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Come & have more than a "fair" time at county youth fair

Kent County Youth Fair 2006 is off and running, and so were these pigs and their handlers in Tuesday morning's market class swine judging. Pigs enter the show ring in the Reath Barn going at full tilt in every direction as the 4-Hers sometimes successfully steer them with wooden canes. The judge picks out several pigs which are corralled as finalists. Pigs are judged by various standards including overall shape, bone structure and musculature.

The fair runs through Saturday, concluding with a rodeo in the horse arena. The Reath Barn is a good starting point for a trip to the fair. It is the venue for Thursday's livestock auction, and is centrally located among the animal barns. Mornings and afternoons, animal judgings take place within the Reath Barn and nearby.

Another center of activity at the fair is the horse arena and multiple accompanying horse barns. Both are located at the southeast corner of the fairgrounds. Admission to the fair is free. On-site parking is available for \$5 a day.

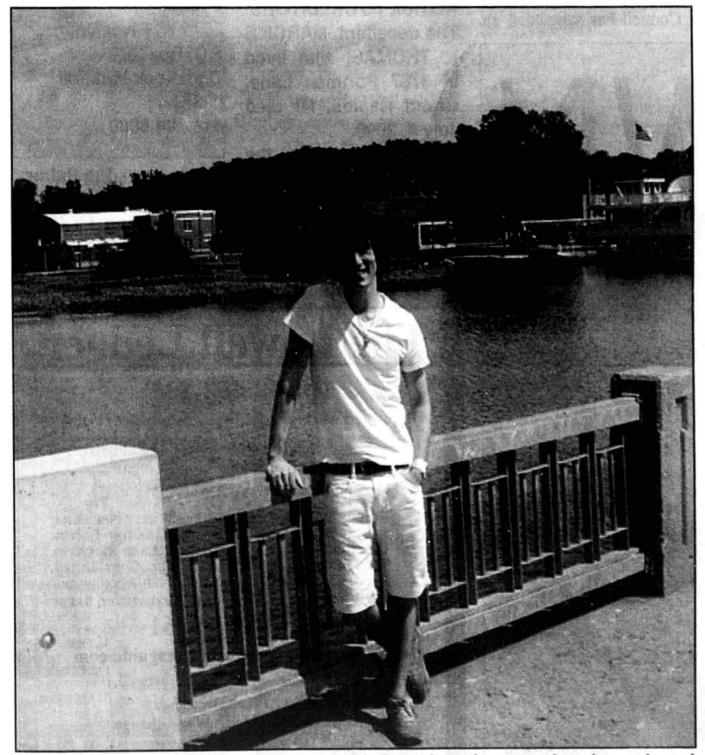


Vosovic back in his hometown for a brief visit

By Dan Schneider

Tt is hard for a guy like Daniel Vosovic to take a vacation. Vosovic, who was one of the stars of the Bravo Network's fashion-design reality television show "Project Runway, was in Lowell last week. He visited, spent time with family, went clothes shopping, even got his teeth cleaned at Dr. Jim Reagan's office on Main Street. But his main reason for being in town was not relaxation or dental hygiene; it was to meet with business advisors who will help him set up his own clothing label in a few years.

It was his first trip back to the town where



Daniel Vosovic was in Lowell last week, his first trip to the town where he graduated from high school since he starred in the Bravo Network's reality TV show Project

he graduated from high school since the show aired. Vosovic placed second on Project Runway, which pitted fledgling fashion designers against each other in a series of clothing design contests.

Fan-favorite Vosovic said the exposure he got just by making it to the podium has been enough to keep him busy since the series' Feb. 23 finale.

"There's been a lot of silver lining ... coming in second place," Vosovic said. "Just showing at Fashion Week was a huge deal. Showing a collection in the show can cost up to \$30,000 for a small tent."

As a top-three finisher on the reality show, Vosovic got to unveil his collection on the catwalk in the main tent at Fashion Week. Legions of fashion magazine editors and wholesale buyers flock to the New York event each year to see fall lines from fashion designers, both new and established.

Preparing for Fashion Week made it hard for Vosovic to relax the last time he came home, for Christmas, 2005.

"Even when I was here then, it was hard because I was already sewing the

collection for Fashion Week," he said.

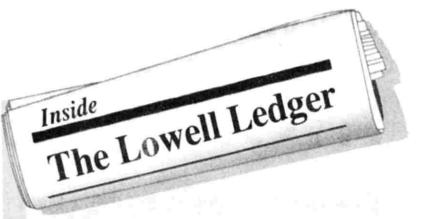
Not only was Vosovic preoccupied by all of the work waiting for him back in New York, but he had the added pressure of not being allowed to talk about it. The reality series was still airing at the time, and telling people he was working on the collection would have spoiled the ending.

Now that the show is over, Vosovic is as busy as ever. Being on the show drew a lot of interest in Vosovic's design. "There was a lot of hype around the show," Vosovic said. "It's so hard to get to different plateaus in this industry. It (the show) just brings your exposure to a whole new level."

He is currently interviewing for a job that will allow him to work under an established designer. He plans to do that for three or four years.

"Just kind of paying my dues to the industry," Vosovic said.

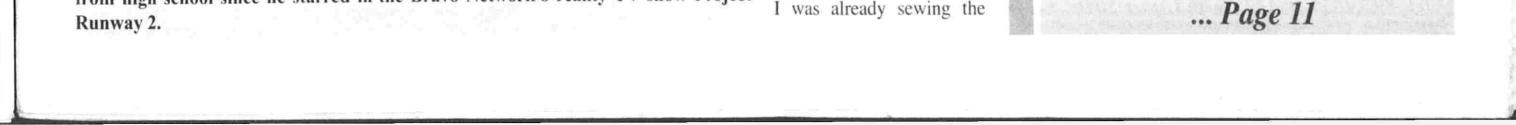
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Dressing In Lowell



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ALBERT

Richard H. "Dick" Albert, aged 64, of Belding, passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at his home surrounded by his loving family after a battle with cancer. Dick was born July 11, 1942 in Belding, the son of Harold and Irene Finn Albert. Dick had retired after 34 years at Wolverine World Wide in Rockford and had driven milk truck for Bill Cole for the past 12 years. He was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church. Dick loved his family and enjoyed being the family prankster. He had a love of people and farming. He was married on Catholic Church, Belding, October 26, 1963, in Parnell at St. Patrick Church to Jean Weeks and she survives along with their children Debbie and Duane Rasch of Lowell, Denise and Jim Hieftje of Belding, Donna and Dennis Gross of Sparta, special fund for St. Mary Rich and Kara Albert of Cemetery. Saranac, Diana and Bill

Craycraft of grandchildren Kevin, Brian and Becky, Laura, John, Kara, Mark, Aubrey, David, Tom, Jake, Curtis, Kelsey and Taylor; brothers of Ensley Baptist Church. Albert all of Belding, Connie and Ken Neil of Hastings; many cousins, nieces, brothers-in law and sistersin-law. Mass of Christian with Father Fred Brucker officiating. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to The Juvenile Diabetes Association, The American Cancer Society or for a

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BARENDREGHT

Vern Mr. Rodney Barendreght, aged 61, of Grant, died Tuesday, August 1, 2006 in Grand Rapids. He was born Rodney Vern Belding; Barendreght in Grant, the son of Elsie (Sage) and Vern Barendreght of August 28, 1944. He married Patricia Jean Sivertsen Kollin, Derek, Dillon, Koty, on November 26, 1966 Keegan, Ashley, Tyler, at Ensley Baptist Church. Alyssa, Baby Craycraft; He was a self employed great-grandchildren twins mason. He was a member and sister Jim and Edna He is survived by his wife Ellen Nummer, born May 12, 6, 2006. Surviving are his Albert, Less and Barb Patricia Barendreght of Albert, Carroll and Vickie Grant; children Darla and Brent Diemer of Alto, Randy and Anette Barendreght of Oscar; son Erwin; parents Carter and Avery Swanson; Sparta, Debra and Scott nephews, aunts, uncles and Bull of Dacula, GA, Mark and Kim Barendreght of She is survived by two Snuffer, Robert (Alice) Sparta, Deanna and Nathan daughters Marlene Marshall Snuffer; sister Janet (Robert)

Springs; 14 grandchildren Cain, Jody Cain, Dale (John) Donna, Vera, Carolyn; grandchildren. Service was brothers Jerry, Curtis, Roger; held Monday at Roth-Gerst several nieces and nephews. Chapel, Rev. George Fekete Funeral services were held officiating. IntermentChapel Saturday from the Ensley Hill Memorial Gardens. Baptist Church, Sand Lake, Memorial contributions may with Pastor Jim Ankerburg be made to the American officiating. Interment in Heart Association. Hillside Cemetery. For memorials please consider Ensley Baptist Church.

NUMMER

1921, passed away August wife Terry; children Sarah 4, 2006. She was preceded (Keith) Swanson, Dennis in death by her husband Snuffer; John and V Feuerstein; brothers Rev. Paul (Judy) four brothers and one sister. Snuffer. Daniel (Ann) burial was at St. Mary Fisher of Lakeview, Dana and Charlene (Don) Welch; Bedgood; step-sisters Diane

and Tyler Imhoff of Cedar grandchildren Mark (Janna) (Jim)

SNUFFER

Philip C. Snuffer, aged 66, of Lowell, passed away suddenly Sunday, August grandchildren

information session on Thursday, Aug. 17 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

By training people to be tutors, the council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Cascade Library, 2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

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Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS The Franciscan Life Process Center needs volunteers

one day a week for its preschool program. Hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m. Daily schedules may include classroom activities, music and art programs, cooking, outdoor explorations at the farm and orchard. If interested call Charlie or Fredna at 897-7842.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is looking for caring families to host international teens for the upcoming school year or fall semester.

The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. Host families provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life.

Traditional two-parent families (with or without children), single parents or adults, and retired couples have enjoyed hosting these students.

Families who are interested in hosting or obtaining more information should call the SHARE! Michigan Office toll-free at 1-800-930-3738, e-mail info@erdtshare.org, or visit www.erdtshare.org.

HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an

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"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!"

Parker, Charlotte Bos; parents-inplus one on the way; sisters (Doris) Roe; four great- law Leona and Rev. Louis Harvey; sister-in-law Kathy Hartigh (Ike Rood); brotherin-law Allen (Linda) Carter; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Harriet Snuffer-Visscher, father Ross Snuffer, stepfather Dennis Visscher. Memorial service will be Thursday, Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. at Fallasburg Park Pavilion with Rev. Jerry Jones from First Congregational Church of Greenville officiating. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Philip Snuffer Memorial Garden.

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Annual Art Attack on the way

Bv Dan Schneider

attacking Lowell Saturday, Aug. 19 along with Caribbean music and food ... and mixed drinks.

Council's Art Attack art party is happening that Saturday in a tent behind their South Hudson Street gallery. This year's event is be provided by the steel the fourth annual.

beach theme in the past. This year, the theme is still beach, but it is a Caribbean For that matter, "steel drum council gallery.

and sounds to back it up. New this year will be a full River Grill. Past Art Attacks The Lowell Area Arts had hors d'oeuvres tables. but this event will have a full array of Caribbean foods.

drum band Pangea. The be auctioned off in addition Art Attack has had a name "Pangea" is kind of to several specialty gift basa pun, since steel drums are kets. The artworks are cusometimes called "pans."

beach, not just any beach. music" is a pun, since the Get ready for art. It is And the party has the food percussion instruments are made from steel oil drums Pangea's music is influendinner, catered by the Flat ced by a variety of styles including calypso, soccer, Latin and jazz.

> Central to Art Attack are the silent and live auctions of artworks and gift Caribbean sounds will baskets. More than 40 pieces of art and jewelry will rrently on display at the arts

me.'

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These items and artwork currently on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council's Hudson Street gallery will be auctioned off to raise money for the arts council at this year's Art Attack, an art party with a Caribbean theme.

Business Matters



O.D., an optometrist, has joined the Advanced Eyecare Professionals practice and will be working in both the Lowell and Ionia offices. She received her

bachelor of science from Ferris State University, with Honors, in 2002, and her O.D. from Michigan College of Optometry in 2006.

About her education, she said, "According to my parents, I have wanted

to be an eye doctor since I was about three years old. Growing up, I considered Dr. Katherine Hand, many different careers,

> Greenridge Realty announced that Kim Schwacha received Realtor of the Month in July.

This award recognizes Schwachaforhisoutstanding success and achievements







SIKEE

Art Attack is growing importance as a fundraiser for the arts council.

"We really push the party part of it, but it is an important fundraiser," arts council executive director Lorain Smalligan said. "With all of the cuts in funding, especially at the state level and corporations tightening their belts, it's an important source of inco-

Art Attack raises money for day-to-day operations of the arts council, which Smalligan said is the most difficult financial burden for a nonprofit organization to bear. Last year's Art Attack raised \$8,300 for the arts council; organizers have set this year's goal at \$10,000. However, with 12-foottall palm trees, crushed ice whirring in blenders, and bottles of wine frequently thrown in along with the artworks for winning bidders, the Art Attack is hardly a stuffy fundraiser.

Art Attack 4 starts at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 and runs until 11 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each. They can be purchased during gallery hours at the Arts Council, by calling 897-8545, or online at www.lowellartscouncil.org. Also online are images of artwork donations and a list of gift basket items.

but it always came back to becoming an optometrist – a way to help the world one person at a time."



Kim Schwacha

PLANNING FOR TRAILWAY

A meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Lowell City Offices at 6 p.m. for anyone interested in learning about or helping with the trailways.

SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

Bluegrass Music concert will be held this Thursday at the Kent County Youth Fair starting at 6 p.m. No Sizzlin' Summer Concert this week at the Riverwalk.

GRAND OPENING AT PARK

Grand River Riverfront Park will have its grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 12 from noon to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome to games, food and entertainment. Hosted by Lowell Charter Twp.

FLPC MUSIC LESSONS

Franciscan Life Process Center is offering private music lessons. Call 897-7842 to book.

TAI CHI CHUAN

The Lowell YMCA will offer an 8-week session on Tai Chi Chuan beginning Saturday, Aug. 12. Call 897-8445 for more info.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Franciscan Life Process Center Preschool has openings for 3-5 year olds Monday - Thursday, 9-noon or 1-4 p.m. Call 897-7842. Scholarships available.

5-YEAR LHS REUNION

Class of 2001 will have its 5-year reunion at Fallasburg Park on Aug. 12 from 3-6 p.m. BYOB and a dish to share. RSVP: email LHSClass2001@hotmail.com

ART ATTACK 4

The Lowell Area Arts Council will have its 4th annual Art Attack on Saturday, Aug. 19. The Caribbean theme event will be held at 149 S. Hudson. Tickets are \$35. Call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartscouncil.org

FOOD NEEDED

The FROM Food Pantry is in need of boxed potatoes, pork and beans, and kidney beans.

GRATTAN ACADEMY

New student enrollments for grades k-12 are being accepted for Grattan Academy now through Sept. 6. Call 691-8999 (k-5) and 754-9360 (6-12).



*1967 John Deere 110 Lawnmower

Fallasburg Historical Society regroups to address future issues

By Dan Schneider

foundation for securing the a lot of income. historic village's future.

right now is determining the plan," society president John Forsberg said.

village's status. But Forsberg issues. said if nothing is done, the in "well under a year."

Forsberg said.

Currently, the village fundraiser: its annual bike helping us." tour, which took place July 8

Forsberg sees a number "What we are doing of possibilities for the village joined the board, so that from the beginning," Straub in the future.

"There's lots potential, huge potential for are interested in saving it," of cooperation between the At present, the historic things we can do ... lots of Forsberg said. village's finances are on opportunities," he said. "But shaky ground. Just how right now it's simply budget shaky is one of the things and volunteers and priorities experience, real estate program and collection the society is trying to of what we have to tackle, experience and building scopes, they fit nicely determine as it evaluates the what are the four-alarm experience. Forsberg said all together so I absolutely

society's funds will dry up currently in the middle of board now includes Lowell that helps preserve the was placed on the National a "30- to 60-day phase" Area Historical Museum history of both Lowell Register of Historic Places "Right now, it's if we of analyzing the village's president Ivan Blough and and Fallasburg," Straub want to stay alive, we need to current situation and coming past president Jim Doyle. bring in some more money," up with short-term goals to keep it afloat.

has only one major what's hurting us and what's Forsberg said.

this year. In 2003 and 2004, going for it is a new corps of said the museum could help streams for the village.

themed dinners. While the in its preservation. At the in an advisory capacity. The Fallasburg Hist- dinners brought people to the historical society's annual orical Society is laying the village, they did not generate meeting in June, 25 people very helpful to them is in all turned out.

> showed us there are a lot of of residents in the area who

The board includes in the future. members with fundraising of that will be important to see us partnering together He said the society is the village in the future. The to provide programming Covered Bridge, which

Area Historical Museum the preservation of the historic village. The school "The idea is to first see has been very successful," community's history.

One thing the village has Museum director Judy Straub will be finding new revenue register in 1999. It contains

"Where I see us being the strategic organizational "Over half of the people stuff that we've been doing said.

> She sees the possibility buildings, which are also two historical organizations

"Whilewehavedifferent said. "Both organizations schoolhouse is the most "Obviously the Lowell are very committed to prominent feature of the

Near the top of the Lowell Area Historical board's list of priorities was placed on the national 6171.

the village hosted history- board members interested the village's reorganization But volunteers will also several buildings that be an important part of the village's future. A lack of volunteers was among the village's struggles in the upkeep. past.

> enough people to man the museums," board member Dottie Blain said. "We have displays but we don't have people there to hold it open, so the only thing we've been able to hold open is the schoolhouse."

Next to the Fallasburg in 1972, the one-room house was built in 1867.

The entire village

City council news includes report that mayor is on the mend

By Dan Schneider

Lowell mayor Chuck temporarily. Myers was absent from Myers on Sunday, Mathews permanently said the mayor was up But they did give Dan and walking around and McGillicuddy, of McGill is expected to return from Builders, LLC in Rockford, the hospital by mid-week. permission to temporarily Mathews said Myers did not remove the light while well Shores. have a heart attack, as has been rumored, but went in for an examination after he noticed irregularities while exercising. Myers' surgery was performed July 29.

drilling is being performed on the property.

McGillicuddy light's requested permission to have implications for law remove the light in a letter to enforcement. the council. He is building a

and Power to move a set of said. At Monday's meeting, power lines that run over the Monday's meeting. He was the Lowell City Council house's proposed footprint. in the hospital recovering voted to table until its McGillicuddy said he would illuminate an intersection. for additional maintenance Department of Public Works from complications of next meeting the question prefer to remove the light, Lowell Light and Power heart surgery. Mayor pro of whether a street light but would re-install it about tem Alan Mathews visited on Sherman should be five feet west of its original moved. location if necessary.

in this town and when there is no light, it's hard to see," said councilmember Jeanne

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said the removal could

"With the patrol routes

Washington Street, will be a east of 315 Sherman and south streets, the additional payment from Rotary to city is seeking to eliminate bit darker at night, at least is paying for Lowell Light light is nice," Valentine the city, Rotary providing

> mid-block light and does not Rotary being responsible For instance, when the was scheduled to move the power lines Tuesday. The light will remain down until "People do walk a lot a contractor is able to drill a well for the house.

> > "In doing that, at least you would get the chance to see what it is like (without the light)," McGillicuddy said.

Board of Appeals, the board scheduled a public hearing on a request for a zoning variance to split a parcel of property on Hudson Street. At its July meeting, Lowell Planning Commission voted to recommend against granting the variance. The property is 101.64 feet wide, short of the 132 feet of width necessary for a split under Fair's third-party facilitiesthe parcel's R-3 zoning.

The city council extended Lowell Rotary Club's lease agreement for use of the city council chambers through June 30, Commission; and \$650 each of the grass-mowing 2009. Rotary Club uses from the city's local street the space for its weekly and winter maintenance Morlock said he received the Wednesday meetings. They and major street and winter have held them there since maintenance budgets. July 2005.

The terms of the lease its next meeting discussion citizen's complaint. include a \$75 per week of city right of way. The

liability insurance that The light in question is a also covers the city, and or cleaning its use of the removes a tree from the space. The council ratified bids

for paving work that has already been completed at the south end of the Foreman Building at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Equal bids of \$5,300 were received from Snyder Asphalt in Saranac and Great Lakes Paving in Acting as the Zoning Lowell. The contract went to Great Lakes Paving. Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden recommended Great Lakes because they had not done prior work for the city and the project would give the city a chance to evaluate the quality of their work. Funding for the paving was as follows: \$500 from the Kent County Youth

rental fee; \$1,000 with parks and recreation commission approval from the Lee Fund; \$2,000 from the Kent County Road

The council tabled until





"If there's a church "We didn't have group in town that wants to come down and paint the schoolhouse, that would be what we're looking for," Forsberg said.

The next scheduled activity at Fallasburg Village is Sept. 23 when the Fallasburg Cubs will host a vintage baseball invitational. The event will bring in teams from around West Michigan that play baseball the way it was

predate 1870. The historical

society owns some of these

and needs help with their

played in the 19th century.

For more information about the historical village or how to get involved, contact the Fallasburg Historical Society at 897-

inconsistent policies among

the different entities that

utilize road right of way.

right of way, its policy is to

also remove the stump and

fill the hole in with top soil

and grass seed. Meanwhile,

Lowell Light and Power

does not remove stumps

when it removes trees from

reappointed to the Lowell

Planning Commission. Her

term will expire at the end

Hardware owner Charles

Bernard gave the lone public

comment at Monday's

meeting. After receiving a

letter from the city ordering

him to mow grass on the

rear portion of the empty

lot he owns next to his West

Main Street business, he

felt he was being unfairly

singled out. He submitted

for the council's perusal a

set of eight photographs of

properties in the city he felt

were equally in violation

ordinance. City clerk Betty

letter because of a citizen's

complaint and that the city

Mary LaPonsie was

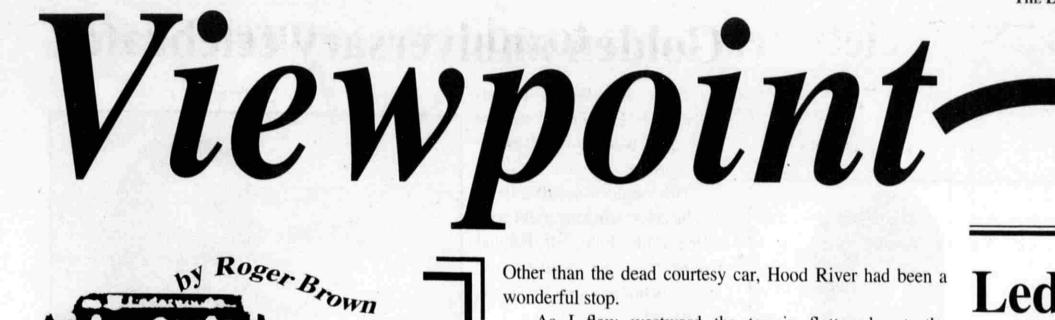
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of July 2009.

Bernard's

would treat his pictures as a





I was scrambling to get going before high winds built up in there by the same route ... following the river. the Columbia River Gorge. A guy from across the field was asking a bunch of questions as I made my preparations.

He was mostly interested in my trip, as evidenced by at Astoria, Oregon, which is situated at the mouth of the the map on my plane. I told him about my quest to get all Columbia River. As I had approached Astoria, the sight of

48 contiguous states. He seemed impressed and asked me if I'd like to look at some old airplanes. I attempted to take a pass by explaining my desire to avoid the winds in the gorge. He squelched that by saying he ran the F.B.O. there for 27 years and I had plenty of time to beat the winds. I climbed into his car and across the field we went.

I was totally unprepared for what I was about to see. This guy, Terry Brandt, had two huge hangars. One hangar was full of flying, collectible antique aircraft. He told me he personally flies them all. I'd guess there were thirty or more. The newest airplane in the bunch was a Beech 18,

which could have been built in the early forties.

extremely rare, some one-of-a-kind and some very old, like seemed odd that it would simply and suddenly end. a Curtiss Pusher from the very early days of powered flight. Terry seemed most proud of several small, mostly single seat, Clatsop, the little shelter the Corps of Discovery built and balloon ascension. Saturday it will be bands, games, 3 cylinder radial engine airplanes from the Depression era. hunkered down in for the winter. A friend and his wife had As I was treated to this personal tour, Terry explained that operated the F.B.O. at Astoria and established a café on the he is soon breaking ground on a 40,000 sq. ft. full-fledged field. That gave me an in with the current owner/operator museum that will be open to the public.

Even more interesting were the works in progress. In the to the fort other hangar Terry and his small staff are currently restoring copies of this airplane. The list goes on, but you get the drift Clark. In a word, "quiet." Another word might be, "spooky." ... this is no ordinary collection.

This completely unplanned tour turned out to be one of and water. the high points of my entire trip. I could have stayed for work and drove me back to my old flivver. He watched as I café and picked up some local knowledge for my trip down the door to a great tour.

Back in the air, and out over the Columbia River I was the day to avoid the gorge's high winds and turbulence.

As I flew westward the terrain flattened out, the river widened and Mt. St. Helens came into view on the Washington side. At Portland, Oregon, I had to take a slight diversion around the core of the airport's class C airspace. (Yes, class C is correct, I checked my chart.) At Portland the river turns north for about 40 miles, then back to the west for the last leg to the ocean.

Of course, the Pacific Ocean was Lewis and Clark's destination. They knew it was there from reports that came back from the few sailing ships that had explored along the I left you last week on the ground in Hood River, Oregon. coast. I had a little more info that they did, but I still got

I don't want to blow off the scenery of this last leg. It was pretty, but we need to keep this moving along. I landed



Mt. Hood off the left wing after leaving Hood River.

For the most part these weren't just antiques. Many were seemed strange. I had flown over so much "land" it just afternoon.

who bought it from them. He loaned me a car to the drive

Fort Clatsop is operated by the National Park Service. Bids for the new Ada bridge will be opened Aug. 22, an incredibly complete Jenny found in a barn in Ohio. They Of course, it is not the original fort, but the replica is believed replacing and relocating the old two-lane bridge. are restoring the one and only prototype airplane Lloyd to be on the original site. Huge cedars and firs dominate the Eleven trees in the Lowell area have been diagnosed Stearman built to sell his design to the Army and Navy. The grounds, and a brief walk away from the rest of the tourists with Dutch Elm Disease and removed. Be sure to spray roughly 10,000 Stearmans, like mine, that followed, were can put you back to how it must have seemed to Lewis and yours next spring A collision on M-21 just east of Lowell demolishes two I can't imagine spending months there, living on elk meat cars, including Lowell's police cruiser, and injures officer Frank Stephens.

For me, this was the end of the first stage of my trip. I School superintendent Walter Gumser's bid to be a days. Heck, I could have stayed a lifetime, fiddling around had landed in seven of the eleven states needed to complete state representative loses to incumbent Harry Emmons. with those old airplanes. Finally Terry seemed ready to get to my quest. Back at the airport I enjoyed a great meal at the **25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER** fired up and took off to the west. My goofy map had opened the coast. The first leg wouldn't take me far. I decided to AUGUST 5, 1981 celebrate my accomplishment and knock off early.

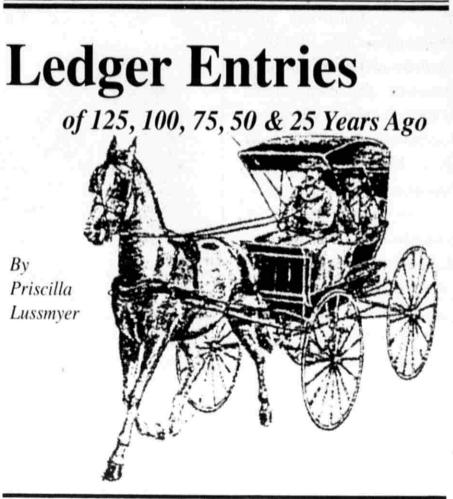
I landed the Stearman at the state run airstrip at Nehalem again treated to the beauty of the gorge area bracketed by Bay State Park. Nehalem Bay is near the small town of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. It was indeed early enough in Manzanita, Oregon. At the airstrip there are tie-downs with

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THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 10, 1881 This issue is missing; next one is Oct. 5, 1881.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 9, 1906

The Light Guard Armory in Detroit hosted the state Republican convention on Tuesday and Democratic convention on Thursday.

The Seventh Annual Good Roads Festival and Farmers Picnic will have a speech, balloon ascension, base ball, horse races, swimming races and picnicking in Lowell. James Pardee of Logan has put up a new steel windmill on his farm.

Bowne: Little Johnny P. has been quite ill with congestion of the spine.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 7, 1931

The Centennial started this early morning with very loud aerial bombs and will continue today with Hon. Chase Osborne's speech, ball game, balloon ascension and pageant.

Emma Kropf of Vergennes had the most votes in the Pacific Ocean engulfing everything to the west somehow the Queen Contest and will be crowned this (Thursday)

Tomorrow features a flyover from Selfridge Field, Gov. The airport at Astoria is just a couple miles from Fort Brucker, the Centennial queen, band concerts, base ball and horse races, flower show, balloon, parachute drops, school reunion, dance and bonfire.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 9, 1956

A state mediator is called in for teacher negotiations. Versatile Jim Stafford (comic, guitar, fiddle, banjo) was "one of the very best Showboat acts ever" last week.

Millage is lowered by 2.12 mills, with the early payoff of a school district loan.

Construction begins for the new Missionary Church on Settlewood Drive.

Engagements

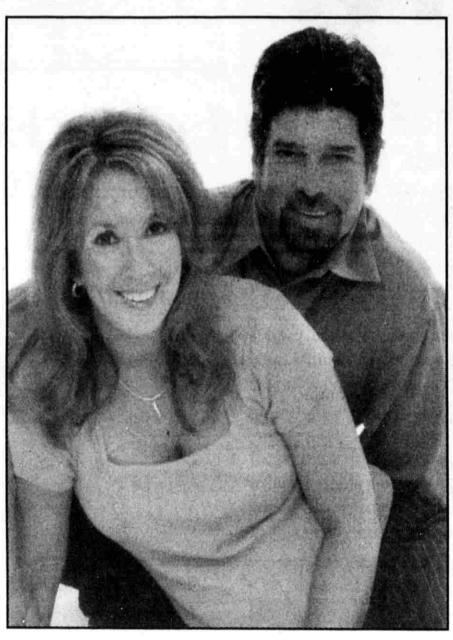
Zandstra/Harp

Emerson and Shirley Myers of Caledonia and Raymond and Barbara Zandstra of Lowell proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy A. Zandstra of Grand Rapids to David M. Harp of Mobile, Alabama.

The bride-elect is a graduate of East Kentwood High School and Davenport University. She is currently a licensed realtor and director of sales for Cascade Place Condominiums.

The future groom is a graduate of Dale County High School in Midland, Alabama, and Lake City Community College, Lake City, Florida.

The couple is planning a November 11, 2006 wedding in Grand Rapids.



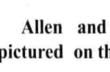
Wendy Zandstra and David Harp

Golden anniversary celebrated

Allen and Wilma (Ward) Fallstrom of Lowell will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on August 18.

The couple, married in 1956, will be celebrating the event with their children Julie, Jeff, Joe and Jeni and their spouses, along with 11 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.





ones and start pecking at them. Finally, after several tries, night prowlers that are set to do me in. all but one little duck was securely in the safe haven, and to

you know how young ducks are, they wanted to stay up late, Jesus, and I can't imagine trying to deal with all the stuff therein lies the problem. When she would get them right that comes down the conduit of life daily without the ever to the door, the old ducks would be mean to these younger present knowledge that in the end I will be safe from the

But, like that duck, we all have that same free will to her dismay she could not find him because he had hidden choose where we find our security and peace. The seriousness in the tall grass. So, reluctantly, she closed the door and of the story of our duck is found in the few feathers and

If you're not presently attending a "milk house," find present. For goodness sake, Lowell sure has enough good ones. And if you find one with a bunch of old ducks that start pecking at you, don't consider that we're all like that-we're God is so cool! He has provided for us a "milk house" not. Just go find a different one and when you leave, those true church is the body of believers from every tribe and you do, don't get left out in the dark because there are no



A LESSON FROM DUCKS

Bob Roush, pastor Friendship Country Chapel

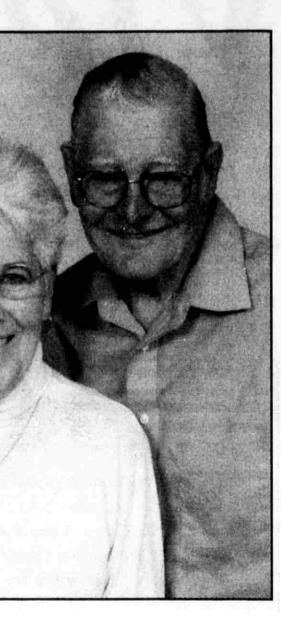
Hebrews 10:25 says this: Not forsaking the assembling day approaching.

farm is to herd about 17 ducks down into the old milk house and bolt the door to protect them from the night creatures that would like to "invite them to dinner" if you know what I mean.

we went home. But all night long she fretted about that parts that lay scattered about the next morning. What a snap duck. But sometime during the dark of that night this little into reality that must have been for this duck. What a snap duck met his match and lost. His problem wasn't that he into reality it will be when life comes crashing at the end set out to be the most disobedient duck on the planet. The and the anesthetic fog we call reality is lifted to reveal the problem was that he was totally unaware of the dangers of pure truth. of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but the environment around him. And when he chose to hide exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the from Kathy in the weeds, he, so to speak, signed his own a good one and get started. There's no better time than the death warrant. Because, don't you know that a duck pitted One of the duties my wife has in taking care of the old against a raccoon will always wind up on the short end of the stick? in the midst of a hostile environment. It's the church. The old ducks will just start pecking on each other. Whatever

I was sitting in the car on this particular night when denomination who chooses Christ as their way of life. In this Lone Rangers, even he needed Tonto. On the other hand, she was having a lot of trouble getting the usually obedient great institution we gather as believers under the umbrella if you've been slacking in your attendance, then determine ducks in tow. The problem is that the older ducks had gone of God's protective care. I can't imagine my life without right now that you're going to start going back. Stay safe in down earlier and bedded down for the evening, but ... well the knowledge of the protective care of the caregiver, Jesus.

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Allen and Wilma (Ward) Fallstrom pictured on their wedding day and today.

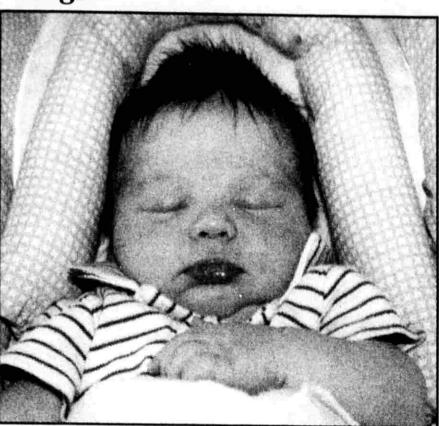


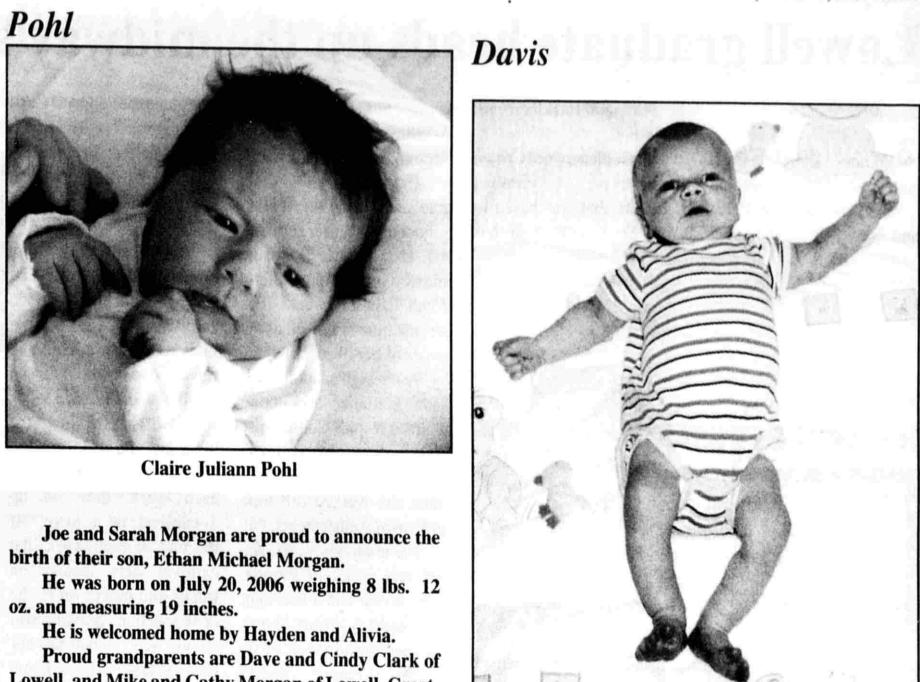


Jeff and Stephanie Pohl are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Claire Juliann. Claire was born on June 22, 2006 at 5:03 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 22 inches.

Proud grandparents are Larry and Ann Pohl of Portland and Stan and Julie Weber of Fowler.

Morgan





birth of their son, Ethan Michael Morgan.

Lowell, and Mike and Cathy Morgan of Lowell. Greatgrandparents are David and Gloria Ponce of Ionia.

Ethan Michael Morgan

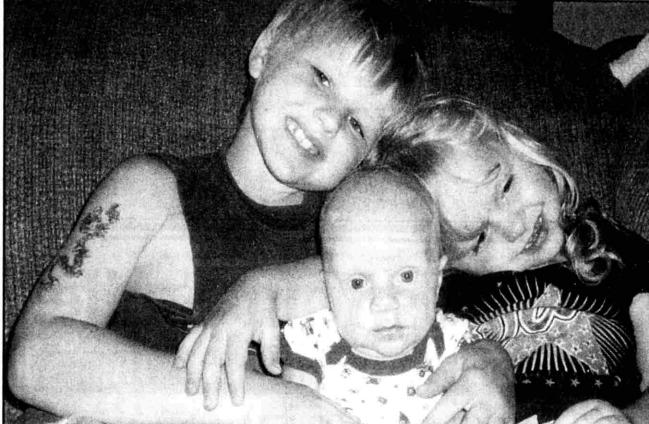
Hodges

Trevor David Hodges was born May 19, 2006. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 21 inches. Proud parents are Allan Hodges and Jenny Sage, and brother Mason.

Trevor David Hodges



Fuss



Jerry and Jennifer Fuss of Alto are proud to introduce their son, Wyatt Douglas, born May 4, 2006 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 22 inches.

Welcoming him home are big brother Dalton and big sister Sophia. Proud grandparents are Paul and Lois Fuss of Alto, Richard and Teresa Huizinga of Rockford, and Douglas Klahn of Clarksville.

Madeline Scott, Arnie DeLoof.

AUGUST 11: Mike Wilzcewski, Jordan Warren.

AUGUST 12:

Betty Powell, Steve Martin, Sr., Gaylord Heaston. AUGUST 13:

Robert Hewitt, Christenson, Ryan Roe, Mike Roth. AUGUST 14:

Robin Briggs, Linda Uzarski, Adam Billingsley, Aaron Ryan Aksamitowski.

Christenson, Betsey Brenk, Bob Wilzcewski.

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Serving free hotdogs, pop, and popcorn on August 4, 11, and 18 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Live entertainment from 12 noon until 12:50 p.m. on Main Street in front of ICNB in downtown Ionia.

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Owen Thomas Davis

Erin and Kip Davis are happy to announce the birth of their son, Owen Thomas. He was born June 16, 2006. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 23 inches.

Proud grandparents are Eric and Rita Lundstrom.



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Lowell graduate heads up the midway at the fair

By Dan Schneider

When Debbie Carlattending Badami was Lowell schools in the 1970s and early 1980s, she spent Ada. So Carl-Badami has

a carnival.

Amusements, a carnival company that was based in

her summers traveling with known Sea Rays and Tilt- away unexpectedley," Carl-A-Whirls, bumper cars and HerfatherownedCrown Scramblers "my whole life." Carl-Badami. 42.

graduated from Lowell High School in 1982. Her carnival, A.J. Carl Shows, is on the midway of the Kent County Youth Fair this week. It is her first time in Lowell as the owner of her own carnival.

After high school, Carl-Badami studied accounting at Grand Rapids Community College. She spent summers working at the carnival. Later, she worked full time each week, they set up for Crown Amusements.

sold real estate in Florida. Then, a year and a half ago, trucks and moves on to the she bought A.J. Carl Shows from her cousin's widow.

Badami said. "His wife wanted help and eventually she wanted to get out of it so I stepped in and purchased

So it was only for a brief period in her life that she was not involved in carnivals. A.J. Carl Shows, like her father's carnival. travels each year between Michigan and Florida

"We just follow the weather," she said.

At the beginning of a carnival in a town. At For about six years, she the end of each week, the carnival gets loaded on next location. Staying still would feel unnatural for "My cousin passed Carl-Badami, whose home

for most of her life has been on the road.

"It's all I've known." she said. "To go from this to an everyday, usual life is just a little different."

Running a carnival is hard work. Even as a child. Carl-Badami was not able to spend much time riding the carousels she traveled with. "If nothing else, it taught

me how to work," she said. The most satisfying time for her is when the carnival is set up in a new town, at night, with the bright lights. And people lining up to

enjoy the rides. "When it get dark and all the lights are on and everything gets moving," Carl-Badami said. "You just city.

Vosovic, continued ... From Page 1

uniforms for the nascent NYLO Hotels LLC, which plans to open a chain of hotels that resemble New a young designer," Vosovic York loft apartments. Cutting-edge design will be one of the primary elements to make his home in New of the hotel's philosophy. York City. The company hopes to open more than 150 of the hotels across North America by

soon be 2010. Vosovic will design designing a line of staff the staff's clothing. And his designs will be available for purchase at the hotels.

"It's a great project for said.

"I've worked so hard to

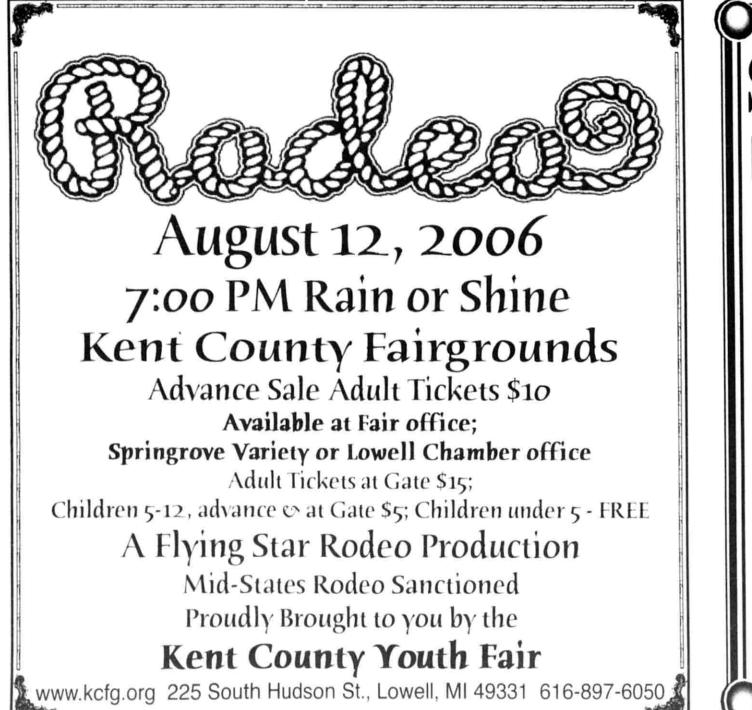
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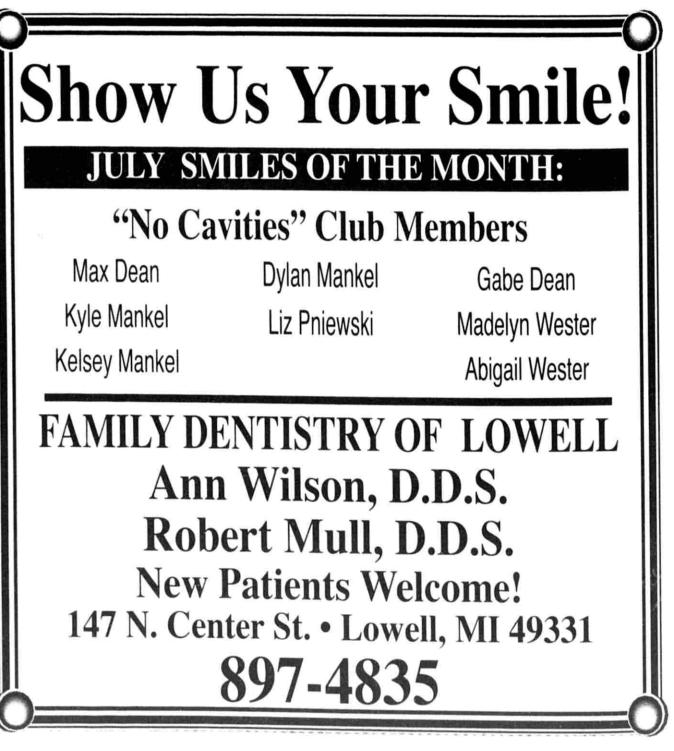
and I don't want to give that up," Vosovic said.

He said most of his friends from Lowell have moved to other places, but he enjoys running into their parents and other people Vosovic will continue he knows while he is in Lowell.

> my favorite lunch-ladies at Meijer the other day," Vosovic said.

If you ever start feeling like you have the goofiest, craziest, most dysfunctional family in the world, all you have to do is go to a state fair. Because five minutes at the fair, you'll be going, 'you know, we're alright. We are dang near royalty.'







Stage-fright is something that even Hollywood performers sometimes experience. It's human nature, I guess. But being a clown allows one to really "hide behind a face" that cloaks who you are. Even the shyest of people can come out of their shells when they don't have to reveal who they are.

On Oct. 14 the biggest parade ever will hit Main Street with the theme of "Clowns and Costumes" and we'd like to make you part of the fun. So, okay, you're thinking, "How do I become a clown?" Fear not, oh, timid one!!! We are planning a special one

day "Clown School for Adults," run by some real live clowns who will be teaching some upbeat classes on Clown Make-up, Clown Costumes and some Basic Clown Etiquette ... right here in Lowell. They'll give you all the confidence you need to get right out there on Main Street and be the life of the parade! Oh, and you'll have company, too, because we are also expecting a troupe of 50 clowns coming in from Lansing just to be in the parade!

We'll be running an ad sometime later in August about the Clown School with information for registering. The cost will be very nominal and we'll even provide the makeup ... and you might even opt for one of the very inexpensive rental costumes we'll have available. Why not find a friend and join the fun together? It will be one of those rare, special experiences you'll cherish and laugh about the rest of your life ... and the pictures will truly become classic family heirlooms!

Hey, remember, there's no Riverwalk concert tomorrow. Instead, enjoy the 4-H Fair, and I'll see you next week when Jimmy Stagger plays some great blues music on the Riverwalk. (I may have a "character" friend or two with me!

> Lots of smiles and laughter to all of you, See-more, the Hobo Clown Be sure to wave!

generators that power the rides. A.J. Carl Shows, which is based in Hastings, is off the road only a few times a year--a couple of weeks in the fall and a couple in the

spring. "We go in and fix and paint things and get ready for the next go round," Carl-Badami said.

Then it's off to the next

hope that people appreciate

the hard work that goes into

diesel fuel is one of the

main concerns in keeping

a carnival running. Diesel

moves the trucks from

town to town and runs the

Lately, the price of

it to get them their fun."

teeth cleaned, another dental hygienist stopped in on her day off to say hello. "A lot of people want to come in and say 'Congratulations, I watched you on TV," Vosovic said. More information about

While he was getting his

"I ran into one of Vosovic and his clothing is available online at www. danielvosovic.net.

- Jeff Foxworthy

Remembering Lowell way back when

By Dan Schneider

After 27 years of living in Lakeland, Fla., Roxie Hunter returned to Lowell in April.

93. whose Hunter, maiden name is Condon, is the last surviving member of the queen's court from Lowell's 1931 Centennial

had a young son, and the next week Charles (Biggs) farmer across the street had four boys. So Hunter spent a lot of time fishing and playing outdoors while she was growing up. The farm was bounded in back by the Flat River and on one side by a tributary creek.

"There were certain places in the river where it was sandy and we could



Roxie Hunter in 2006.

Celebration. As Lowell celebrates 175 years since the first settler, Daniel Marsac, built his fur trading post at the confluence of the Grand and Flat rivers, Hunter spent some time last Tuesday talking about what life was like when she was growing up in Lowell. And the Centennial Celebration, and the later Sesquicentennial Celebration, which involved a rough carriage ride.

Hunter was born in 1913 on a 160 acre farm on Fallasburg Park Road. On the farm were livestock, orchards and field crops. Her mother died when she was three. When her father

go swimming there with our folks, and we had inner tubes for wings," Hunter Hunter said.

movies at a theater on the Centennial queen. Dorothy corner of Monroe and Main streets. Main Street was a dirt road at the time, often with horse buggies parked on the side of it.

people who didn't have cars," Hunter said. "We had a 1926 Chevrolet that we drove back and forth to school.

While she attended high school in town, she took turns driving in with

drove, the next week Essie (Condon) drove," Hunter said. Her Chevrolet did not

have a roof. "If it rained you put up

said.

its side curtains and you still got wet," said Hunter.

She was 16 when the Great Depression hit.

"On the farm, you didn't know it was a Depression because you had all your vegetables, you had your food, you didn't have a scarcity of everything like McIntyre School, which Hunter said. "It was an open everyone in town," Hunter said. "There was just no money.

Two years into the Depression. Lowell's Centennial Celebration provided a distraction for people in Lowell. People even came from Detroit, Manufacturing. Chicago and more distant entertainment

forgot about the Depression "probably for that day, generation would recognize anyway."

She was voted onto the Centennial Court. The tight times were evident in the way the court was outfitted for the occasion.

"They gave us material and we had to make a dress that we were going to wear,'

Emma Heron (maiden She remembers 10-cent name Kropf) was crowned Biggs (Bieri), Audrey Carey, Bernice Lee, Helen Cahoon, Winks (Ryder), Louise Essie Baird (Condon), Patricia Hefferon, Ruby "There were a lot of Christiansen (Eickhoff) and Myrtle Jay made up the rest of the court.

> Hunter was a school teacher at the one-room Mapes schoolhouse on 36th Street at the time.

> when they were doing the

"I was teaching school



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on the showboat," Hunter

was Gladys Dekok (maiden name Kenyon).

there." Hunter said.

died in 2000, was drafted

Most people of her parade.

gymnastics. She used to her from Dr. Harold Myers' bring a rug into school and office on Center Street, practice at recess, and she did where she worked as a nurse a gymnastics performance from 1942 to 1977.

husband moved to Florida. The first showboat Hunter came back to Lowell performance was in August for the Sesquicentennial of 1932. The girl's name Celebration in 1981.

big parade to celebrate the "She's put-near as old 150th. In that parade the girls as I am, because I was only that were left from the first 18 when I started teaching parade, there were three of us that were still in the 150th She also taught at the parade, we rode in a buggy," was located on Grand River carriage and Emma (Heron) Drive. Teaching was one sat on the front seat with the of several jobs she held man who drove the carriage in her life. Shortly after and Ruby (Christiansen) and her husband, Willard, who I sat on the back seat."

The carriage was into the U.S. Navy, Hunter pulled by two small black took a job at Root-Lowell horses. Hunter had had bad experiences with similar "I worked at the sprayer black horses owned by her long gone." locales to see a big parade, company for a while," cousin. Her cousin's horses sporting events and other Hunter said. "I soldered the bolted at the slightest sound, last experience with pump on the cans that you so Hunter was nervous parades celebrating Lowell Hunter said people used to spray mosquitoes." before the Sesquicentennial anniversaries.

"These little black horses, they were prancey little horses ... so I asked the driver 'do these horses. In 1979, she and her ever run?' and he said 'no," Hunter said. "We were not very far back in the parade and when the band started playing, they (the horses) "They had another ran and they took the carriage right down through the ditch."

> The ditch was situated to where Good next Chevrolet is located on Main Street. It has since been filled in.

"I said to Ruby, 'well. here we go,' because I thought we were going to get thrown out of the carriage for sure," Hunter said. "But some men ran down and caught the horses. After that we were put at the end of the parade and the band was

And that was Hunter's



Roxie Hunter (highlighted near front of float) rode down Main Street during the 1931 Centennial Celebration parade as part of the Centennial Queen's court.

Cozy Corner, continued ... From Page 5





Approaching Astoria, Oregon. The Pacific Ocean looms in the background. The airport and Fort Clatsop are on the finger of land beyond the city.

On the ground at the Nehalem Bay State Park in Oregon. The Piper Cherokee Six on take-off held a family of four, their camping gear and bicycles. They left me with the airstrip campsites all to myself.

small, primitive campsites carved out of the pines nearby. There was water, picnic tables, grills and a toilet. What else kind of travel. do you need? Maybe some elk meat for the grill. I pitched my tent and made some coffee.

I could hear the ocean from my campsite. A short walk took me across the road, through the regular campgrounds and to a beautiful sand beach. I hung out for a gorgeous sunset. Back at my camp I took a picture of some deer



Slightly out-of-focus, this photo was taken by a fellow tourist I pressed into service at Ft. Clatsop. The replica fort burned down a year ago and the Park Service is building a new one. Living on elk meat and water, I'm guessing the original Corps of Discovery privates didn't look like this re-enactor. He makes me look skinny.

Collection of Grand Rapids.

grazing by the airplane. I think a guy could get used to this the conditions weren't expected to change anytime soon.

The next morning had me up and around reasonably early. This trip down the coast was a part of the trip that I had was near perfect as I got in the air around nine o'clock.

were beautiful beaches. There were huge rock formations along the shore and out in the water. Mostly I flew just offshore and at a few hundred feet. Inland there were green luck! forests and sizeable hills serving as a backdrop. Again, vords don't do it justice.

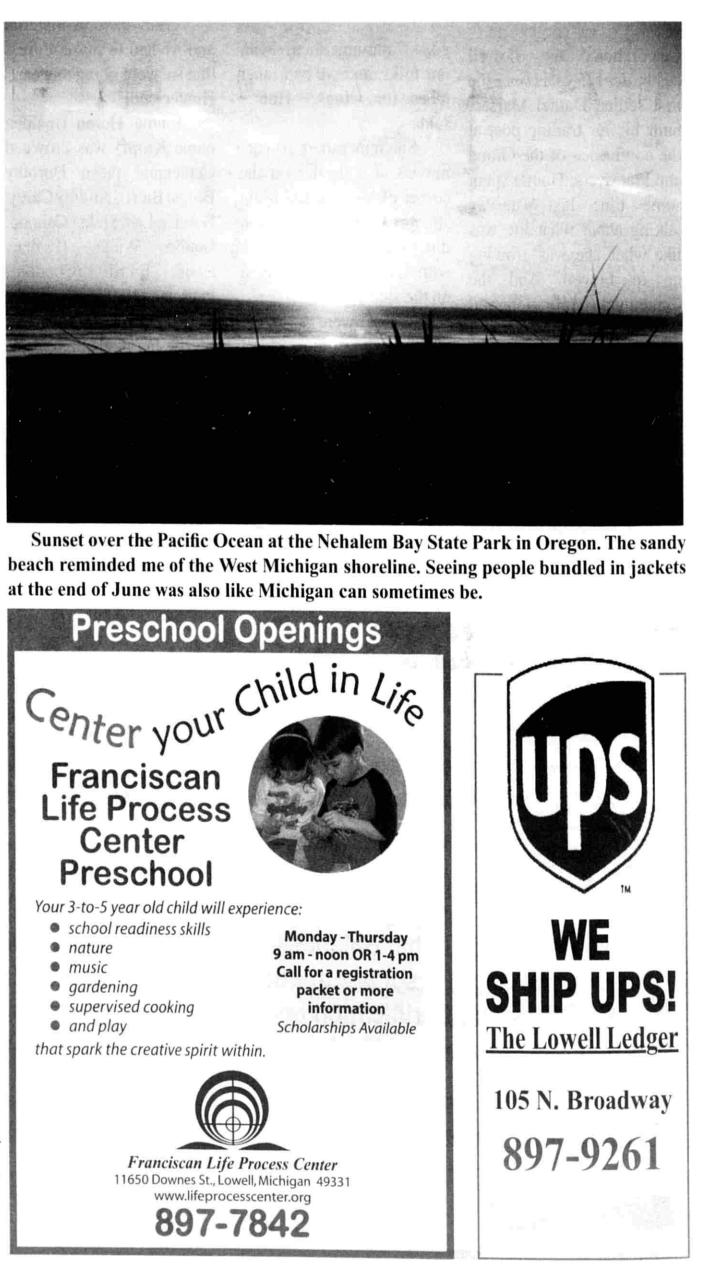
largely undeveloped Oregon coastline. I landed at Bandon, Railroad and start the trip home. Dregon, for fuel and a check on the weather up ahead. From the air it looked like some low scud was hanging over the ore further down the coast

Frank, at Frank's Flying Service was a big help. Judging from his age and the weathered and faded signage over his door, figured he'd know about flying the coast. He called buddy at Flight Service and the news was not good. The ceilings were down to 100 feet at some reporting stations up ahead. Worse,

Not even in the next day or two.

I made the executive decision to divert away from the coast and then head south down into California. I had planned been looking forward to as much as anything. The weather to visit the redwood forest and enjoy more of the coast. This was a major disappointment. On the plus side, I would fly The coastline was everything I had imagined. There VFR (Visual Flight Rules) fifteen straight days by the time this trip was over. This would be the only major weather issue I'd encounter. Ask any pilot ... that is amazingly good

I'm running way long again, and didn't get nearly as far as I'd hoped. Next week we'll get into California and For nearly 200 miles I flew and took in the beauty of this on to Sacramento. There we'll pick up the Transcontinental





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Making dressing at Litehouse Foods in Lowell

By Dan Schneider

informing the public about way, just with different barbecue sauce, and don't one of the major industries in spices. Tuesday, July 18, notice it anymore. Lowell, The Ledger presents the company was running a the following tale of Ranch dozen batches of its Original there for 15 years. dressing manufacturing at Ranch recipe. Litehouse Foods on Foreman Road ...

starts out in life, at least at one of the original Litehouse it hard to smell things after Litehouse Foods in Lowell, as buttermilk and canola oil.

oil with its own tanker truck Ranch dressing contains 15 he said. directly from the refinery in different ingredients. Seven Windsor, Ontario.

"It's a very healthy oil," Christoff said.

on site, mixed from powder. comes from China, for Litehouse uses 11.250 instance. gallons of buttermilk per week at the 1400 Foreman the northeast corner of the 24 hours. On July 18, the Road manufacturing facility. manufacturing plant in a spice crew was mixing up It's the main ingredient in room with white walls. The recipes for the next day's the company's two most air around that room carries Bleu Cheese run. The spice popular dressings: Ranch a wide variety of smells, crew measures out spices and Blue Cheese.

dressing. Most of them are Litehouse have acclimated For the purpose of made in about the same to air that smells about like

> "Red Cap Ranch." manufacturing manager dressings."

Each batch is 447 Litehouse gets its canola gallons. Each jar of Original could smell was horseradish," of them are spices.

The buttermilk is made world. Litehouse's garlic made.

averaging out to smelling according to a computerized Litehouse makes 20 about like barbecue sauce. different kinds of Ranch Most of the employees at

Alexander has worked

"When I started here, used to call it was all horseradish," Alexander said.

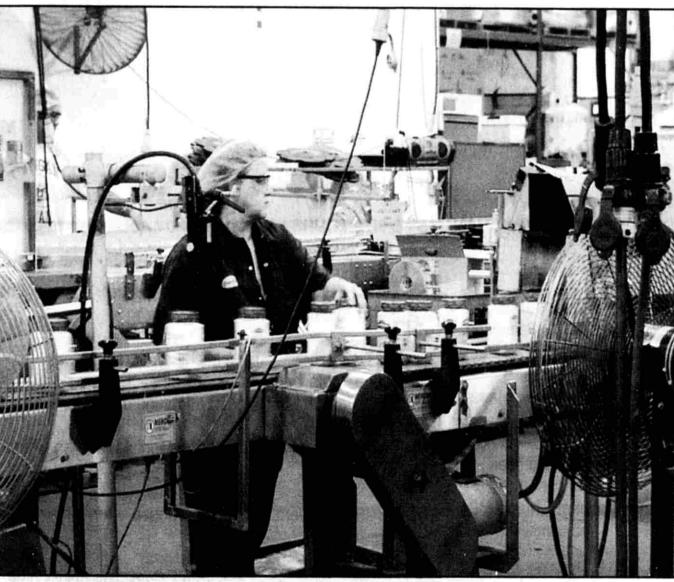
had That a more Ranch salad dressing Fred Alexander said. "It was noticeable smell. It made work.

"A lot of times all you

But the air is much less harsh there now, he said. On Spices get shipped in some days, the air smells like Litehouse co-owner Wendell from around the country. strawberries. That's when They originate around the strawberry glaze is being

> Spice mixing is done ahead of salad dressing Spices are mixed at production, usually by about

> > Dressing, cont'd., pg. 16



Joyce Sharp inspects full bottles of Ranch dressing.





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Litehouse Foods manufacturing manager Fred Alexander next to the spice racks in the Litehouse staging area.

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AUGUST

WED., AUG. 9: Planning for Trailway at Lowell City Offices at 6 p.m. Questions, call 897-5671.

THURS., AUG. 10: Free Bluegrass Music concert at fairgrounds during KCYF, 6 p.m. No Riverwalk concert this evening.

THURS., AUG. 10: Chinese dinner in Ionia at 4:30 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

SAT., AUG. 12: Lowell High School Class of 2001 5-year reunion at Fallasburg Park, 3-6 p.m. BYOB an a dish (hot dogs/hamburgs provided). At 9 p.m. meet at McFadden's Bar, RSVP: LHSClass2001@hotmail.com.

SAT., AUG. 19: Art Attack 4 at Lowell Area Arts Council, 6-11 p.m. \$35 per ticket. Call 897-8545/www.lowellartscouncil.org for more information.

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. Wil 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 Heigh 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.

neider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-5981. 897-9160.

TUES., AUG. 15: Shipshewana Flea Market, 8 a.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., AUG. 16: Burtram Slays music program, 12:45 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

SAT., AUG. 19: Lowell Class of 1986 reunion at the BOB. Questions, call 616-866-7276.

FRI., AUG. 25: Fundraiser for Jeni Rummelt, a paraplegic for stem cell procedure in Russia, at Monterey Center, Open 6:30: dinner 7. \$45each : \$75 couple by Aug. 18. Door prize ticket. 891-2994 o r 891-2928.

MON., AUG. 28: Master Mason degree in lodge room at Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main, Belding, 5 p.m. 1st section; dinner 6 p.m.; 2nd section 7 p.m.

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 .: New facility: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.gua-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.: 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

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.lowellartscouncil.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

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, Norh 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.

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.

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.

1ST & 3RD FRI .: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens/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. Call Pat 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.

Call 676-9346.

SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 2ND TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sch- School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30

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

3RD THURS .: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment.



NEW HUNTERS

It's a done deal. Two laws were recently passed that will make it easier for people to get started hunting for big and to 12 years old. The age for hunting small game anywhere providences. changed from 12 to 10 years old. The young hunter must be directly supervised by a licensed adult hunter. This means the adult must maintain visual and unaided auditory contact with the youth hunter at all times.

two years before completing a hunter safety education

course. The apprentice hunter must be supervised in the for our natural environment and wildlife-out of sight, out field by a licensed hunter 21 or older. The changes in of mind. Hunters, however, spend a lot of time outdoors and regulations should encourage youngsters and non-hunters to are aware of what is happening in the fields and forests. As give hunting a try. Those who develop a desire to continue a group, hunters also provide substantial funding through hunting will be motivated to make the commitment to earn a license fees and taxes to state and federal agencies for the hunter education certificate.

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take a hunter safety education course to continue to hunt. and volunteer services in support of wildlife conservation. These classes are listed on the DNR website at michigan. gov/dnr. Also, watch for notices in local newspapers and on about issues involving habitat acquisition and maintenance small game. One law lowers the age for hunting big game local television event schedules. This certificate is also valid and the management of game animals. I sat on the floor (deer, bear, and elk) with firearms on private land from 14 for obtaining hunting licenses in other states and Canadian (standing room only) at one of the public forums on deer

decreased despite increases in population. Our modern great number of critical issues, game and non-game wildlife lifestyle does not normally present opportunities for us could easily be overlooked without hunter support. Making to connect with wild places and the creatures that live it easier to experience small and big game hunting will The second law provides the opportunity to hunt for there. This estrangement can create a lack of public concern hopefully aid in the recruitment of new hunters.

Lacross youth program begins in Lowell



The Lowell YMCA learn, so our goal is to have has teamed up with Lowell Area Schools to create the volunteers," said Oakes. first-ever communitywide youth lacrosse program Area Schools varsity Park. for grades 1-4.

YMCA Lowell Sports and Recreation director Steve Oakes has interest in the game of recruited former Calvin College lacrosse player in our junior high and high for members and \$68 for Keith McClymonds to school programs." coordinate the YMCA

First-time participants in the spring lacrosse program included: Nick Vantil, Josh Skinner, Conner Meyers, Caleb Mast, Thomas Mahalic, Cole LeBarre, Noel Gunter, Jarrett Duimstra, Brock Creighton, Zachary Clark and Collin Bowers.

College News

Amanda Dykhuis, a further studies in Computer addition to her future goal 2002 graduate of Lowell Information High School, has recently graduated from Davenport University with High Honor. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration with a major of Accounting Information Management, a specialty of Public Accounting, and coursework in Internal Auditing. Her plans include pursuing

husband Floyd and once again enjoy water

walking at her local fitness club. Joyce

commented "I got the results I wanted quickly in

order to return home and I could see results daily

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purpose of protecting our natural resources. In addition, a Everyone who was born after January 1, 1960, must number of hunter organizations provide oversight, funding,

Hunters tend to be opinionated, passionate, and verbal management and listened to the concerns of a steady stream The number of licensed hunters in Michigan has of hunters. At a time when we as a society are faced with a

a small ratio of kids to

Eric Bredin, the Lowell lacrosse coach, said, "We expect this program to mirror the immense available so participants lacrosse that we have had Lacrosse clinics will

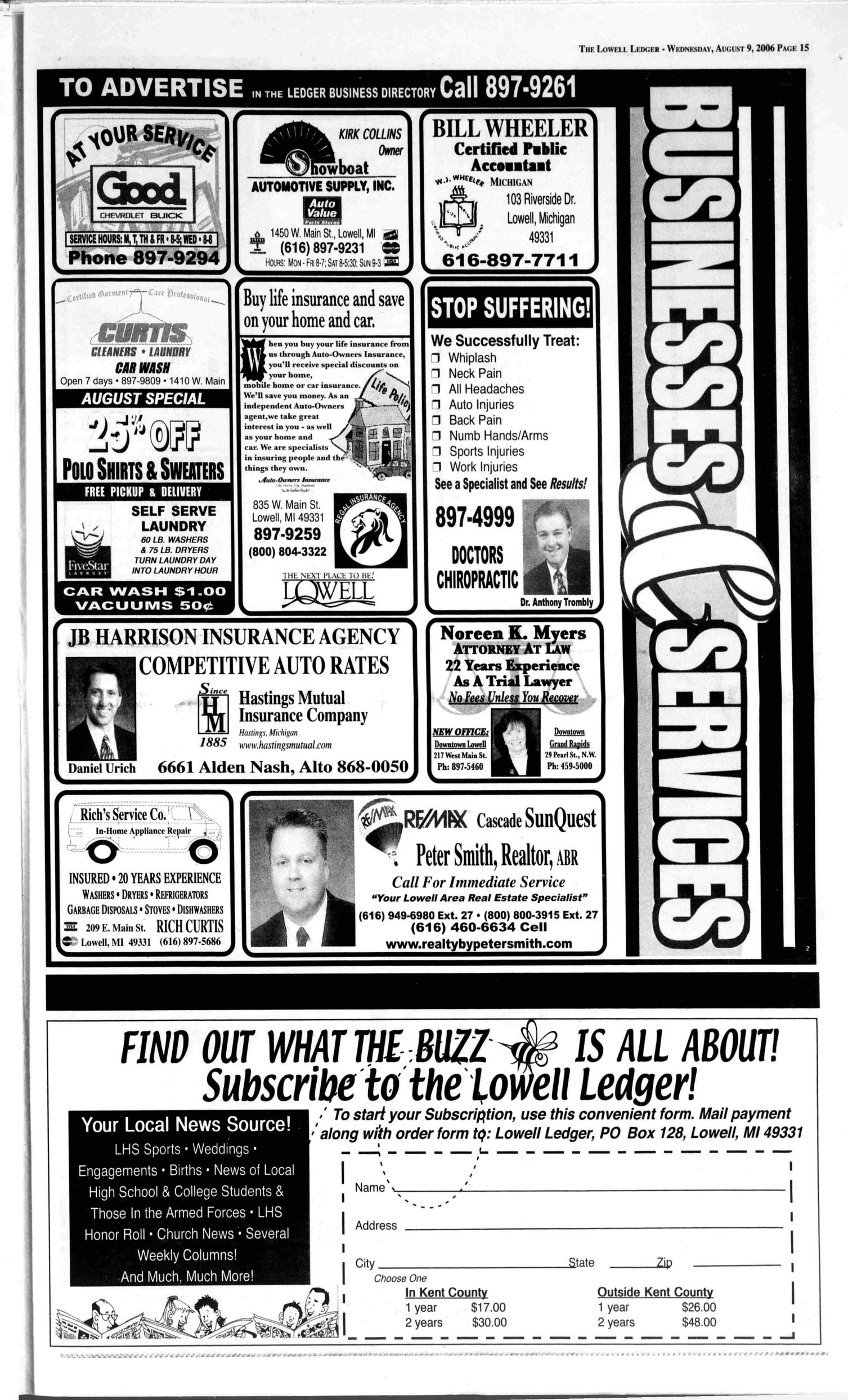
be offered this fall on "We want kids to Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 soakes@grymca.org.

p.m. and on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. Both classes (6) begin Sept. 12 and are held at Creekside

A limited supply of sticks and helmets are are encouraged to bring their own. Cost is \$36 non-members.

Formoreinformation call Oakes at 897-8445, or





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them in large, stainless steel resembling an egg beater. Then they measure the spices by weight into clear plastic bags.

The plastic bags of spices are piled into blue plastic barrels, loaded shelving units about two stories tall in the staging area. When the production line is ready to add spices to a batch of dressing, a forklift zips back to the racks, selects the right pallet, and brings it to the mixing station closer to the front of the plant.

Canola oil, stored in giant fiberglass silos, and buttermilk, mixed in a

printout recipe. They mix 3,000-gallon, stainless steel mixed, it heads through of pipes that snakes its way products in a staggering through the rafters. The variety of different packages, buttermilk moves through from the small plastic dishes insulated pipes at a constant in the middle of Sam's dressings.

> product, so it can't take any kind of abuse at all," Alexander said

> Oil are carefully metered into the vats to produce an immulsion. Three spinning paddle wheels mix oil, other buttermilk and ingredients.

vat, is already on the way another set of pipes to the tubs with rotating blades to the mixing station. It's bottling line. Litehouse carried in a complex network puts its dressings and other 38-degree temperature Club vegetable trays to 50because Litehouse does gallon drums--"That's for on pallets and racked on not add preservatives to its the people who really like ranch," Alexander said. "It's a no-preservative The different package sizes, multiplied by the number different products, of equal about 500 total store and buttermilk keeping units (SKUs). July 18, hundreds of 25-ounce jars were corralled at the beginning of the bottling

> Queued up between the metal rails of the conveyor Once the dressing is belt, the jars move through

a rotating plastic corkscrew while a machine encircles with labels. Then, them with a "shloop" noise, the filler machine dispenses 25 ounces of Original Ranch dressing into each jar.

A machine screws the lids on with 25 pound-feet of torque.

Jars go into boxes. Boxes are loaded on pallets. Pallets are wrapped in plastic and moved by forklift to the shelves in the refrigerated warehouse.

Usually, Litehouse products are stored in the warehouse a maximum of 13 days before they get loaded onto trucks and shipped all over the country and to provinces in Canada.

A complex network of pipes carries canola oil, buttermilk and other bulk ingredients to the mixing station on the production floor.





Above, Robert Anderson adds sour cream to a batch of Original Ranch salad dressing.

At left, Ray Hackman measures out ingredients for batch of Bleu dressing. Cheese are mixed Spices portioned out at least 24 hours in advance of salad dressing production.



Shaun Parker loads a pallet of Litehouse dressing



New spot to enjoy artwork while having a cup of java

By Dan Schneider

There is a new place to look at art in Lowell

it, it is also a place where that end, they already have too," Massey said. "So it's people can buy and drink regular art displays at the not totally altruistic, it's a cup of coffee. So it has now become a place where Commerce, the Huntington everybody else's back." people can buy a cup of Bank branch at 414 E. Main coffee and drink it while looking at art.

"David (Davis) and I building. just started talking about wanting to give artists an opportunity to show their work," said Voyages Coffee Shop owner Sterling it is a coffee shop is also Massey.

Davis organizes art exhibits for the Lowell Area Arts Council outside of the arts council's gallery

on South Hudson Street. provides changing decor for A major component of the the coffee shop. arts council's mission is to introduce art into people's amount of energy, talk, As luck would have daily lives in Lowell. To that will help Voyages out, Lowell Area Chamber of just everybody scratches Street, and the Lowell Area are works by Pravin and Schools

> shop has adequate wall space to display several pieces of art. The fact that beneficial for artists.

"We talked about this being a good space for is located at 307 E. Main receptions," Massey said. And the artists' work

"It creates a certain

Currently on the walls administration Arvind Sevak. Pravin's work consists of photographs Massey said his coffee while Arvind's includes paintings and prints.

> Following this exhibit will be watercolor and mixed media work by Dick Nosky and Jerry Teelander.

Voyages Coffee Shop Street.

Officers cracking down on drunk drivers during end-of-summer enforcement blitz

To ensure the safety of motorists taking advantage of summer's final travel weeks, law enforcement officers across Michigan are stepping up enforcement during a statewide drunk driving blitz.

From Aug. 18 through Sept. 4, more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies are participating in the You Drink & Drive. You Lose. drunk driving crackdown. This effort includes the Labor Day holiday weekend, which typically marks the end of summer.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is coordinating the enforcement effort by providing federal traffic safety funds to nearly 230 agencies in 55 counties to boost patrols in selected areas and by funding paid advertising to ensure widespread awareness of the crackdown

"No matter what you drive - a car, truck, SUV or motorcycle - if you're caught driving drunk, you will be arrested," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP division director. "Over the coming weeks, Michigan's law enforcement community will be out in force looking for and arresting drunk drivers."

During last year's Labor Day You Drink & Drive. You Lose. crackdown, more than 3,200 motorists were arrested for alcohol-related offenses.

In spite of the progress that has been made to reduce drunk driving, approximately 35 percent of all traffic fatalities in Michigan still involve alcohol and/or drugs. In 2005, 408 people died and 7,982 were injured in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes on Michigan roadways. Over the 2005 Labor Day holiday weekend, 14 people died in Michigan crashes. Five of those fatalities involved alcohol, according to the Michigan Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

Motorists are reminded that if they catch a buzz, they should catch a ride, because the penalties are not worth the risk. Those convicted of a first drunk driving offense face:

- Up to 93 days in jail
- Up to a \$500 fine
- Up to 360 hours of community service
- 6 points on a driver's license
- Up to 180 days' license suspension

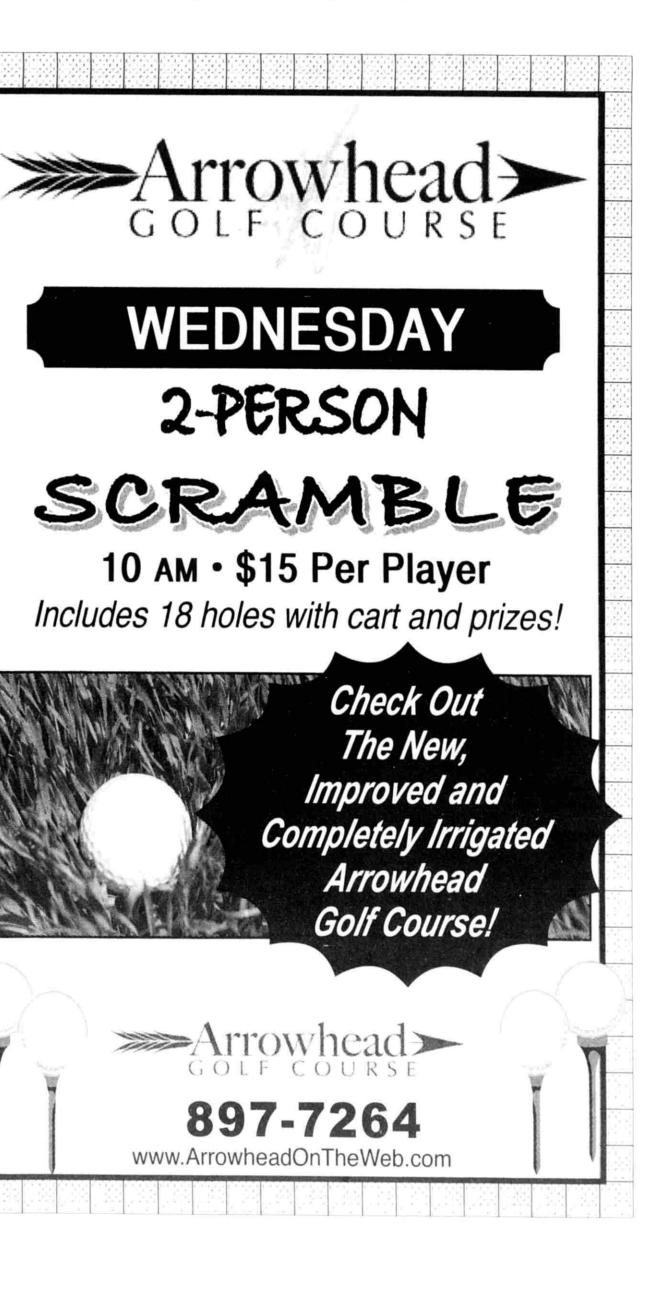
In addition, convicted drunk drivers will be subject to a \$1,000 fee for two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension.



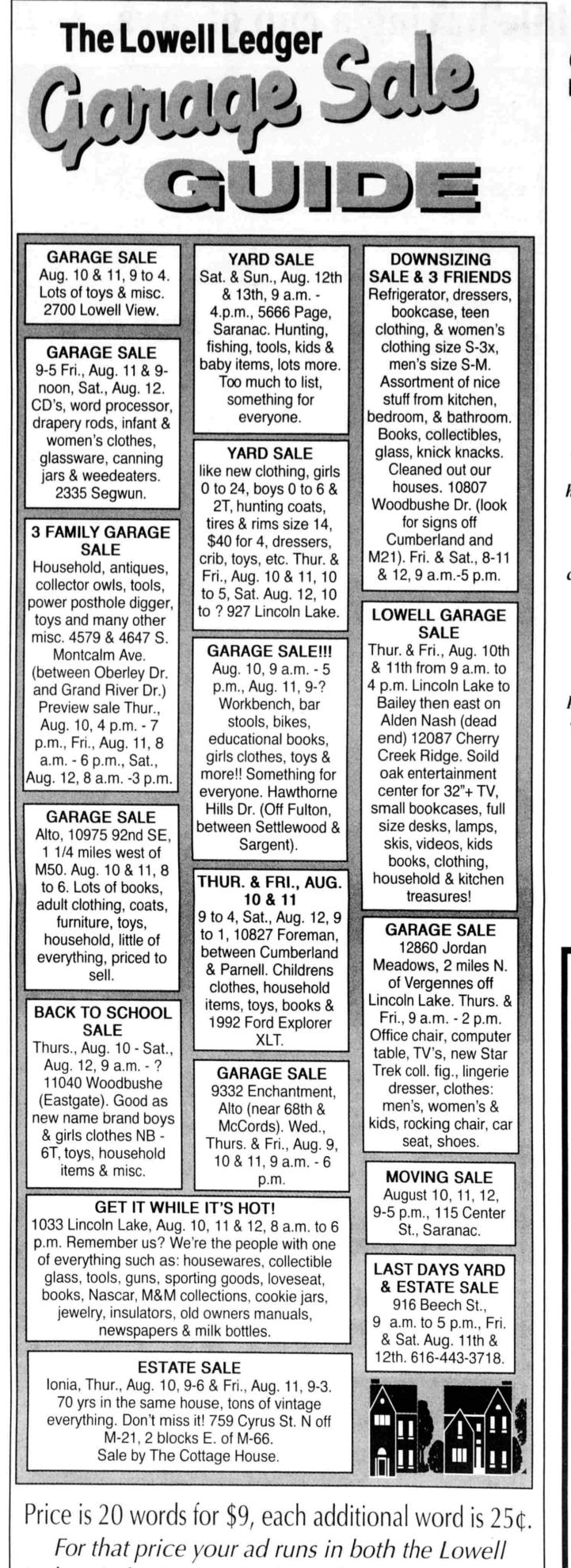




Artwork on the walls of Voyages Coffee Shop, a new place to see art in Lowell



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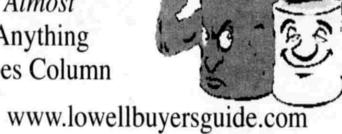
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Anything Goes Column



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Good Luck to all the participants in the Kent County Youth Fair!

Happy 17th Birthday, Rochelle! You still have four years on me! - Love, Whitney

I love See-More's column and info. Wish he was there every week! His parade sounds great!!

Why are the grocery prices so much higher here than at the same name stores in other locations?

Yes! I see people joyriding thru Key Heights with no helmets on, or with kids on their bikes with no protection !! This is not right!

Traci for doingsuch a great job in the car shows! Wile E. Coyote is happy to give you trophies! Now let's go boating! - Love, your sisters!

To the 60-year-old lady in Meijer that had to make a huge scene when my 10-year-old son accidently bumped your cart, I feel sorry for any children you had.

Isn't there some kind of city ordinance that you have to keep your trees trimmed so they don't hang so low over the sidewalk? I try to take a walk with my kids and we have to walk in the street.

CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331

The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following variance request:

242 S. Hudson (northwest corner of S. Hudson and Grand) - Donald and Connie Reedy wish to split a lot so that an additional home can be built. The property, which has an existing home, is 101.64' x 132'. In order to be split (R-3 zoning), 132 feet of width is necessary. The parcel lacks over 30 feet, thus a variance has been requested.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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Congrats Wayne and

To the comment about our city taxes going down. You've got to

be kidding right they will probably raise them to pay for all the workers and equipment they used to cut down the trees.

To people who would spend all their money on a new car instead of needed items just to impress someone. Do you really think they like vou or vour car?

When is the LPD going to cite people who park at the "No parking anytime" sign at the corner of Main and Jefferson!!!???

- a resident of Jefferson

In 1999, DeVos provided his yacht to Tom DeLay for a fundraiser which was attended by convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Can we trust the yachting buddy of Delay and Abramoff to be our governor?

The Circus came to town in June, why are some posters advertising it still up? Looks pretty tacky if you ask me! Whoever put them up should be responsible for taking them down!

Gas was \$3.03 in Lowell on Monday, but went to Alticor gas station (employee) and the gas in Ada was \$3.18. Should we call Granholm? LOL ! Wish I would have stayed in Lowell. But I will from now on.

Shame on you that poor farmers can't even trust people to leave money and they just take produce. How would you like to work in that hot sun?

Free bluegrass music concert at the fairgrounds Thursday night at 6 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the fair and the music.

Leave the mourning doves alone and let's start shooting all the Canadian geese that are ruining the water at Stoney Lake.

small ads

FOR SALE

SPECIAL ON POTTED TREES - 5 ft. Norway Spruce, \$25. Call 616-761-7588.

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - Previously experienced all in perfect condition -

Titleist & Precept, \$6 per doz.; Pinnacle & Nike, \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz. or 3 doz. for \$10,. Many other brands also. Call 897-1355.

1999 DODGE DURANGO SLT - 7 pass., leather, tow pkg., 117,000 miles, \$6,200 obo. Call 874-1882.

MATTRESSES - Back to school mattress "Sale" All sizes. All new. Large selection. "Good sleep improves grades." Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

ABEAUTIFULFULLSIZED PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - In plastic, w/deluxe frame. Cost \$800, sacrifice for \$250. Call 616-366-2709.

BED A VISCO TEMPUR-PEDIC - style mattress set. Total support, relieves back pain. 20-year warranty. Store price \$1899, will sell \$899. Never used. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

CHIHUAHUAPUPPIES-8 weeks old, black & tan short hair. Will be about 8 lbs. full grown. No papers, \$350. Cash only. 868-7018.

WOODED ACREAGE! Private 3-6 acre build sites. Saranac schools. Located on Pinckney & Rickert. West Michigan Real Estate, 897-0530.

AIR BED - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Harmony 5000 pillowtop set. Dual chambers. Digital number remote. Never used. Mall price \$1799, sell \$1099. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188.

SHELTIE PUPPIES - Miniature Collies, beautiful & intelligent, shots, wormed & dews. Baird's 897-9081.

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

FIREWOOD - Cut, split & delivered, 95% oak, \$170 per cord, 6 cords or more \$165 a cord. 616-984-5419.

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

BOAT MOTORS - 3 hp, \$200; 3.5 hp, \$350; 2.5 like new, \$425; 51/2, \$300; 15 \$275; all guaranteed. 540-0540.

OLIVER 88 ROW CROP - gas, wide front end. excellent shape, runs good. 1953, original metal, 3 point hitch, brush hog, back blade, rear scoop, chains. \$5,500. Call 897-5157 between 4 & 9 p.m.

FOR SALE

SEALY, SIMMONS, SERTA BEDDING - Blemished, still wrapped, mismatched. Save 70% off sticker. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

BUNK BEDS - Back to school special! From \$99. All wood. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

SARATOGA-1987, 14x70, 2 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, fully loaded, central heating & air, porch, shed, hot tub, etc., \$2,500 plus \$1,500 extra, moveable Phone Lowell, 616-897-7198.

BOATS - 12 ft. V, mint \$325, \$375, extras; 10 ft. flat, \$225; boat trailer, Shorelander galvanized, \$300. Call 540-0540.

HAS LOWELL GOTTEN TOO BIG - and busy for you? House for sale in the quiet village of Clarksville. Only 12 miles to Lowell or 20 minutes to 28th Street. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, nice home, low utilities & taxes. Only \$119,900. 897-3120.

APPLIANCES - refrigerators, stoves, washers rienced Retail Assistant & warranteed from \$69. Delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 315 N. Lansing, St. Johns, 989-224-4822

MOBILEHOMEFORSAL - 14x70, w/21x7 expando. very spacious, open floor plan. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, on beautiful corner lot in Key Heights. \$9,000. Call eves. 897-6283 or 485-3475.

BEDS * BEDS * BEDS Year end closeout "Sale" All 2006 styles must go at reduced prices. All sizes. Large selection. No bait & switch fake pillowtops or used hotel. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

BIRDS FOR SALE - Mookees, great for pets or show. Quiet & friendly, medium sized, keep inside or outside. \$30 each or 2 for \$45. 616-897-8779.

STOP * STOP * STOP -Don't send your student to school to sleep on someone elses "used " mattress. Brand new sets on "Sale" at RCD wholesale. Save over 50% off the retail store TV prices. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

FOR SALE - Brand new Mongoose, 20 inch 7 speed boys bike, never been used. \$60. Call 897-8883.

WIDER PRO 208 - weigh bench, multi functional with leg station & squat, with professional bar & weights, \$400; Weslo Cadence 935 electric treadmill with pulse meter \$200; Image 5.2 multi station workout unit. has everything, must see, \$800; assorted free weights or curl bar \$50, Ranch King lawn tractor, 42" deck with trailer & grass catcher. \$400. Call 897-8591 til p.m. or 299-7882 after 2 for many other light indusp.m.

FOR SALE

SHELTIE PUPPIES - Miniature Collies, beautiful & intelligent, shots, wormed & dews. Baird's 897-9081. 1995 L2900 KUBOTA

TRACTOR - 4X4 with loader unit, 29 hp, 942 hours, new paint, excellent condition, \$10,500 obo, 616-293-2237 or 868-0847.

FOR SALE - Window air conditioner \$50; large dog carrier \$50; 897-8022.

AFUTON SOFABED - Never used, w/nice Simmons mattress. Must sell. \$195. Call 616-366-2709.

3 PIECE NAVY BLUE SEC-TIONAL - couch w/dual recliner, good condition. \$250 obo. Call 616-987-4402.

HELP WANTED

ASSISTANT STORE MAN-AGER - Seeking an expe-& dryers. Reconditioned Store Manager for our bedrooms, 2 baths. \$900/ Ionia location. Experience mo. Available now. 897in Retail Management required. Must be avail able to work various shifts including nights & weekends. Competitive wages w/bonus incentives. You may apply in person at 238 Steele, Ionia, MI 48846 or send a resume by email to employment@goodwillgr org or fax HR at 616-532

> THE GRATTAN TOWN-SHIP TREASURER IS SEEKING - a qualified person to assume the vacant position of Deputy Treasurer part time for 20 hours per week, Monday through Thursday. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. An applicant must obtain an application at the Township Office to include with their resume, and send to: Grattan Township (attn: Sabrina) 12050 Old Belding Road NE, Beldina. MI 48809 or stop in and fill out an applica tion with your resume at the Township Office. The deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 17, 2006.

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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.

GENERAL LABOR - Accepting Applications for all shifts. Apply at Phoenix Personnel, 615 Chatham or call 897-7881.

LOOKING FOR - Experienced Mig/Tig Welders! Long-term and full-time opportunities. Please apply at Axios, 2031 South State Street, Ionia, MI 48846, 616-522-0500. Also hiring trial positions.

HELP WANTED - Activity assistant, part-time. Apply Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell.

WANTED

WANTED WALNUT TREES - for timber. Call Savers Tree Service, Ionia, MI, 616-527-4142.

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FREE

1992 FORD F-250 4x4 with snow plow, low miles good condition, \$4,900 obo. 897-5426 or cell 581-5265.

897-6050.TEN HOUSE FOR RENT - on 3 acres in the country, near Murray Lake Elementary, 3 0686

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.TFN WATER FRONT COTTAG-ES - completely furnished (including air) on chain of 12 lakes. Free use of boats 70 miles N. of Lowell. Call Ron 616-897-5062. FOR RENT - Morrison Lake, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, fireplace. Available

9/5. \$950 + utilities. 517-648-4632. 2 BEDROOM DUPLEX N. Center St. No pets. \$550/mo. + gas & electric.

Call 252-5611. APARTMENT FOR RENT 1+ bedroom, \$475 plus utilities. 897-1160.

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Stoneridge Apts., 1-866 443-3098. www.wmpmon line.com.

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deals

HELP WANTED

FREE - Rottweiler mix, 1 year old, great with kids, loves people. 676-1025.



FLATRIVER ATV RENT-ALS - 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.

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call

before they are gone! Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom house with 2 stall garage in the country close to

FOR RENT

expressway, no smoking on premises, no pets. Cal 897-8198. FOR RENT - 5 bedroom

farmhouse, w/fenced in vard. \$675/mo. + utilities. Call 897-7347.

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

SERVICES

SHIP UPS AT THE LED-GER OFFICE - Daily pickup at 3:30 p.m. We cannot accept hazardous materials or firearms. Compare our prices! Call for a price quote! We will need weight, zip code & dimensions for a price quote over the phone. 105 N. Broadway. 897-9261.

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

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Fax 897-4809

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

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SERVICES

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.

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

DAYCARE LOOKING FOR PLAYMATES - full time openings starting late August. Call Shelley at 897-

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

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. TEN

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