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More space in store for F.R.O.M. after rezoning



Flat River Outreach Ministries volunteers sort clothing donations in the cramped confines of the charity's current location. Pictured from left to right are Dolores Dey, Jantina Wasciuk, Polly VanderStel, and, in background, Iris Clark and Bev Fron.

Local business owners react to SBT repeal

By Dan Schneider

While local business owners aren't sad to see Michigan's Single Business Tax (SBT) go, many are more concerned about the other financial obstacles they face.

On Aug. 9, the Republican-led state legis-

lature voted to repeal the tax, saying it is burdensome to business and stifles Michigan's economic growth.

"The single business tax, it's a value-added tax," said state representative David Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "As you employ more people, as you pay

them more, as you improve their health-care benefits, it goes up. It really is a disincentive for businesses to hire people and offer people better benefits."

The repeal means the SBT will end in 2007, two years earlier than called for in its original sunset clause. Because it is the result of

a citizen's initiative, Gov. Jennifer Granholm can't veto the repeal, as she did earlier this year.

Bill Lee, president and CEO of Superior Furniture Company in Lowell, said the SBT repeal helps.

"With all the global competition and all the

SBT, cont'd., pg. 9

By Dan Schneider

By the end of this fall, Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.) will have a new building and a lot more space.

The local charity organization plans to move into a large building formerly occupied by Cumberland Retirement Village. Cumberland has changed its name to Fountain View of Lowell and consolidated its operations into two smaller buildings on the east side of its property.

F.R.O.M. will be able to make good use of the space.

"We just need room, we're just out of room," F.R.O.M. board chairman Roger La Warre said. "We need to expand the pantry and we need to expand the thrift store."

At its present location, the thrift store's storage area is packed to its rafters, and there is barely room to walk between the shelves of F.R.O.M.'s food pantry. Both will have plenty of room to expand at the new location. F.RO. M.'s current location, a former Baptist Church at 519 East Main Street, has about 5,000 square feet of space. The former Cumberland Manor building offers 55,000.

Additional room will allow F.R.O.M. to make improvement to benefit thrift store customers and the people it serves through the food pantry.

"They'll see a client-choice food pantry which means when people come in who need food, they will be able to select certain amounts of food from a variety of food available," La Warre said. "They are going to see a thrift store that is at least three times the size of the current one."

The expanded thrift store will include furniture, La Warre said. Additional storage space will allow the food pantry to bring in more bulk food items from the Second Harvest Gleaners.

Food pantry director Jody Haybarker said the operation of the expanded food pantry will be similar to walk-through food pantries in the Grand Rapids area.

"I'm just going to go to some places around and see how they do it and then put together our policies," she said.

Currently, food pantry volunteers put together boxes for families who come into the pantry. The new pantry will allow the people it serves to select their own food items.

"This way they'll be able to go through and pick what their kids like, meals they want to make," Haybarker said.

Volunteers will still be needed, she said, but they will likely have different roles.

More space for F.R.O.M., cont'd., pg. 10

Renovation celebration

By Dan Schneider

Lowell held an open house last Wednesday afternoon to mark the completion of a renovation project.

Formerly Cumberland Retirement Village, Fountain View of Lowell offers 20 beds of assisted living and 20 beds of memory care at 11535 E. Fulton Street in Lowell Township.

Leisure Living
Management, which has
owned the facility for the last
10 years, closed the larger
building on the west side

of the property, known as Cumberland Manor. Leisure Living consolidated the operation in the property's two smaller buildings. They renovated and upgraded the building to bring it more in line with modern customer expectations.

"Today's consumer for

"Today's consumer for assisted living and memory care, they're looking for a residential type of living," Leisure Living executive vice president Neil Kraay said.

The buildings formerly housed Cumberland

Retirement Village's independent living facility.
Renovations and the transition to assisted living and memory care took nine months and displaced two independent living residents.

Many residents stayed in place during the renovations, which Kraay said impacted the common areas more than the residents' individual rooms.

"We owe a great deal to them for their patience while we were doing this," Kraay said.



Resident Glen Sironen, with the help of his dog Gizzy, cut a ribbon held by Fountain View of Lowell office manager Cindy Meyer, left, and administrator Carrie Pattee.

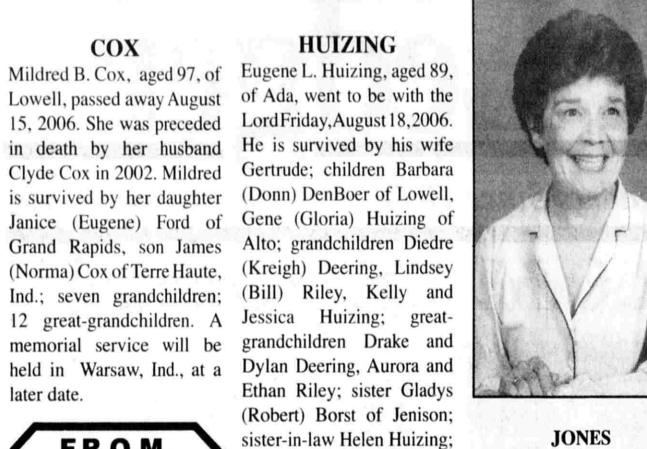


 \mathbf{COX}

Lowell, passed away August of Ada, went to be with the 15, 2006. She was preceded LordFriday, August 18, 2006. in death by her husband He is survived by his wife Clyde Cox in 2002. Mildred Gertrude; children Barbara is survived by her daughter Janice (Eugene) Ford of Gene (Gloria) Huizing of Grand Rapids, son James (Norma) Cox of Terre Haute. Ind.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be grandchildren Drake and held in Warsaw, Ind., at a Dylan Deering, Aurora and later date.

F.R.O.M. **Food Drive** at the **Red Arrows First Home** Football Game

The Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry needs food! And after nine months without i you need football! So please bring non-perishable food items to **RED ARROW** MEMORIAL **STADIUM** when LOWELL hosts **GRANDVILLE** Friday, August 25 at 7 p.m. Look for the Flat River Outreach Ministries table and volunteers at the main concourse inside the stadium. All donations will go directly to help needy families in the Lowell area.



Ethan Riley; sister Gladys (Robert) Borst of Jenison; sister-in-law Helen Huizing; Ada Cemetery. Memorial school in the junior high husband William Jones and contributions may be made and elementary grades, as sister Margaret McMahon.

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Fund, PO Box 164, Ada, MI

nieces and nephews. Mr. Ruth Jones, longtime Lowell Huizing was a veteran of resident, passed away on World War II, a member of Friday, August 18, 2006, at Ada Community Reformed her home on Shepard Drive. Besides her family and Church for 56 years where he Mrs. Jones, a graduate of friends, music has been a served as an elder and deacon. Hope College, taught school huge part of Ruth's life. Funeral services were held in Big Rapids and Ann Arbor For the last six years she Monday at Ada Community before marrying William M. resided at Clark Retirement Reformed Church, Rev. Jones and moving to Lowell Community where she Julie VanderVeen-VanTil, in 1948. Mrs. Jones was made many new friends and officiating. Military honors always busy, raising five led many groups in sing-aunder the Auspices of the children and teaching for longs. She was 89 years old Kent County Veterans many years in the Lowell when she died. Ruth was Honor Guard. Interment School System. She taught preceded in death by her

to the Ada Community well as art for some years. She is survived by her Steve (Roxanne) Pett, Ed Reformed Church Building Mrs. Jones was an active children Sharon (David) (Kim) Pett, Howard (Audra) member in many community Turnquist, William Jones, Tefft; sisters Susan (Al) organizations, including David (Pam) Jones, Randy Rypma, Tonja Valdez; nine Lowell Area Arts Council Jones, and Debra Jones; grandchildren; many aunts, and Lowell Women's City sister Elizabeth Thompson; uncles, nieces, nephews and Club, as well as Grand grandchildren Richard and friends. Herb was a very Rapids Women's City Club. James Turnquist, Ryder dedicated employee with She was a member of First and Marina Jones; many in- Alticor for 26 years, and will United Methodist Church laws, nieces and nephews. be remembered as a very of Lowell and active in its A funeral service was held loving, caring and generous Lydia Circle. Ruth, along on Monday, Aug. 21 at man. He never met a stranger with her husband Bill, were First United Methodist and will be missed by all. His founding members of the Church of Lowell. Mrs. greatest love was his family Lowell Village Players. Jones was buried at the Pine and he was a devoted father Ruth enjoyed the theatre Grove Cemetery in Ithaca, and grandfather. Funeral and all of the Arts, and was Michigan, alongside her services were held Tuesday, an art docent for the Grand husband Bill. Ruth will be Aug. 22 at the Keystone Rapids Art Museum as greatly missed by her family, Community well as an avid theatre and friends and the community Ada, Rev. Gene DeJong, movie buff. Although Mrs. of Lowell. Jones suffered a severe head injury at the age of 77, she

life attending plays, musical

grandchildren's activities.

was still able to enjoy her events, and many of her

PETT

Herbert Alan Pett, aged 51, of Lowell, formerly of Clarksville, died accidental injuries August 17, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Betty Pett, brother Johnny. is survived by his children Melissa (Hap) Shelley, Nathan (Jessica) Pett, Chris (Christi) Pett, Tommy (Amanda) Pett; girlfriend of nine years Cathy Peckham; brothers Mike (Amy) Pett,

officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

TRAUB Nickolas Thomas Traub, Jr.,

aged 66, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly August 16, 2006. He was preceded in death by his father Nicholas, Sr. Nick is survived by his wife of 40 years, Beverley; children Michael (Nancy) Voltz, Amy (Jim) Ross, Bill Voltz, Sheilia (Marvin) Bowman, James Ardine; mother Hazel M. Traub; brothers Jerry (Pat) Traub. Jack (Connie) Traub: sister Rosemary (Donald) David; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Greenville Bullwinkle Flying Aces. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Greenville on M-91. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made

to the American Leukemia

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Third annual alumni gathering next month

annual Lowell High School begins at 5:30 with cash moved the event to the fall Northern. All Alumni Gathering.

Sept. 30 at the Monterey MacNaughton.

Jesi Hook, a

senior at Lowell High

School, was crowned

National American

Miss Michigan Teen

at the state pageant in

Troy on July 31. The

National American

Miss Pageants are

held in each state for

girls ages four to 18 in

official state crown,

banner and trophy, and

a \$1,000 cash award.

Transportation costs

will be covered for her

to attend the National

Pageant in Anaheim,

Calif., during Thanks-

giving, a day at

Disneyland and a tour

of Hollywood. She

also received a cash

award and trophy

for winning the

actress and modeling

competitions, as well

as trophies for the

speech and photogenic

varsity cheerleader,

member of Business

daughter of Connie

and Jeff Hook

is a

the

eniovs

competitions.

Professionals

choir, and

scrapbooking

Lowell.

America and

Hook

She received her

five age divisions.

bar. Music will be provided to take advantage of the

Lowell's Miss Michigan Teen

Schools Education Foun- near Alto. A social hour gatherings were held in the Sept. 29 when the Red dation is hosting the third prior to the buffet dinner spring. This year, organizers Arrows host Forest Hills

At this year's event, This year's gathering by 1967 Lowell High homecoming festivities. special recognition will be will take place Saturday, School graduate Roger Lowell's homecoming foot- given to graduates from the

> "We'd like to challenge each decade to bring more alums than the other decades," said Theresa Beachum, one of the event's organizers. "The decade of the '40s has been the highest in attendance in the past."

Organizers are hoping for greater attendance this year from all decades to make good use of the Monterey Center's 220person capacity.

The cost of the event is \$25 per person for members of the Lowell High School Alumni Association and \$30 for non-members. Reservation forms are available on the Lowell Area Schools web site, www. lowellschools.com. follow the "Alumni News'

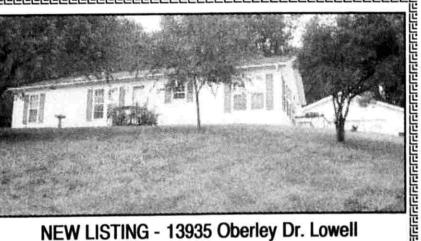


Jesi Hook after being crowned Miss Michigan Teen.

Pre-sale football tickets available -----Pre-sale tickets for Friday night's varsity football game

will be available the rest of this week at the Lowell High School main office, open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for Friday's season-opener against Grandville at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. The game start time is 7 p.m.



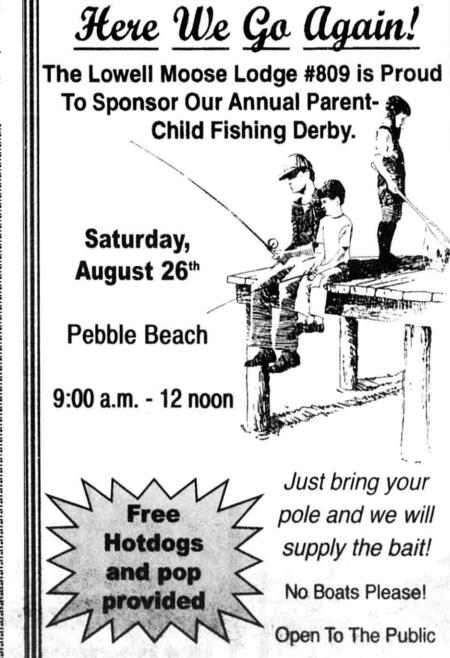
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The Lowell Area Center at 6595 Alden Nash The first two all alumni ball game will be Friday,

SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

Lakeshore Jazz Ensemble will complete the summer concert at the Riverwalk this Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

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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.

FOOTBALL GAME BROADCASTS

Lowell varsity regular season football games will be broadcast by WLHS "live" starting this Friday. Pregame starts at 6:50 p.m. Turn to LCTV channel 20 or click on the Tune-In button on Lowell Area Schools website: www.lowell.k12.mi.us or WLHS radio website: www.wlhsradio.org.

CHAMBER TAKES A VACATION

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will close for a week beginning Monday, Aug. 28. The office will re-open Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m.

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 Liszewski, 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.

PICTURE DAY AT LHS

Students can pick up forms on their schedule/ textbook day or in the offices. Pictures are Sept. 7, 8 - 11:15 a.m. Picture required for ID card purposes \$1. Make-up day is Oct. 12, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE FOR "TOTS"

Families with children 0-5 are invited to Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St., Monday, Sept. 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. . Call 987-2532 for more information.

ALTON VILLAGE CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate 110 years in the Alton Village on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Church and cemetery tours, exhibits, period crafters, games, special programs will be offered all day.

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

The 3rd annual LHS alumni gathering will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Monterey Center near Alto. Call 987-2501 or www.lowellschools.com for reservations.

HARVEST HUSTLE 5K

Lowell Community Wellness is hosting the annual Harvest Hustle Oct. 14. Call Patty at 340-7781 or email psellner@lowellschools.com for more information.



Sharing

With Gregory Pratt LHS Superintendent

TECHNOLOGY CHANGING THE FACE OF EDUCATION

Curriculum is constantly changing as the State evaluates the standards to meet the Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). As you may know, the State of Michigan is changing the High School Curriculum. In the face of these mounting changes, students are working harder than ever to meet the established goals. Educators often turn to technology to make learning more enjoyable, to provide greater access and to enhance delivery.

The addition of computers, wireless access, cameras and various other technology devices has changed how students access the world of information that was not previously available. Students receive more computer instruction that they can apply later in life than they have ever received before. Whether it is keyboarding at the middle school grades or using the internet to research a topic of interest our students apply their technology skills in every area of our curriculum. Lowell Area Students are fortunate to have access to the computer labs and computers across the district.

Technology has changed how teachers present material and manage classrooms. Gone are the days of the "film strip." Now data projectors and web based streaming videos are used. Teachers can have students utilize a variety of

tools in classes for presentations such as Power Point, video production, and websites. With the use of technology, teachers are able to analyze test scores (MAP), take daily attendance, calculate grades, and communicate with parents. It becomes very evident in a short amount of time to identify how students, staff and parents are impacted on a daily basis with the use of technology. The district will be installing Infinite Campus in 2007. Infinite Campus is a comprehensive, webbased environment where administrators, teachers, parents and students use technology to streamline communication of information, work more efficiently and help increase individual student achievement.

The administration continues to develop areas in technology to enhance the curriculum and further increase student achievement. We accomplish this through innovative

lacks 30 feet in width.

Neighbors

"The established criteria

for a variance were not met,"

said Lowell city manager

closest to the proposed split

opposed the variance due to

Some requested a privacy

partnerships, technology, training and professional development. As the face of your children's toys and media devices change within your home, so will the way we deliver information within the classrooms. Lowell Area Schools is developing a plan to incorporate a greater amount of technology into our curriculum to meet the growing demands placed on our students.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Gregory Pratt, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or gpratt@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com)

City postpones most action until September

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

The Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing Monday on Dave Pasquale. Donald and Connie Reedy's request for a lot split to build an additional home.

The Lowell Planning lack of privacy and space. block light. Commission at its July 24 The ordinance requires 132 is expected to take action on

the Lowell City Council a mid-block light at 315 Sherman Street necessary for the construction of a new us in terms of enforcing

police are in favor of lighting receive a \$339,000 grant

R-3 zoning. Reedy's parcel in terms of crime, he would from the federal Surface of the light.

> "The light necessary," he said. According

living Valentine, none of the six streets intersecting North Washington have a mid-The city council also

fence be put up if a variance set a public hearing for was granted. The city ZBA Sept. 18 to adopt the 2006 edition of the International feet of lot width for a split in the issue at the next meeting Property Maintenance Code. According to Pasquale, In related business, the code will assist in upgrading exterior building discussed the removal of deficiencies, rental housing and general vard cleanup.

> problems," said Pasquale. said although council the city will

not be against the removal Transportation program to finish road construction on Gee Drive for the fiscal year 2007. The entire cost to is \$424,000. The city will apply to the state for a grant from the Local Jobs Today program to pay for the local share of the project.

At a joint meeting with Vergennes Township on Aug. 15, the council decided to continue to lease a portion of the North Washington Street property to the Boy Scouts, as they have in the past. The city has not yet determined plans for the property once Lowell Light "It is a helpful tool for and Power moves out.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the next city He informed the council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

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Lenneman sentenced to prison term

By Dan Schneider

much as \$10,000.

sentencing hearing in 17th of five years in prison. His vehicle while intoxicated. first chance for parole will Aug. 7, 2011.

At his Aug. 10 in his sentencing. He was made throughout 2005. convicted of attempted Circuit Court in Grand larceny from a motor vehicle members had organized Rapids, Lenneman, 35, was in 1991. Last year, he was fundraisers for what they ordered to serve a maximum arrested for operating a assumed were Lenneman's

be July 7, 2008. If he serves arrested Lenneman at a benefit auction at Deer Run the full sentence, Lenneman residence in Saranac on Golf Club. More than 60 will be behind bars until March 30 following an businesses and individuals investigation by the Lowell contributed to the benefit.

On June 13, Lenneman Police Department. The guilty to "false investigation started after Lenneman pretenses, value of more an anonymous letter was received the maximum than \$1,000, but less than sent to local media outlets sentence for using a false \$10,000. As part of his plea and forwarded to police cancer claim to defraud the agreement, Lenneman's in February. The letter Lowell community of as repeat offender status was questioned the legitimacy dropped from consideration of cancer claims Lenneman

During that year, family medical expenses. These Michigan State Police included a May 27, 2005,



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Viewpoint-



We're winding down now! Last week's column ended to do but do it, I always say. with my Stearman and I following the Union Pacific railroad tracks. We were on an easterly course, putting the famous Promontory Point at our "six." We didn't get far. The railroad takes a nosedive to the south near Ogden, Utah, and into the Class "D" airspace of the Salt Lake City airport. With no transponder I was forced to stay clear.

Yet again, I had to urge the Stearman skyward to clear good. the terrain ahead. The Great Salt Lake is at about 4,000 ft. and there was stuff up ahead that approached 10,000 feet. I punched the three-letter airport identifier for Evanston, Wyoming, into my G.P.S. It was about fifty miles ahead, I'd intersect the railroad there and better yet, it was in Wyoming. State number 47!

The terrain along this stretch was pretty rough and tumble. At least one large ski resort was in sight north of my course near Ogden. A couple reservoirs that were developed with housing came into view. Then there was, not much, just a lot of very rugged country.

have traveled Interstate 80 across Wyoming and Nebraska. I am also sure that those of you that have would agree ... that's a whole lotta wide-open country.

From my perspective, usually just a few hundred feet over the ground, it is interesting to see why the routes twist and turn to take advantage of the easiest terrain. My fuel gauge said I had enough gas to pass up Evanston and fly on to Ft. Bridger, where again, the airport directory indicated that there was "camping on the field."

a self-serve credit card fuel pump. The Stearman took 33 gallons and I snooped around for a place to pitch my tent.

The guy who runs the airport lives on the field, but was out of town. His wife was having a Fourth-of-July weekend (it was Saturday, July 1) cookout for some family and friends. They couldn't have made me feel more welcome.

BE READY

and already the fall hunting catalogs have arrived. Some

small game hunting begins in September, and the archery

time and effort because of the amount of practice necessary

to become competent in the field. Also, equipment must be

deer opener is only about five weeks away on October 1.

It seems like the spring fishing catalogs just came out,

Archery deer hunting requires a major investment in

Ideally, a bow hunter should follow a regular shooting

schedule throughout the year. Some archers may do this in

the backyard or on a range. Others belong to a league and

shoot competitively. I would guess that most of us don't do

either; in which case we must start practice early enough to

be ready for the season. I start the last of August at the latest

the time to make set-up changes. It will take time to get

Check out your equipment before practicing. Now is

accustomed to a new release, sight, or any other accessory. prepared.

and try to shoot every day through September.

properly maintained. It is best not to leave either task until the bow for that arrow.

Outdoors

Dave Stegehuis

the last minute.

They treated me to burgers and brats with all the trimmings and told me to make myself at home in the F.B.O. office.

Ft. Bridger's airport is up high on a plateau. The field elevation is over 7,000 ft. The sun went down with me in a porch swing sipping coffee and digesting a huge meal. Oh yeah, I now had the Wyoming sticker on my map.

The next morning had me going reasonably early. The far off vistas to the south contained many beautiful mountains, some tall enough to be snow capped. My attention was focused on something closer. There were a Priscilla few, small, scattered thunderstorms about. Oh well, nothing Lussmyer

My first leg of the day had me cruising along with a slight tailwind and enjoying the spectacular scenery. A couple small showers in my way were easily skirted and before long Rawlins, Wyoming, came into view. Rawlins is on the Continental Divide. It would be a fuel stop, and despite the huge meal the night before, breakfast sounded

The courtesy junker at Rawlins was the worst yet. It was a very old Suburban with one wheel in the junkyard and the tailpipe dragging along the pavement. It ran well enough to get me to a great restaurant in a historic home in downtown Rawlins. Over breakfast I compared notes with some people on a cross-country bicycle journey. They were loading up on carbs to fuel their bicycles. I know carbs are cheaper, but I'll stick to av-gas.

Back in the air, the scattered storms became more of an issue. About an hour later I was passing by Laramie and looking at a fairly high ridge to the east. The railroad At Evanston I not only picked up the railroad, but also and highway go over this ridge and I needed to climb Interstate 80. These two transportation routes run pretty significantly to clear it. As I approached and finally had several hundred miles. I'm sure many of you reading this menacingly black. After turning tail, I was now heading into a pretty stiff headwind coming from the west. On the ground in Laramie, I topped off with fuel and went inside to check the weather.

Another pilot saw me struggling with the computer and offered to help. Hey, I fly an antique. There was a very large cell moving in on Cheyenne from the northwest. Another, smaller batch of stuff was off to the south of Laramie. The guy helping me basically dared me to saddle up and shoot the gap. "You can always divert south into Ft. Collins, Ft. Bridger turned out to be a great choice. There was Colorado, if it gets too rough," he said. I'm not sure he fully understood the severe lack of speed my airplane possesses. Oh well, away I went.

> The field elevation at Laramie is 7,200 ft. With the afternoon summer temperatures, the automated weather

There is still time for adjustments or replacements if

necessary. The last few days before season is not a good time

to seek professional help with a problem. Procrastination is a

common human trait, and bow shops tend to be overwhelmed

is to work on muscle development. As pulling the bow

becomes more comfortable, practice time can be increased.

hunting. Shoot a hunting arrow with a broadhead and tune

shot per session. Work on quality and not quantity. Try

shooting only one arrow just before going out hunting and

concentrate on making that single shot count. That is how it

for one archer may be different for another. We must be

honest with ourselves and should not hunt until we are ready.

Taking game with bow or firearm is a heavy responsibility.

We owe it to the animal and the future of hunting to be

Everyone has a different level of skill, and what works

As the season nears, cut back on the number of arrows

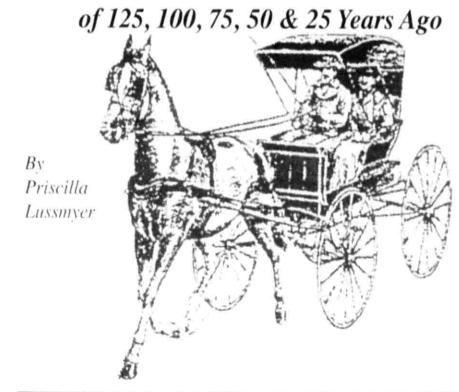
too concerned about accuracy at this time.

Begin shooting practice with short sessions. The idea

just before the opener.

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Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **AUGUST 24, 1881**

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

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 23, 1906

The Edwin Fallas canning factory burned down last Wednesday night. He plans to rebuild.

"Geo. McGee has sold his farm near Fox's Corner to Albert Mueller of Chicago, consideration \$1450."

The Ledger starts another popularity contest; the much parallel and would be my constant companions for enough altitude to see off toward Cheyenne, the sky looked lady getting most votes will receive an expensive sewing

> John Watts' barn was struck by lightning Saturday afternoon with little damage, but the men in it were badly

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 20, 1931

Grand Rapids and township supervisors are at loggerheads over financing a North Division Avenue

The village water power, plus operating the Diesel engine full time, is not meeting Lowell's increasing demand for power. And the present drought is not helping.

The 37-foot observation tower atop Fisk Knob in northern Kent County is a popular viewing spot; 20 miles in all directions.

Russell Boardman and John Polando fly to Istanbul, Turkey, in 49 hours and 17 minutes, a new record.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **AUGUST 23, 1956**

Eight new teachers and a new K-3 grade building are on hand for school opening Sept. 4.

German exchange student Elke Gildhoff is weary after 10 days crossing the Atlantic and two days of bus travel.

The Michigan Archaeological Society seeks the All the while, pay strict attention to shooting form. Don't be locations of Mme. LaFramboise's trading post, plus (at Segwun) Daniel Marsac's trading post and the old Indian Once muscle control and proper form are achieved it is

time to move on to simulated hunting situations. Shoot from Bids are rejected and new ones sought for removal of various positions that might be required in the field, such as the old Fox's Corner schoolhouse. The land will revert to the kneeling or shooting from a portable tree stand. It may be a original owner. little warm, but practice with the same clothing used when

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 19, 1981

The 4-H Fair is up and running, and the new Reath show building is open.

Grand River Avenue is closed, with approach work being done for the Division Street bridge.

A local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America is

Avis King of the Showboat Garden Club takes several ribbons in all places at the Ionia Free Fair for her

Smith/Happie

and Theresa Ann Happie of the bride and groom. were pronounced husband and wife on May 20, 2006, as best man. Groomsmen at St. Patrick Parish in included Drew Happie, Parnell. Parents of the bride Mark Reames and Brandon and groom are Brian and Edsenga. Taylor Chambers Deb Happie of Lowell and was ring bearer. Dan Pat and Jodi McNamara of Bennett and Matt Edsenga Comstock Park.

Maid of honor was Sarah Happie. Bridesmaids Bauserman included Becca Happie, couple's Jessica Downing and Molly mistress of ceremonies. Clark. Flower girl was Jenna

Pastor Bob Roush

call him Buckwheat.

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Jason Michael Smith Happie, who is the daughter

Ryan Bennett served were ushers.

Bob and Miriam master

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- Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)

Reflections

"BAD DOGGIE"

He's very slick about it though, and never lets me catch him

because he doesn't like being called a bad doggie.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Smith

study at my house and he was in particular form growling was saying things like, "You know how embarrassing it was and snapping at my friends. This I did not like! I even tried shock therapy by throwing a glass of cold water in his face. know with the exception of a few downright nasty flaws This only seemed to aggravate his hostility so I finally put you're pretty special to me but what am I going to do with him in his crate for the rest of the evening.

him. I lie down next to him on the carpet, put my head on try to do better. But you can never trust a human's word. his body and tell him what a good doggie he is. Now don't I have this Dachshund. I didn't want him. My wife tell people about this because I don't want anybody to think tricked me into getting him. His legs are 5 inches long, he's I'm a softie. But on this night I told him how perplexed I was believe God weeps for us when we do things that grieve His 27 inches in length and he weighs 22 pounds. His medical with him because I deeply love him except for these two heart. I also believe He grieves with us in our sorrows and records at the vets office refer to him as obese. He's very minor flaws. I told him I didn't know what to do with him sensitive about that so I don't let him see those papers. We seeing that I love him so much but really, really hated these our lives. Often He comes to me in the quiet hours of the two flaws. He looked at me with those two soft brown eyes morning mist telling me how much He cares for me. He is a loving wonderful dog except for two minor and his ears hanging down so cute, his little head tilted to the the guardian protector of our estate. So when anyone new for the way he acted, that he didn't know what got into him, how so "not cool" this is. Secondly, he pees on my carpet. word, so I'll wait and see.

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, I awoke and O yeah! God began talking to me. As I lay there in the darkness I The other night a bunch of guys came over for a Bible could almost sense him lying next to me on the carpet. He

Austin Bradley Riemer

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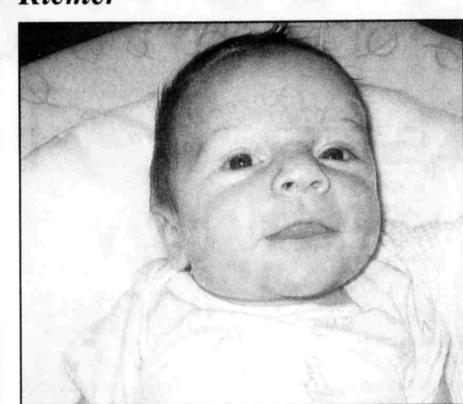
birth of their son, Austin Bates of Rockford. Great-Bradley. Austin was born on grandparents are Bill and June 26, 2006, weighing 7 Norma McKee of Greenville, lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 21 John and Betty Riemer of Venice, Florida, and Frances

for me the other day when you acted the way you did? You you? I'm deeply perplexed and grieved about the situation Later that night when it was time to go to bed I was because I love you so much but I gotta tell you that I really, particularly grieved with him and I let him know it. I have really hate it when you act like that." And as I mused over this little ritual that I go through each night before I crate these thoughts I made a promise to him that I would really

> I know the Bible says there are no tears in heaven but I don't think that happens till Jesus comes. Presently I disappointments and that He enters into every situation of

How could I ever grieve Him? Yet His love for me is flaws. Several months ago he got it in his head that he was left, and I could almost hear him saying how sorry he was greater than my actions. They call that grace, grace that is greater than all my sin. The Bible says, "Grieve not the comes to visit he turns into a pit bull. He carries on as if he it just sort of came over him suddenly, but he was going to Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed unto the day of was going to eat them for dinner. Being a pastor, you can see try to be better next time. But you can never trust a dog's redemption." Lord, I'm really sorry for the way I acted. I know you're grieved and I promise to do better next time.

Riemer



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creation of a scholarship in student with financial need her name.

women's basketball made it to the playoffs last March, NCAA regulations way of saying 'Thank you, required that only 15 players Becky, for doing something suit up for the competition. tremendous for Hope's MIAA championship people," he said. "What squad had 16 members. she did is never going to Rather than make coach be forgotten." Morehouse Brian Morehouse select agreed and said, "I couldn't a teammate to sit out the have more respect for a remaining games, Bosserd, person than what I have for now of Sparta, volunteered Becky and what she did." to spend the remainder of the

Zaagman, a Holland trophy. resident and loyal Hope

her selfless act led to the and is intended for any looked back." who has shown commitment the Hope to servant-leadership or volunteerism.

> "I think this is just one Bosserd was the

season in her street clothes. coaches' choice to accept For this reason, Rob the national championship

The junior guard said fan, established an endowed she didn't struggle with her

graduate of Lowell High in her name. The "Rebecca games. "That way no one like to work with animals, School, plays basketball Bosserd Scholarship Fund," else would have to sit out," for Hope College. Recently, will be available this fall she said. "I did it and I never fisheries in wildlife. She is

possibly specializing in the daughter of James and Bosserd is a biology Jane Bosserd of Sparta.



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imes, these feelings come in for no apparent reason.

A panic attack is basically an acute anxiety reaction.

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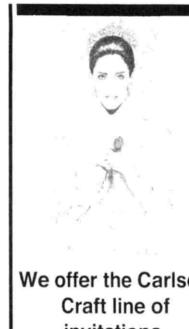
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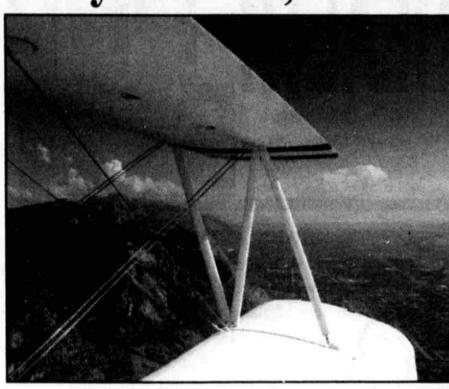
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Cozy Corner, continued ... From Page 5



Ogden, Utah, appears off the right wing as a ridge of mountains looms ahead through the flying wires. The Stearman did a commendable job of getting up to 10,000 ft., or so, when needed.

broadcast was warning of a density altitude of 9,700 ft... meaning an airplane performs like it is at that altitude. A 2,500 ft. density altitude factor and I had to climb about 3,000 feet to clear that ridge!

What's more, I know a guy who crashed his Stearman alongside the Interstate 80 in this very same pass. He was straining to get over the ridge, had to veer away from an oncoming truck. He balled it up in the shoulder. He still claims he'd have made it if that @##%\$@#&* truck driver had moved over. Funny guy. Funny story.

The runway at Laramie is 8,500 feet long. I had all of 150 feet of altitude when I got to the end. Long story short, I did eventually get enough altitude to clear the pass without having to veer around any trucks. Then, by diverting slightly to the south I skirted that huge cell moving in over Cheyenne.

It actually turned into fun. I kept the left wing up against the area will enjoy watching on Sept. 2. the black stuff and took lots of pictures. It was almost a tournament right out of constant lightning in there and I couldn't see a mile into it. the Middle Ages. Members Hastings is the equestrian As soon as the storm started bumping me around I'd inch a of the Society for Creative competition where horses the Canton of Three Walls, a role to play based on little to the south. About a half hour after clearing the ridge I Anachronism (SCA) will and riders will test their and the Incipient Canton was clear of the storm. A slight course alteration brought me gather for a historical back to the north where I again intersected the railroad line

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Nebraska. The Rocky Mountains were behind me. The out before us looked almost welcome. terrain was beginning to flatten out and I could feel myself



Is this a great fuel truck, or what? Sure, a '57 Chevy is an antique, but it is still 16 years newer than my airplane and eight years younger than me. Not sure if it will show in this photo, but that bright white spot on my map is Colorado. We'll put that sticker on next week.

Just east of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, I crossed over into out of our comfort zones. The flat prairie that was stretching

My airport directory said there was camping on the field decompressing a little. All in all, things had gone extremely at Sydney, Nebraska, known to many as the headquarters well. The previous eight days of flying among mountains of Cabela's Outfitters. On the ground, the airport manager and over other rough terrain had me, and the Stearman well pointed out some black stuff that was moving in from the

west. I hadn't even known it was behind me.

We topped off the plane from his 1957 Chevy fuel truck with a wild flame paint job. Is it just me, or does a fuel truck with flames painted on it seem to be tempting fate? The manager, a great guy, was concerned about wind and hail in the approaching storm. He found hangar space for my plane. I helped him push in a couple other planes. Camping didn't seem prudent given the storm, so I took the courtesy junker to a cheap motel in town.

There is not much going on in Sydney, Nebraska, on a Sunday night of a holiday weekend. Cabela's was closed for the night. I found a pizza place that was open for dinner, made some phone calls and went down early. Despite a very loud window air conditioner in my room, I slept pretty well. Might have something to do with dodging storms and nursing an antique airplane through the Rockies.

Next week should wrap things up. I'll dip down into Colorado to put the last sticker on my map and on to Omaha where the rail line ends. Of course, there will be a few stories from along the way.

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Fireplaces Plus moves business to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

quite happy with how things partner. "We're looking for winter. have been going since total home comfort." he moved his business to Lowell from Ada May 1.

who comes in the last few job during last year's strike, months it's just been beyond DeVito plans to run the our expectations," Nurmikko service end of the business. said.

seven years in Ada before the repairs and the floor end determining that area was of it, the installs," DeVito just "not conducive to a said. "Our goal is to move retail business."

located at 423 West Main Street. The location in do new-home installs and Lowell made more sense to retrofitting of fireplaces, or Nurmikko.

what the heck, why not They can also upgrade bring this business home," existing fireplaces to make he said.

And he has had few

(business in) hot tubs here in three months than we did in a year and a half in Ada," Nurmikko said.

sells hot tubs, grills and pool for all the stoves they plan supplies. And wood, corn to sell has proven to be and pellet stoves.

"It's the 'Plus' part in showroom is smaller than our fireplace sign," said Jeff was the Ada location, but Fireplaces Plus owner DeVito, who recently bought DeVito is expecting them it got to a point later in the Bob Nurmikko has been in as Nurmikko's business to be in high demand this season where you could grills ranging from entry-

SHOWROOM

An aircraft mechanic for Northwest Airlines for "I've told everyone 16 years before he lost his

"I want to run the back He ran the business for end of the store. I want to run into servicing everything, The showroom is any type of fireplace."

Fireplaces Plus can add a fireplace to a house "I live here, so I thought, that previously had none. them more efficient.

The store sells cornwood-, and pellet-burning done more stoves for home heating. Nurmikko is expecting the showroom to have low gas bills this winter: it is heated entirely by floor model Fireplaces Plus also stoves. Finding floor space a continual problem; the

in," DeVito said. "Last year stoves."

"We gotta get the stoves not get pellet stoves or corn

The store sells outdoor



"There's going to be a lot of food," Nurmikko said

A class in pool-water care will also be held Wednesday. Classes on installing corn and pellet stoves will be offered Friday and Saturday.

SBT, continued ... From Page 1

products that are imported in a positive for a manufacturer right now," he said.

But Lee said the SBT burden pales in comparison Lee said. to other pressures facing Michigan manufacturers, such as employee health insurance costs.

helpful, but when it comes much difference," he said.

countries, where there are from there, up to \$7.40 by all the way up." no Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards, property taxes, or health care costs, have a 25 six stores. Sprenger said the most vexation. percent lower cost of doing starting wage at the store

... any edge that we can get is it helps, but there's also minimum, but he is afraid the more important things the baseline wage increase will state needs to concentrate on have a ripple effect through in terms of manufacturers," the wages in his store.

"Every little bit is year. But his bigger concern \$1.80 more, too." is over the upcoming minimum wage hike. Signed up payroll taxes and the cost year, it doesn't make that the bill will raise Michigan's plan. minimum hourly wage from his \$5.15 to \$6.95 by Oct. 1. impact the minimum wage

"It's a nice gesture and is already above the current

"If somebody is going On the retail business to go from \$5.15 to \$6.95, side, Springrove Variety what about the people who owner Mike Sprenger paid are already at \$9?" Sprenger about \$4,800 in SBT last said. "They're going to want That, in turn, would drive

increase in health care every by the governor in March, of his company's retirement "It's not just going to

It will go up incrementally person, it's going to impact L&A Rent-All pays the

Springrove Variety SBT, but it is another tax that employs 50 people at its causes owner Kris Clore the

"The part that we don't

like is we have to pay are looking for a way to

Bob Nurmikko and Jeff DeVito are the co-owners of Fireplaces Plus, which opened

in Lowell in May and is having a grand-opening sale this week.

company paid about \$10,000 and Democrats, that we need

Meanwhile, legislators most of the revenue."

in the state's general fund. "I would like to see us replace

He said the legislature personal property tax on plug the \$1.8 billion hole the will examine the business everything we own here," SBT's departure will leave tax structures in other states to see what works. He She estimates the "We agree, the Republicans mentioned southern states, Georgia and South Carolina, in personal property tax on to replace at least part of that as well as nearby states its rental equipment fleet revenue," Hildenbrand said. Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.



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By Dan Schneider

newdirection for establishing the application is denied, of Lowell.

At an Aug. 9 special system built, the township meeting, the township board, would own and fund it. representatives from DuRay the feasibility of building meeting, Monday. a private sewer system for site. He based his conclusion neighboring properties. It prevent. on information such as also prohibits placement of

Michigan Department of purposes of agricultural Vergennes Township Environmental Quality for production are exempt from and DuRay Development a permit to build the self- the new lighting ordinance, LLC have agreed to pursue a contained sewer plant. If as are pre-existing lights.

sewer service for the Cook they would revert to 425 passed by a 3-2 vote with property, one that would not discussions with the city of township trustee Alan Baird require annexation by or a Lowell to acquire city sewer and township supervisor 425 agreement with the city service. If the application Tim Wittenbach voting is approved and the sewer against it. Township clerk Mari

The first was a lighting increases. groundwater and soil maps. light fixtures higher than The township board 14 feet off the ground on

and DuRay Development residential properties.

welcome

Lowell Area Schools Tots on Track for School Early Childhood Open House

For families with children 0-5 years Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center TOTS Activity Room - Room 104 300 High Street, Lowell Monday, September 11, 2006

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Come and meet the TOTS staff and sign-up for a playgroup on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings.

Playgroups begin September 12! Registrations will begin at the Open House for Rhythm TOTS Music/movement classes, Little Chefs cooking classes, and a new TOTS Doodlers Easel Art class.

Registration is required. All classes are just \$1 per child per session! Don't miss the fun! Phone reservations begin Sept. 12.

> Please call the TOTS office at 987-2532 to register.

TOTS is a project of the Lowell Area Community Fund Bright Beginnings Start Here!

Lights used for the

The lighting ordinance

Stone said the passage of The board added two the ordinance is important Development and members amendments to its zoning to show the township of the Cook family discussed ordinance at its regular is concerned with light pollution as development the site. According to Brett ordinance directed at new objected to the ordinance Gourdie of the Traverse City installations of lighting on saying it was superfluous Fraser, Inc., who was also at provisions to insure lighting rules already cover the same the meeting, a private sewer is directed downward lighting issues the new system could be built on the and does not infringe on ordinance is designed to

agritourism and bed and breakfasts

Agritourism, agricultural establishment bed and breakfast not have for the purpose of recreation, more impact than would a education, etc., is a growing conventional home, and that activity in Michigan. it not modify "the residential from scratch, outlines agritourism enterprise can vote. Stone said it "allows state operate in the township. for some really creative use This includes matters such of property.' as the maximum number

The second new agritourism within the property owner, Paul Barron, the township township's rural agriculture were concerned state plans The bed and breakfast

parameters for bed and

Dale Fegal requested David engineering firm Gourdie residential property. It has since township nuisance of lodging rooms (five), that the township board draft explaining Fegal's and required off-street parking, a letter affirming his rights Barron's concern over placement of buildings, to subdivide the six acres easements lowering their number of animals and the he owns near the Lowell property value without just like. The ordinance allows City Airport. He and another compensation.

to secure easements on their property would restrict their use and lower their value.

The state of Michigan the breakfast operations. It has plans to make upgrades practice of visiting an requires, for instance, that a to the airport. They include approaches, which would impact Fegal's and Barron's property. Six other property Vergennes' new ordinance, character of the building or owners, none of whose property has potential for The ordinance won future development, have parameters under which an approval by unanimous already settled with the

> The board voted to draft a letter to state representative

F.R.O.M., continued ... From Page 1

few modifications, La Warre chair Dave Simmonds. said. It will need a new roof now all it needs is new to F.R.O.M.'s needs.

F.R.O.M. cleared its planning commission agreed city. to recommend the rezoning a

La Warre was hoping much better place for us in order to get a tax write-off. in the near future, but right for a quick response, which terms of size," he said. will allow the organization winter sets in.

Lowell Charter Township former Masonic Temple on township's overall vision for Warre said F.R.O.M. will board approved rezoning the Lincoln Lake Ave. They the area. building from residential to could not get the necessary

..\$28,754.01

F.R.O.M. will be able recommendation, according needs than the smaller to use the new building with to planning commission former Masonic building.

Lowell signage to make it amenable to move its operation before Township's long-term zoning master plan does La Warre said. Zoning was an obstacle not call for the property last hurdle before making in 2005 when the organization to be zoned commercial. the move Monday, when the looked into purchasing the But the zoning does fit the

"One of the goals of the commercial. The township commercial zoning from the plan is to move commercial toward that M-21 corridor, La Warre said the so this was a logical fit," week earlier, which is a fast former Cumberland Manor Simmonds said. "That kind turnaround on a rezoning will better suit F.R.O.M.'s of zoning fits the character of the area."

La Warre said the building's purchase should be an affordable prospect for F.R.O.M.

"It's a real break for us special offerings we'll get." because we can get the whole building for \$200,000," he tries to pay for its operational

The investment group that owns the building no from the thrift shop.

longer has a use for it, La Warre said, and is selling "This turns out to be a below its appraised value in

> "We think at least half should be covered by the sale of (our current) building,"

The sellers, he said, have given F.R.O.M. a few years to pay off the rest. La conduct special fundraising to pay off the building so its regular donations will continue to help needy people in Lowell.

"When people donate their money, we want people to know that 100 percent of their money is used to help people, not to buy a building," La Warre said. "We'll buy the building with

He said the organization expenses, such as electricity and heat, through revenues

Poker run raises money for young cancer patient

By Dan Schneider

with biking for charity.

Ministries (FROM) the leukemia in January.

annual "Running with the were among 70 donations Lowell's Wolf Pack the club raised \$2,710 for Saranac and Ionia. motorcycle club is familiar Jordan Basinger, the 10-The club has donated member Alice Basinger, more than 174 participants toys to Flat River Outreach Jordan was diagnosed with (people continued to show



Funds raised will go to help Jordan Basinger who suffers from leukemia.

for needy kids.

At the Wolf Pack's fifth dig the foundation. These

Pack" poker run Aug. 12, from businesses in Lowell, There were 80

year-old son of Wolf Pack motorcycles in the run, and up after the club sold out of The money raised will its 174 participant patches). be used to The poker run took the build an bikers to three county parks: addition Wabasis, Long Lake and to Alice Townsend. At each park, Basinger's they put bean bags in cans house so while riding or played other "biker games."

> The run ended with a cookout at the home of Wolf ground Pack Sergeant-at-Arms bedroom. Pat Cornish. Republican candidate gubernatorial rently lives Dick DeVos happened to in a room be riding along Grand River the Drive and Kissing Rock on his Harley Road King which his Deluxe and stopped by.

Wolf Pack was founded was not in 2001. Club membership past three Christmases. ideal for his health. Rich currently stands at 24. The Last Christmas, it started a Bloem of True North Homes club is in the application "Bikes for Tikes" program, is donating his labor to the process of becoming a donating bicycles to FROM project while Earthworm state-recognized nonprofit Excavators volunteered to organization.



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The Wolf Pack rolled into town on August 12.

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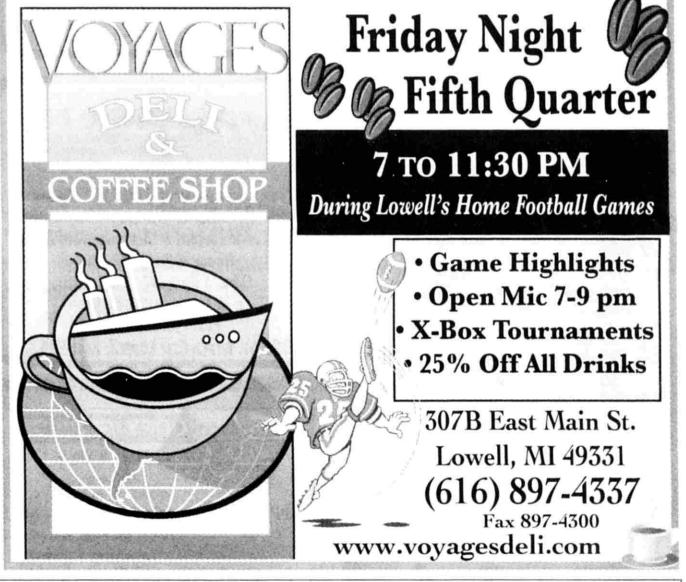
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Regular Meeting of August 14, 2006

REPORTS

Harvest Celebration Parade

Dave Thompson gave a report on the upcoming Harvest SCHOOL SERVICES FUND Celebration and Parade to be held in downtown Lowell on A. Food Service Fund. Saturday, October 14, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. The parade will begin B. Athletic Fund.. with a military portion followed by the special Clown and 1990 Debt Fund... Costume Parade and will honor 175 years for the Lowell area, 2000 Debt Fund... the Fire Department's 150 years and the Chamber's 100 years of 2004 Debt Fund... service. Events for the day include arts and crafts show, antique 2004 Construction Fund... fair, scarecrow building hoedown, chili cookoff and more.

Safe Walks to School Larry Mikulski reported on the successful Safe Routes to School • New Hires pilot program conducted at Cherry Creek Elementary School. Sarah Ellis He presented Cherry Creek Principal, Maureen Dorough, with a Cortney Bracken plaque received from the State for being one of the 11 Sarah Happie elementary schools in the State of Michigan who piloted the Brooke Straayer program. Larry also reported that the City of Lowell and LAS . Leave: Karen Kleinheksel for 2006-2007 school year will be applying for more federal grant money to heip provide • Reiterate support of Board policy #8040 entitled "School safety for students.

ACTION ITEMS -

The Board accepted the following gifts:

- used by the Technology Department.
- library books for each of the school buildings. A vote was cast for Steve Zinger to serve on the Region 3 MASB

Board of Directors for a three-year term. **CONSENT ITEMS** – Approved/adopted were:

2006 Regular Meeting, July 26, 2006 Special Meeting, and August 4, 2006 Special Meeting • The following payment of bills for June 2006:

GENERAL FUND. ...\$1,023,242.64 ..\$ 8,703.05 ..\$4,799.69\$ 45.90 ..\$5,688.00

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND..

High School Spanish Teacher Social Worker Alto Young 5's Half-Time Position Special Education (CI) Teacher

BUDGET UPDATE – Connie Gillette reported that the State Alticor donation of 37 used computers valued at \$1,843 to be
 Aid bill is not yet final but that LAS should see \$210 more per student along with extra dollars for middle school math and Lowell Rotary Club donation of \$10,000 for the purchase of science grades 6, 7, and 8. The bulk of the audit is completed and the board will hear a brief preliminary report on the audit at

their next board workshop. **CURRICULUM UPDATE** – Greg Pratt reported that LAS is moving along with curriculum development. 2nd grade and 4th Minutes for July 10, 2006 Organizational Meeting, July 10, grade math teachers have been working during the summer to

establish common assessments. 5th grade math is also being worked on. The district will be looking at the KISD Data Warehouse as a tool to look at curriculum gaps and the board will hear more about the data warehouse at their upcoming board workshop.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt reported that a board retreat was held on Sunday and that they worked on goals and strategic planning. Bus bids are due on August 17 Repairs this summer included tile work at the middle school and track re-surfacing. Greg will meet with administrators on Tuesday and one of the discussion items will be how to fill the curriculum vacancy created by Mark Kasmer's departure. It's been a busy summer and Greg is very excited for the return of students and staff.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop - Monday, August 28, 2006 Following a Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

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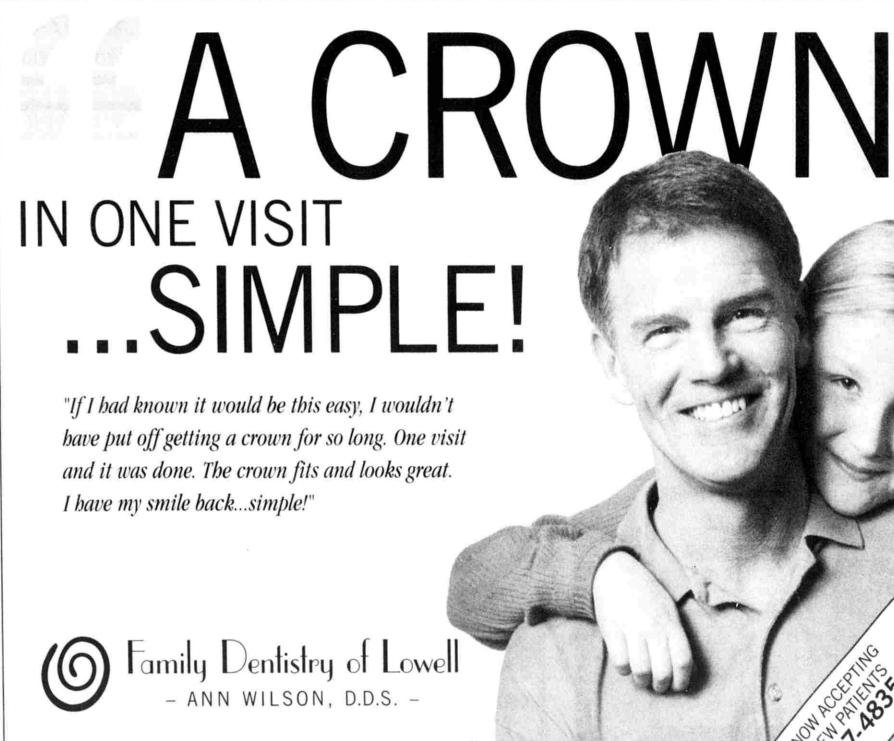
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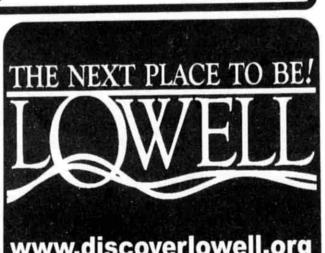
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city for their cooperation, especially the help of Chief Jim Valentine in this process. See-More says "Bravo" for their

possible for good things to continue to happen in Lowell. The process to bring about a change is sometimes taken for granted, but in a democracy there are often many hoops through which an idea must pass before it can become a 7 p.m. at the Showboat! reality. Our merchants remain on the cutting edge of new happenings in Lowell and have always been ready to support a new or special project. I've lived many places but have never found the open "spirit of community cooperation" more evident than it is right here in River City. Please

ALERT! Don't be puttin' your lawn chairs away before children and the difficulty created for people to see over and the Parade ... you may want to have some place to sit during this one! The Harvest Celebration is now less than 60 days As part of this community, we as consumers have to away and now the fine-tuning begins. We will soon be consider what these parking spaces mean to a business. Yet, putting out the call for volunteers to help in many areas on after a lot of discussion since the Riverwalk Parade, the Oct. 14. Consider being a part of this exciting community merchants have made decisions to: (1.) not allow parking block-buster event. Also, be thinking about the upcoming on Main Street during parades, and (2.) we'll schedule all Clown School ... and there's talk of a Lowell Alumni Band future parades for mornings. This agreement is a good one, forming to be in the Parade! Nothing precision - just come one for which we should all thank the merchants and the out and play ... it'll be a one-rehearsal deal. Just play-full fun! More on this later.

I'll look for you tomorrow evening (Thursday) at the last Summer Concert Series at the Showboat, And, doncha It is cooperation like this at all levels that makes it just love having the "Great Voice of Western Michigan," Lowell's (and WOOD radio's) Gordon Gould as our announcer at the concerts? He's so cool!!!) It'll be a great night of smooth music with the Lake Shore Jazz Ensemble!

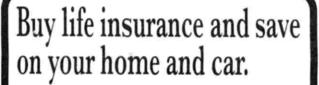
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ESTATE GARAGE SALE

Dressers, twin beds. microwave & stand, kitchen appliances, recliner, table and chairs, and hutch, humidifier. dehumidifier, much more. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 24 & 25. 813 N. Monroe.

GARAGE SALE

Fri., Aug. 25, 9-5 p.m. & Sat. Aug. 26, 8-12 at Riverbend Campground, 8293 Bluewater. Saranac. Kids clothes, toys, lots of misc. items

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Aug. 24 & 25, 233 Boynton, N. off Vergennes, follow signs. Furniture, exercise equipment, clothes, glassware, books, misc. housewares, bathroom vanity & double marble sink.

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GARAGE SALE

Baby items: swing, toys, crib & walker; large & small dog cages, chinchilla cage, some furniture, clothing - all nice condition. Aug. 25 & 26, 9 a.m. ? 351 Boynton.

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE 9699 Riverside Dr., between Saranac & Lowell, Aug. 24th thru 26th. Clothes, dishes, baby furniture & misc.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Fri., Aug. 25, 9-4 p.m. Rolling Creek, off Grindle of clothes, toys, books, videos/ DVD's and more! Come see! 10701 Grand River Ave. - 1/4 mile east of Jimmy's Grill.

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Aug. 24 & 25, 9-4. Treadmill, kids' bikes, pull golf cart, fishing stuff, GPS, clothing toys and much more. 13386 Forest River Dr., North of Vergennes, off Flat River Dr.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE

Aug. 24th & 25th, 9am-6pm. Aug. 26th, 9am-noon, 11295 Grand River Dr., Lowell. Many household items, antique brass bed, dresser and many other antiques, Honda motor, pressure washer, '98 Chevy truck seats, clothes, and much

DAVID'S SALE

more!

421 N. Washington, Aug. 25 & 26, 10 AM - 5 PM. No toys, no clothes, just antiques, collectibles and some garden.

HUGE SALE

Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 24th & 25th. Brand name clothing (Abercrombie and Fitch, Ralph Lauren, Old Navy, etc.) some never worn, women's sizes 6-14, boys 12 & 14, baby & boy toddler sizes. Men's business suits size 44. Furniture, baby stuff, toys, lamps, household, mini bike, bicycles, winter coats, antique dresser, tools, scroll saw, QVC exercise equipment (new, still in boxes) & lots more. 1324 Laurie Gail.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE Aug. 25-26, Fri. 9-6p, Sat. 9-

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

3p, corner of Krupp & Andres (3.5 mi south of M44/Bldg) Electric trimmer, rowing machine, nightstand, dining table/chairs (4), black leather chair, computer desk/hutch, bkcase, lg/sm desks (3), adult clothes, misc household, lots

SALE

more!

Thurs. Aug. 24th only, 183 Lincoln Lake near Bailey. Swingset, toy quad, toys, quality boys clothes 4 to 6. Pack & Play, 2 car seats, used large snow helmet, cradle, lots more. Call 897-7468.

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Clarksville sale of all household furnishings, furniture, dishes, hand & power tools. 175 West Cross St., located 1 block W. of main intersection in village.

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The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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It's about time the parents in Lowell taught their children some manners and how to act in public.

To the person whining about the lengthy band practice. Be happy your child is involved in something and enjoy it with them. This time in your child's life will pass quickly.

Congratulations to Pat and her volunteers for a fabulous Art Attack. The arts council should be very proud of her.

To Andrea and all the Safety Town Friends -It was a wonderful program for the children of our community.

Pat who??? I am Pat, are you talking about me???

Pat H. I still love you even if you do have more hair products than me! Can't wait to come to Florida again. Tell mother Peg we love her!

> Connie at Lowell Schools - she is a wonderful example to all of us!

Anyone upset about LL&P cutting trees down please attend the board's next meeting, August 31 @ 5:30 PM, Lowell Light & Power office to voice your concerns.

> I wanted to take my children to see a movie and there were no kid movies playing.

LHS Color Guard - Thanks for all the hard work at band camp last week. Let's keep working and make this a great season. -Mrs. Mac

To the smokers who insist on tossing their cancer stick butts out their car windows. . . I hope you get ticketed for littering. Use your ashtray and help keep Lowell clean.

525,600 thanks to the parents who helped feed our kids at band camp this past week. You are truly appreciated.

Now that we have a Farmers Market, how about a flea market with local venders and such?

Lowell Area Schools is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Cherry Creek Elementary **AM Bus Supervision Paraprofessional** Hours are 8:20-8:50, Monday through Friday.

Cherry Creek Elementary PM Bus Supervision Paraprofessional Hours are 3:35 - 3:50, Monday through Friday

Bushnell Elementary AM Bus Supervision (Crossing Guard) Hours are 8:20-8:50, Monday through Friday

Bushnell Elementary PM Bus Supervision (Crossing Guard) Hours are 3:20-3:35, Monday through Friday

Bushnell Elementary Playground Supervision Paraprofessional Hours are 11:50-1:20, Monday through Friday

Murray Lake Elementary

Playground Supervision Paraprofessional Hours are 12:00-1:30, Monday through Friday For information on job responsibilities, please contact the appropriate Building principal.

Letters of interest should be addressed to Connie Gillette but sent to her assistant, Sean Smart at 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331. by 12 noon, August 25, 2006

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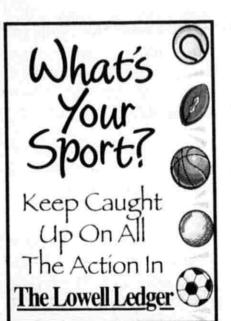


Arty award winner

Brent Alles was given this year's Lowell Area Arts Council Arty Award at the Art Attack IV party and art auction Saturday evening. Each year, the Arty is given to an individual deemed to have done the most for the arts in Lowell that year. Alles has built up a strong youth theater program through the Thebes Players. He directs youth productions and runs theater workshops for elementary age students, driving here all the way from Wyoming to do

Art Attack IV drew a lot of enthusiastic art supporters to the arts council's Hudson Street Gallery and large tent behind it. The steel drum band Pangea played Caribbean sounds to compliment the event's theme.

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