

The Lowell Ledger

Volume 34 Issue 36

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Big crowds at 2006 Riverwalk Festival last weekend

By Dan Schneider

The sun shone Friday evening and all of Saturday in Lowell. In spite of the heat, Riverwalk Plaza was crowded all afternoon.

Also crowded were the sidewalks along Main Street during the annual parade. This year's parade celebrated 175 years since the settlement of Lowell. The Lowell Area Historical Museum designed its horse-drawn float to look like an 1830s farmstead (Lowell was settled in 1831).

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's float was in the shape of a birthday cake. The chamber is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

At noon, Saturday, state representative Dave Hildenbrand presented



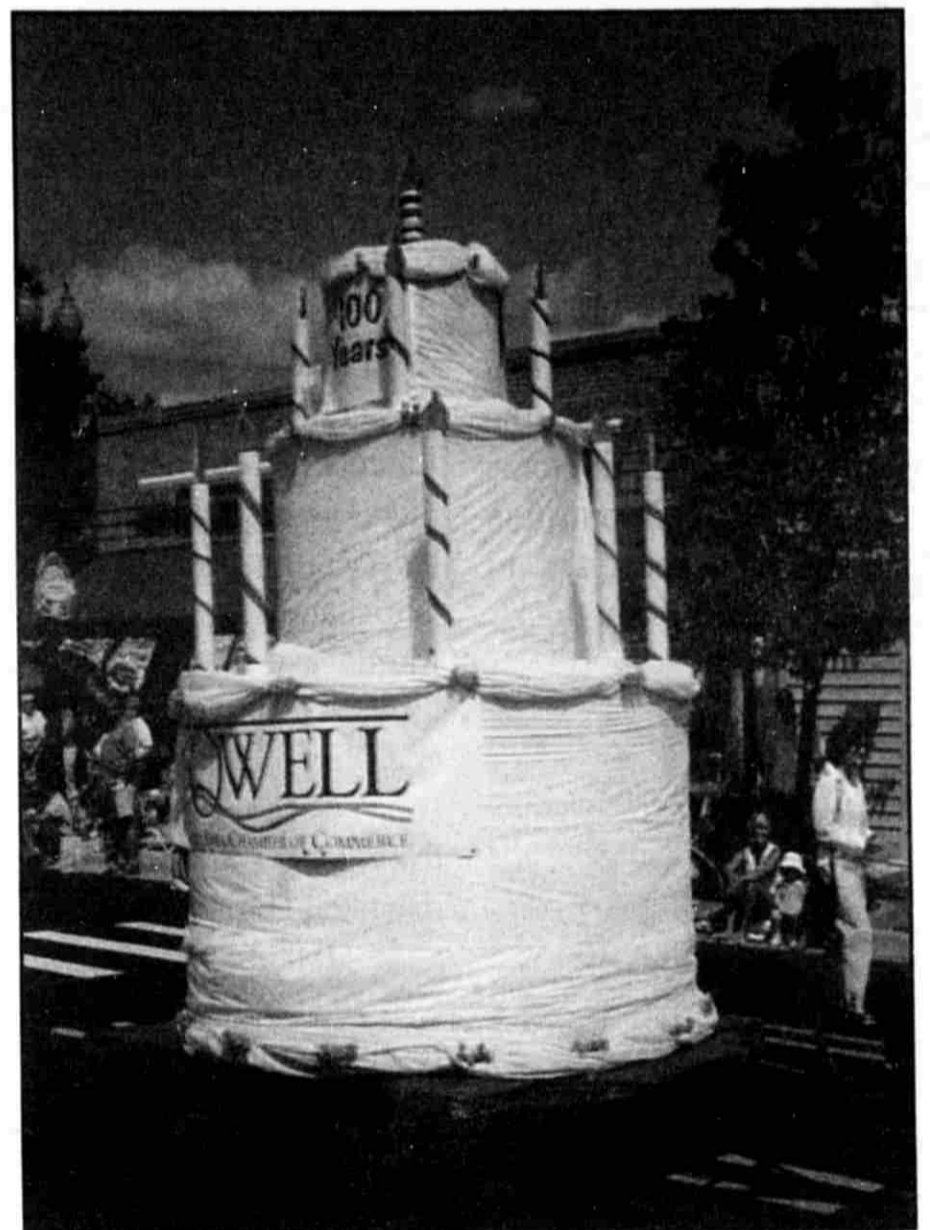
Lowell mayor Chuck Myers (from left), state representative Dave Hildenbrand, Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach and Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson (seated) with plaques commemorating 175 years of Lowell history.

commemorative plaques to Lowell mayor Chuck Myers, Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach and Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson. The plaques recognized 175 years of the Lowell community. In a brief speech, Hildenbrand, a Lowell area resident since 1975, commended the three municipalities on their cooperation.

"I've had many conversations with my colleagues who represent other areas of the state, and they certainly envy the sense of regionalism and partnership that comes so naturally here in our community," said Hildenbrand.

Not long after the presentation, a procession of

Festival, cont'd., pg. 11



The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th birthday with a giant cake float at the Riverwalk Festival Parade.

Portable ramps should help placate skateboarders

By Dan Schneider

With the installation of portable skateboard equipment, the Lowell Branch YMCA is hoping to meet some of the desire among local skateboarders and increase interest in its teen center.

Lowell YMCA lead teen specialist Ryan Rose installed the ramps last Monday, having assembled them the previous weekend. They are laid out within a rectangle of orange construction cones in the parking lot in front of the YMCA. The parking lot recently received a fresh coat of asphalt, which Rose said was an unexpected but fortuitous development, so the skateboard wheels roll smoothly.

The idea was borrowed from nearby YMCA branches.

"We do it at our Southeast branch and our Visser branch," Lowell YMCA associate director Staci

Messersmith said. "It's been pretty successful at some of our other facilities and it was pretty popular."

The portable park is open to fifth-graders through 15-year olds. Helmets are required, and the YMCA has loaner helmets available.

Funding for the equipment was part of a \$50,000 Lowell Area Community Fund grant for improvements to the Y teen center. The cost to use the park is \$3 and includes use of the teen center at the Y. The YMCA is also distributing first-time-free coupons. They are available at the teen center and through youth pastors at local churches. Rose has also given some to Lowell Police officers to hand out to skateboarders around town.

"We had it out yesterday and the police stopped by and they were very pleased that they had someplace to tell people to go instead of just kicking people out everywhere," Rose said.

The park has a bank ramp, a quarter pipe, two launch ramps which can be made into a gap jump, a wave ramp, a kinked rail and a grind box. What Rose is working on next is some kind of barrier to stop errant skateboards from flying out into the parking lot.

Lowell skateboarders have wanted a local skate park for more than a year, even going so far as to attend city council and parks commission meetings. But sufficient fundraising and organization have not yet come together to make a city skate park a reality.

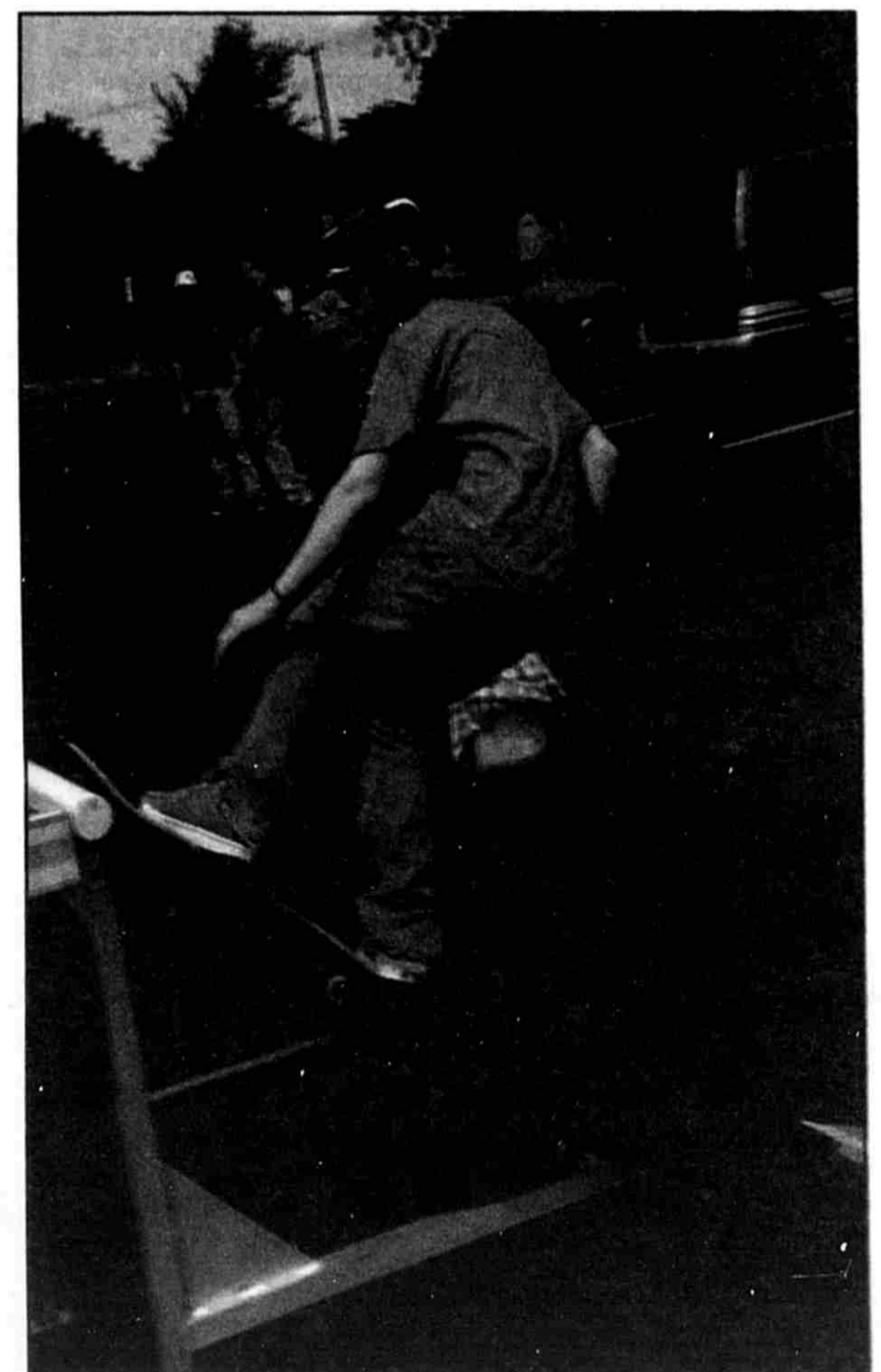
Rose hopes the park at the YMCA will provide a good atmosphere for young skateboarders.

"It's to get kids involved in something they were already doing, but with positive role models instead of people always kicking them out," he said.

Skateboarding is a good activity for youth, he said, since it is both good exercise and a good confidence booster.

"One of the things that skateboarding really helps on is self-esteem and physical fitness issues," Rose said.

The park is open from noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For frequent users of the park, a YMCA youth membership may prove more economical than daily fees. The cost for a youth membership at the Lowell YMCA is \$13 per month with a one-time, \$25 startup fee.



Tyler Plotner executes a maneuver on the quarter pipe at the Lowell YMCA's portable skate park.



Marketable Success ... Page 4

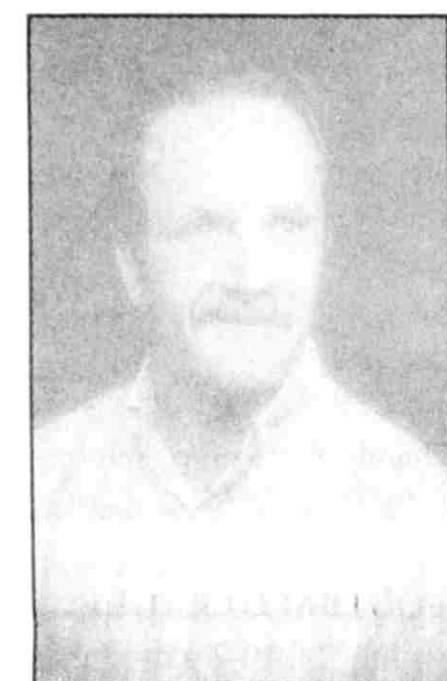
Relay For Life ... Page 7

Duck Rescue ... Page 10

All Stars ... Page 15

Obituaries

BUCK
Roger Allen Buck, born August 30, 1925 passed from this world on June 26, 2006 after a valiant struggle with his failing health. Roger was a renown educator and longtime resident of the Lowell and Greater Grand Rapids area. His family settled in this area long ago and after a stay in California with his daughter, Roger has come "home" to be interred with his ancestors at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. A graveside service was held on July 11. Roger is survived by his five children: Lynn, Steven, Laura, Brett, Lisa; also nine grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please call the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home (897-7101) for information on donations requested to the foundation of Mr. Buck's choosing.



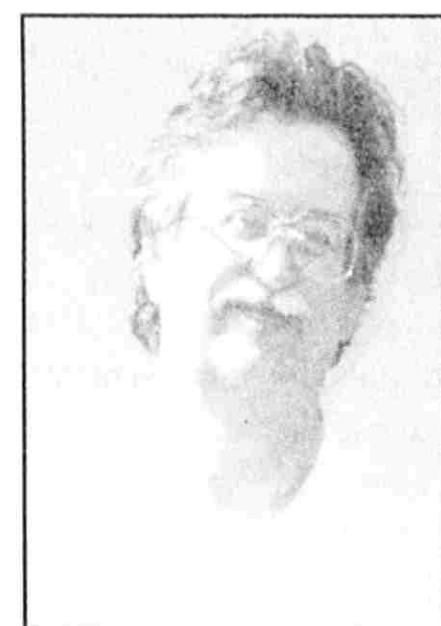
CALDWELL
David Wayne Caldwell II, aged 53, of Lowell, passed

away suddenly July 8, 2006. He is survived by his parents David Sr. and Jean Caldwell; daughter Melissa; two grandchildren; sister Catherine (Kyran) Mulvihill; niece Brandi Mulvihill; brother Clayton Caldwell. Dave leaves many aunts, uncles and cousins. David was a thoughtful and gifted young man, with many health problems. The family requests no flowers sent to the home. Private services were held by the family.

CHRISTIANSEN
Ruby May Eickhoff Christiansen, aged 94, of Lowell, passed away peacefully July 8, 2006 at Laurels of Kent in Lowell. She was preceded in death by her husband William Christiansen, parents Martin and Lena Eickhoff, brothers Harvey, Erhardt and Harry Eickhoff, sisters Irma Richmond, Thelma Roth, Roxie Sullivan, step-daughters Doris VanAllsburg and Helen Hemingsen. She is survived by sisters Josephine (Jason) Onan and Marie (Bob) Steward; step-sons Bill (Madelyn) and Bob (Jackie) Christiansen and their families; special nieces Amy (Geoff) Schram and Sue (Mike) Murley; many nieces and nephews. Ruby will be remembered for all of her years spent at Christiansen Drugs on

Main Street and for many years as a faithful member of the Lowell Garden Club. She enjoyed spending each fall at Fallasburg's Fall Festival behind the Garden Club booth. She was an avid member of the Lowell Women's Club, bringing all of her sisters along to the yearly Christmas celebrations. She was very proud to be a member of the Lowell Area Historical Museum and to be able to donate a set of Chris Van Allsburg's books to the new Englehardt Library. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Rev. Dean Bailey officiating, at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hospice of West Michigan or the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

DE LA GANDARA
Mrs. Maria De La Gandara, of Wyoming, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2006. She was preceded in death by her son Jesus De La Gandara and her husband Francisco De La Gandara. She is survived by her grandchildren Brian De La Gandara and Jeffery De La Gandara, both of Wyoming; great-grandchildren Alexandria, Jacob and Brianna; daughters-in-law Dianne De La Gandara of Alto, Irma De La Gandara of Grand Rapids; special canine companion Phantom. Funeral services were held Friday at the Matthyse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Home with Fr. Ted Kozlowski officiating. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.



KINNEY
Dennis Royal Kinney, aged 58, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly July 8, 2006. He was preceded in death

by his father Royal. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cynthia; daughter Lisa (Richard) Brown; mother Jean Kinney; brothers Gary (Dawn) Kinney, Patrick Kinney; sisters Kathleen Collins, Sharon Wieland, Barbara Murdock, Teresa (Robert) Washburn; many nieces and nephews. Dennis served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1967-1973. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St., Father George Fekete, presiding. Interment Memorial Park. Visitation Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Grand Rapids Office, Brass Works Building, 648 Monroe Ave. NW, Suite 004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or The American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes, Lockbox, 3826 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

ROEHM
Mr. Carl Louis Roehm Jr., aged 64, passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2006. He was a walk-on for the tennis team at Louisiana State University, and received his BS in Industrial Engineering while at Lamar Tech University. In college he met his wife Rebecca. He served his country in the US Naval Reserve. Mr. Roehm shared a deep relationship with the Lord. His family was always Mr. Roehm's first priority and they were the joy of his life. He loved fishing, cooking and making his own wine, with gardening as his special passion. He is survived by his wife Rebecca Lynn Boehme whom he married on Sept. 12, 1964; children Peter Frederick, Ashley Ann Roehm of Garfield, AR, with grandson Reno Carl Louis Roehm; children Jennifer Lynn and Sean Deja of Lowell; brother David Allan and Gayle Roehm of Bethesda, MD; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Lester Dale and Wendy Boehme of Franklin, TN; step-mother Mrs. Carl (Margaret) Roehm of Houston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his

parents Carl Louis Roehm Sr. and mother Mildred Stephens Roehm. The memorial service was held Monday at the Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford with the Rev. Dick Riley officiating. Those planning expressions of sympathy are asked to consider Lacks Cancer Center of St Mary's, 250 Cherry St., Grand Rapids.

SCOTT
Ray D. Scott, aged 82, of Alto, passed away July 4, 2006, at home. He was born September 28, 1923, in Charlevoix County, the son of Lee Jr. and Edna (Bennett) Scott. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Lore and his brother-in-law Gerrit Nicola. Ray is survived by his loving wife Arlene; sister Iva Nicola of Ada; nephew Barry Nicola of Ada; niece Rae (Alvin) Currie of Grand Rapids and their three daughters Angela, Courtney and Beverly; step-children Richard (Frankie) Winslow of AZ, Sharon Beagle of Holland; many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St., Dr. Michael Conklin officiating.

ZYLSTRA
Justin "Jud" Zylstra, aged 67, of Alto, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on April 1, 1939, in Hudsonville, he was the son of Jacob and Grace (Spoelman) Zylstra. He started in construction work while he was still in high school and started his own home construction business, Justin Zylstra Builder LLC, in 1960. He was a member of Hillside Community CRC Church. He was the consummate dad and grandpa and a friend to many. He greatly enjoyed listening to blues music. Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Janie; children Douglas Lee and Deborah Zylstra of Hawaii, James Alan and Debra Zylstra of Cadillac, Susan Lynn Mervau of Alto; grandchildren Jessica, Jennifer, Lindsey and Amanda; sisters Eileen and Andy Machiela of Borculo, Mary and Don Koning of Jamestown; father-in-law John Ringnald; brothers-in-law Don (Jonelle) Ringnald, Dave (Jody) Ringnald, Garry (Pat) Ringnald; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Hillside Community CRC Church. Interment in Winchester Cemetery. Memorials may be made to South Christian Tuition Assistance Fund, 180-68th St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49548.

SMITH
Erwin S. Smith, aged 80, of Saranac, passed away July 1, 2006 in Grand Rapids. He was born in Kent County March 18, 1926, the son of Willard and Anna (Dalstra) Smith. He served in the Army during WWII and received a Purple Heart while fighting in Italy at Monastery Hill. He was a life member of the MOPH, FVW, DAV and member of the American Legion. He married Shirley Solomon April 7, 1945; she survives him after 61 years of marriage along with five children Christine and Willard Simmons of Saranac, Rosemary and Gary Brownell of Ionia, Brenda and Gary Hubbard of Saranac, Jerry and Becky Smith of Saranac, Larry and Tara Smith of Saranac; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, two on the way; brother Floyd and Marlene Smith of Saranac;

sisters Gladys and Emery Bowen of Saranac, Elsie and Alfred Copron of Lowell, Elaine and John Harkes of Jenison; very special aunt and uncle Ben and Judy Tower of Saranac. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Allen and Richard, sisters Darlene Klahn and Ellen Czech. Funeral services were held Friday at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. John Madvig officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Saranac Fire Dept. or charity of their choice.

YOUNG
Alan Russell Young, aged 69, of Lowell, passed away July 9, 2006. He was preceded in death by his sister Flo Helen Bloom. He is survived by his children Rory Young, Stacey Kiebach, Lloyd (Kathy Little) Young; seven grandchildren; brother Grant Young; sister Sharon (Larry) Moore; brother-in-law Bob Bloom; many nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St., Dr. Michael Conklin officiating.

except for the feasibility study through DDA. Wenger questioned whether the DDA should strictly focus on downtown development. "The entire downtown will benefit directly from camping," he said. "I can see it full on Thursday nights." The RV campground facility would mainly target Grand Rapids and other communities within 30 miles of Lowell. "With today's ever increasing fuel costs, an RV facility within an hour's drive of half-a-million potential customers seems to make good economic sense," Hall stated in his written proposal to the council. The facility would offer site rentals with hook-ups for water and sewer, cable TV and electrical, optional boat launching and docking, police and fire protection, emergency medical services, long-term storage at 4-H grounds, dump station, restroom and shower facilities.

Wenger questioned whether the DDA should strictly focus on downtown development. "The entire downtown will benefit directly from camping," he said. "I can see it full on Thursday nights." The RV campground facility would mainly target Grand Rapids and other communities within 30 miles of Lowell. "With today's ever increasing fuel costs, an RV facility within an hour's drive of half-a-million potential customers seems to make good economic sense," Hall stated in his written proposal to the council. The facility would offer site rentals with hook-ups for water and sewer, cable TV and electrical, optional boat launching and docking, police and fire protection, emergency medical services, long-term storage at 4-H grounds, dump station, restroom and shower facilities.

Proulx Brothers perform this week



The Proulx Brothers will highlight the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts this Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

Performing together for more than 35 years, The Proulx Brothers' music style is similar to the Kingston Trio.

Greg, Mark and Gordon were influenced by their father Clyde Proulx, a professional musician. Each brother taught himself to play an instrument (guitar, bass and banjo) and began experimenting with vocals.

Three years ago, after taking separate paths, the group reformed in honor of their father's 80th birthday. Since then, they have remained together and performed at events such as the Grand Rapids Arts Festival, Fallasburg Fall Festival, Lakeview Festival and Lowell Showboat.

DDA may stretch boundaries to fund RV campground study

By Emma Palova
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Downtown Development Authority may fund a feasibility study for an RV campground if it stretches its boundaries pending legal opinion by the city attorney.

Jim Hall approached the city council Wednesday with a proposal for an RV campground near the confluence of the Flat and Grand rivers including the Flat River islands. The property owned by the city would generate \$200,000 annually and benefit local businesses, according to Hall.

"If it flies it can be a self-sustaining facility with a yearly income," said Hall. "Show me one of your parks that is making this much money."

Since the property is not in the DDA district, however, the council would have to approve an amendment to the district map before funding a marketing study. The feasibility and marketing study would cost between \$5,000 and \$17,000, according to Hall. The estimated facility construction costs are \$2.5 million.

"There is a demand for such facilities in cities of the same size," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "It would benefit the economy locally."

Pasquale said the city would not get involved in the campground construction and operation financially,

except for the feasibility study through DDA.

Wenger questioned whether the DDA should strictly focus on downtown development. "The entire downtown will benefit directly from camping," he said. "I can see it full on Thursday nights."

The RV campground facility would mainly target Grand Rapids and other communities within 30 miles of Lowell.

"With today's ever increasing fuel costs, an RV facility within an hour's drive of half-a-million potential customers seems to make good economic sense," Hall stated in his written proposal to the council.

The facility would offer site rentals with hook-ups for water and sewer, cable TV and electrical, optional boat launching and docking, police and fire protection, emergency medical services, long-term storage at 4-H grounds, dump station, restroom and shower facilities.

The property, bounded by South Division and Front streets, lies in the flood plain. It could be accessed from South Monroe Street. Sewer and water access would have to be designed above the 100-year flood plain.

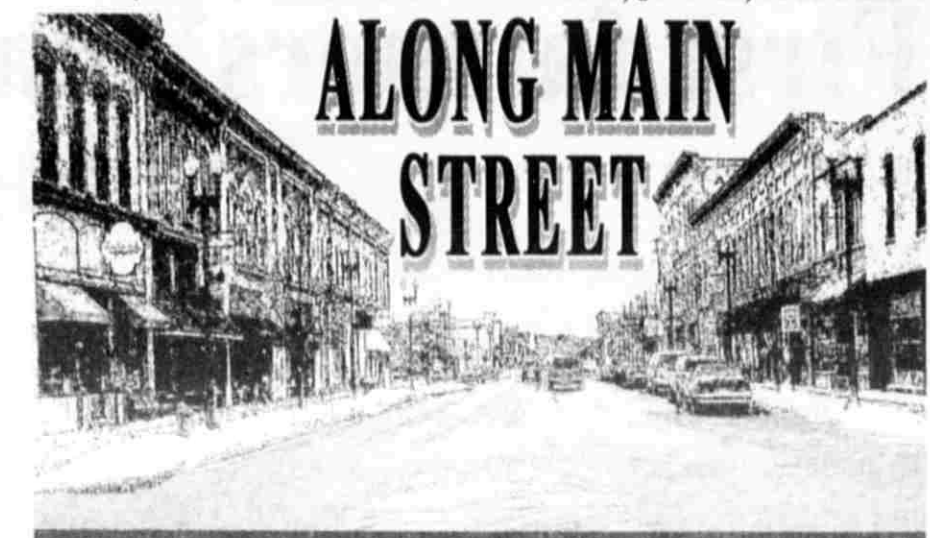
Resident Kraig Haybarker, a former business owner, said expanding the DDA district would help the downtown merchants.

"We have several vacant buildings," he said. "This is a positive thing to draw people into the community."

Council member Jeanne Shores was also in favor of the campground.

"Look at the number of campers for bluegrass," she said. "It could be a real asset to downtown."

Council member Jeanne Shores was also in favor of the campground.



PRESCHOOL OPENINGS
Register your 3-5 year old now for Franciscan Life Process Center preschool. Monday - Thursday, a.m. or p.m. Call 897-7842. Scholarships available.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center is today, July 12, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

LOWELL AIRPORT PROGRAM
School of Missionary Aviation Technology will have activities starting 9 a.m. Saturday, July 15. Tours, helicopter rides, \$20; children's activities, hog roast, 1-2:30 p.m. Praise band, guest speaker Roger Krenzen 2:30-5:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit SMAT scholarship program.

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT
The Franciscan Life Process Center will offer private music lessons. For a private instructor, call 897-7842. Scholarships available.

YOUTH SOCCER CAMP
LHS will have a soccer camp for 6-9 year olds (9-11:30 a.m.) and 10-14 year olds (1-4 p.m.) July 17-20. Call Paul Legge at 616-901-6891 for cost and more information.

FALLASBURG MEETING
The Fallasburg Historical Society will have a board meeting at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

SIGN-UPS FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Held at Burch Field. Dates: July 22, 10-2 p.m.; July 25, 27 & Aug. 3, 6-8 p.m. New players must provide a copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896 or email lyf99@aol.com

FROM FOOD PANTRY
Needed for the Food Pantry are boxed potatoes, kidney beans, cereal, laundry soap, and macaroni and cheese.

40TH REUNION
The Class of 1966 40th reunion: Saturday, July 29, at FVW Hall, 3116 Alden Nash, 3 p.m. - ? \$10/person, food provided, bring a beverage. Dave Rogers 772-781-7432/email emdar51@aol.com or call Janet (Stevens) Boerema at 897-7361.

SENIOR NEIGHBORS PICNIC
Reservation deadline for the Roaring 20s annual Senior Neighbors picnic is July 21. The event is Friday, Aug. 4 at EGR Middle School, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$3 donation per person. Call 897-5949.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH, SE ON TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006

NOTICE TO CORRECT PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of General Property Tax Laws, provides for correction of clerical errors and errors due to a mutual mistake of fact with respect to assessment roll figures, and correction to homestead exemptions, upon verification of the local assessing officer and approval by the Board of Review at a meeting called for that purpose, on Tuesday following the third Monday in July.

On **JULY 18, 2006**, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 10:00 a.m. in the Lowell Township Hall to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

The Lowell Ledger
(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for 177th year in Kent County, 26th year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331

ROGER K. BROWN.....PUBLISHER
JEANNE BOSS.....MANAGING EDITOR
DAN SCHNEIDER.....LEAD REPORTER
TONI BLOUGH.....COPY EDITOR
TAMMY JANOWIAK.....CLASSIFIED/ACCOUNTING
JAY VEZINO.....ADVERTISING SALES

(616) 897-9261
E-Mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com
Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI
Published every Wednesday
POSTMASTER: Send address change to:
The Lowell Ledger
P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331
www.lowellbuyersguide.com

The Perfect Gift! - A Subscription To The Lowell Ledger! Call 897-9261

ADA-LOWELL 5
Goodrich www.GDTI.com
QUALITY 616-897-FILM
On M-F 5 Minutes East of Arway H.C.
All Digital Sound
No passes Free drink refills & 2oz.com refill

SHOWTIMES VALID 7/10 - 7/13

First Run Movies
BARGAIN PRICES
\$4.00 LOWEST PRICE with \$2.00 charge
\$6.50 Adults Evening
\$5.00 Adults Matinee
\$4.00 Kids and Seniors

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13)
11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8:30, 9:30
CLICK (PG-13)
1:20, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
CARS (G) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

COUPON FREE
2oz DRINK with \$2.00 charge
of Adult bag of fatty program
of Adult bag of fatty program

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the August 8, 2006 primary election has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Hall at 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

LANA GREEN
Grattan Township Clerk

The Foodmobile

Mobile Food Pantry
THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR:
ALTO BOWNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION
(mostly produce)

Lowell Fairgrounds
Foreman Building, S. Broadway

Saturday, JULY 15, 2006
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
(or until food is gone)

Distributed by:
Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. (FROM)
AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THE GREATER LOWELL AREA.
Bring your own box or bag.

Visit our website at www.flatriveroutreachministries.org

First farmers' market deemed a success

By Dan Schneider

Organizers were not sure how a farmers' market would fly in Lowell. "We'll find out Thursday," market master and Lowell Fairgrounds

manager Ron Wenger had said more than once before the market's opening. It turns out they had nothing to worry about; the first day 13 vendors set up shop. And there were

enough customers to make it worth their while.

"We did real well," said Chris Jones, who goes to several farmers' markets to sell bread from her

Great Bread Company in Allendale.

The market opened at 3 p.m. By 5:30, her stock had dwindled to four loaves of bread.

"Kind of pitiful looking, now, I'm kind of embarrassed," Jones said, looking at her nearly-bare sale table. "We had 150 loaves when we came. I guess we'll have to bring more next time."

Vergennes Township farmer and market vendor Duane Rasch, who offered input during planning sessions for the farmers' market, sees a bright future for the market in Lowell.

"We got here at two o'clock and by 2:30 people were here buying already," Rasch said. "I think it's got a lot of potential."

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive

director Liz Baker shared that sentiment. She thought it especially true considering the quick turnaround time in establishing the market, which allowed only a small window for marketing it and spreading the word to vendors. "I'm really impressed," she said. "First time out of the gate, we had 13 vendors and we've had a steady stream of people all day."

The Lowell Farmers' Market is an idea that came together quickly. It had been discussed for years, but talked about seriously only since early June.

At that first meeting June 1, organizers decided on the fairgrounds as the best site. The city council gave its approval a few weeks later. Thursday afternoon, a "Welcome to the Lowell Farmers' Market" sign was

hoisted onto an archway built two days earlier at the entrance to the market. Lines were painted to mark the vendor stalls. Posts were driven into the ground to mark handicap parking spaces.

It's a simple farmers' market, but the fairgrounds' location provides amenities conducive to its growth.

"We're just out in a field but we've got handicap parking ... we've got a sink with running water," Wenger said.

More importantly, the market had customers and vendors. There was a wide variety of vendors: multiple farmers selling produce, the bread bakery, honey for sale, a stand selling beef jerky, another selling gourmet mushrooms.

The farmers' market will run through Oct. 12.



Customers browse the booths beyond the Lowell Farmers' Market entryway on opening day last Thursday.

City council approves six percent hike in cemetery rates

By Emma Palova
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council approved a six percent hike Wednesday in cemetery burial rates over the next three years.

The raise, however, will only help the city break even with the cost of burials, according to Dan DesJarden, director of Public Works.

The last major increase was in 1999; another raise to keep up with the cost was in 2003. According to clerk Betty Morlock, rates at privately owned cemeteries are higher, while the townships only charge the actual cost of burials.

"There seems to be very little margin on what the actual cost is," said mayor Charles Myers. "It seems tight."

The current weekday

rates are \$400, the actual cost is \$422, and the cost with the increase is \$450. Rates for Sundays/holidays are \$175 more. Winter rates are \$100 more, and they apply from Dec. 1 through April 1.

The council will revisit the rates next year as part of the budget.

"We can alter them next year," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "We will look at them every year."

Morlock said the city will revisit what other communities charge. In 2003, the city staff surveyed the rates charged in 10 communities.

In other city business, council member Jim Pfaller requested that the planning commission revisit the city ordinance for restoration of right of way in case of construction.

"We want to make

sure that people are held responsible," said Pfaller.

In regards to the city Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Pasquale informed the council that the water treatment plant was nearing capacity at 50 percent. The critical point is 80 percent.

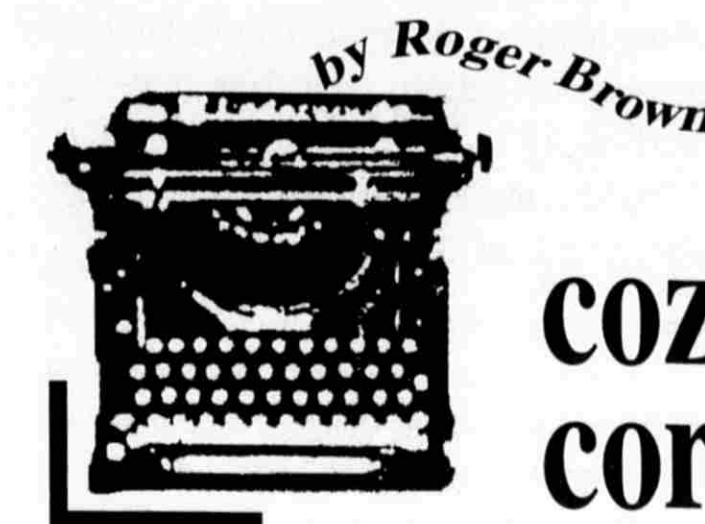
"This will be a future need," said Pasquale. "I wanted to make sure it is identified. We're finishing up a new updated reliability study."

Pfaller said the CIP is only a wish list.

"We have to wait for funds," he said. "We want to make sure all improvements are prioritized properly."

The planning commission will review the restoration of right of way on July 24.

Viewpoint



cozy corner

April 1, 1990 ... April Fool's Day, July 3, 2006. These dates hold little significance for most people. For me they mark the day I bought my Stearman in Wendover, Utah, and the day I landed the old junker in Julesburg, Colorado. Over those sixteen years I managed to make at least one landing in all 48 contiguous states. Is it the stuff of Charles Lindbergh crossing the Atlantic or Chuck Yeager breaking the sound barrier? No. Is it a big deal to me? Yeah, I guess so. It will at least be something to put in my obituary.

Let's start with a little background info and a sketchy timeline. I was forty years old, which sounds awfully young these days, and the ink was still wet on my private pilot's license. I had it in my head that I wanted a Stearman. Why ... I have no idea. It's a totally impractical airplane. The design dates back to the thirties. Mine was built in 1941 for the Army as a primary trainer. They are slow ... about 90 miles per hour and not very fuel-efficient. The radial engine is cantankerous at best and downright dangerous if it up and quits. The Stearman is notorious for its skittish ground handling characteristics. I've had my share of "incidents" with mine.

On the plus side, you can do some aerobatics in a Stearman. Try a "Cuban Eight" with a Cessna 172. The rush of flying open cockpit is not easily described, so I won't try. And, the sound of all those flying wires singing on final approach to landing is just plain beautiful.

Back in the spring of 1990, way before the Internet, a Stearman popped up in Trade-a-Plane at an incredibly low price. Only one problem, it was in Wendover, Utah. The short version of the story is I bought the plane and flew it back to Michigan via the "Sun-In-Fun" fly-in held annually at Lakeland, Florida. Look on a map, and you'll see I racked up a bunch of states that very first trip. Of course, cross-country flying is one thing a Stearman is not designed for and is not very good at. For one thing, they could have made the seats more comfortable.

Over the years our little band of Michigan Stearman owners has made a few trips out east. I've tagged along twice and landed in a few new states in the process. Several years ago a friend and I flew up the St. Lawrence Seaway and out to the coast. We visited Vermont, New Hampshire and got fogged in for three days while in Maine. I took the airplane to the big summer fly-in in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, once and my mechanic is in Ohio. Every fall I flew to the annual Stearman convention in Galesburg, Illinois, where we were often invited to fly-in lunches at cities in neighboring Iowa. A popular fuel stop on the way to Galesburg is Michigan City, Indiana. My Stearman and I were getting around.

A few years ago it dawned on me that I'd been to about

half the 48 contiguous United States in my old clunker. For whatever reason, I made it a goal to get them all. Stephen Coonts' book *The Cannibal Queen* may have been an inspiration. The book was an account of him visiting all 48 states in one summer in his Stearman. Richard Bach's beautifully written *Biplane* may have also given me incentive. He didn't hit all the states, but did traverse the country in a 1920s Travel-Air biplane. A lecture from my old geography teacher might have saved me a lot of gas money. Getting to them all is easier said than done!

About three years ago I took the plane down to Florida for the winter. I made a wide swing to the east and got West Virginia, Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia. Coming back to Michigan the following spring, one of my brothers flew down commercially and rode back with me. We flew up the Atlantic seaboard and spent a couple days getting six small states I needed. Delaware, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland were scratched off my list. I now had every state east of the Mississippi River in my logbook. Whoopee!

That fall, I left for the Stearman fly-in at Galesburg, Illinois, a couple days early with a mission in mind. The old biplane took me to the "four corners" area where Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma meet. Over a day or two we landed in all those states plus a diversion to the north scored Nebraska.

That was the fall of 2004. I had 37 states in my logbook and just eleven to go. There was only one problem. Those eleven states were all in the "Great Northwest" part of this country. They are big states and it would involve a heckuva lot of flying to score them in one trip. I began making plans.

Again, I was influenced by a couple of books, both written by the late Stephen Ambrose. One was *Undaunted Courage*. Ambrose said he began the work as a biography of Merriweather Lewis, but ended up re-hashing the tale of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Their original trail would be my route west. The other book was *Nothing Like It In The World*, a study of the building of the Transcontinental Railroad in the 1860s. Both books are wonderful reads, but more importantly to me, following the two routes would take me to ten of the states I still needed. They were the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Wyoming and Colorado. A slight jog off the Missouri River would also get me Minnesota. Bingo, that's all 48!!!

I had intended to make this trip last summer. A few problems arose. My mother got sick. My plane got sick. And a steady stream of hurricane threats had us ducking and covering at our home in the Florida Keys. This year my mother was better, the plane had a new engine and I planned my departure prior to the hurricane season getting revved up.

I ordered the needed sectional charts. I begged my wife for a little extra time away from our business. I bought a plane ticket to get me to Michigan. I squirreled away cash for gas money. I bought a little one-man tent. I planned and I dreamed. I dreamed and I planned. I hadn't been this excited since the Christmas catalogs began arriving back in my youth. You know, like fifty years ago.

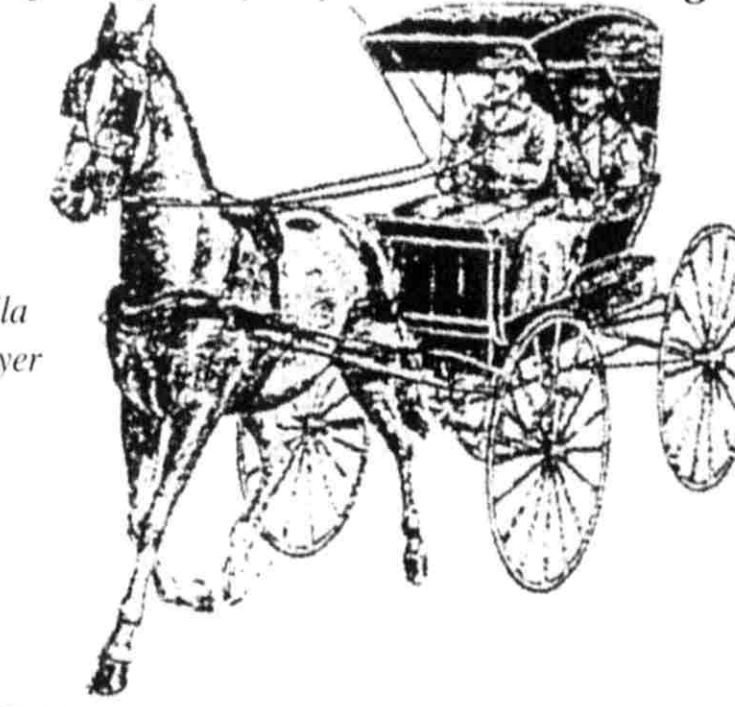
The big day came on Saturday, June 24. The Stearman

and I lifted off from the Lowell Airport at 6:05 a.m. In case you haven't already guessed, the next few columns will be devoted to my trip. I've tipped you off to the fact I made it, but a lot of interesting stuff happened along the way.

To the person who called "Sound Off" a year or so ago and said the only time my column is worth reading is when I write about my airplane travels ... all I can say is, "Be careful what you wish for!"

Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JULY 13, 1881

Next one: October 12, 1882

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

JULY 12, 1906

Upton Sinclair's exposure of the Beef Trusts is quoted from the New York World.

Miss Agnes Hughson of South Boston has a new Beck-with piano.

The South Bell School social and program clear \$14.55 from ice cream and popcorn sales.

The bear seen last week frightened Lou Rickert's team of horses southeast of town; it has not been caught.

75 YEARS

THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

JULY 9, 1931

A chairman is rehearsing her crew for each of the eight separate historical scenes to be presented at the Centennial Homecoming.

Two 4-H camps for boys at Big Bostwick Lake this summer will be for potato/handicrafts and crops/handicrafts.

Peter Mulder builds a miniature landscaped "Cabin in the Hills" at his Blue Mill gas station.

Twelve candidates for Centennial Queen have been named so far for the celebration next month.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

JULY 12, 1956

Miss Showboat is Sue Adams of Rockford.

Incumbents Gerald Rollins and Frank Stephens are re-elected unanimously in the annual school election by a total of 62 votes cast.

Ten teenagers from the Alto-Caledonia area are arrested for stealing gasoline and other things, after some sleuthing by deputies Robert Hill and Ronald Parsons.

Entry blanks for the Showboat photo contest (pictures to be taken during Showboat Week) are available.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

JULY 8, 1981

The Sesquicentennial cookbook, Ellura McPherson editor, is for sale, and a balloon ascension on the 17th sponsored by Senior Neighbors will also celebrate Lowell's 150 years.

The 8th annual One and Only Original "Yes, we're building an empire" Gus Macker All World Invitational Three-on-Three Outdoor/Backyard Basketball Tournament will run Friday, July 10 through the 12th.

Thirty-two acts will compete for 12 spots on the Showboat at Amateur Night this Saturday.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The Lowell Dog Park Committee appreciates the hundreds of people who stopped by its booth at the 2006 Riverwalk inquiring about progress, offering encouragement, and in some cases making a donation to the fund drive. Your enthusiasm for an environment where your dogs can run safely off leash was infectious.

Heather Snay and Laura Garrison won the cat and dog care accessory boxes provided by the Lowell Animal Hospital.

To The Editor,

The Riverwalk Festival was another great success this year! It is difficult to estimate how many people attended Friday and Saturday because of the number of activities but we do estimate 16,000 plus people. We sold out of duck tickets for the first time ever - that is 7,000 ducks!! It was a flock of yellow ducks floating down the Grand River.

This year we had over 150 volunteers with the festival! The Lowell/Caledonia hockey team and Lowell baseball team assisted us with our marketing project. "The Next Place to Be! Lowell" by selling our water, and the Lowell baseball team kept the festival area clean for everyone to enjoy!

The festival is made possible by the participants, spectators, volunteers and sponsors for our 12th annual Riverwalk Festival and counting! Lowell is the next place to be!

Jeff Eckstrom
Lowell Dog
Park Committee

Betsy Davidson, Riverwalk chairperson;
Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce
executive director

A TRUSTED TRADITION OF AFFORDABLE,
PERSONALIZED, AND COMFORTABLE CARE

LIFETIME DENTAL EXCELLENCE



- Professionally Trained, Caring, and Courteous Staff
- State-of-the-Art Procedures, Instruments, and Techniques
- Cosmetic Care: Porcelain Veneers, Bonding, and Whitening
- Mercury-Free Dentistry • Filtered Water Lines
- Orthodontic Care (Braces) • Wisdom Teeth Extraction
- Implants • TMJ (Jaw Pain Therapy)
- Treatment of Periodontal Disease (Latest Non-Surgical Techniques Available)
- Dentures • Partials • Root Canals • Crowns and Bridges
- Emergencies Accepted • Convenient Payment Plans
- Serving the Area Since 1981



TODD GILLAN, DDS, PC
2186 MAIN STREET • LOWELL
LOCATED ACROSS FROM ARBYS
WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CALL
(616) 897-8491

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELL

copyright © 2004, chrisid

Regal Financial Group
Presents
4th Annual
"Hunt For A Cure"
Charity Golf Scramble
Benefiting Children with Cystic Fibrosis
Friday, July 14th, 2006
Tee Time @ 9 a.m. • Registration @ 8 a.m.
(pre-registration encouraged)

St. Ives Golf Club
9900 St. Ives Dr.
Stanwood, MI 49346

Contact
Dale Triplett
(616) 897-9259
or Chris Wilks
(616) 224-2204
cwilks@regalfin.com

Reflections of faith

Dr. Michael Conklin, pastor
First United Methodist Church

A few years ago a very close friend, a fellow pastor in the community I was serving, died of a rapidly growing cancer that ran its course in a brief month and a half. Our friendship had been years long, and what I remember about that brief span was that every conversation we had seemed to have greater importance. Every conversation was potentially our last conversation, and neither of us wanted to squander that opportunity. We talked some about death, but mostly about more important matters. We talked about friendship, family, and about the struggle to understand the meaning of life when time grows short.

Our last conversation was not like that. It was in a crowded hospital room, with lots of conversation about everyday things—kids' soccer games, and going home from the hospital. For the longest times those conversations haunted me, because at such an important time, they were about such mundane matters. The next day Leon slipped

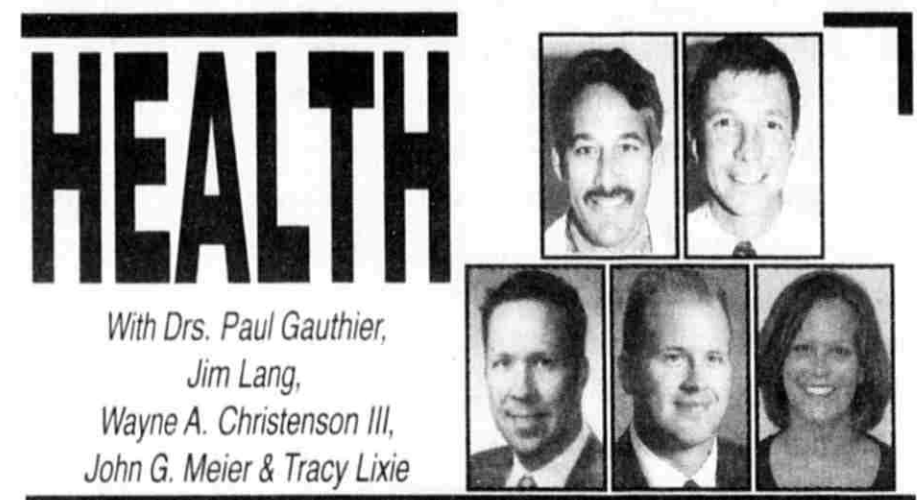
into a coma and died. It took me a long time to accept that this last conversation about everyday matters was okay. In fact, our lives are made up for the most part of everyday matters—going to work, chasing kids around to their various activities, gathering for various occasions with family and friends.

The Psalmist, in the 90th Psalm, declares that "the days of our lives are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then, their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away ... So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Too often we count our days too lightly, seeing the hand of God only in dramatic or focused moments in our lives. In the warm

summer days, filled with mundane activities and events, there is time to speak those words that need to be spoken, renew the connections between us and among us that are vital to our lives and relationships.

There are times that I regret that Leon and I could not fill all of his last six weeks with the weighty and important things we needed to say to each other. But I have come to realize that through the years of our friendship, in the ordinary times of our lives, we did speak of those things.

Every moment of the ordinary, mundane times of our lives is an opportunity to focus on the gifts of life, fellowship, and friendship that God has given to us. None of our time is ordinary. It is all extraordinary.



HEALTH

With Drs. Paul Gauthier,
Jim Lang,
Wayne A. Christensen III,
John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME

Irritable bowel syndrome, known as IBS, is a functional disorder of the gastro intestinal tract that can affect up to 15 percent of adults. Women seem to experience the symptoms more commonly than men.

IBS is usually diagnosed after ruling out other more serious causes of abdominal pain such as ulcer disease, inflammatory bowel disease (crohn's or ulcerative colitis) and colon tumors.

IBS symptoms usually include abdominal cramping,

bloating, intermittent constipation or diarrhea and urgency to have a bowel movement. It is hard to know why some people experience IBS symptoms. There are no pathologic findings in the GI tract and this is why it is considered a functional disorder. Symptoms may be associated with stress, menstrual periods or eating large meals. Foods do not cause IBS but people with IBS may find that certain foods make the symptoms worse.

The diagnosis of IBS is usually a diagnosis of exclusion. Your doctor will review your symptoms and examine your abdomen. Diagnostic tests may be ordered which include an ultrasound, blood tests or passing a scope into the stomach or bowel.

IBS symptoms can be improved by reducing stress, eating a balanced diet, and avoiding foods which may trigger symptoms, engaging in regular exercise and increasing fiber in the diet. Prescription medication is often required to reduce bowel spasms, regulate stools and relieve pain.

Although IBS is a functional disorder, it is a serious condition that can significantly impact the daily lives of otherwise healthy individuals. For more information on IBS see your health care professional or visit the Irritable Bowel Syndrome Assn. online at www.ibsassociation.org.

NOTICE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold regularly scheduled meetings on July 13, 2006, August 10, 2006, September 14, 2006, October 12, 2006, November 9, 2006, and December 14, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan. The publication of this notice meets the requirements for publication pursuant to MCL 125.3304.

Interested parties may be heard at these public meetings.

July 12, 2006
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

College News

The University of Minnesota Duluth announced that Sarah J. Hasselquist of Lowell has made the dean's list for spring semester 2006. The sophomore attends the College of Liberal Arts and is majoring in English. She achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to receive this honor.

The Calvin College commencement ceremony for spring 2006 graduates was held at the end of May.

From Lowell is David S. Geldersma. From Alto is James E. Schmidt.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School has announced its dean's list and honor roll in its recent term of study. Richard Ford, of Lowell, received academic honors.

The 2005/2006 Academic Honor Roll of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association includes 172 student-athletes from Hope College.

Freshman Rebekah Woods of Lowell participated in track and maintained a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the year.

Lowell's first Relay for Life

The first annual Lowell Relay for Life will be held at the Lowell High School track this August.

Mike Lindhout, West Michigan Area Executive Director of the American Cancer Society (ACS), said there are 27 committed Lowell teams already fundraising. He explained that the Relay for Life fundraiser lasts for 24 hours – since cancer never sleeps. According to ACS estimates, Michigan will see 48,520 new cases of cancer this year.

Participant Peggy Idema is excited about taking part in this 24-hour fundraiser in Lowell against cancer. "Relay for Life has come to our town, and I couldn't be happier about it," said Idema. "As soon as I heard, I joined Jason Barber's Postal Connections team. And when we brainstormed about fundraising, I realized I had a great personal connection of my own I could leverage."

Idema's son, Anthony Kiedis, is the lead singer

and songwriter for the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Idema convinced him and other members of the band to donate a Fender electric guitar, which they all autographed. It is currently being auctioned off on eBay at www.ebay.com.

Another participant, Jason Barber, co-owner of two Postal Connections stores in Ada and Kentwood, has been a Lowell resident his whole life. "We're so glad Relay is in Lowell this year and that our community is excited about coming together to raise money to fight cancer." He added, "Peggy's donation is sure to make our team the number-one fundraiser, but we'd still like to challenge all of the other teams to try to beat us!"

Lindhout congratulated Idema on her fundraising efforts. "This is a beautiful guitar," he said. "It's a Fender Stratocaster Squire with a sunburst finish, and vintage style large headstock. This guitar should make any

Chili Pepper fan or guitar collector very happy."

The Relay for Life fundraiser involves teams of participants who commit to keeping at least one member walking around the track for the entire 24-hour period. Teams raise money ahead of time and then offer food, entertainment, face painting, and other on-site fundraisers. Designated times are scheduled at the event, including the ceremonial lighting of small paper lanterns to honor family and friends who have experienced cancer's effects, and a victory lap for cancer survivors.

The event starts at 12 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4 and ends at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5. All money raised will be donated to the ACS.

Anyone interested in participating or donating to the Lowell Relay for Life is asked to contact Elizabeth Males at 616/364-6121 or Elizabeth.males2@caner.org.



Peggy Idema, center, holds the Fender guitar to be auctioned off on ebay. Also pictured, from left to right, are Matt Davidson, Mike Lindhout, Elizabeth Males and Jason Barber, one of the teams participating in Relay for Life Aug. 4-5.

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

- Malcolm Forbes (1919 - 1990)

Happy Birthday

JULY 13:
Travis Thomet, Cheryl Doyle, Justin Craig, Janet Burns, George Miles, Esther Newell, John Jones.

JULY 14:
Ernestine Bundy, Katie Stouffer, Richard Ellison, Mindy Tykocki, Bethany Kaczanowski.

JULY 15:
Mari Stone, Kyle Aksamitowski, Joyce VanDyke, Keenan Hacker.

JULY 16:
James Stanley Smith.

JULY 17:
Vicki VanderWarf, Ken Willmarth, Marian Mayou.

JULY 19:
Bob Elzinga, Danielle Rittersdorf.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SOCCER CAMP
JULY 17-20

6-9 YEAR OLDS • 9:00-11:30 - *65
10-14 YEAR OLDS • 1:00-4:00 - *70

Contact Paul Legge
616-901-6891

Goodwill fashion

Showing up in photos all summer long

goodwill stores
Good finds, good cause... Goodwill.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell Across the street from the Vanner Dodge dealership. 897-6284 or 485-4195 10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning Service; 6PM Evening Service; Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.</p>	<p>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332</p> <p>Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Nursery & Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship Services.....8:30 & 10:00 a.m. DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Dave Noonon, Asst. Pastor John King, Youth Pastor SUNDAYS: Worship: 10:00 a.m. - LIFE Home Groups & "XL" Youth Sunday evenings WEDNESDAYS: Family Night (For All Ages): 7:00 p.m. "XL" Youth: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BRING 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWIN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Worship.....7:00 P.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremmer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA CLUB J.C. Wed. 6:15 & 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided - Barrier Free</p>	<p>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Thurlan Meredith 9:45 A.M.Worship/Fellowship 11:15 A.M.Sunday School 897-9863 or 897-9588 Nursery & Children Worship Programs Provided A friend...a family...a mission!</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....9:30 A.M. Morning Worship.....10:40 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR MICHAEL RHODABARGER Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	

Dear Lowell Alumni or Lowell Friend,

When Mr. Bob Perry, known as "Mr. Red Arrow" died this past year, many of us felt it was appropriate to start the



process of renaming our stadium at the high school. Our renowned athletic director, biology teacher and coach touched many lives with his contributions to our athletic programs. The proposal to the school board and superintendent asked that the field at our high school be named Red Arrow Memorial Stadium with the field becoming Perry Field.

We would appreciate your help. We are collecting money to help purchase the sign that will be featured on top of the scoreboard commemorating Perry Field.

Recognition for your donation will be printed in the program for the dedication ceremony August, 2006. Please make your check out to:

The Perry Field Fund.
Checks can be sent to the
Ionia County National Bank
2601 Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

We would also like to recognize others within our athletic community who have contributed to the successes of our Lowell teams. A wall of honor will be built to feature other individuals inside the stadium.

If you'd like more information regarding either Perry Field or the Wall of Honor please contact
Mrs. Robin Briggs (897-9904)
or Mark Russell (897-4235).

Thank you for your interest,
Bob Perry Field Committee.

Top five tips for trailering boats

The BoatU.S. Trailering Club has five tips to help prevent trailer boat owners from becoming a roadside statistic this summer:

- Make sure your trailer tires were made for trailering. An "ST" designation on the sidewall indicates "special trailer" used for boat trailers. These tires have stronger sidewalls than "P" (passenger) and "LT" (light truck).

- Inflation is the most basic tire maintenance issue. Tires should be inflated while cold, before the trip - not during. Buy a spare tire but be sure to bring a tire and rim combo when shopping for your spare as not all are alike. Ensure your jack can handle the trailer as well.

- A tire's worst enemy is dry rot caused by the sun's UV rays. If you store your boat and trailer outside during the winter, remove the tires and keep inside if possible. Tire covers can also help.

- Moisture can also doom a tire, especially if the trailer sits idle for a long time on grassy, damp ground. Removing the tire is best but parking on plywood can also help.

- Be sure that you know your boat and trailer weight, as overloading can lead to premature wear and potentially dangerous blowouts.

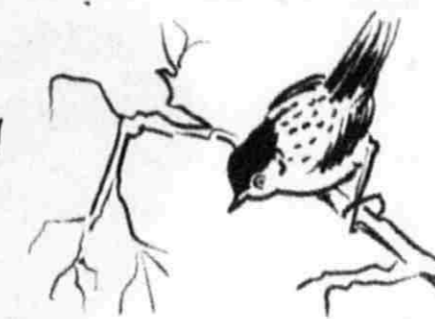
Of the many requests for roadside assistance in 2005, the most common call was for flat tires. For more information, call 1-800-245-6923 or visit BoatUS.com/trailerclub.

17th Annual 3 on 3 HOOPS
LOWELL YMCA
July 22-23 **Hurry!** Register by July 14!
Age Brackets: 8-18 years, boys & girls
Cherry Creek Elementary School parking lot
12675 FOREMAN ROAD
FREE 3 Point Shootout for ages 12+ during day
FREE Freethrow Shootout for ages 8-11 during day
Trophies to 1st & 2nd in each bracket.
Register at the Lowell YMCA (1335 W. Main) or call 897-8445

ADULT FALL SOFTBALL
Monday Night: Co-ed
Wednesday & Thursday Nights: Men
Starts the week of August 14
Register by Tuesday, August 8, 5:00 p.m.
Team Roster must be submitted with registration.
Eight Game Season
Register at the Lowell YMCA, 1335 W. Main, or call 897-8445
\$330 per team
Putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



ONE SIZE FITS ALL

Attitudes, values, and expectations are markedly different for each generation. The older group wonders what is wrong with kids today and the kids think the old folks just don't understand. This has been going on forever and has been described as the generation gap.

One week last June, I was privileged to share a remote fish camp in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with a group that spanned three generations. The youngest was five years old, we two older guys were, let's just say, retirement age, and the rest fell in the middle somewhere.

Before coming to camp, each one of us followed a daily routine which included typical activities and concerns for his age group. A day in the life of a child is much different than that of a grandfather and that different from the middle age folks.

Sitting by the campfire during the day and watching the activities in and around camp provided an opportunity to observe the interaction between everyone there. Young adults talked about jobs, houses, and sports. The kids played in a natural backwoods playground where a leaning cedar tree made a great slide and granite boulders provided a climbing wall. The older men reminisced about people and places from days long past. It was apparent that each generation had its own interests.

When it came to fishing, however, everyone shared a common bond. At the close of the day, fish stories, whether told by young or old, were enjoyed by all with equal enthusiasm. Pre-schoolers and those with graduate degrees,

grandchildren or grandparents, all understood and related to the thrill of feeling the tug of a fat largemouth bass or the strike of a scrappy northern pike.

Appreciating the wonder of nature by being an active participant in the natural cycle of life erased all background and age differences. No one talked about it, but we all understood. There are still some experiences in life that have the same affect on everyone who participates—one size fits all. Most outdoor activities have that common appeal. These experiences span not only generations, but races, religion, social station, or any other label that would seem to make us different from one another. But people are people, and we all share the earth.

KEY HEIGHTS VILLAGE
Country atmosphere, but close to everything!
Spacious terraced mobile home sites
Many Amenities
Attentive professional management and staff
(Water/sewer & curb-side refuse pick up included in site rent)
WE WILL PAY TO MOVE YOUR HOME!
(For those who qualify - restrictions apply)
616-897-9749 • 11335 E. Fulton • Lowell, MI 49331

SANDY BOTTOM BERRIES
11555 Sandy Bottom Road
Between Greenville & Rockford
PICK-YOUR-OWN RASPBERRIES
(616) 225-9376
MONDAY - SATURDAY 9-7
SUNDAY 12-3
www.sandybottomberries.homestead.com

TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC
ATTORNEYS
John T. Sperla
Mark A. Kehoe
Ross A. Leisman
Benjamin A. Zainca
Heidi A. Lyon
Matthew E. Fink
307-A E. Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331
(616) 897-3111 www.mmbjlaw.com

Noon Tire
STEVE NOON
11930 E. Fulton (M-21)
Lowell, MI 49331
Dealing In Most Brands
(616) 897-5925

CAR ACCIDENT?
Michigan - A new free report has just been released. It discloses vital information every car accident victim must know before they speak to anyone or seek medical help. If medical care has already started, you need this report even more. Hidden injuries: Research shows that even a so-called "fender bender" can cause hidden injuries: pain, headaches and lifelong arthritis which show up long after your rights under the law have ended. Many car accident victims worry more about their car than securing their rights. If you have been involved in an auto accident no matter how small, call the free 24-hour recorded message at 1-888-897-4994. This call is free and the report is free.

BASIC COMMUNICATIONS
HERBERT PETT
Telecommunications Consultant
NexTel 616-262-6102
Fax 616-647-4001
Email: hpett@basiccom.com

Arctic, Inc.
HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING
1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331
897-4123
www.heatingcoolingonline.com
Licensed & Insured

DAVE RACE BUILDER
CUSTOM HOMES • REMODELING
River Bluff Development
• Last available lot
• Build your dream home
• Over 1 acre private lot
• Hurry! This homesite won't last
• Free Custom Design Service
DAVE RACE - BUILDER
676-5564
racebuildersllc@netzero.net

Curtis Accounting & Tax Services
209 E. Main St. - Suite A, Lowell, MI
Complete accounting, payroll and tax services
(616) 897-4120 • (616) 262-4873

Wags PET GROOMING, LLC
dogs & cats
by appointment only
616-745-1258
618 LAFAYETTE, LOWELL, MI 49331
Just 2 blocks north of Main St. Lowell
Discounts for referrals & for standing appointments
Diane Smith - Certified Groomer & Proprietor
Leah Lessard - Certified Groomer

FRY DADDY'S
608 West Main Street
Lowell, MI 49331
897-FISH
We're Now OPEN LATER
CALL FOR DAILY SPECIALS!

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
SPRING ELECTRIC, INC.
• Mining • Industrial
• Commercial
• Residential
• Machine Controls
Cell 616-292-6543 • Nextel 130*45*27732
905 E. Main Street • Lowell, MI 49331
Ph: 897-4239
Fax: 897-3139
cjahne@springelectricinc.com

NO CREDIT CHECK! PROCESSING FEE! REPAIR BILLS!
-GET IT TODAY-
• FURNITURE • TV & VCR • STEREO SYSTEMS
• COMPUTERS • WASHER & DRYER
• REFRIGERATORS • AIR COND., & MORE
HRS: MON 10-7; TUE-THURS 10-6
FRI 10-7, SAT 10-4
616.897.9630
PREFERRED RENT 20/20
11630 E. FULTON ST., LOWELL, MI 49331

TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261

AT YOUR SERVICE
Good
CHEVROLET BUICK
SERVICE HOURS: M, T, TH & FR • 8-5; WED • 8-8
Phone 897-9294

KIRK COLLINS
Owner
Showboat
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.
Auto Value
1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI
(616) 897-9231
HOURS: MON - FRI 8-7; SAT 8-5:30; SUN 9-3

BILL WHEELER
Certified Public Accountant
W.J. WHEELER MICHIGAN
103 Riverside Dr.
Lowell, Michigan 49331
616-897-7711

CURTIS CLEANERS • LAUNDRY
CAR WASH
Open 7 days • 897-9809 • 1410 W. Main
JULY SPECIAL
25% OFF 4 OR MORE ITEMS
Excludes: Shirt Laundry, Leathers, Alterations
FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY
SELF SERVE LAUNDRY
60 LB. WASHERS & 75 LB. DRYERS
TURN LAUNDRY DAY INTO LAUNDRY HOUR
CAR WASH \$1.00 VACUUMS 50¢

Buy life insurance and save on your home and car.
When you buy your life insurance from us through Auto-Owners Insurance, you'll receive special discounts on your home, mobile home or car insurance. We'll save you money. As an independent Auto-Owners agent, we take great interest in you - as well as your home and car. We are specialists in insuring people and the things they own.
Auto-Owners Insurance
835 W. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
897-9259
(800) 804-3322
THE NEXT PLACE TO BE!
LOWELL

STOP SUFFERING!
We Successfully Treat:
 Whiplash
 Neck Pain
 All Headaches
 Auto Injuries
 Back Pain
 Numb Hands/Arms
 Sports Injuries
 Work Injuries
See a Specialist and See Results!
897-4999
DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC
Dr. Anthony Trombly

JB HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY
COMPETITIVE AUTO RATES
Since 1885
Hastings Mutual Insurance Company
Hastings, Michigan
www.hastingsmutual.com
Daniel Ulrich 6661 Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

Noreen K. Myers
ATTORNEY AT LAW
22 Years Experience
As A Trial Lawyer
No Fees Unless You Recover
NEW OFFICE:
Downtown Lowell
217 West Main St.
Ph: 897-5460
Downtown Grand Rapids
29 Pearl St., N.W.
Ph: 459-5000

Rich's Service Co.
In-Home Appliance Repair
INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS
GARBAGE DISPOSALS • STOVES • DISHWASHERS
209 E. Main St. RICH CURTIS
Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686

RE/MAX Cascade SunQuest
Peter Smith, Realtor, ABR
Call For Immediate Service
"Your Lowell Area Real Estate Specialist"
(616) 949-6980 Ext. 27 • (800) 800-3915 Ext. 27
(616) 460-6634 Cell
www.realtypetersmith.com

BUSINESSES SERVICES

BUSINESSES SERVICES

Falling through the "quacks"

Lowell Department of Public Works (DPW) employees Joe Baker, left, and Dusty Gless rescued at least 10 ducklings that had fallen through a storm sewer grate Monday morning.

Roger Bont was driving his taxi van when he noticed a distressed mother

mallard pacing around the storm sewer intake at Howard Street and Lincoln Lake Avenue.

"When I pulled up here to stop, I looked over and saw the mom walking around and she had the one baby yet and you could hear them squeaking from the van," Bont said.

The remaining baby duck ended up falling through the grate when it followed the mother over it after help had arrived. The ducks were recovered, placed in a cardboard box, and transported to the Flat River. Ducks falling into storm sewer intakes is not an unusual occurrence in Lowell.

"We do it about every year once or twice," said DPW director Dan DesJarden.



Preschool Openings

Center your Child in Life
Franciscan Life Process Center
Preschool



Your 3-to-5 year old child will experience:

- school readiness skills
- nature
- music
- gardening
- supervised cooking
- and play

Monday - Thursday
9 am - noon OR 1-4 pm
Call for a registration packet or more information

Scholarships Available

that spark the creative spirit within.



Franciscan Life Process Center
11650 Downes St., Lowell, Michigan 49331
www.lifeprocesscenter.org

897-7842



Do they need an extra hand?

Assisted Living Specialized Memory Care

Fountain View of Lowell
616-897-8413
11535 E. Fulton Suite #200,
Lowell, MI 49331



REMEMBER OUR
DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY AT 4 P.M.
Lowell Ledger
105 N. Broadway

Festival, continued ... From Page 1

loud motors rumbled along Main Street, past Riverwalk Plaza. The motors were in motorcycles, in town for the inaugural Gray Dragons Motorcycle Club Poker Run, and classic cars, in town for the Brian Mead Memorial Cruise-In. The cruise-in was the largest in the history of the event, with 140 registered cars.

Once the roar of the engines subsided, street musicians could be heard up and down Main Street.

There were also craft booths, kayak rides and the Lowell Community Wellness Health Fair, which was held in the Lowell Police Station garage.

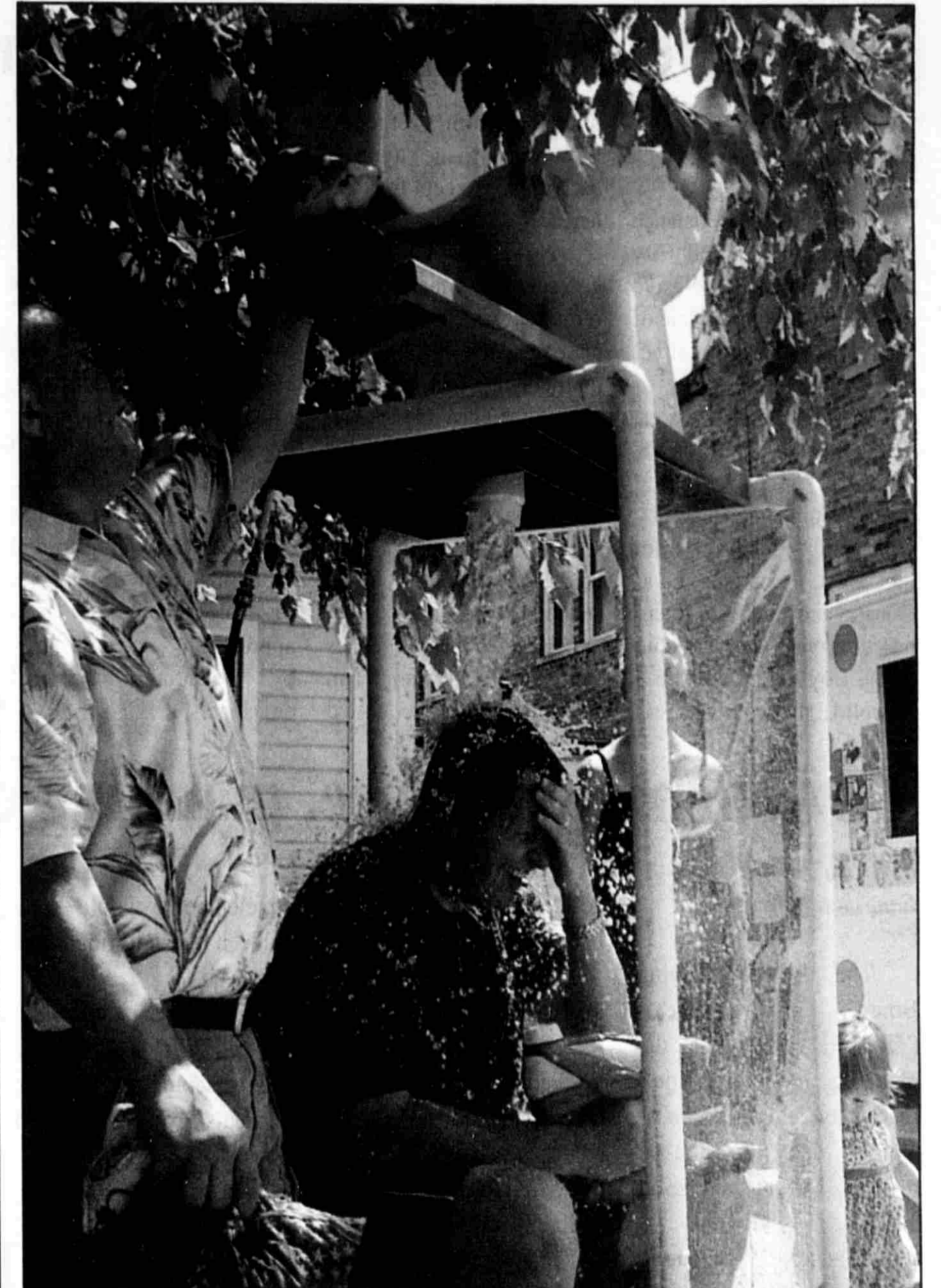
Toward evening, 7,000 floating plastic ducks were dropped from the Division Street Bridge into the Grand River for the chamber's annual duck race. A popular event this year, the chamber sold all 7,000 numbered ducks.

Jeff Altoft of Lowell took the grand prize of \$1,000 in the duck race. Erin Rivard of Grand Rapids won second place and \$300. N. Sutherland of Alto won the \$200 third-place prize.

The Great Lakes Band played at the Fifth Third stage on Riverwalk Plaza Saturday night. Fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park capped off the festivities.



The Lowell Area Historical Museum celebrated 175 years of Lowell history with this 1830s homestead parade float.



New Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt was a good sport during his shift in the chamber's flush tank fundraiser.



Phil Monterusso's 1923 Ford T-bucket (from left to right), Don DeYoung's 1932 Chrysler five-window cruiser and James Dean's 1930 Chevy coupe represented the Big Three at the Brian Mead Memorial Riverwalk Cruise-In, Saturday.



Kent County 4-Hers decorated their sheep with duck motifs for the parade.

HONG KONG BUFFET

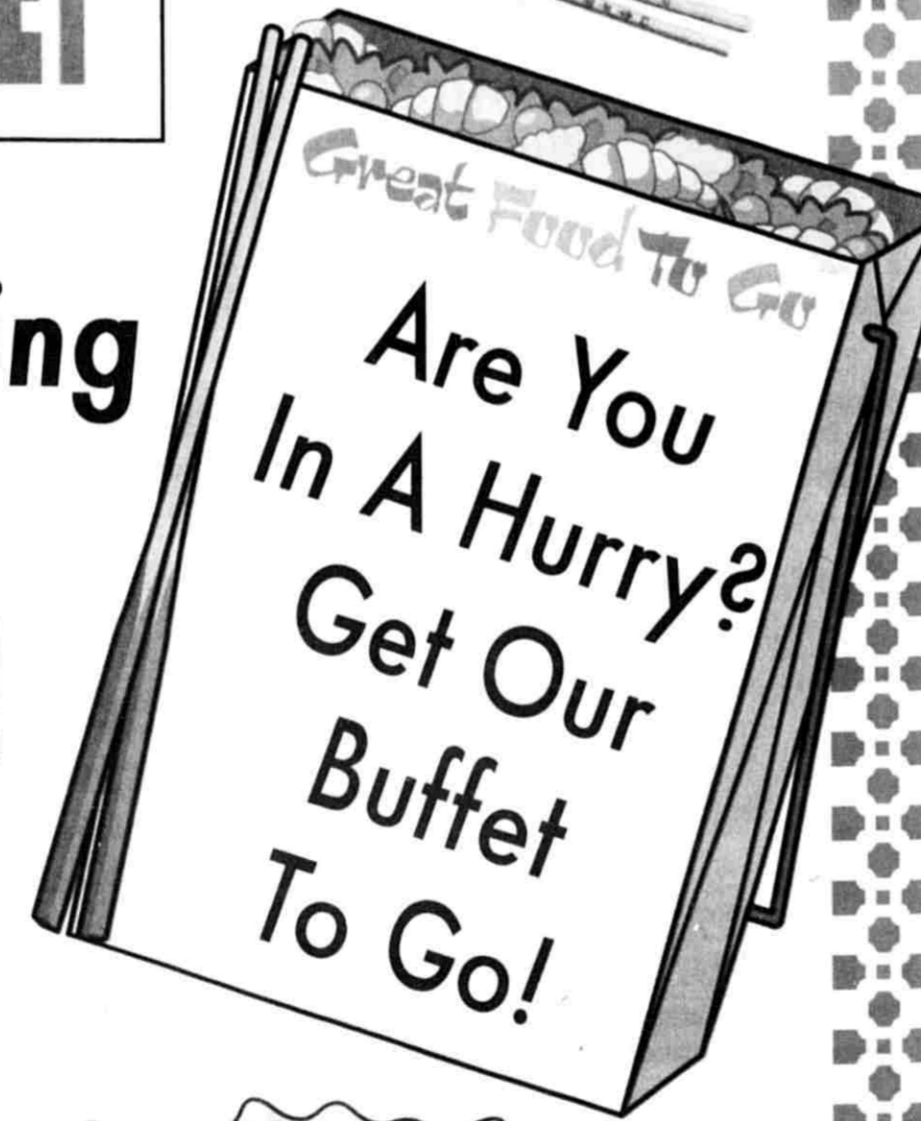
at 2155 W. Main in Lowell. Near Ada/Lowell 5 Theatre

OVER 100 ITEMS ON OUR BUFFET

Why heat up your kitchen during these hot summer days?
We Will Cook For You!!!

"Fresh Always" - Our Promise

GIFT CERTIFICATES,
PARTY ROOM &
CATERING AVAILABLE



Take-Out
Available
897-6688

Private Music Lessons



There's no time like the present to learn how to play an instrument or to brush up on previously learned skills.

Piano, harp, guitar recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, horn and tuba!

Call today to book a private instructor for the instrument of your choice!

616-897-7842

Franciscan Life Process Center
11650 Downes Street
Lowell, MI 49331-9489
www.lifeprocesscenter.org



WE SHIP UPS!
The Lowell Ledger

105 N. Broadway
897-9261



JULY 6 - OCTOBER 14

OPEN: 3 PM to 7 PM - Thursdays

LOWELL FAIRGROUNDS

No Pets Allowed

(No Farm Market Fair Week)

For more information call

616-897-6050 or 616-292-9786

Council elusive about fate of North Washington Street property

By Emma Palova
Contributing Writer

Citing a need to balance contingencies, Lowell City Council remained elusive Wednesday about the fate of the North Washington Street property.

Resident Peggy Covert has circulated a petition for the property to be placed into land conservancy with grant funding from the West Michigan Land Conservancy. The 27-acre parcel of vacant land, home to the Boy Scout cabin and Lowell Light & Power, was

annexed from Vergennes Township into the city in the early 1990s except for three acres.

Now, the council is considering annexing the remaining portion into the city, since the city has been maintaining that property. The three-acre parcel has never been annexed into the city because of the buildings sitting on it. According to state laws, only undeveloped lands are permitted to be annexed.

Meanwhile, Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach has requested

a joint meeting with the city to discuss the proposed annexation.

"We want to know what they're going to do with it," he said. "We want to know what their intent is."

City manager Dave Pasquale said the annexation makes sense because the city owns the parcel, and maintains the buildings. Although the city has not received any formal proposals from developers, Pasquale said he has been approached informally by potential residential developers.

The group led by Covert is hoping for preservation rather than the city selling the land for development. With Lowell Light & Power soon vacating the property for the Newell Building, the city has less use now for the property, according to Pasquale.

"We have no clue what we're going to do with the property," said council member Jeanne Shores.

"I question whether the people knew what they were signing."

Covert has collected

400 signatures from city and non-city residents, in support of preservation of the property. Half of the signatures came from city residents.

"There has been a lot of concern about this property," she said. "We need to know if there is willingness on the city council. We need some advance planning."

The majority of the council members would not openly show support for preservation or development, stating the need to keep all options

open. Pasquale said there are several possibilities such as just selling and preserving portions of the land.

"We're not anywhere close to soliciting proposals," said council member Jim Pfaller. "Let Lowell Light & Power move out first. We need to solicit proposals from various entities on what should be done."

Mayor Charles

N. Washington,
cont'd., pg. 15

ZBA denies variance, planning commission to review ordinance

By Emma Palova
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) upheld the planning commission's recommendation Wednesday to deny a variance request for an enclosed porch.

In an extensive public hearing, residents opposed David Roskamp's proposed addition at 1270 Sibley Street due to obstruction of view. The enclosed porch violated the city ordinance requirement for front yard setbacks for porches without roofs.

The Roskamps, who have already added many structures to their house, said they needed the addition for health reasons. According to Martha Roskamp, the family phased out the project with several

additions that can't be seen because of tall shrubbery.

"We're trying to make it look like a part of the house," said Martha Roskamp. "The way I read the ordinance we could only have a flat slab."

Marilyn Andrews, a resident who participates in the Neighborhood Watch, objected to the addition because it would obstruct her view of the street. The street, according to Andrews, is a major walkway for kids to school.

"My view is blocked if it's constructed," she said. "If you have a mishmash of rules, that subdivision will be looking like a mishmash of whatever. It's a protrusion."

Other residents complained that their homes in the housing

development would lose value if the addition were approved.

Evelyn Zalis said the city will start looking trashy and discourage future residents from moving to Lowell.

Wall comes down at Larkin's

The plywood wall that hid construction work on the front windows at Larkin's Restaurant was finally removed last week, opening the western dining room up to light for the first time in two years. The wall had been a regular topic of conversation among the establishment's regulars. When the time neared for the work to end on the front windows of the restaurant, a pool was held to guess which day the wall would

Based on the complaints, mayor Charles Myers said the ZBA will uphold the planning commission's decision. It was, however, the consensus of the panel to have the

planning commission review the ordinance regulating porches.

"There should be an allowance for roofs as part of the ordinance

amendment," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

The planning commission will discuss the issue at its July 24 meeting.

come down. Terri Gless won the pool, which raised \$50 for Special Olympics.

She won a special dinner at the window table, which offers views of Main Street

now that the wall has been taken down.



Show Us Your Smile!

JUNE SMILES OF THE MONTH:

"No Cavities" Club Members

Madelyn Willemstein	Colin Baker	Jeffery Waltz
Freddie Griffith	Briana Thompson	Collier Kaufman
Quinn Summerfield	Alyssa Mc Intire	Caleb Kaufman
Megan Summerfield	Liam Petersen	Corah Kaufman
Kelsey Cruttenden		

FAMILY DENTISTRY OF LOWELL

Ann Wilson, D.D.S.

Robert Mull, D.D.S.

New Patients Welcome!

147 N. Center St. • Lowell, MI 49331

897-4835

Tyler Creek 13495 92nd St. SE • Alto

4-PERSON FAMILY FUN SCRAMBLE

Uniquely handicapped to provide fun & an even playing field for all

Team receives:

- 1 stroke off final score for Mom
- 3 strokes off final score for 4 related members
- 2 strokes off final score for 3 related members
- 1 stroke off final score for 2 related members
- 1 stroke off final score for players over the age of 65
- 2 strokes off final score for players over the age of 75
- 2 strokes off final score for each kid ages 13-15
- 3 strokes off final score for each kid ages 10-12
- 4 strokes off final score for each kid under age 10
- To facilitate faster play, under age 10 putts only - no drivers, irons

EXAMPLE:

Team comprised of Mom, Dad, 11 yr. old son, son's 14-year-old friend (non-related) receives 8 strokes

Call For Details

(616) 868-6751

Shotgun 6 PM Saturday - 9 Holes: \$30 per four-some
Optional \$5 Per Cart • 4 Whitecaps tickets & other prizes!

\$5.00 OFF FAMILY SCRAMBLE

Must Present This Coupon - Valid Through Saturday, July 15th, 2006

Teamwork emphasized at school board meeting

By Dan Schneider

Efficiency and teamwork were two themes presented at Monday's meeting of the Lowell Area Schools board of education.

The district was presented an "Energy Pacesetter Award" from Education, Inc., recognizing its "phenomenal" achievement in energy conservation. Over the last 29 months, the district has participated in the Energy Education program, which seeks to reduce consumption of items such as electricity and water in school districts, thereby reducing budget money spent on utility bills. Over the 29 months of the program, the district's

savings have totaled \$1,043,204, or about \$260 per student.

LAS energy educator/manager Jim White credited cooperation among the district's staff with helping create the savings. Teachers' habits of remembering to turn off lights after school, and custodians' diligence in policing the buildings and promoting an energy efficient culture in the schools are what led to the budget savings, he said.

"Our staff I think have changed their habits," White said, adding they "really do those little things that save thousands and thousands of pennies and nickels."

According to an Energy Education official, Lowell

is in the top five percent of districts participating in the program nationwide.

Cooperation between community and schools is also helping the district's media centers thrive, according to a report given to the board by district media specialist Christine Beachler. For instance, parents and community volunteers worked more than 1,600 hours in the district's libraries last year. Students worked 788. Donations from community members, organizations and foundations exceeded \$72,000 last year.

New programs being put in place will help make the library run more efficiently and prevent lost materials.

For instance, a new computer system will allow textbook distribution to be conducted through the media centers. A new initiative is underway to catalog all new materials entering the district. A teacher will be able to use it to find professional development books previously used by another teacher, for instance, preventing the need for repurchase.

"I think it's really going to save us from duplicating materials and really help us find things when we need them," Beachler said.

She also said open library hours before and after the school day at the high school and middle school were well received last year. "I have never walked

into that (middle school) media center before or after school when there wasn't 8-10 kids there," Beachler said.

Last year, 97,271 materials were checked out of the district's library. There was a particular spike at the high school, where check-outs jumped by 330 percent. Beachler credits the placement between the library entrance and the computer stations of a book shelf containing the library's newest volumes.

In a budget update, LAS assistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette reported that Gov. Granholm and the state legislature have agreed in concept to a school aid package with a per-pupil foundation allowance increase of \$210 per student. Lowell would also likely benefit from equity adjustment payments that are yet to be determined. The 2006-2007 LAS budget is based on a \$225 increase per student.

High school Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scores presented by superintendent Greg Pratt show Lowell performing well above state and county averages in writing, reading, English language arts and math. Lowell was above the averages in science, too. Social studies was the only subject area where Lowell was behind the county average, but it was by a slim margin.

It was the first regular school board meeting for Pratt, who officially began his post as superintendent July 1.

"I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me and my family into the community," he said during his superintendent's report.

Prior to the regular meeting, the board held its organizational meeting. The roles will stay the same for this year's school board, with Nancy Hopkins president; Mark Lessens vice president; Pat Nugent secretary; Maureen Fleet treasurer; and Jim Turner, Dan Brubaker and Peter Haefner trustees.

Funds raised to aid research

River Valley Credit Union Lowell branch manager Mark Hartley, right, hands a check to Hunt for a Cure founder and board chairman Pete Odland along with credit union employees Michelle Fallstrom, left and Karen Cummings. The credit union sponsored the June 23 Hunt for a Cure golf outing at Deer Run Golf Club. The event raises money for cystic fibrosis research through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Hunt for a Cure's annual fundraiser, the Camouflage Ball, will be held Aug. 19 at the DeltaPlex in Walker.



A CROWN IN ONE VISIT ...SIMPLE!

"If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back...simple!"

Family Dentistry of Lowell
- ANN WILSON, D.D.S. -

Tel. 897-4835 • 147 North Center Street • Lowell



NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS 897-4835

NEW!
PRICE BUSTER PIZZA

\$5.49
14" PEPPERONI CARRYOUT ONLY



Lowell Pizza Hut
2050 W Main St, Lowell
897-0700

Hours: Sun. - Thurs. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.



Several Lowell athletes finished season with all-conference honors

The spring sports season ended a month ago, with players on several Lowell teams earning all-conference recognition or better.

The Lowell girls soccer team picked up a lot of conference and post-season recognition this year.

Erin Beddows attained second team all-state for the Red Arrows for a second year in a row. She was also on the all-region, all-district and OK White all-conference teams. Rebecca Underwood achieved honorable mention all-state in addition to all-region, all-district and all-conference.

Chelsea Harrison earned honorable mention all-state plus all-region, all-district and all-conference.

Nicole Shepard made honorable mention all-conference team and all-district team. Catherine Howard made the all-district team.

In softball, Lowell's Becky Plummer pitched her way to all-state honorable mention in addition to all-conference, all-district and all-regional. Katie McElroy was named to all-conference, all-district and all-regional teams.

Ashley Nawrocki made the all-conference team.

Brittany Bueche and Terrah Tawney both achieved honorable mention all-conference.

In baseball, Torsten Boss made all-conference and all-district at infield. Josh Gilliard attained honorable mention all-district at outfield. Jay Ryan made honorable mention, all-conference.

Ben Nugent, Brett Ostrander, Adam Bowers and Andrew Neeves earned all-conference in lacrosse.

LHS varsity players help with first Lowell basketball camp

The first ever Lowell basketball camp for kindergarten through second-grade girls was held June 12-14 in the gymnasium at Murray Lake Elementary. Twenty-eight young basketball players attended the camp.

In addition to basic ball handling skills, they learned about healthy living and the importance of exercise from Lowell girls varsity players. Beth Dean, Jill Dean and girls varsity basketball coach Dee Crowley coached the camp.



NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

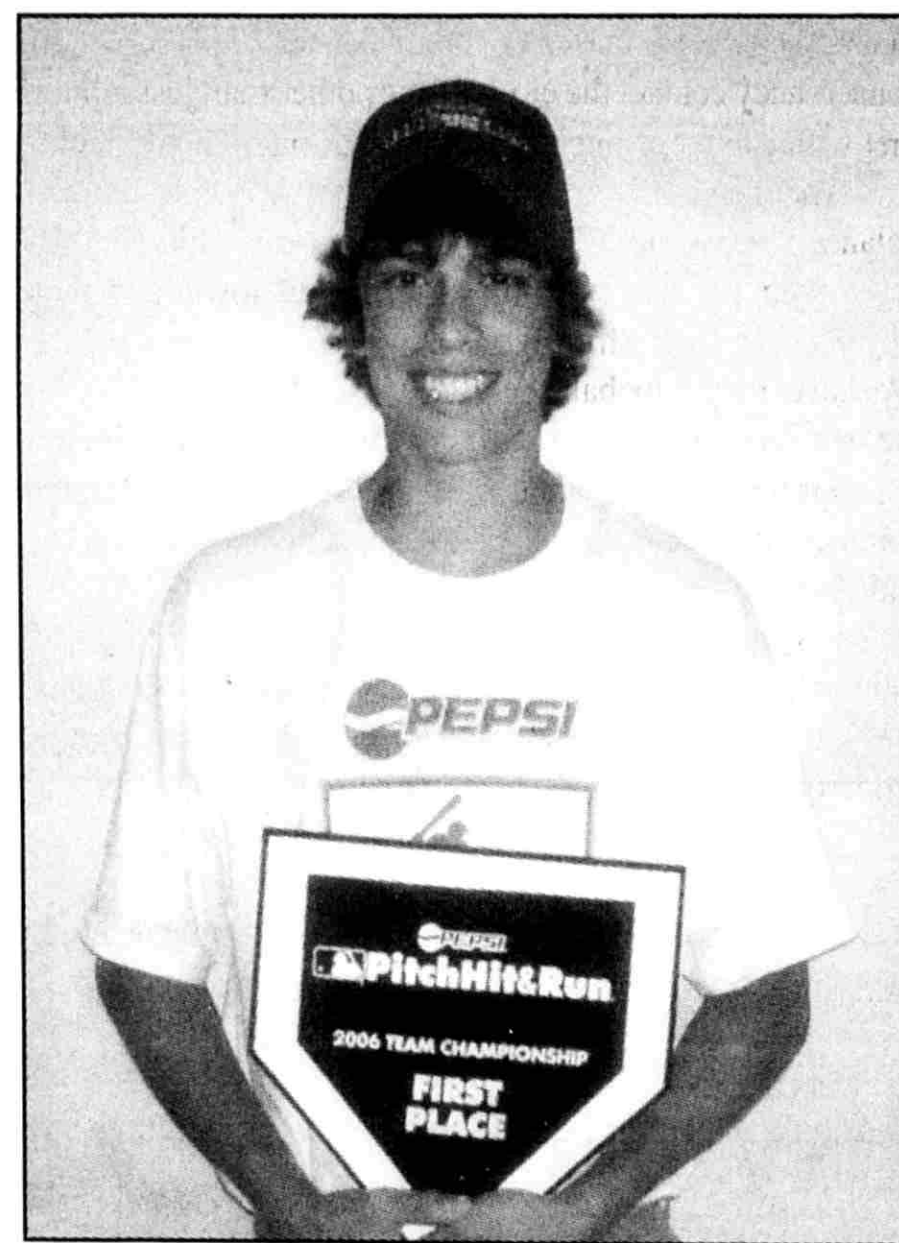
Vergennes Township is seeking applications for a seat on the Planning Commission to complete a vacated term. This position is compensated per diem. Interested applicants should respond to the township clerk by Monday, July 17th in order to be considered.

Application forms may be obtained by calling 897-5671, or stopping by the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. A job description is also available.

Mari Stone, Clerk

State pitch, hit & run winner

Patrick Martin, who will be a freshman at Lowell High School in the fall, took first place in the all around at the state-level Pepsi Pitch Hit and Run Competition. The state competition was held June 24 at Comerica Park in Detroit. Martin, 14, had previously placed first at the competition held in Lowell, and also at the regional competition in Muskegon.



"Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical."

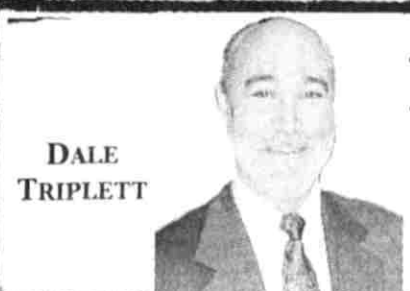
- Yogi Berra (1925 -)

Puzzled?

Wish somebody could help you put your car insurance puzzle together?

As a local professional independent insurance agency representing Auto-Owners Insurance Company, we're up to the challenge. For peace-of-mind protection and all your insurance needs, contact us today!

Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business
The No Problem People



Regal Insurance Agency
835 W. Main St. • Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-9259
(800) 804-3322

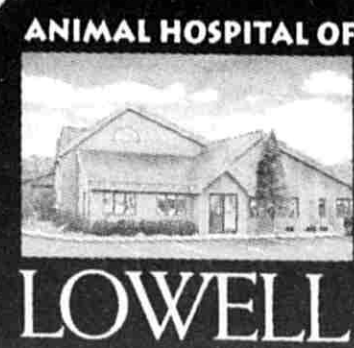


We want
to help your
**Family
Doctor.**

- Sick or Injured Animals Seen Same Day
- Evenings & Saturday Hours Available
- Early Drop-offs & House Calls
- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Science Diet Pet Foods
- Boarding & Grooming



Call 897-8484
11610 East Fulton Street • Lowell, Michigan



Lowell well-represented at all-star football game

By Dan Schneider

Lowell will be well-represented at this year's Michigan High School Football Coaches' Association (MHSFCA) All Star Football game, with two coaches on the sideline and one player on the field for the West all-star team.

Brock Graham, who graduated from Lowell High School in June, will play at tight end. His jersey will look familiar when he takes the field July 22 at Spartan Stadium; the West's colors are red and white this year.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Graham said. "It's an honor but it speaks a lot for the coaches I had and the teammates I had. They're the reason I'm playing in this thing."

Graham is the first Red Arrow since Mark Catlin in 2003 to make the All Star game lineup. Lowell varsity coach Noel Dean couldn't imagine a more experienced player to represent Lowell.

"He's played more high

school games than anyone in the history of Lowell football and that's saying something," Dean said.

Graham played on the 2002 state championship team as a freshman and on the 2004 state championship team as a junior. Dean said he has been a leader among his peers and a good example for younger players.

"I'd say Brock is one of the greatest leaders we've had here in my ten years as head coach," he said. "He's got incredible charisma and ability to lead kids."

The All Star Game will be Graham's last at the high school level before he leaves in the fall to attend Wabash College in Indiana. He will study psychology and plans to play on its football team.

Lowell's Joe Keglovitz will be the head coach of the West squad. He has coached outside backs at Lowell for four years, but has previous coaching experience.

"Joe was selected as an all-star coach based on what he did building the football

program up in Crosswell-Lexington where he was coach for six years," Dean said.

But Keglovitz sees it as recognition for Lowell football.

"It just shows how well-respected the Lowell football program is around the state because you have to be elected by the coaches across the state," he said. "It's very humbling but it is a tribute to the Lowell players and the Lowell coaches that all of us are recognized like this."

The head coaching position for the All Star game can be an intense one.

"Basically, you have six days to get 44 players and six coaches who have never met each other on the same page and ready to play in a game," MHSFCA All Star chairman Gus Kapolka said. Keglovitz said the players should make that task easier.

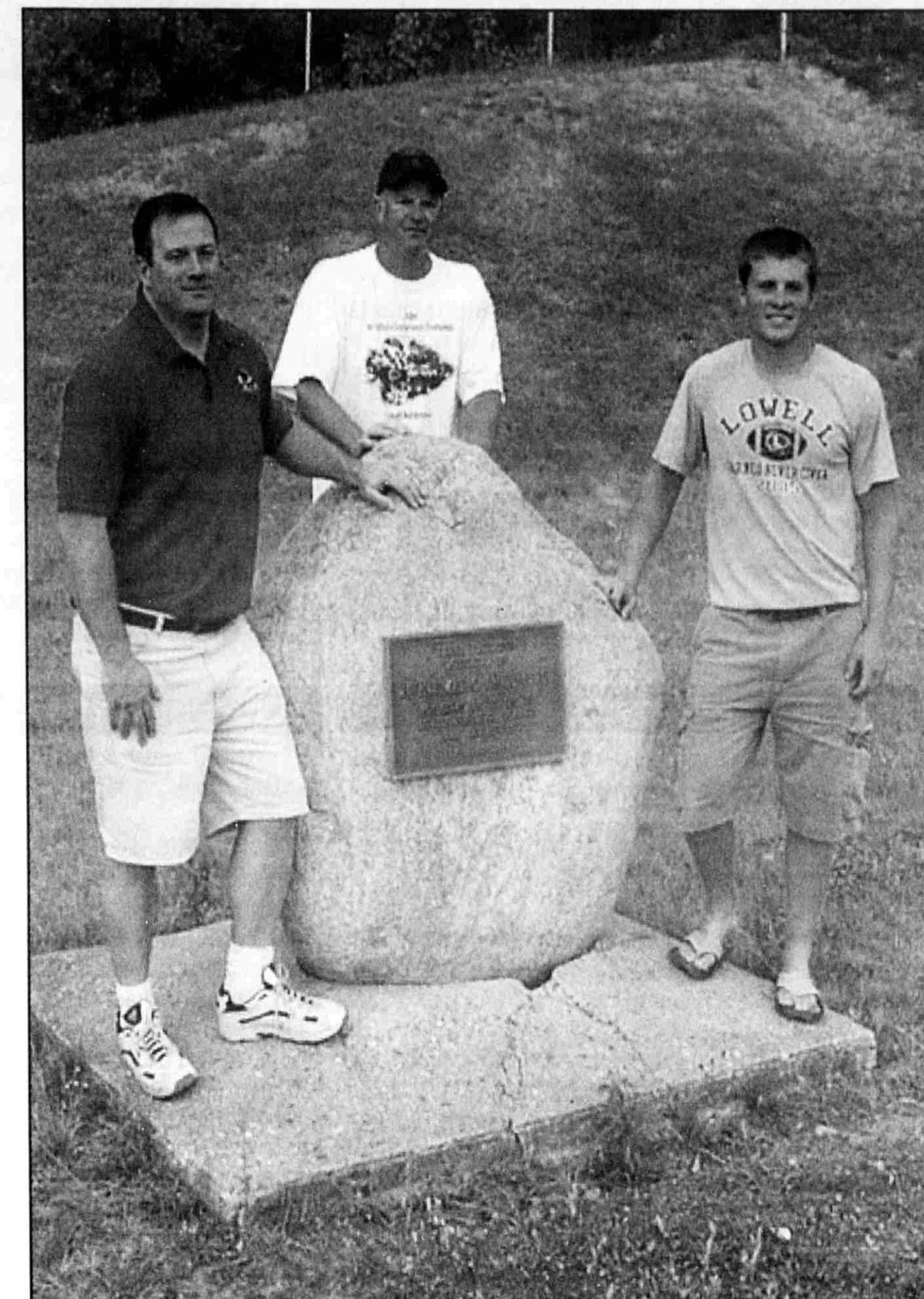
"The great thing is, looking over the roster, we've got quite a few smart kids. They're strong in academics, too, so we're hoping that helps us out."

Players have a week of practice before the All Star game, starting this Saturday.

Keglovitz will have help from Lowell offensive line coach Mark Russell. Part of why he's looking forward to the event is because it is another chance to coach Graham. "It's cool because Brock's going down there. He's been a part of the program since fourth grade, as a manager and everything," Russell said.

Russell has many years of coaching the Red Arrows.

"Mark has been coaching football at Lowell a long time, he's survived three different



Coaches Joe Keglovitz and Mark Russell, and tight end Brock Graham, will represent Lowell at this year's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All Star Game.

**These children achieved
DENTAL HYGIENE EXCELLENCE
For The Month of June 2006
DR. J.E. REAGAN
207 W. Main - Lowell 897-7179**

**DENTISTRY:
HEALTH CARE
THAT WORKS!**

**REMEMBER:
One ounce of
prevention is
worth a
pound of cure.**

**ARE YOU DUE FOR
YOUR SIX-MONTH
CLEANING?**

- Jacob Bennett
- Brianna Bergy
- Kari Bergy
- Hannah Briggs
- Maria Briggs
- Ciara Byrne
- Gallen Byrne
- Christy Clarke
- Katherine Clarke
- Mitchell DeNolf
- Ellie Dykstra
- Christina Folkersma
- Kacie Foster
- Lin Gallagher
- Luke Gallagher
- Leevi Hansen
- Maria Heffron
- Katie Hostetler
- Hanna Hufstader
- Mashchanok
- Danton Jernberg
- Dylan Jernberg
- Bethany
- Kaczanowski
- Kately Kaczanowski
- Aidan Lane
- Max Ligman
- Brianna Massey
- Derek Massey
- Shannon Massey

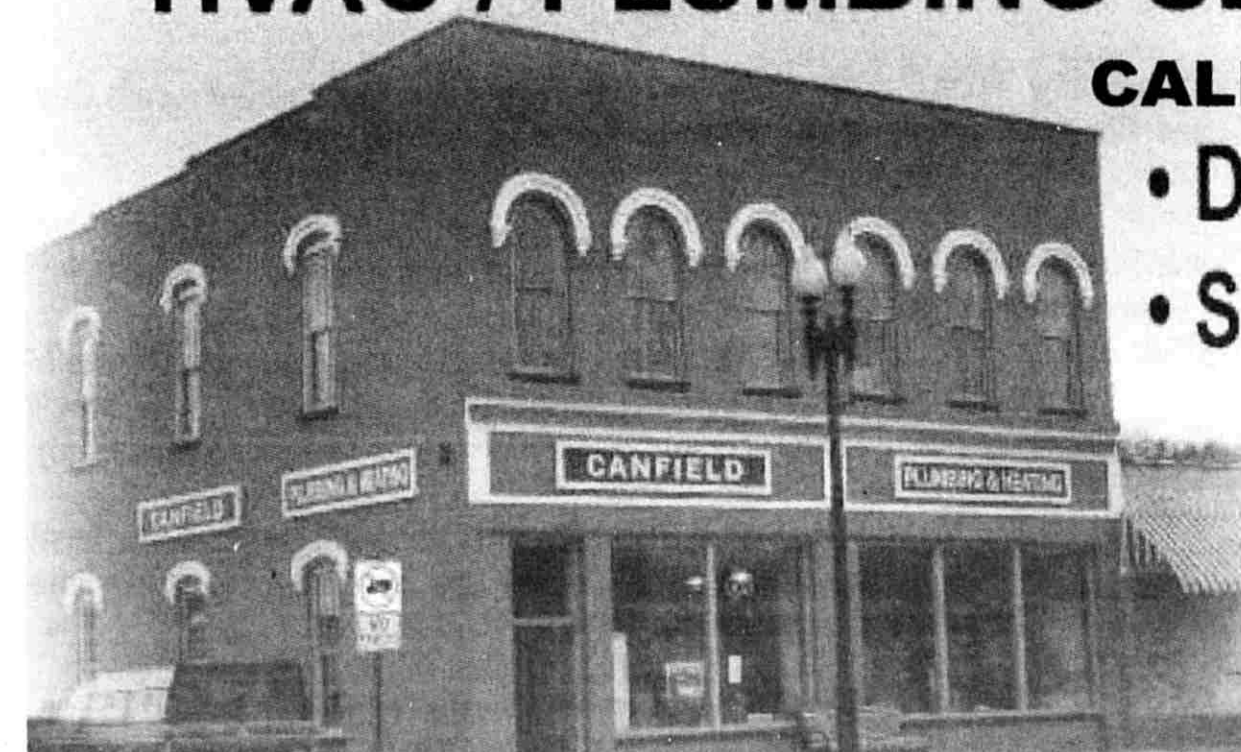
- Lucas Miles
- Brayton Phillips
- Mark Rasch
- Anna Mae Reynolds
- Alex Richmond
- John Richmond
- Olivia Richmond
- Benjamin Rienks III
- Mary Rienks
- Jasen Schaefer
- Kelly Stevens
- Ryan Stevens
- Stephanie Stevens
- Haley Talcott
- Brianna Thomet
- Tyler Tokarchick
- Kelli Woolworth

CANFIELD PLUMBING & HEATING

HVAC / PLUMBING SERVICE

CALL 897-0887

- Drain Cleaning
- Sewer Jetting



100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

COMING EVENTS

JULY

WED., JULY 12: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

WED., JULY 12: Writer's Workshop at Franciscan Life Process Center w/Lori Hudson. Call 897-7842.

WED., JULY 12: Hooker Chapter #73 Royal Arch Masons practice in lodge room of Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main, Belding. 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

THURS., JULY 13: The Proulx Brothers (folk) will perform at Riverwalk Plaza 7-9 p.m.

FRI., JULY 14: 12:45 p.m. Bingo. 6 p.m. Cannonsburg Picnic Pops. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

SAT., JULY 15: School of Missionary Aviation tours, rides, hog roast, children's activities at Lowell airport; events 9

a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Proceeds to SMAT scholarship fund.

MON., JULY 17: Shop Greenville Wal-Mart /Dollar Tree, 12:45 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

MON., JULY 17: Fallasburg Historical Society board meeting at Lowell Chamber of Commerce 7 p.m.

MON. - THURS., JULY 17-20: LHS Youth Soccer Camp. Call Paul Legge at 616-901-6891 for information.

THURS., JULY 20: 12:45 p.m. Cascade Winery/Pals Diner. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., JULY 26: Concert tickets for Hank Williams Jr. Call 642-6751 bet. 7:30-9 p.m. to find out how to win a pair of tickets for \$5 while supporting ACS Relay for Life in Lowell. Drawing July 20.

MONDAYS

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room. Canceled for July/August. Will resume Sept 18.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets in the Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m. Does not meet during the summer. Will resume in September.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY OTHER MON.: The Lowell Area Juggling Club meets in the Community room at Englehardt Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ages 12 or older. No dues. Call 897-9879.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt. or stop by M. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing are available.

TUESDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Clarence Whittum at 897-8194 after 11 a.m.

Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hour before meeting. 800-651-6000.

Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555. Active September thru April only.

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

2ND TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

TUESDAYS

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 897-5449 for information.

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org. New members welcome.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Fallasburg Park, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588.

TUES./THURS.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

WEDNESDAYS

Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. anytime between 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE anytime bet. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY: 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.

ALTO LIBRARY: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. - Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday/a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellarts.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 OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed. - Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

THURSDAYS

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

EVERY THURS.: Alcoholics for Christ. - 12 step Recovery Group for alcoholics, drug addicts & family members. 7 p.m. at Impact Church House, North Hudson St. Call Paul at 527-7796 for information. Family members may call Erin at 527-7796.

EVERY THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama 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.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield. 868-6371.

2ND & 4TH THURS.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

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

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

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process 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.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

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

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

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 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. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax - 897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

Lake parade

Murray Lake featured a unique parade on the 4th of July. Approximately 15 decorated boats (or floats) participated with awards going to the top three. The Repik/Condon family took first place with their Hawaiian theme entry. Second place went to the Wrong Way Group captained by Gary and Christie Otway with a Happy 230th Birthday USA theme. Third place went to Roman Kulecki with an Uncle Sam and Granny America theme. Pictured are first place winners, the Repik/Condon family.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold
Edward Jones
Serving Individuals Investors Since 1871

BUILD RETIREMENT SAVINGS - BUT DON'T FORGET INCOME

Are you between the ages of 55 and 64? If so, you belong to a peer group that is apparently quite concerned about saving for retirement - but not at all sure how to convert those savings into a steady income stream. If this describes your situation, you will need to take action to ensure that you have the financial resources available to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

But before we look at how you can help take control of your retirement income scenario, let's look at some interesting statistics. A Prudential Financial, Inc. study of "near-retirees" - those in the 55-64 age group - found the following:

- Eighty-three percent of those surveyed think it is very important to generate an income that can provide a comfortable retirement lifestyle - but only 20 percent say they are well-informed on how to do so.
- Ninety percent of near-retirees are either guessing how much income they will have in retirement or have no idea of how much income they will be able to generate during their retirement years.
- Only 15 percent of survey respondents are focused on "generating retirement income," while the remaining 85 percent are still concentrating on building a retirement nest egg, preserving their savings or working toward better returns.

Circus comes to Charlton Park

Historic Charlton Park will offer two circus shows on Friday, July 21, at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The Carson & Barnes Circus is under the "Biggest Big Top on Earth" and features elephants, horses, lions, hippos and many exotic animals. Come to the park at 8 a.m. and see the elephants raise the Big Top. It is free.

Advance tickets are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child 2-11 years. The day of the show, adult tickets are \$14 and children \$8.



Inside
The Ledger!

Generating Retirement Income

If the above statistics are indicative of the national populace, it seems clear that many near-retirees are going to have to start taking action to meet their retirement income needs. Here are a few steps to consider:

• **Evaluate your available financial resources.** When you retire, you will probably be able to draw income from a variety of sources: Social Security, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, your Roth or traditional IRA and your other savings and investments. Well before you retire, you will want to estimate how much money you will likely have accumulated from these resources.

• **Calculate a withdrawal rate.** Once you know about how much money you will have available during your retirement years, you'll want to determine a suitable withdrawal rate - that is, you'll need to determine how much you can reasonably afford to take out each year. Of course, your age will help determine your choices. You typically must start taking distributions from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan once you reach 70-1/2, and the size of your Social Security checks will depend on when you start taking them. Yet you have a great deal of latitude in deciding when, and how much, to withdraw from your investment portfolio. By working with a qualified financial professional, you can determine a rate of withdrawal based on your portfolio's expected growth and your individual needs.

• **Consider income-generating strategies.** If you are within a few years of retirement, you may want to consider shifting some - but certainly not all - of your growth-oriented investments into income-producing ones. Consequently, you might want to look at fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds,

or even an immediate annuity, which can be structured to pay you an income stream you can't outlive.

By following these suggestions, and by constantly keeping "income" in your thoughts as you create an investment strategy for retirement, you can help create the cash flow you need to fully enjoy your "golden years."

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

June 19, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the May 15, 2006 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved. A Public Hearing was held regarding a Special Use Request for an accessory building in the front yard set back at 11591 Lally.

Motions approved:

- Motion to ask for a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding an amendment to the Historical Commission Ordinance possibly reducing the number of members and required meeting dates.
- Motion to table a request for a Special Use Permit for 11591 Lally pending Zoning Administration clarification and additional information.
- Motion to approve a request for Unclassified Special Exception Use status by Kent McKay for a proposed banquet facility.

- Motion to approve a request for Unclassified Special Exception Use status by Elizabeth Fahrenstiel for a proposed canine training facility.

- Motion to table consideration of proposed 425 agreement specifications with the City of Lowell for further review.

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org, or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

GREG VAN STRIEN
HEATING AND PLUMBING

HEATING SERVICE & INSTALLATION
AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE & INSTALLATION
PLUMBING SERVICE & INSTALLATION
WARM AIR/RADIANT HEAT
OIL BURNER SERVICE

(616) 897-5569
Visa And Master Card Accepted

"LACEY'S TOO"
Licensed Adult Assisted Living
"Where Living, Loving, and Laughter are Promoted"
11981 Potters Rd., Lowell, MI 49331

20 years experience in Foster Care
24-hour care • Wheelchair ramps
Country atmosphere overlooking the Flat River
Home cooked meals
Hair dresser, manicurist, and podiatry services provided
Special outings • Shopping trips
All medications monitored
Hospice • Respitecare
Private and semi-private rooms at reasonable rates

Now taking interviews for new residents!
Call 616-897-5874 or 897-0799
Owner: Gail Hays

The Lowell Ledger Garage Sale GUIDE



Let them know that you saw their
ad in the Garage Sale Guide!

<p>GARAGE SALE July 14 & 15, 810 Riverside Dr. Lowell. Garage around the corner, s. side of Foreman 897-9321. Tools, table saw, ban saw, drills, sander, grinder, lawn mower, Dyer Dhow Dingy, oars, Nordic Track, antique china closet, antique drawing desk, many smaller items.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Sat., July 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Furniture, games, software, toys, household items, books, etc. 527 N. Lafayette, Lowell.</p>	<p>LARGE GARAGE SALE July 13, 14 & 15, 9 a.m. - ? 6502 Darby Road, Saranac.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE Fri., July 14, 9 to 4, 13322 Vergennes, east of Lincoln Lake. High chair, curtains & blinds, ladies business attire, & misc.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Fri., July 14, 9 to 4, 13322 Vergennes, east of Lincoln Lake. High chair, curtains & blinds, ladies business attire, & misc.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE 10577 Bell Rd., Clarksville, July 14th, 9-5 & 15th, 8-12. Household items, adult & kids clothes.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE First time ever! 3 family. July 14, 10 - 6 p.m. 5905 Hotchkiss Rd. 1 mile N of Jimmy's Grill, then 1 mile E.</p>	<p>MOVING SALE 517 Elm St. Fri., July 14th from 9-5 & Sat., July 15th from 9-noon. Pearl drum set (4 pc. w/crash, high hat & stool), table & chairs, dressers, computer desk, dishes, clothes, bed frames & headboards along with 16 years of miscellaneous.</p>	<p>SALE Fri., July 14, 9-5 p.m. & Sat., July 15, 9-12 p.m. 10645 Foreman SE, between Parnell & Cumberland. Kids stuff, nursery furniture, & household.</p>
<p>MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., July 14th & 15th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Several families getting rid of all the extras that pile up. Stuff from infant to adult including maternity clothes, toddler beds, small pool, infant car seat, lots of household items. 1377 Shagawa Trail. North off Sayles Road, between Whites Bridge & Marble.</p>	<p>4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Computer, bicycles, kids clothes, too much to list. Thurs. & Fri., July 13th & 14th, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 775 Alden Nash.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Fri., July 14th & Sat., July 15th, 8:30 a.m. to 5 ? Baby items, girls baby clothes, high chair, misc. household items. 273 Donna Dr.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE July 14 & 15, 9-4 p.m. 13505 Crestwood Dr., off N. Washington. Furniture, household goods, name brand clothing & lots of misc.</p>	<p>MULTI FAMILY SALE July 13-15, 9-5. TOYS - Fisher Price, Evenflo, Little Tikes; CLOTHING - Infant & maternity; antiques, glassware, clocks, Christmas, something for everyone! 913 Boynton Ave. between Sargent & Parnell.</p>	<p>MOVING SALE From 4 bedroom to 2 bedroom. From antiques to albums. July 12-14, 9-4 p.m. 726 Lafayette, Lowell.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE July 13-15, 9-5. TOYS - Fisher Price, Evenflo, Little Tikes; CLOTHING - Infant & maternity; antiques, glassware, clocks, Christmas, something for everyone! 913 Boynton Ave. between Sargent & Parnell.</p>	<p>MULTI FAMILY SALE July 13-15, 9-5. TOYS - Fisher Price, Evenflo, Little Tikes; CLOTHING - Infant & maternity; antiques, glassware, clocks, Christmas, something for everyone! 913 Boynton Ave. between Sargent & Parnell.</p>	<p>NICE SELECTION OF CROCKS Old linen, collectibles, glassware, decorative, frames, adult clothes, purses, fun jewelry, pet & garden. Fri. & Sat., July 14 & 15, 8-6 p.m. (1/4 mile N. of Fallsburg Pk. Rd at) 865 Lincoln Lake NE</p>

Sound Off

The Ledger
"Almost"
Anything
Goes Column



www.lowellbuyersguide.com

Or CALL...897-0787

Hi Anna! I am so happy that you had so much fun at camp! Keep smiling sweetie!

Does anybody know the lady in the white car who waters the flowers at the cemetery? If you see her stop and thank her. She really makes it look so much nicer.

I'd like to thank the gracious couple who rescued my canoe south of Fallsburg on Sunday. I'll try to pass the good deed on to someone I see in need of help.

To the man with his family at Pebble beach on Wednesday that rescued the drowning child, bravo. To the woman at the pavilion "not watching" her child, shame on you!

Why are the "No parking at any time" signs at the Ice Cream parlor not being enforced. A concerned truck driver.

I hope you enjoy the ladder you stole from Washington St. How about returning it? No questions asked.

A big thank you goes to the Lowell/Caledonia JV & Varsity hockey team for the great car wash they had! My car looked great!

To all you older people who are dising the young people's driving: Maybe you should learn how to drive the speed limit or get off the road - Gertrude

To everyone that had anything to do with the Farmers Market - kudos all around! It is great. I can't wait until Thursday. A job very well done.

The parade on Saturday was one of the best I have seen in Lowell yet. However where were the marching bands from the schools? Very disappointing they were not there.

Here's an idea - let's save our trees and get rid of Lowell Light & Power! (We can paint a smiley face on their door like the ones they paint on the trees before cutting them down!)

Congratulations Patty Sellner and Wellness Committee for a wonderful, successful, and fun Health Fair. The children's challenge was super, great job.

The kayaking was Sooooooo... fun at the Riverwalk.

Hey Roger - How does it feel to have somebody's dog chase you instead of your dog after me? Yeah, I remember Thor.

Any animal or child should not be left in a vehicle in this heat!

<p>MAPLEWOOD SQ. Condominiums 1820 SIBLEY ST.</p>	<p>CRAB APPLE COVE Condominiums</p>
<p>HOMES STARTING AT \$109,500</p> <p>★ Lease Terms Available ★ Rent To Own ★ Purchasing Terms</p>	
<p>MODELS OPEN - CALL FOR VIEWINGS</p>	
<p>616-676-9961 or View Our Website</p>	
<p>www.michaelnoskoinc.com</p>	

CLASSIFIEDS

small ads **BIG** deals

FOR SALE FOR SALE HELP WANTED FOR RENT SERVICES SERVICES

MATTRESS / BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$69/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

2003 MONTANA EXD - 50k miles, rear air, power seat, DVD, nice & clean, \$12,500. Call 550-2548.

HOME FOR SALE IN LOWELL - Great Location! This home sits on a double deep lot on a quiet street in Lowell Schools. Enjoy a warm evening on the back deck while you watch your children play, or invite friends over for a cookout. You will be happy in the winter time too, this 3 bedroom home has been updated with a new furnace (18 months old), flooring, and paint; the roof is only 6 years old. The comfortable living room is especially perfect for a relaxing movie night. If a new home in Lowell is in your plans, this house is a must see! Call 897-6815.

TOY POODLE PUPPY - AKC, male, 8 weeks, apricot, \$450. Call 616-374-3286.

3.2 ACRES - Adjacent to Flat River, 100 Radny, off Burroughs, north of Lowell, \$100,000 or best offer. Call 262-6275.

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - All in perfect condition with no scuff marks. Assorted brands new only 25c. Practice balls 50 for \$5. Call 897-1355.

BED & MATTRESS SET - Queen pillowtop (new, in plastic), never used, comes with warranty, \$125. Call 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE - 1993 Ford conversion van, runs good, 180,000 miles, 5.8L, new ball joints, 13,000 miles on tires. \$2,500. Call 897-7314 after 3:30 p.m.

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - Previously experienced all in perfect condition - Titleist & Precept, 46 per doz.; Pinnacle & Nike, \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz. or 3 doz. for \$10. Many other brands also. Call 897-1355.

HAY FOR SALE - 60 bales for \$1.50 each. Other bales available. Call 691-8157 or 691-7944.

FOR SALE - Antique ice cream table & chair, best offer. Call 897-8958.

FOR SALE - 1999 Buick LeSabre custom, power windows-steering & mirrors, AM & FM cassette player, keyless entry, 72K. \$5,700. Call 616-292-1580.

SARATOGA 1987 - Valley Vista, Lowell, Lot 11. \$3,500. Call 897-7198.

\$175 CHERRY SLEIGH BED - Queen w/pillowtop mattress set (never used), \$175. Call 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE - 8 ft. pickup camper. Sleeps 3. Call 676-2797 after 6 p.m. \$550 obo.

SARANAC - Nice wooded acreage! Private 3-6 acre build sites, Saranac schools. Located on Pinckney & Rickett. West Michigan Real Estate, 616-897-0530.

14.5' SEANYMPH - fishing machine with trailer. Nearly new 25 HP Mercury motor. Bow mount trolling motor with foot control, swivel seats, live well, gas tank, battery, trailer and cover. \$2,950. 954-7560.

15 MATTRESS SETS - All sizes. Hotel quality. Serta & Sealy. \$75/set until gone. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

2003 MONTANA EXD - 50k miles, rear air, power seat, DVD, nice & clean, \$12,500. Call 550-2548.

HOME FOR SALE IN LOWELL - Great Location! This home sits on a double deep lot on a quiet street in Lowell Schools. Enjoy a warm evening on the back deck while you watch your children play, or invite friends over for a cookout. You will be happy in the winter time too, this 3 bedroom home has been updated with a new furnace (18 months old), flooring, and paint; the roof is only 6 years old. The comfortable living room is especially perfect for a relaxing movie night. If a new home in Lowell is in your plans, this house is a must see! Call 897-6815.

FOR SALE - 4 Eric Clapton tickets, floor seats, Sept. 21. Call 897-1721.

BED FOR SALE - super single with mattress, \$50 obo; Tractor, 25 hp/over 50, needs work, best offer, 868-6296.

GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES - high quality, parents imported from Europe, free training session. www.k9academyinternational.com. Call 616-293-5653.

3 PIECE LEATHER SECTIONAL - with queen bed & 2 reclining sections (beige), \$1,200; microfibre chair, chenille sofa & chaise lounge, \$1,200. Call 682-8168.

HOME GYM - Like new condition. Pacific Fitness, one of best manufacturers. Professional gym quality. Retail \$2,600, sell price \$500. Call 616-855-4008.

FOR SALE - Antique ice cream table & chairs, best offer. Call 897-8958.

HOME FOR SALE - Beautiful home outside Saranac, 3 year old Cape Cod, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, new pole barn on 2.3 acres at end of cul-de-sac. Call 642-0468.

HOUSE FOR SALE IN LOWELL - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newer flooring throughout, neutral decor, huge yard. Hurry - won't last long at \$118,000. call 897-6815.

FOR SALE - (2) 10x10 metal storage barn kits with foundation kits. \$200 each. Phone 616-915-8776.

'87 TOYOTA - 4Runner SR5, new fuel lines, front fenders, & battery, newer engine, clutch, & tailgate, \$1,900. Call 616-642-9266.

GOTTA MOVE - Male tri color Shit Zu \$250; Parrotlet, cage \$150, Call 987-9158.

WANTED
WANTED - MOTORCYCLES, cash paid for road bikes, running or not, 446-8352.

JOB FAIR - at Keystone Saranac Plant on 460 E. Main St., Saranac, Wed., July 19 from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Axios Inc. is looking for people who want long-term employment. Earn \$8 an hour. You must have 6 months of verifiable INDUSTRIAL WORK history in the past 12 months. We are looking for General Labor Positions. These positions are full time, 1st shift & 2nd shift in the Saranac & Greenville area. If you are unable to attend the JOB FAIR, please apply at Axios Inc., 2031 S. State St., Ionia. No appointment needed. Apply 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

HORSE BARN WORK - (small private farm), approx. hours 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., weekends (more hours are available). Dressing horses, turnouts, cleaning barn, general barn maintenance. Near Alden Nash/Cascade Rd., Lowell. 897-5139.

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

LOST
LOST GOLDEN RETRIEVER - named Cassie, 7/3/06 north of Vergennes off Bailey Rd. Face lopsided from reconstructive surgery, has thyroid condition and needs medication. She is sweet and loving. If anyone has seen her or has been sheltering her please call 897-8303.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Leonard Den Houter (Len) want to express their gratitude for the outpouring of love they felt from all the people in Lowell and Grand Rapids. "How beautiful a day can be When kindness touches it!" - George Elliston.

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

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers in Lowell, \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 mo. rent deposit. No dogs please. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

WATERFRONT COTTAGES - completely furnished (including air) on chain of 12 lakes. Free use of boats. 70 miles N. of Lowell. Call Ron 616-897-5062

SOUND OFF PHONE LINE
897-0787

FLATRIVER ATV RENTALS - why buy when you can rent? Rent by the day or week, take them anywhere in Michigan. Helmets and trailer available. Call 897-8386 anytime for details

SENIORS! - Rent could be as low as \$70 per month! 1 bedroom HUD subsidized apartments for rent! Rent based on income for those who qualify! BEAUTIFUL 6 acre country setting! Pets welcome! IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Conveniently located 20 minutes East of Grand Rapids. HURRY... before they are gone! Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-693-2271.

COUNTRY HOUSE FOR RENT - In Ada, 2 bedroom. \$750 + deposit or discounted to \$550 for weekend care of horses. 676-3378.

LOWELL - \$500 moves you in. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Washer/dryer hookups. Air, garage, cathedral ceilings. \$675/month. Stoneridge Apts. 1-866-443-3098. www.wmpmonline.com.

RENT TO OWN YOUR HOME STARTING AT \$498 - at Valley Vista. New hours to serve you 10 to 7 Tues. - Fri., Sat. 10-5 p.m. 1-877-634-6700. Call today. www.HometownAmerica.com

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

SCREEN REPAIR AT YOUR HOME - too busy to bring them in & pick them up? Bob Ford, previously of Hahn Hardware, will fix them at your house. Fast service. Call Bob 299-3198 or 897-7176.

STEEL ROOF - Put a steel roof on your old barn - old barns only. Free estimates. 50-foot boom truck. Call John Reurink, Ionia 616-527-3635.

SEPTIC CLEANING - Call Rudd's Septic Service for all your septic needs. 897-8560.

POWER WASHING - Decks, patios, houses. Free estimates. Insured & bonded. 897-4010.

STONE & CERAMIC TILE - Fireplaces, kitchens, showers, tubs, floors & more. 13 years experience. Quality workmanship. Insured. Call Rick for an estimate. 868-7546.

STEPEK WELDING & REPAIR LLC - Custom fabrication & weld repair. Mild steel, stainless & aluminum. On or off site welding. Call Tim at 616-322-8967 or 616-868-6215.

JOHN DEBIAK HORSE-SHOEING & HOOF TRIMMING - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.

WATSON'S HANDYMAN SERVICES - Basement remodels, doors, drywall, decks & much more. Small jobs welcome. Honest & dependable. Call 897-6906.

WORK WANTED - Handyman will do all types of small jobs. Insured. Free estimates. Call Paul 527-7796.

TREE WORK & LOT CLEARING - Brush removal, chipper service & storm work. Landscaping & much more. Insured. Call Chris 293-9681 for a free estimate.

HONG KONG BUFFET - Over 100 items on our buffet! Always Fresh! Buffet also available to go. 2155 W. Main, Lowell, 897-6688.

THE FIRST, THE BEST - House calls, dog & cat toenail trims, in home. Small dog grooming & boarding. 745-8520.

TUTORING - Sharpen your grade-school students reading & math skills. Flexible days/times, summer special, childcare available on tutoring days. 616-794-3057.

BUSINESS CARDS - For as little as \$26 for 250. (white card stock, black ink). We can also print cards in 4 color. Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

BILL'S CUSTOM MADE FURNITURE & CABINETS - All types of wood: oak, maple, hickory, cherry plus others. Reasonable rates and free estimates. 989-855-3644.

DOES YOUR CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH, DODGE CAR, TRUCK OR VAN NEED REPAIR? - Don't make a mistake & take it anywhere else - give Geo-Tech a try! Contact George at Geo-Tech Transmission & Repair. Call 897-0743.

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - By certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

PLYMOUTH, DODGE CAR, TRUCK OR VAN NEED REPAIR? - Don't make a mistake & take it anywhere else - give Geo-Tech a try! Contact George at Geo-Tech Transmission & Repair. Call 897-0743.

JOHN SCHLOOP BUILDERS & REMODELING - Call 897-1335.

HOMETOWN AMERICA - offers financing with awesome down payment assistance. Call today - be in your home tomorrow. Valley Vista 897-8427. www.HometownAmerica.com.

BOB FORD - Formerly of Hahn Hardware, is doing all kinds of service work. Call 299-3198.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Spring Cleanup, roofing, trash, junk, etc. 14 to 20 yards available. Call for free estimates. 616-835-2238.

LACEY'S TOO - Licensed adult assisted living located in Lowell. 24 hour care, medications monitored, Hospice & respite care. Private & semi-private rooms. Reasonable rates. 897-5874 or 915-2733.

WE ARE HERE - to serve your housing needs. Rent to Own starting at \$498. Call today. Valley Vista 1-877-634-6700. New hours 10-7 Tues-Fri & Sat. 10-5. www.HometownAmerica.com

HOUSEKEEPER - I have openings, weekly or bi-weekly, experienced, reliable, reasonable rates. Call 642-0395.

D.M. MOORE FINE HARDWOOD FLOOR REFINISHING & INSTALLATIONS - Over 25 years experience. Highest quality guaranteed. See www.dmmoore.com or call 616-802-0120 for unsurpassed 2006 Summer Specials.

CLEANING LADY - 20 years experience, reasonable rates, reliable. Call Pam at 794-2666.

JIM'S FLOOR COVERING SALES & INSTALLATION - 22 years experience. Best price & quality installation on vinyl, carpet, and laminate flooring. 897-0737 or 560-8515, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., leave message.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup 3:30 p.m. 105 N. Broadway. Compare our prices - call for a price quote! (weight, dimensions & zip code required for a quote). 897-9261.

PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential Service or New Construction. Reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.

DO YOU HAVE A DIRTY GARAGE FLOOR? - Make it look like new with floor Apony, easy to clean. Call John 616-551-8364.

WEDDING INVITATIONS - Available at Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway. Stop by & check out a book! Wide variety of invitations & prices. Ph. 897-9261



We recommend you place your ad a week before the sale, not the weekend of your sale. Some people do not receive the Buyers Guide until late Sunday. It is also a good idea to put in directions.

Price is 20 words for \$9, each additional word is 25¢.

For that price your ad runs in both the Lowell Ledger & the Buyers Guide on the Garage Sale Page

Your ad can be called in: 897-9555 or 897-9261

Faxed to: 897-4809 or

Emailed to: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com

(please include home phone number & billing address)

We assume no financial responsibility for typos in ads taken over the phone or for emailed or faxed ads not received. All care & diligence are used to prevent omission or error in any ad or any part of an ad. If your ad is phoned in, please make sure it is repeated back to you.

GRAND OPENING SALE!!!!!!

Holwerda Homes is excited to unveil our newest
condominium community in Lowell,
CUMBERLAND RIDGE!!!

Main Floor Laundry 🏠 Breakfast Nook 🏠 2 Bedrooms 🏠 2 Bathrooms

1225-1287 Finished Square Feet



Purchase your new condo at Cumberland Ridge between NOW and July 31, 2006
and Holwerda Homes will give you \$3000 to put towards upgrades and options!

Buy a home in either of our two other Lowell communities, and Holwerda Homes
will give you \$2000 to put towards upgrades!

Join us this weekend, July 14, 15, & 16, for our FIRST public open house!
Open House Hours: Friday 4pm-7pm, Saturday & Sunday 1pm-4pm

Stop by and register to win a FREE GAS GRILL!!!

*some restrictions may apply

If you would like to set up an appointment for a private showing, please call
Tom Jansen at 616.638.3804 or call our office at 616.363.7402

holwerda 🏠 homes.com