is the Edward Jones investment representative in Lowell.



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A surprised director showered with appreciation by chamber members



Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, was surprised to see a sizeable crowd of people standing next to the showboat Monday

Chamber members greeted her with a surprise party to express their appreciation for the work she's done and the impact she's had on Lowell. When she started the job 11 years ago, the chamber was located in the tiny former gas station at the corner of Main and Division streets. Eleven years and 11 Riverwalk Festivals later, the chamber is in a different kind of spot and Lowell is a different kind of place. There's a lot going on here.

Chamber-sponsored events that have started up under Baker's watch include the fall Harvest Festival, the Lowell Community Expo and the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer

Though she wouldn't take credit for these events herself, everyone in attendance Monday knew it was no coincidence that these and many more community activities began and have thrived under her leadership.

"I just do what I do because I love Lowell," Baker said. "This city means a lot to me and I hope it does to each of you."

The appreciation dinner was the brainchild of Digital Imaging Signs and Graphics owner Randy Crawford and Airwave Computer Services owner David Yomtoob. The surprise was accomplished by Yomtoob's faking a technology seminar at Lowell City Hall while chamber members set up for the dinner. Chamber members also pooled together to give Baker a check for \$600.

At the surprise event Monday night, David Yomtoob presented Liz Baker with a check which by Tuesday afternoon had an additional \$200 added to it.

Longtime Lowell residents know their Red Arrows' mascot

By Dan Schneider

on the subject of the origins Arrows" as the mascot, of the "Red Arrows" mascot the name didn't have any since last week's article.

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New light has been shed time students voted for "Red

significance other than 'it's and held an election. THAINES YOU the name we don't like?" Tom Reyhnhout. Sr.

> year, the Lowell High with 28. School Student Athletic with a new nickname. "Red out of favor with churches of 1948.

It turns out that at the it. And some of the students and other groups around weren't very happy about town. The Student Athletic originally nominated "Red "How many think that solicited suggestions from have had some particular fields official meaning attached to our new name and emblem, the student body, narrowed meaning in mind. But that

> read a column in the Lowell with 109 votes. "Lightning quoted earlier, the student all: the school, students and High School newspaper Reds" came in second with newspaper took on the task Scoop the fall of 1947. 82, then "Red Skins" with In the spring of that 50 and "Lowell Leopards" to the name.

> Association had been suggestions was left off the significance for the emblem the name with the Red Arrow charged with coming up ballot

> "Most of us wanted Devils," which had been 'River Rats,' but they the informal name for years wouldn't let us vote on that," and which the students said Carmen Roudabush, made official in 1946, had who graduated from Lowell almost immediately fallen High School with the class fields practiced in L.H.S.; time Lowell was looking for

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The person who Association, therefore, Arrows" for the ballot may "our opponent in all athletic 'The Red Arrows,' has any them down to four choices, was lost by the time the name 'The Red Arrows," balloting took place. "Red Arrows" won the fall of 1947 column of assigning some meaning

> One of the most popular there is dire need for some meeting. The association of column read.

> > archery- based metaphor was likely because of the for the new name: the arrow represented athletics "in all II ending around the same the bow, the school itself an official name. including "its principles, the bowstring, the force more than one meaning over we pull, the farther goes the

objective of success against

"So OUR emblem, and the column concluded. "Now signifies full cooperation of

newspaper's take on the "With our name chosen, then new school emblem's to make us proud of it," the Division of the U.S. Army. described in last week's The writer set up an Ledger, developed later. This coincidence of World War

So the name "The Red faculty, school board, etc."; Arrows" has developed behind the arrow, was the the years, but it has always student body -- "the harder stood for one thing: Lowell.



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Successful 3rd annual Art Attack is a day at the beach

By Dan Schneider

Art Attack, which took place Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Lowell Area Arts Council, was an even bigger hit than usual this year.

which catered the event, had executive director Lorain decor. to make a trip back to the Smalligan.

kitchen midway through the evening for more food.

More than 100 artists, businesses and organizations (theaters, etc.) donated items for the fundraising auction. A new twist this In its third year, the year was that it was a live annual fundraising event auction, with Jim Cook drew about 160 people. The doing the auctioneering. "I crowd, including ticketed think it really took some attendees, volunteers and of the higher-valued pieces musicians, was larger than and was able to get better last year's. Flat River Grill, prices," said arts council

The auction brought in almost \$11,000 for the arts council. Including jewelry, there were 55 works of art in the auction and 33 gift baskets. Everything sold.

"It's good for the artists, good for everybody," Smal-

It was also a good time socially, with a beach theme. Stuffed paper fish decorated by a Lowell Middle School art class provided the festive



Rhonda Delnick and George Hommowun, Art Attack III emcees, wore 1930s vintage bathing apparel for the beach-themed Art Attack III.



Jan Johnson, left, and Barb Pierce sported flowery, oversized shades for the event

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Disbelief in magic can force a poor soul into believing in government and business.

- Tom Robbins



Local authors will donate profits to children's charities

Martha and Jeff Gottlieb, of Lowell Township, are authors and free flights for children requiring medical attention far away from publishers of the award-winning Spriggles Motivational Book Series for home. It has provided over 40,000 flights for medically needy Children.

They recently announced that 100 percent of all profits from the sales of their Limited Hardcover Edition of "Spriggles: Inspiration" will go wonderful, heartfelt organizations," said Martha Gottlieb. directly to aid both DeVos Children's Hospital and Miracle Flights for

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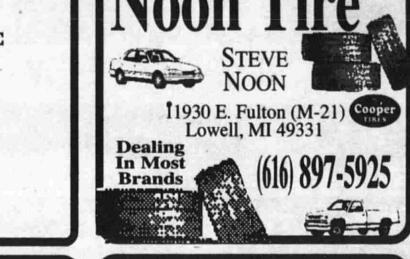
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Local A.R.G.Y.L. members receive amateur radio awards

Several A.R.G.Y.L. (Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell) members received awards for their amateur radio activities for the 2004/2005 school year. Thomas Wodarek, of Ada, received a "participation" award. Gus Geldersma and Nick Myaard, of Lowell, and Scott Werkema, of Rockford, received a "radio-active" award. Chris Gerard, of Lowell, was the recipient of the "leadership"

With 29 licensed students, the school-sponsored club takes part in several amateur radio related activities and fundraisers. It is open to any student whether they attend Lowell Schools, another school, or are home-schooled.

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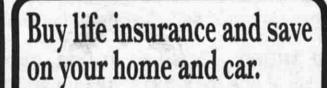
Chris Gerard and Gus Geldersma.



Pictured, front, left to right, are: Nick Myaard and Scott Werkema; back are: Thomas Wodarek,

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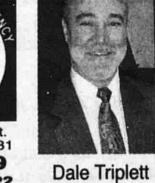
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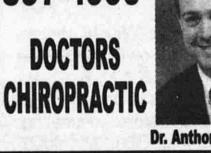




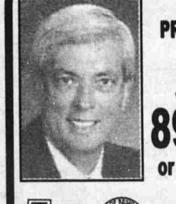
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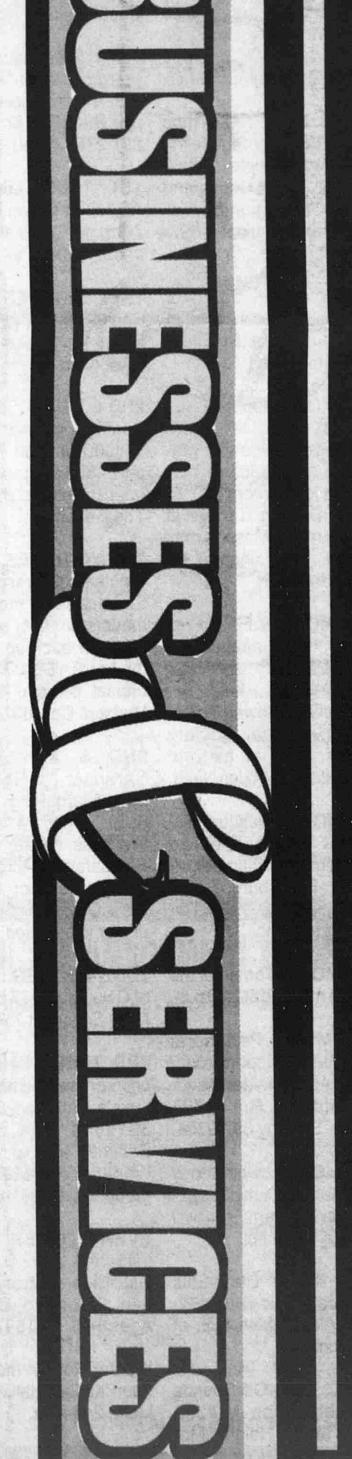
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grounds. Call 897-6050.

Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 -9:30 p.m.Round Robin Woodcarvers meet at open play, all levels, walkins welcome. Call Jan 897-

Christian Athletes & nity Bible Study, Free Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 -11:15 a.m./women only at MON.: Overeaters Anony- 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian mous, 7p.m. at Key Heights Reformed Church. Call

> 1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd.

ementary. Call Dave 1ST TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu-MON .: Boy Scout Troop nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

> Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in AD/HD at Calvin College. Belding Masonic Temple. 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 at 897-6325 or 248-2423. p.m. All Royal Arch Ma-

Education meets 7 p.m. in Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look 2ND WED .: Lowell Administration Building, Memorial Fire Station, 315 Women's Club, noon in S. Hudson St. Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

munication of the Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 2ND WED .: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy. 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

attend. Date change for 2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS 3RD WED .: GR area ... because mothering Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Round #8303, 3116 Alden Nash will start back up in Sep- Robin open play, all levels, tember, 9:15-11:30 a.m. at walk-ins welcome. Call Jan Impact Church, 1070 N. 897-5759.

THURS.: Weight Watchmeets 7:30 at historic 2ND & 4TH TUES .: ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washingneedleart/quilting bee, 5- ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

come. Contact Bey or THURS.: Saranac Area practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-3RD MON.: Women of the 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights 7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy

> THURS.: Pottery classes Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant EVERY OTHER WED.: women/adolescents.11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays:

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation WED.: Rotary meets at support meetings, 7-8:30 Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E., 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

2ND THURS .: Loval Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2NDTHURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Library from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Topic: "The Court Process for Juveniles." 7 -8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info. and to preregister.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Dawn 862-

3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Center. Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade. Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area demic Boosters meeting Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 room at high school. -3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Pat or Judy at tributed by FROM. 897-7842.

2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time: 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FRI., SAT. AND SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appt. 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. & Sun.1-4: Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10: individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free.897-7688.

ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.:9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

HOURS: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545 artscouncil.org.

LOWELL SERENITY **CLUB MEETINGS: (AA)** Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1. 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./ Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

WED., AUG. 31: LHS picture day, 8-11:15 a.m. \$1 for picture ID.

THURS., SEPT. 1: Vergennes Co-op Club meets at 1 p.m. Program by Sister Sue Tracy O.R. "Humor Hee Hee-Healing Laughter You're After. Hostesses: Mary Ann Gwatkin & Greta Parsons.

THURS., SEPT. 1: Commodities at Moose Recreational building, 1320 E. Main from 9 a.m.-

THURS., SEPT. 8: Acaat 8:30 a.m. in volunteer Lynnae 897-4289.

SAT., SEPT. 10: Foodmobile, free food, mostly produce at Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Building, 10-11 a.m. Dis-

SAT., SEPT. 10: Dress Swap at Northview High School, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. All priced at \$25. LHS class of 2007/Northview class of 2007 fundraiser.

SAT., SEPT. 10: Alto Fall Festival begins at 7 a.m. with pancake breakfast. Contests, food, music, family fun, all day.

SAT., SEPT. 10: 17th annual Farm Fest, 6-10 p.m. Franciscan Life Process Center: "Opening Doors to Creativity." Silent and live auctions, reception, dinner, Proceeds benefit scholarship fund. Tickets: \$60.

SUN., SEPT. 11: Kent County Youth Agricultural Assoc. is sponsoring First annual Grattan Twp. "Chuck Wagon Roundup, 2-7 p.m. \$15 per person; under 12 free. Includes music/ 1 meal. Proceeds benefit Farmland Preservation (PDR).

STARTING SUN., SEPT. 11: Explore Catholic faith thru adult Catholic education classes at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity St., 11 a.m. - noon. Call Brenda 897-7915 for info.or to reg-

MON., SEPT. 12: Class of 2006 Senior Parents: Planning meeting for senior trip at 7:30 p.m. at LHS in math

WED., SEPT. 14: Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the MI Community blood center, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315. S.

WED., SEPT. 14: Snow United Methodist Church. 3189 Snow, family style turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; 5-12, \$2.

SAT., SEPT. 17: The Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, invites the public to meet Lillian Moir, missionary from Botswana at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Slide presentation and display items from Africa. Free admission. Call Teresa at 897-7768 with

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

897-5949

MON.: 9 a.m. Walk at THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/ Woodland Mall; 10:30 Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

TUES .: 9 a.m. Walk at FRI.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 Woodland Mall.9:30 a.m. a.m. Exercise Class. Exercise Class.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS., SEPT. 1: 12:45 p.m. Shop Target.

FRI., SEPT. 2: 12:45 p.m.

Bingo; 1 p.m. Bowling.

MON., SEPT. 5: Labor

Day; Center Closed.

a.m. Exercise Class.

TUES., SEPT. 6: 12 p.m. Soup & Sandwich; 4:15 p.m. Terrific Tuesday.

WED., SEPT. 7: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast at Arnie's; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure.

Red Arrows roll in football season opener



Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol kept the ball on this play. He rushed for 89 yards on nine carries in the Lowell victory.

Lowell beats Grandville 36-7 on the Bulldogs' home turf; Arrows face Lansing Sexton Thursday

By Dan Schneider

first game.

There were the NCAA game. schools one Michigan State University). for a touchdown. Then there was the

its championship lineup. Noel Dean said.

of the Grandville Bulldogs to Justin Harden, who made team, there was a lot of hype of expectations behind them. in weeks leading up to the The only thing they brought onto the field was their

courting junior quarterback for the first 3:02. That's the

Associated Press pre-season possession, they went for

The young defensive line

Grandville looked scary the rest of the game. Keith Nichol (he's verbally time it took them to go 63 my defensive line, they gave

On Lowell's first said. poll that had Lowell tied with it on fourth and one at the hurried the Grandville spot. This is for a team that is too much slack in the chain to an interception by Mike

But during the 36-7 rout a running pass from Nichol credit around.

For the defending on their home turf, it was a nice catch in close coverage division three state champion clear that the young Red for a 48-yard gain. It was the Lowell Red Arrow football Arrow team left the weight first flash of brilliance of the night, and it lit up the visiting Red Arrow crowd.

held the Bulldogs scoreless

"I give it (the credit) to committed to play at yards on six running plays me some good holes and that's about it," Jordan Hill

Muskegon in the number one Grandville 37. There was quarterback (one hurry led explode." we're getting," Lowell coach took the ball down the field for 247 yards and three seven play. to score. The drive included touchdowns, also spread the

Lowell's Jordan Hill hurries Grandville quarterback Sam Russel. Russel got the pass off but it was nowhere near the intended receiver. Hill had two solo sacks of the Grandville quarterback and was in on a third.

"It's a team, I just do throughout the game. what I can," he said. "Our make one play and they just tonight," Dean said.

The 48-yard pass to leading receiver, catching touchdown on 13 carries. replacing eight starters from and Lowell turned it over on McElroy) all night, sacked McElroy was one such five passes for 128 yards him twice solo and was in play. Another was a 19-yard and one touchdown. He was Thursday at Lansing Sexton. But the Arrows stopped on a third sack. Nichol, who touchdown pass to Brock also strong on the defensive They shut out Lansing to go to live up to the hype Grandville's next drive and completed 10 of 145 passes Graham on a fourth-and- side of the field with eight Waverly 21-0 Friday.

of options for receivers nine tackles; Travis Hippey

"I think we distributed fan base is so amazing, you the ball to about six kids

Nichol used a lot interception. Hill was in on 7:30 p.m.

had eight.

Nichol kept the ball 15 times for 89 yards and a touchdown. Gabe Delnick McElroy was the ran for 65 yards and a

Lowell's next game is tackles in addition to the Thursday's game time is

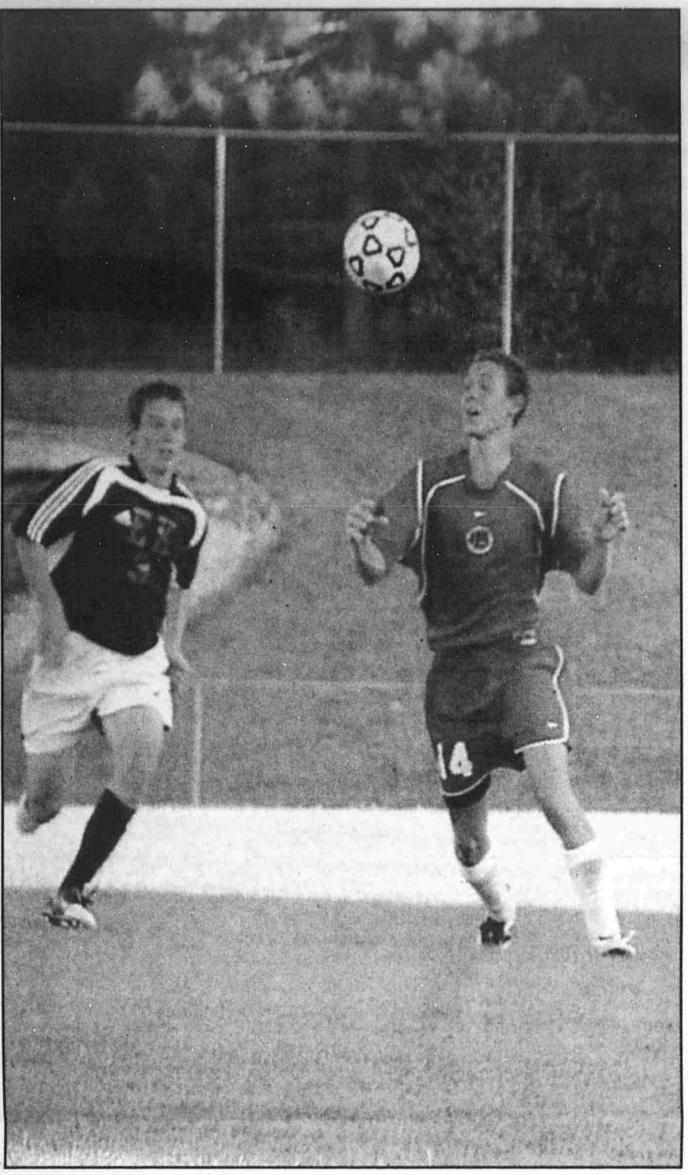


FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Base Flood Elevation Determination for Kent County, Michigan.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annualchance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals you may contact your local Floodplain Administrator, FEMA's Web site at http://www.fema.gov/fhm/st_hot.shtm, or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).



Red Arrow soccer starts season with loss to East Kentwood Falcons

By Dan Schneider

a loss Monday in its first Hanson took the kick, but the match of the season, hosting East Kentwood goalkeeper East Kentwood.

back and forth from there. loss for the Red Arrows, With 13:39 remaining in but coach Paul Legge was the first period, Brandon impressed with their level Grochowalski scored a goal of play. on a slick assist from Ben Hanson. With the score tied we played very well," Legge the Falcons' defense for the divisions, and we were 12 rest of the half. Lowell took minutes away from getting the lead at the 25:04 mark them. We just ran out of gas was scored by Hanson with door on them." a header on a throw-in by Alex Carpenter.

scored with 13:23 left and again with 6:37 remaining.

At left: Lowell's Adam Bowers (right) gets ready to head the ball in the first half of Monday's game against East Kentwood.

the game was on a penalty Lowell soccer took kick with six seconds left. made the save in the lower The Falcons went up left corner of the goal.

> It was a disappointing "We played well tonight,

1-1, Lowell was generating said. "That's one of the top noticeable consternation for five teams in the state, all in the second half. The goal before we could close the East Kentwood is the

toughest first-game opponent But Lowell struggled Lowell has scheduled in to keep the ball forward Legge's six seasons coaching in order to make scoring boys soccer, he said. It was threats. East Kentwood also the first time the Red Arrows have played the for Legge.

opportunity to score late in about it for the last few years one of the top teams in the is the toughest team we've that," he said. played in the opening game, hands down. We may not Caledonia Tuesday. The Red see a better team all year.

"You're never happy Tuesday.

with a loss, but it definitely showed us we can play and beat any team we come up against this season." Lowell returns seven

starters from last year's team. That team won a championship with Unity Christian. With the new OK White conference alignment, Unity Christian is out of the picture. But Lowell will now have to deal with Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern. Lowell shut out Northern 3-0 in last year's district opener. The Rangers are the defending division 2 state champions.

Gone from last year's Red Arrow squad are Shane Stokes, Kevin Gillman and Zach Ligman, but Monday's game eased some fears about Lowell's offensive punch

"We didn't seem to have "We've been talking trouble scoring goals against or so," Legge said. "This state, so I was pleased with

Arrows host Grandville next

Lowell wrestlers compete in "Border Wars"

championship.

Two Lowell wrestlers qualified 12-3. Morse won four matches en route for the Border Wars Fall Wrestling Championships in Montrose on Aug. 26. nine states, including Michigan.

Jackson Morse, a freshman at Lowell High School, won the 103pound division in the 15-18 year old division. He defeated Alex Minnard of Pennsylvania in the finals by a score of

Cross country,

boys team. An army of 30

Geldersma and Boss) are

team this year.

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runners came out for their country race is not until

J.V. representing Lowell Hills in the conference

Saturday," VanderWarf said. opener. Lowell travels to

Maplewood Square

Apartments

runners (the Dilly brothers, Invitational Sept. 12.

it's the opposite story for the on the varsity squad.

In terms of team size, already making an impact

"We had a huge the Red Arrows host Kenowa

Wednesday, Sept. 7, when

new the Thornapple Kellogg

Robbie Karasiewicz, a junior at They competed against wrestlers from Lowell High School, placed third in the 135-pound division. He defeated Roshawn Jones of Ohio and had a record of 5 wins and 1 loss for the event.

The Lowell Wrestling Club's next event will be at Grandville on Sept. 24.

Lowell tennis takes first place at Ionia Invitational

By Dan Schneider

some of its new OK White competition last Monday at three doubles, and Paula the Grand Rapids Christian Tournament, and it looked, secured fourth doubles. in a word, tough.

won all of its matches to doing the sweeping as the Perennial contender Unity fourth out of four teams, behind host Grand Rapids and Portage Northern.

The Red Arrows did first-flight, Spratt at second, Spratt won a number-two Geelhoed at fourth. Becky coach Bonnie Wall said. singles match and Melissa Plummer and Kelly Koning

girls Tawney got a win at second the course of the tournament tennis team got a look at doubles, Meghan Vaught and were Baker, Zuiderveen and Julie Geelhoed won number Katie Barnes.

Lawrence and Tanya Baker looking forward to a tough OK White this year. The Saturday at the Ionia Arrows finished fourth in Forest Hills Northern Invitational, it was Lowell the conference last year Red Arrows won all of their Christian is no longer in matches for the tournament Hills Northern and Forest The singles lineup was Hills Central are the

Rachelle Levingston at replacements. "They're always good win five matches. Heather Kayla Irwin at third and in tennis," Lowell tennis

Lowell will face Zuiderveen won a number- were at first doubles, Aiken few challenges early in the four singles match, both and Tawney were at second, season. Levingston, for against opponents from Vaught and Lawrence at example, is playing with Christian. Three Lowell third. Lowell was allowed an injured arm. But they doubles teams won matches to do some experimenting have experience at their top against Portage Northern: with its fourth doubles team. two doubles flights and a

Lindsay Aiken and Terrah Playing in that flight over roster comprised mostly of lot of depth," Wall said. Lowell hosted Portland consistent players.

"We don't have the big. Monday. Their next game Saturday. strong players but we have a is Tuesday at Middleville

Thornapple Kellogg, one of the teams they beat

Boys golf wins first match



Brian Scheider sunk this eight-foot putt in Lowell's victory last Wednesday over Northpointe Christian. Holding the flag is Josh Gilliard.

In their first dual match Northpointe Christian, the Gilliard led the Red Arrows,

"I'll take that (score)," said Lowell coach Gary Fredline. "Most of the time that's real competitive."

TOWNSHIP

OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Planning Commission of the Township

of Grattan will hold a public hearing on

September 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., at the

Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding

Road, within the Township, concerning a

proposed ordinance that would amend the

Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan.

The proposed ordinance would revise Section

14A.05.G of the Zoning Ordinance to require

that the Township Board hold a public hearing,

and provide prior notice of that public hearing,

prior to making a final decision on an

application for administrative approval of a

proposed planned unit development under

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance

amendment is on file and may be examined at

the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk,

during Township office hours. All interested

persons may attend the public hearing and

comment on the proposed amendment.

Written comments concerning the same may

be submitted to the Township office at the

above-listed address, up to the time of the

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Article 14A.

public hearing.

Dated: August 1, 2005

Northpointe's score wa 172. Ryan Kalman and Josh host Lowell boys varsity both scoring 38 on the front Friday at Boulder Creek golf team scored a 158 for nine at Deer Run Golf Club. Golf Club in Belmont. The nine holes, and with that the Kyle Wittenbach shot a 40 Arrows shot a team score of and Brian Scheider, a 42.

326 for 18 holes. East Grand "We shot really well," Rapids won the tournament.

VERGENNES

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider a special exception use permit as follows:

Grand River Veterinary Hospital, PC, currently located on Bowes Rd in Lowell, has requested an application review for a special exception use permit to construct a new animal hospital building within the industrial zoning district. The property is located on the west side of Lincoln Lake Ave across from the cemeteries in the NE quarter of section 34, parcel number 41-16-34-226-014.

Residents and property owners within 300 feet of the applicant's property will be sent this notice by

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 -Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Cross country teams off to strong start in 2005

By Dan Schneider

varsity cross country teams second." at the Wayland Invitational.

was 63 to Wayland's 58.

took third and the girls took of 14 teams. Lowell's score with a time of 20:40. The girls team, led by Judd finished third in the for Lowell, came in 15th

Karen Judd and Monica race with a time of 20:33 and with a time of 22:01. Erin

VanderWarf. "The guys behind Wayland in a field her, finishing in fourth place for Lowell and 19th in the Mike Schumm (17th place Hayley Getzen, third 22nd in the race and fifth for (26th place in 18:56), Scott DeLiefde rounded out the Justin Boss (19:45). varsity seven for the girls.

of Forest Hills Eastern (83) nine runners. and Middleville (111).

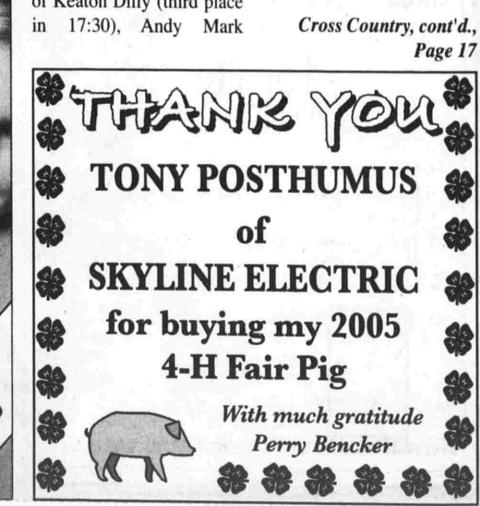
> 86 to finish behind Forest in that group," VanderWarf Hills Eastern (54) and Northview (56) and ahead of Byron Center (105) and Wayland (119).

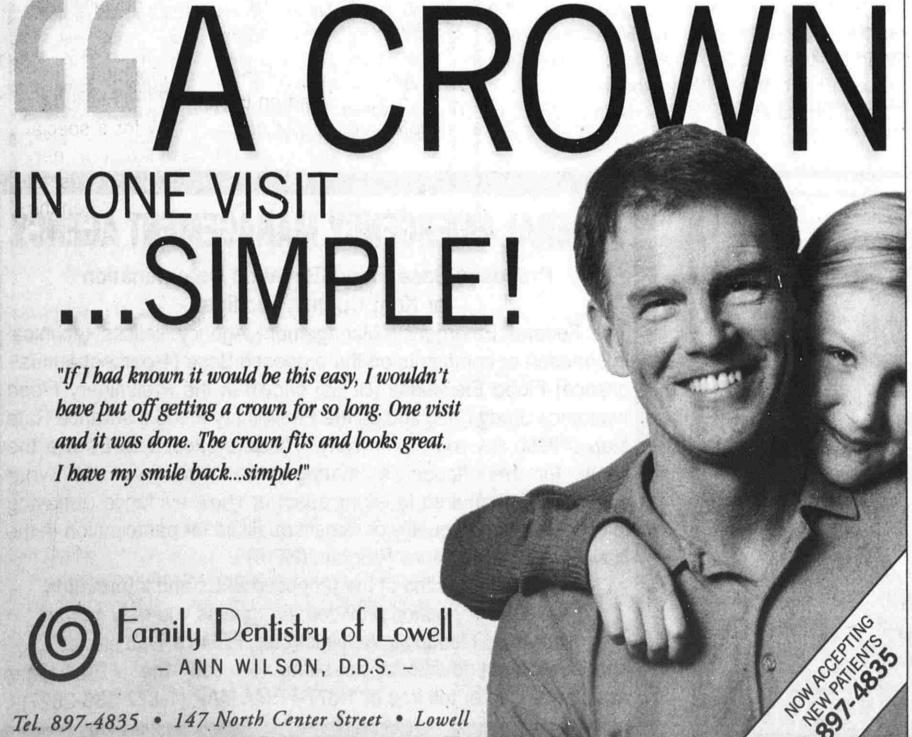
The top seven consisted of Keaton Dilly (third place

"They're small but we

The boys team scored have a lot of quality runners

new to the sport this year.





said Lowell coach Clay Fitzpatrick, finished second Fitzpatrick was right behind Beddows finished fourth (ninth place in 18:00), race. Katie Riddle finished in 18:32), Kirk Geldersma Lowell with a time of 22:47. Riddle (31st place in 19:14), Emily Hauschild and Becky Cameron Dilly (19:21) and The girls team is a small

The team finished ahead group this year, with only

Getzen and Riddle, who were both in the scoring top five for Lowell Saturday, are

Cross Country, cont'd.,





Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold **EdwardJones** Serving Individuals Investors Since 1871

YOU CAN STAY IN CONTROL OF YOUR INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

Many people throw up their hands in despair at what happens in the investment world. There seem to be so many things one cannot anticipate or control: political turmoil, rising oil prices, fluctuating interest rates, disappointing corporate earnings, etc. As an investor, aren't you just at the many investors fled the market, and the Dow Jones Industrial mercy of these and other events?

Not necessarily. You can't alter the headlines, but you can manage your response to them - and that makes all the rewarded; just six months after the conclusion of the missile difference.

History lessons

Unfortunately, too many investors are reactive, not proactive. Violence in the Mideast? Time to sell the stocks. Oil prices surpassing \$50 per barrel? Head to the investment

sidelines. Downgrading of General Motors and Ford credit ratings? Put the money under the mattress.

You get the picture. Negative news just plain frightens investors - and it frequently causes them to take negative actions. Of course, this phenomenon is nothing new. If you look back through the years at almost any major piece of bad news, you will see a striking pattern: Stock prices fall quickly, as people hurriedly sell shares, and then gradually recover and go on to new heights.

Want a couple of examples? First, consider the Cuban missile crisis. For many of us, it's now just a distant memory or an event in a history book, but, at the time, it marked a period of extraordinary fear and tension for Americans, as war with the Soviet Union seemed imminent. Not surprisingly, Average fell more than nine percent during the weeks of the crisis. But those investors who stayed the course were well crisis, the Dow had not only recovered the nine percent it lost, but also posted a nearly 29 percent gain.

Now, let's move forward nearly three decades, to the market crash of 1987. After the Dow plunged more than 500 points one day in October, a financial panic ensued. At its

lowest point, the Dow was down 34 percent. But investors with patience and foresight didn't panic. And four months later, they looked pretty smart, as the Dow recouped the entire 34 percent and added on another 15 percent. In fact, that surge marked the beginning of an almost unbroken rally throughout the 1990s.

You can find countless other revealing, if less dramatic, examples of the market bouncing back after a piece of unsettling news. Past performance is no guarantee of future results, but if investment history teaches us anything, it's this: Yesterday's events often have little to do with tomorrow's

Chart your own course - If you create a long-term financial strategy - one that incorporates a diversified mix of investments suitable for your risk tolerance, individual goals and time horizon - you can continue making progress toward your objectives, no matter what is going on in the world around you. Will you always make short-term gains? No. Will you have "bad" months or even years? Almost certainly. But if you chart the course that's right for your needs, and you follow it relentlessly for years and decades, your chances of success are excellent. And that's the sort of news anyone would welcome.

GARAGE SALES

FURNITURE, DISHES. MOVIES Knitting yarn, linens, knickknacks. 5605 Hotchkiss S. Sept. 1-4, 9-6 p.m.

GARAGE SALE Sept. 1, 2, 3, 9 a.m. to ? Baby stroller, household items, 2 kerosene heaters, portable basketball hoop, misc. 145 Washington, Saranac.

GARAGE SALE Sept. 2 & 3, 8 - 5:30 p.m. 8685 MacArthur Rd., Saranac Riding mower, compact refrigerator, futon, brass bed, camping equipment, push mower & misc

GARAGE SALE Sept. 1st to 4th, 10 am to 6 pm. 11616 E. Bear Meadows Dr. Alto, off 64th Street. Lots of items from moving - baby accessories; 6 mo. old Sears dishwasher \$300, with warranty: Sears washer, \$25; microwave, desk, \$35; antiques & medical

GARAGE SALE Sept. 1, 2 & 3. 1661 Whites Bridge Rd., Lowell

scrubs.

868-0354

YARD SALE Thursday, Sept. 1st, 10822 Woodbushe Dr., Lowell Township, 9:00 a.m. - ?

MULTI-FAMILY SALE 6022 Bancroft, Alto, 9 am, 9/1 Thursday & 9/2, Friday. Dresser, wicker chairs, twin bed & mattress, aquarium, kid's sofa-bed, kid's train set, kid's desk, housewares, decorative, girls clothes 6-8, boys clothes 6-8, much more!

GARAGE SALE antiques, clothes, furniture, misc. Fri., Sept. 2, 9 to 6, Sat., Sept. 3, 9 to 6, 2490 Timpson, corner of Timpson & Grand River.

Last Garage Sale Page of the Season will appear in the 9/7 edition

MURRAY LAKE MOVING SALE

3858 Murray View NE, Aug. 31 thru Sept. 2, 9-7 p.m., Sat., Sept 9-12 p.m. Household, X-mas. Boyds Bear, misc furniture incl. living, dining, bedroom, wall units, piano, Weber grill and much more. Everything must go! Rain or shine.

BARN SALE Ada Historical Society 7144 Headley, Ada. Sept. 2 & 3, 1-4 p.m. Fundraiser for Museum Addition. Universal remotes. CD's, computer monitors. keyboards, table top gas grills, IBM electric typewriter & tons of good misc. stuff.

HUGE SALE something for everyone. Sept. 1, 2, & 3, 9-5 p.m., 11200 7 Mile Rd, Belding, between Gavin & Lincoln Lake.

YARD SALE Household, clothes, books, toys, etc. 901 Grindle.

Sept. 1-3, 8 - 4 p.m. **MOVING SALE**

Sept. 1, 2 & 3. Thurs., 5-9, Fri. & Sat., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Computer desk, books shelves, misc. furniture items, exercise equipment, kitchen items. Christmas items, dog run & house, snowmobile, bird feeders, many misc. items. 10575 Bailey Dr. NE.

GARAGE SALE Sat., Sept. 3 only, 9-5 p.m. Serger sewing machine, guitar amp, above ground pool slide, tons of clothes & much, much more. 7 Mile Rd., just W. of Gavin Lake Rd.

GARAGE/YARD SALE Sept. 2nd & 3rd, 9 to ? Baby. beds, high chairs, strollers, toys, books, bicycles, guns compound bows, knives, fishing poles, duck decoys, push mower, John Deere riding mower, truck hitches, chest drawers, shelves, desk, chairs, other furniture, lots misc. 1 mile west of M66 on M44 or 6 1/2 miles east of Belding on M44.

The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column

www.lowellbuyersguide.com or CALL...897-0787

Dogs can be walked anywhere. How about some action for a swimming pool for everyone?

Must be the owners of the barking dogs don't read the Ledger

(Sound Off). Please put sound off on the **Buyers** Guide front page.

What's with these hoodlum kids walking around the streets at night?

CITY OF LOWELL **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The City of Lowell, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 will be accepting sealed bids for Municipal Refuse Collection and Disposal until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2005 where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications can be picked up at City Hall between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or call (616) 897-8457. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, Second Floor.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk (616) 897-8457

Somebody please do something about those kids, maybe their parents?

Let's just sue the other guy, why take responsibility for our own actions? Why do they call it an accident anyway? Some of us actually pay for our insurance

To the woman waiting for the food pantry to open while smoking: take the money you used to buy cigarettes, and get food instead. The pantry is running out.

Thanks for providing cart corrals for our convenience. How pathetic that many are too lazy to walk another 25 feet to use them. What's our country coming to?

I am anxiously waiting to see what country comes to our aid with the Katrina disaster.

I would like to say a huge thank you for those coaches that wear watches and let their kids out on time. The parents really appreciate it.

Don't yell at the gas station attendants! The gas prices are not their fault!

BOATS, 14R SeaNymph,

gal. trailer, mint \$1350,

super deep V w/25hp Mer-

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10L x 7W x 6H double axle

with new tires, roll up door

and man door, \$500. Yerf

\$75. Glider chair with match-

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ing, 897-5347.

best. 517-719-8062.

BOAT MOTORS - 9.8 hp

Mercury \$450; 7 1/2 hp

SET - 6 pc. set. Still in box,

guaranteed. 540-0540.

Call 897-7785.

BOAT MOTORS - 3, 4 hp

sq. ft., all brick, on corner lot

of 6.2 acres. Lowell Schools.

St. Call 897-8832

540-0540

LOWELL SCHOOLS - 1.26 FOR SALE - '97 Pontiac acres, privacy, wooded, ex- Sunfire 4 dr, 4 cyl, auto, CD, cellent location ready to be cruise, excellent shape, 94k, built on. Boston Twp., Low- \$3,000, 897-5151 or 299ell address, only \$24,900. 5751 Hatch Hollow Rd. Call 616-460-6634 or RE/MAX SunQuest 949-6980 ext. 27.

FOR SALE

MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$49/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

FOR SALE - (2) 12" subs in box. Rockford Fosgate. 400 watt, Phoenix, gold amp. Over \$420 invested, will sell for \$200. Loud! 897-5151.

\$110 QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (Brand new). Call 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE - 10 speed bikes, 616-340-0228 or 616-538-(1 male & 1 female), \$15 each obo. Call 897-9713.

APPLIANCES - Refrigerastoves, reconditioned, guaranteed, over 100 to choose from, \$59 & up. Dennis Dis- Dog go-cart, needs work, tributing 989-224-4822.

RABBITS - Pedigree baby 2936 & adults, \$5 and up. Over 50 to choose from. Also MUST SELL - PLAYER PI-ANO for sale with rolls. chickens, ducks, pigeons, new & used cages and sup- Excelton Piano, needs tunplies. Call 691-6619.

BERBER CARPET - 80 MISSION OAK DINING yards, beige color, bought, TABLE - 6 chairs, JC Penney never used. Cost \$800, sell brand (2 mos. old). Family \$295, 517-719-0451.

MEMORY FOAM BED Queen size. Original plas- HAYLAGE CORN SILAGE tic. Visco foam, still HM ground corn, straw & hay, wrapped, never used. Will 989-723-1886. sell, \$325/best. 989-227-

IMAGE 518 WEIGHT LIFT- Evinrude \$300; 5.5 Johnson ING - machine, \$500 obo. self contained, 1987, \$550, Call 874-5240.

HOUSEFUL OF FURNI- MAHOGANY TABLE/CHAIR TURE - 4 rooms. JC Penney bedroom set, recliner, mattress set, dining room (2 719-0451. mos. old). Paid \$8,000 sell \$2,500. (will separate). 517- FOR SALE - Cornet, \$175; 204-0600.

HORSE FOR SALE - regis- tion. Call 897-6714 nights for more information. tered Mustang, 4 yrs. old, very friendly, not broke, \$1,000. Call anytime 616- 2001 GENERAL ELECTRIC 794-0594.

FOR SALE - FULLY FUR-NISHED mobile home on channel with pontoon boat & golf cart. Air conditioned & furnace, possible year FOR SALE - four year old round use. \$21,900, 897-

WROUGHT IRON DAYBED cludes mattress in plastic.

1999 JEEP CHEROKEE Johnson \$200; 6 hp Evinrude SPORT - 4x4, PW, PL, \$375; 9.5 Johnson \$425; 8 60,000 miles, new tires, etc. hp Evinrude \$475; 8 hp Mer-White, \$7,200. Call 897-\$275. 540-0540. 1597 or 450-7910.

GUNS - Thompson 50 cal., CHARMING KID-FRIENDLY stainless steel, twins, \$150 PONY - 7 years old. Asking each. 1 has mounts. Call \$600. Call 868-6666. 304-1387.

SOLID WOOD FUTON - with thick mattress. Gorgeous! New, never used. Cost \$800, sell \$175. 517-719-

FOR SALE

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1999 CHRYSLER 300M

fully loaded, 240 hp, chrome

wheels, 100,000 miles, list 1998 GMC VAN - 15 passen-\$8675, asking \$7,900. 897 ger or cargo, 1 ton, burgundy. \$7,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910. '99 SUBURBAN - pewter

color, leather interior, asking \$12,000. Call 868-6666 1993 CHEVY LUMINA - good shape, high mileage, lots of new parts, \$750 obo. Call

1991 STEALTH FOR SALE - 105K, good tires & transmission, motor bad, body good shape. \$1,500 or make FOR SALE - COVERED offer. Call 299-1863. TRAILER, used for tool crib.

> FOR SALE - BRAND NEW 16' canoe, \$600 obo. Please

WASHING MACHINE FOR SALE - Whirlpool, 7 cycle, extra large capacity. \$100. Call 897-9713.

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FOR RENT

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

seats 6-8 people. Elegant! Veteran's Center, 3100 Cost \$1,000, sell \$150. 517-Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or trumpet, \$175. Great for beginners, both in good condi-

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$800 - \$840 to move in; \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 mo, rent deposit. No dogs WASHER/DRYER - White, please. Call 813-8041 or good running shape. Full size, guaranteed, \$150/pair.

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HOUSE FOR RENT - Cas-- bought, never used. In- '94 GRAND VOYAGER - All cade / Forest Hills schools, power, great shape, \$2,600. 2 bedroom, large full bath, Cost \$600, sell \$125. 517- Call 897-5151 or 299-1863. \$850 per mo., 616-868-6368.

WANTED

cury \$550; 15 hp Evinrude WANTED - Cash paid for old or junk motorcycles. Running or not. Call Rich 616-446-

BOWLERS WANTED - Saturday Night C'Bers. We are looking for teams! Come join HOME FOR SALE BY the fun! Call Ron at 304-OWNER - Just reduced \$25,000! 4+ bedrooms, 3600 2726.

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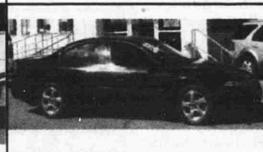
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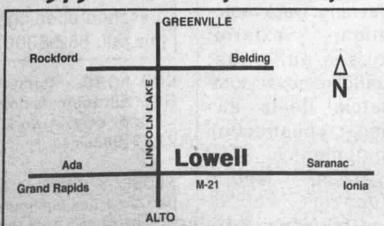


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