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Signs in storage after successful senior millage election

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Senior happy after results came in from last Tuesday's primary election.

The Kent County senior millage renewal and increase, which funds county-wide programs that support senior citizens, passed by a wide margin. County-wide, 74 percent of voters were in favor of the millage. The .33 mill tax (33 cents per \$1,000 of taxable real and personal property value) supports the Lowell Senior Center among other programs.

"We're very happy that it passed," center coordinator Marcia Roth said. "That

means that we can still provide the transportation and keep the center open, all the centers open."

Roth said without the millage, Senior Neighbors would have had to close all

but two of the seven senior centers it operates countywide. The center in Lowell provides seniors with a place to socialize, gather for daily lunches, and transportation to doctors' appointments



After the passage of the Kent County Senior Millage last Tuesday, the Lowell Senior Center put its roadside signs in the garage for storage.

and other activities. It also delivers 200 meals weekly to shut-in seniors.

"A note of gratitude to the rest of the community who voted for it," said Philip Rice, who was eating lunch at the center, Monday. "It was almost a three-toone vote, very close to it, so we got a lot of support, apparently."

Locally, 76 percent of voters supported the measure in the city of Lowell, 72 percent in Lowell Charter Township, 68 percent in Vergennes Township, and 63 percent supported the senior millage in Bowne Township.

Sandra Frost unopposed for Republican nomination commissioner. Dennis Brown ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

Incumbent fifth district commissioner Jack Horton did not run for re-election to that office, instead choosing to run for county drain commissioner. He received 15 percent of the vote in the Republican primary. William Byl won the Republican nomination with 30 percent of the vote. Brian McKay won the Democratic nomination unopposed. Horton was the highest vote-getter in three of the five municipalities comprising his county commission district: the city of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township and Vergennes Township. Tom Postmus won the most votes in for fifth district county Vergennes Township. Byl Democratic won the most votes in

Cascade Township, the most populated municipality in the fifth county commission district.

Helen Brinkman won the election for 17th Circuit Court Judge. She won the most votes in the city of Lowell and in Vergennes, Lowell Bowne and townships.

Running unopposed, Dave Hildenbrand won the Republican nomination 86th for district state house of representatives. Also unopposed, Melissa M. Casalina won the Democratic nomination.

In the state senate primary, Bill Hardiman won the 29th district Republican nomination unopposed. David LaGrand won the nomination unopposed.

Juggling entertainment on the Riverwalk Plaza Monday night

By Dan Schneider

juggled hoops, clubs, balls, things around the house. Even eggs.

"I actually didn't drop any for quite some time, but

then I dropped one," Gerard said. "But it was outdoors so it didn't make a mess."

Gerard, the 16-year-old founder of the Lowell Area Juggling Club, has been juggling for about three years. Monday evening, he was juggling with his father,

Lowell Area Juggling Club founder Kevin Gerard, left, juggles clubs while his younger brother, Josh Gerard juggles balls.

Tim, and younger brother, Josh, and other members of the club under the large tree next to Englehardt Library.

Gerard started the Lowell club in January "mostly because I'd been part of a club up in Greenville which wasn't working out because of scheduling, but I really wanted to still be part of a club so I started my own."

Membership currently stands at 10, with members coming from Alto, Ada, Greenville and Clarksville in addition to Lowell. The club is always looking for more participants. There are no dues or fees. Any skill level is welcome, but the club asks that prospective members be 12 years of age or older.

The club has already juggled several community events around the including town, Riverwalk Festival in July. In May, they traveled to the Ann Arbor Juggling Festival and in April, they performed for residents at Cumberland Manor in Lowell.

The club meets biweekly Mondays from 7 to 8:30



Gail Franklin of Alto played an Irish waltz on the Riverwalk Plaza Monday evening. Franklin took six years of violin lessons as a child and took the instrument up again seven years ago, playing both classical and Irish musical styles. Franklin likes to play outside, which she did Monday while her husband practiced juggling nearby with the Lowell juggling club. "I thought if they're going to juggle, I'm going to take advantage," Franklin said. "Any time I can play, I take it with me." Franklin also plays with the Thornapple River Band. Their next gig is this weekend at the Danish Festival in Greenville.

p.m. in the community room at Englehardt Library.

When weather permits, the meeting is held outside. The next meeting is Sept.

Call 897-9879 about membership. The club's web site is www.freewebs. com/lowelljugglingclub..



School's memorial deck dedicated

By Dan Schneider

Lowell High School Scott Tuesday for the dedication of a student memorial at the high school.

the school building, the at Lowell High School. memorial consists of a deck overlooking woods and Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, and a red granite monument. eight-month project headed family in our community The monument bears the by the class of 2006 student who could be comforted by

2006, which lost class member Austin Lancaster to a car accident in 2004. organized the memorial's construction as a parting gift to the school. Unfortunately, the class of 2006 is not the only LHS class to have lost a classmate before graduation in recent years.

"We have certainly experienced more than our share of student tragedy

recently," LHS principal honor all the people, those "Therefore, the question of not just the students," Miles how do you tastefully and said respectfully honor your

attended the dedication accessible any time. ceremony, which capped an indicated to 2006 class Vashaw said. president Nikita Miles that the memorial will be valued be raised to landscape the by the community.

all the hard work in trying to making a donation.

Vashaw said, students, it was impacting

When a couple she did not recognize placed a pair lists of roses at the foot of the no names in order to be monument at the dedication. inclusive of all students who it reinforced that feeling, have died before graduation Miles said. Vashaw hopes that feeling will continue Close to 30 people at the memorial, which is

"We hope that any council. The attendance visiting the site will do so,

Funds still need to memorial. Contact the high "It just made me feel like school for information about

This monument is located at the base of an observation deck, designed to be a reflective place, at Lowell High School. The memorial in memory of LHS students who died before graduation, was dedicated last Tuesday.



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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With continuing un- us protect them at the pump certainty in the retail gasoline market, state officials remind Michigan consumers that they can play an important role in documenting higher than expected gas prices and helping state officials protect their pocketbooks at the pump.

"We've had a number aid investigators if prices or of reports from concerned citizens stating gas prices are a dollar or more above the state average. Our each claim; however, we said Mitch Irwin, director hard work, and the active of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). will help ensure that we are "Michigan citizens can help protecting everyone."

During the current year, MDA has by gathering evidence when nearly doubled the number they see this occurring." of inspectors. They have encouraged citizens to take a photo of the inspected more than 11,000 roadside sign or gas pump pumps and addressed each if they believe gouging is of the 2,100 complaints

or the receipt from the Motorists can help purchase, can significantly increase their protection by making sure the price pump settings have changed display on the gas pump is set to zero before the pump "Our inspectors are starts and verifying that the on the streets seven days sign on the roadway matches inspectors are investigating a week, 24 hours a day the price on the pump ensuring consumers are before fueling. MDA also getting what they pay encourages consumers to for," said Irwin. "Their improve their fuel economy by controlling the factors participation of consumers. that burn more fuel such as keeping your engine tuned, avoiding aggressive driving and speeding.

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Stagger returns to perform on the Riverwalk this week

The Lowell Showboat formedamusical partnership Chevy Street Team will Sizzlin' Summer Concerts Stagger" this Thursday along the Riverwalk.

Jimmie Stagger's blues odyssey began in 1965 when he bought his first guitar. He founded the Wealthy Street Sheiks in 1970. The group was dedicated to the performance and preservation of the old time, "back porch" and "juke joint" styles. Later, Stagger

By Dan Schneider

Lowell

Pennsylvania.

hovercrafts this year.

play host to a gathering of

with the legendary guitarist songwriter Frank and Salamone. It was during this time that he met the string-band blues master Carl Martin. Developing his talents on the mandolin, fiddle and bottleneck guitar, he returned to his original love of the electric guitar and established the Jimmie Stagger Band in 1980.

Also at this concert the Grand Rapids WGRD

A group of hovering Grand Rapids and points east on an aircraft on the cover

builders don't mind showing

It's been a good year

park their Chevy Cobalt on the Riverwalk along with an Equinox and HHR. Visitors will be able to check out these vehicles and register for free giveaways like frisbees, glowsticks, and downloadable photos ... plus register to win a brand new Chevy Cobalt.

It should be a great time Aug. 17 from 7-9 p.m. along the Riverwalk.

may have a few more than for Bender since the last elements from a diesel truck

poker run and cruises to of his design will be featured a better system.

year," Bender said.

enthusiasts is holding a on the Grand River. But like of the September issue of and it's been the best

rally on the banks of the last year, there will be ample Ultraflight magazine. He improvement I've made to

Grand River at the Lowell time to see the hovercrafts in also perfected a prototype it," he said. "At full-throttle,

Fairgrounds Aug. 26 and action near the boat launch exhaust system for his it makes one decibel more

27. The event is likely at the fairgrounds. Like any hovercraft's lift motor, the than the factory Briggs and

to draw crafts and their craftsmen proud of their motor at the front end of the Stratton did at idle."

Activities include a ultralight aircraft component motorcycle exhaust to make

Lowell hovercraft rally. An exhaust and a 1972 Honda

"The lift engine had hovercraft rally in June,

quite a noisy exhaust last Bender's was the quietest

he combined at full throttle.



Hovercraft rally coming back to Lowell

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

SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

openings for 3-5 year olds Monday - Thursday, 9-noon

ART ATTACK 4

or 1-4 p.m. Call 897-7842. Scholarships available.

Franciscan Life Process Center Preschool has

concert at the Riverwalk this Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

Jimmy Stagger (blues) will highlight the summer

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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).

DEDICATION AT MEMORIAL STADIUM

The dedication ceremony for Perry Field and the LHS wall of honor will take place Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. prior to the Red Arrow home football opener.

FUNDRAISER FOR JENI

Jeni Rummelt, paralyzed from an auto accident, will have a fundraiser at the Monterey Center, 6661 Alden Nash, on Friday, Aug. 25 to cover costs for a stem cell procedure in Russia. Starts at 6:30; dinner at 7. Donation: \$45/\$75 couple by Aug. 18. \$50 person at door. Tickets at Solid Impact Fitness or Monterey Grille. Make checks payable to Help Jeni Walk. Call 891-2994 or 891-2928.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club meeting will be held Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the high school stadium at the concession stand. Regular meeting; then concession training for new parent reps.

LHS TEXTBOOK SCHEDULE

Students will pick up textbooks, locker assignment, picture packet in high school media center. 10-12th graders w/last name A-K: Mon., Aug. 28, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.; 10-12th graders w/last name L-Z Tues., Aug. 29, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. ??? call 987-2900.

9TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Smart Start for LHS is Wednesday, Aug. 30. Students with last name A-K meet 9-11 a.m.; those with last name L-Z meet 1-3 p.m. Bring Lifetouch picture form. Cost of ID card: \$1.00, ??? 987-2900.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

LHS new student orientation is Thursday, Aug. 31, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. For 10-12th graders new to the district. ???, call 987-2900.

COLLECTION OF ACRYLICS AND PASTELS

Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes, will have a collection of acrylics and pastels by artist-inresidence Nancy Lisżewski, Aug. 27- Sept. 30, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; weekends by appointment. A two-day workshop by Liszewski on "Portraits from Life" will be Sept. 15-16. Call 897-7842.

LIFE FEST AT FLPC

Travel back through time to the medieval world of St. Francis and St. Claire at the 18th annual LIFE fest on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Franciscan Life Process Center. Delicious cuisine, music and a new kind of "bidding" experience. Tickets are \$60 per person. For more info.

Perry Field dedication ceremony August 25

questions from locals.

builders from as far away as creations, the hovercraft craft

"I had a real good off their crafts and answering

last year, even."

A ceremony dedicating recognize High School honor wall will be held at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium Friday, first varsity home football

response so far," said rally

organizer Don Bender. "We

contributions to Lowell

Perry Field and the Lowell who have made great wall, installing a new "Red Arrow Memorial Stadium" names Bob Perry and Kathy stadium parking lot, and a Aug. 25 before the season's Talus will be the first to "Perry Field" sign on the

athletics. Plaques with the sign at the entrance to the branch in Lowell. For more

individuals the cost of constructing the be made to the Bob Perry County National Bank information, contact Robin

"It's been on all year

At this year's national

craft, registering 79 decibels

adorn the wall. Donations scoreboard. Donations can game. The honor wall will are still being sought to cover

Second annual golf outing will benefit stadium

By Dan Schneider

Keiser's Kitchen Golf Outing will be held Aug. 28 at Quail Ridge Golf Course.

The event is a fundraiser to Red Arrow Memorial

"We're just trying to get school such as the lacrosse annual something started to put turf team and marching band are on the field," said Keiser's not allowed to play games or owner and golf outing run drills on the field. The organizer Blair Cahoon.

the field would open it up to to keep the natural grass more use, Cahoon explained. in good enough shape for Currently, groups at the high football games.

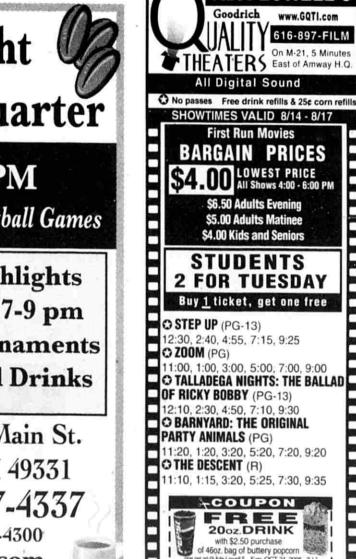
reason is that wear and tear Putting synthetic turf on would make it too difficult

"As much as I enjoy football, it's probably the least of the reasons (for switching to turf)," Cahoon said. "It's all the other sports that don't get to use it." Golf outing, cont'd., pg. 4



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With Nancy Hopkins **Board of Education President**

Many parents have never missed a back-to-school night or a parent-teacher conference, but there are other things we need to remember as the new school year approaches.

Lowell Area Schools encourages parents to be involved in their children's education, so feel free to speak up and ask

the ones who benefit. Sometimes the biggest contribution how much you should help. comes from outside the classroom such as volunteering to arrange a field trip or organizing a fundraiser.

Twice-a-year conferences are not your only opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher. If you have any questions or concerns call you child's teacher. Lowell teachers also have email and voice mail making it easier to keep the channels of communication open.

Homework is a way to practice what's been taught during the day. It also can reveal how well your child understands what's being covered long before report cards

teachers how you can volunteer your time. When you share 'appear. Ask your child's teacher about homework policies, your time and talent with your child's class, the kids are including how long homework should take each night and

An established bedtime, nutritious meals and snacks and a family schedule that is not in overdrive will also contribute to your child's success in school.

The first day of the school year is Tuesday, Sept. 5. The Board of Education is looking forward to continued partnering with the Lowell community to insure the success of every child during the 2006-07 school year.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com.

School board looking toward start of school year

By Dan Schneider

of the Lowell Area Schools board of education, the last meeting before the start of here. the 2006-2007 school year, superintendent Greg Pratt established curriculum as an important area of focus for the district.

"One of the main topics for tomorrow will be how we are going to work to fill the hole from when Mark Kasmer left," Pratt said, referring to an administrator meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday.

district might not need distributed the large foam develop walking routes for to hire another assistant superintendent, it needs presentation seeking LAS someone in central office involvement in the parade 11 pilot schools that helped dedicated to curriculum.

"We might be looking

There really are a lot of ways At Monday's meeting to get the curriculum work done," Pratt said. "That's the backbone of why we're transportation

the future while also fulfilling of Transportation and the the roles of superintendent and technology director for Physical Fitness, Health

the distribution of red noses to all of the school board

He said while the Lowell clown parade, clown noses during a students. Oct. 14. School board establish the program. The president Nancy Hopkins elementary's participation

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for a curriculum director. said the board would discuss ways it could get involved in the near future.

operations Larry Mikulski He said he could not presented a plaque to Cherry give curriculum as much Creek Elementary from attention as it will require in the Michigan Department Governor's Council on and Sports. The plaque The meeting began with recognized Cherry Creek for being one of the early participants in the statewide Safe Routes to School Thompson, program. The program is chairman of the upcoming designed to help school districts and communities

Cherry Creek was one of

helped in the development elected Grandville Public of a handbook to be used by Schools board of education school districts statewide.

also an- the Region 3 representative LAS director of nounced that the district will to the Michigan Association apply this fall for federal of School Boards. grants to make sidewalk. signage and traffic flow for finance and personnel improvements to enhance Connie Gillette reported pedestrian access to Cherry there was no news from

On behalf of Lowell \$210 per pupil increase Rotary Club, Jim White in the state's foundation presented LAS media allowance. LAS is also specialist Christine Beachler hoping to receive a \$30 per with a check for \$10,000 to pupil equity payment to buy books for the libraries in bring its funding closer to each of the district's school districts like Forest Hills, buildings. The Rotary Club which retained a higher perraised the money through a pupil rate after Proposal A \$5,000 matching grant from became law. The district the Lowell Area Community also hopes to get additional Fund, donations from LAS funding that has been Family Links groups and the proposed to support middle Alto PTO, a donation from school math and science the Alto Lions Club, and teaching in the state. Rotary's own fundraising

The board unanimously al-lowance is up to \$6,875

per pupil. The proposed increases would raise LAS's funding about president Steve Zinger to be \$70,000 over its projected budget for the 2006-2007 school year.

> Gillette expects good results from the district's annual audit.

"It was good news, it was a very good audit and thank you to the staff who worked so hard on that. They did a great job," she said.

Pratt reported on some facility upgrades currently underway in the district. New tilework is being completed at the high school and middle school.

The track at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium is getting resurfaced. The new track surface should be in place by the first football game Aug. 25, though the striping might not be done by then, Pratt said.

Golf outing, cont'd. ... From Page 3

After last year's in-

crease, Lowell's foundation

Assistantsuperintendent

the state about a proposed

raised about \$10,000 and said, but he hopes the effort Memorial Stadium can also Cahoon hopes for the same will attract the attention of be made through the "Tee It this year. He concedes that some larger donors. is a modest start toward but at least it is a start.

Last year, the event else gets behind it," Cahoon artificial turf at Red Arrow

The golf event is a 1:30 Ionia County National Bank the estimated \$600,000 it p.m. shotgun start. The cost would cost to put artificial is \$85 per person for 18 turf on the field at Red holes of golf and a prime rib Arrow Memorial Stadium, dinner. Hole sponsorships are available. Anyone can "It would be a slow road purchase one for \$125. to go this way if nobody Donations in support of

Up for Turf" account at the branch in Lowell.

For more information or to sign up for the golf outing, contact Cahoon at

- Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious.

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Before I begin writing these Stearman trip episodes each week I glance over the VFR sectional charts used during my trip. A green highlighter line shows my intended course. Leaving Bandon, Oregon, there is a second green line. The original simply follows the Pacific coastline to the south. The second angles to the southeast and away from the fogged-in shoreline. If I had any part of the trip to do over, I would hunker down in Bandon and wait for the fog to clear.

Don't get me wrong, the flight out of Bandon was beautiful. This was Oregon logging country as you would imagine it. There are sizeable mountains, some approaching 8,000 feet. The mountains are covered with lush green forests and divided by rushing streams. I kept urging the Stearman skyward from a near sea level departure to get up and over some downright rugged terrain. Flying this antique, I'm always on the lookout for emergency landing spaces. There weren't many good options in this neck of the woods.

At Ashland, Oregon, I headed almost due south and the 14,162 ft. snow-capped Mt. Shasta was coming into view. Somewhere along this leg I crossed over into California. I chose a little airport at Montague, California, as a fuel stop. It was only midafternoon but I had also selected Montague because of the "camping on the field" line in my airport directory. Having left the Pacific behind, I was now heading back east. I guess some of the wind was gone from my sails and I didn't feel the need to log three and four long legs each day.

Montague was a great choice. A retired couple ran the F.B.O. and couldn't have been more gracious. They had a crude but functional bunkhouse set up for itinerant

pilots. For \$15.00 I had a bed in an air-conditioned room, an outdoor shower and even a washer and dryer. I put in a load of wash and took the courtesy junker to town for a really good meal. That evening I put on a pot of coffee and watched the setting sun change the colors on Mt. Shasta. It wasn't a campsite in the redwood forest on the coast, but this was still pretty nice. Yup, I had put the California sticker on my corny map.

The next morning had me heading south to Sacramento where I'd intersect the Transcontinental Railroad route for By

A couple in a Beechcraft Bonanza had also spent the Lussmyer night in Montague. I told them they could have the other bed in the bunkhouse ... if they didn't get kinky. They camped on the lawn. Being Californians, they advised me to take a more scenic course than I had planned. It was good advice. I rode south along the foothills of the mountains bordering the eastern edge of the bland and arid looking valley leading south toward Sacramento. I landed for fuel at Nevada Co. airport at Nevada City, California. The Bonanza couple said this is where Chuck Yeager keeps his plane. I thought maybe he could autograph my map if he was around. No

After leaving Nevada Co. I was following the railroad up into the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. From my bird's eye perch I was easily able to grasp the difficulty faced by those building that first railroad through these passes. On my way up to Truckee, California, I was passing peaks up to 9,000 ft. and that railroad just kept winding its way on up.

I had selected Truckee because camping and a courtesy car were listed in the directory. When I got there, I found that the camping area was controlled by a rather large and very active glider operation. They wouldn't let me taxi to anywhere near the camping area because they were afraid my prop would kick up some gravel and stone-peck a glider. The courtesy car was over a mile away at the F.B.O. at the far end of the field. In general, I felt about as welcome as a diesel cabin cruiser at a sailing regatta. I fired up and moved

During my brief stop in Truckee I had selected Carson City, Nevada, as my alternate stop for the night. The runway at Truckee is at about 6,000 ft. above sea level. I had to coax

Cozy Corner, cont'd., pg. 12

To The Editor

school stadium.

The guests that I talked to who have been to comparable ambiance."

I am especially grateful to the group of school employees

• The crew that helped us with event staging went out of of Lowell event be a success. Way to go Lowell! their way on some of the hottest days of 2006 to collect stage platforms, tables, chairs and bleachers; do lawn maintenance; and return all those items back to storage afterwards.

• The high school student Radio Club and audio-visual group and their mentors set up a sound system on the field that really surpassed my expectations, and provided 24-hour continuous DJ coverage for the event. They took ownership of that DJ/AV piece of this event and provided a level of support that went way beyond what we had hoped for.

· I also want to express my appreciation to a group of As Logistics Chairman for the recent American Cancer high school students who volunteered to help us set up for Society Relay for Life event which took place on August the event on Friday morning. This group of students was 4th and 5th at the Lowell Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, recruited by an event volunteer, and while I didn't have a I would like to say how much I appreciate that the Lowell chance to learn their names, it was very refreshing to see our Area School system allowed us to host the event at the high young people working hard at our event while still enjoying

As a whole, the 2006 Relay for Life of Lowell event events told me that our stadium created the perfect exceeded its goal by raising more than \$42,000 for the environment for the event and I think most people who American Cancer Society, and we did it while expending attended were pleased with our facilities and our "event very little capital due to volunteer help, donated equipment from local businesses, and the use of LAS facilities.

From the Relay Planning Committee, to the 19 teams and students who helped out before, during and after the that participated, to the public that attended, the Lowell community really pulled together to make the Relay for Life

> American Cancer Society Volunteer Relay for Life of Lowell Logistics Chairman

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This issue is missing; the next one will be Oct. 5.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **AUGUST 16, 1906**

King Milling Co. and Charles McCarty team up to uild a new bean elevator.

H.W. Hakes and two Grand Rapids partners organize the Roi-all Enbalming Fluid Company, the product to be manufactured and shipped from Lowell.

The canning company is buying apples.

E.R. Collar's full-page Sale ad for clothing goes from a box of hair pins for 3c to the best skirts at \$7.98.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **AUGUST 14, 1931**

The Centennial had 60,000 visitors and a three-mile-

The Pageant of eight episodes was presented Thursday and Friday evenings; hard to hear (no mikes) and crowded, but enjoyable.

Gov. Osborne's speech, the school and Methodist Church reunions and the Garden Lore Club's flower show added to the festivities.

Coons Dry Goods' contest: 100 pounds of nails suspended in a pair of "Duchess" trousers for 92 hours. Charles Careys guess is closest: 9,170 nails.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 16, 1956

Kent County 4H fair opens with more exhibitors than ever, and a Midway for the first time.

A new Chevy police cruiser sets the town back by \$1595, replacing the one wrecked two weeks ago.

Supt. Gumser urges students in grades 7-12 to purchase their textbooks before opening day.

Jack Bannan has operated his barber shop for 44 years.

He will retire in November.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **AUGUST 12, 1981**

Demolition begins on the old Division Street bridge. A new one will be in place within a year.

Maggie McNaughton retires after 15 years as the Led-

The Jaycees, ahead of schedule on the "pocket park" on East Main, have removed old plaster from the building walls on either side, left from the former structure there.

Dr. Todd Gillan DDS will open his new dental office on the 25th in the Old Town Mall.

SWIMMER'S ITCH

in the area. This is a rash caused by an allergic reaction to

certain parasites that live in the water. These parasites live

in ducks, geese and gulls. The parasites' eggs are released

into the water, where they hatch. They seek out snails and

infect them, and transform into another larval form. The

microscopic larvae then come into contact with humans.

They burrow into the skin and die, triggering a local allergic

reaction. A rash may occur within minutes to days. It usually

appears as reddish bumps or blisters that may itch, burn or

tingle. The lesions may appear to be pimples. Symptoms

may take a week to resolve. It is not contagious and therefore

lotion and a topical steroid cream. Soak in oatmeal baths or

baking soda. If the itching is severe or it appears infected,

itch, you should avoid swimming or wading in areas where

large populations of snails exist. Look for signs posting

warnings about swimmer's itch at popular swimming spots

prior to swimming. Shower and/or towel off immediately

Most cases do not need medical attention. Use calamine

To decrease the likelihood of contracting swimmer's

cannot be passed from person to person.

seek medical attention.

We have recently seen an increase of swimmer's itch

Wayne A. Christenson I

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

Fairgrounds to host Christian concert

By Dan Schneider

God is Movin music festival brings 11 bands to town.

National recording artist Bethany Dillon is large turnout. the headline act. She is scheduled to take the stage at 9 a.m. Parking is free and so is the concert.

"We want to bring if necessary." in people who would not normally be able to afford H.L. Tapely, Proclamation to have their stuff out all will be staffed entirely by to go to a good Christian and The Well's Angels--will day and people will wonder volunteers. concert," said God is play one right after the other what all that concrete is for," Movin president and co- at the start of the festival, Doll said. founder Bruce Dol. "The since they do not require bands are going to be great; complicated equipment will set up its portable skate said there's going to be a lot of changes. entertainment in the day."

musical styles including are Sojourn, Ryder Jones,

rock, country, praise, blues 4-God, The Revelasians, various vendors. The Kent The Lowell Fairgrounds the concert as a way to raise and David Holdridge. Also has plans to staff the main awareness of his ministry, on the bill is the Conquerors kitchen at the fairgrounds, Godismovin.org, which International Strength Team, where food sales proceeds people in need of help with uses feats of strength to Youth Fair. willing volunteers.

Doll is planning for a about positive living.

phone call to get more food and smash concrete blocks items to benefit Flat River

The first three bands--

Other bands will throughout the day. Bands on the bill play 40-minute sets each

and hip hop. Doll organized David Jennings with ISI, County Youth Fair board uses its web site to connect a group of weightlifters that will benefit the Kent County teach a Christian message

The concert will be held currently 22 organizations "We're figuring around at Burch Field, with two signed up to take part. 2.000 and that's what we're stages set up at the north shooting for for food," Doll end. One stage is for the take place throughout the said. "And we have plans in music, the other is for the day. Concert-goers can place to be able to make a Conquerors, who bend steel donate nonperishable food

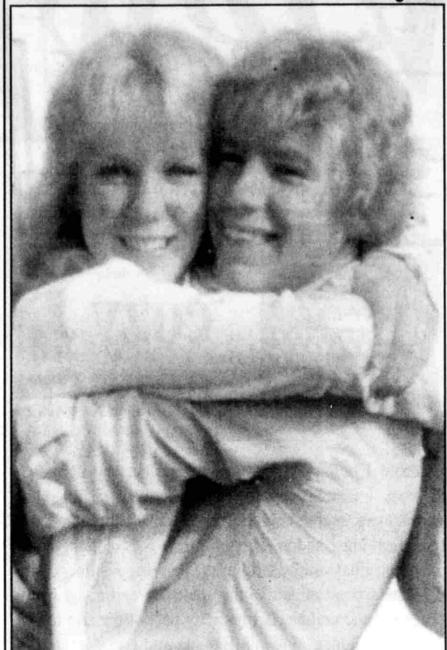
"We're going to be able

as part of their act.

The Lowell YMCA can always use more," Doll park so kids can skateboard

on volunteering, or about Food will be sold the music festival in general, represent a variety of starting on the hour. They throughout the day from visit www.godismovin.org.

Silver anniversary



Steve and Betsy Maki in 1981

Steve and Betsy (Stine) Maki of Lowell celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 20. They have two children, Kristen and Laura Maki.

Reflections

THE MYSTERIOUS NOISE

Bob Roush, pastor Friendship Country Chapel

public places. And well, you guessed it by now. The phone wind and again, nothing. Finally, a still small voice and it was lying on the dining room table and someone had left is here that Elijah wraps his face in his robe and receives me a voice mail. It was frantically vibrating in an attempt to the message from God that Jezebel's prediction would not get my attention to tell me I had an important message that materialize as she predicted. I needed to hear. I felt so triumphant having discovered this great mystery even though it took me about half an hour or both from the religious as well as the secular world. But so to actually find it. I retrieved the important message just I wonder how much of it is just that, noise. The primary

A nonprofit expo will be

A food drive will also

The music festival

volunteers already but we

For more information

got

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Outreach Ministries.

part of the festival. There are

"What was that? What was that noise?" I shouted to us to hear. The story of Elijah as found in I Kings 19 tells the voice mail. The Bible is a compilation of 66 love letters my wife who was in the kitchen, and the general direction of a man who had confronted some strong opposition written to us telling of His love for us. And like that phone, from which it came. "I don't know!" she shouted back to and afterward had sort of lost his vision in the face of a He's frantically attempting to gain our attention. But in our me. A few seconds later, "There it is again!" I insisted, rather disconcerting decree from Jezebel, the queen, that busy world there are so many louder voices clamoring for "what is that?" A little frustrated she responded, "I don't his hide would be hanging out to dry before the sun rose our attention that it's easy to miss His. When was the last know!" Well, you're in the kitchen. You should know what next day. Turning tail, he ran to the mountains to flee from time you earnestly sought to hear Him speak to you? When it is since that's the direction it's coming from!" I said, more this woman's threat forgetting the great victory he had did you last read His love letters to you? Maybe a good than a little irritated by now. The mysterious noise went on experienced at Mt. Carmel. Languishing in his despair he place to start would be right there in I Kings beginning at for about 10 minutes while I frantically tried to locate its encountered God who asked him what he was doing there. about chapter 17. There's some awesome, exciting, energysource. The problem is that it would sound off in erratic His answer was that he had lost the faith. God then tells him packed stories in there through which God wants to speak intervals of time and I just couldn't get close enough to to go out and stand by the cave for a moment. Then God to you personally. It's a great read, I recommend it highly. pinpoint it. Several weeks before I decided to put my phone caused a great wind to pass by but He was not found therein. Happy reading. on vibrate because I can't stand cell phones going off in Next an earthquake, nothing, no God. Following was a great

In our generation there's a lot of commotion going on, way God speaks to us today is still in that small voice that Later that evening I thought about God and His attempt comes to us from the pages of His holy word. But if you're to get our attention because He has a voice mail He wants not earnestly seeking it and listening closely, you'll miss

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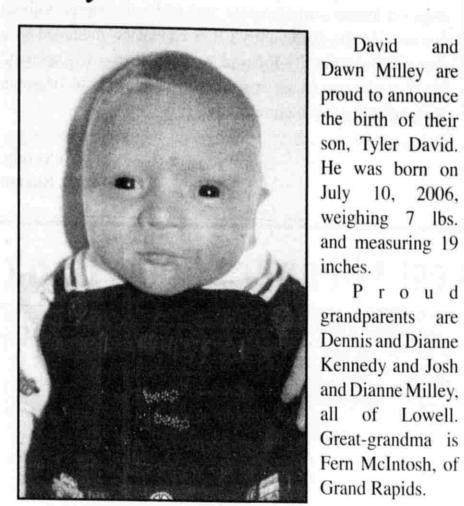
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Milley



Tyler David Milley



AUGUST 17: Brittany Essich, Jordan Mike Blough, Shane Harding.

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Lois Boonstra, Braydon Brown, Brian DeBold, Daryl Chamberlain, Charley VanKeulen. **AUGUST 20:**

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AUGUST 21: Madelyn Pfaller, Charlene DeShane-Dalga, Aksamitowski, Joshua Hobrla, Tom Barnes, Ethan Shindorf, Katelyn Videto.



If you see **BIG RON** wish him a ;];\;\;`\;`\

AUGUST Love. Alana & Logan

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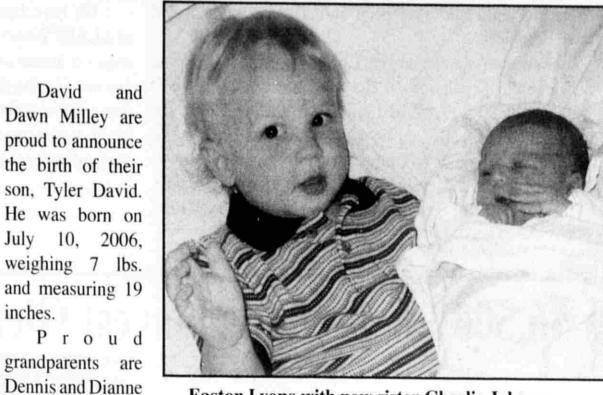
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new sister, Charlie Johanna. She was born June 10, measuring 18 inches.

and Lisa Lyons of Alto.

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2006, weighing 7 lbs. and Lola Posthumus, Marilyn Lambson, and Glenn and Proud parents are Brad Florence Lyons. Greatgreat-grandparents are Jason Grandparents are Dick and Joe Onan, all of Lowell.

Kyser

Kerry and Becky Kyser born July 22, 2006, weighing of Irons, Mich., are proud to 6 lbs. 7 oz. Welcoming him announce the birth of their home is big brother Kasey. son, Blake Thomas. He was

Anderson, Rhea Bundy Anes, Stephen Rhodes, Brandon Taylor, In The Ledger Proud grandparents are

Donna and Al Racine, and Robert Kyser and the late Nona Kyser. Proud cousins are Elese and Abbey Carey.

after swimming. REMEMBER... Our deadline is

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To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

Dear Editor.

How can this happen? How can a power pole be planted permission? No, it is not in the right of way, it is more than 20 feet from our road, which also happens to be private property. This is very irresponsible and unprofessional. We were not notified or given the option to have the cable line

We had been on vacation and noticed the pole lying there Sunday night when we arrived home. We planned to call the Lowell Light and Power Company about it but have to find the power pole planted in our front yard. I called

LL&P and they actually came to my house and explained and now they have come back and cut the rest of the trees for the need for the pole after I called them. But this is all after in the middle of private property without the homeowner's the fact. We were not notified or offered any options. The were really rotten? Were the homeowners really notified? cable TV line could have been buried and no pole would

consider the population of the neighborhood? This is a considering the community? If it cannot be managed in a walking route for the retired citizens in the area. Now the proactive community-focused manner, then why keep it? tree-shaded sidewalks are no longer cool and breezy. Did No, I don't want to see it sold, but there needs to be some anyone consider options other than clear cutting Bowes accountability to the community. Road? Why did power lines have to run down both sides only been home two days. However today, we came home of the street? First, the trees were cleared for the new lines

maintenance on the old power lines. How many of the trees

We have become very concerned. What is happening at LL&P? What's the point of a locally owned company if Now we wonder about Bowes Road. Did anyone they no longer communicate and make decisions without

> Sincerely, Veronica Blough

Charity golf outing raises \$6,500 for Second Harvest Gleaners Food Bank

first annual Sunny Day Clas- \$1,000. sic Charity Golf Outing.

Sunny would have turned 23. volunteered during college.

Sunny Ann Moyer, who pated, raising \$6,500. There mond had also once worked was killed in a car accident were 84 sponsors, including as lead food solicitor there on Dec. 31, 2005, came to-Platinum Friend Sponsors, and later retired from the gether to celebrate the life Byrne Electrical Specialof the aptly named young ists, Inc., and Saranac Brand

place on July 29, the day Michigan where Sunny had Creek staff.

Friends and family of A total of 200 golfers partici- Her grandmother Wilma De-

"It was the largest outwoman by organizing the Foods, which each gave ing Tyler Creek has ever done," said Rita Goggins, Proceeds from the event event coordinator, who orga-The event, held at Ty- went to Second Harvest nized the day with the help ler Creek Golf Course, took Gleaners Food Bank of West of 32 volunteers and Tyler

Second Harvest Gleaners executive director John Arnold, left, with Ronni and Bob Moyer in front of one of the Gleaners' semi trailers. Monday afternoon, the Moyers delivered a check for \$6,500 to the Gleaners. The money was raised at the July 29 Sunny Day Classic golf outing in memory of Sunny Ann Moyer. The Gleaners will use the money to purchase a used semi trailer.



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Women of the Moose

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Congregational Church youth put on musical to benefit Sudan

By Dan Schneider

TheFirstCongregational Church of Lowell's Youth Justice Squad is sponsoring are refugees within their a musical production to own country. They were raise money for refugees in driven out of their homes by

youth will present three the extreme poverty in the performances of the musical country. Despite a 2005 "Joseph and the Amazing Comprehensive Technicolor Dreamcoat" Agreement between the Aug. 21, 22 and 23. Free- Sudanese government and will donations will be taken southern rebel to support the Church World Service's humanitarian work

It is the second time the brought in more than \$1,100 said. to help the refugees. Justice Squad member Mattie Kropf with the musical.

"We're hoping that with three performances, we can raise three times as much," Kropf said.

Squad is about raising local awareness of global issues.

world, and education is a big

"We just want to see

She said the Justice

thing because not a lot of people know what's going on," Kropf said.

The refugees in Sudan the two-decades-long civil A cast of church war that has exacerbated groups, violence continues. particularly in the Darfur region of Sudan

"There's a lot of poverty Youth Justice Squad has used and war displacing people, music to raise money for the and AIDS and disease are cause. A concert in May spreading pretty bad," Kropf

People in the refugee camps lack clean water is hoping to improve on that and other basic necessities for life. The Church World Service's mission in Sudan is to provide them with food, medicine, water, sanitation, and other necessities.

Doing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolog Dream Coat" was the idea of church music director what we can do to help the Monique Salinas-Stauffer.

"We have a lot of

Jim Dyer, center, plays the lead role in First Congregational Church's youth production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

talented kids in the church would be fun," she said.

and I've done musicals in play together on a tight, two- week. "They've been a lot of the mind," Salinas-Stauffer the past so we thought it week schedule with four- work ... we do get tired, we said--but the cast will be fully

> well," said Kropf. The production will not Hudson Street.

They are putting the hour rehearsals six nights a have sets--"It's all theater of do get testy with each other, costumed. The performances but it's coming together will take place in the church sanctuary located at 404 N.

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offers and attend the ROTC Advanced Course at their

Cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drilland ceremonies communications. squad-level operations field

Kelly, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, is a student at Northern two-year college scholarship of Allen D. Kelly of Lowell.

Army National Guard weapons, chemical warfare Pvt. Andrew M. Wodarek and bayonet training, rifle has graduated from basic marksmanship, map reading. combat training at Fort field tactics, basic first aid. Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the graduate of Rockford High basic combat skills, military

and field training exercises. Wodarek, a 2005

Army mission, history, School, is the son of Mike physical fitness, and received Wodarek of Grand Rapids instruction and practice in and Jamie Vachon of Ada.



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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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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.

MON. AUG. 21: Frankenmuth, 8 a.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

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.

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 Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45

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 info. 1-800-651-6000. Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

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

FRI., AUG. 25: Dedication ceremony for Perry Field and LHS wall of honor, 7 p.m. before Red Arrow home football opener.

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.

MON., AUG. 28: Lowell Area Schools athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m. at stadium concession stand. Concession training follows meeting for parent reps.

SUN., SEPT. 10/TUES., SEPT. 12: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 13 wk. course. Call 897-8304 or 987-0142 or email impactfpu@yahoo.com. Kits available at Impact; orientation starting Aug. 20.

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.qua-ke-zik.org. New members welcome.

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: 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 AAmeetings 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

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

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

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High 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,

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.

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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

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

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

EVERY THURS.: Alcoholics for Christ. - 12 step Recovery Group for alcoholics, drug addicts & family members. 7 p.m. at Impact Church House, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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

FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

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



Financial Focus

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DIVERSIFY HOLDINGS BEFORE AND AFTER RETIREMENT

If you have been investing for even a little while, you have probably heard that it's a good idea to diversify your holdings.

By spreading your investment dollars among a range of securities, you can help defend yourself against downturns that may largely affect one type of asset. For example, if you own only stocks, and the stock market is slumping, your portfolio may be vulnerable to sizable losses. But if you own stocks, bonds and other investments that are appropriate for your needs and risk tolerance, you may give yourself more opportunities for success.

the way they invest. They think that, because they are no longer working, they cannot afford to take any chances with their money, and so they pour most of it into conservative vehicles, such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and Treasury

Of course, these types of investments do provide something you will need a lot of during your retirement years: income. To supplement your Social Security and the distributions you receive from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you may need to generate a substantial amount of retirement income from your investment portfolio. Corporate bonds, Treasuries and CDs all provide regular income in the form of interest

However, all fixed-income investments will be affected by one key factor: interest rate movements. Specifically, if interest rates fall, and remain low for an extended time period, you may have trouble getting the income you need an investment-grade bond or a CD. from new CDs and bonds that may be available.

during your retirement years. If all your investments are going As you build resources for retirement, you should to be subject to interest-rate risk, you could potentially run always diversify - but what about after you retire? Upon into cash-flow problems at some point. Consequently, you retiring, some people believe they should totally change may want to add dividend-paying stocks to your holdings.

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Interest rate movements can also affect stock prices, but the impact can be quite different from that experienced by fixed-income securities. Falling interest rates may be good news for some types of stocks; when companies find it cheaper to borrow to expand their operations, their profits - and stock price - may rise.

And if you are investing in stocks that pay - and increase dividends, you'll have a source of rising income that can help keep you ahead of inflation during your retirement years. By contrast, when interest rates are low, your fixedincome investments may not keep pace with inflation which means you could lose purchasing power.

Keep in mind, though, that stocks are not fixed-income vehicles; even if a company has increased dividends for 25 straight years - as some have done - it can choose to reduce, or not pay, its dividends at any time. And it's true that no stock can offer the protection of principal you will get from

Still, most companies with long histories of paying And that's why you need to diversify your portfolio dividends are well-run businesses that make a point of rewarding investors. So, as you seek to diversify your portfolio and possibly boost your income stream, look for dividend-paying stocks. You could spend two or three decades in retirement - so you'll want to invest wisely.

Stuffed deer heads on walls are bad enough, but it's worse when they are wearing dark glasses and have streamers in their antlers because then you know they were enjoying themselves at a party when they were shot.

- Ellen DeGeneres

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the Stearman up to 10,000 ft. to get a look at Lake Tahoe. The lake surface is about 6,000 feet. It has to be surrounded by some pretty good mountains to hold all that water up there. I got some pictures and descended down to Carson

I had given up on camping when I got to Carson City. I tied down the plane and a really nice local pilot gave me a ride to a cheap motel near a railroad museum I wanted to visit. My driver also pointed out a casino nearby with a officially filled in on my map.

After a visit to the museum, I was ready for a dip in biggest calamity of the entire trip. the motel pool. I took my cell phone, charts to plan the next day, a cold drink and a towel. I put almost everything down the airport. The Stearman roared to life and I headed north

on a poolside table and dove in. I surfaced at the far end of the pool to discover my cell phone was still in my pocket. good (cheap) buffet. I love local advice. Nevada was now Carson City was the first place I'd had cell service in days, and now my phone was junk. Fortunately, this would be the

The next morning I checked out early and got a cab to to Reno. There I would again pick up the railroad as it tracks off to the northeast. The terrain is mostly flat and arid, but there are scattered mountains reaching up to 9,000 ft. The railroad wisely winds around these peaks avoiding steep inclines or the need for tunnels. I was now flying I.F.R. (I Follow Railroads).

My first fuel stop was at Battle Mountain, Nevada. There was an aerial firefighting operation there. The firefighting crews were as interested in my old airplane with the map on the side as I was in their big orange fire-bombers.

Having skipped breakfast, I took the courtesy junker to town for lunch. This was Nevada in July and of course the car didn't have working a/c. At least the windows would go up and down. Since this was Nevada, the restaurant was a mini-casino. There were people idly feeding the slots as I fed my face. Sorry, but the whole casino thing is lost on

After another hundred miles of following the railroad through this hot, dry Nevada landscape I had to make a slight diversion. This would be a homecoming for my old Stearman. About an hour later I touched down at Wendover. Utah, where I'd purchased the plane over 16 years ago.

Asking around, I soon found that none of the folks were around that I had dealt with back in 1990. The big old military hangar where the plane had been parked was still there. Wendover had been a primary training site for heavy bomber crews during WWII. The pilots and crews that dropped the first atomic bombs on Japan trained for those missions at Wendover. A nice museum has been established at the field since I was there last. I looked around, bought a T-shirt and took off. The last time I left Wendover I had about one hour of Stearman time in my logbook. I must have close to a thousand hours now.

Leaving Wendover I was immediately over the eerie Bonneville Salt Flats. There is something unworldly about flying over the "Flats" at low altitude. About fifty miles later I came to the western shore of the Great Salt Lake. Here I had to turn north and shoot a narrow gap between some military restricted airspace and the class "D" airspace around Salt Lake City. I was flying over the lake behind a line of thunderstorms passing off to the southeast. This was all very demanding, but lots of fun.

My purpose for this route was to get north and hook up with the railroad at Promontory Point. You will recall from your history lessons, this is where the Union Pacific Railroad met with the Central Pacific and the famed golden spike was driven. I circled around, took some pictures and headed east following what was the Union Pacific portion of the famed route.

Again, I'm way over on my word count and I'm still a long way from Lowell. Guess we'll be milking this trip for at least one more week.



The Bonneville few hundred feet. The Flats seem to go on forever and are almost spooky.

That's me on the ground Montague, CA. I had just put the California sticker on my map. Mt. Shasta is on the horizon map.

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2006 youth fair wraps up with record numbers

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's fairgrounds were quiet Monday after last week's Kent County Youth Fair.

Tents were down, the crowds gone, and the animals absent. A few carnival rides sat on trailers on the midway, waiting for semi trucks to haul them to their next destination. The grass that was green before the fair is now green only in spots, having been trampled by thousands of visitors' feet and hundreds of cows, horses, sheep, etc.

Ron Wenger said.

Part of the reason might have been the weather. The King Milling and Michigan sun was out almost all week Wire often purchase several and 84 degrees Fahrenheit animals at the fair auctions.

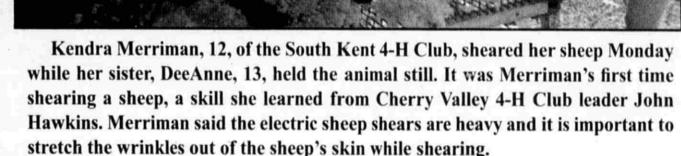
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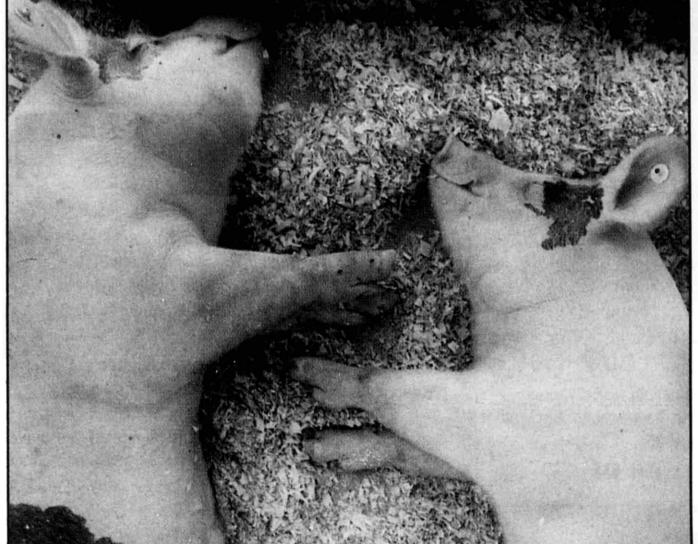
animals this year than last D'Hondt.

in everything," fair manager with 275 pigs sold in the

Local companies such as maximum This year Meijer purchased a total of 31 animals at auction. Nowhere was the including rabbits, chickens, success of this year's fair turkey, sheep, hogs and

"We end up turning it auction brought in \$436,188, around and selling it and almost \$100,000 more than then the store takes it on the last year's total. It was a new bottom line ... to support the youth," said Lowell There were more Meijer store director Kevin





For pigs at the fair, any time besides feeding time was a good time for a nap.

The youth fair does not have a reliable way to track the number of visitors it and other receipts, there this year's fair than in years'

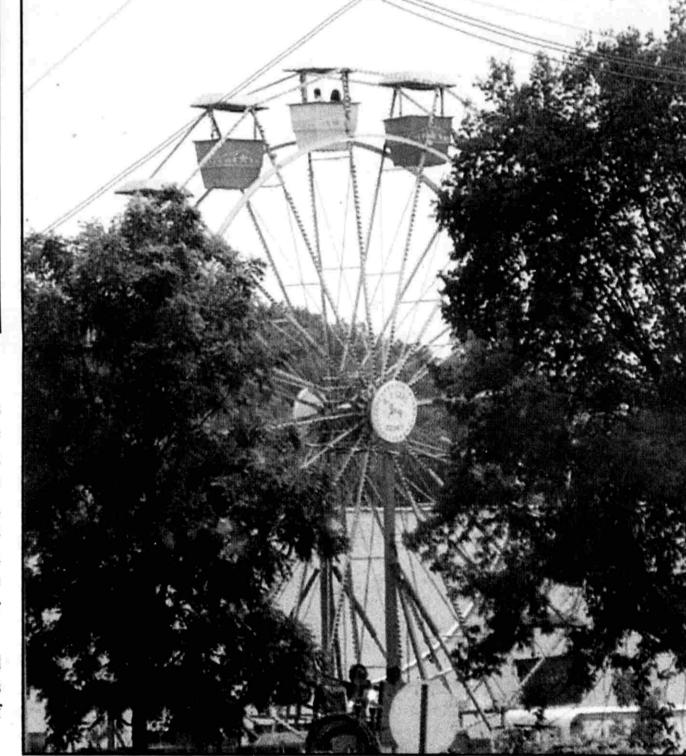
"Parking was a record, carnival was a record, food sales were up, we were up

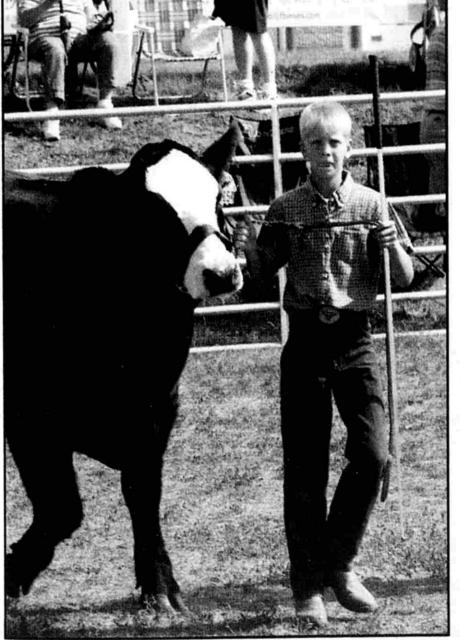
year, which was one factor in the record sale.

steers in the auction. Swine the fair has hosted a major averaged \$2.23 per pound, Saturday night event.

Thursday night was particularly busy, but the "More animals, but crowds came all week draws. But based on parking better prices," Wenger said. long. Though in past years The average price paid Saturday night was slow, were more people attending for beef animals this year, spectators filled the stands for instance, was \$1.73 per around the horse arena for a pound. There were 96 beef rodeo. It was the first time

> The ferris wheel peeking above the trees was the first visible sign of the fair.





Brady Blasher, 10, of the East Kent Beef 4-H Club, was reserve champion in the Maine beef steer division. He raised the steer for a year and three months.



Jr. King, Connor Aker; Court Member, Morgan Olin; King, Adam Nitschke; Queen, Rebecca Winter; Court Member, Lindsay Bielema; and Jr. Queen, Janelle Sebela.

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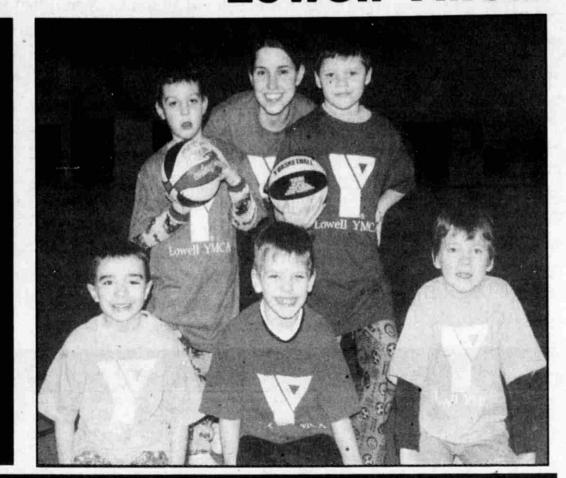
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September 9-October 21 (7 classes) Register by Aug. 25 10:00-11:00 a.m.

YMCA Member: \$30 • Non-Member: \$54

ROKEN KARATE FOR BEGINNERS

Ages 6+ (Must be 6 by start of the program) Learn basic karate punches, kicks, blocks, and moves - you work at your own pace.

September 12-October 26 (7 weeks) Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday: Location: Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington YMCA Member: \$45 • Non-Member: \$112

ROKEN KARATE FOR ADVANCED

Ages 6+ (Must be 6 by start of the program) White Belt/Black Stripe and sponsorship from Sensei, you are introduced to new skills and more difficult routines.

September 12-October 26 (7 weeks) 7:10-8:25 p.m. Tuesday: 7:40-8:40 p.m. Thursday:

Location: Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington YMCA Member: \$45 • Non-Member: \$112

ROKEN KARATE FOR ADULTS

Ages 12+

White Belt/Black Stripe and sponsorship from Sensei, you are introduced to new skills and more difficult routines.

September 12-October 26 (7 weeks) Tuesday: 8:30-9:30 p.m.

8:50-9:50 p.m. Thursday: Location: Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington

skills such as teamwork, following directions, and sharing.

YMCA Member: \$45 . Non-Member: \$112

KINESTHETIC KIDS

Ages 3-4

This is a 45-minute class designed specifically for 3 and 4year olds. Kids will work on developing basic skills such as hand-eye coordination, ball handling, kicking, agility, and balance. This class will also help kids to develop their social

starting September 14 Thursdays: 9:30-10:15 a.m.

YMCA Member: \$40 • Non-Member: \$55

RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

Teams will meet at Creekside Park for practice and will play games on Saturdays. Teams are formed by age, and where possible - gender.

Under 6 players (born 8/1/00-7/31/01) practice optional Under 8 players (born 8/1/98-7/31/00)

Under 10 players (born 8/1/96-7/31/98) may travel to other local YMCAs Under 12 players (born 8/1/94-7/31/96) will travel to other local YMCAs Under 14 players (born 8/1/92-7/31/94) will travel to other local YMCAs

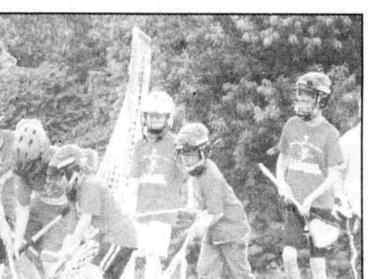
September 5-October 21 (7 games) Practices begin September 5, Games begin September 9 Registration Deadline: August 25

YMCA Member: \$34 • Non-Member: \$65

SOCCER COACHES CLINIC Thursday, August 31 at Creekside Park

with instructor Rodger Garner, former Professional Soccer Player, Olympic Development Coach, current Kentwood High School Soccer Assistant Coach.

U6 and U8 Coaches: 6:00 p.m. U10, U12, U14 Coaches: 7:30 p.m. Please attend to reserve your practice time, equipment, and team roster. Call Steve at 897-8445 to RSVP.



ADVENTURE GUIDES

Grades K-4

Parent/Child activities: home and outdoor based. Spend time with your children while connecting with other families learning about the outdoors and each other. We need five pairs to start. Dates and times will be chosen by the group. Contact Ryan at the YMCA for more information.

YMCA Member: \$26 • Non-Member: \$58 Additional Child (Member): \$15 • Non-Member: \$35

LACROSSE CLINIC

Grades 1-4

Learn the basics in a non-contact and fun lacrosse clinic. We emphasize the development of fundamental skills for the fastest growing game on two feet. We have a limited supply of sticks and helmets, so we encourage you to bring your own stick, gloves, and helmet with face shield.

September 12-October 17 (6 weeks) Tuesday: 6:30-7:30 p.m. or Saturday: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Creekside Park YMCA Member: \$36 • Non-Member: \$68

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Ages 10-15 Beginners-Intermediate Ages 16+ Beginners-Intermediate

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Location: YMCA Teen Center 7 weeks

YMCA Member: \$55 . Non-Member: \$75

PRESCHOOL TUMBLEBUGS

Location: All classes meet in the Lowell YMCA Teen Center Cost for All Tumblebug Classes: YMCA Member: \$30 • Non-Member: \$60

Ages 24-36 months September 12-October 24 (7 weeks) Tuesday: 6:15-7:05 p.m.

Requires a parent or caregiver to participate. Parents work with their children on basic motor development at adventure stations to develop balance, coordination, and confidence using basic gymnastic skills and positions, building a strong foundation for your child to develop a sense of athletic achievement, self-esteem, and social skills.

Ages 3/Young 4's September 12-October 24 (7 weeks) Tuesday: 7:15-8:05 p.m.

Introduction to the magic of gymnastics. Children learn how to deal with the physical, mental, emotional, and social aspects of childhood in a playful, creative, and stimulating environment. We focus on balance, body awareness, and coordination in addition to specific gymnastics skills.

Older 4's and 5's September 14-October 26 Thursday: 6:10-7:00 p.m.

specialized activities that are geared toward building strength gymnastics. Children begin to relate gymnastics to vocabulary with the skills they learn. Dress your child to participate...a leotard for girls; shorts and a t-shirt for boys.

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Looking for some place to go after the "home games"? Come down to the 5th Quarter party at the YMCA Teen Center. Food, music, dancing, and friends. After the "home" games are done until midnight.

YMCA Member: \$6 • Non-Member: \$9

TEEN CENTER DROP-IN

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Whether you're training for your first 5K or headed out for a marathon, or walking your first mile. . . preparation is essential. This class is all about preparation and drills necessary to make you stronger, resulting in your run being smoother and faster with less effort and less chance for injury. Group will meet at Lowell YMCA Teen Center and will include assignments for activities to be done outside of class.

6:30 p.m. or Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Confidential financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Contact Marta at 897-8445 for more information.



The "V" symbol indicates that volunteers are needed for this particular program/activity. For more information, contact the YMCA at 897-8445 to be directed to the appropriate department.

Submitted by Paul Judd

bers of the running com- a team. munity escaped the Grand Rapids' heat wave to par- men's group by setting a ticipate in the Sandy Foot new record for the Mo-Cross Country Camp held in jave 10-miler with a time Ludington, the week of July of 1:09.54 and by winning

The week included two a time of 17:54 (2nd best to three workouts per day in- student all-time). Monica cluding special events such Fitzpatrick led the way for as the 30-minute dune chal- the girls with 49 circuits on lenge, the Mojave 10-mile the Dune Challenge, a 1:32 sand/trail race, the camper- in the Mojave 10-miler, and counselor race, and con- capped off the week by wincluding with the Sandy Foot ning the Sandy Foot 5km in 5km on the final day. The 21:48. entire group experienced great workouts with only week included Jonathon

one running-related injury. the workouts included Ab- a 60 count this year. lab drills, circuit training

Andy Mark led the the Sandy Foot 5km with

Other highlights of the

Woods surpassing his 2005 In addition to running, Sand Dune record of 55 with The counselors did

and water workouts. When maintain their "senior" pride not working out, the kids en- by defeating the campers in

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD July 17, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the June 19, 2006 Regular Meeting were approved. Special meeting minutes of July 7 and 12, 2006 were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved. Special Guest Kevin Wisselink of The Rapid gave a short presentation on bus service in Kent County.

Motions approved:

- Motion to increase Receptionist/Deputy Treasurer/Building Inspector Assistant pay to \$12 an hour
- Motion to approve a Special Use Permit for 11591 Lally
- Motion to adopt Resolution 1-2006, Greater Grand Rapids Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Motion to approve Bailey Lakes Private Road with contingencies
- Motion to re-zone a 100 foot strip of land with frontage on Lincoln Lake just north of 51 Lincoln Lake SE from R3 to Commercial
- Motion to approve a Special Use Permit for F&G Realty for building size
- Motion to approve Site Plan for F&G Realty
- Motion to re-zone 3.2 acres located at 501 Lincoln Lake SE from R2 to Industrial
- Motion to approve a Special Use Permit modification for Impact Church

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

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is August 21 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

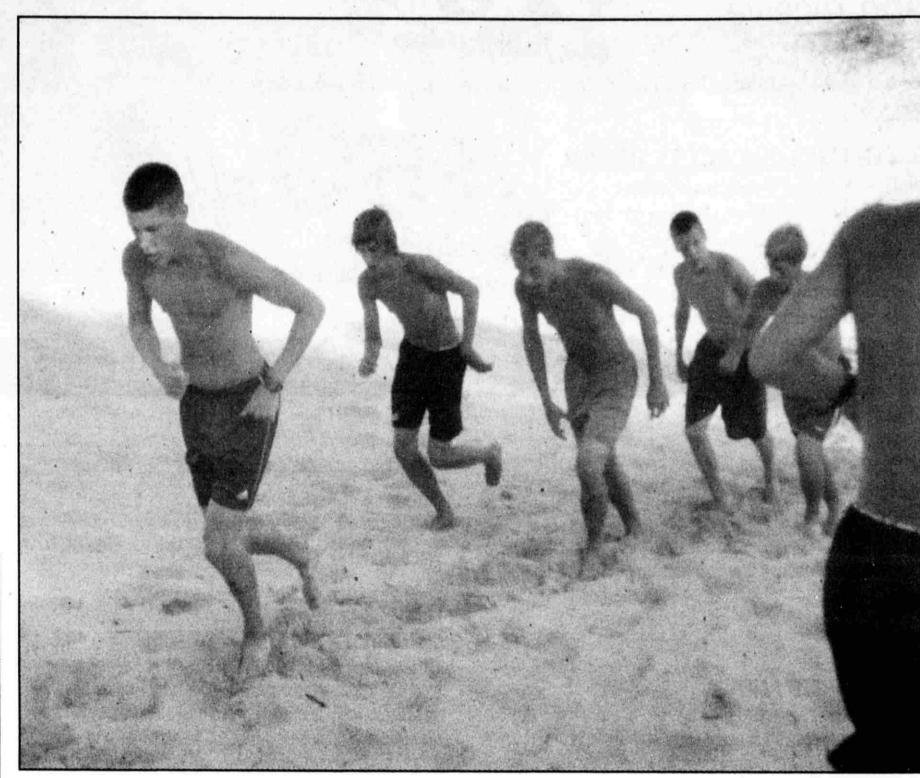
Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

joyed beach time and floats the Camper-Counselor race follows: MVP-Boy: Andy A host of Lowell cross down the Au Sable River by a mere 30 seconds. It Mark; Most Improved - Fitzpatrick; Most Improved the 2007 Sandy Foot Camp country runners and mem- and really came together as was the closest margin in the Boy: Jesse Smoes; Rookie history of the camp.

Major awards were as

Camper: Corey Fitzpatrick. Rookie Camper: Ausytn

MVP - Girl: Monica The tentative date for - Girl: Caitlin Sirowatka; is July 29 - Aug. 4.



Sandy feet indeed as runners climb the dunes during a cross country camp workout.

Safety Town participants learn the rules of the road





Kara Bolger, from left, Aly Holdridge, Payton Bidwell and Marlie Foster crossed the road safely while Big Wheel motorists waited at the crosswalk of the miniature town constructed at Bushnell Elementary. Safety Town was held at the school last week for youngfives and kindergarten The class teaches children bike. car, pedestrian and bus safety, and how to deal with strangers. Songs, a variety of activities, special guests and a miniature pedestrian village were used to teach important safety lessons.

"It's high-energy because they are five year olds," said Safety Town coordinator Andrea Struckmeyer.

Town instructors were addressed by cartoonish names such as "Careful Karen" and "Grandma Good Choices." Guests included Lowell firefighters, Lowell police officer Steve Bukala. Area Schools bus driver Betty Nelson four Rockford ambulance paramedics. There were two sessions

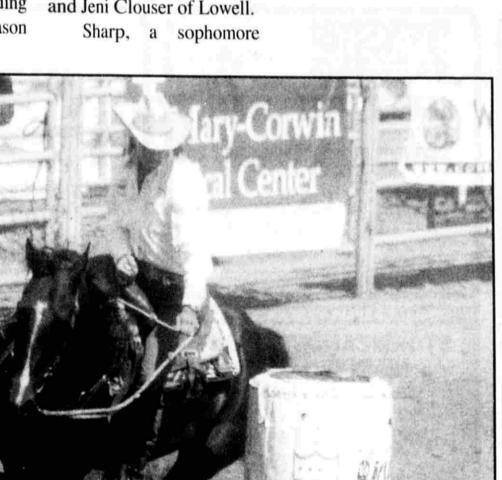
Area athletes come home Reserve World Champions

Jason Seely of Lowell won the 2006 Bull Riding at Grand Valley State and Kassi Sharp of Kent Championship for the University, finished second City each won the title of Michigan chapter of the Little in the Senior Girls Barrel Reserve World Champion at Britches Rodeo Association. Racing. She won the Allthe National Little Britches Having competed in Little Around Champion Girls title Rodeo in Pueblo, Colorado. Britches Rodeo for three for the Michigan chapter of Year-end finals were held years, he hopes to join the Little Britches Rodeo July 16-22.

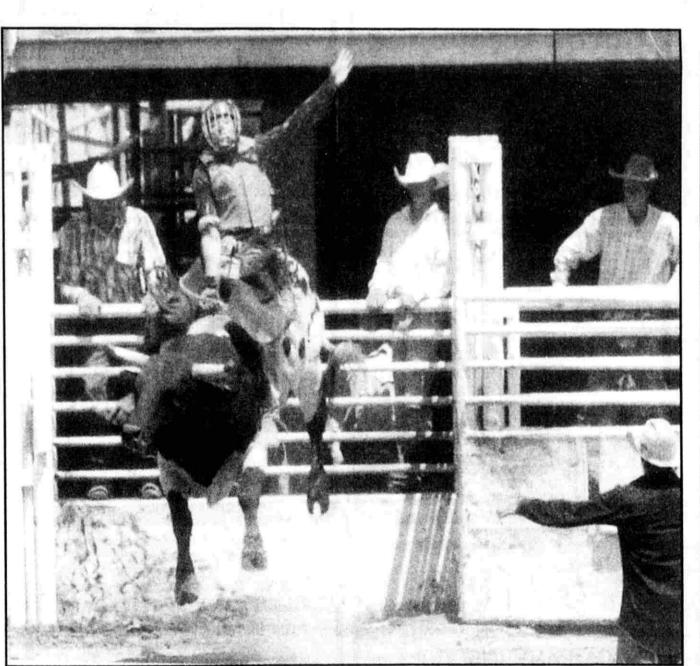
Riding. Before heading and Jeni Clouser of Lowell. to the Nationals, Jason

up in the Senior Boys Bull year. He is the son of Keven Sharp of Kent City.

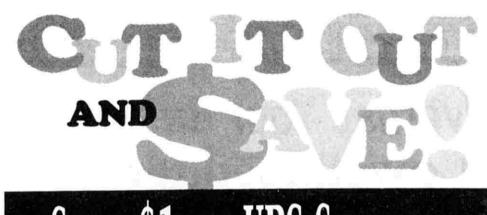
the Professional Rodeo Association. She is the Seely, 18, was runner- Cowboys Association next daughter of Andy and Sue



Kassi Sharp won her reserve champion buckle in the Barrel Racing.



Jason Seely captured the runner-up spot in the Senior Boys Bull Riding

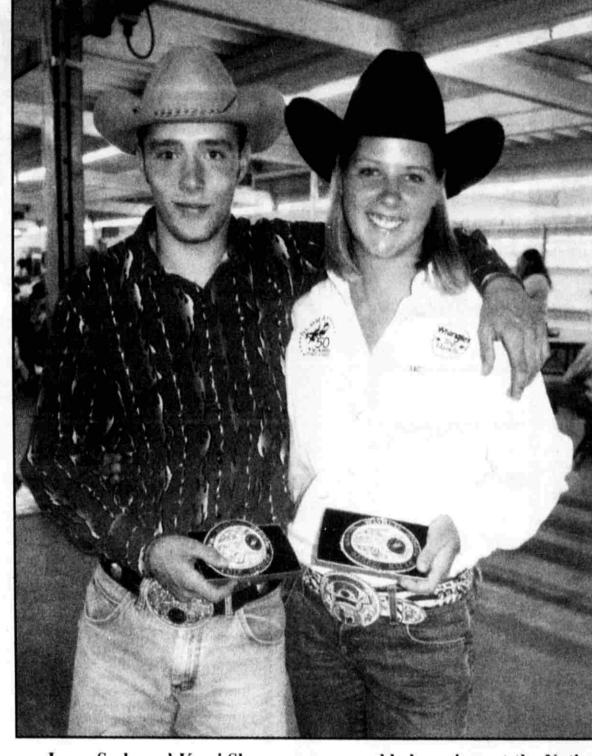


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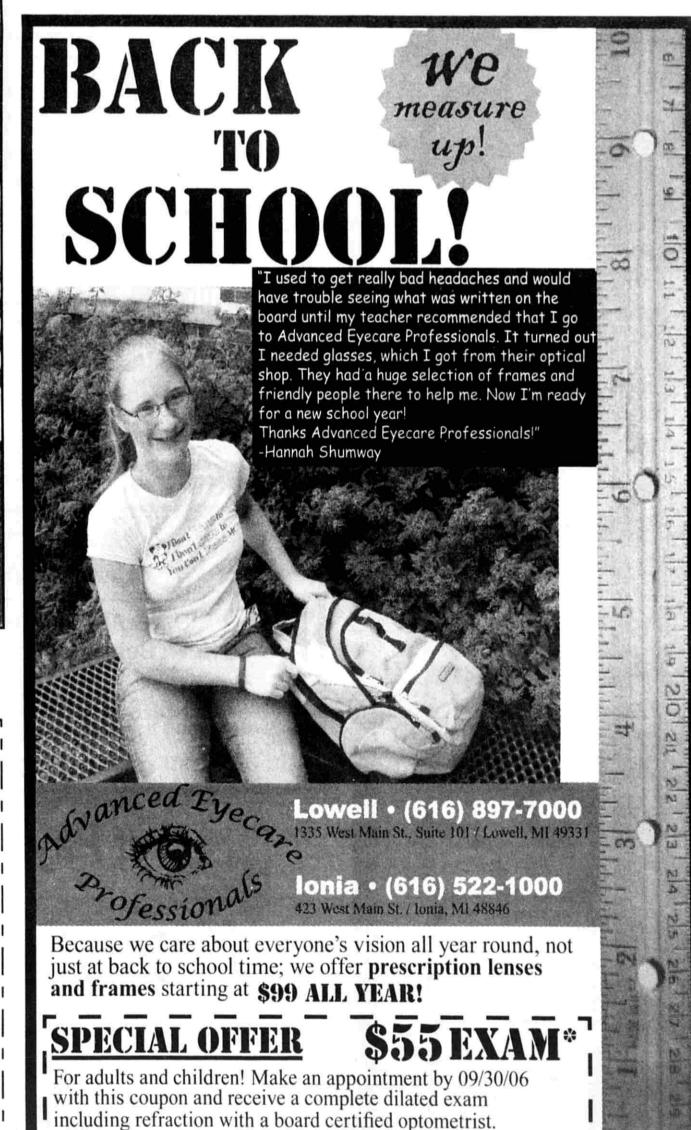
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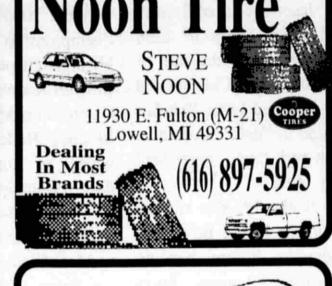
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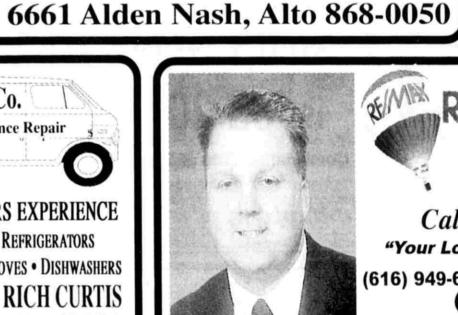
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medications.

If you're on a flight

Do the rules in the UK also apply to flights from the USA to the UK?

There is some confusion

Screeners will ask you

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The new rules ban almost liquids and gels from being taken aboard flights. That means you should not sunscreen, lotion, perfume, hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothpaste, hair gel or beverages. Those items must be put in your checked luggage if you want to take them along when you

You can still bring baby formula, breast milk or juice if you're traveling with a child; prescription drugs if your name is on the bottle; and insulin or other "essential" non-prescription

As of Aug. 10, some airports were prohibiting laptops and cell phones in carry-on luggage. Travelers should be prepared to pack these items in checked

Are the rules different in the United Kingdom?

leaving the United Kingdom, there are more restrictions: You will need to check ALL luggage — that means no carry-ons whatsoever and every passenger will be hand-searched at security checkpoints. Only a few personal items, such as wallets, glasses, medications and travel documents, are permitted, and a bag used to carry those items must be plastic. On flights to the USA, passengers will be searched again at the gate before they board.

among the airlines on this subject. American Airlines says the restrictions apply to UK-bound flights, some other airlines say they do not. We are working now to clarify this.

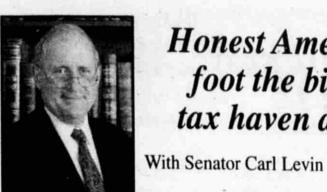
Are there any exceptions to the new rules in the USA? A few. You can still bring baby formula, breast milk or juice if you're traveling with a child; prescription drugs if your name is on the bottle; and insulin or other "essential" non-prescription medications. Screeners should not make you sample the liquids.

Can I still bring medicine along if it's not in liquid

If I forget to remove liquids or gels from my bags before I get to the security checkpoint, what happens?

to put them in a checked bag or give them to someone who isn't traveling. Otherwise they will be confiscated. the screeners overlook

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secrecy of offshore tax shelters.

Honest Americans

foot the bill for

tax haven abuses

income earned through investments and other transactions.

Instead, this income is reported by the taxpayer, usually after

consulting and planning with lawyers, accountants, and tax

professionals. Shamefully, some Americans are exploiting

this system to dodge taxes through schemes relying on the

individuals cost the U.S. Treasury between \$40 billion and

\$70 billion every year. Ultimately, that tax gap must be

made up by average working Americans, and that is totally

tax haven abuses. The report the Permanent Subcommittee on

Investigations released on Aug. 1 blows the lid off tax haven

abuses that make use of shell corporations, phony trusts, and

fake economic transactions to help some people dodge large

amounts of taxes that they owe to the U.S. Treasury. During

its yearlong investigation, the Subcommittee issued more

than 70 subpoenas, conducted more than 80 interviews, and

war on honest U.S. taxpayers by giving tax dodgers a way to

avoid their tax bills and leave them for others to pay. Offshore

tax havens have low or no taxes, but most importantly they

have legal systems that shroud all transactions in a "black

box" that is impossible to penetrate. Tax havens sell this

This legal black box allows tax dodgers to hide assets,

secrecy to attract customers for their secret offerings.

Tax haven countries have, in effect, declared economic

reviewed more than two million pages of documents.

Experts estimate that offshore tax haven abuses by

Recently, I led a Senate investigation into these offshore

mask who controls them, and obscure how their assets are used. An army of "offshore service providers" - lawyers, bankers, brokers, and others - then joins forces to exploit the black box secrecy and help clients skirt U.S. tax, securities, and anti-money laundering laws. Many of the firms concocting or facilitating these schemes are respected

names here in the United States.

million in lost revenue.

These schemes require the secrecy of tax havens For most Americans, taxes are taken out of our paycheck because they can't stand the light of day. Our investigation before we get it, and then we settle the difference with the laid out six case studies that illustrated the scope and government each year before April 15. No one likes paying seriousness of the problem. In one case, the participants taxes, but it's our civic duty and as Supreme Court Justice simply transferred fake stock back and forth as if it were Oliver Wendell Holmes noted: "Taxes are what we pay for fantasy baseball to create the illusion of economic activity. Some of the transactions we discovered would be comical Taxes are not automatically deducted, however, on because of their complexity but for the sobering fact that

> One of the most disturbing things we found was the degree to which reputable professionals aided and abetted abusive tax shelters. Each of the facilitators claimed not to know what the others were doing. The professionals hid behind shaky legal opinions to justify their roles and donned blinders to block out evidence of the sordid business they were involved in.

just six of these transactions cost the Treasury about \$300

These tax haven abuses are eating away at the fabric of the U.S. tax system, and undermining U.S. laws intended to safeguard our capital markets and financial systems from financial crime. It is long, long past time for our country to shut down their use by U.S. citizens.

The best step we could take to shut down these abuses would be to change how the government views transactions in offshore tax havens. It's this simple: the law should presume that a tax haven is being used to dodge taxes. That's what these countries are used for, and we need to start calling it what it is. The burden should be on the individual who places assets in a tax haven to prove that income received there should not be taxable to him or her.

Congress should also enact S. 1565, the Tax Shelter and Tax Haven Reform Act, which Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., and I introduced last year. This bipartisan bill would authorize the Treasury Secretary to issue a list of tax havens that don't cooperate with U.S. tax enforcement and eliminate U.S. tax benefits for income in those jurisdictions.

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Aug. 17 & 18, 9 -? 1442 Baywicke

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8:30 - ? 11326 Denise, Key

Heights.

GARAGE SALE

Lots of misc. Multiple households

4 p.m. 2000 Conservation Trail

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GARAGE SALE

Aug. 18 & 19, 8-5 p.m. 11260 Bailey

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& decorating items, books & misc.

participating. Sat., Aug. 19, 9 a.m.

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AUG. 18 & 19 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lots of treasures, 13008 Grand River Dr., Lowell. 1/4 mile W. of Alden Nash.

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Aug. 17 & 18, 8 a.m., 11191 McPherson. Lots & lots of guy stuff, tools, antiques, collectibles, housewares & much more.

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AUG. 17 - 19

Thurs. & Fri., 9-5 p.m. & Sat., 9-? Tools, tool boxes, kids furniture & toys, pet supplies & car. 11303 Trent, Lowell. (behind Goodwill)

GARAGE SALE

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see them! All businesses should treat their customers so nicely! Keep up the good work guys!

Lesa, I just want you to know that I love you! I love your husband too, but not as much as you! You are a wonderful friend & I am blessed to have you in my

Sandy Sebastian at Lowell Schools she's a wonderful

What a nice article about one of our own citizens "Roxie." Very historical to hear about the early days.

The kids had a great time at the 4-H Fair. Could someone tell the carnies not to smoke while on the job? Bad for the kids, the Lowell image, the environment... and gross!

Health Insurance is going to bring America to its knees. Not 911, war, jobs, gas or AIDS. We need to start working on this now! It has already taken jobs away. Lots of them.

Meijers that had a gas hose ripped out sticking from his van. Some people

I can't believe the idiot at

Wow! Eleven-hour-a-day band practices! Right up there with the other sports! Family time has turned into "drive-time."

Do people not realize it's 25mph thru town and not 45? Someone was tailing me yesterday because I was going 30. Where are the police to catch these people?

Thanks for supporting local talent by hosting "open mic" nights. Really enjoyed the battle of the bands and your excellent smoothies!

Just want to give a shout out to my friend Pat in Lowell!

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Quiz bowl builds knowledge that leads to better care of animals

By Dan Schneider

What do you call a goat that naturally has no horns? What two nutrients are important in building

healthy bones and teeth?

True or false: Bucks event tent a which do not get adequate Youth Fair.

exercise may become sterile.

Those were among the more than 400 questions 4-Hers studied for the Goat Quiz Bowl, which took place last Thursday in the event tent at the Kent County Youth Fair.

The last question is the one Kristen Hufstader, 19, of the Cherry Valley Livestock 4-H Club answered correctly to win the senior division. The answer is true: male breeding goats do need to get their exercise to avoid sterility.

As for the other questions, a goat that naturally has no horns is called a "poll" and calcium and phosphorous are important nutrients for developing healthy teeth and bones.

Knowledge of such information is useful not only for winning quiz bowls.

"The more you know about your project animal, the better care you can give your project animal," goat superintendent and goat quiz bowl moderator Maruszka Hufstader said. "It would be great if there were other animal groups that had a quiz bowl."

Currently, the Goat Quiz Bowl is the only quiz event at the fair. But Hufstader said other animal groups are welcome to use the buzzer equipment to set up a quiz bowl of their own. The electronic buzzers are on lone from Michigan State University, which hosts a statewide goat quiz bowl each spring.

At the Kent County Youth Fair, contestants sit behind microphones at a table on the stage in the event tent. The moderator reads questions from a table set up on the ground in front of the stage. Also on that table are the ribbons and the first place trophies--green trophies with golden goats perched on top of them.

Kristen Hufstader was Vlaming placed glad to win the trophy this the junior division year. "I am very happy correct answers." because I haven't done too

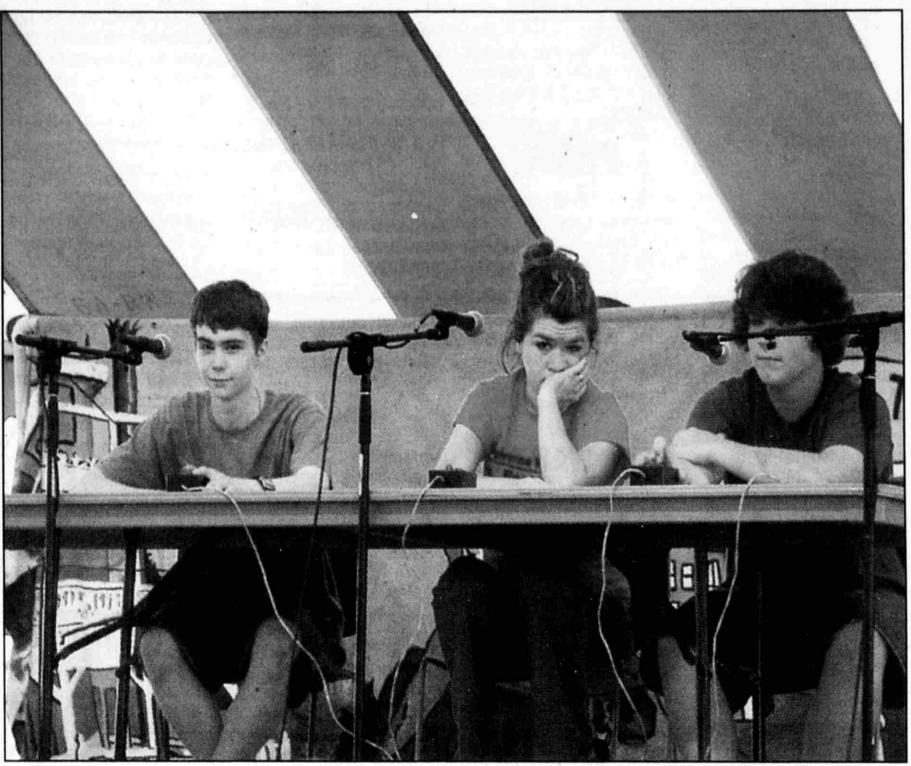
well the last few years, but I really studied hard for this because I really wanted it," she said.

Kristen Hufstader said she has been raising goats almost from the time she could walk. Despite all that experience, she said, she gained a lot of practical knowledge studying for the quiz bowl.

"It's stuff that we should really all know for proper caring of animals such as goats," she said. "It's a fun event, but in the process we learn to take care of our animals better, especially through studying."

Hufstader Kristen benefited from all the studying. Showing three goats this year, she was champion for dame and daughter (a mother and daughter goat shown together); reserve overall grand champion for dairy, and third place in showmanship.

John Jansen placed second in the senior division of the Goat Quiz Bowl. Ethan Malski won the junior division, answering six questions correctly in the final round. Samantha Vlaming placed second in the junior division with four correct answers.



John Jansen, from left, Carolyn Chalmers and Taylor Harding answered questions about goats last Thursday in the second preliminary round, senior division, of the Goat Quiz Bowl at the Kent County Youth Fair.

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Safety tips, continued ... From Page 20

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Administration spokesman
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authorities are concerned
that liquids could be one part
of a bomb, not necessarily a
fully-assembled explosive.
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How long will these new rules last?

U.S. Homeland Security
Secretary Michael Chertoff
said the rules would be
"constantly evaluated and
updated when circumstances
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- Allow extra time to arrive and go through security at the airport.
- Bring only necessary items in your carry-on luggage, which may have to be checked.
- If you are carrying medication, be sure to have your prescriptionmarked container with you.
- Save receipts for additional expenses if you have Travel Delay coverage.

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